

Supplementary Data

Ring expansion/ opening reactions of epoxy ene-amides: Access to  
azabicyclononene, tetrahydropyridine and tetrazole scaffolds

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**1. General Methods:**

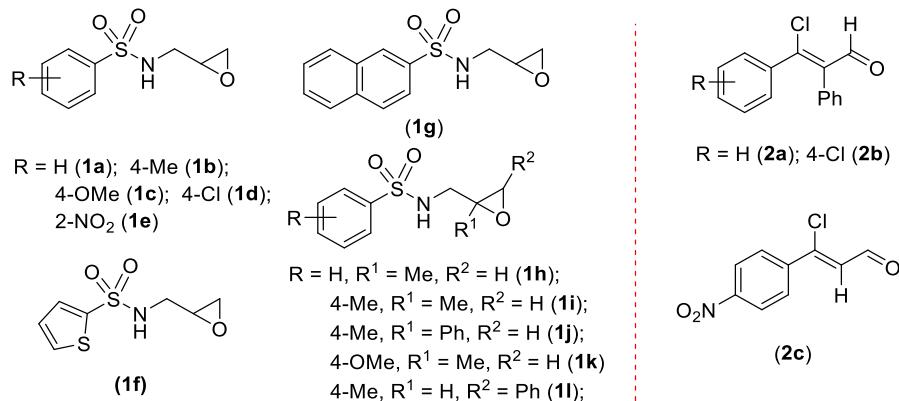
All chemicals were procured from Aldrich or local manufacturers and used Further without any purification unless noted. Chemicals were purified when required according to standard procedures.<sup>1</sup> All reactions, unless stated otherwise, were performed in a dry nitrogen atmosphere.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were recorded using 5 mm tubes [field strengths: 400 and 100 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H/ <sup>13</sup>C using 400 MHz NMR spectrometer; 500 and 125 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} using 500 MHz NMR spectrometer] in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution (unless specified otherwise) with shifts referenced to SiMe<sub>4</sub> [= 0 for <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}]. All J values are in Hz. Infrared spectra were recorded neat or by using KBr pellets on an FT/IR spectrometer. Melting points were determined by using a local hot-stage melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. For TLC, glass micro slides were

coated with silica-gel-GF254 (mesh size 75) and spots were identified using iodine or UV chamber as appropriate. For column chromatography, silica gel of 100-200 mesh size was used. Mass spectra were recorded using HRMS (ESI-TOF analyzer) equipment. X-ray data for **4aa**, **4db**, **5ba**, **5cb**, **6hc** and **7la** were collected at 298 K on a Bruker AXS-SMART or OXFORD diffractometer using Mo-K $\alpha$  ( $= 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) radiation. Structures were solved and refined using standard methods.<sup>2</sup> CCDC nos. are 2237334-2237338 and 2253326.

## 2. Synthesis of epoxy benzene sulfonamides (**1a-1l**) and chloro-acryldehydes (**2a-2c**)

The epoxy benzene sulfonamides **1a-1l** and chloro-acryldehydes **2a-2c** used in the present study were prepared by using known literature procedures.<sup>3-6</sup>

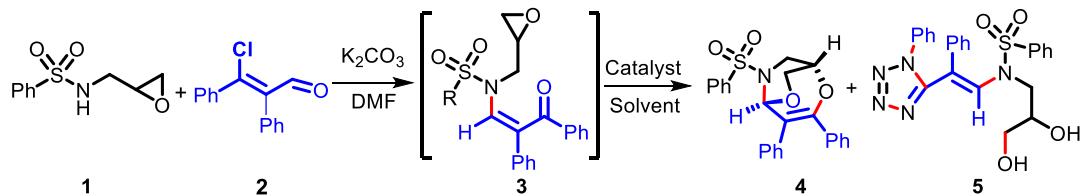


## 3. Optimization of reaction conditions for the synthesis of **4** and **5**

The initial reaction was performed between *N*-oxiranylmethyl benzenesulfonamide **1a** and 3-chloro-2,3-diphenylacrylaldehyde **2a** in the presence of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in DMF solvent at 80 °C. We were able to isolate intermediate **3aa**.<sup>7</sup> The intermediate **3aa** was initially treated with BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (50 mol%) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature (25 °C) for 5 h and gave the unexpected product dioxabicyclonon-3-ene **4aa** [cf. Figure S1 for **4aa**, X-ray] in 78% yield (Table S1, entry 1). Based on this result, we screened Lewis acid catalyst, solvent, additive, reaction temperature, reaction time, and quantity of additive (Table S1). First, the effectiveness of various Lewis acid

catalysts such as  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ ,  $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$ ,  $\text{NaOTf}$ ,  $\text{AgOTf}$ ,  $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ ,  $\text{SnCl}_2$ , and  $\text{TiCl}_4$  was screened (entries 2-7) and  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  was proven to be the best. Even 3 h reaction time was sufficient (entry 8). Next, we checked the effectiveness of solvents such as DCM, DCE,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , THF, PEG-400, DMF and DMSO (entries 9-15). The reduction of mol% of catalyst loading (20 mol%) did not affect the yield of the product **4aa** appreciably (entry 16). When we added  $\text{TMSN}_3$  as an additive, the tetrazole derivative **5aa** was obtained as the sole product (85% yield, entry 17). We investigated the effectiveness of other Lewis acids such as  $\text{SnCl}_2$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$  (entry 18 and 19) but these were not as good as  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ . Changing the solvent to DCM marginally lowered the yield to 80% (entry 20). Absence of the Lewis acid catalyst did not lead to either **4aa** or **5aa** (entry 21).

**Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>**



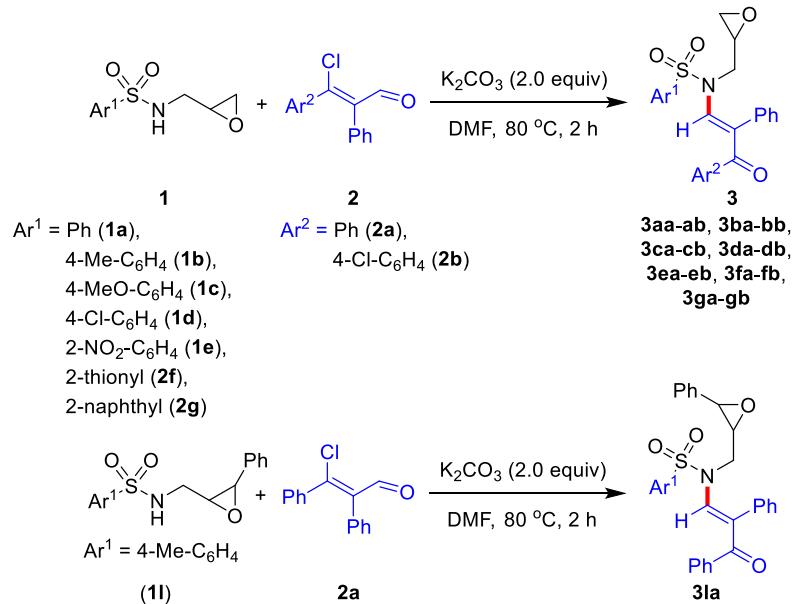
Entry	Catalyst	Additive	Solvent	Temp (°C)	Time (h)	Yield of <b>4aa</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield of <b>5aa</b> (%)
1	$\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$	--	$\text{CHCl}_3$	25	5	78	--
2	$\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$	--	$\text{CHCl}_3$	25	5	--	--
3	$\text{Na}(\text{OTf})$	--	$\text{CHCl}_3$	25	5	--	--
4	$\text{Ag}(\text{OTf})$	--	$\text{CHCl}_3$	25	5	--	--
5	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	--	$\text{CHCl}_3$	25	5	40	--
6	$\text{SnCl}_2$	--	$\text{CHCl}_3$	25	5	55	--
7	$\text{TiCl}_4$	--	$\text{CHCl}_3$	25	5	--	--

8	$\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$	--	$\text{CHCl}_3$	25	3	78	
9	$\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$	--	DCM	25	3	72	--
10	$\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$	--	DCE	25	3	20	--
11	$\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$	--	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	25	3	30	--
12	$\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$	--	THF	25	3	--	--
13	$\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$	--	PEG-400	25	3	--	--
14	$\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$	--	DMF	25	3	--	--
15	$\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$	--	DMSO	25	3	--	--
<b>16</b>	<b><math>\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2</math></b>	--	<b><math>\text{CHCl}_3</math></b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>78</b>	--
<b>17</b>	<b><math>\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2</math></b>	<b><math>\text{TMSN}_3</math></b>	<b><math>\text{CHCl}_3</math></b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	--	<b>85</b>
18	$\text{SnCl}_2$	$\text{TMSN}_3$	$\text{CHCl}_3$	25	3	--	65
19	$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$	$\text{TMSN}_3$	$\text{CHCl}_3$	25	3	--	60
20	$\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$	$\text{TMSN}_3$	DCM	25	3	--	80
21		$\text{TMSN}_3$	$\text{CHCl}_3$	25	3	--	--

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **3aa** (83.9 mg, 0.20 mmol), with catalyst (50 mol % for entries 1-15 and 20 mol% for entries 16-21), and additive ( $\text{Me}_3\text{SiN}_3$ , 52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.0 equiv) in dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (3.0 mL) at 25 °C (rt). Yields given are after isolation.

**4 (a). General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 3aa-gb and 3la:**

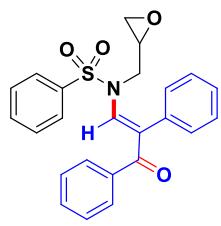
Substrate **3ca** was prepared by following the procedure described in our previous work.<sup>7</sup> The compounds **3aa-ab**, **3ba-bb**, **3cb**, **3da-db**, **3ea-eb**, **3fa-fb**, **3ga-gb** and **3lb** are new.



To a mixture of 3-chloro-2,3-diphenylacrylaldehyde **2a** (48.5 mg, 0.20 mmol 1.0 equiv),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dry DMF (5 mL), *N*-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)benzenesulfonamide **1a** (64.0 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv), was added. The resulting reaction mixture was heated for 2 h on an oil bath maintained at 80 °C. After the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, ethyl acetate (30 mL) was added and the solution was washed with water ( $3 \times 30$  mL), then with brine solution ( $3 \times 15$  mL); the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The combined organic portion was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  then the solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate 9: 1) to obtain compound **3aa**.as a mixture of *E* and *Z* isomers (1:25 ratio). Crystallization was done from an ethyl acetate-hexane mixture (1:20). Other compounds were prepared similarly.

**(E)-N-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)-N-(3-oxo-2,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3aa).**

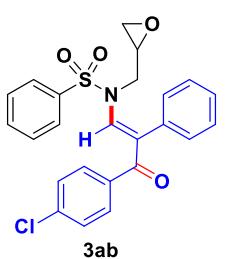
Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1a** (64.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2a** (48.5 mg, 0.20



mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **3aa** as a white solid. Yield 69 mg (82%). Mp 103-104 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.85-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 2H), 3.36-3.28 (m, 2H), 2.81-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.22 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  195.8, 138.6, 138.5, 138.2, 134.1, 133.8, 132.0, 130.0, 129.6<sub>0</sub>, 129.5<sub>6</sub>, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.0, 49.7, 48.5, 45.8 ppm; IR (Neat): 2921, 1633, 1588, 1445, 1356, 1283, 1162 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 420.1264. Found: 420.1265.

**(E)-N-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-2-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)-N-(oxiran-2-**

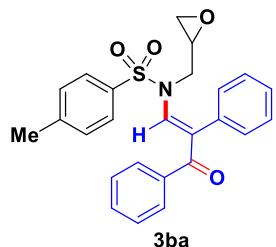
**ylmethyl)benzenesulfonamide (3ab).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1a** (64.0



mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2b** (55.4 mg, 0.20 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **3ab** as a white solid. Yield 78 mg (86%). Mp 105-106 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.83-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 2H), 3.36-3.24 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.56 (dd → t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.20-2.18 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  194.4, 138.5, 138.4, 138.2, 136.9, 133.9, 131.1, 130.0, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 49.8, 48.5, 45.7 ppm; IR (Neat): 3076, 1638, 1588, 1445, 1356, 1274, 1163 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 454.0874. Found: 454.0877.

**(E)-4-methyl-N-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)-N-(3-oxo-2,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3ba).**

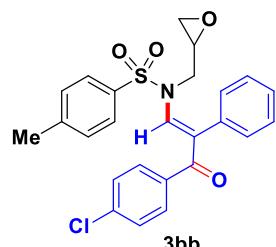
Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1b** (68.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2a** (48.5



mg, 0.20 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **3ba** as a white solid. Yield 81 mg (87%). Mp 88-89 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.71-7.69 (m, 4H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.07 (m, 2H), 3.33-3.32 (m, 2H), 2.79-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.58 (dd $\rightarrow$ t,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.21 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  195.9, 145.0, 139.0, 138.7, 135.2, 134.2, 132.0, 130.2, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 127.3, 49.7, 48.4, 45.9, 21.7 ppm; IR (Neat): 2992, 1641, 1592, 1414, 1348, 1274, 1168  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  434.1421. Found: 434.1425.

**(E)-N-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-2-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methyl-N-(oxiran-2-**

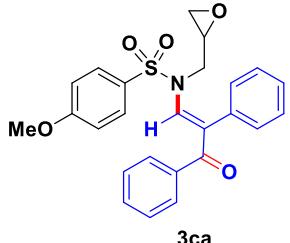
**ylmethyl)benzenesulfonamide (3bb).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1b** (68.2



mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2b** (55.4 mg, 0.20 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **3bb** as a white solid. Yield 78 mg (86%). Mp 119-120 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.73-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.29 (m, 2H), 2.79-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.21-2.20 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  194.5, 145.1, 138.9, 138.2, 137.0, 135.2, 134.0, 131.0, 130.2, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.0, 49.7, 48.3, 45.8, 21.7 ppm; IR (Neat): 2922, 1650, 1553, 1491, 1360, 1243, 1164  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  468.1031. Found: 468.1036.

**(E)-4-methoxy-N-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)-N-(3-oxo-2,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3ca).**<sup>7</sup>

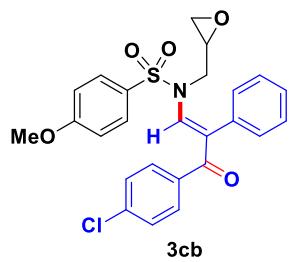
Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1c** (73.0 mg,



0.30 mmol) with **2a** (48.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **3ca** as a white solid. Yield 69 mg (77%). Mp 129-130 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.34-3.33 (m, 2H), 2.79-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.58 (dd → t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.22-2.20 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 195.9, 163.9, 139.3, 138.7, 134.3, 131.9, 130.2, 129.7, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 126.9, 114.7, 55.8, 49.7, 48.3, 45.9 ppm; IR (Neat): 2916, 1636, 1591, 1494, 1348, 1260, 1150 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 450.1370. Found: 450.1367.

**(E)-N-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-2-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methoxy-N-(oxiran-2-**

**ylmethyl)benzenesulfonamide (3cb).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1c** (73.0



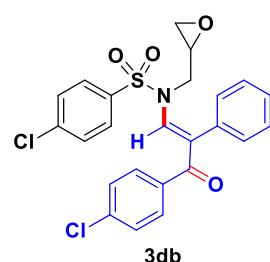
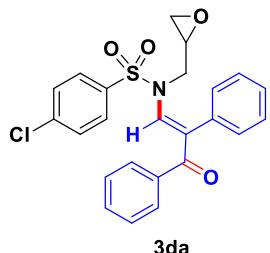
mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2b** (55.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **3cb** as a white solid. Yield 82 mg (88%). Mp 87-88 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.78-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 4H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.39-3.28 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.57 (dd → t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.20-2.19 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 194.6, 163.9, 139.3, 138.2, 137.1, 134.1, 131.0, 130.2, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 126.4, 114.7, 55.9, 49.7, 48.2, 45.8 ppm; IR (Neat): 2925, 1650, 1593, 1552, 1495, 1358, 1244, 1163 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 484.0980. Found: 484.0977.

**(E)-4-chloro-N-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)-N-(3-oxo-2,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3da).**

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1d** (74.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2a** (48.5 mg, 0.20 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc}:\text{hexane} = 1:9$ ) afforded **3da** as a white solid. Yield 68 mg (75%). Mp 102-103 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.76-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.25 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.58 (dd → t,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.22-2.21 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 195.6, 140.6, 138.4, 137.8, 136.6, 134.0, 132.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 49.6, 48.7, 45.7 ppm; IR (Neat): 3062, 1652, 1559, 1443, 1364, 1252, 1165  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  454.0874. Found: 454.0873.

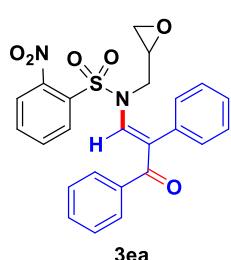
**(E)-4-chloro-N-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-2-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)-N-(oxiran-2-**

**ylmethyl)benzenesulfonamide (3db).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1d** (74.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2b** (55.4 mg, 0.20 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc}:\text{hexane} = 1:9$ ) afforded **3db** as a white solid. Yield 83 mg (85%). Mp 130-131 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 2H), 3.41 (dd,  $J = 15.0$ , 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd,  $J = 16.0$ , 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.23 (dd,  $J = 4.5$ , 2.5 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 194.3, 140.7, 138.5, 137.9, 136.7, 136.6, 133.9, 131.1, 130.0, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 49.7, 48.7, 45.7 ppm; IR (Neat): 3073, 1650, 1554, 1479, 1365, 1244, 1167  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_4\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  488.0485. Found: 488.0486.



**(E)-2-nitro-N-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)-N-(3-oxo-2,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide**

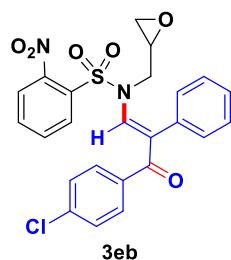
**(3ea).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1e** (78.4 mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2a** (48.5



mg, 0.20 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc}:\text{hexane} = 1:9$ ) afforded **3ea** as a semisolid. Yield 77 mg (83%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.04 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 3.56 (dd,  $J = 16.0, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd,  $J = 16.0, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.92-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.63 (dd $\rightarrow$ t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.33-2.32 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 195.8, 147.8, 138.3, 137.1, 134.9, 133.9, 132.3, 132.2, 131.8, 131.6, 129.9, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 124.9, 50.0, 48.9, 45.6 ppm; IR (Neat): 3020, 1648, 1539, 1442, 1363, 1275, 1166  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  465.1115. Found: 465.1116.

**(E)-N-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-2-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)-2-nitro-N-(oxiran-2-**

**yloxymethyl)benzenesulfonamide (3eb).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1e** (78.4

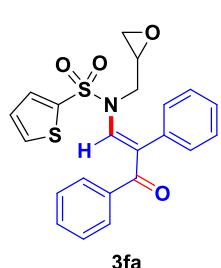


mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2b** (55.4 mg, 0.20 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc}:\text{hexane} = 1:9$ ) afforded **3eb** as a white solid. Yield 87 mg (87%). Mp 146-147 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.08-8.06 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 2H), 3.56 (dd,  $J = 16.0, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd,  $J = 16.0, 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.90-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.29 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 194.4, 147.8, 138.6, 137.1, 136.6, 135.0, 133.8, 132.3, 131.9, 131.5, 131.2, 129.9, 128.8, 128.7<sub>3</sub>, 128.6<sub>7</sub>, 124.9, 49.9, 48.9, 45.5 ppm; IR (Neat):

3020, 1652, 1539, 1355, 1264, 1164 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 499.0725. Found: 499.0724.

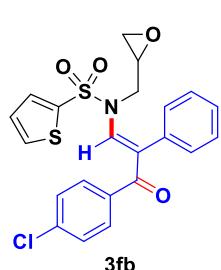
**(E)-N-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)-N-(3-oxo-2,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl)thiophene-2-sulfonamide (3fa).**

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1f** (65.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2a** (48.5



mg, 0.20 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **3fa** as a white solid. Yield 64 mg (75%). Mp 134-135 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.75-7.74 (m, 3H), 7.67-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.28 (m, 2H), 2.85-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.62 (dd → t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.26-2.25 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 195.6, 138.2<sub>9</sub>, 138.2<sub>7</sub>, 137.6, 134.0, 133.5<sub>4</sub>, 133.4<sub>8</sub>, 132.2, 129.9, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 49.6, 49.0, 45.9 ppm; IR (Neat): 3073, 1637, 1590, 1443, 1361, 1282, 1161 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 426.0828. Found: 426.0825.

**(E)-N-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-2-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)-N-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)thiophene-2-sulfonamide (3fb).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1f** (65.8 mg, 0.30 mmol)

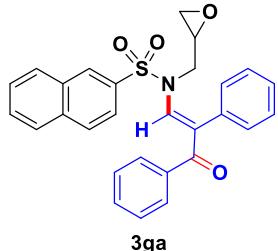


with **2b** (55.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **3fb** as a white solid. Yield 79 mg (86%). Mp 111-112 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.75-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.40-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.25 (m, 2H), 2.82-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.21 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 195.7, 138.3, 138.2, 137.7, 134.0, 133.6, 133.5, 132.2, 131.1, 129.9, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 49.7, 49.0, 45.9 ppm; IR (Neat):

3093, 1638, 1590, 1362, 1283, 1161  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  460.0439. Found: 460.0434.

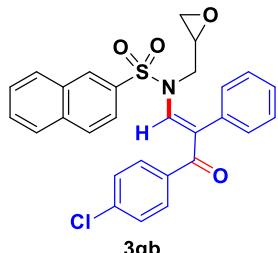
**(E)-N-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)-N-(3-oxo-2,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl)naphthalene-2-sulfonamide (3ga).**

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1g** (79.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2a** (48.5



mg, 0.20 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc:hexane} = 1:9$ ) afforded **3ga** as a white solid. Yield 71 mg (76%). Mp 123-124  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.38-8.37 (m, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.98-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.64 (m, 5H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.135 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 3.41-3.33 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.55 (dd  $\rightarrow$  t,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.22-2.21 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 195.8, 138.9, 138.7, 135.2, 134.9, 134.1, 132.1, 132.0, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 122.0, 49.8, 48.5, 45.9 ppm; IR (Neat): 2996, 1641, 1590, 1443, 1351, 1274, 1167  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  470.1421. Found: 470.1419.

**(E)-N-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-2-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)-N-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)naphthalene-2-sulfonamide (3gb)** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1g** (79.0 mg, 0.30 mmol)



with **2b** (55.4 mg, 0.20 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), after column chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc:hexane} = 1:9$ ) afforded **3gb** as a white solid. Yield 87 mg (86%). Mp 145-146  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.39-8.38 (m, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.78-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 2H), 3.44-3.32 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.55 (dd  $\rightarrow$  t,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.21-2.20 (m, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 194.5, 139.0, 138.2, 137.0,

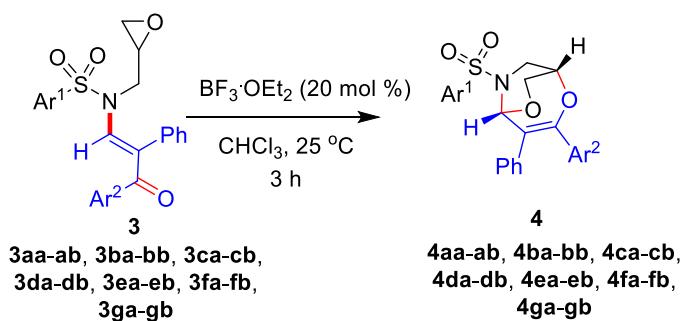
135.2, 134.8, 134.0, 132.1, 131.0, 130.1, 129.7, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.0, 121.9, 49.7, 48.4, 45.8 ppm; IR (Neat): 3062, 1641, 1586, 1354, 1270, 1168 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>23</sub>CINO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 504.1031. Found: 504.1037.

**(E)-4-methyl-N-(3-oxo-2,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl)-N-((3-phenyloxiran-2-yl)methyl)benzenesulfonamide (3la)**

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **1l** (91.0

mg, 0.30 mmol) with **2a** (48.5 mg, 0.20 mmol) using K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **3la** as a semi solid. Yield 83 mg (81%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.72-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.013 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.50-3.39 (m, 3H), 2.81-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 195.9, 145.1, 138.9, 138.7, 136.1, 135.2, 134.2, 132.0, 130.2, 129.6, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 125.7, 59.7, 57.7, 48.0, 21.7 ppm; IR (Neat): 2927, 1733, 1649, 1594, 1444, 1356, 1241, 1163 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 510.1734. Found: 510.1735.

**4 (b). General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 4aa-4gb:**



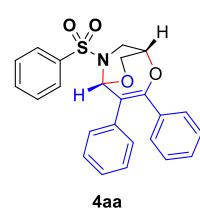
*(i) Procedure:* To a solution of *N*-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)-*N*-(3-oxo-2,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide **3aa** (83.9 mg, 0.2 mmol 1.0 equiv) in dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL), BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (5.0

$\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv) was added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at rt (25 °C). After the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, DCM (10 mL) was added and the solution was washed with water ( $3 \times 10$  mL), then brine solution ( $3 \times 10$  mL); the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic portion was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate 9: 1) to obtain compound **4aa** as a white solid. Crystallization was done from an ethyl acetate-hexane mixture (1:20). Other compounds were prepared similarly.

(ii) *Alternative procedure:*

We could also achieve the formation of **4** by starting with 3-chloro-2,3-diphenylacrylaldehyde (0.20 mmol 1.0 equiv),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dry DMF (5 mL) and epoxy benzene sulfonamide (0.30 mmol 1.5 equiv). The resulting mixture was heated for 2 h on an oil bath maintained at 80 °C. After the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was removed and  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (20 mol%) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 mL) was added at 25 °C. The mixture was stirred for 3 h, without isolating the intermediate compound **3**. Removal of DMF was necessary for this method.

**3,4-diphenyl-9-(phenylsulfonyl)-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4aa).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3aa** (83.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) with  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol)

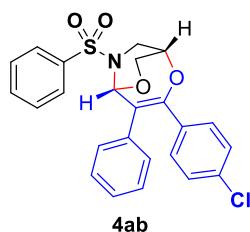


after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **4aa** as a white solid. Yield 62 mg (74%). Mp 182-183 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 10H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 4.59-4.56 (m, 2H), 4.28 (dt,  $J = 12.0, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 3.0$  Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 153.1, 138.9, 138.2, 135.4,

133.0, 130.1, 129.6, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 127.7<sub>4</sub>, 126.6<sub>8</sub>, 114.5, 85.6, 72.4, 67.7, 48.6 ppm; IR (Neat): 2919, 2970, 1635, 1446, 1349, 1262, 1161 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 420.1264. Found: 420.1261.

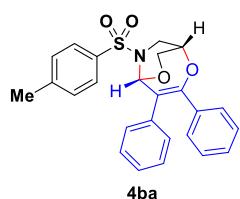
**3-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-phenyl-9-(phenylsulfonyl)-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4ab).**

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3ab** (90.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) with BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (5.0



μL, 0.04 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **4ab** as a white solid. Yield 69 mg (76%). Mp 134-135 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.90-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.08 (m, 6H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 4.59-4.53 (m, 2H), 4.27 (dt, *J* = 12.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 151.9, 138.6, 138.1, 134.4, 133.8, 133.1, 130.9, 130.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 127.0, 115.0, 85.6, 72.6, 67.6, 48.5 ppm; IR (Neat): 2866, 1633, 1487, 1445, 1353, 1163 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 454.0874. Found: 454.0878.

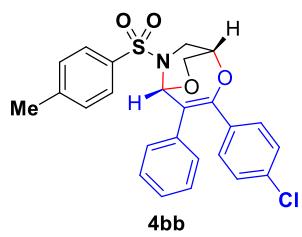
**3,4-diphenyl-9-tosyl-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4ba).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3ba** (86.7 mg, 0.2 mmol) with BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (5.0 μL, 0.04 mmol) after



column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **4ba** as a white solid. Yield 68 mg (78%). Mp 175-176 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 10H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 4.58-4.55 (m, 2H), 4.28-4.26 (m, 1H), 3.79 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H) 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 153.0, 143.8, 138.9, 135.4, 135.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 128.5, 128.5, 127.7, 126.7, 114.5, 85.6, 72.5, 67.6, 48.5, 21.6 ppm; IR

(Neat): 2926, 2862, 1634, 1446, 1341, 1316, 1252, 1159  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  434.1421. Found: 434.1420.

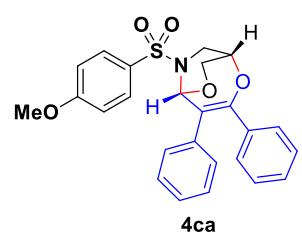
**3-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-phenyl-9-tosyl-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4bb).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3bb** (93.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) with  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04



mmol) after column chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc:hexane} = 1:9$ ) afforded **4bb** as a white solid. Yield 71 mg (76%). Mp 172-173  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 4H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 4.58-4.52 (m, 2H), 4.26 (dt,  $J = 12.5, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd,  $J = 12.5, 3.5$  Hz, 1H) 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 151.9, 143.9, 138.6, 135.1, 134.4, 133.8, 130.9, 130.0, 129.8, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 127.0, 115.0, 85.5, 72.6, 67.6, 48.5, 21.6 ppm; IR (Neat): 2921, 2868, 1629, 1487, 1351, 1175, 1161  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  468.1031. Found: 468.1034.

**9-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-3,4-diphenyl-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4ca).**

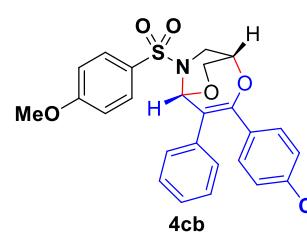
Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3ca** (89.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) with  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ ,



0.04 mmol) after column chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc:hexane} = 1:9$ ) afforded **4ca** as a white solid. Yield 69 mg (77%). Mp 146-147  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.83 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 10H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 4.58-4.55 (m, 2H), 4.26 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.79 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 2.5$  Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 163.2, 153.0, 139.0, 135.4, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 128.5<sub>3</sub>, 128.4<sub>7</sub>, 127.7, 126.7, 114.5, 114.3, 85.6, 72.5, 67.7, 55.6, 48.5 ppm; IR (Neat): 1634,

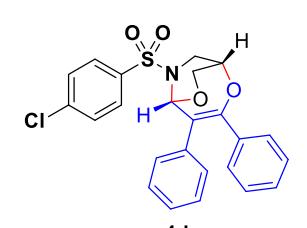
1601, 1499, 1345, 1262, 1175, 1160  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_5\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  450.1370. Found: 450.1373.

**3-(4-chlorophenyl)-9-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-4-phenyl-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4cb).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3cb** (96.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) with

  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **4cb** as a white solid. Yield 72 mg (74%). Mp 165-166  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.83-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.08 (m, 6H), 6.97-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 4.58-4.53 (m, 2H), 4.23 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.81-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.58 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 3.0$  Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 163.2, 151.8, 138.6, 134.3, 133.9, 130.8, 130.0, 129.8, 129.7, 128.6, 127.9, 126.9, 115.0, 114.2, 85.5, 72.6, 67.6, 55.6, 48.5 ppm; IR (Neat): 2922, 1630, 1594, 1494, 1349, 1310, 1224, 1177  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClNO}_5\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  484.0980. Found: 484.0980.

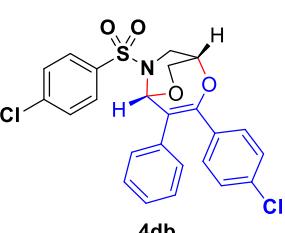
**9-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-3,4-diphenyl-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4da).**

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3da** (90.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) with  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0

  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **4db** as a white solid. Yield 64 mg (70%). Mp 145-146  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 6H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 4.62-4.58 (m, 2H), 4.27 (dt,  $J = 12.5$  Hz, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 3.5$  Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 153.2, 139.5, 138.8, 136.8, 135.2, 130.0, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 126.8, 114.2, 85.7, 72.4, 67.7, 48.6 ppm; IR (Neat): 2868, 1633,

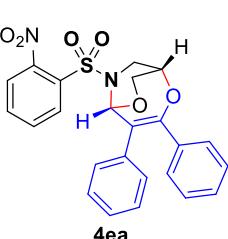
1446, 1353, 1258, 1163, 1088  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  454.0874. Found: 454.0870.

**3-(4-chlorophenyl)-9-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-phenyl-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4db).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3db** (97.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) with

  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **4db** as a white solid. Yield 67 mg (68%). Mp 202-203  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 4.62-4.56 (m, 2H), 4.26 (dt,  $J = 12.5, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 3.5$  Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 152.0, 139.6, 138.4, 136.6, 134.5, 133.6, 130.8, 129.9, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.0, 114.7, 85.6, 72.5, 67.6, 48.6 ppm; IR (Neat): 2924, 1628, 1485, 1382, 1224, 1165, 1089  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  488.0485. Found: 488.0486.

**9-((2-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-3,4-diphenyl-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4ea).**

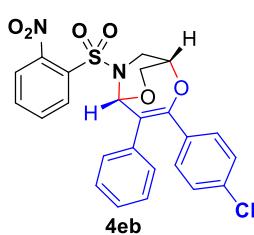
Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3ea** (93.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) with  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ ,

 0.04 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **4ea** as a white solid. Yield 60 mg (64%). Mp 160-161  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 4.74-4.67 (m, 2H), 4.27 (dt,  $J = 12.5, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 3.5$  Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 153.5, 148.5, 138.6, 135.2, 133.7, 132.3, 131.8, 130.4, 130.1, 129.6, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 126.7, 124.2, 114.2, 85.7, 72.8, 67.9, 48.8 ppm;

IR (Neat): 2951, 1538, 1442, 1359, 1269, 1166  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  465.1115. Found: 465.1118.

**3-(4-chlorophenyl)-9-((2-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-phenyl-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4eb).**

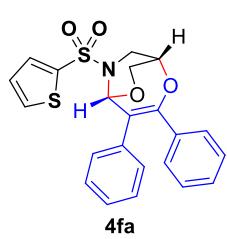
Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3eb** (99.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) with



$\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **4eb** as a white solid. Yield 63 mg (63%). Mp 89-90  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.95 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.08 (m, 9H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.66 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 152.3, 148.5, 138.2, 134.5, 133.8, 133.7, 132.2, 131.8, 130.9, 130.4, 130.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.0, 124.2, 114.7, 85.6, 72.9, 67.8, 48.7 ppm; IR (Neat): 2921, 2852, 1629, 1542, 1456, 1356, 1260, 1166  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  499.0725. Found: 499.0724.

**3,4-diphenyl-9-(thiophen-2-ylsulfonyl)-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4fa).**

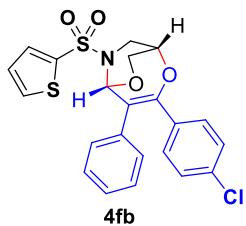
Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3fa** (85.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) with  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ ,



0.04 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **4fa** as a white solid. Yield 61 mg (72%). Mp 194-195  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.67-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 10H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 4.64-4.61 (m, 2H), 4.35 (dt,  $J$  = 12.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd,  $J$  = 12.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{{}^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 153.3, 138.8, 138.4, 135.3, 132.8, 132.4, 130.1, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 126.7, 114.1, 85.8, 72.3, 67.6, 48.8 ppm; IR (Neat): 2922, 2871, 1632, 1444, 1351, 1265, 1157  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  426.0828. Found: 426.0830.

**3-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-phenyl-9-(thiophen-2-ylsulfonyl)-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene**

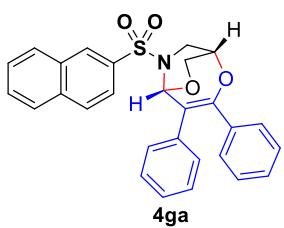
**(4fb).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3fb** (92.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) with  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$



(5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **4fb** as a white solid. Yield 67 mg (73%). Mp 145-146  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.63 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 7H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 4.62-4.56 (m, 2H), 4.31 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 152.1, 138.5, 138.3, 134.5, 133.7, 132.8, 132.5, 130.9, 130.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.6, 127.0, 114.6, 85.7, 72.5, 67.6, 48.8 ppm; IR (Neat): 2928, 1635, 1489, 1350, 1261, 1224, 1158  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  460.0439. Found: 460.0440.

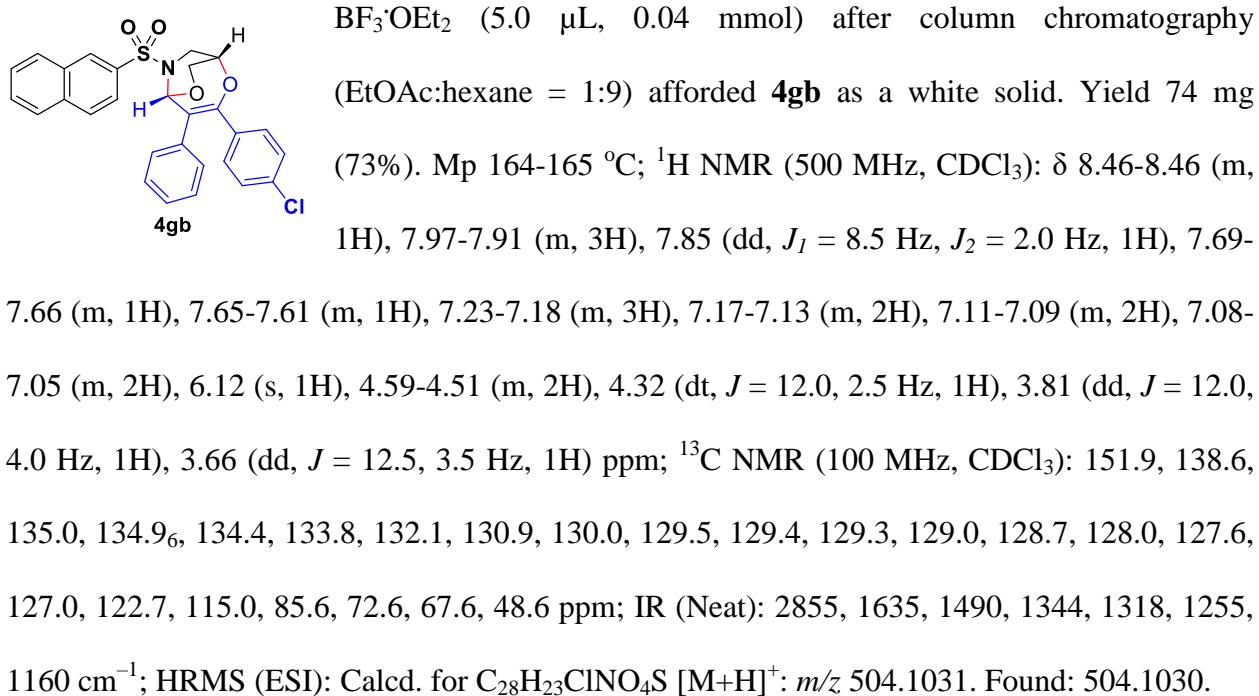
**9-(naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)-3,4-diphenyl-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene** **(4ga).**

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3ga** (93.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) with  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0

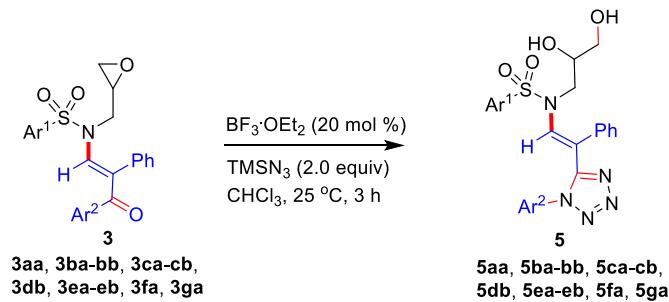


$\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **4ga** as a white solid. Yield 66 mg (70%). Mp 197-198  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.44 (s, 1H), 7.94-7.88 (m, 3H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.09 (m, 10H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 4.55-4.52 (m, 2H), 4.30 (dt,  $J$  = 12.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 153.1, 138.9, 135.3, 135.1, 135.0, 132.1, 130.0, 129.5<sub>3</sub>, 129.4<sub>7</sub>, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5<sub>2</sub>, 128.4<sub>5</sub>, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 126.7, 122.7, 114.5, 85.6, 72.4, 67.6, 48.6 ppm; IR (Neat): 2926, 2850, 1633, 1344, 1318, 1256, 1176  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  470.1421. Found: 470.1422.

**3-(4-chlorophenyl)-9-(naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene (4gb).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3gb** (100.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) with



#### 4 (c). General procedure for the synthesis of tetrazoles **5aa-5gb**:



(i) To a solution of N-(oxiran-2-ylmethyl)-N-(3-oxo-2,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide **3aa** (83.9 mg, 0.2 mmol 1.0 equiv) in dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 mL),  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 3 h at rt ( $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). After the completion of the reaction (TLC), DCM (10 mL) was added, the solution was washed with water ( $3 \times 10$  mL) and then with brine

solution ( $3 \times 10$  mL); the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic portion was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate 3: 2) to obtain compound **5aa** as a white solid.

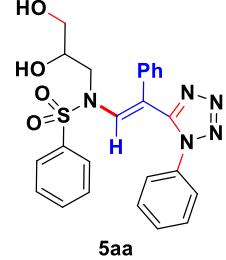
(ii) Alternative procedure:

We could also achieve the formation of **5** by starting with 3-chloro-2,3-diphenylacrylaldehyde (0.20 mmol 1.0 equiv),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dry DMF (5 mL) and epoxy benzene sulfonamide (0.30 mmol 1.5 equiv). The resulting reaction mixture was heated for 2 h on an oil bath maintained at 80 °C. After the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was removed. To this mixture  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (20 mol%) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (2.0 equiv) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 mL) were added at 25 °C. The contents were stirred for 3 h, without isolating the intermediate compound **3**. Work-up was similar to (i) above. Removal of DMF was necessary for this method.

**(E)-N-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-N-(2-phenyl-2-(1-phenyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)vinyl)benzenesulfonamide (5aa).**

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3aa** (83.9

mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 2:3) afforded **5aa** as a white solid. Yield 81 mg (85%). Mp 131-132 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.87 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.75-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H) 3.58-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.24 (m, 2H), 3.11 (dd,  $J = 11.5, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd,  $J = 15.0, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.80 (bs, 1H), 2.17 (bs, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 154.3, 138.0, 133.8, 133.6, 132.4, 132.2, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 127.4,



125.2, 115.9, 68.6, 63.4, 50.0, ppm; IR (Neat): 3381, 1608, 1495, 1449, 1358, 1180, 1166,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  478.1544. Found: 478.1546.

**(E)-N-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-4-methyl-N-(2-phenyl-2-(1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)vinylbenzenesulfonamide (5ba).**

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3ba** (98.3

mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) after column chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc:hexane} = 2:3$ ) afforded **5ba** as a white solid. Yield 81 mg (82%). Mp 120-121  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.55 (bs, 1H), 3.29-3.25 (m, 2H), 3.11-3.03 (m, 2H), 2.55 (bs, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.03 (bs, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 154.3, 144.8, 134.9, 133.8, 132.5, 132.4, 130.1, 129.9, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 127.6, 125.2, 115.7, 68.7, 63.4, 50.1, 21.8 ppm; IR (Neat): 3360, 2920, 1593, 1496, 1445, 1350, 1162,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  492.1700. Found: 492.1701.

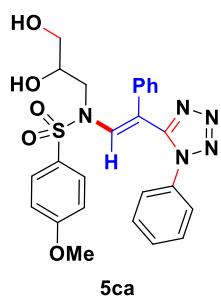
**(E)-N-(2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-phenylvinyl)-N-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-4-**

**methylbenzenesulfonamide (5bb).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3bb** (93.6

mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) after column chromatography ( $\text{EtOAc:hexane} = 2:3$ ) afforded **5bb** as a white solid. Yield 88 mg (84%). Mp 123-124  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.66 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.70-6.68 (m, 2H), 3.49-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.23-3.15 (m, 2H), 3.03-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.57 (bs, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.97 (bs, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 154.5, 144.8, 136.0, 135.0, 132.7, 132.4, 132.3, 130.1,

129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 127.5, 126.5, 114.8, 68.7, 63.4, 50.0, 21.7 ppm; IR (Neat): 3330, 2920, 1622, 1494, 1348, 1161, 1089,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  526.1310. Found: 526.1309.

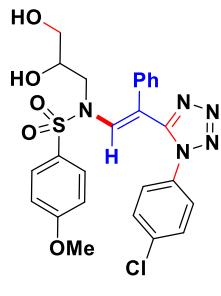
**(E)-N-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-4-methoxy-N-(2-phenyl-2-(1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)vinyl)benzenesulfonamide (5ca).**



Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3ca** (89.9 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 2:3) afforded **5ca** as a white solid. Yield 84 mg (83%). Mp 149-150  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.83-6.82 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.57-3.53 (m, 1H), 3.31-3.23 (m, 2H), 3.11-3.03 (m, 2H), 2.63 (bs, 1H), 2.07 (bs, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 163.7, 154.4, 133.8, 132.5, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 125.2, 114.9, 114.6, 68.5, 63.4, 55.9, 50.0 ppm; IR (Neat): 3372, 2945, 1594, 1497, 1344, 1256, 1153  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_5\text{O}_5\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  508.1649. Found: 508.1647.

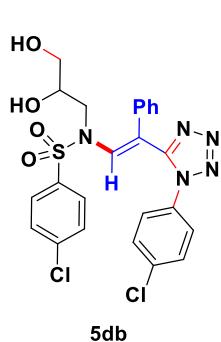
**(E)-N-(2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-phenylvinyl)-N-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (5cb).**

Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3cb** (96.8 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 2:3) afforded **5cb** as a white solid. Yield 85 mg (78%). Mp 152-153  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.81 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.32 (dd,  $J = 15.0, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd,  $J = 11.5, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.10-3.04 (m,



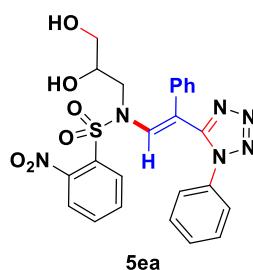
2H), 2.81 (bs, 1H), 2.15 (bs, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 163.8, 136.0, 132.8, 132.4, 132.3, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 126.4, 114.6, 114.4, 68.6, 63.3, 55.8, 50.0 ppm; IR (Neat): 3300, 2922, 1623, 1594, 1495, 1346, 1251, 1157  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}_5\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  542.1249. Found: 542.1251.

**(E)-4-chloro-N-(2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-phenylvinyl)-N-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)benzenesulfonamide (5db).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of



**3db** (97.8 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 2:3) afforded **5db** as a white solid. Yield 86 mg (79%). Mp 195-196  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 4H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.60-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.36 (dd,  $J$  = 15.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd,  $J$  = 11.3, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.10-3.03 (m, 2H), 2.82 (bs, 1H), 2.12 (bs, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ): 155.0, 139.2, 137.1, 135.1, 133.3, 133.0, 130.3, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.0, 116.6, 69.2, 63.8, 51.3 ppm; IR (Neat): 3371, 2944, 1627, 1493, 1351, 1280, 1166  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_5\text{O}_5\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  546.0764. Found: 546.0768.

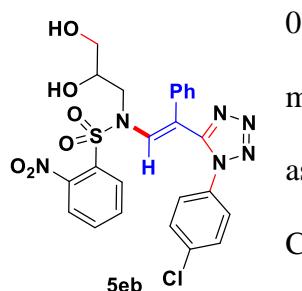
**(E)-N-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-2-nitro-N-(2-phenyl-2-(1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)vinyl)benzenesulfonamide (5ea).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3ea** (93.1



mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 2:3) afforded **5ea** as a white solid. Yield 81 mg (78%). Mp 118-119  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.09 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.76

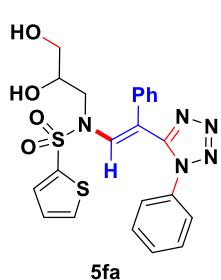
(d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.62-3.61 (m, 1H), 3.38 (dd,  $J = 15.0, 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd,  $J = 11.5, 3.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.06-3.02 (m, 2H), 2.34 (bs, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 154.4, 147.8, 134.8, 133.6, 132.5, 132.2, 131.9, 131.5, 131.4, 129.9, 129.3, 129.1, 128.6, 125.3, 124.6, 115.1, 68.1, 63.5, 50.0 ppm; IR (Neat): 3341, 1541, 1479, 1363, 1163  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_6\text{O}_6\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  523.1394. Found: 523.1395.

**(E)-N-(2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-phenylvinyl)-N-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (5eb).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3eb** (99.8 mg,



0.2 mmol),  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 2:3) afforded **5eb** as a white solid. Yield 85 mg (76%). Mp 89-90  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.18 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.09 (m, 7H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.76-3.69 (b, 1H), 3.50-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.25 (m, 2H), 3.16-3.08 (m, 2H), 2.33 (bs, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 154.5, 147.9, 136.0, 134.8, 132.5, 132.2, 132.1, 132.0, 131.6, 131.4, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 126.6, 124.7, 114.0, 68.1, 63.4, 49.9 ppm; IR (Neat): 3350, 2922, 1619, 1541, 1495, 1364, 1165  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClN}_6\text{O}_6\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  557.1005. Found: 557.1006.

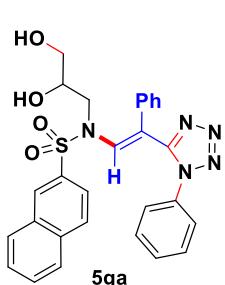
**(E)-N-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-N-(2-phenyl-2-(1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)vinyl)thiophene-2-sulfonamide (5fa).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3fa** (85.1 mg, 0.2 mmol),



$\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 2:3) afforded **5fa** as a white solid. Yield 79 mg (82%). Mp 150-151  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77 (dd,  $J = 5.0, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd,  $J = 4.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.81 (m, 2H), 3.62-

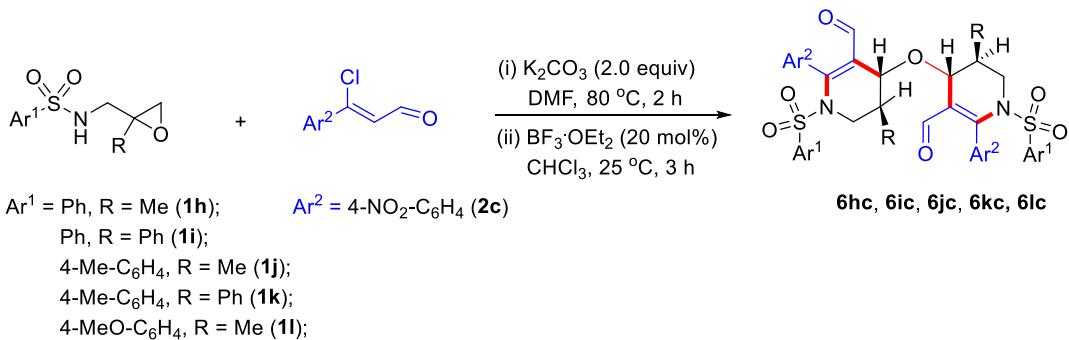
3.58 (m, 1H), 3.36-3.27 (m, 2H), 3.14 (dd,  $J = 11.5, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd,  $J = 15.5, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.83 (bs, 1H), 2.23 (bs, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 154.1, 137.9, 133.7, 133.5, 133.3, 132.3, 131.8, 130.0, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 125.1, 117.6, 68.6, 63.3, 50.6 ppm; IR (Neat): 3381, 2922, 1605, 1495, 1357, 1158  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  484.1108. Found: 484.1106.

**(E)-N-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-N-(2-phenyl-2-(1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)vinyl)naphthalene-2-sulfonamide (5ga).** Following the general procedure, the reaction of **3ga** (93.9 mg, 0.2 mmol),



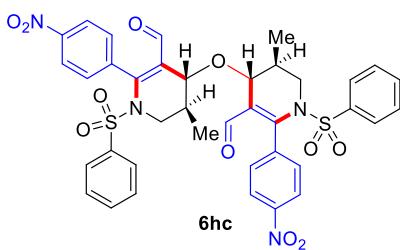
$\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) and  $\text{TMSN}_3$  (52.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.40 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 2:3) afforded **5ga** as a white solid. Yield 81 mg (77%). Mp 66-67  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.46 (s, 1H), 8.06-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.04 (m, 5H), 6.96-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.61-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.66 (dd,  $J = 15.0, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd,  $J = 11.5, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.12-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.88 (bs, 1H), 2.21 (bs, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 154.3, 135.2, 134.9, 133.7, 132.4, 132.2, 129.8, 129.5<sub>0</sub>, 129.4<sub>5</sub>, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0<sub>4</sub>, 128.9<sub>7</sub>, 128.5, 128.1, 125.1, 122.2, 115.6, 68.7, 63.3, 50.1 ppm; IR (Neat): 3391, 2922, 1730, 1618, 1498, 1347, 1158  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  528.1700. Found: 528.1706.

**4. (d) Synthesis of tetrahydropyridine-3-carbaldehydes 6hc-kc: Representative procedure for the synthesis of compound 6hc**



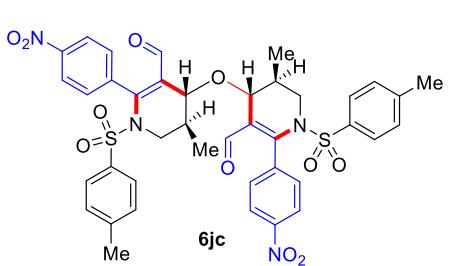
To a mixture of (*Z*)-3-chloro-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylaldehyde **2c** (63.5 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (82.9 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dry DMF (5 mL), *N*-((2-methyloxiran-2-yl)methyl)benzenesulfonamide **1h** (79.0 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was heated for 2 h on an oil-bath maintained at 80 °C. After the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, ethyl acetate (30 mL) was added and the solution was washed with water (3 × 30 mL) and then with brine solution (3 × 15 mL); the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic portion was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure. This whole residue was dissolved in dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 ml), and  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol, 0.2 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 3 h at rt (25 °C). After the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, DCM (10 mL) was added and the solution was washed with water (3 × 10 mL), then brine solution (3 × 10 mL); the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic portion was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate 1: 4) to obtain compound **6hc** as a light-yellow solid. Using the same molar quantities, the remaining compounds were prepared.

**5-formyl-3-methyl-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-5-methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carbaldehyde (6hc).**



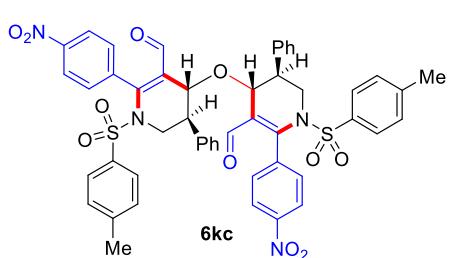
Yellow solid. Yield 65 mg (83%). Mp 167-168 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.80 (s, 2H), 8.21 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.0 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.0 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.5 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 8H), 6.96 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.5 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.48 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 12.5 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.96-2.95 (m, 2H), 0.97 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 190.0, 153.8, 148.3, 140.4, 137.5, 133.7, 133.4, 130.8, 129.1, 126.9, 122.6, 122.1, 120.5, 68.0, 48.2, 27.5, 13.8 ppm; IR (Neat): 2968, 1737, 1664, 1645, 1510, 1367, 1346, 1164 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>11</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 787.1738. Found: 787.1732.

**5-formyl-3-methyl-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-5-methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-tosyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carbaldehyde (6ic).** White solid. Yield 63 mg



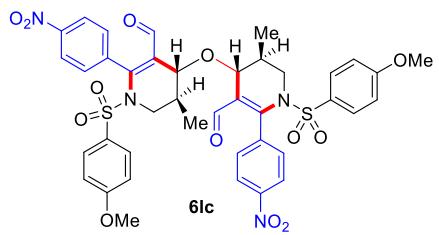
(77%). Mp 185-186 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.81 (s, 2H), 8.22 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 8H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 3.49 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 2.97-2.96 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 6H), 0.97 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 190.0, 154.0, 148.3, 145.0, 137.7, 137.4, 133.3, 130.8, 129.7, 127.0, 122.5, 122.1, 120.2, 68.0, 48.1, 27.5, 21.6, 13.8 ppm; IR (Neat): 2969, 2861, 1738, 1552, 1343, 1315, 1149 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>11</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 815.2051. Found: 815.2055.

**5-formyl-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carbaldehyde (6jc).** White solid.



Yield 71 mg (76%). Mp 138-139 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.85 (s, 2H), 8.26 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (s, 6H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 4H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 4.78 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.92-3.89 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 189.3, 155.3, 148.3, 144.9, 138.2, 137.0, 136.4, 132.2, 132.0, 129.5, 128.8, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 122.2, 120.0, 65.8, 48.3, 38.0, 21.6 ppm; IR (Neat): 2921, 2852, 1734, 1656, 1521, 1345, 1163  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_4\text{NaO}_{11}\text{S}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ :  $m/z$  961.2184. Found: 961.2181.

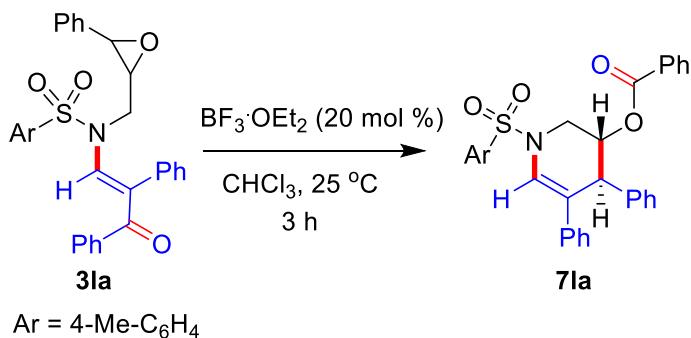
**5-formyl-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-3-methyl-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-5-methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carbaldehyde (6kc).** Yellow solid. Yield 61 mg (72%). Mp 165-166 °C;  $^1\text{H}$



NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.81 (s, 2H), 8.22 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 4H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 4H), 4.40 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.48 (d,

$J = 12.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.96-2.95 (m, 2H), 0.97 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 190.0, 163.8, 154.1, 148.3, 137.8, 133.2, 131.7, 130.9, 129.3, 122.5, 122.1, 120.0, 114.2, 68.0, 55.9, 48.0, 27.6, 13.9 ppm; IR (Neat): 2924, 1656, 1564, 1494, 1345, 1267, 1160  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{38}\text{NaN}_4\text{O}_{13}\text{S}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ :  $m/z$  869.1769. Found: 869.1773.

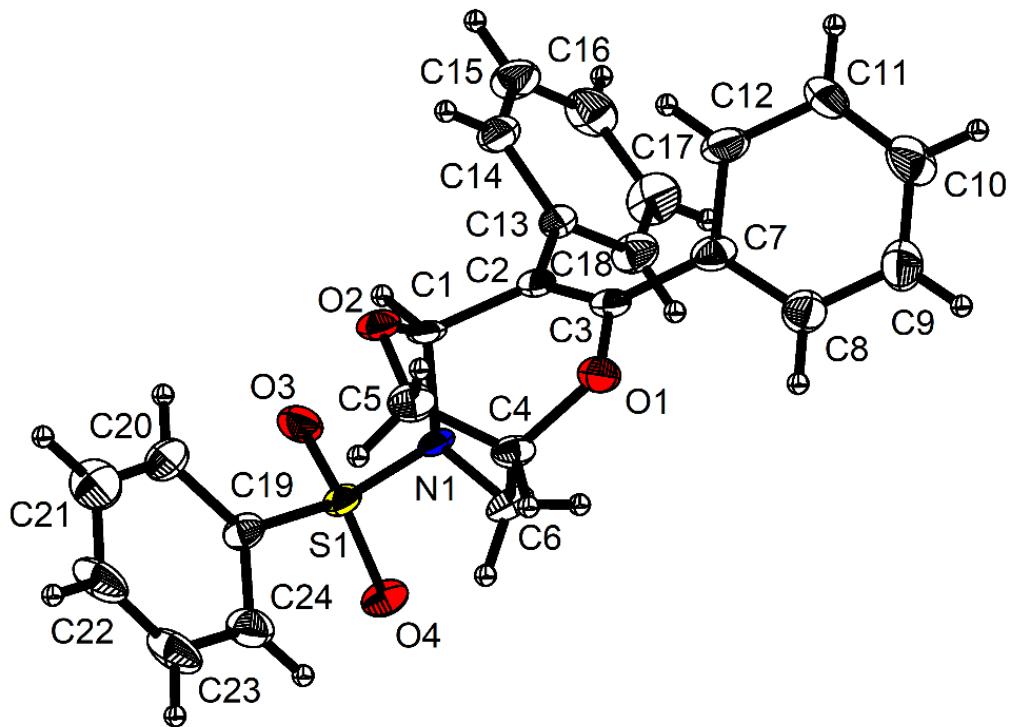
**4. (e) Synthesis of tetrahydropyridin-3-yl benzoate 7la:**



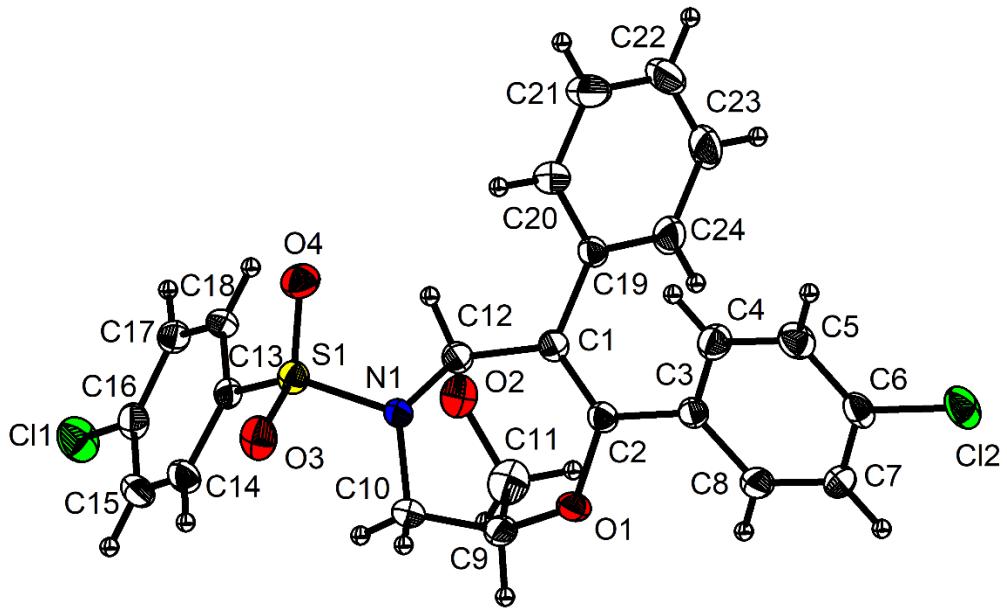
**4,5-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-3-yl benzoate (7la).** The procedure was the same as described earlier for azabicyclonones **4aa-gb**. Thus the reaction of **3la** (101.9 mg, 0.2

mmol) with  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.04 mmol) after column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:9) afforded **7la** as a white solid. Yield 66 mg (65%). Mp 169-170  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.73-7.66 (m, 5H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 5H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 3.97 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 165.7, 143.9, 139.9, 138.7, 134.9, 133.2, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 127.1, 126.7, 125.1, 123.0, 115.1, 70.7, 44.6, 41.6, 21.5 ppm; IR (Neat): 3056, 1713, 1647, 1599, 1451, 1348, 1263, 1162  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  510.1734. Found: 510.1731. Crystallization was done from ethyl acetate-hexane mixture (1:20).

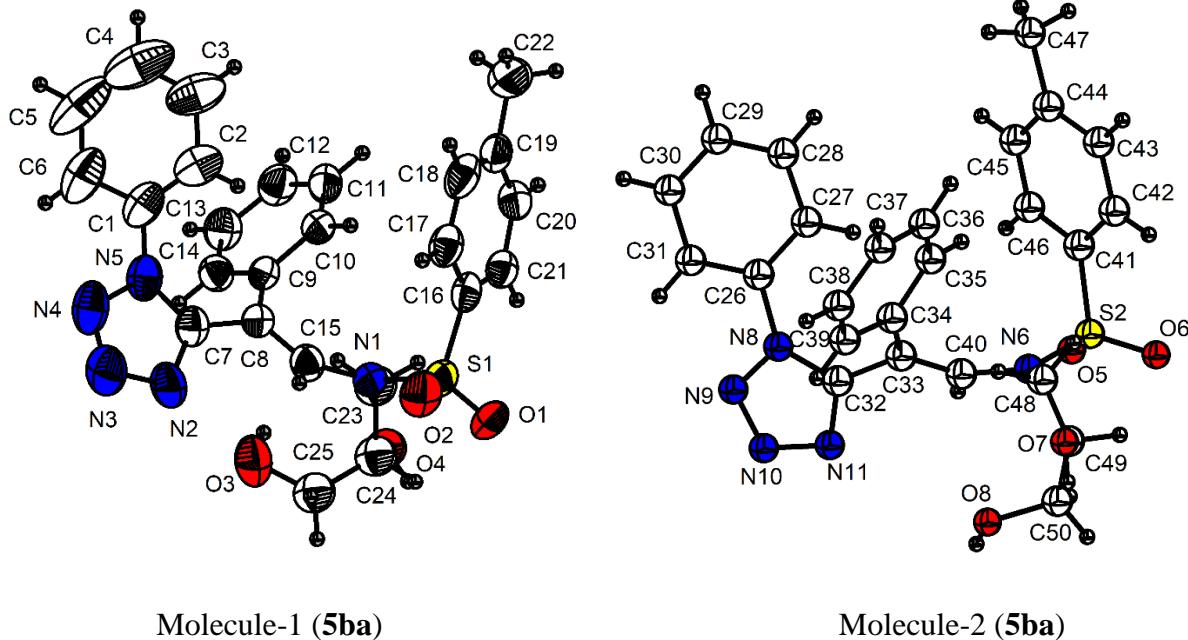
**(5) Crystal data and molecular structures**



**Figure S1.** ORTEP view of 3,4-diphenyl-9-(phenylsulfonyl)-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene **4aa** with 30% probability of ellipsoids. **Crystal data:**  $C_{24}H_{21}NO_4S$ ,  $M = 419.48$ , Orthorhombic, Space group  $P\bar{2}(1) 2(1) 2(1)$ ,  $a = 5.9615(2)$ ,  $b = 14.5594(7)$ ,  $c = 23.8714(11)$  Å,  $V = 2071.92(16)$  Å $^3$ ,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\mu = 0.187$  mm $^{-1}$ , data/restraints/parameters: 3376/0/265, R indices ( $>2\sigma(I)$ ):  $R_1 = 0.0952$ ,  $wR_2$  (all data) = 0.2916. Selected bond parameters: S1-N1 1.616(8), N1-C1 1.467(10), N1-C6 1.504(12), O2-C1 1.420(11), O2-C5 1.442(12), C4-C5 1.495(14), C4-C6 1.509(13), C1-C2 1.530(13), C3-C2 1.339(14), O1-C3 1.387(11), O1-C4 1.470(11), C2-C13 1.507(13), C3-C7 1.466(15) (Å). CCDC No: 2237334.



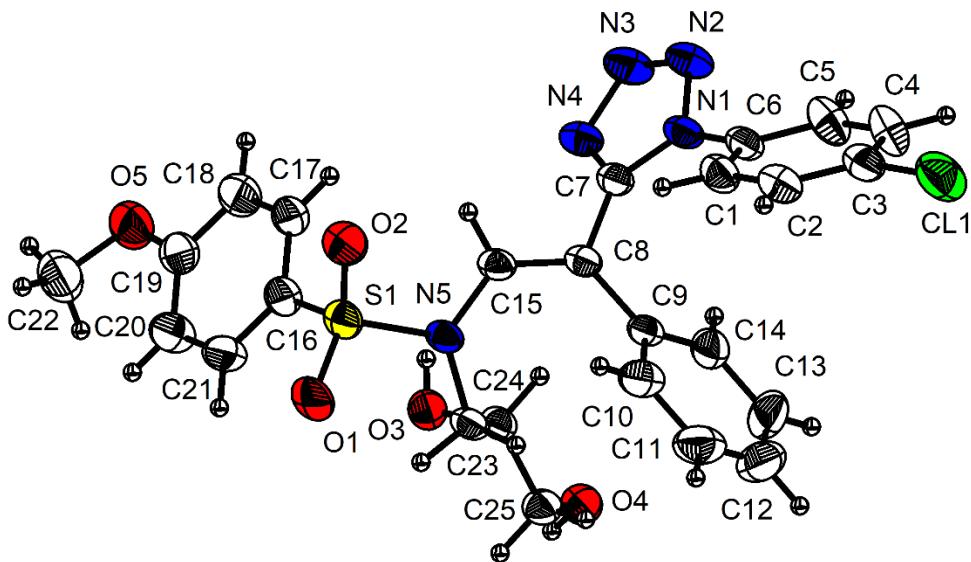
**Figure S2.** ORTEP view of 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-9-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-phenyl-2,6-dioxa-9-azabicyclo[3.2.2]non-3-ene **4db** with 30% probability of ellipsoids. **Crystal data:** C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S,  $M = 488.39$ , Monoclinic, Space group P 1 21/c 1,  $a = 12.9092(17)$ ,  $b = 6.0215(7)$ ,  $c = 29.195(4)$  Å,  $V = 2242.7(5)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 98.799(5)$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\mu = 0.415$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, data/restraints/parameters: 5135/0/289, R indices (>2sigma(I)): R1 = 0.0490 (3649), wR2 (all data) = 0.1441 (5135). Selected bond parameters: S1-N1 1.6464(19), N1-C12 1.465(3), N1-C10 1.480(3), O2-C12 1.427(3), O2-C11 1.448(4), C9-C10 1.500(4), C9-C11 1.515(4), C1-C12 1.517(3), C1-C2 1.338(3), O1-C9 1.446(3), O1-C2 1.373(3), C3-C2 1.493(3), C1-C19 1.490(3) Å. CCDC No: 2237335



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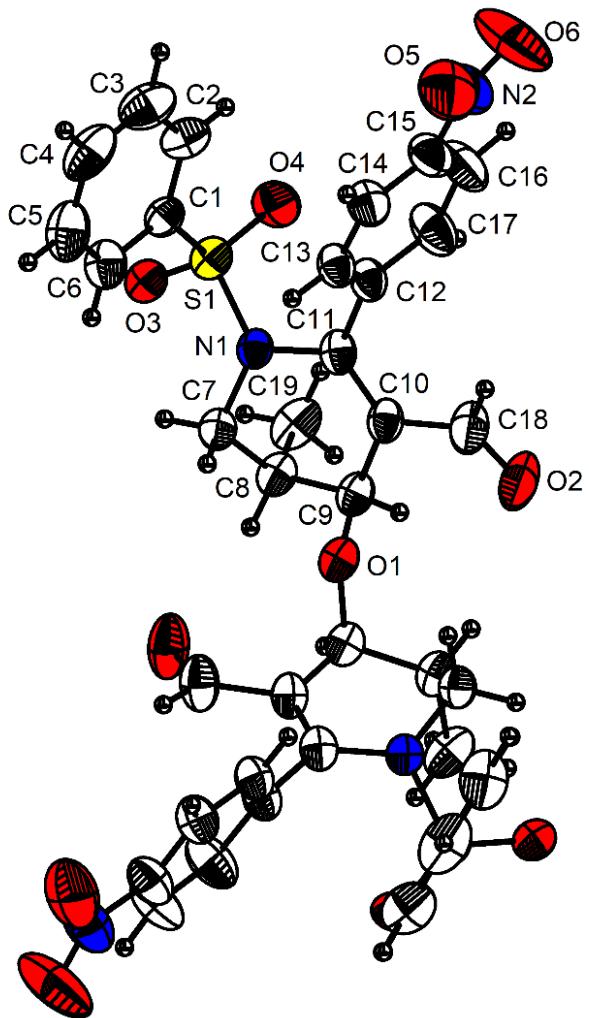
Molecule-2 (**5ba**)

**Figure S3.** ORTEP view of (*E*)-*N*-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)vinyl)benzenesulfonamide **5ba** with 30% probability of ellipsoids. **Crystal data:** C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S, M = 491.56, Monoclinic, Space group P 1 21/c 1,  $a = 20.3465(7)$ ,  $b = 10.9821(3)$ ,  $c = 23.9221(9)$  Å,  $V = 4954.2(3)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 112.054(4)$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ , Z= 4,  $\mu = 0.172$  mm<sup>-1</sup>; data/restraints/parameters: 8741/0/631, R indices (I> 2sigma(I)): R1 = 0.1008 (5049), wR2 (all data) = 0.3473 (8741). Selected bond parameters: S1-N1 1.642(5), N1-C15 1.423(7), N1-C23 1.487(8), C23-C24 1.492(9), C24-C25 1.434(9), C8-C7 1.461(8), C9-C8 1.469(7), C8-C15 1.343(7), O4-C24 1.466(8), O3-C25 1.422(9), C7-N2 1.340(8), N5-C7 1.335(8), N5-C1 1.444(10), N2-N3 1.347(8), N4-N3 1.268(9), N5-N4 1.379(8) (Å). Molecule-2: S2-N6 1.646(5), N6-C48 1.477(7), N6-C40 1.408(7), C48-C49 1.380(12), C50-C49 1.321(12), C33-C40 1.340(7), C34-C33 1.481(7), C33-C32 1.470(7), O7-C49 1.446(10), O8-C50 1.400(11), N11-C32 1.327(7), N8-C26 1.440(7), N8-C32 1.333(6), N8-N9 1.348(6), N9-N10 1.272(7), N11-N11 1.371(7). CCDC No: 2237336.

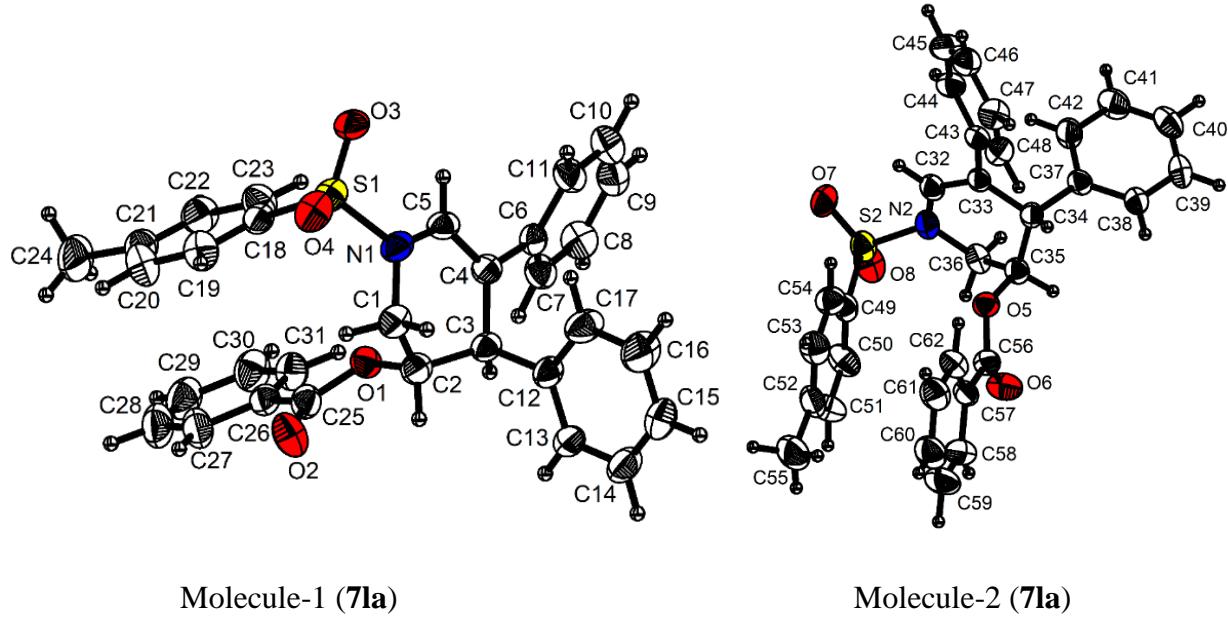


**Figure S4.** ORTEP view of (*E*)-*N*-(2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-phenylvinyl)-*N*-(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide **5cb** with 30% probability of ellipsoids.

**Crystal data:**  $C_{25}H_{24}ClN_5O_5S$ ,  $M = 542.00$ , Triclinic, Space group  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 10.4254(3)$ ,  $b = 11.9858(4)$ ,  $c = 12.4011(3)$  Å,  $V = 1403.61(8)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $\alpha = 69.515(3)$ ,  $\beta = 75.700(3)$ ,  $\gamma = 88.454(3)^\circ$ ,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\mu = 0.398$  mm<sup>-1</sup>; data/restraints/parameters: 5921/0/331, R indices (I > 2sigma(I)): R1 = 0.0530 (3605), wR2 (all data) = 0.1622 (5921). Selected bond parameters: S1-N5 1.6622(18), N5-C23 1.487(2), N5-C15 1.395(3), C24-C23 1.528(3), C24-C25 1.503(3), C8-C15 1.343(3), C8-C9 1.475(3), C8-C7 1.456(3), O4-C25 1.412(3), O3-C24 1.411(2), N1-C7 1.355(3), N1-C6 1.423(3), N1-N2 1.365(2), N2-N3 1.273(3), N4-N3 1.363(3), N4-C7 1.320(3) (Å) CCDC No: 2237337



**Figure S5.** ORTEP view of 5-formyl-3-methyl-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl)oxy)-5-methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyridine-3-carbaldehyde **6hc** with 30% probability of ellipsoids. **Crystal data:**  $C_{38}H_{34}N_4O_{11}S_2$ ,  $M = 786.81$ , orthorhombic, Space group P b c n,  $a = 25.8268(11)$ ,  $b = 16.2750(7)$ ,  $c = 10.0472(5)$  Å,  $V = 4223.2(3)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $\alpha = 90$ ,  $\beta = 90$ ,  $\gamma = 90$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\mu = 0.185$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, data/restraints/parameters: 3723/0/244, R indices ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ): R1 = 0.0579 (2260), wR2 (all data) = 0.1784 (3723). Selected bond parameters: S1-N1 1.677(2), N1-C7 1.475(4), N1-C11 1.399(4), C7-C8 1.519(4), C9-C8 1.515(4), C9-C10 1.492(4), C11-C10 1.348(4), C10-C18 1.463(5), C11-C12 1.493(4), O1-C9 1.445(3) (Å) CCDC No: 2237338.

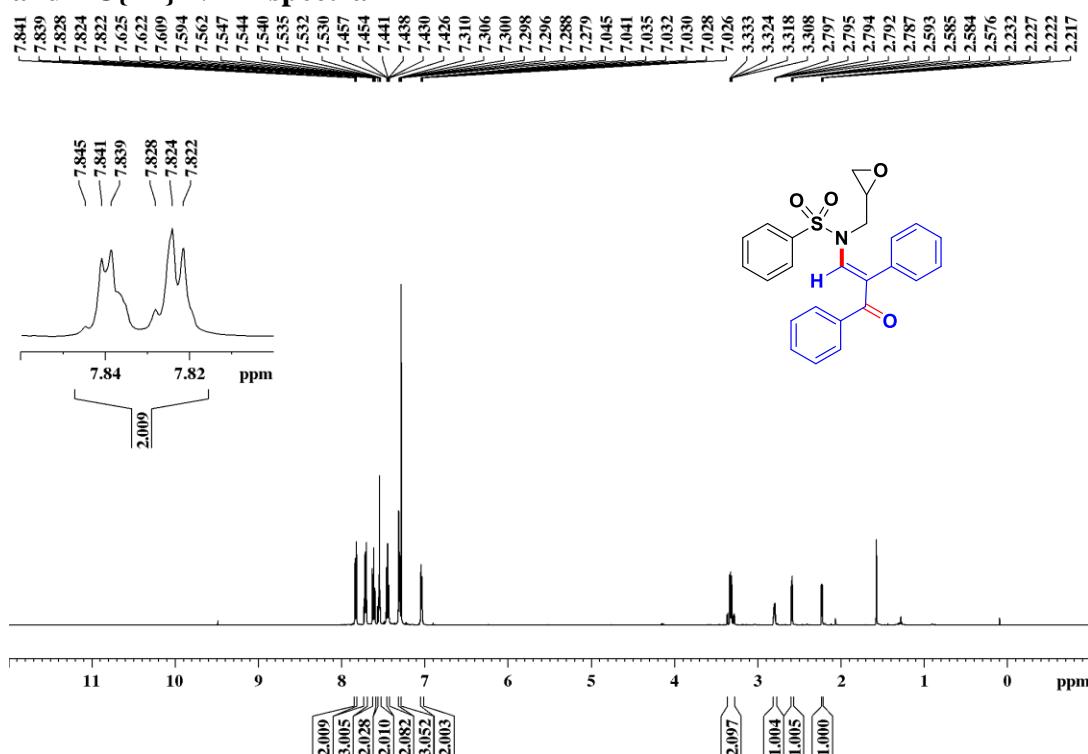


**Figure S6.** ORTEP view of 4,5-diphenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyridin-3-yl benzoate **7la** with 30% probability of ellipsoids. **Crystal data:**  $C_{31}H_{27}NO_4S$ ,  $M = 509.59$ , Triclinic, Space group  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 7.1998(5)$ ,  $b = 16.6494(10)$ ,  $c = 21.1710(14)$  Å,  $V = 2652.7(3)$  Å $^3$ ,  $\alpha = 76.121(5)$ ,  $\beta = 83.698$  (5),  $\gamma = 89.177(5)$ °,  $Z= 4$ ,  $\mu = 0.159$  mm $^{-1}$ ; data/restraints/parameters: 8720/578/669, R indices ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ):  $R_1 = 0.0954$  (3545),  $wR_2$  (all data) = 0.3113 (8720). Selected bond parameters: S1-N1 1.642(5), N1-C1 1.465(7), N1-C5 1.414(7), C2-C1 1.509(7), C3-C2 1.525(7), C4-C3 1.497(7), C4-C5 1.333(7), O1-C2 1.459(6), O1-C25 1.359(7), O2-C25 1.201(7) (Å). Molecule-2: S2-N2 1.643(5), N2-C32 1.394(7), N2-C36 1.467(7), C32-C33 1.326(7), C34-C33 1.491(7), C34-C35 1.539(7), C35-C36 1.508(7), O5-C35 1.458(6), O5-C56 1.351(7), O6-C56 1.211(7) (Å). CCDC No: 2253326.

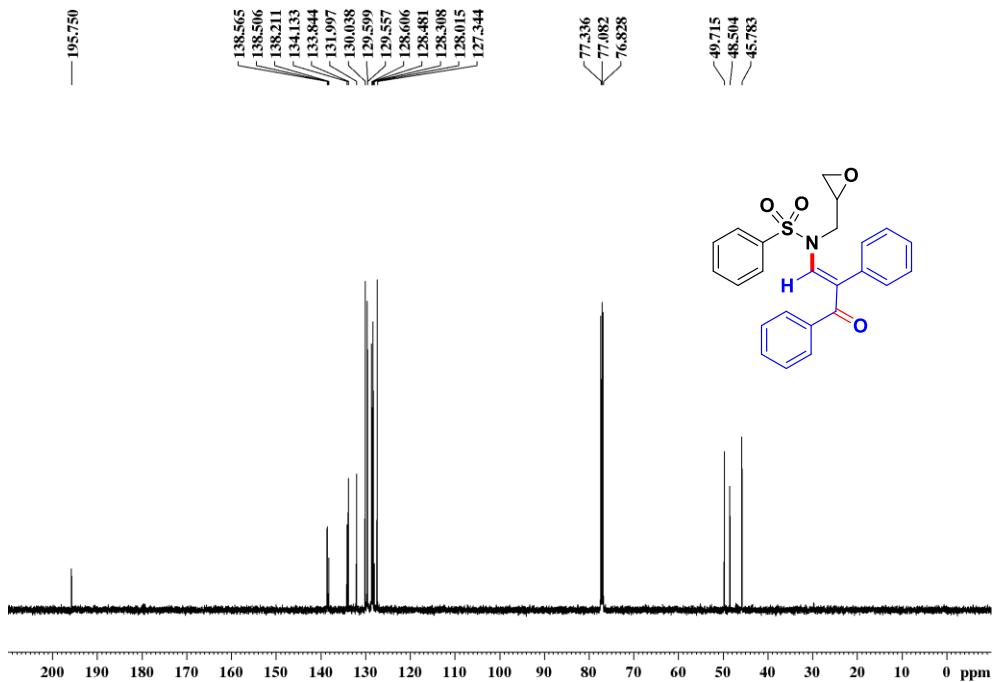
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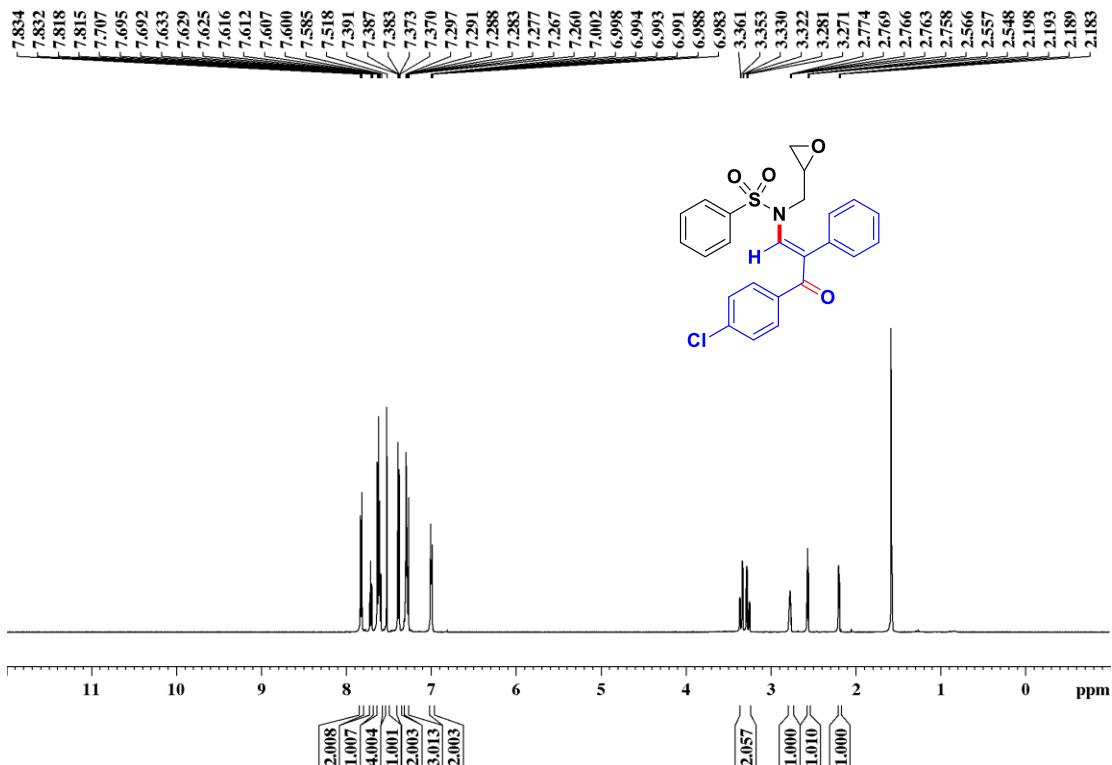
### (7) $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra



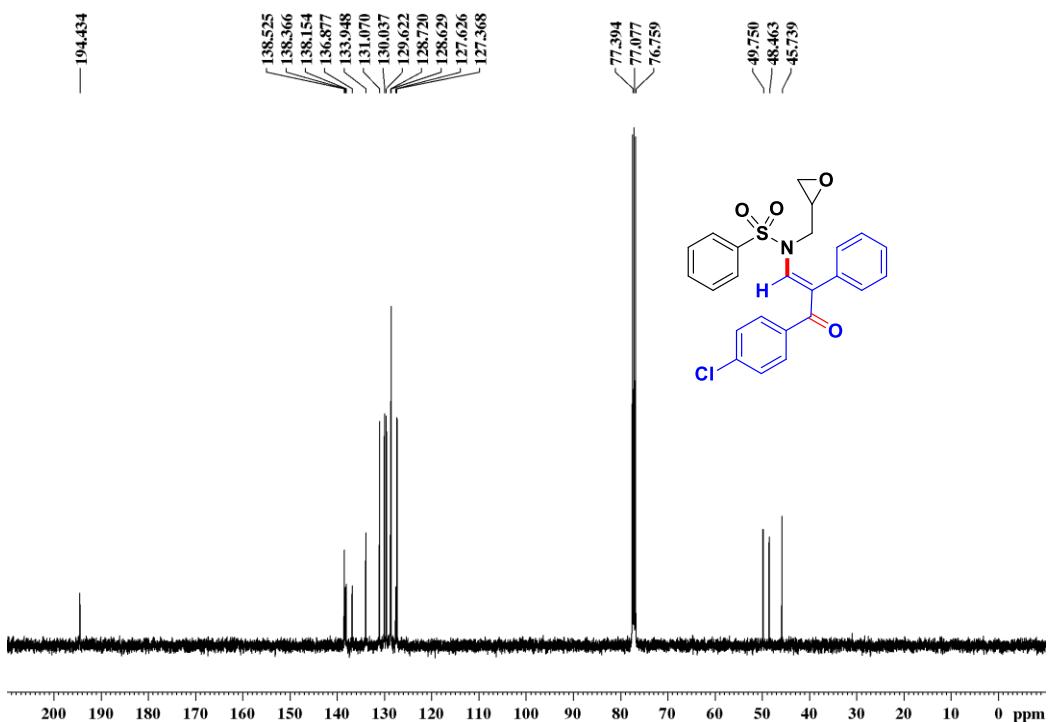
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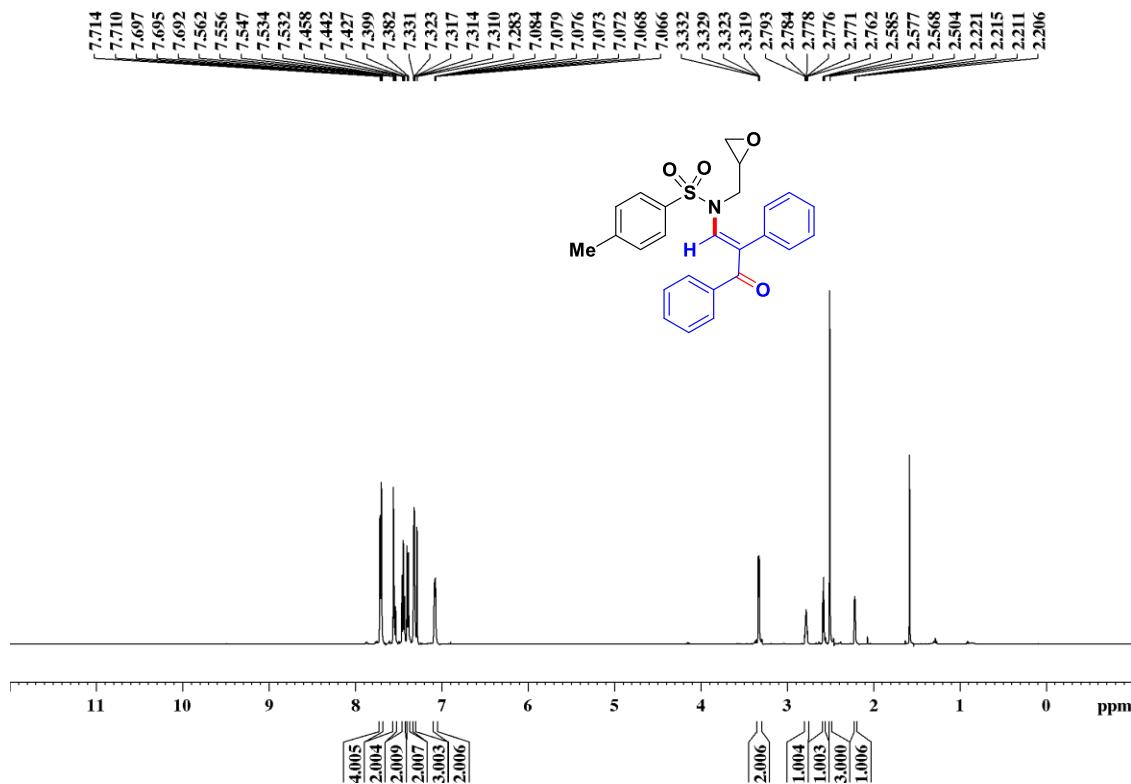
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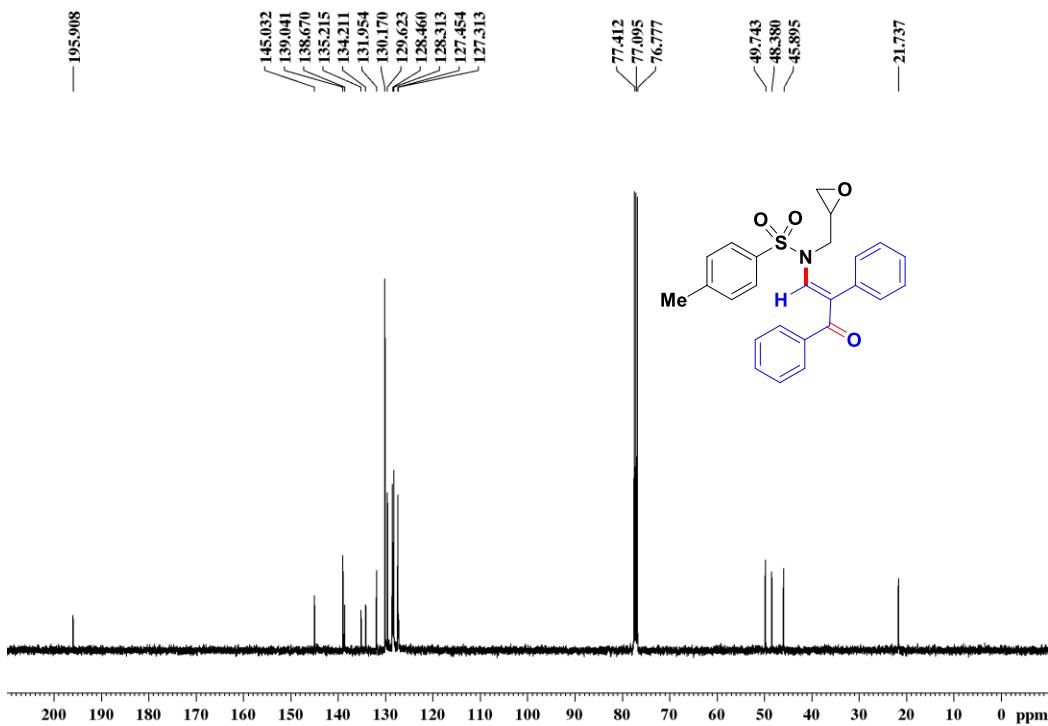
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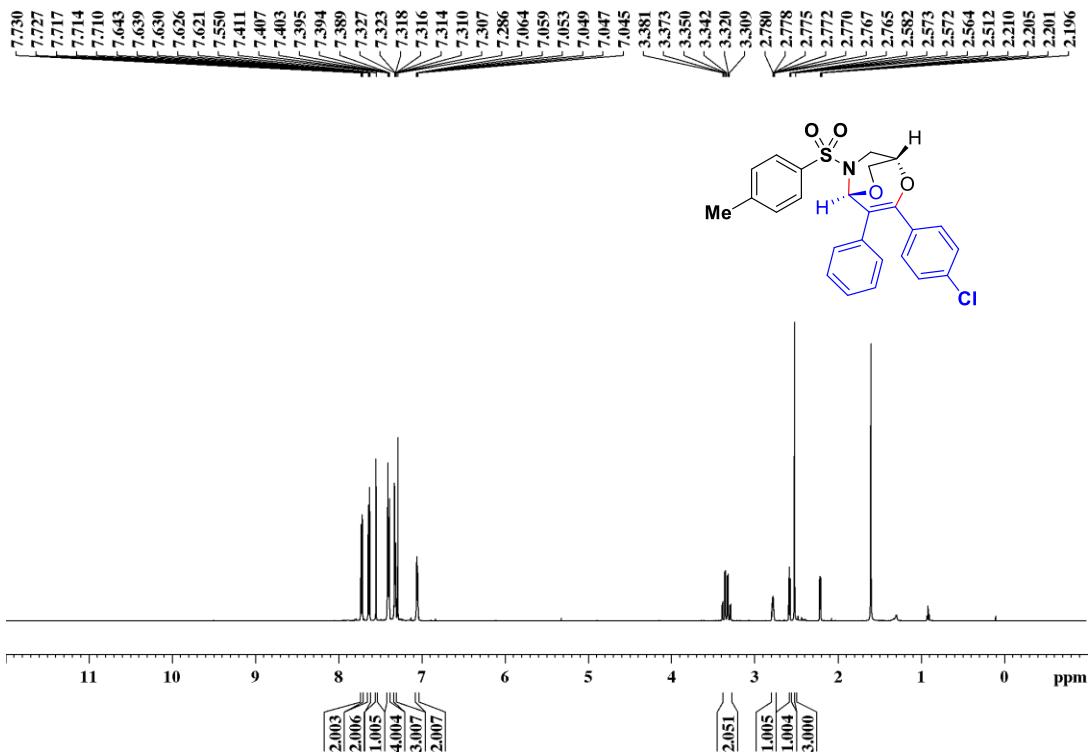
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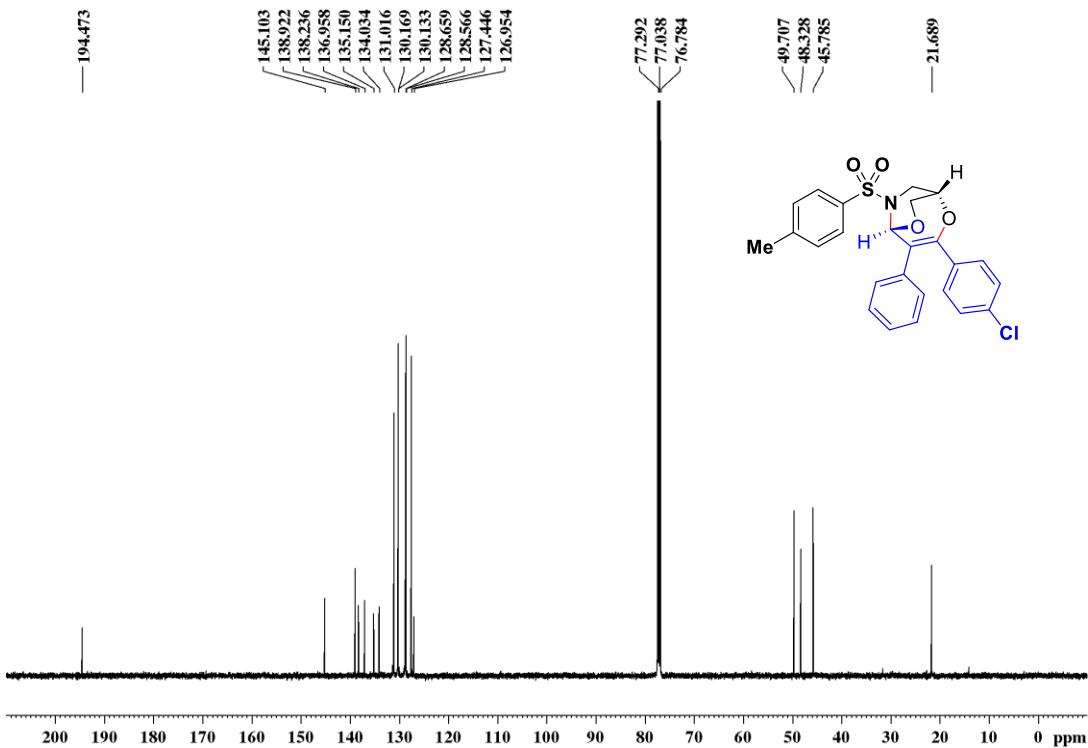
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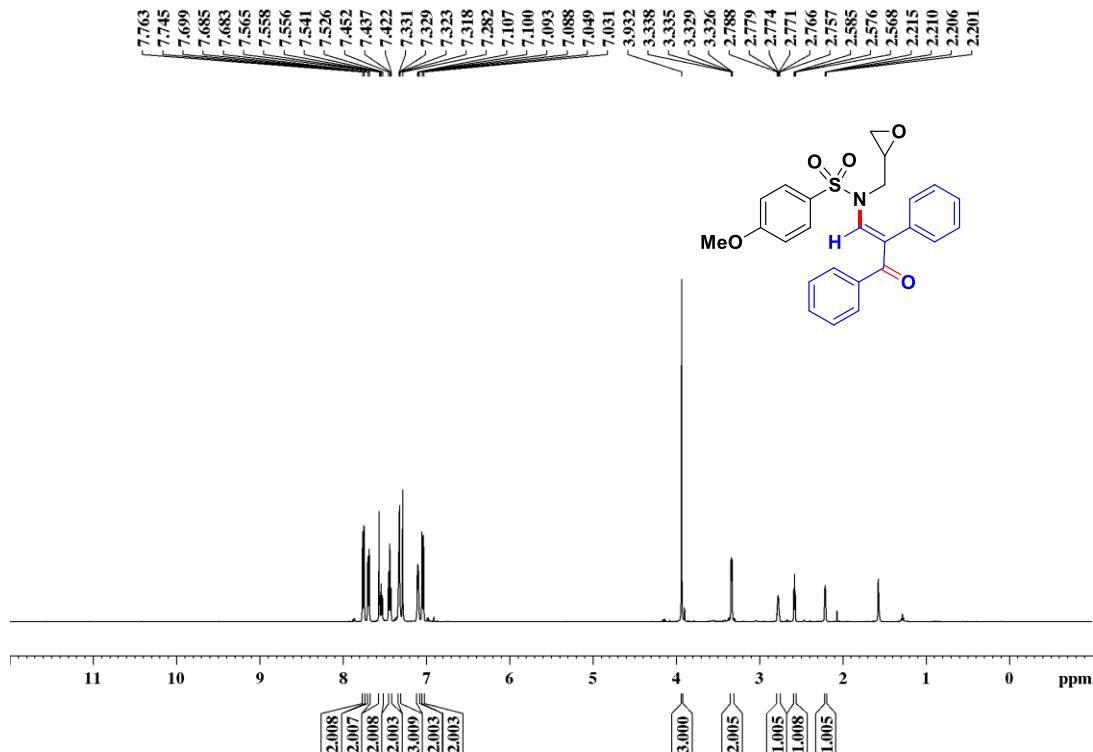
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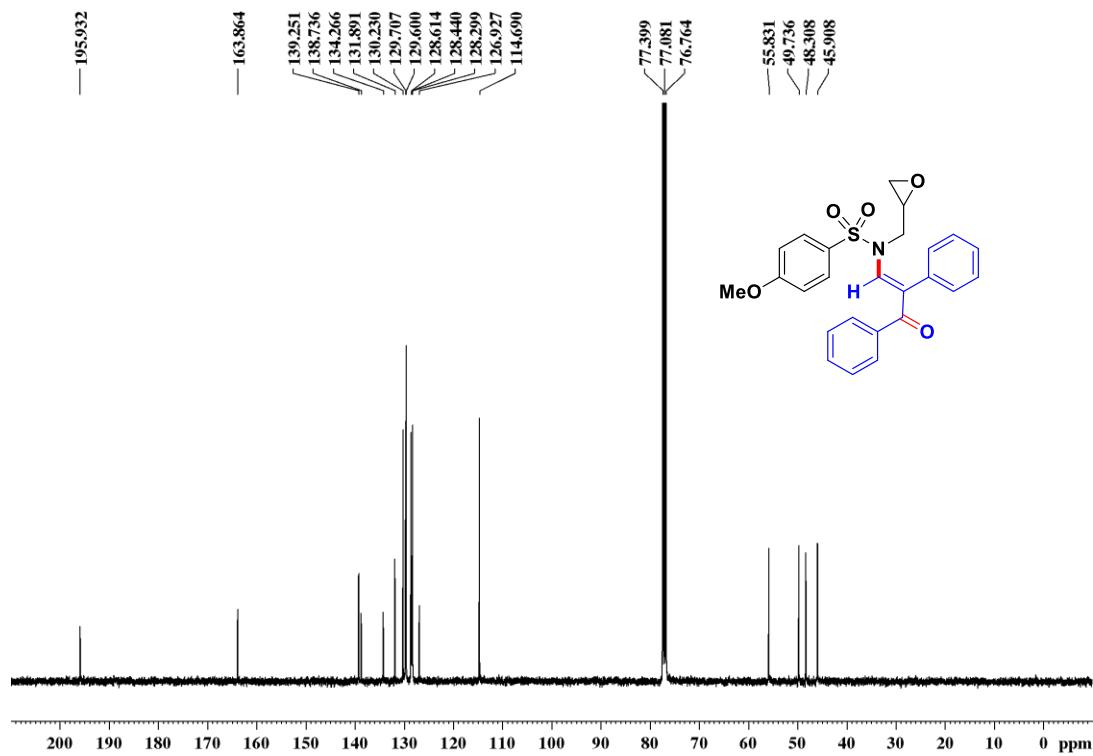
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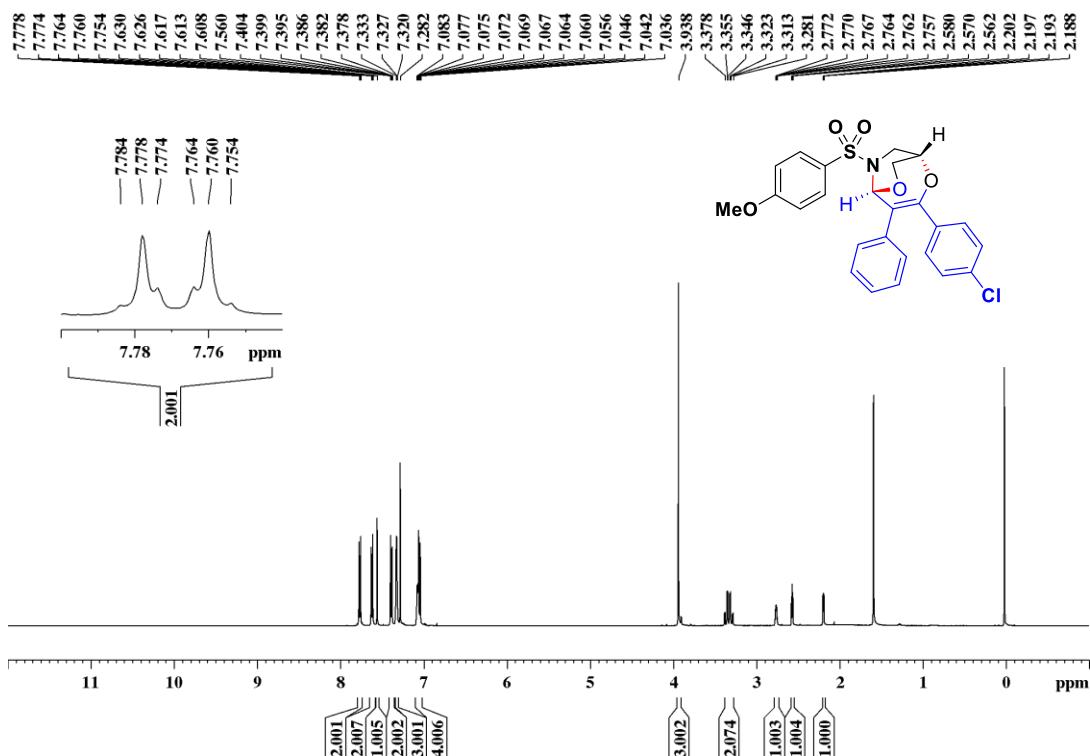
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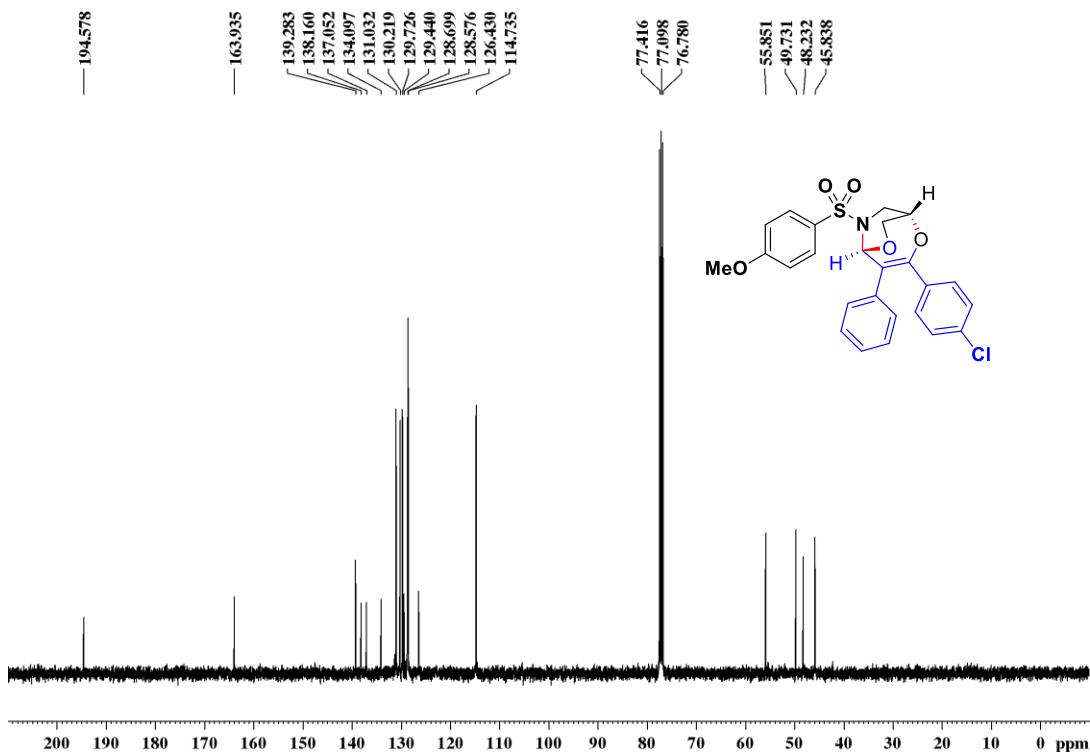
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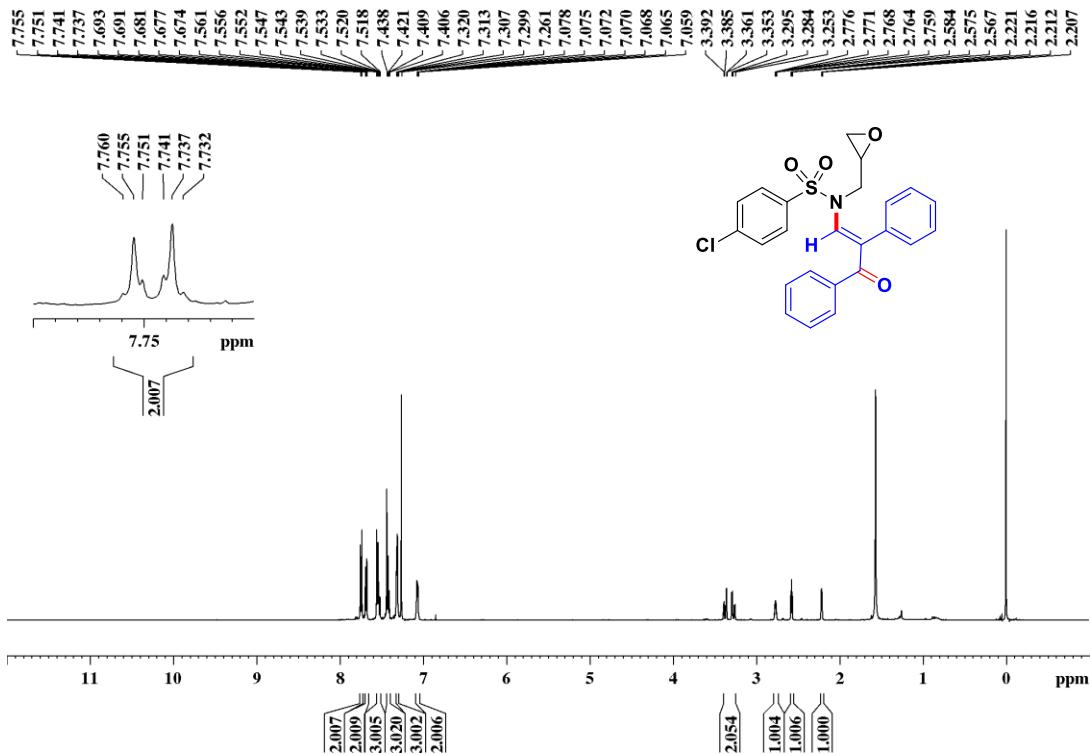
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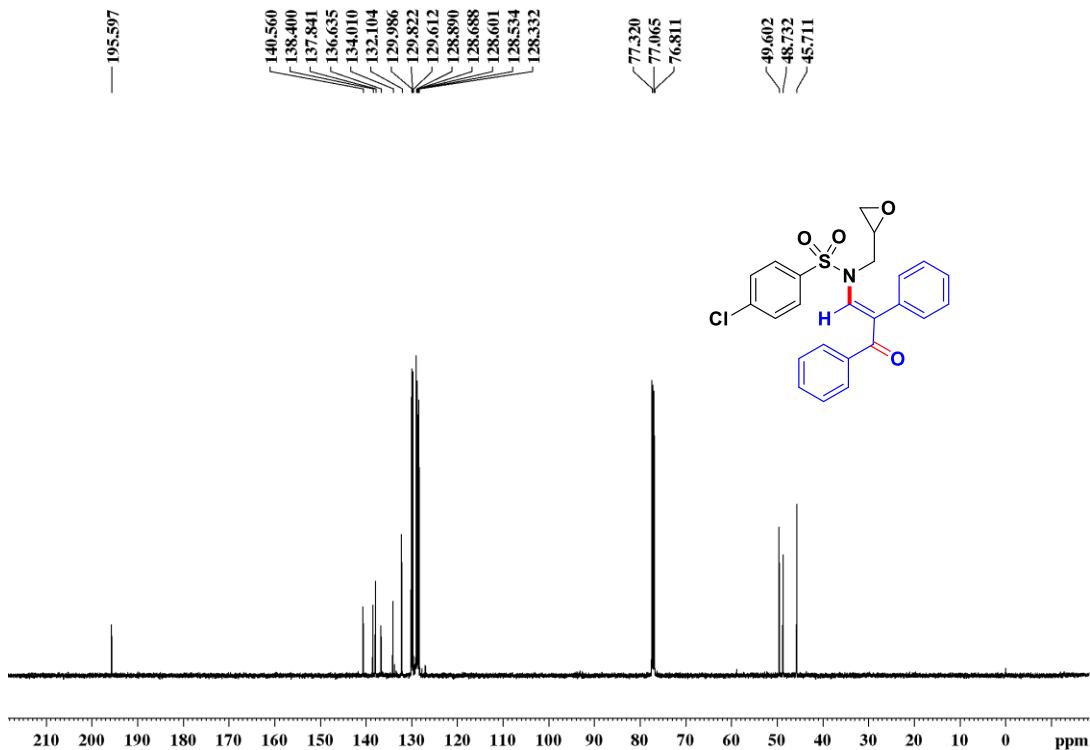
**Figure S17.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3cb



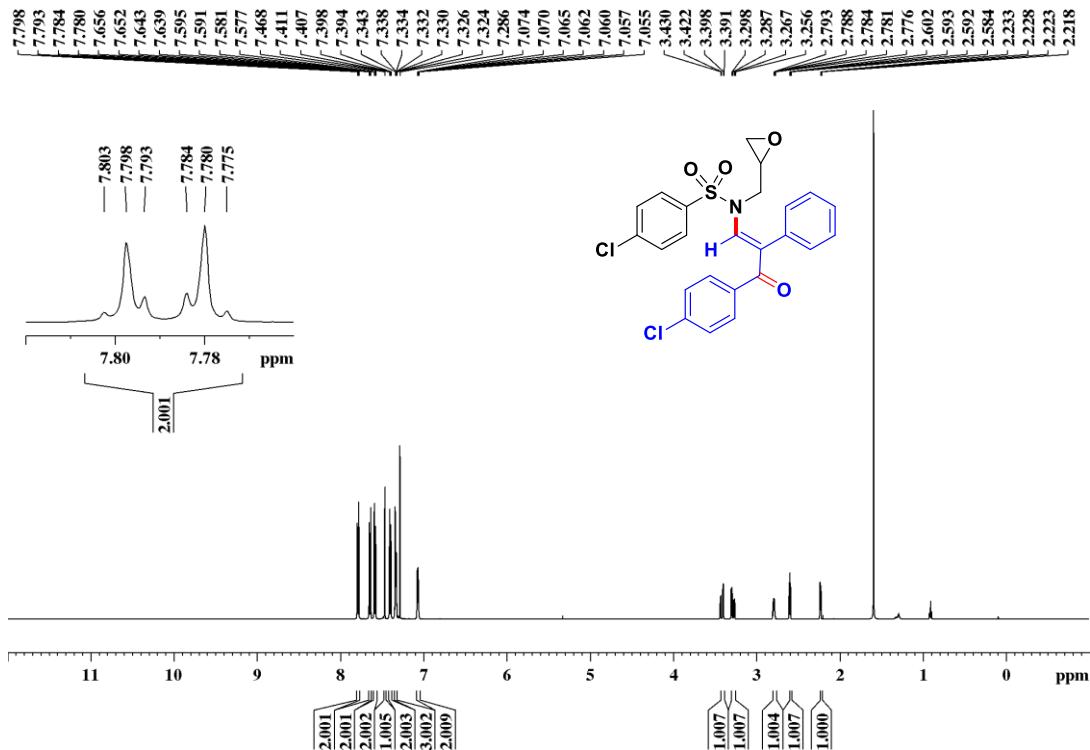
**Figure S18.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3cb



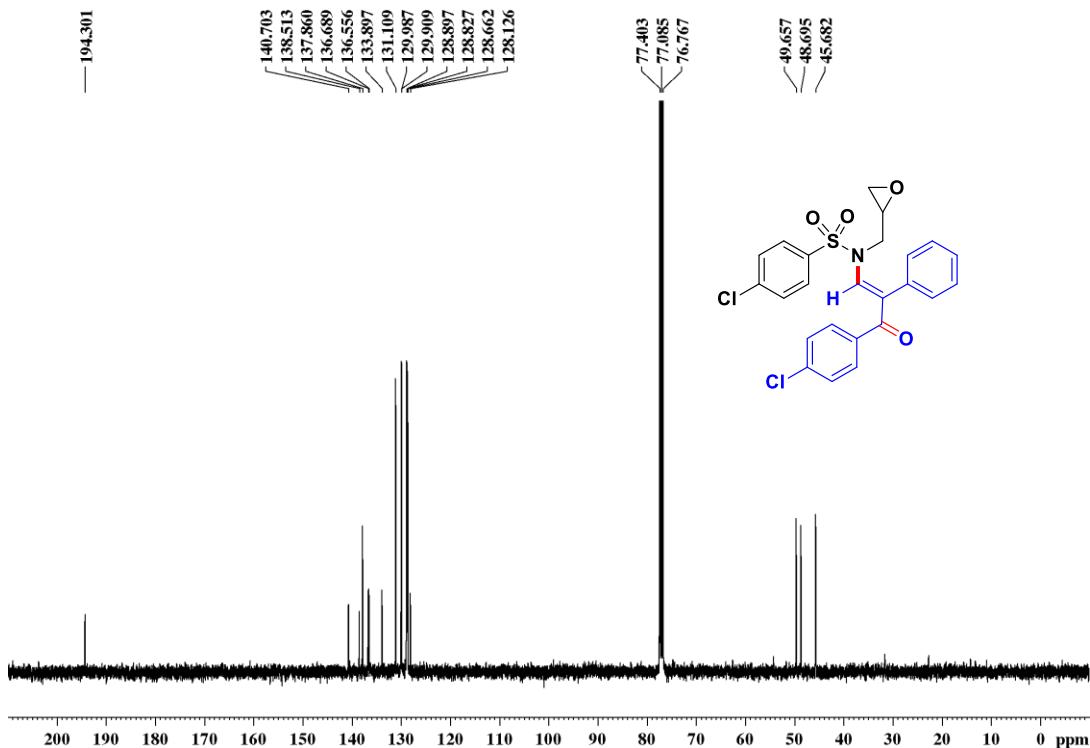
**Figure S19.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3da



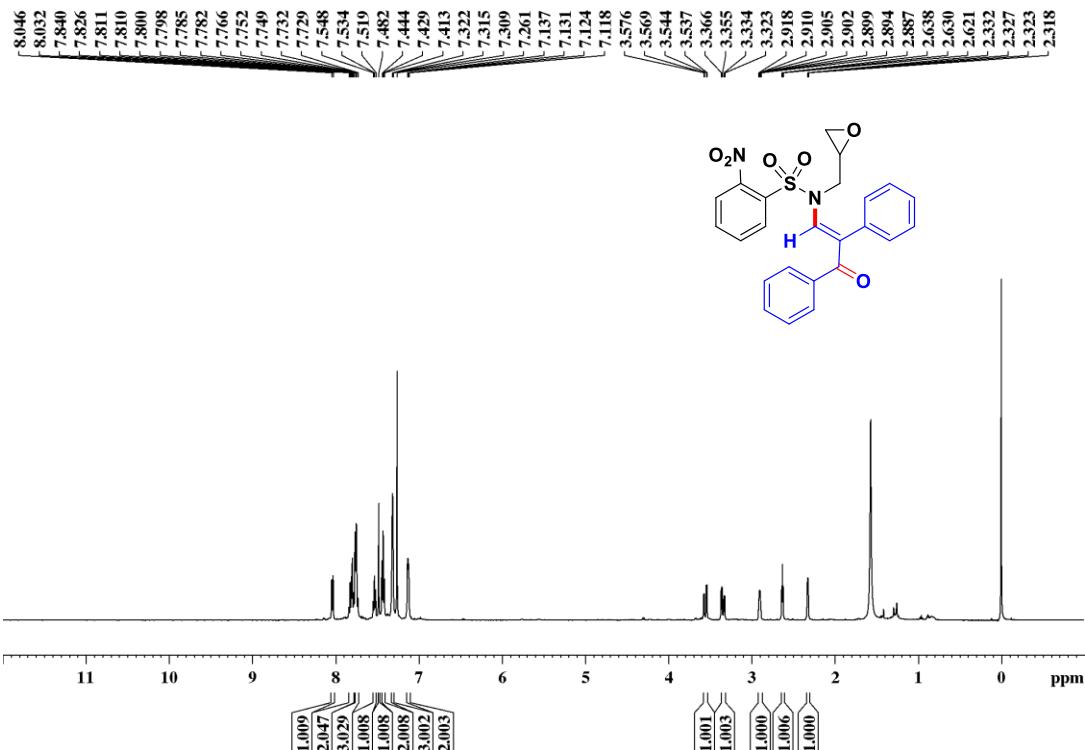
**Figure S20.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3da



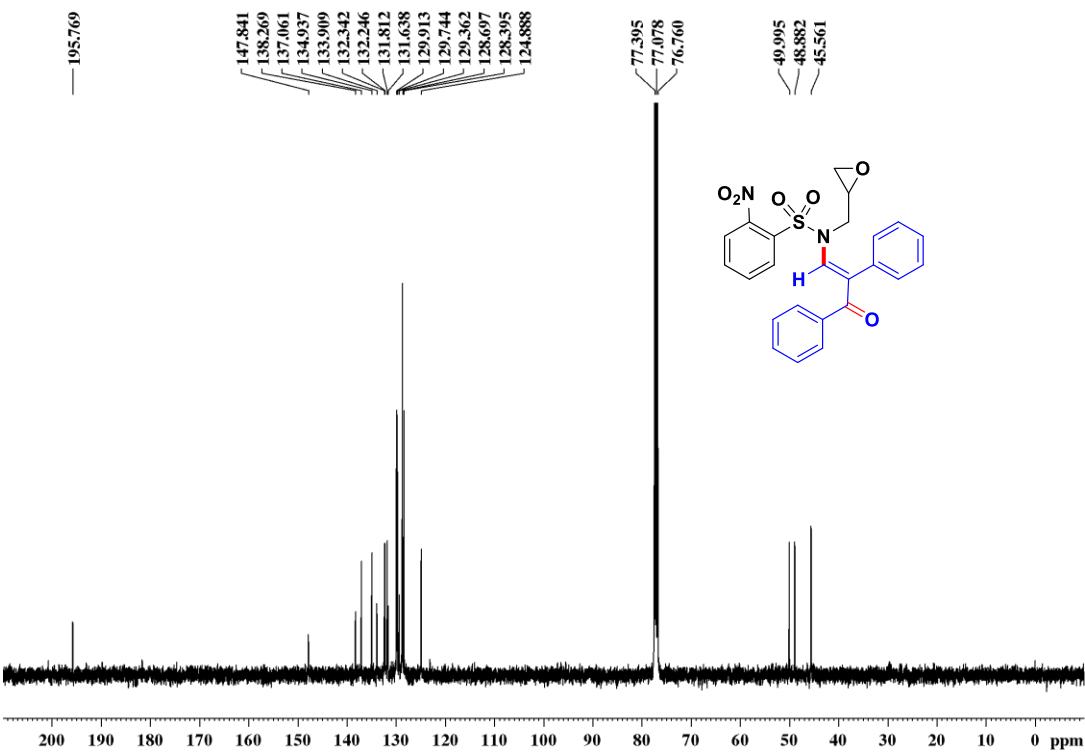
**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3db



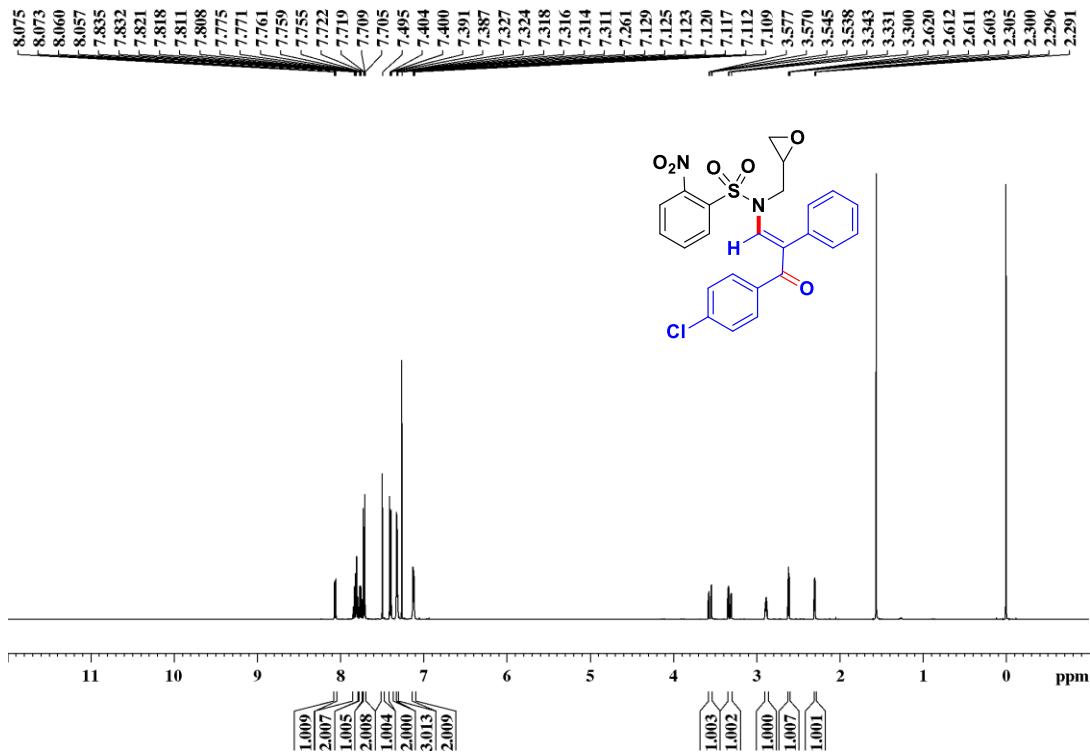
**Figure S22.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3db



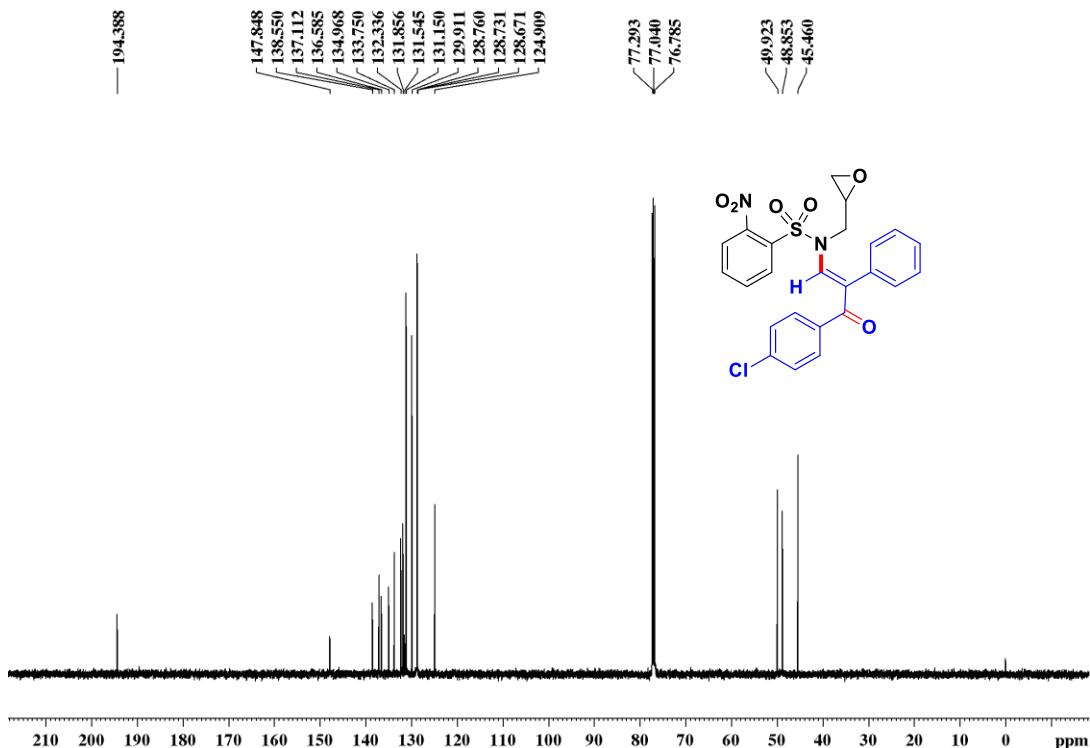
**Figure S23.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3ea



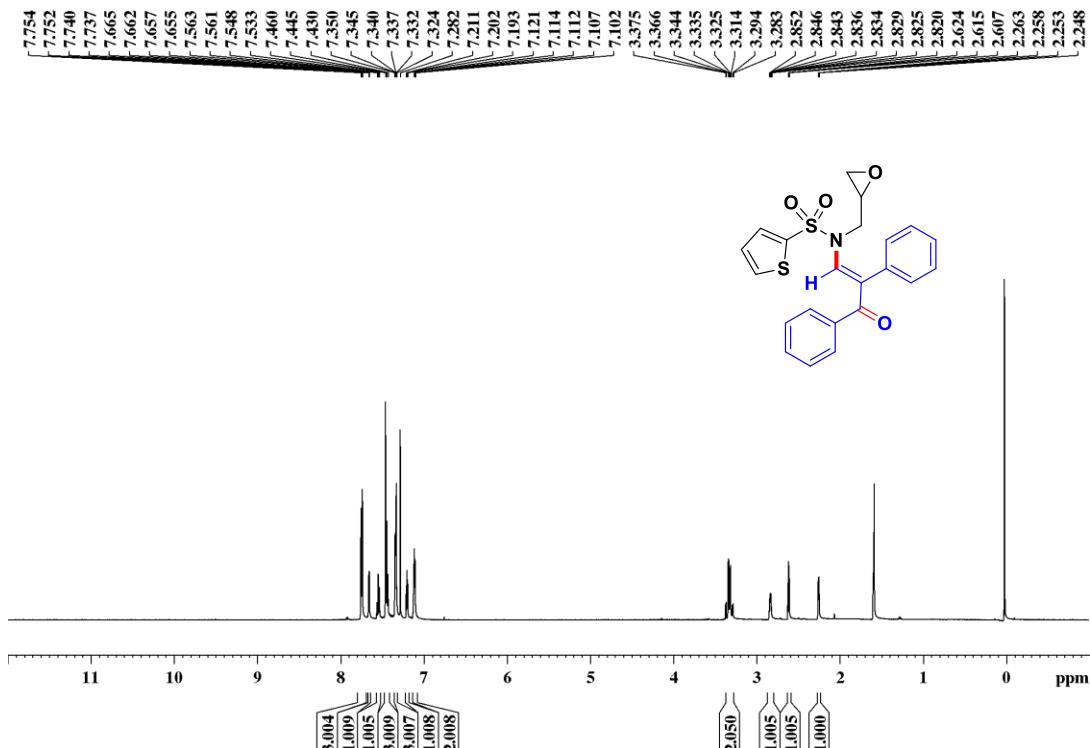
**Figure S24.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3ea



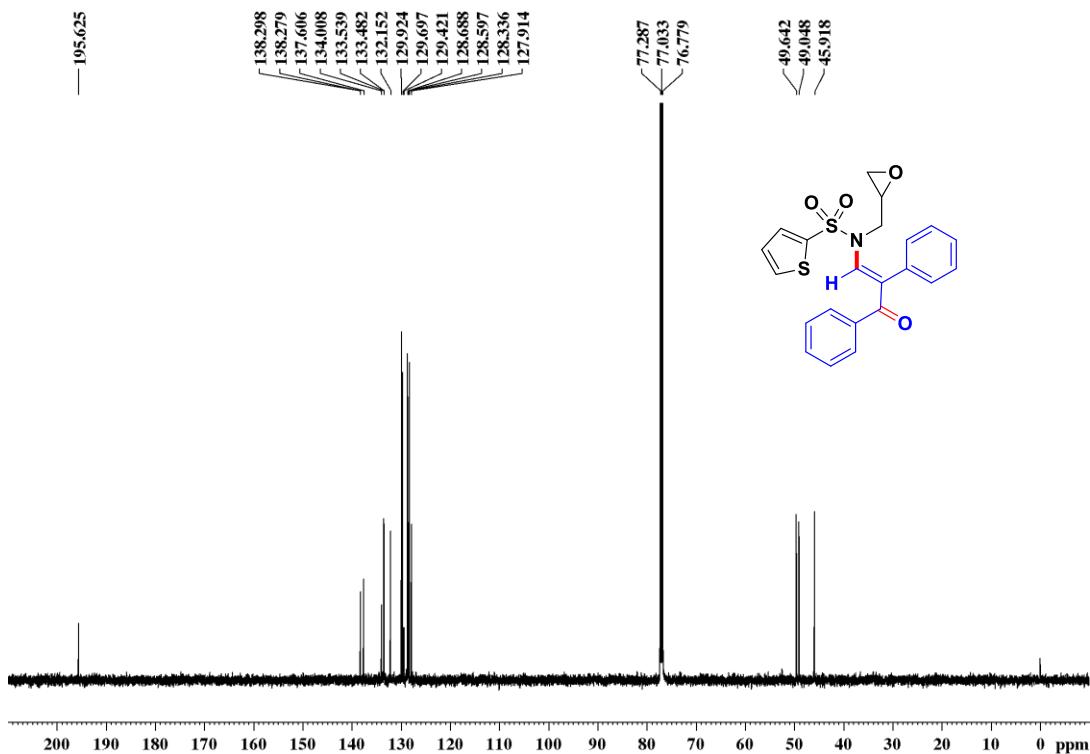
**Figure S25.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3eb



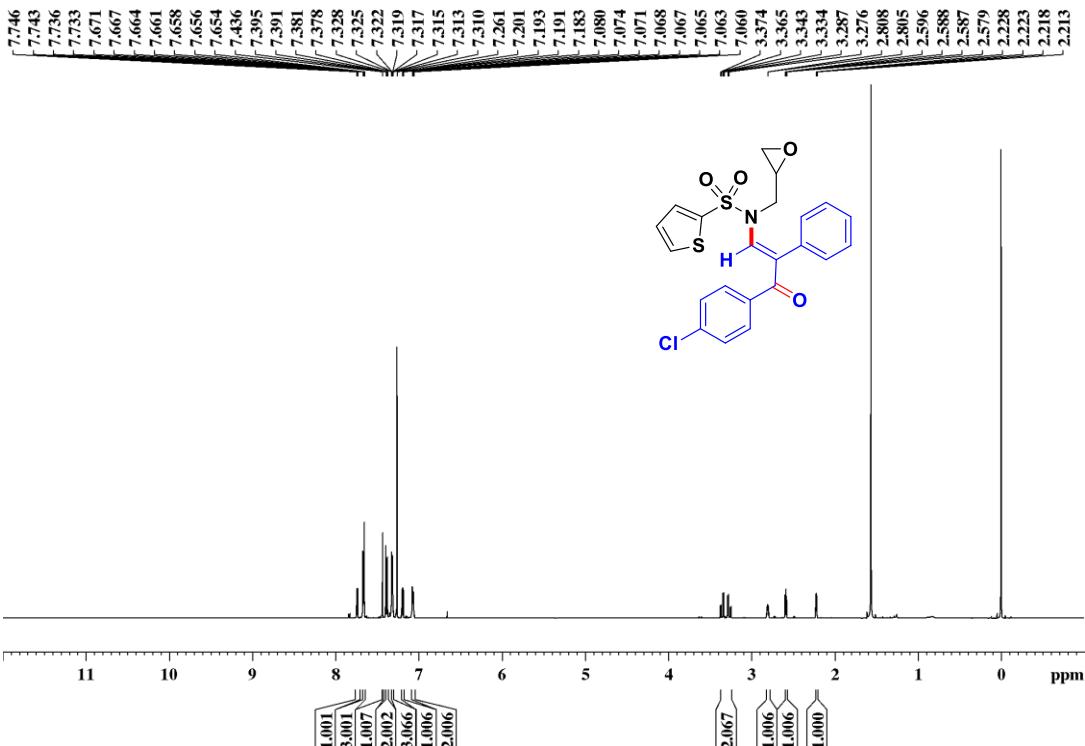
**Figure S26.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3eb



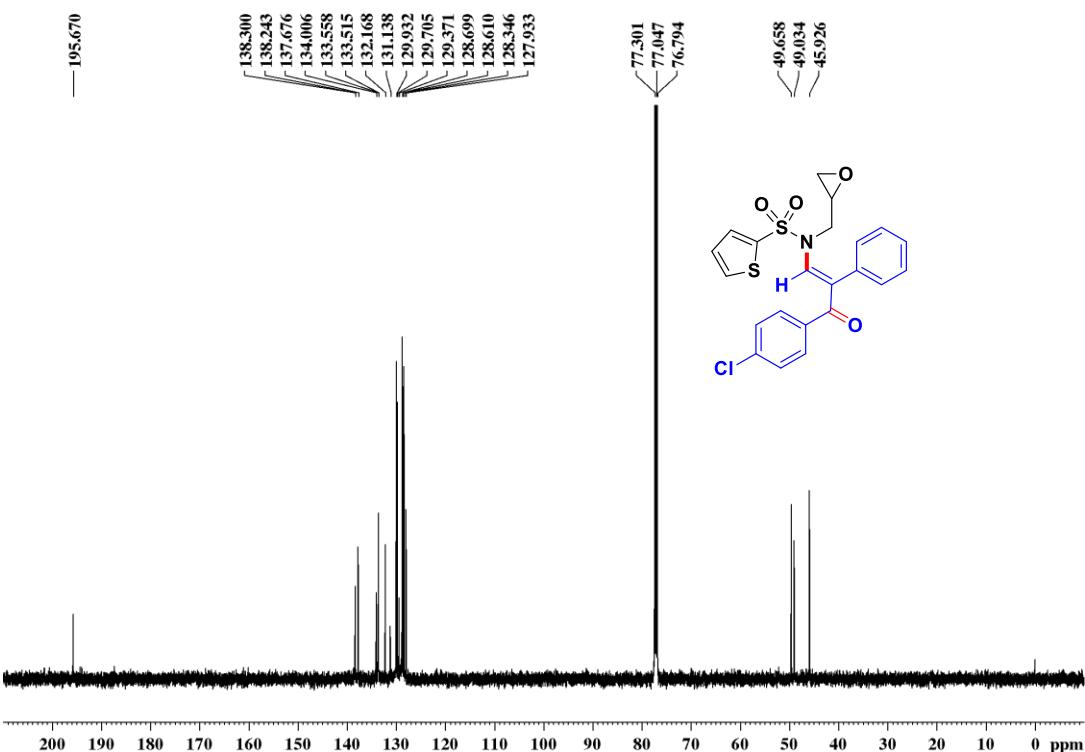
**Figure S27.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3fa



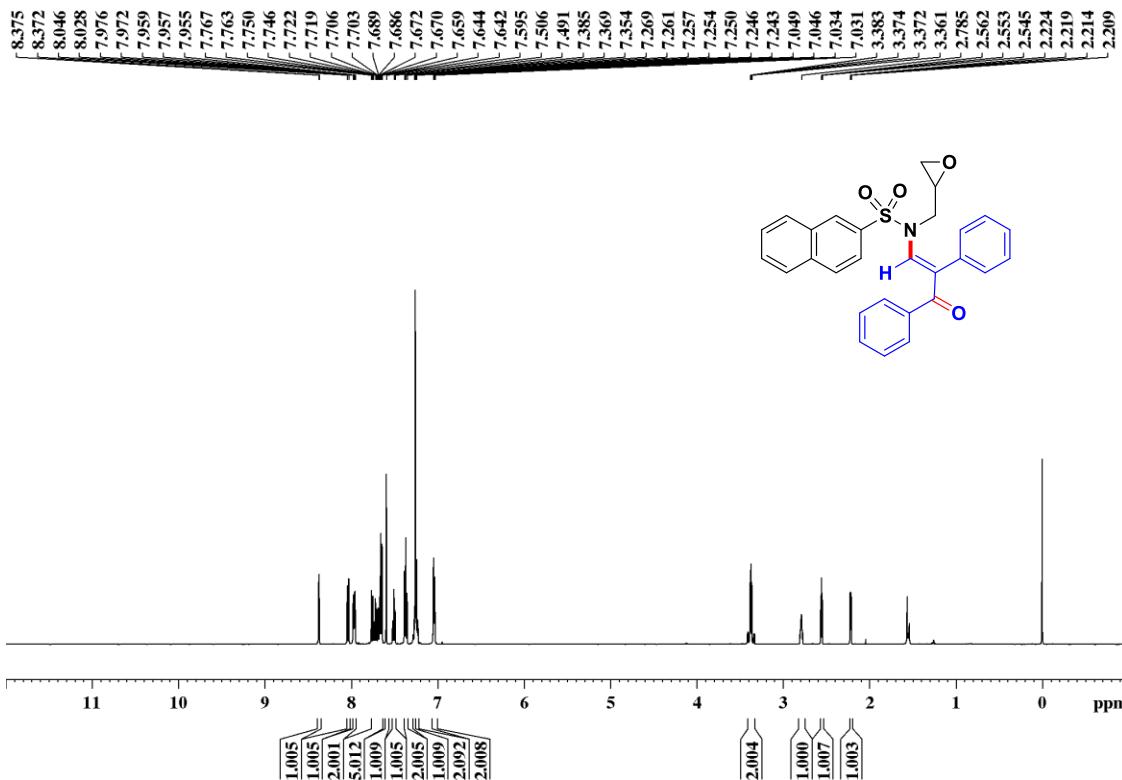
**Figure S28.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3fa



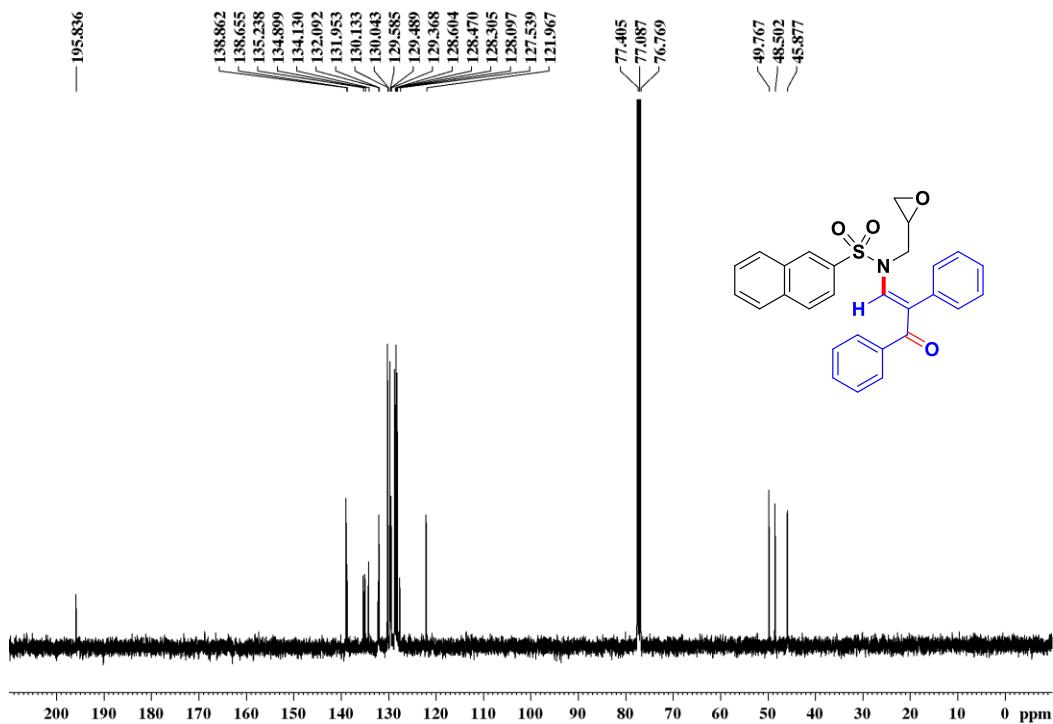
**Figure S29.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3fb



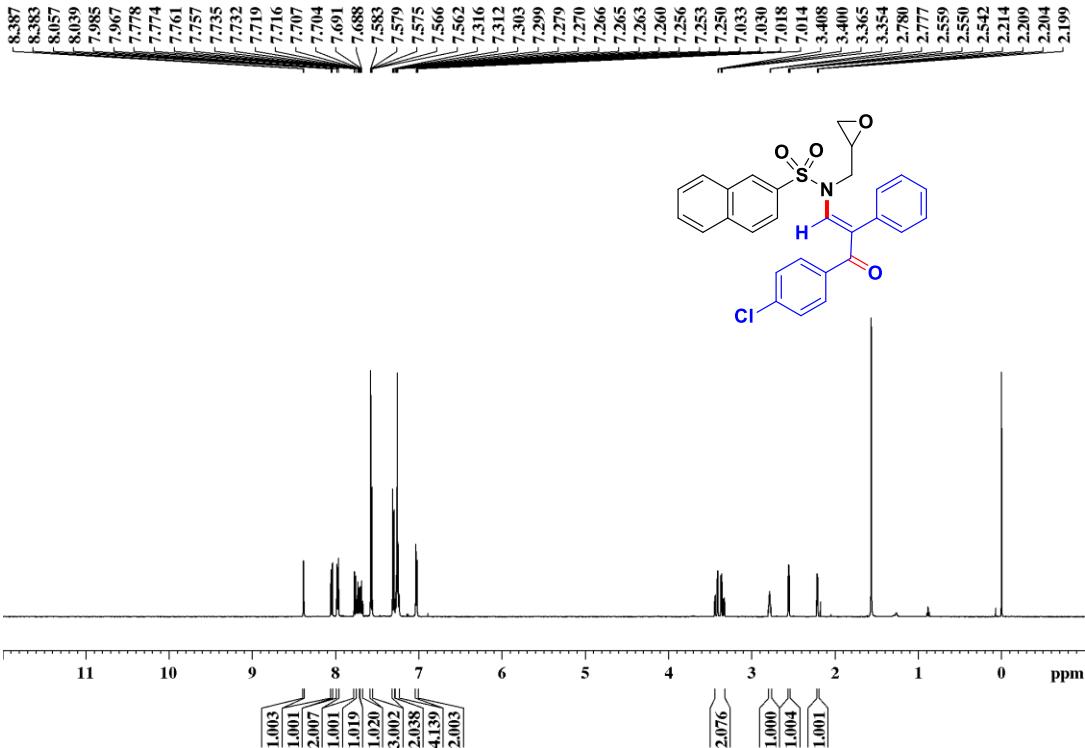
**Figure S30.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3fb



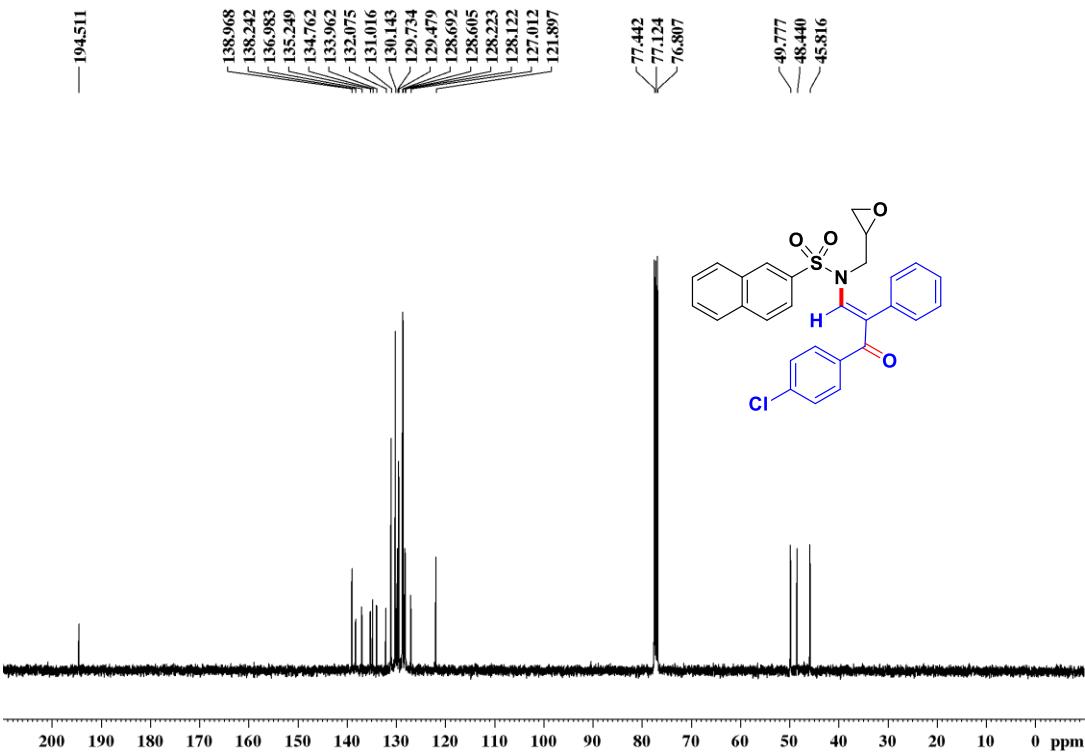
**Figure S31.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3ga



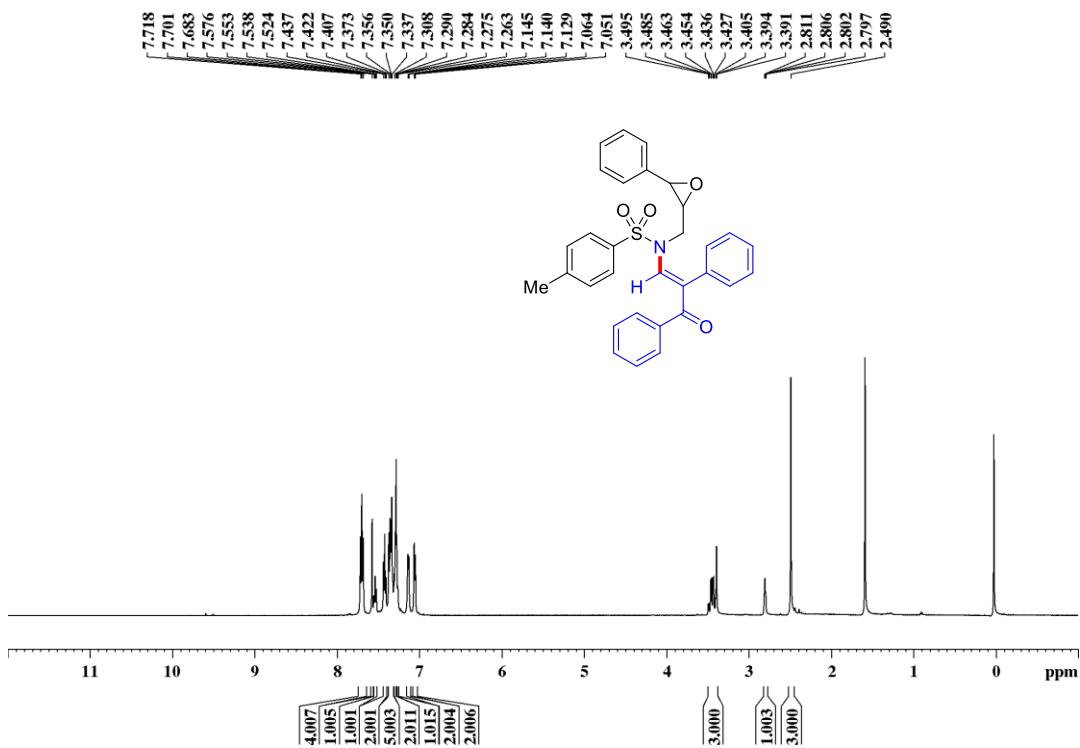
**Figure S32.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3ga



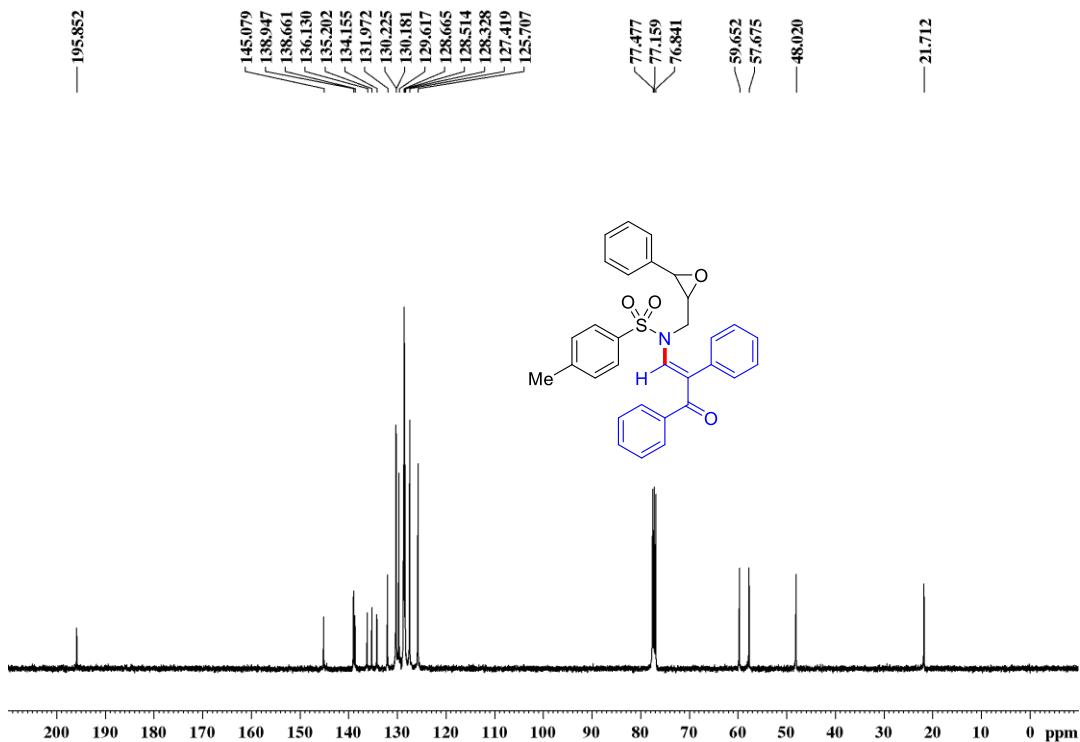
**Figure S33.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3gb



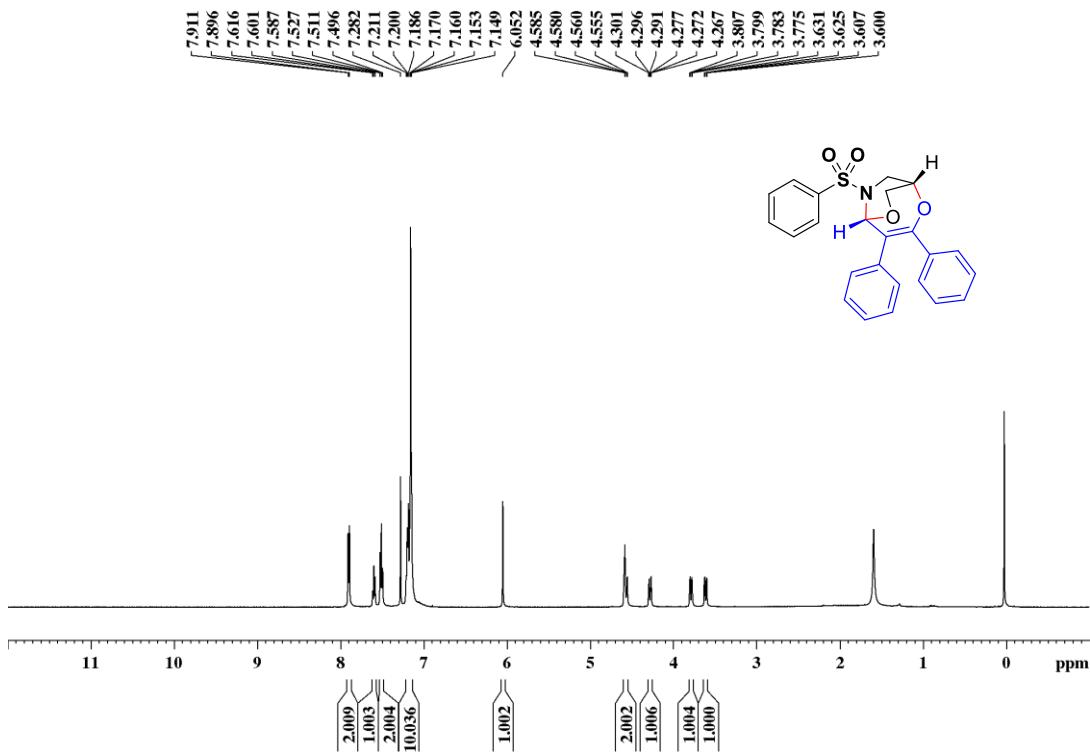
**Figure S34.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3gb



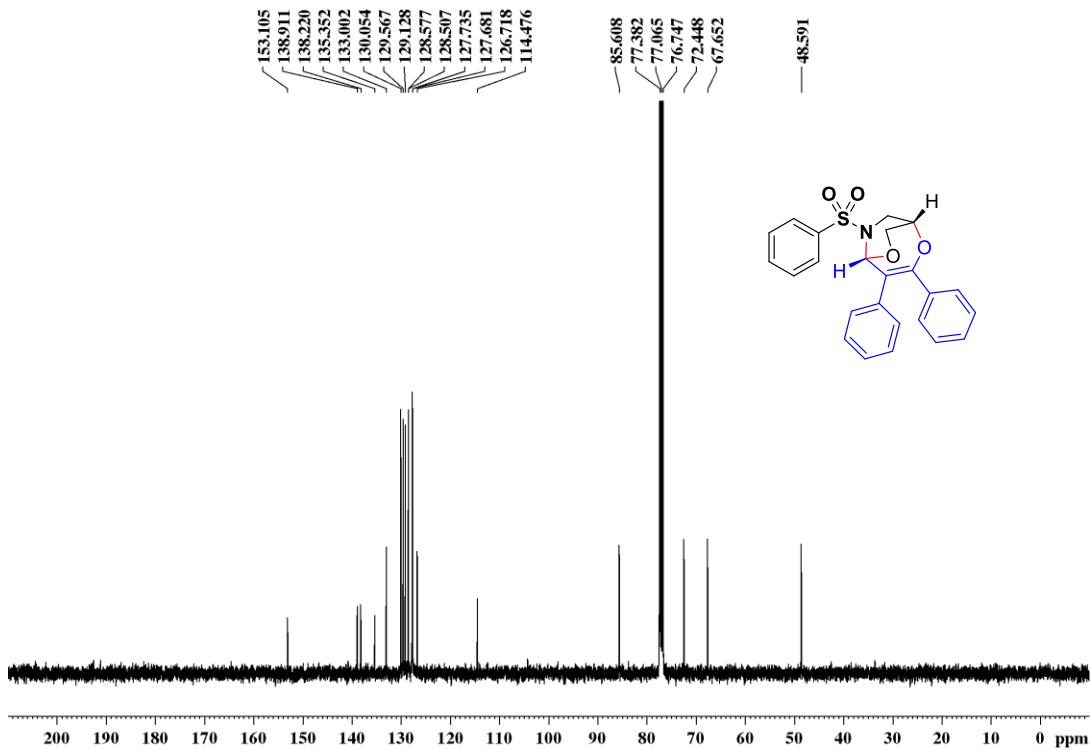
**Figure S35.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3la



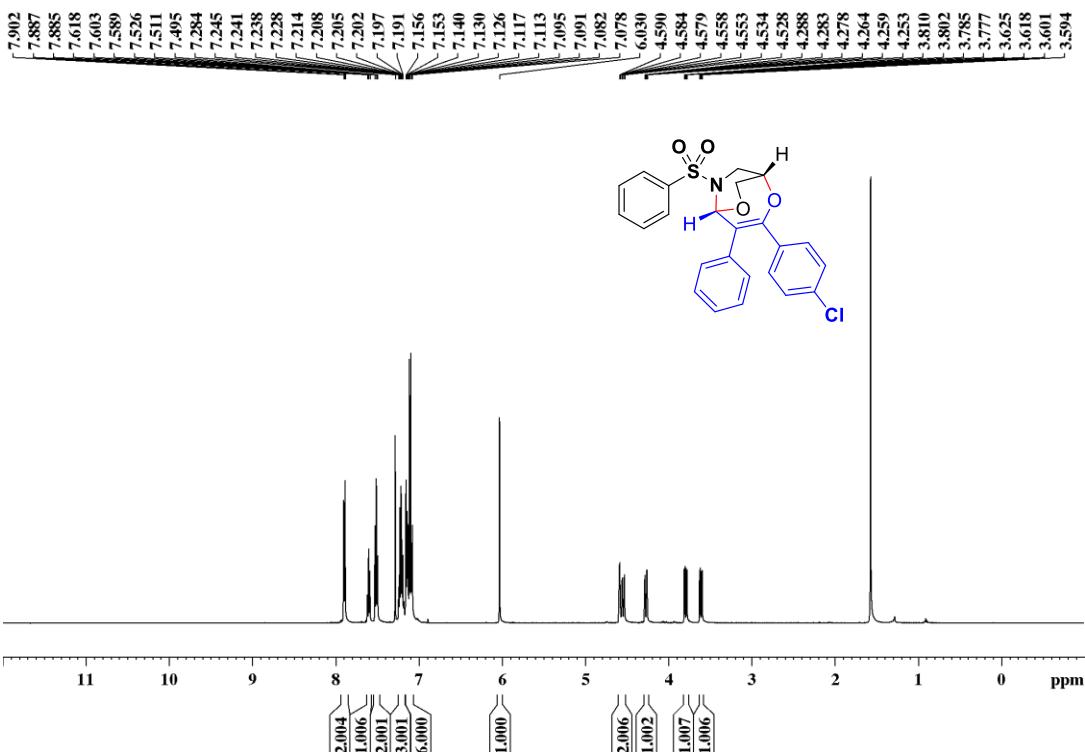
**Figure S36.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 3la



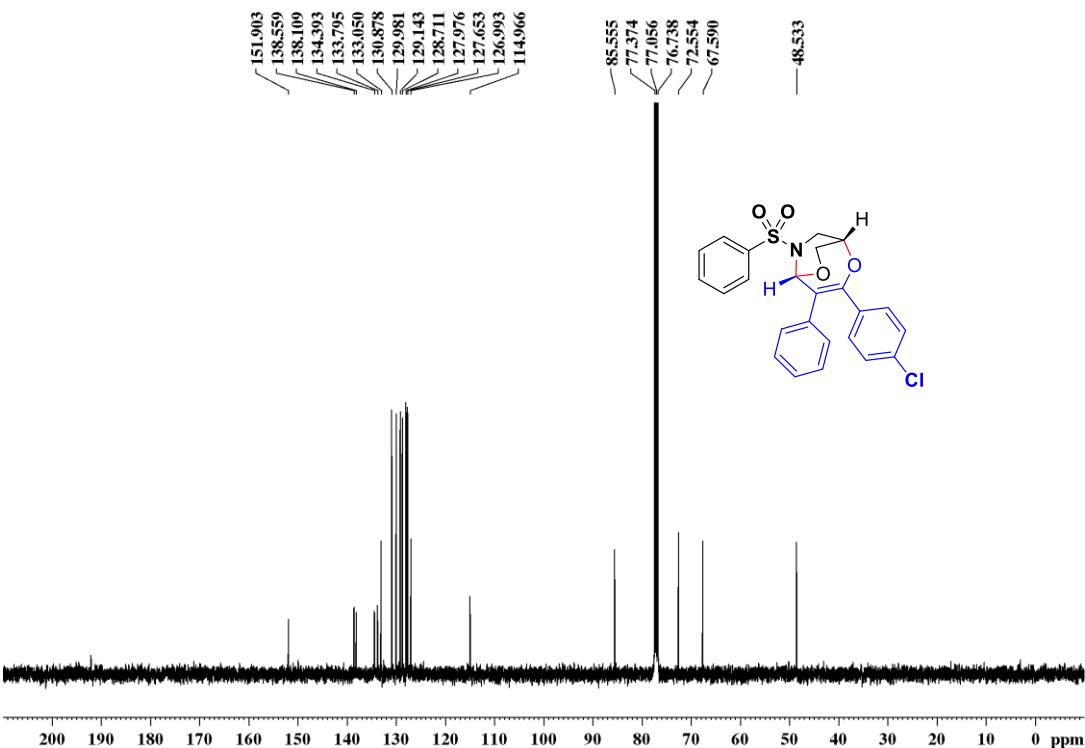
**Figure S37.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4aa



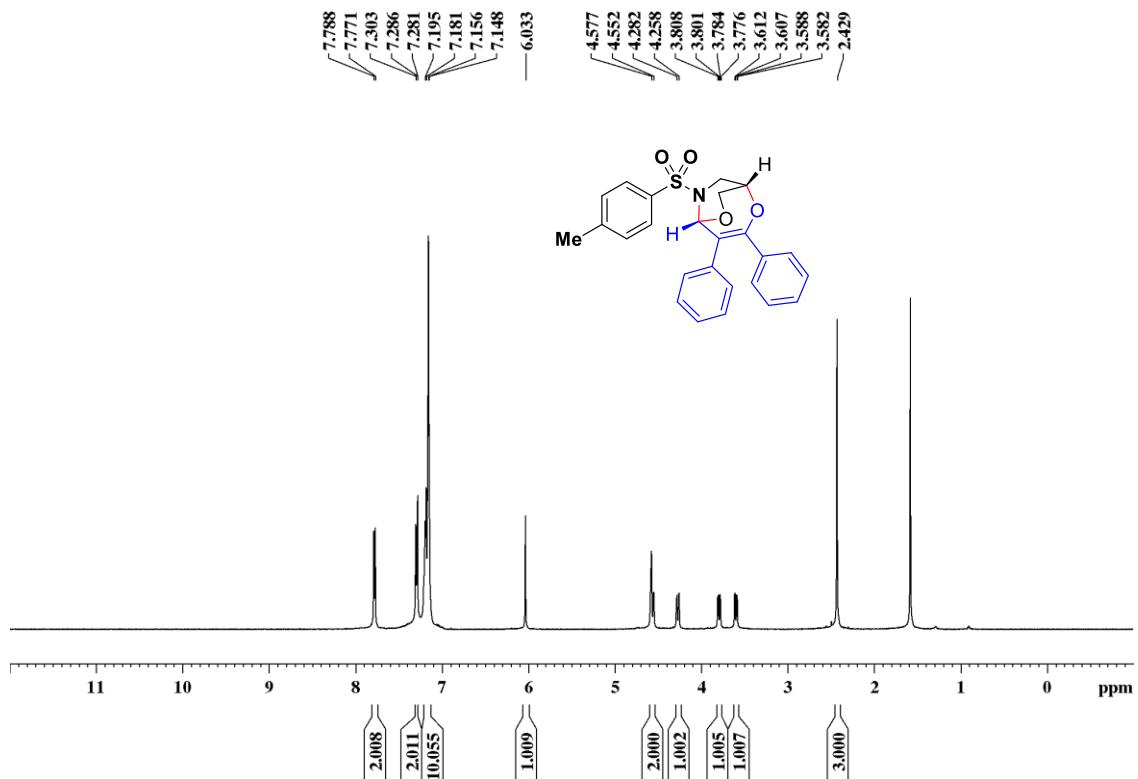
**Figure S38.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4aa



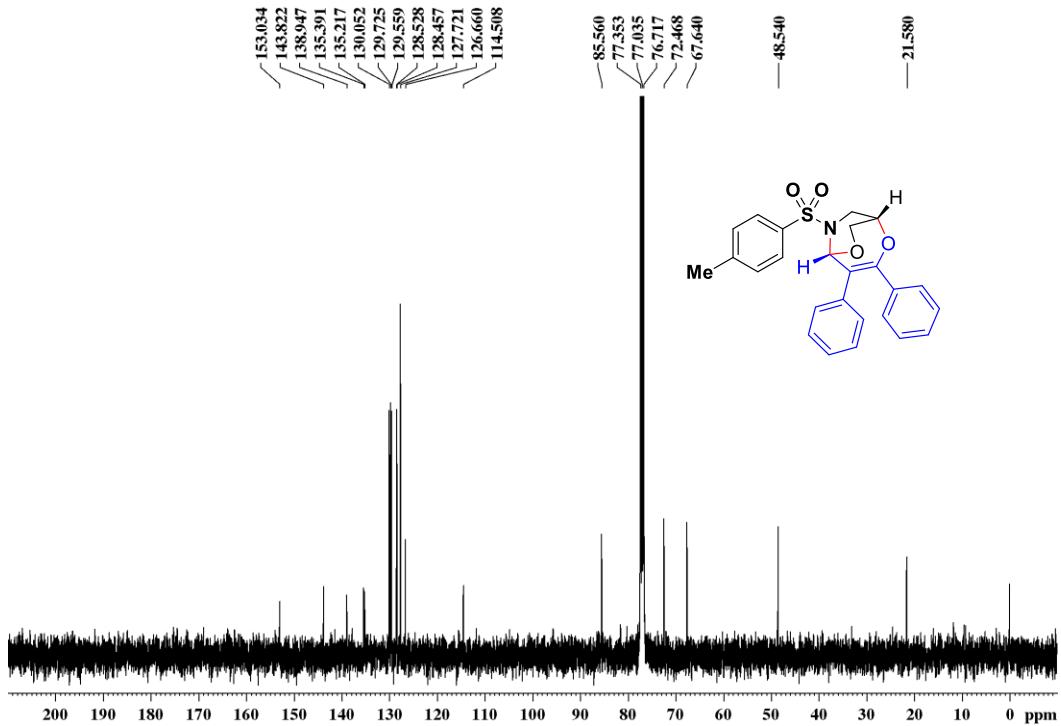
**Figure S39.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4ab



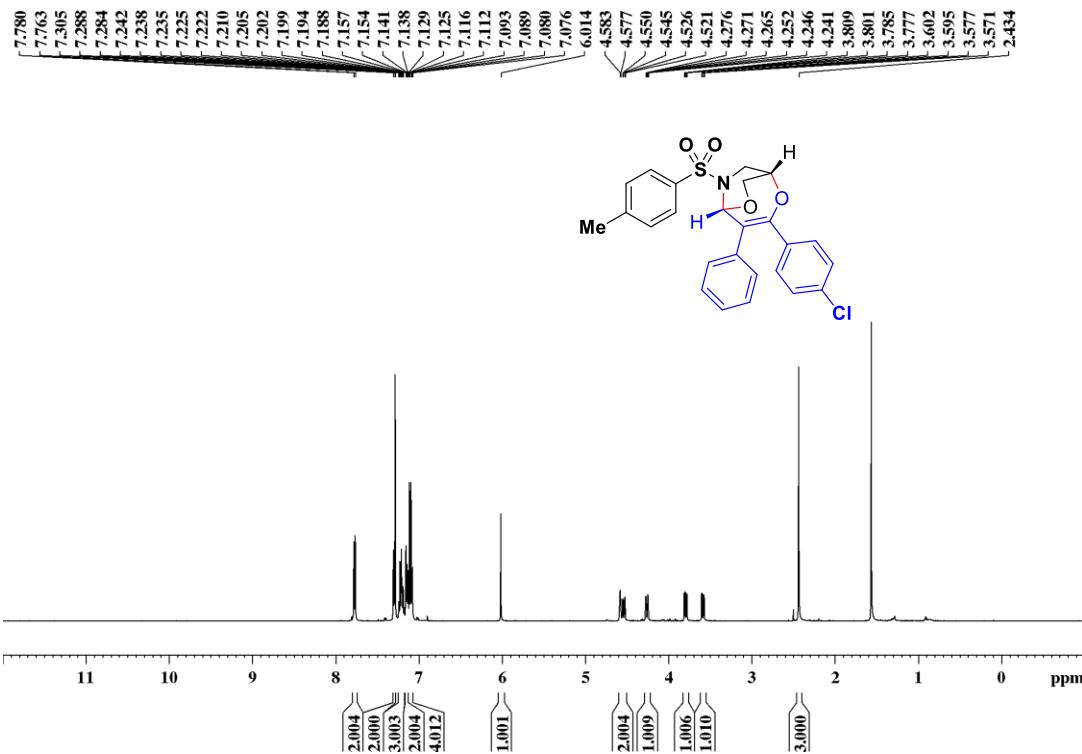
**Figure S40.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4ab



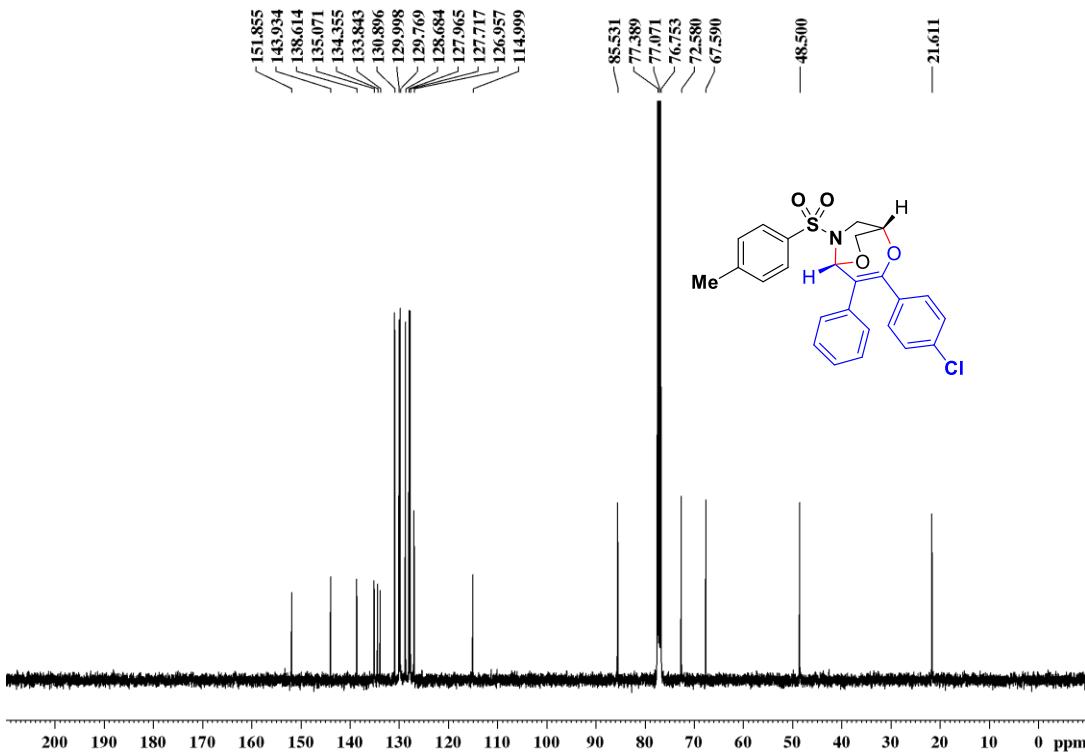
**Figure S41.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4ba



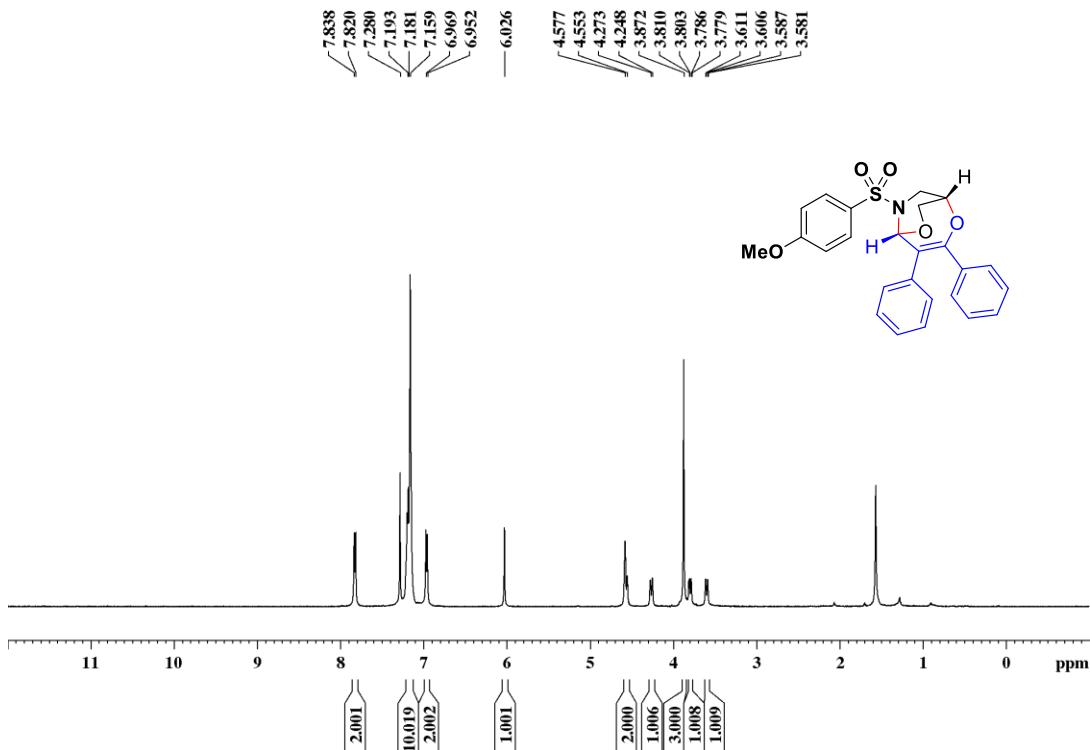
**Figure S42.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4ba



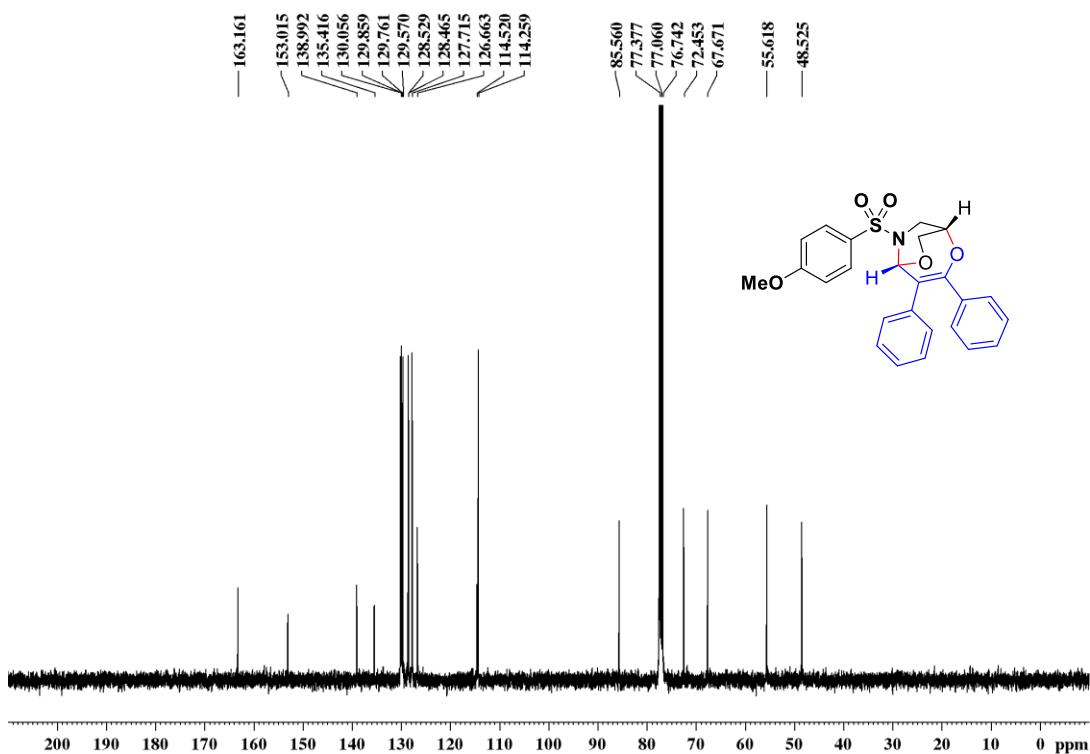
**Figure S43.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4bb



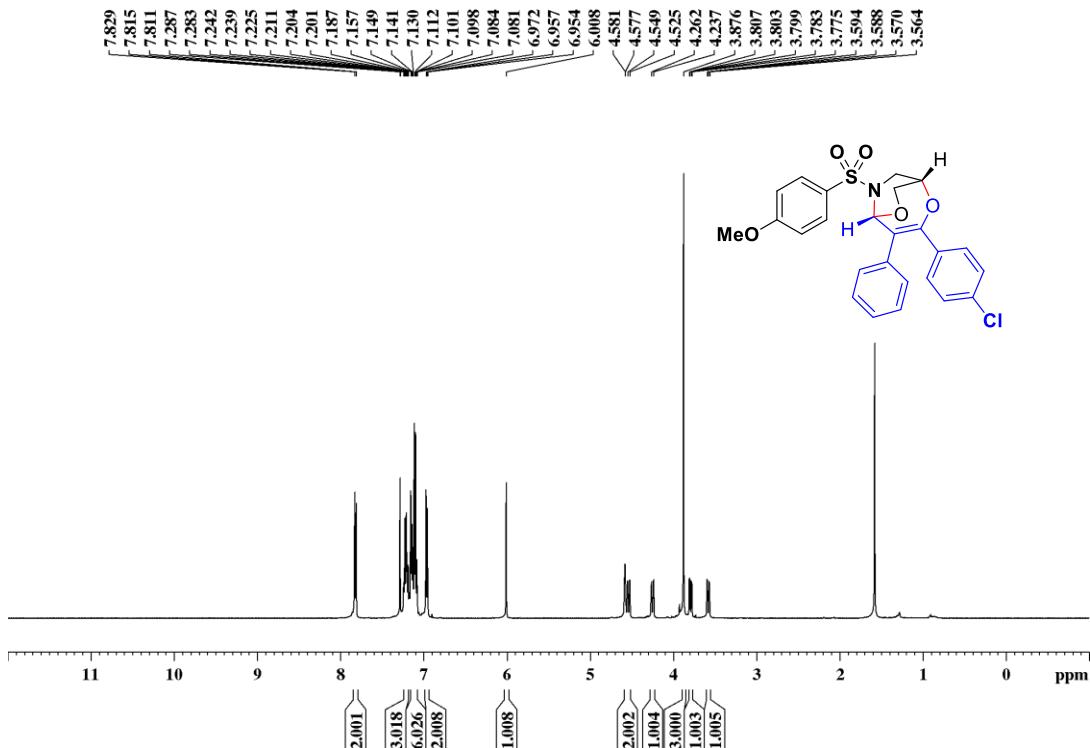
**Figure S44.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of compound 4bb



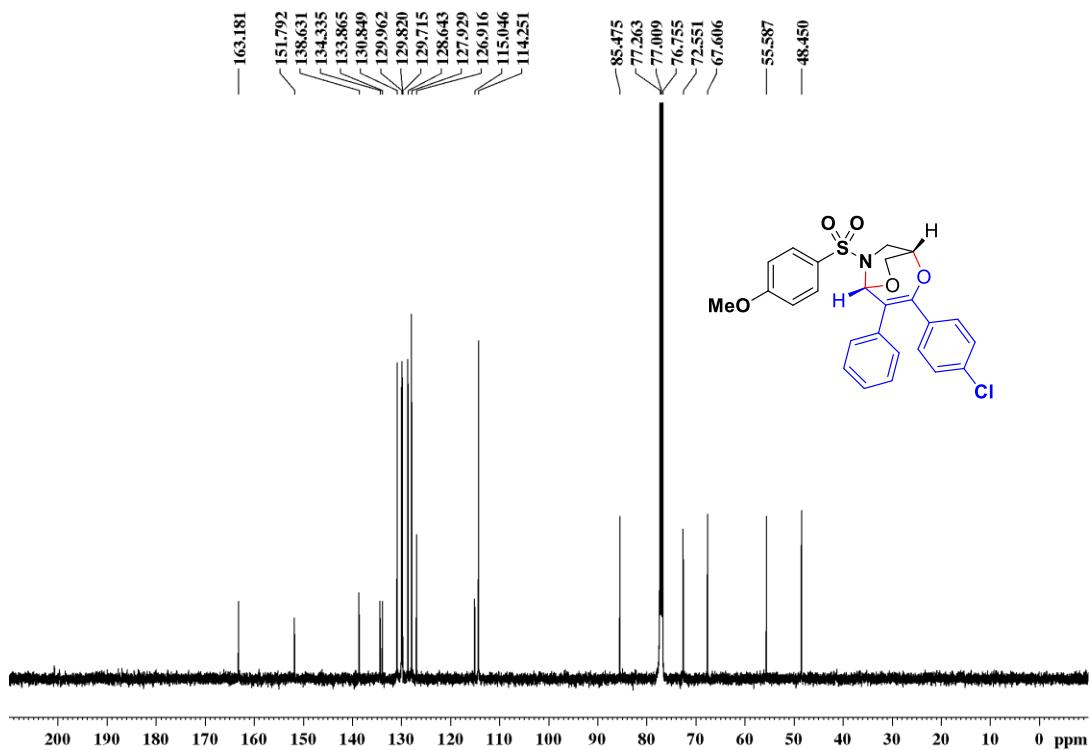
**Figure S45.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4ca



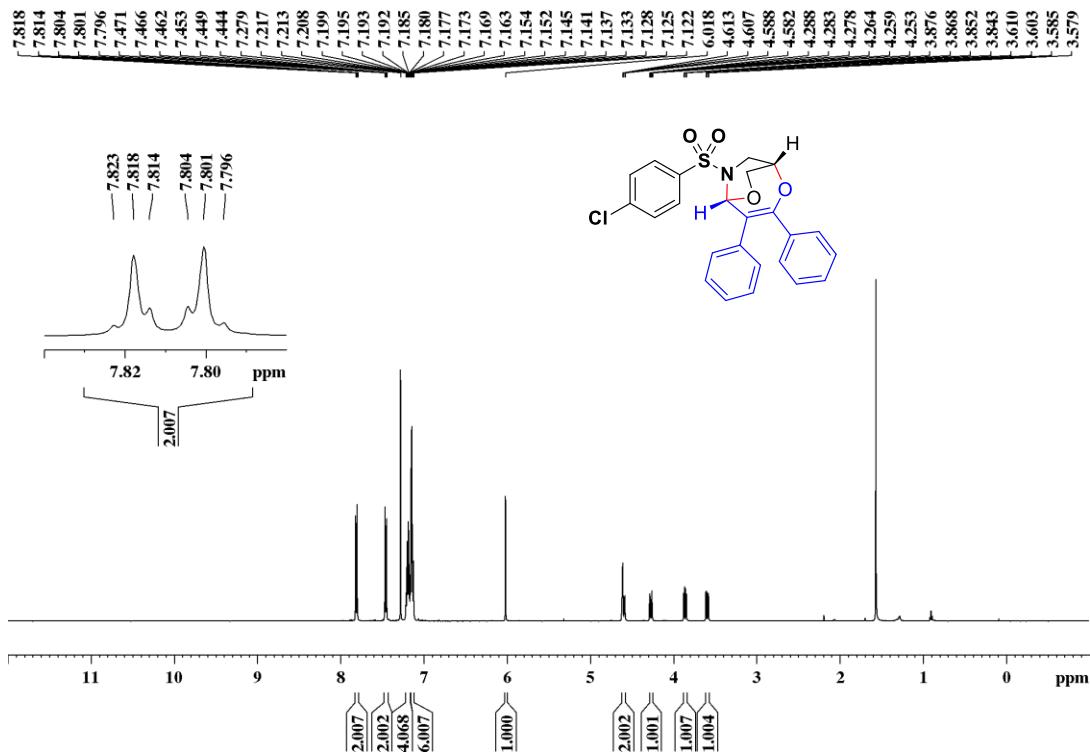
**Figure S46.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4ca



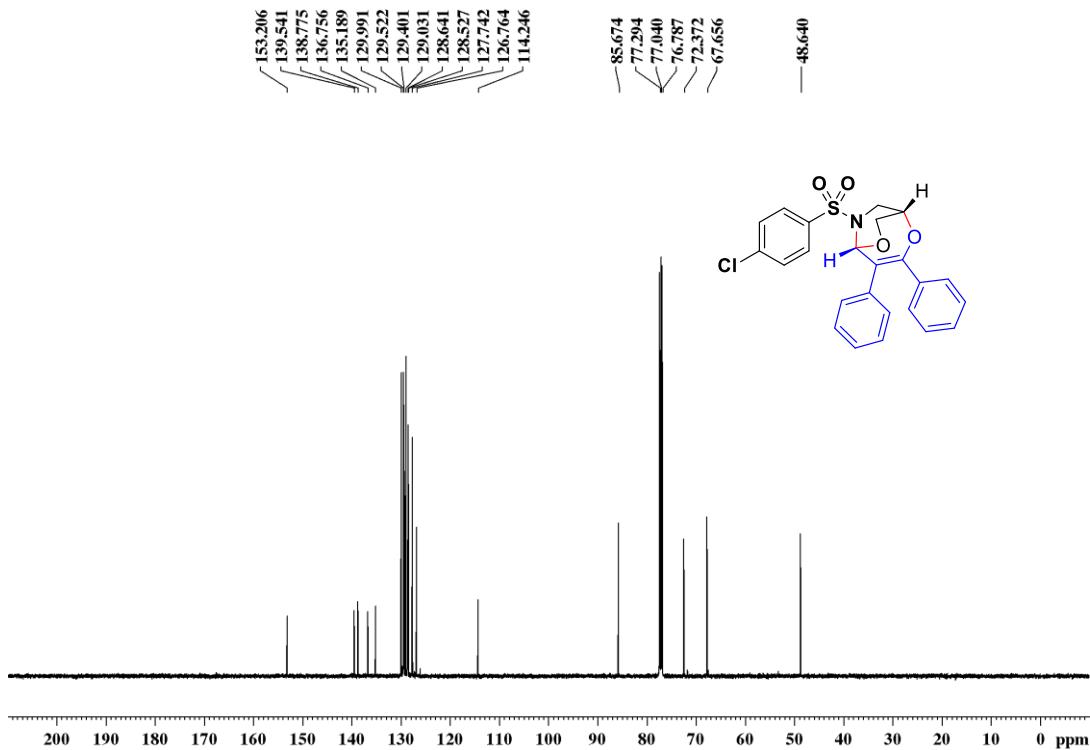
**Figure S47.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4cb



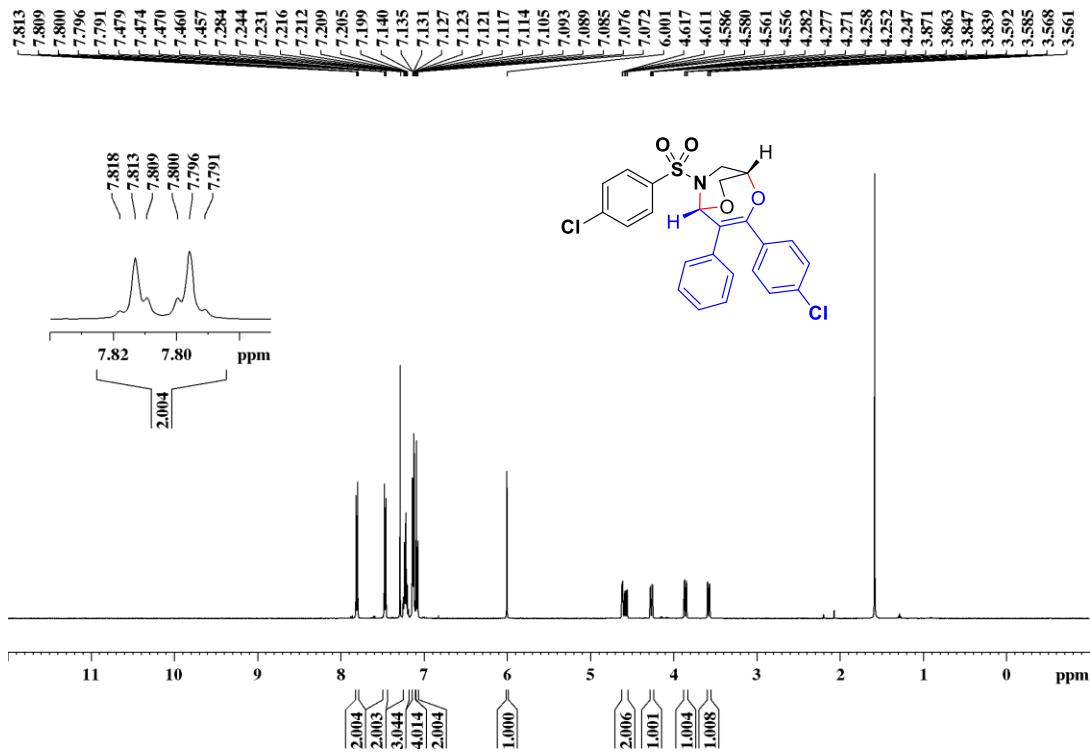
**Figure S48.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4cb



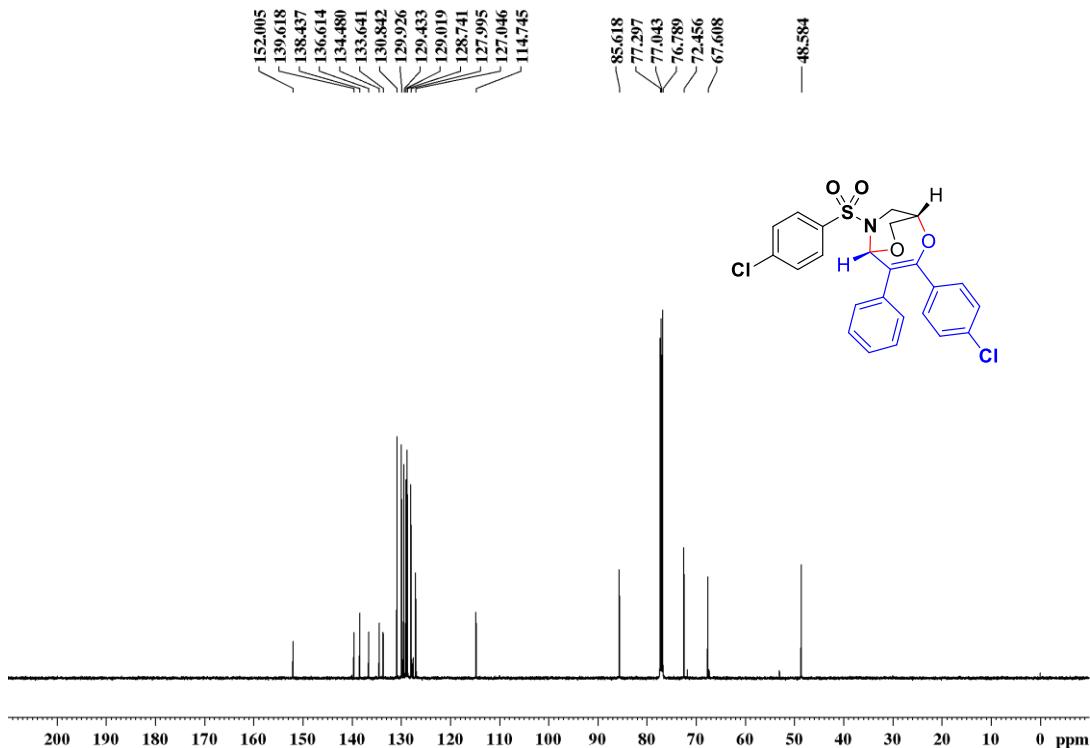
**Figure S49.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4da



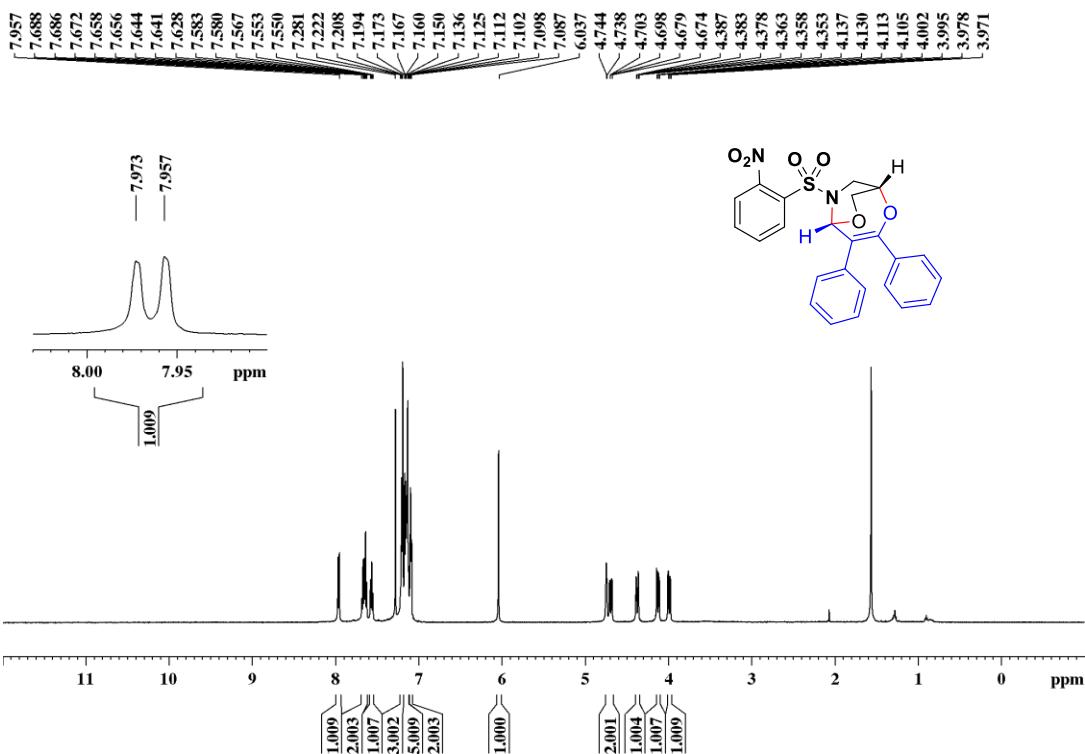
**Figure S50.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4da



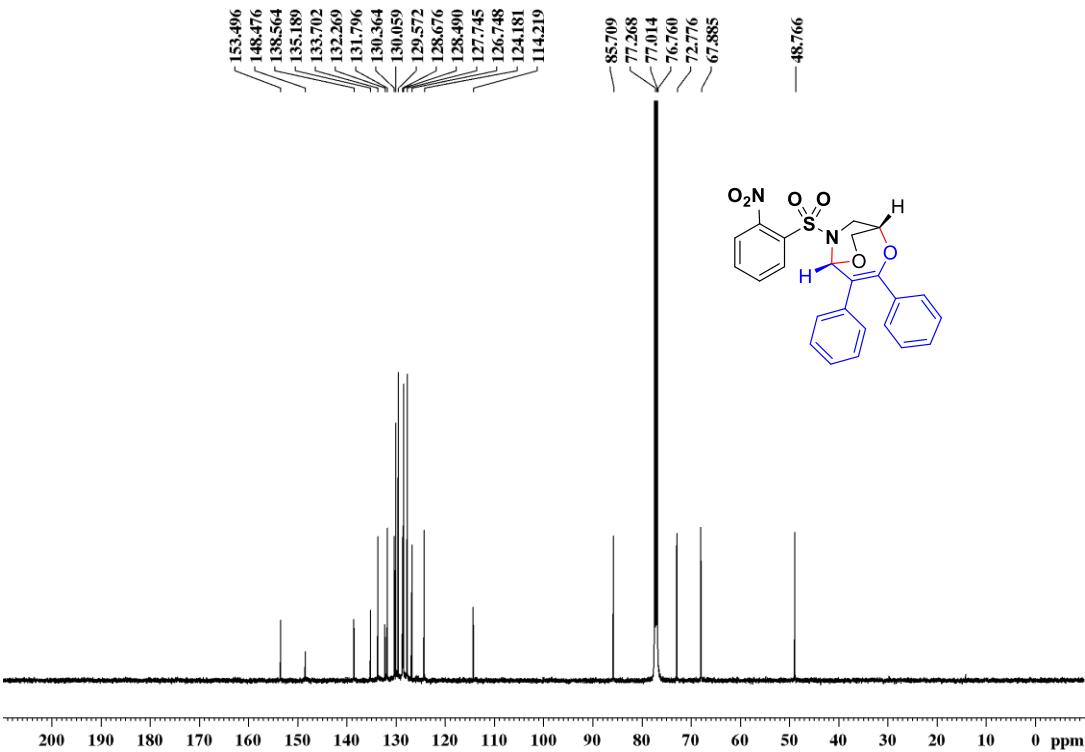
**Figure S51.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4db



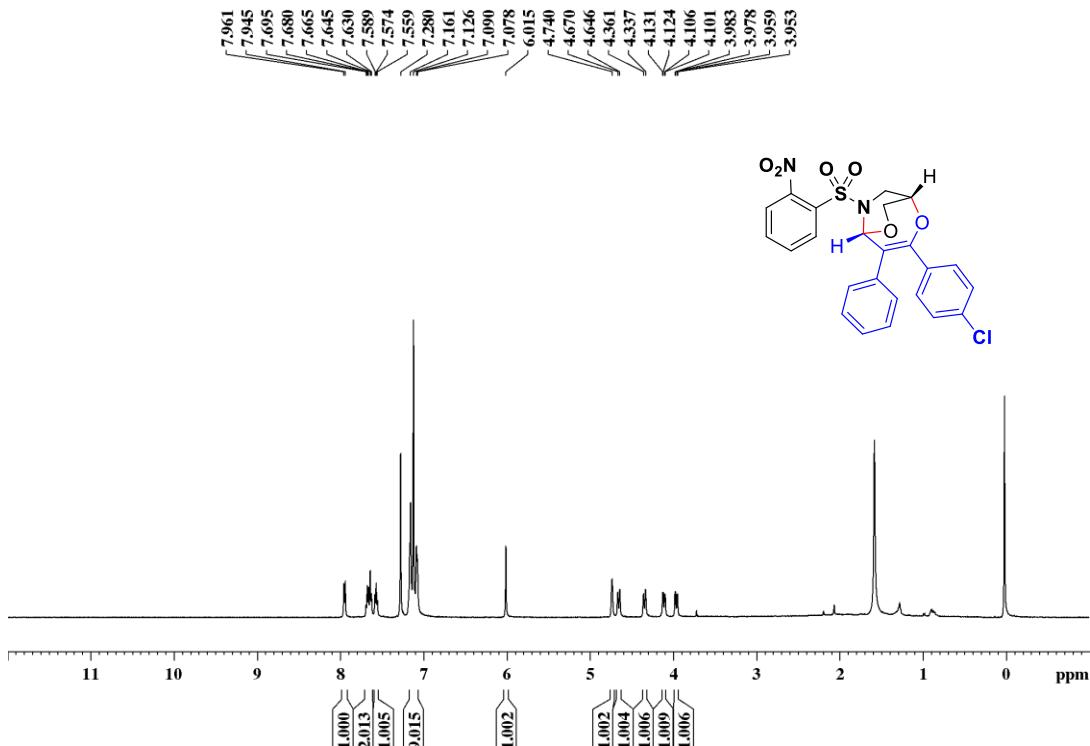
**Figure S52.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4db



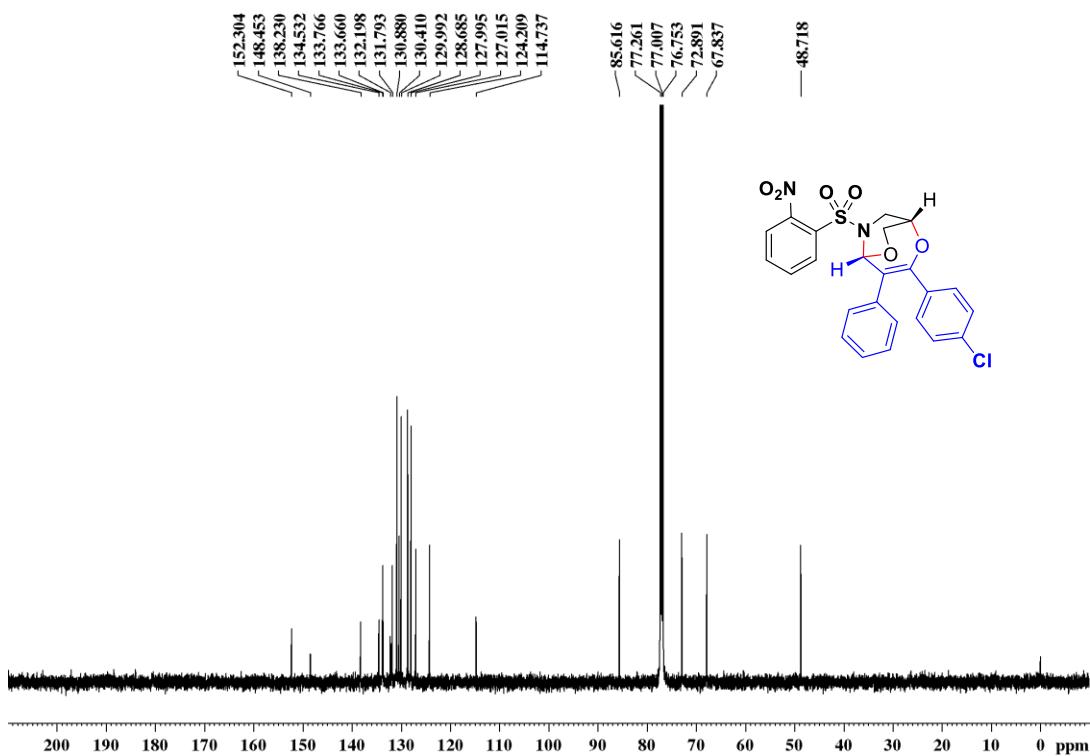
**Figure S53.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4ea



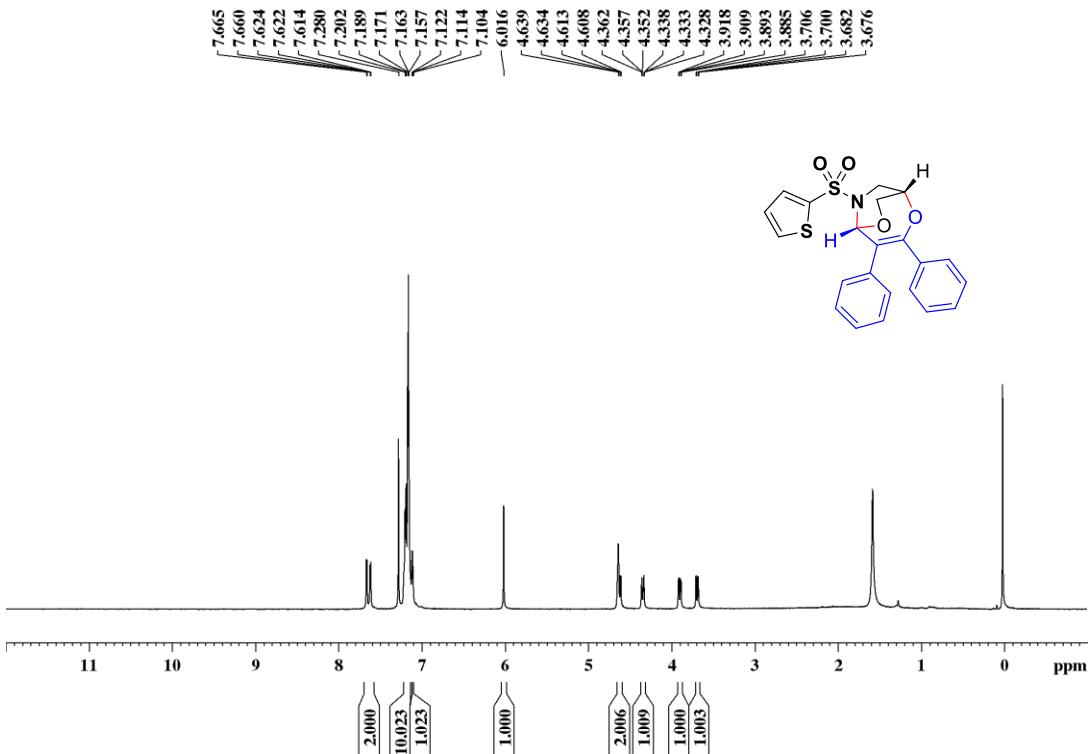
**Figure S54.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4ea



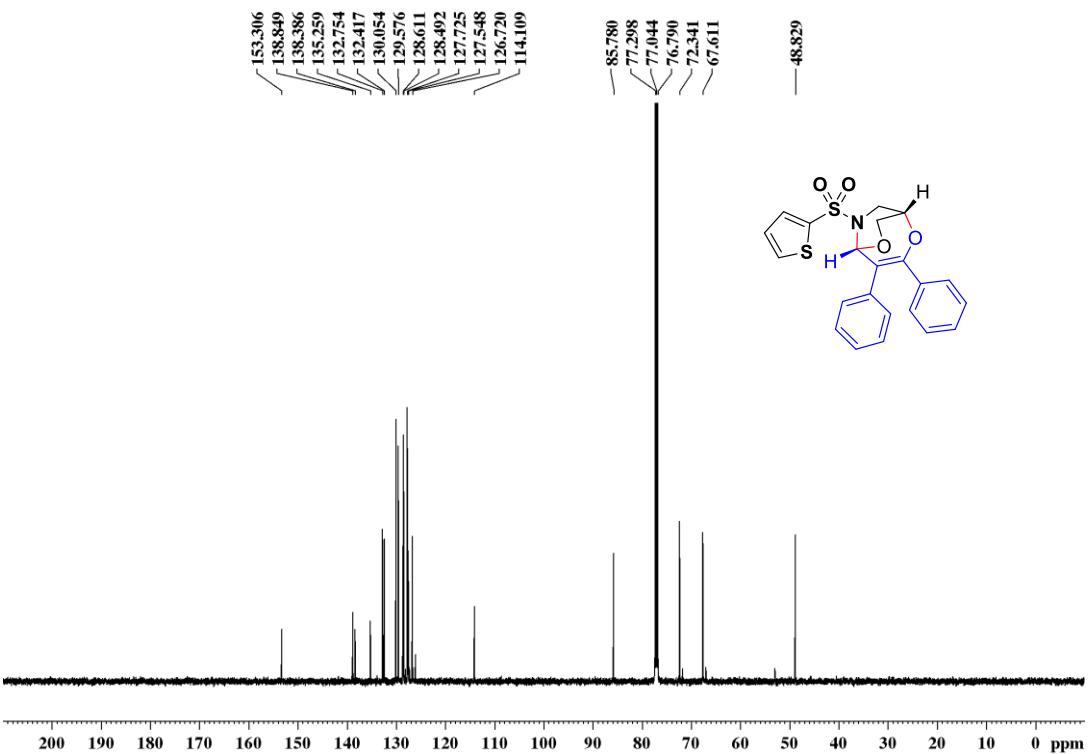
**Figure S55.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4eb



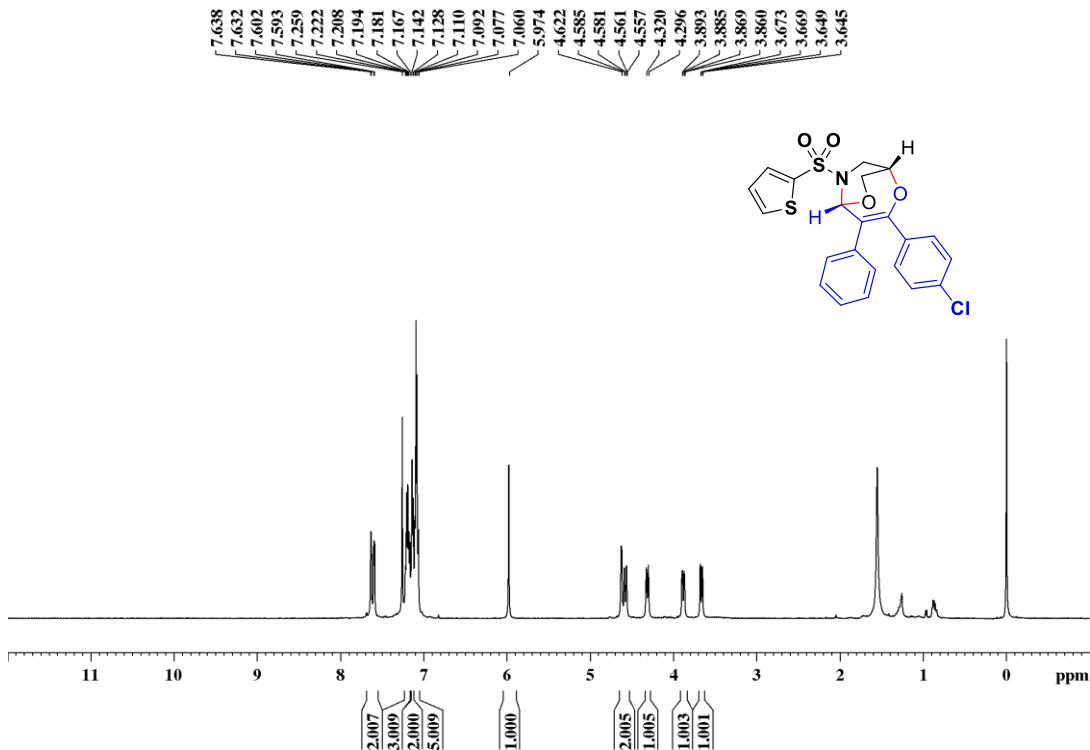
**Figure S56.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4eb



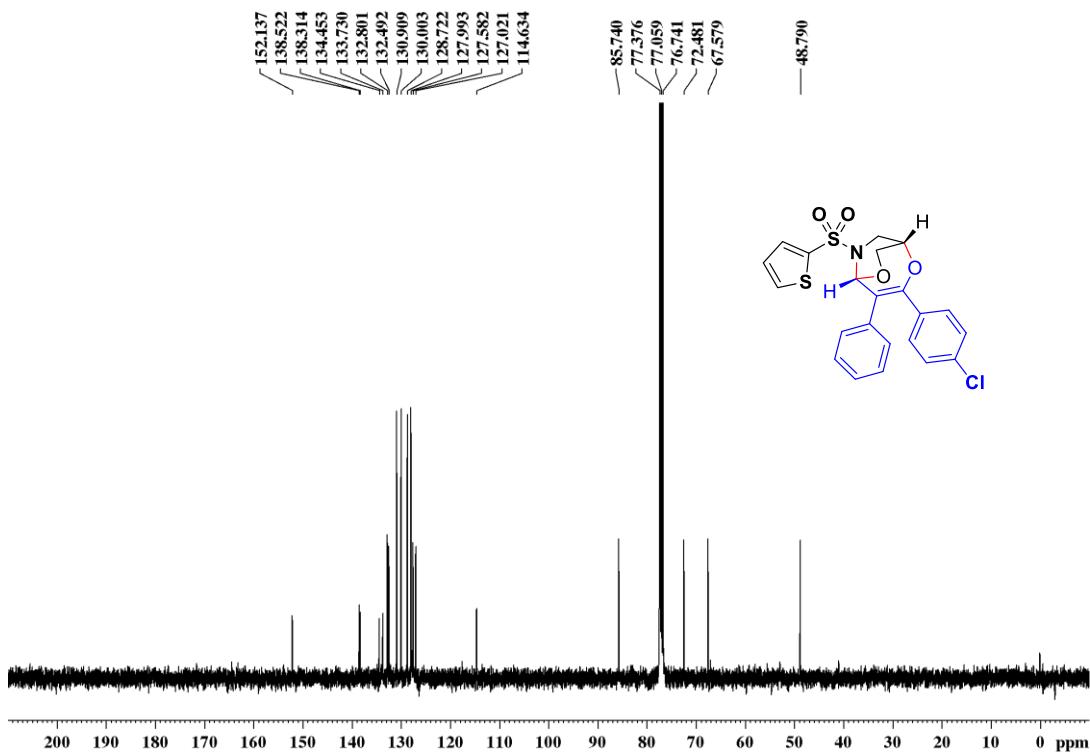
**Figure S57.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4fa



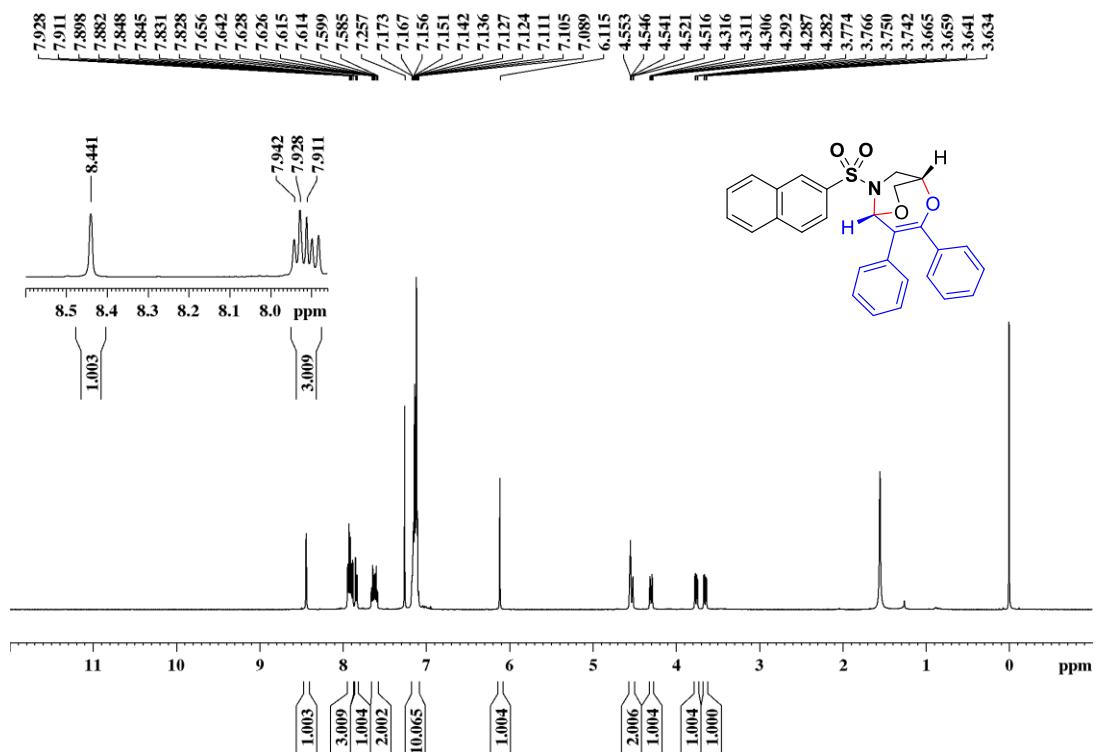
**Figure S58.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4fa



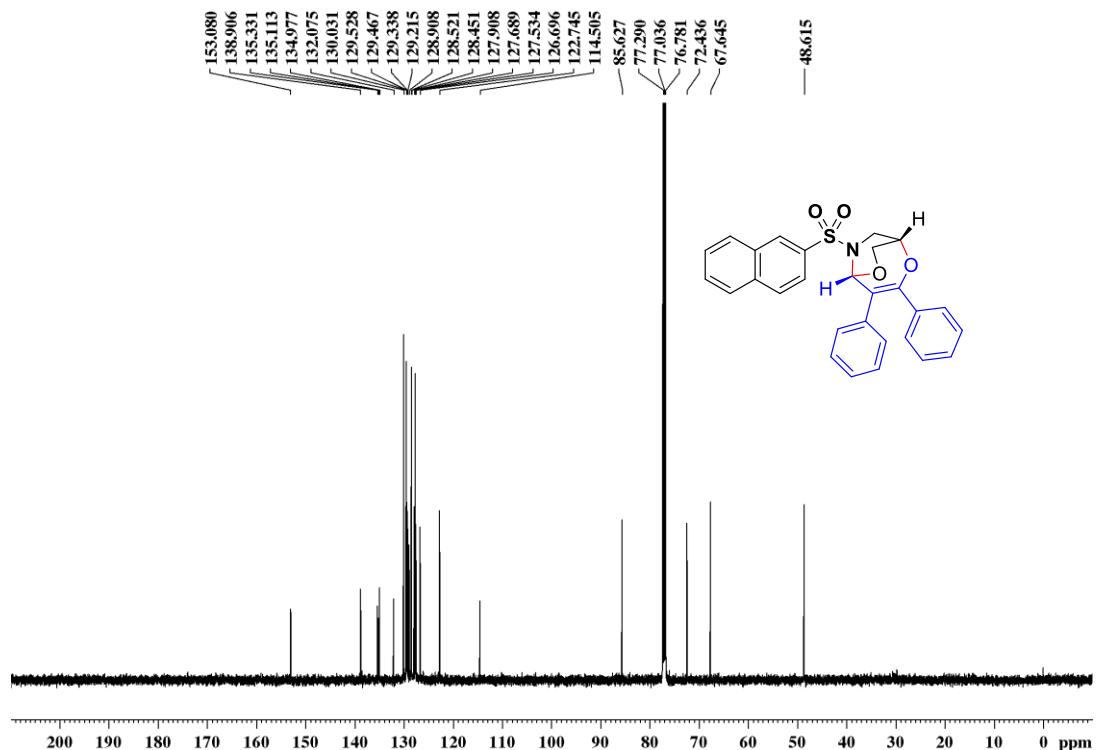
**Figure S59.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4fb



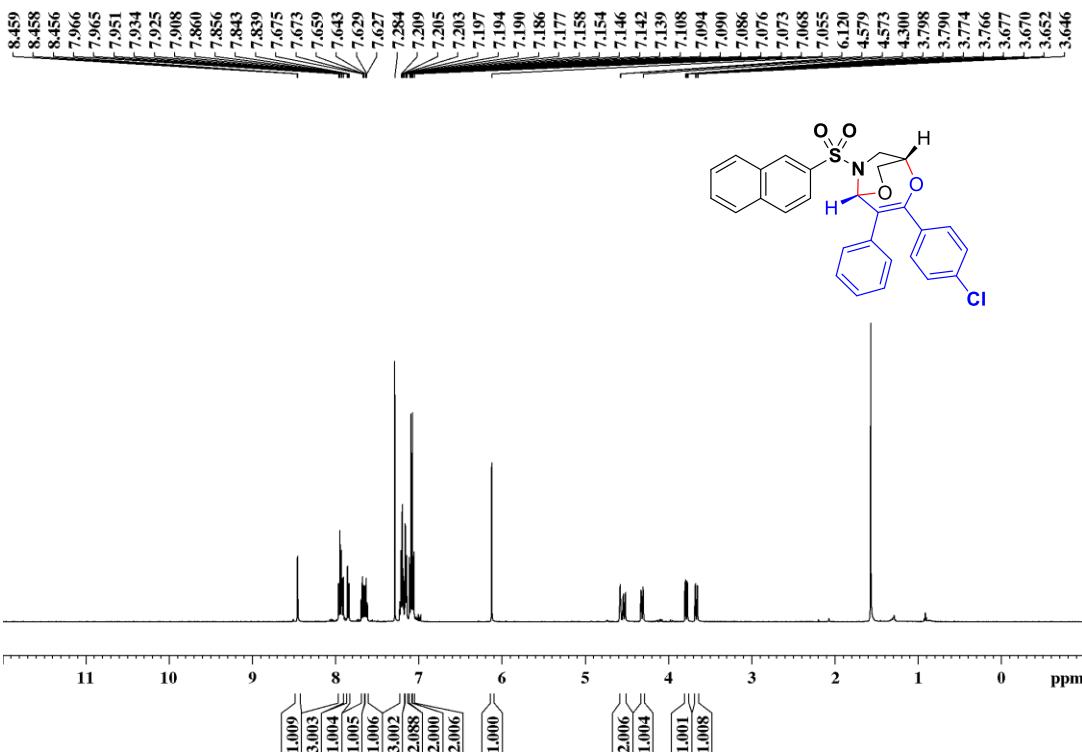
**Figure S60.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4fb



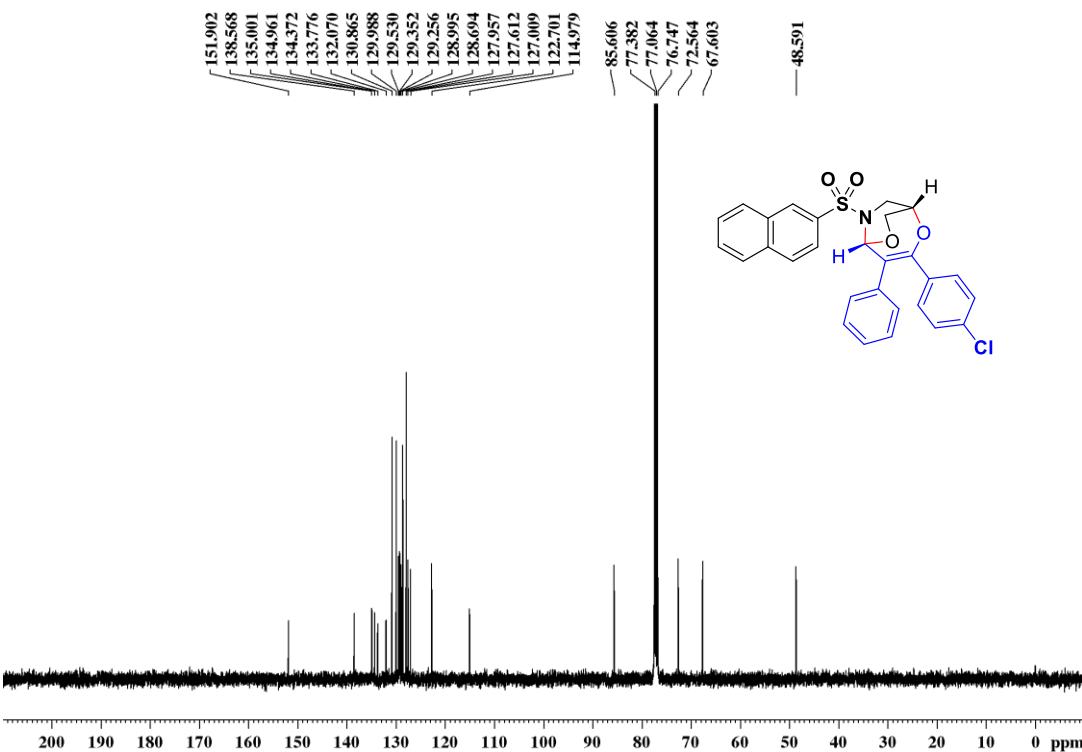
**Figure S61.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4ga



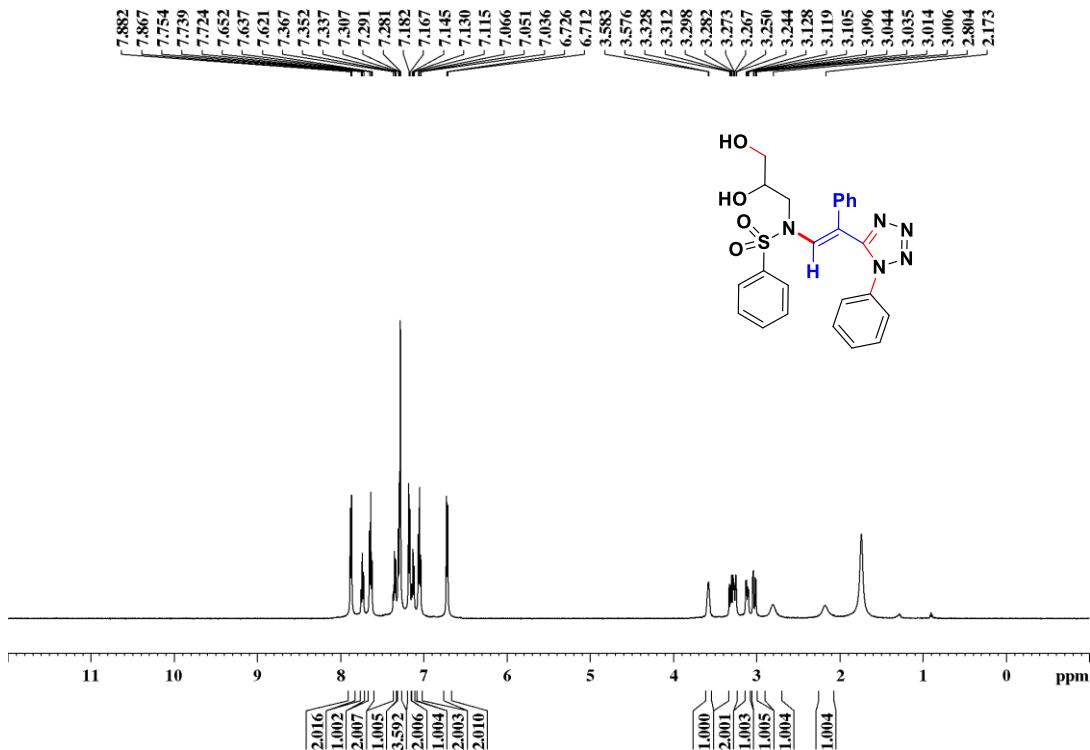
**Figure S62.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4ga



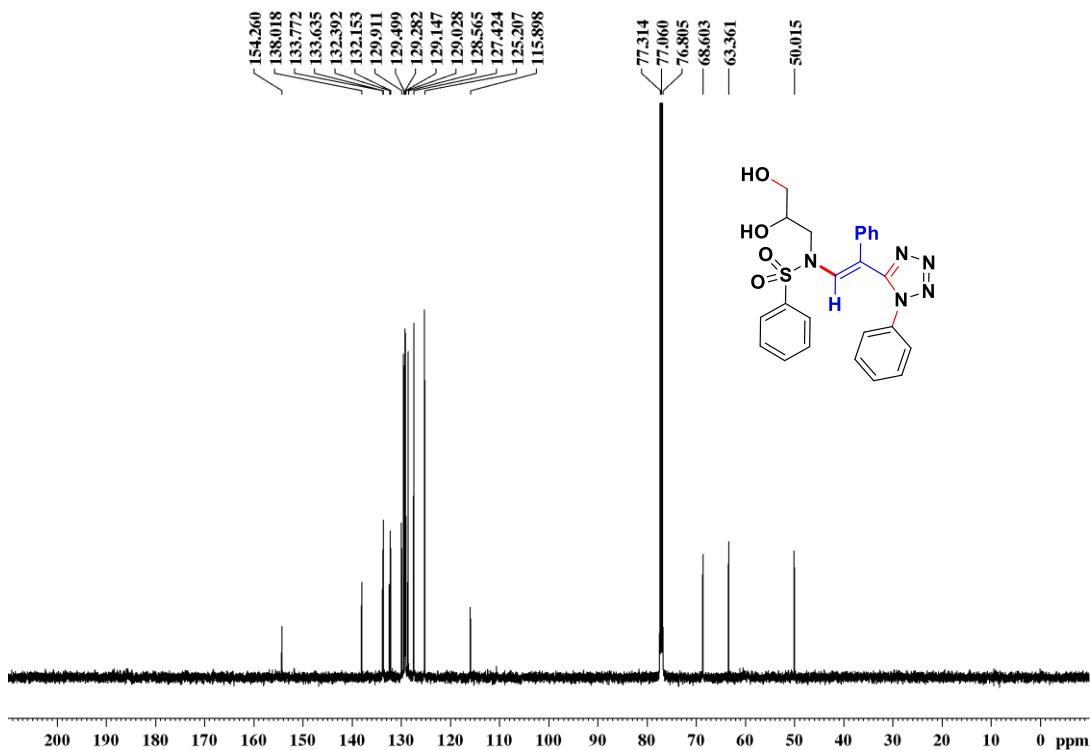
**Figure S63.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4gb



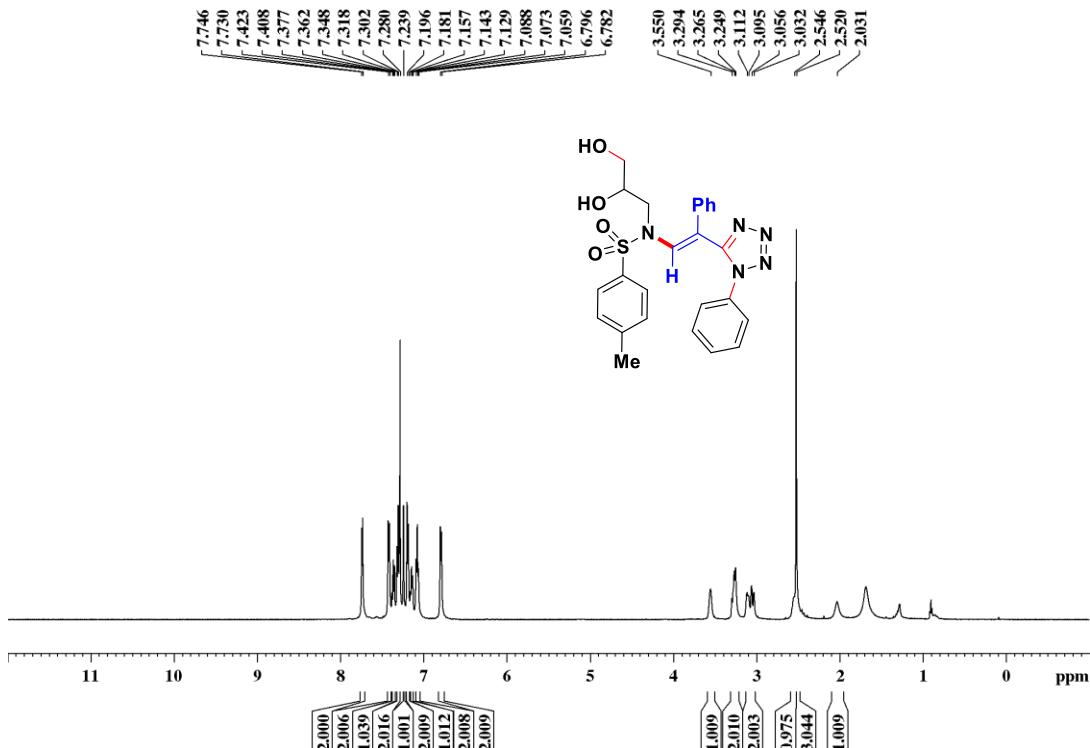
**Figure S64.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4gb



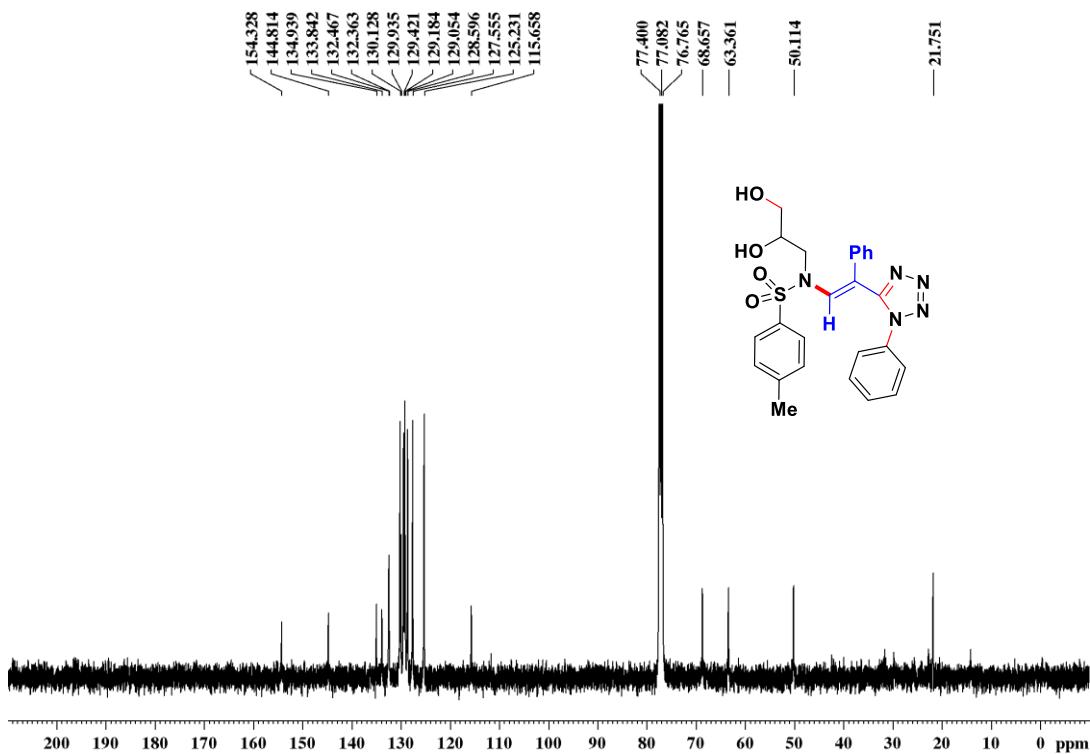
**Figure S65.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5aa



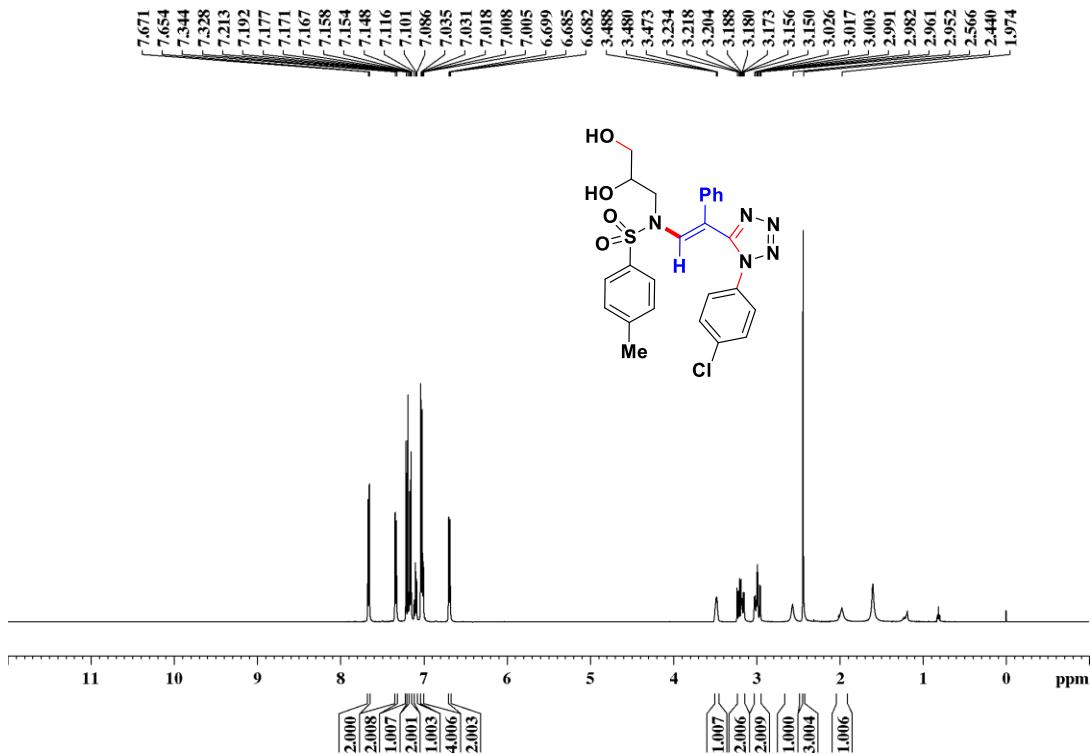
**Figure S66.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5aa



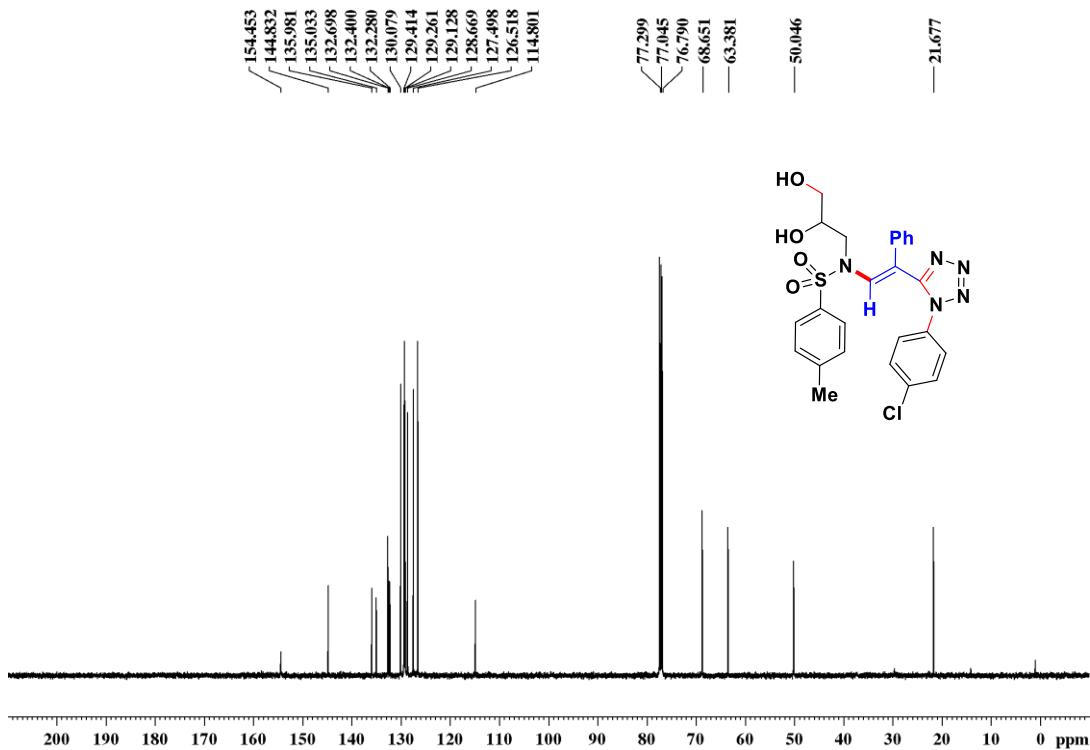
**Figure S67.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5ba



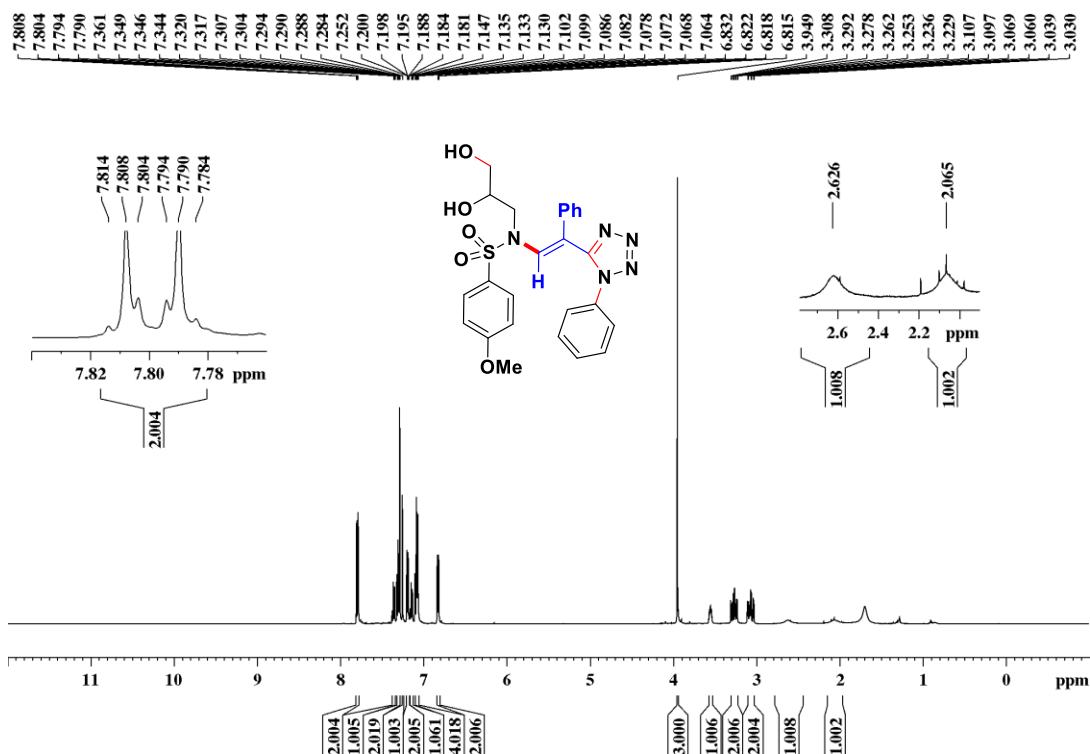
**Figure S68.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5ba



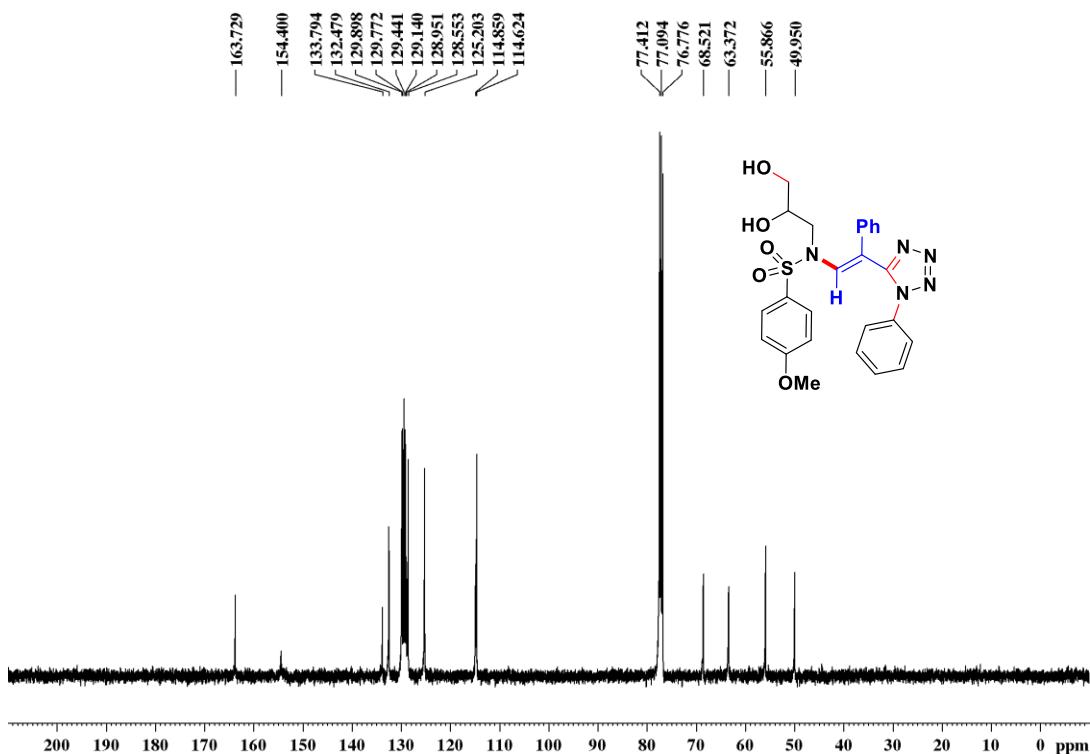
**Figure S69.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5bb



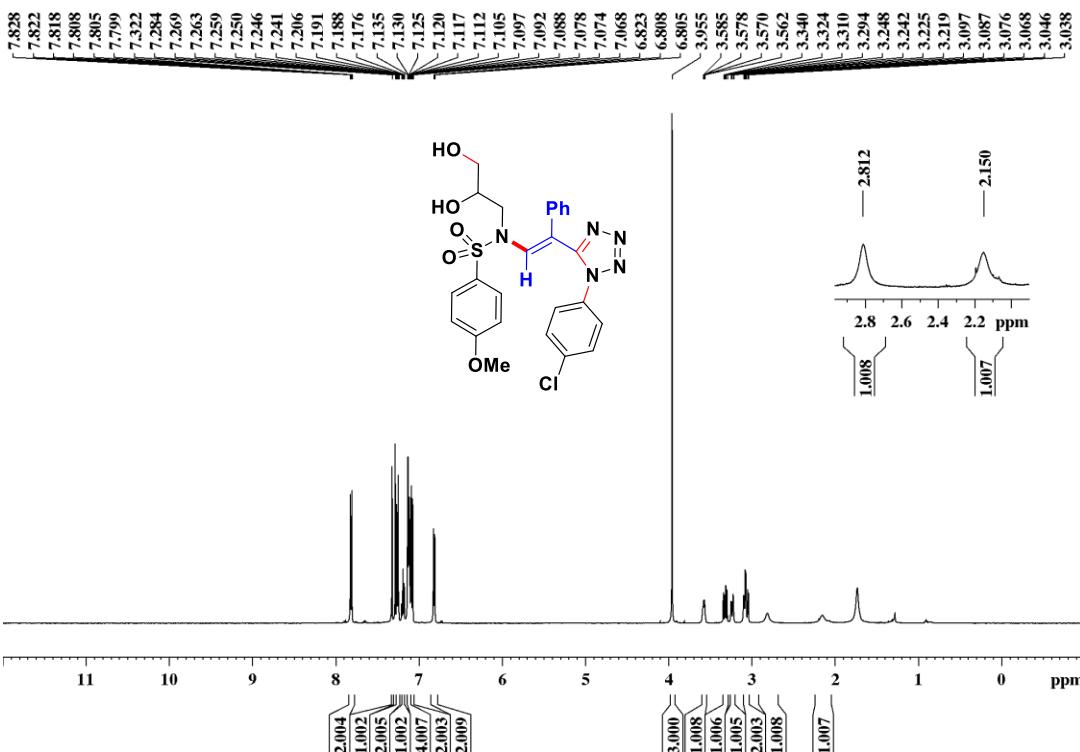
**Figure S70.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of compound 5bb



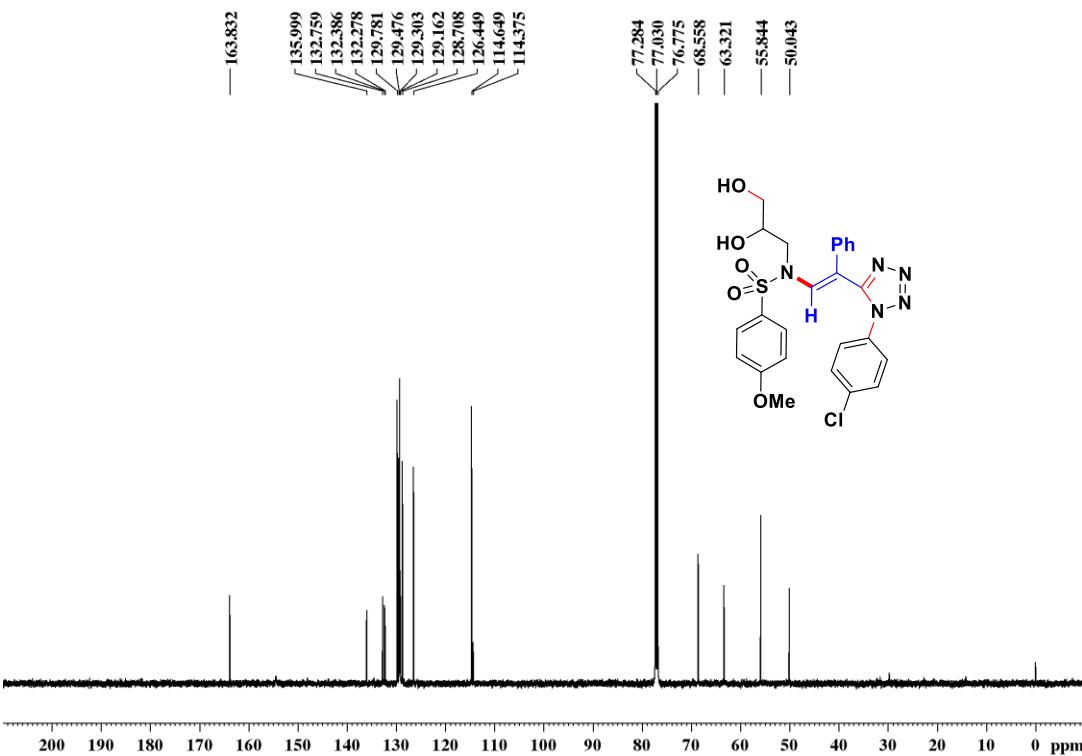
**Figure S71.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5ca



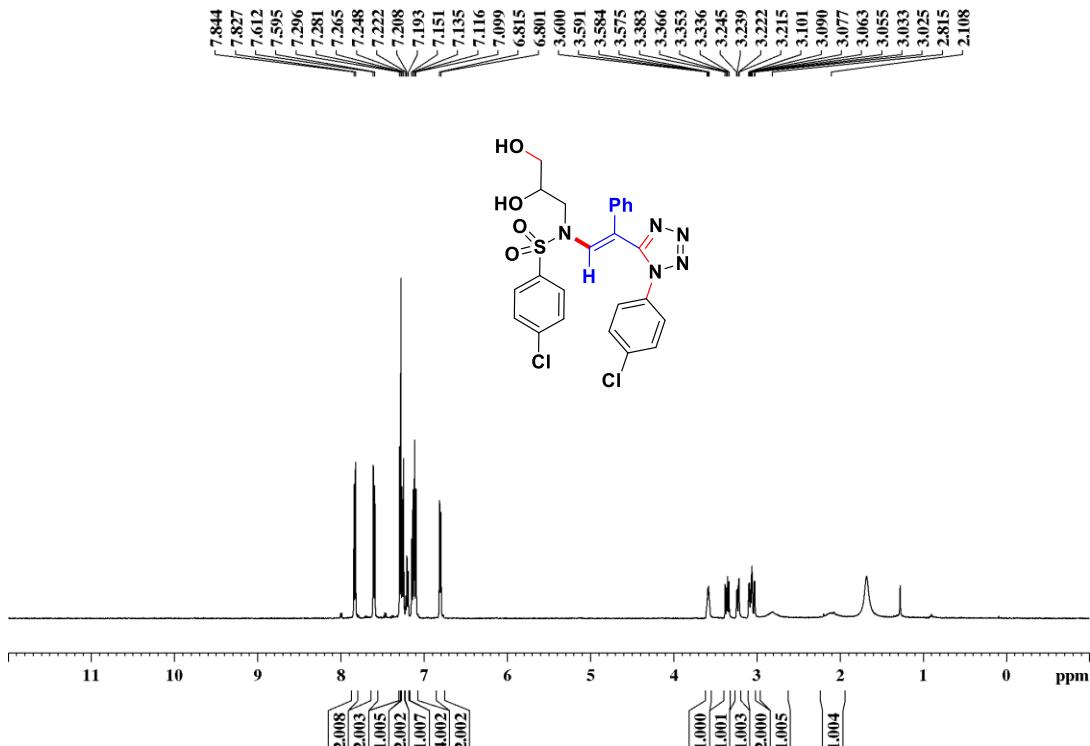
**Figure S72.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5ca



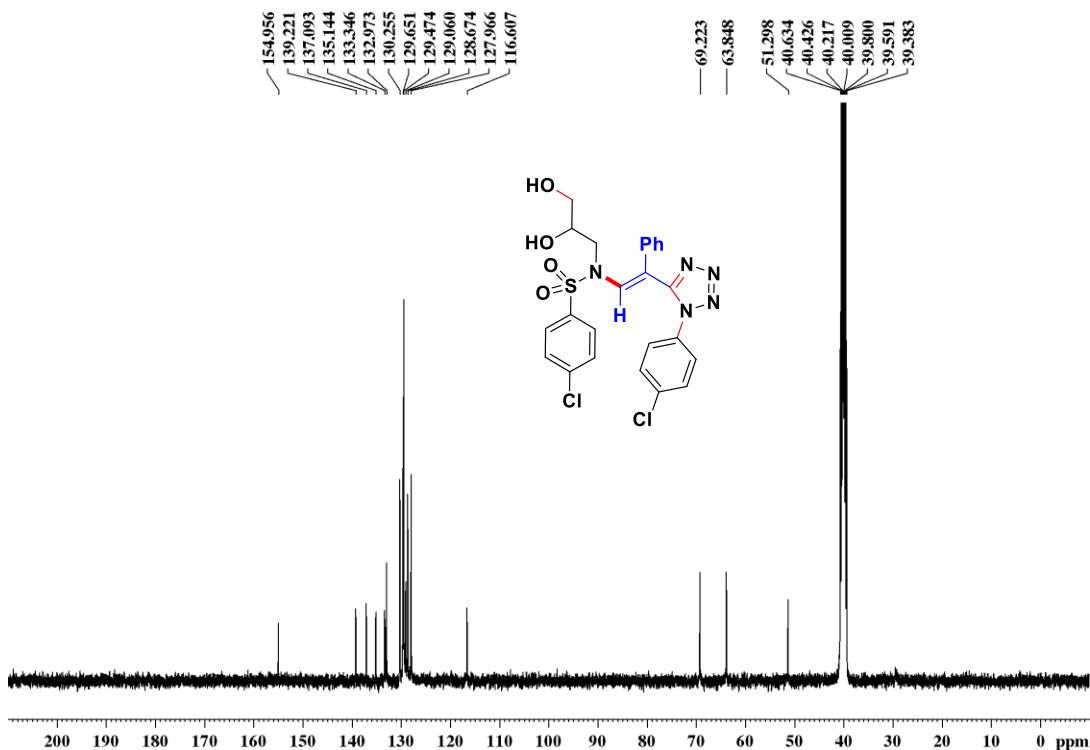
**Figure S73.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5cb



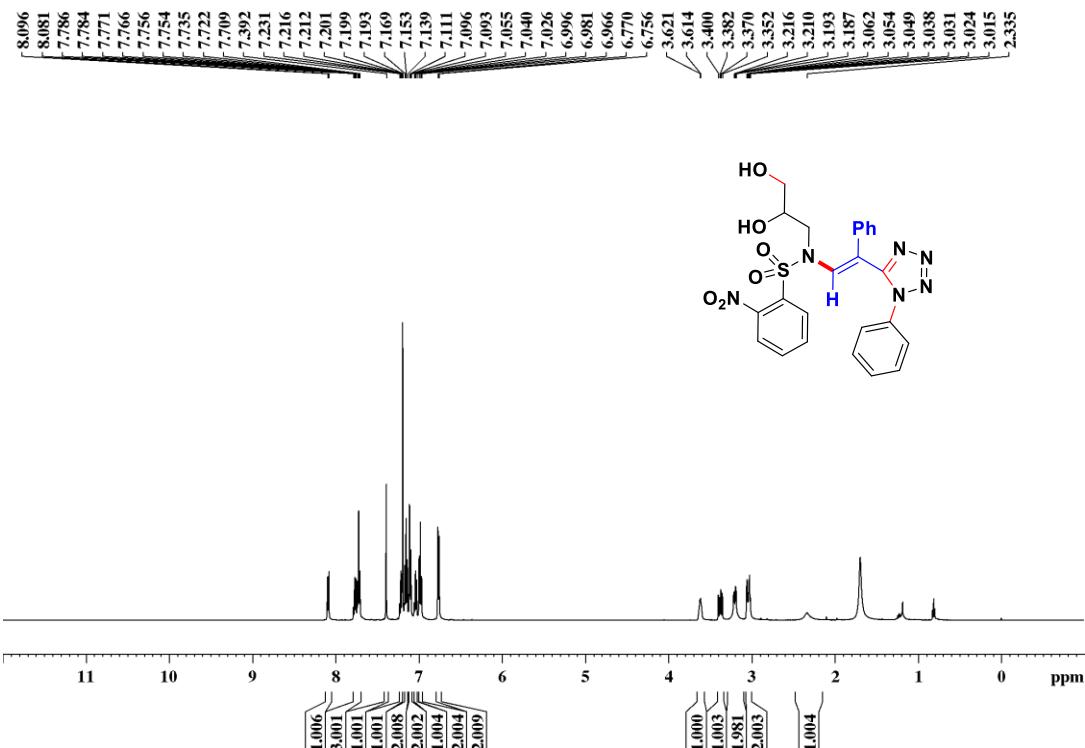
**Figure S74.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5cb



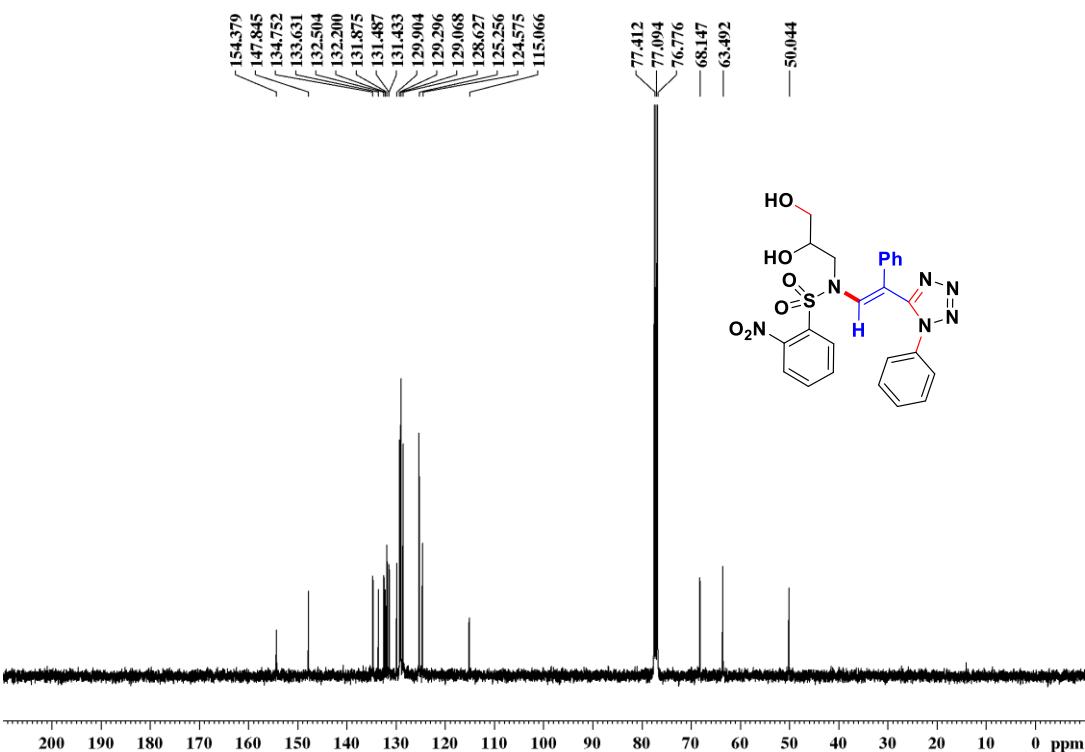
**Figure S75.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5db



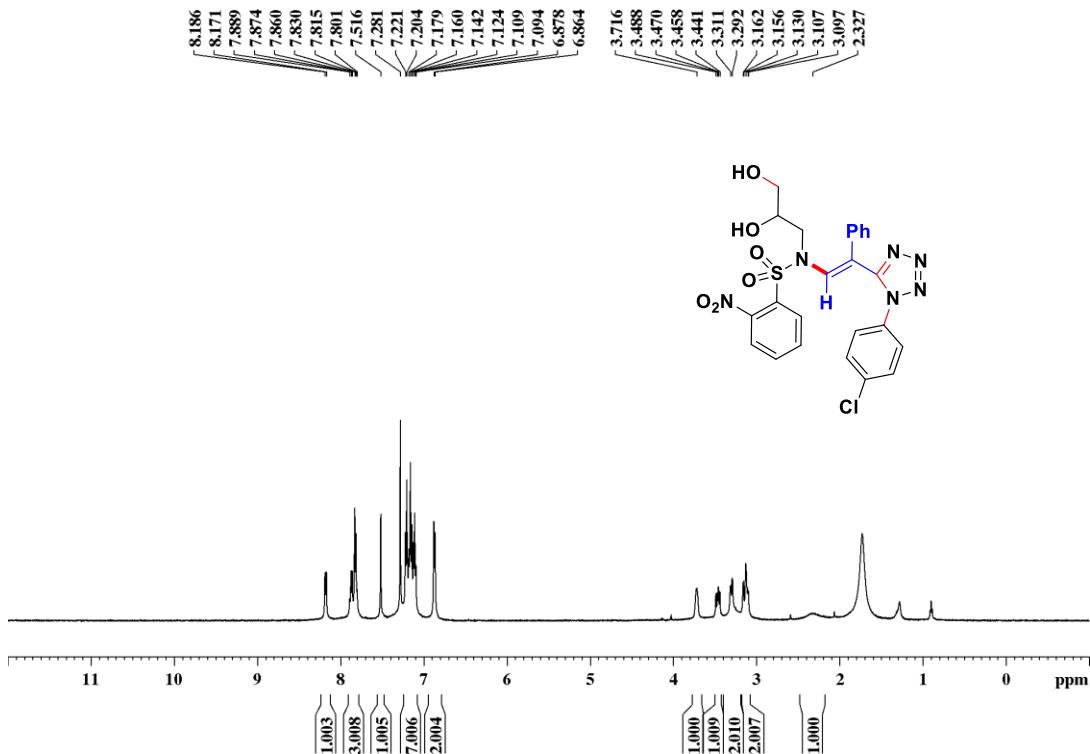
**Figure S76.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5db



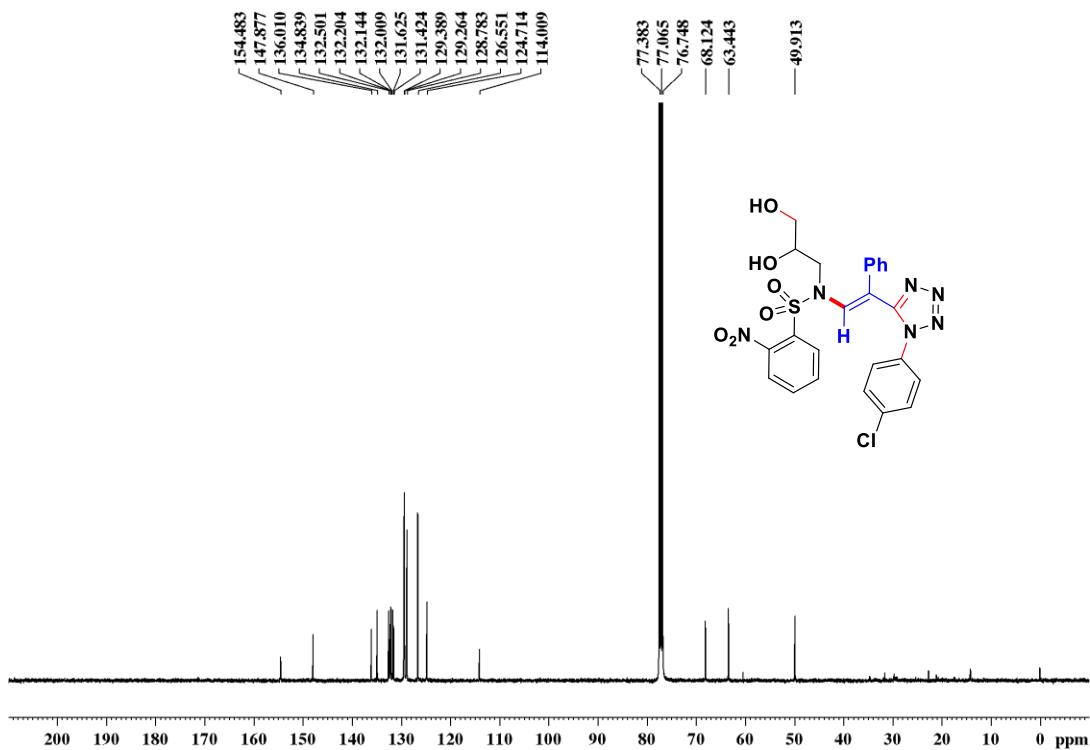
**Figure S77.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5ea



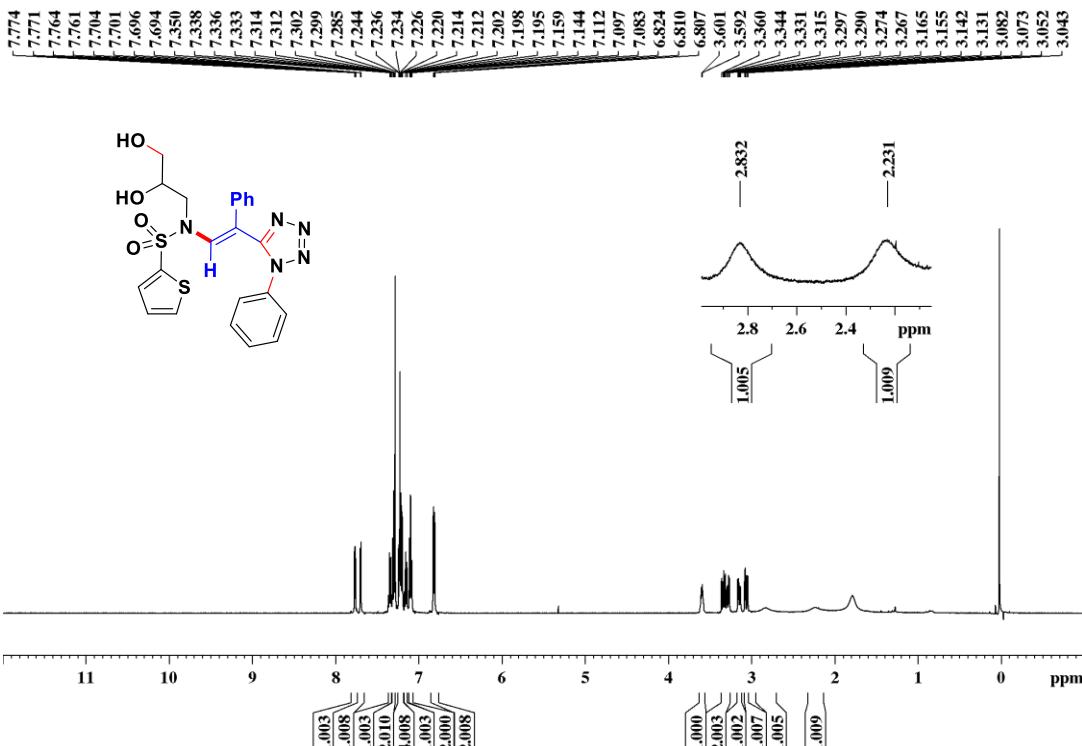
**Figure S78.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5ea



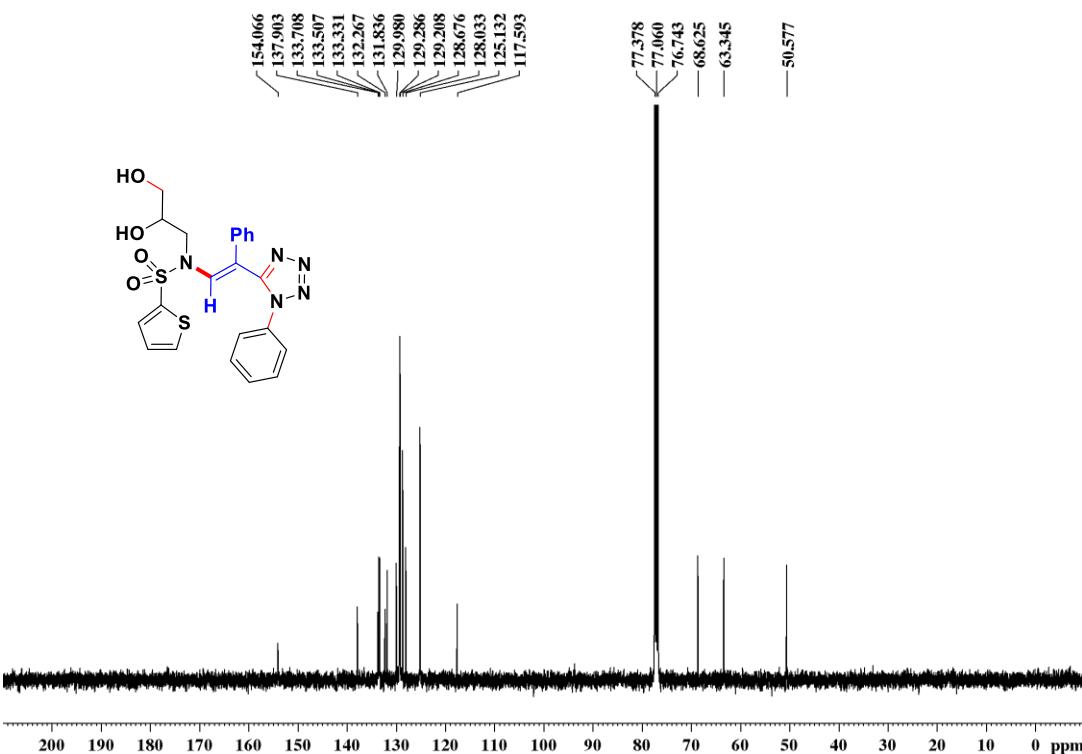
**Figure S79.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5eb



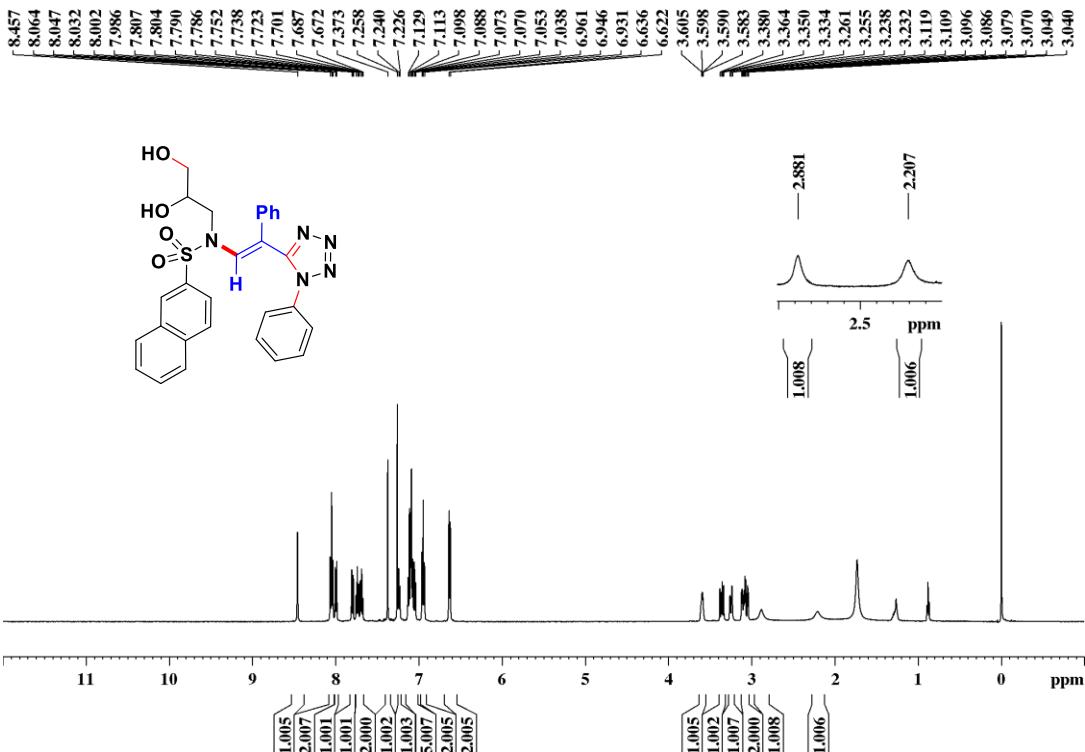
**Figure S80.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5eb



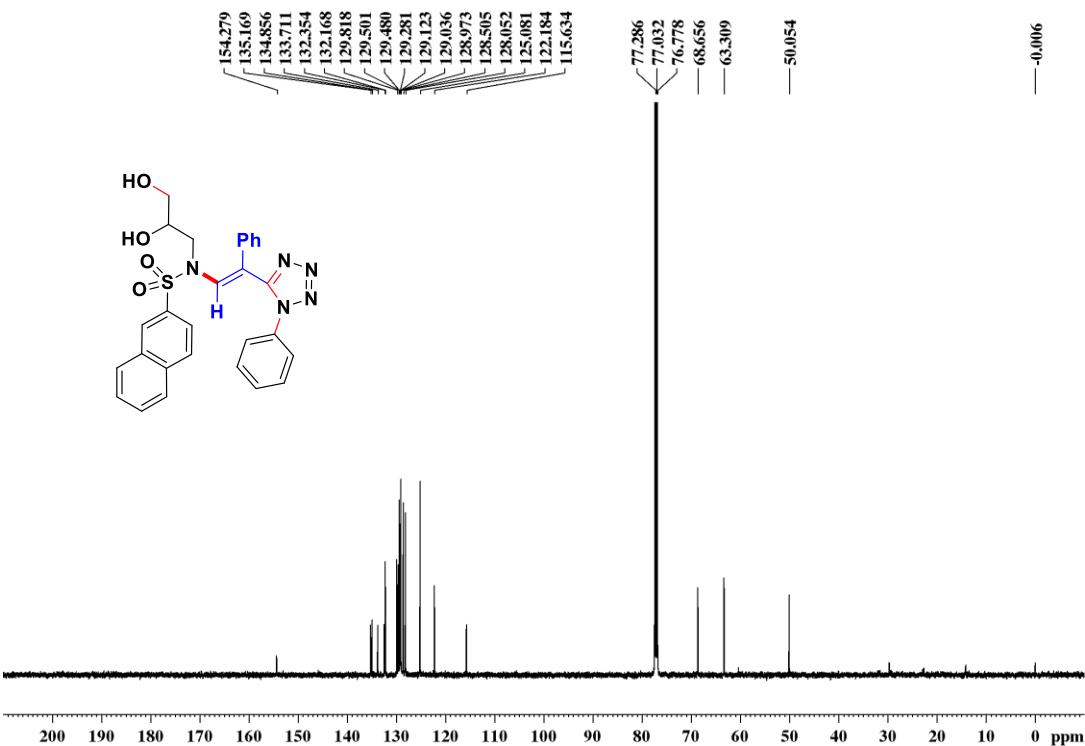
**Figure S81.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5fa



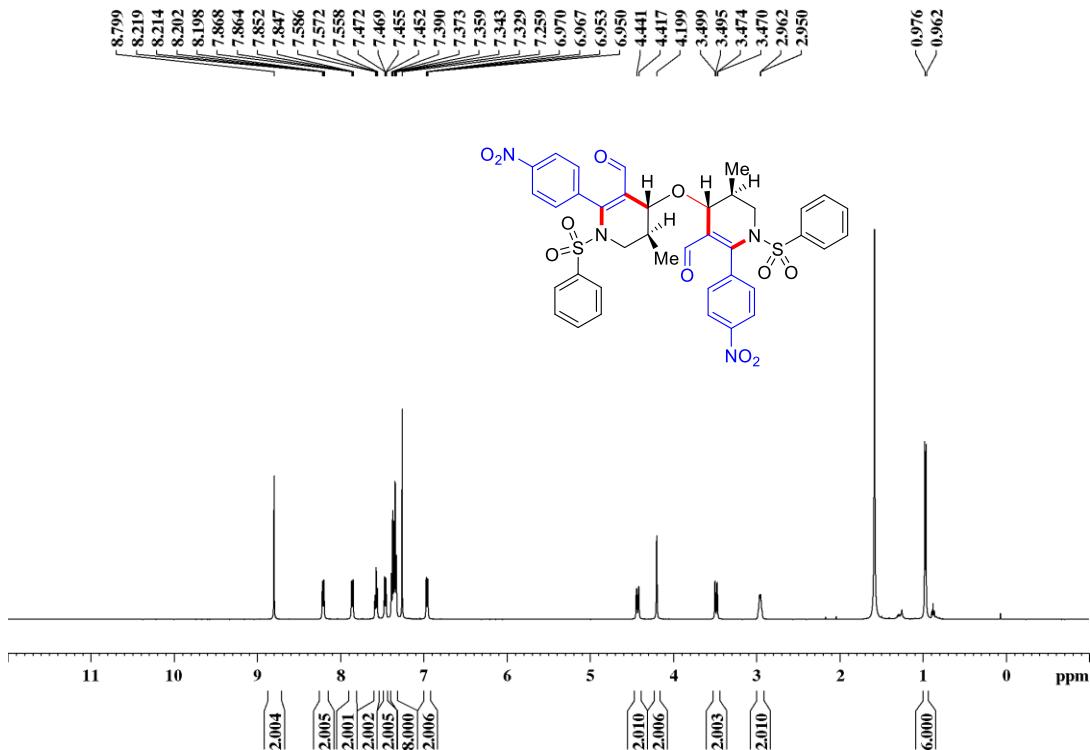
**Figure S82.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5fa



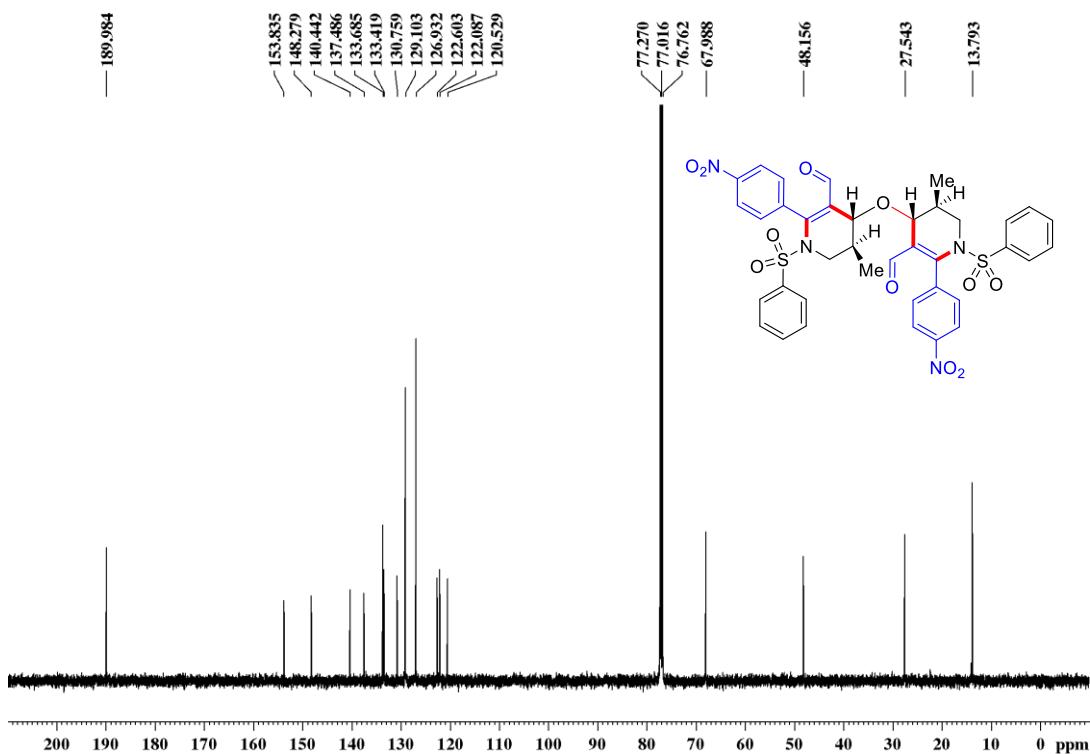
**Figure S83.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5ga



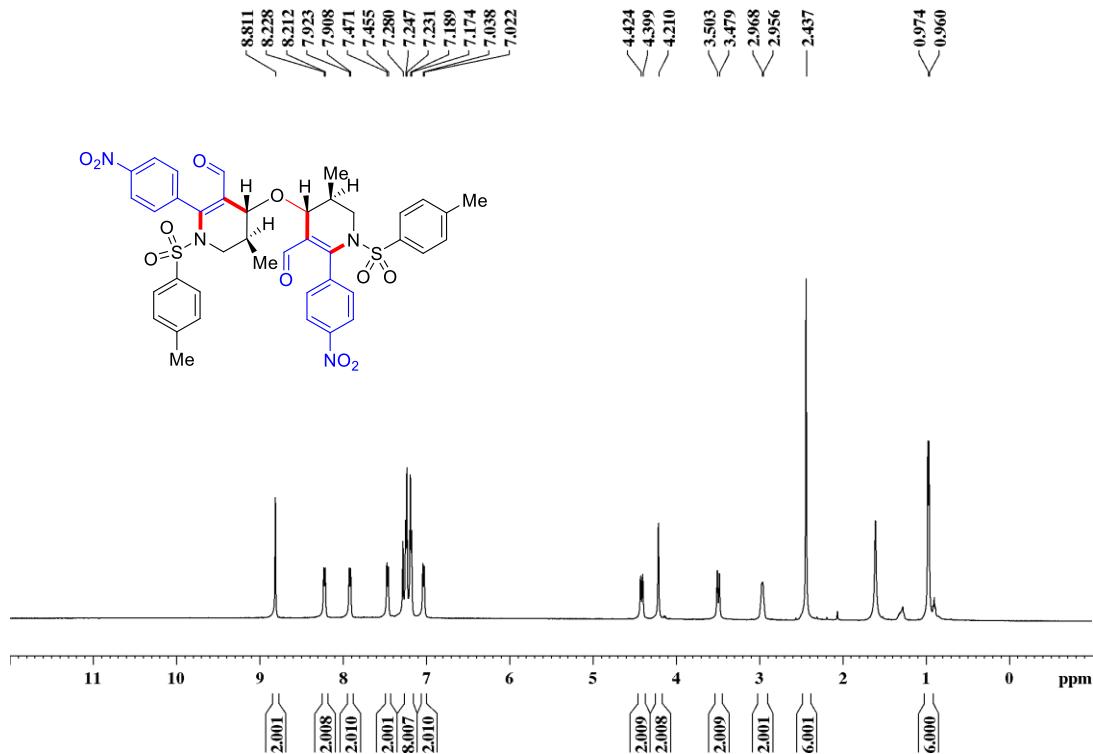
**Figure S84.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5ga



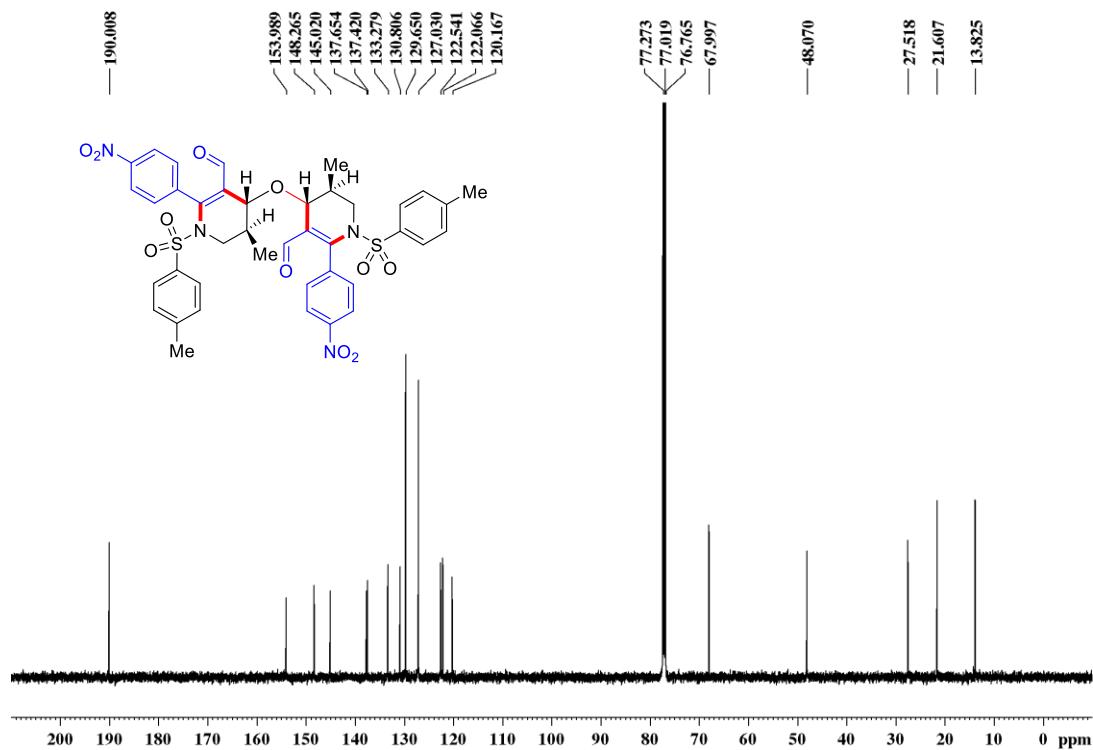
**Figure S85.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 6hc



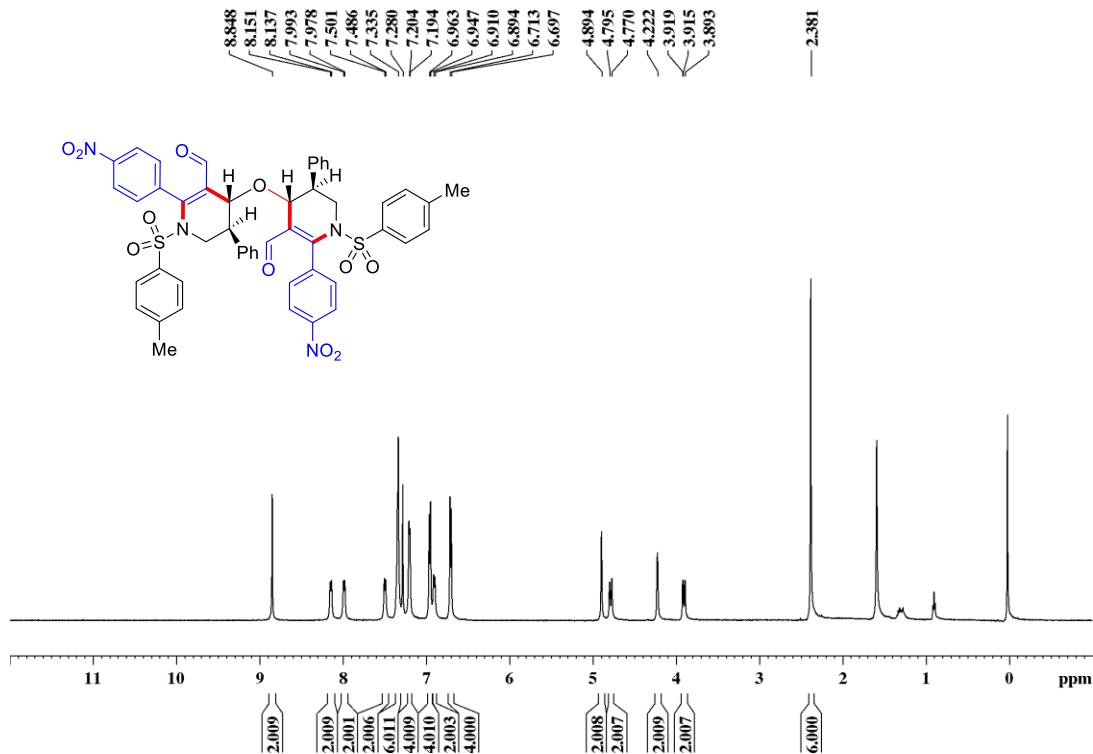
**Figure S86.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 6hc



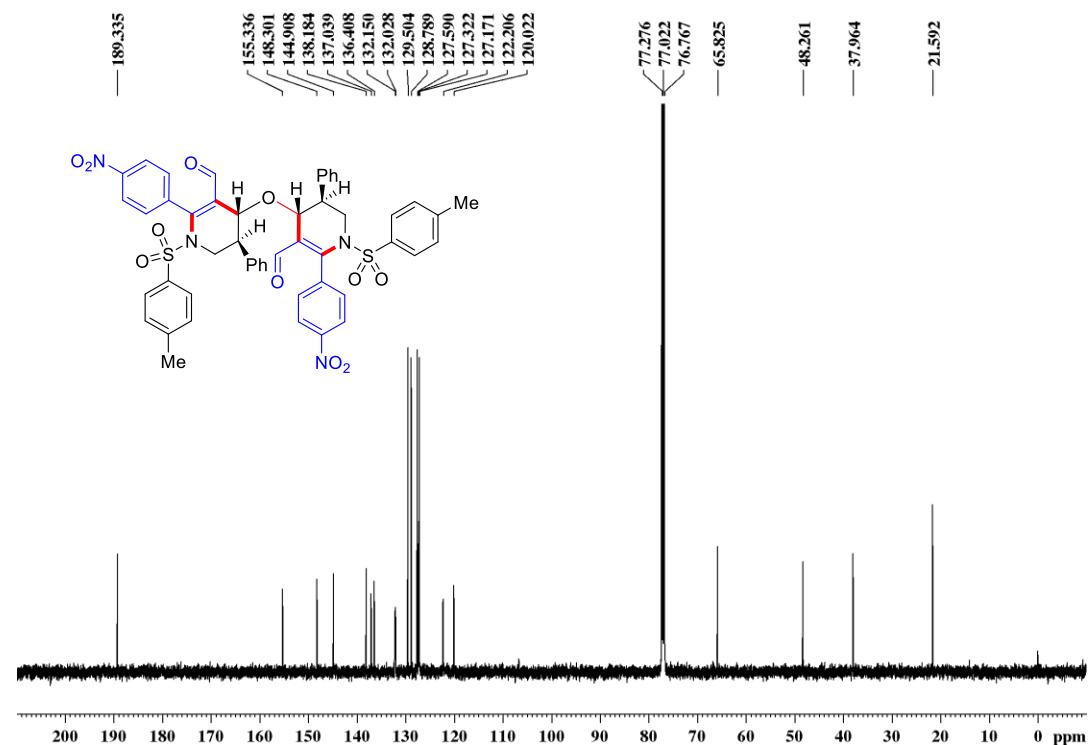
**Figure S87.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6ic



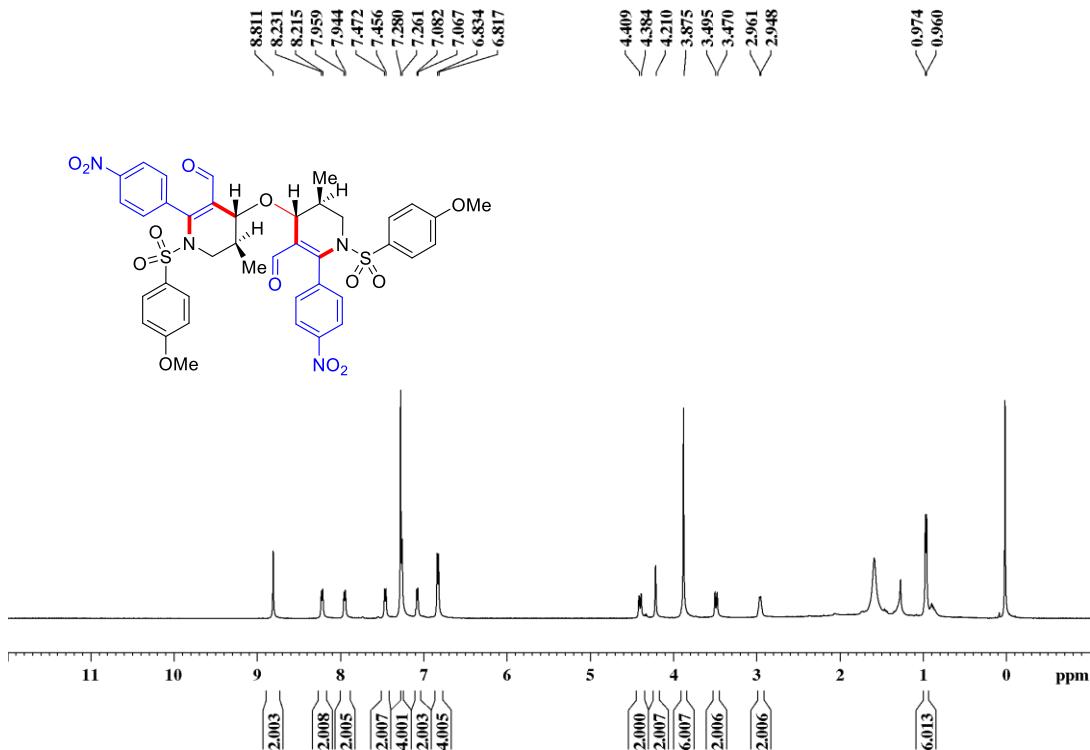
**Figure S88.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of compound 6ic



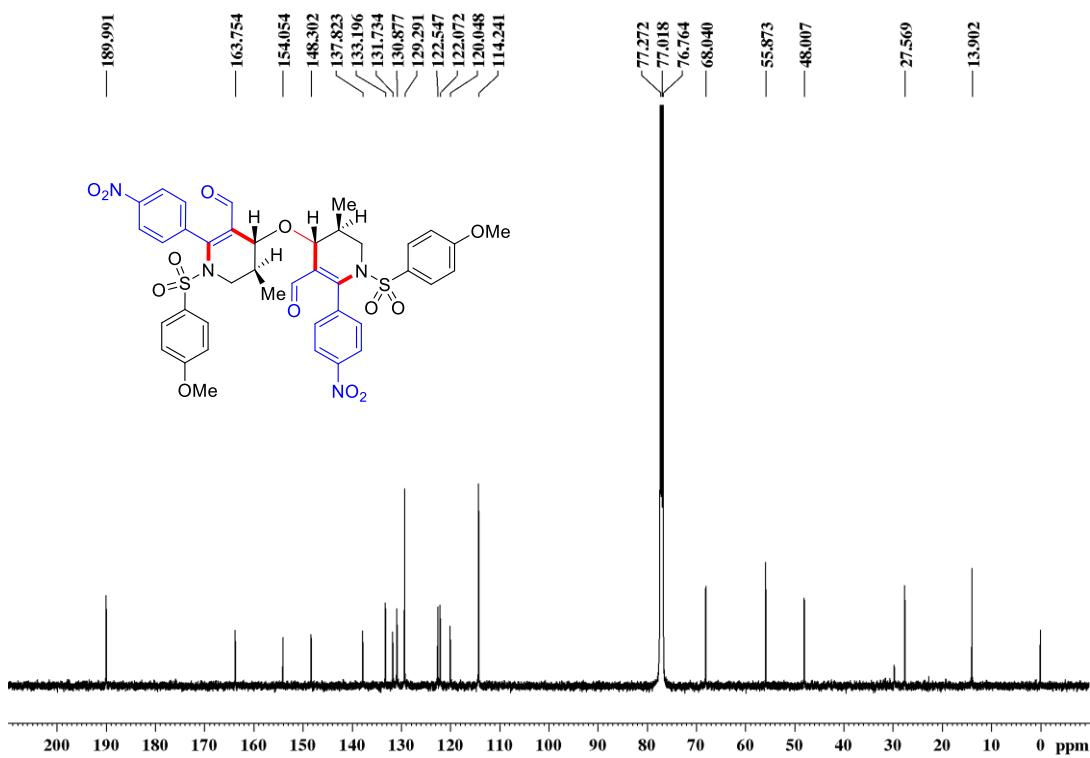
**Figure S89.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6jc



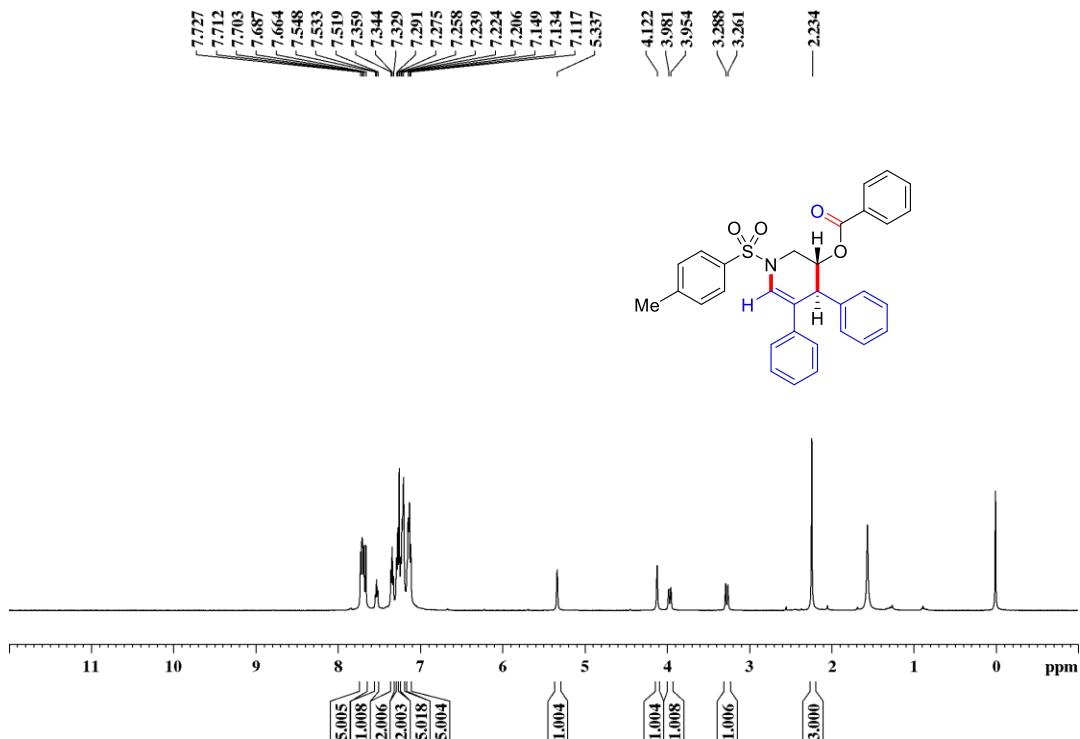
**Figure S90.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of compound 6jc



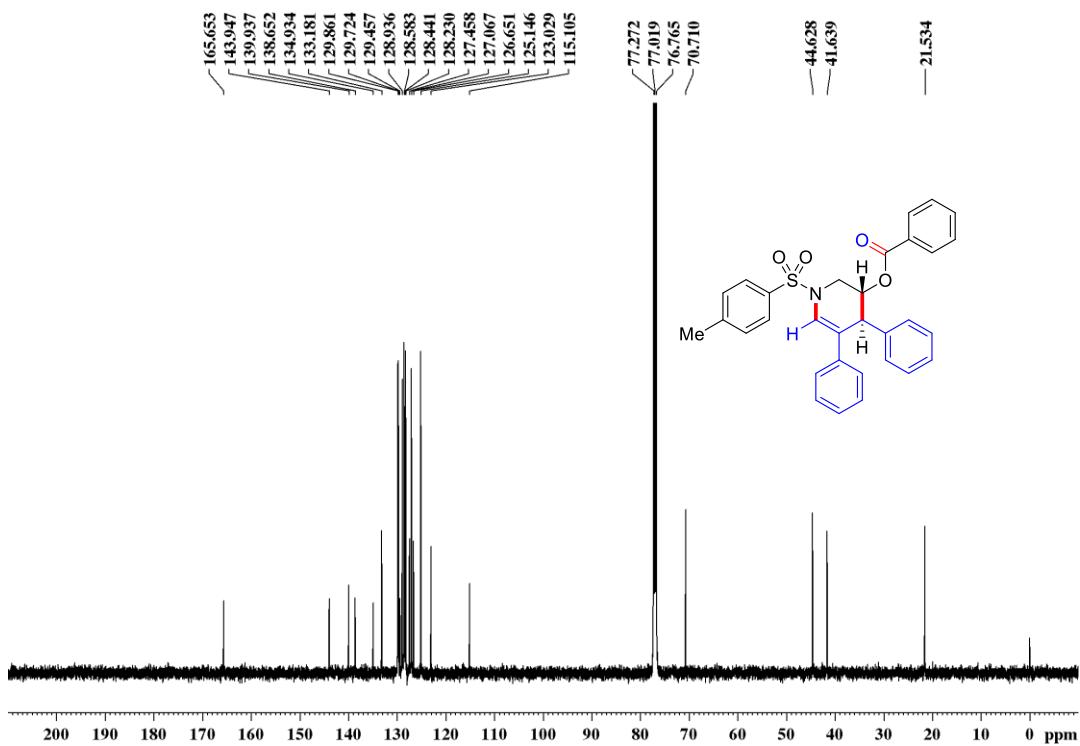
**Figure S91.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 6kc



**Figure S92.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 6kc



**Figure S93.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 7la



**Figure S94.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 7la