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Highly effective and selective FeBr<sub>3</sub>-promoted deuterium bromination/cyclization of 1,n-enynes

**Supporting Information** 

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#### **General remarks**

All the manipulations were performed in air, unless mentioned otherwise. THF, toluene, and hexane were purchased from J&K Chemicals and used without further purification. The following chemicals were purchased and used as received: FeBr<sub>3</sub> (99%, Sigma-Aldrich), D<sub>2</sub>O (Energy Chemicals), DCE (J&K Chemical and *de*-water). All enynes were prepared by literature report procedures<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>9</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker 400 MHz, 500 MHz and 600 MHz NMR, Agilent Technologies 600 MHz NMR spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were referenced to resonances of the residual protons in the deuterated solvents. Multiplicities are recorded as: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, br = broad singlet and m = multiplet. HR-MS analyses were performed at a Thermo Scientific Exactive-TOF (ESI ionization source).

#### General procedure for evaluation of conditions.

In a 4-mL screw-capped vial, 1a (67.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), FeBr $_3$  (70.9 mg, 0.24 mol), solvent (0.5 mL) and a magnetic stirring bar were added under air. Then  $D_2O$  (4.8 mg, 0.24 mmol) were added. The vial was sealed with a cap containing a PTFE septum, then transferred to an oil bath at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h and the resulting solution was concentrated in vacuum. Conversions and Z/E ratio were determined by NMR analysis with crude reaction mixture.

#### General procedure for deuterium bromination/cyclization of enynes

In a 4-mL screw-capped vial, 1a (101.7 mg, 0.3 mmol), FeBr<sub>3</sub> (106.4 mg, 0.36 mol), solvent (0.5 mL) and a magnetic stirring bar were added under air. Then D<sub>2</sub>O (7.2 mg, 0.36 mmol) were added. The vial was sealed with a cap containing a PTFE septum, then transferred to an oil bath at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h and the resulting solution was concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexane (1:70 - 1:2) as eluent, and data for characterization of the products are listed below.

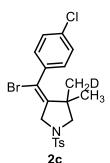
# Characterization data of heterocyclic alkenyl bromide (Z)-4-(bromo(phenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2a)

The title compound was isolated (112.5 mg, 89%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.21 (dd, J = 7.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.89 (m, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.5, 144.0, 139.6, 132.1, 129.9, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 115.8, 63.2, 56.6, 44.2, 26.1, 25.8 (t, J = 19.6 Hz), 21.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{22}DBrNO_{2}S^{+}$ : 426.0690, found 420.0692.

#### (Z)-4-(bromo(4-fluorophenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2b)

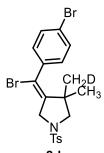
The title compound was isolated (92.3 mg, 70%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.01 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.89 (m, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.7 (d, J = 249.6 Hz), 145.5, 144.0, 135.8 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 132.2, 131.0 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 129.9, 128.2, 115.5 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 114.7, 63.1, 56.5, 44.1, 26.1, 25.8 (t, J = 18.1 Hz), 21.6.  $^{19}$ F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -111.68. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{20}H_{21}DBrFNO_2S^+$ : 439.0596, found 439.0594.

#### (Z)-4-(bromo(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2c)



The title compound was isolated (94.3 mg, 69%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.02 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.89 (m, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.5, 144.0, 138.1, 134.8, 132.0, 130.4, 129.9, 128.7, 128.2, 114.3, 63.2, 56.6, 44.2, 26.2, 25.9 (t, J = 19.2 Hz), 21.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^{+}$  calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>DBrCINO<sub>2</sub>S $^{+}$ : 455.0300, found 455.0298.

#### (Z)-4-(bromo(4-bromophenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2d)



The title compound was isolated (115.6 mg, 77%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.02 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.5, 144.0, 138.5, 132.0, 131.6,

130.7, 129.9, 128.2, 123.1, 114.3, 63.2, 56.6, 44.2, 26.2, 25.9 (t, J = 20.2 Hz), 21.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z  $[M+H]^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{21}DBr_{2}NO_{2}S^{+}$ : 498.9795, found 498.9795.

#### (Z)-4-(bromo(p-tolyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2e)

The title compound was isolated (86.2 mg, 66%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.02 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.4, 144.0, 138.9, 136.9, 132.2, 129.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 116.2, 63.3, 56.6, 44.2, 26.2, 21.6 (d, J = 31.2 Hz). HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{24}DBrNO_2S^{+}$ : 435.0847, found 435.0845.

#### (Z)-4-(bromo(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2f)

The title compound was isolated (87.3 mg, 61%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^1$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.1, 144.4, 143.9, 136.7, 132.3, 129.9, 128.7, 128.2, 125.2, 116.3, 63.3, 56.6, 44.2, 34.8, 31.4, 26.2, 25.9 (t, J = 19.6 Hz), 21.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^+$  calcd for C $_{20}$ H $_{30}$ DBrNO $_{2}$ S $^+$ : 477.1316, found 477.1314.

# (Z)-4-(bromo(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2g)

The title compound was isolated (121.8 mg, 83%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz,

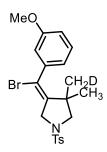
2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.0, 144.1, 143.1, 132.0, 131.0 (q, J = 32.3 Hz), 130.0, 129.6, 128.2, 125.4 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 125.2, 122.5, 113.6, 63.2, 56.6, 44.3, 26.2, 25.9 (t, J = 19.2 Hz), 21.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.77. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{21}H_{21}DBrF_3NO_2S^+$ : 489.0564, found 489.0563.

#### Methyl (Z)-4-(bromo(4-methyl-4-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-ylidene)methyl)benzoate (2h)

The title compound was isolated (128 mg, 89%) as a white solid after flash

chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 4:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.89(s, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.4, 145.6, 144.03, 144.01, 132.1, 130.4, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 128.1, 114.1, 63.2, 56.6, 52.4, 44.2, 26.1, 25.9 (t, J = 19.6 Hz), 21.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{22}H_{24}DBrNO_{4}S^{+}$ : 479.0745, found 479.0745.

#### (Z)-4-(bromo(3-methoxyphenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2i)



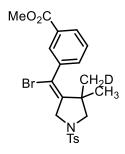
2i The title compound was isolated (79.9 mg, 59%) as a white solid after flash

chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dd, J = 15.3, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 6.74 (dd, J = 2.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.93(s, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.2, 144.5, 144.0, 140.8, 132.1, 129.9, 129.4, 128.2, 121.5, 115.6, 114.6, 114.5, 63.2, 56.5, 55.4, 44.2, 26.1, 25.8 (t, J = 20.2 Hz), 21.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{21}H_{24}DBrNO_3S^+$ : 451.0796, found 451.0795.

# (Z)-4-(bromo(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2j)

2j The title compound was isolated (91 mg, 62%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1). H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.60 - 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.2, 144.1, 140.3, 132.4, 132.0, 130.8 (q, J = 32.3 Hz), 129.9, 129.0, 128.1, 126.0 (q, J = 4.0 Hz), 125.5 (q, J = 4.0 Hz), 123.7 (q, J = 273.7Hz), 113.5, 63.2, 56.6, 44.2, 26.1, 25.9 (t, J = 19.2 Hz), 21.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.8. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z [M+H]^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{21}DBrF_{3}NO_{2}S^{+}$ : 489.0564, found 489.0563.

#### Methyl (Z)-3-(bromo(4-methyl-4-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-ylidene)methyl)benzoate (2k)



2k

The title compound was isolated (93.4 mg, 67%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 (td, J = 4.3, 3.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 - 7.34 (m, 4H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.02 (s, 3H)2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.4, 145.6, 144.1, 139.9, 133.4, 131.9, 130.4, 130.2, 130.0, 129.9, 128.6, 128.1, 114.3, 63.2, 56.6, 52.4, 44.2, 26.3, 25.9 (t, J = 19.2 Hz), 21.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>DBrNO<sub>4</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 479.0745, found 479.0745.

#### (Z)-4-(bromo(o-tolyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2l)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Me} & \\ \text{Br} & CH_2D \\ CH_3 \\ \text{Ts} \end{array}$$

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The title compound was isolated (84.9 mg, 65%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.86 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.75 - 6.74 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.92 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 159.1, 144.3, 143.9, 140.7, 132.0, 129.8, 129.3, 128.1, 121.4, 115.5, 114.5, 114.4, 63.2, 56.4, 55.3,

44.1, 26.0, 25.7 (t, J = 20.2 Hz), 21.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{21}H_{24}DBrNO_2S^+$ : 435.0847, found 435.0847.

#### (Z)-4-(bromo(2-fluorophenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2m)

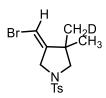
2m

The title compound was isolated (109.4 mg, 83%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (tdd, J = 7.5, 5.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td, J = 7.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.01-0.79 (m, 5H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.2 (d, J = 249.2 Hz), 147.3, 144.1, 132.0, 131.22, 131.20, 131.15, 130.0, 128.1, 127.1 (d, J = 16.3 Hz), 124.1 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 116.1 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 108.4, 63.0, 56.4, 44.2, 26.8, 23.8, 21.7.  $^{19}$ F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -112.01. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{21}$ DBrFNO<sub>2</sub>S $^+$ : 439.0596, found 439.0594.

#### (Z)-3-(4-methyl-4-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-ylidene)isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one (2n)

The title compound was isolated (78.4 mg, 68%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (dd, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.12 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.49 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.0, 144.3, 140.2, 136.3, 134.4, 131.2, 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 128.4, 126.2, 126.1, 124.1, 63.9, 53.1, 41.3, 25.1, 24.8 (t, J = 20.2 Hz), 21.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{21}DNO_4S^+$ : 385.1327, found 385.1326.

#### 4-(bromomethylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2o)

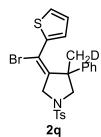


The title compound was isolated (54.9 mg, 53%, Z/E = 2:1) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.86, 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 3.58 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.11 – 1.01 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.0, 137.4, 133.3, 129.9, 127.7, 124.8, 113.8, 54.3, 50.9, 49.1, 26.5, 26.1 (t, J = 19.6 Hz), 21.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>DBrNO<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 345.0377, found 345.0378.

#### (Z)-4-(bromo(phenyl)methylene)-3-(methyl-d)-3-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2p)

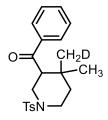
The title compound was isolated (104.4 mg, 72%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^1$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (dt, J = 4.8, 2.7 Hz, 3H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 6.79 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 4.22 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.30 – 1.25 (m, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.2, 144.7, 144.0, 138.9, 132.3, 129.9, 128.7, 128.31, 128.29, 128.1, 127.8, 126.8, 126.5, 117.9, 65.4, 57.3, 50.9, 23.9, 23.6 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 21.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^+$  calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>DBrNO<sub>2</sub>S $^+$ : 483.0841, found 483.0841.

#### (Z)-4-(bromo(thiophen-2-yl)methylene)-3-(methyl-d)-3-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2q)



The title compound was isolated (71.8 mg, 56%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 3.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 5H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.3, 144.0, 139.2, 132.1, 129.9, 128.4, 128.2, 125.8, 125.1, 110.3, 63.2, 56.6, 44.3, 26.0, 25.7 (m) , 21.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $C_{18}H_{20}DBrNO_2S_2^+$ : 427.0254, found 427.0255.

#### (4-methyl-4-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpiperidin-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (2r)



The title compound was isolated (80.9 mg, 62%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^1$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 - 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.68 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.60 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.73 - 3.59 (m, 2H), 2.82 - 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.55 - 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.76 (td, J = 13.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.49 - 1.41 (m, 1H), 0.85 (s, 3H), 0.84 (d, J = 21.3 Hz, 5H). 0.83 (d, J = 24.0 Hz, 1H)  $^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201.5, 143.7, 138.30, 138.26, 133.5, 133.3, 129.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.8, 50.9, 50.6 - 49.7 (m).44.6, 42.5, 40.0, 32.5, 31.2, 21.7, 19.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{24}DNO_3SNa^+$ : 395.1510, found 395.1504.

#### (Z)-4-(bromo(naphthalen-2-yl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2s)

2s The title compound was isolated (60.8 mg, 43%) as a white solid after

flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.78 - 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, J = 8.2 Hz = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.92 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.1, 144.0, 137.0, 133.1, 132.7, 132.3, 130.0, 128.4, 128.31, 128.26, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1, 126.8, 126.7, 116.1, 63.3, 56.7, 44.3, 29.8, 26.3, 21.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>DNO<sub>3</sub>SBrNa<sup>+</sup>: 493.0666, found 493.0665.

### (1S, 2R, 5R)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 4-((Z)-bromo(4-methyl-4-(methyl-d)-1-tosyl pyrrolidin-3-ylidene)methyl)benzoate (2t)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \text{Me} & \text{O} & \text{Br} \\ & \text{Me} & \text{NTs} \\ & \text{DH}_2\text{C} & \text{NTs} \\ \end{array}$$

The title compound was isolated (114.1 mg, 63%) as a white

solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (td, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H)10.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.04 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.10 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (td, J = 7.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dt, J = 11.6, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 1.56 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.15 – 1.05 (m, 2H), 0.91 (dd, J = 6.8, 3.4 Hz, 12H), 0.78 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.5, 145.5, 144.0, 143.8, 132.2, 131.1, 129.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.2, 114.3, 75.3, 63.2, 56.6, 47.3, 44.3, 41.1, 34.4, 31.6, 29.8, 26.6, 26.2 (dd, <math>J = 10.00) 7.6, 3.0 Hz), 23.7, 22.1, 21.7, 20.9, 16.5.

## (Z)-4-(bromo(4-methyl-4-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-ylidene)methyl)phenyl 2-hydroxybenzoate (2u)

2u

The title compound was isolated (113.7 mg, 68%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.4 (s, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 - 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 - 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.35 (m,7.30 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.6, 162.4, 150.2, 145.6, 144.0, 137.8, 136.8, 132.2, 130.5, 130.4, 129.9, 128.2, 121.7, 119.7, 118.0, 114.5, 111.7, 63.3, 56.6, 44.3, 26.3, 26.0 (t, *J* = 18.8 Hz), 21.7.

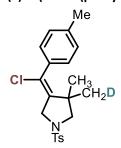
#### (Z)-4-(chloro(phenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2aa)

2aa

The title compound was isolated (91.4 mg, 81%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1). H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 3.00 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H). NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.0, 141.9, 137.8, 132.1,

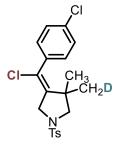
#### (Z)-4-(chloro(p-tolyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2ab)

129.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 125.3, 63.1, 54.0, 43.2, 26.1, 25.9 (t, J = 19.6 Hz), 21.7.



The title compound was isolated (63.2 mg, 54%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^1$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 2.99 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.9, 141.7, 139.0, 135.1, 132.3, 129.9, 129.12, 129.06, 128.2, 125.6, 63.1, 54.0, 43.3, 29.8, 26.2, 25.8 (t, J = 20.2 Hz), 21.8, 21.4.

#### (Z)-4-(chloro(4-chlorophenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2ac)



2ac

The title compound was isolated (93.5 mg, 76%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1). H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 2.99 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H). C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.0, 142.8, 136.3, 135.0, 132.1, 130.6, 129.9, 128.7, 128.2, 124.0, 63.0, 54.0, 43.3, 26.2,25.9 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 21.7.

#### methyl (Z)-4-(chloro(4-methyl-4-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-ylidene)methyl)benzoate (2ad)

2ad The title compound was isolated (101.6 mg, 78%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 20:1). H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.01 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.99 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 2H). The NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.4, 144.0, 142.9, 142.2, 132.0, 130.5, 130.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.1, 123.8, 63.0, 54.0, 52.4, 43.2, 26.1, 25.8 (t, J = 18.9 Hz), 21.6.

#### (Z)-4-(chloro(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2ae)

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{CF}_3\\ \mathsf{CI} & \mathsf{CH}_3\\ \mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{D}\\ \mathsf{N}\\ \mathsf{Ts}\\ \mathsf{2ae} \end{array}$$

The title compound was isolated (121.2 mg, 91%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd, J = 12.3, 7.9 Hz, 4H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 3.01 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.1, 143.4, 141.4 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 132.1, 131.1 (q, J = 32.7 Hz), 130.0, 129.7, 128.2, 125.5 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 123.8 (q, J = 272.5 Hz), 123.4, 63.0, 54.0, 43.3, 26.2, 26.0 (t, J = 20.2 Hz), 21.7.  $^{19}$ F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.76.

#### (Z)-4-(chloro(2-fluorophenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2af)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} F & & \\ \hline CI & & CH_3 \\ \hline CH_2D \\ \hline N \\ Ts \end{array}$$

**2af** The title compound was isolated (70.9 mg, 60%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^1$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.02 (d, J = 10.6 Hz)+ 0.78 (d, J = 10.0 Hz) (5H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.6 (d, J = 248.9 Hz), 144.7, 144.0, 132.2, 131.5 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 131.4 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 130.0, 128.1, 125.4 (d, J = 15.9 Hz), 124.1 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 118.75, 116.1 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 62.9, 53.9, 43.4, 43.3, 29.8, 26.9, 26.5 (t, J = 18.9 Hz), 23.9, 23.60 (t, J = 18.9 Hz), 21.7.  $^{19}$ F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -112.47.

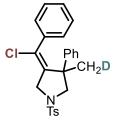
#### (Z)-4-(chloro(3-methoxyphenyl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2ag)

The title compound was isolated (70.0 mg, 55%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 30:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd, J = 8.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (ddd, J = 8.4, 2.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 2.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.3, 144.0, 141.8, 139.0, 132.2, 129.9, 129.4, 128.2, 125.0, 121.6, 114.8, 114.6, 63.1, 55.4, 54.0, 43.4, 26.1, 25.8 (t, J = 18.1 Hz), 21.7.

#### (Z)-4-(chloro(thiophen-3-yl)methylene)-3-methyl-3-(methyl-d)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2ah)

2ah The title compound was isolated (50.4 mg, 44%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^1$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dt, J = 4.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.00 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.95 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.0, 143.5, 137.5, 132.2, 129.9, 128.3, 128.2, 125.9, 125.6, 120.2, 63.1, 54.1, 43.4, 29.8,

#### (Z)-4-(chloro(phenyl)methylene)-3-(methyl-d)-3-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (2ai)



26.0, 25.7 (t, J = 18.9 Hz), 21.8.

**2ai** The title compound was isolated (67.0 mg, 51%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.82 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 4.30 – 4.23 (m, 2H), 3.48 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.28 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.9, 144.0, 142.4, 137.2, 132.3, 129.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.2, 126.8, 126.5, 65.2, 54.8, 50.3, 29.8, 23.8, 23.6 (t, J = 20.2 Hz), 21.8.

#### **Gram-scale reaction**

In a 50-mL round bottle, 1a (1.01 g, 3 mmol), FeBr<sub>3</sub> (1.06 g, 3.6 mmol), solvent (10 mL) and a magnetic

stirring bar were added under air. Then  $D_2O$  (72 mg, 3.6 mmol) were added. The vial was sealed with a cap containing a PTFE septum, then transferred to an oil bath at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 2 h and the resulting solution was concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexane (1:70-1:10) as eluent, and the desired product **2a** were obtained with 85% yield (1.07 g).

#### Transformation of alkenyl bromide

#### Procedure of Suzuki coupling of 2a with benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylboronic acid

Prepared according to a previous reported method<sup>2</sup>. In a 10-mL Shrek tube, **2a** (84.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylboronic acid (39.8 mg, 0.24 mmol), Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub> (7.31 mg, 0.01 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (63.6 mg, 0.6 mmol), EtOH/toluene/H<sub>2</sub>O (v = 1:2:1, 1 mL) and a magnetic stirring bar were added under N<sub>2</sub>. The Shrek tube was transferred to an oil bath at 100 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h and the resulting solution was concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexane (1:20) as eluent, and data for characterization of the product **3** listed below.

The title compound was isolated (70.3 mg, 76%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^1$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.57 – 6.51 (m, 2H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 2.96 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 2H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.8, 146.5, 143.7, 141.4, 141.1, 136.8, 136.2, 132.4, 129.8, 128.9, 128.1, 128.0, 127.0, 120.9, 110.1, 108.6, 108.2, 101.1, 62.9, 52.8, 42.7, 26.79, 26.77, 21.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $C_{27}H_{26}DNO_4S^+$ : 485.1616, found 485.1612.

#### Procedure of Sonogashira coupling of 2a with phenylacetylene

Prepared according to a previous reported method<sup>3</sup>. In a 10-mL Shrek tube, **2a** (84.2 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $Pd(PPh_3)Cl_2$  (7.02 mg, 0.01 mmol), Cul (0.95 mg, 0.005 mmol),  $Et_3N$  (1 mL) and a magnetic stirring bar were added under  $N_2$ . Then phenylacetylene (40.85 mg, 0.4 mmol) was added through a syringe. The Shrek tube was transferred to an oil bath at 60 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h and the resulting solution was concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexane (1:50) as eluent, and data for characterization of the product **4** listed below.

The title compound was isolated (75.3 mg, 85%) as a white solid after

flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 3.01 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.94 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 5H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.2, 143.9, 137.5, 132.5, 131.5, 129.9, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 123.2, 117.6, 95.8, 88.8, 63.1, 54.5, 43.3, 26.30, 26.28, 21.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H] $^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{28}H_{27}DNO_{2}S^{+}$ : 443.1898, found 443.1896.

#### Procedure of hydrobromination/cyclization of enynes with H<sub>2</sub>O

In a 4-mL screw-capped vial, 1a (101.8 mg, 0.3 mmol), FeBr<sub>3</sub> (106.4 mg, 0.36 mol), DCE (1 mL) and a magnetic stirring bar were added under air. Then H<sub>2</sub>O (6.5 mg, 0.36 mmol) were added. The vial was sealed with a cap containing a PTFE septum, then transferred to an oil bath at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h and the resulting solution was concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexane (1:50) as eluent, and data for characterization of the products are listed below.

#### Characterization data of product 2a'

**2a'** The title compound was isolated (110.9 mg, 88%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 70:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 6H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.6, 144.0, 139.7, 132.1, 129.9, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 115.9, 63.3, 56.6, 44.2, 26.2, 21.8.

In a 4-mL screw-capped vial, FeBr<sub>3</sub> (70.9 mg, 0.24 mol), **6** (63.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), DCE (1.0 mL) and a magnetic stirring bar were added under air. Then  $D_2O$  (4.8 mg, 0.24 mmol) were added. The vial was sealed with a cap containing a PTFE septum, then transferred to an oil bath at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h and the resulting solution was concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexane (1:50) as eluent, and data for characterization of the product **7** is listed below.

The title compound was isolated (46.8 mg, 74%) as a white solid after flash chromatography on silica gel (Hexane/EtOAc = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 3.02 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.34 (m, 5H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.8, 142.7, 133.1, 130.5, 129.8, 127.9, 127.2, 126.3, 126.2, 125.9, 56.1, 48.6, 35.5, 28.5, 28.5-28.1 (m), 21.6.

#### Crystal structure of 2d and 2k

Single crystal of product **2d** and **2k** was obtained through slow evaporation of a mix solution in n-hexane and dichloromethane at room temperature. X-ray data was collected with a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer.

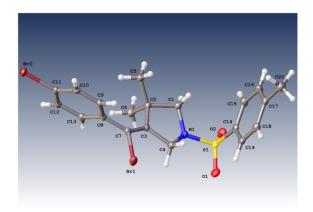


Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 2d.

Identification code 2d

 $Empirical\ formula \qquad \qquad C_{20}H_{21}Br_2NO_2S$ 

Formula weight 499.26
Temperature/K 100.00
Crystal system monoclinic

Space group P2<sub>1</sub>/c

a/Å 24.3597(8) b/Å 6.0092(2) c/Å 13.7493(5)

α/° 90

β/° 97.850(2)

γ/° 90

Volume/Å<sup>3</sup> 1993.79(12)

 $\begin{array}{lll} Z & & 4 & & \\ & \rho_{calc}g/cm^3 & & 1.663 \\ & \mu/mm^{-1} & & 6.252 \\ F(000) & & 1000.0 \end{array}$ 

Crystal size/mm $^3$  0.1 × 0.1 × 0.1 Radiation CuK $\alpha$  ( $\lambda$  = 1.54178)

20 range for data collection/° 7.326 to 144.166

Index ranges  $-30 \le h \le 30, -7 \le k \le 7, -16 \le l \le 16$ 

Reflections collected 50364

Independent reflections 3920 [ $R_{int} = 0.0546$ ,  $R_{sigma} = 0.0293$ ]

Data/restraints/parameters 3920/0/238

Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup> 1.221

Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$  (I)] R<sub>1</sub> = 0.0293, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.0734 Final R indexes [all data] R<sub>1</sub> = 0.0294, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.0734

Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å<sup>-3</sup> 1.04/-0.71

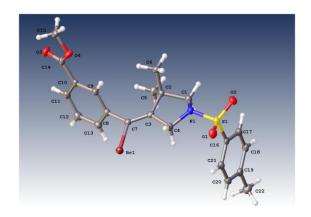


Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 2k.

Identification code 2k

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Space group P2<sub>1</sub>/c

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α/° 90

β/° 103.4980(10)

γ/° 90

Volume/Å<sup>3</sup> 2122.79(11)

 $\begin{array}{lll} Z & & 4 \\ & & \\ \rho_{calc}g/cm^3 & & 1.497 \\ & \mu/mm^{-1} & & 3.797 \\ F(000) & & 984.0 \end{array}$ 

Crystal size/mm $^3$  0.1 × 0.1 × 0.1 Radiation CuK $\alpha$  ( $\lambda$  = 1.54178) 20 range for data collection/ $^{\circ}$  10.262 to 144.314

Index ranges  $-32 \le h \le 32, -7 \le k \le 7, -16 \le l \le 14$ 

Reflections collected 36287

Independent reflections 4094 [ $R_{int} = 0.0524$ ,  $R_{sigma} = 0.0326$ ]

Data/restraints/parameters 4094/0/266

Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup> 1.108

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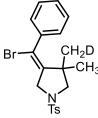
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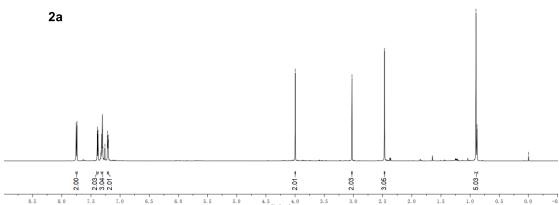
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## **NMR** spectra

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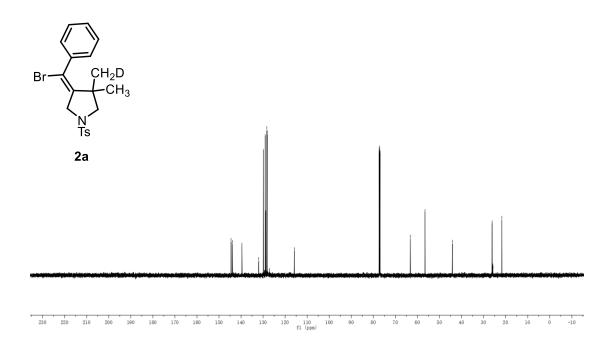




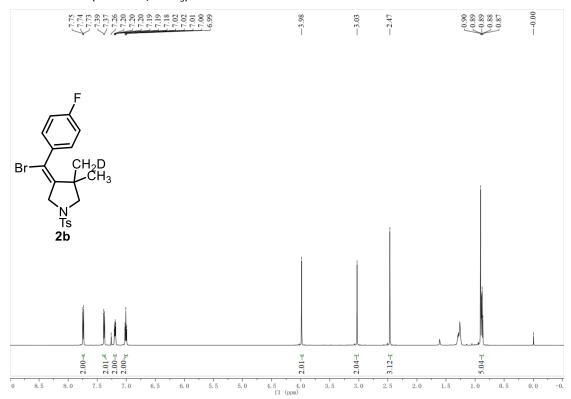


 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of 2a (151 MHz, CDCl $_{3}\text{)}$ 

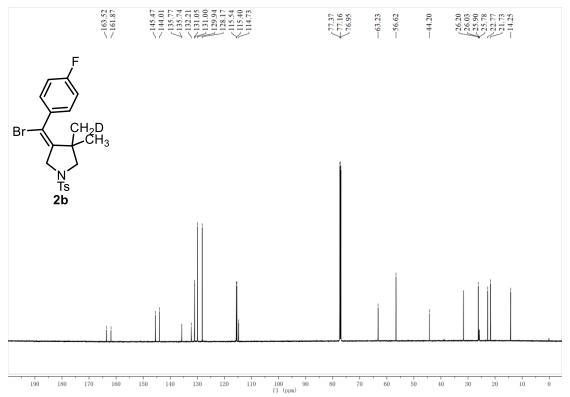
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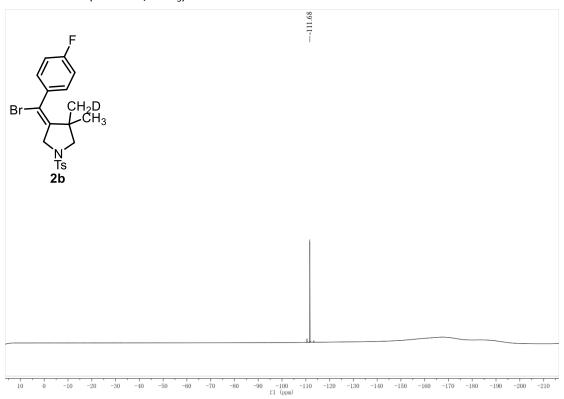
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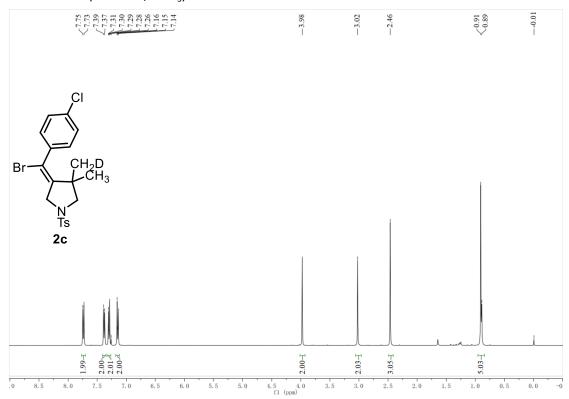
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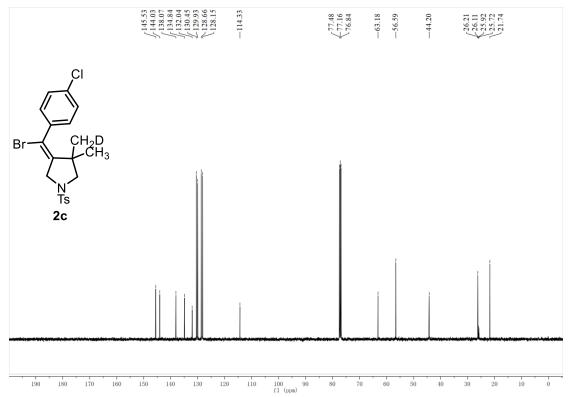
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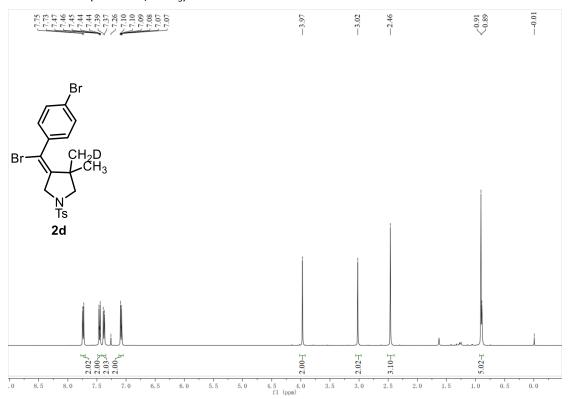
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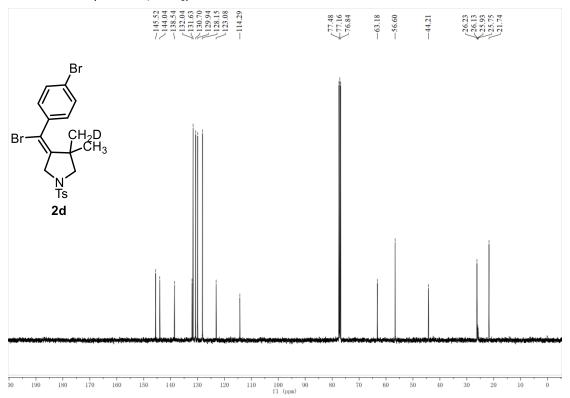
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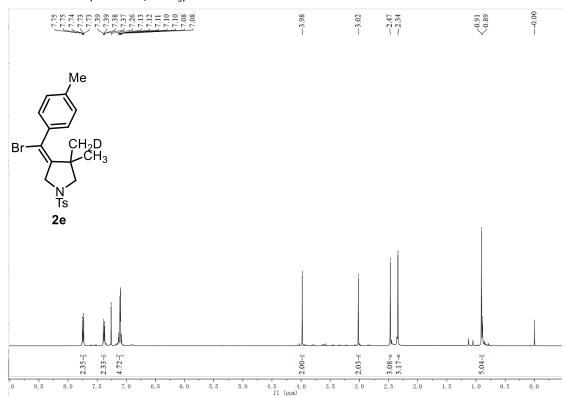
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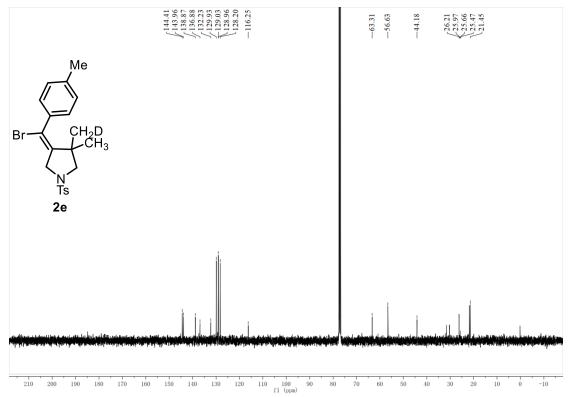
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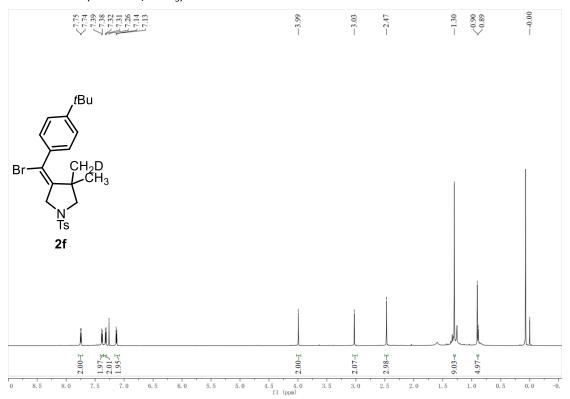
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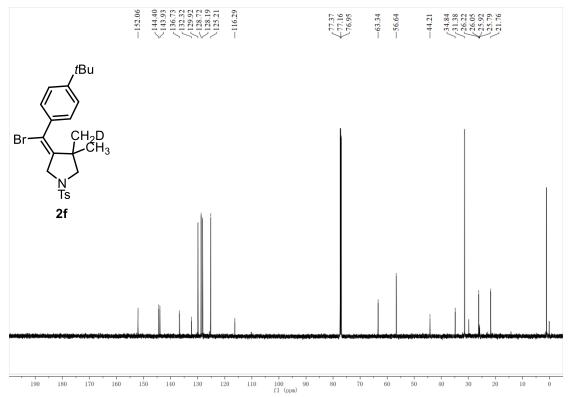
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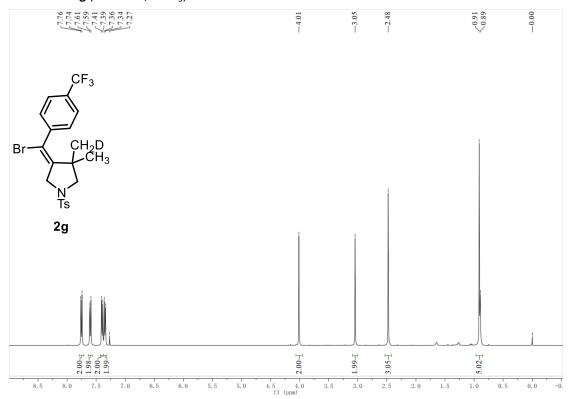
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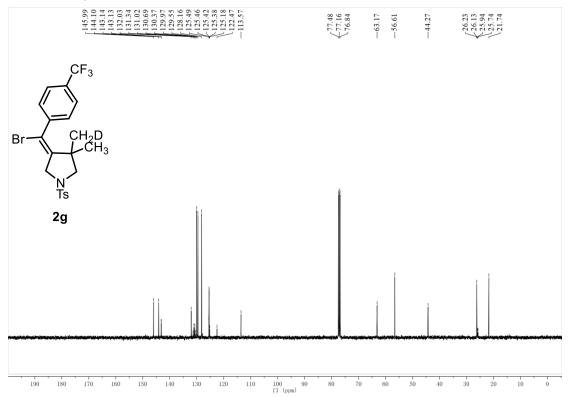
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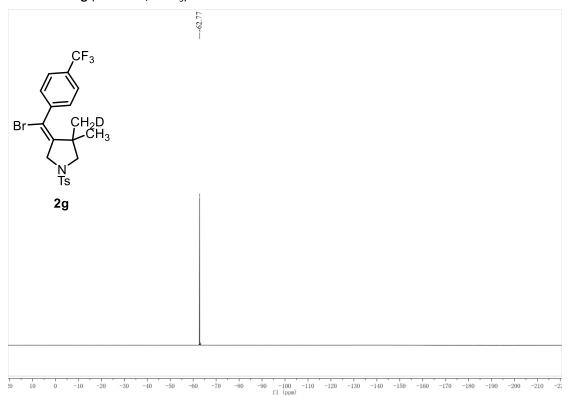
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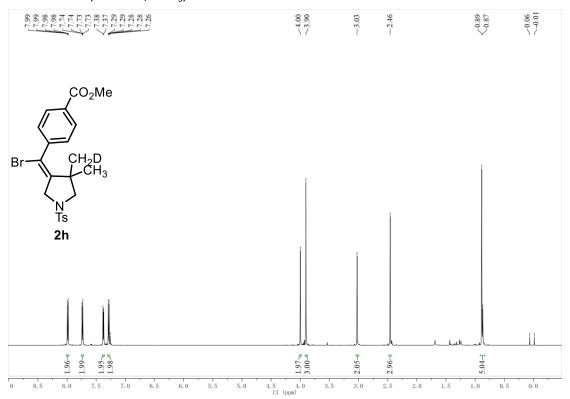
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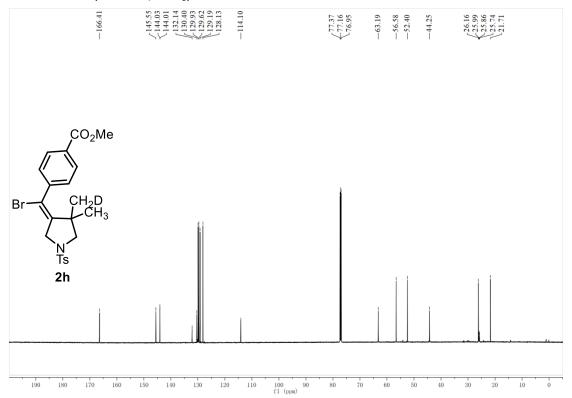
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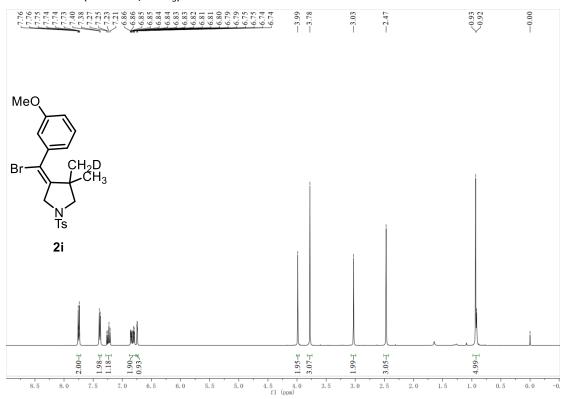
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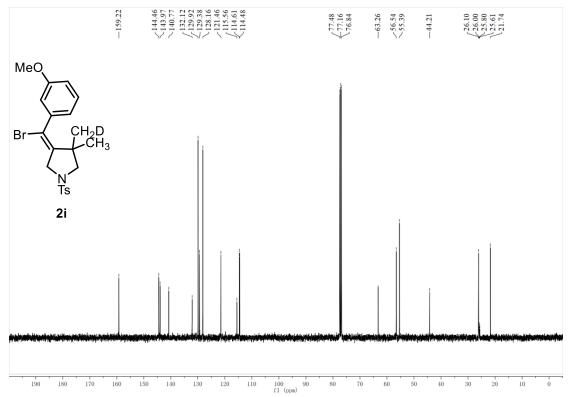
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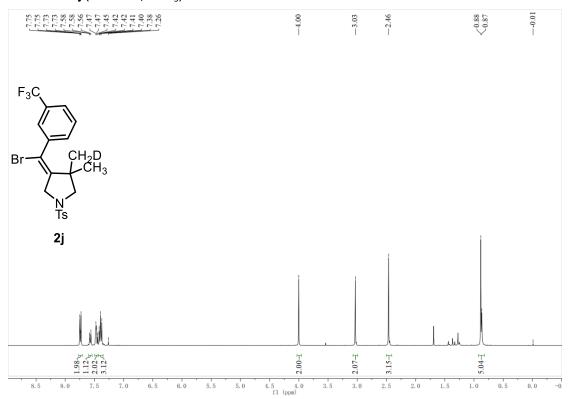
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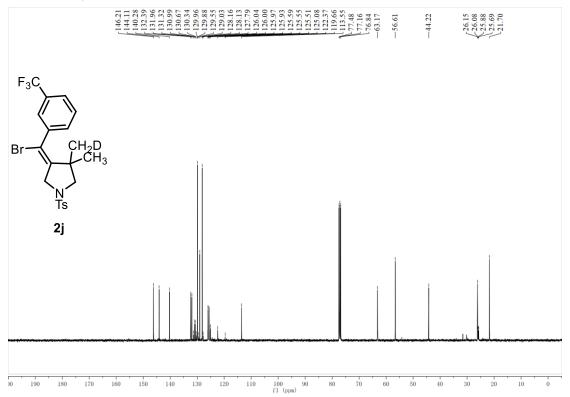
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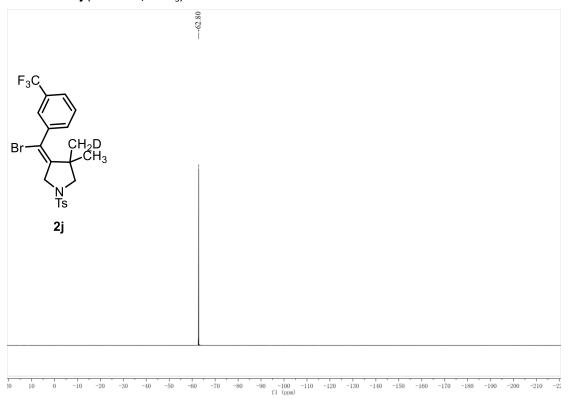
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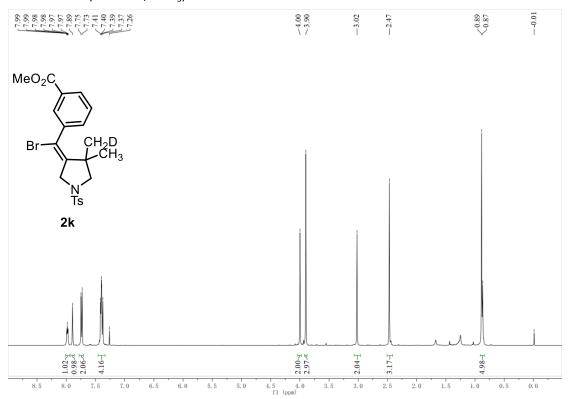
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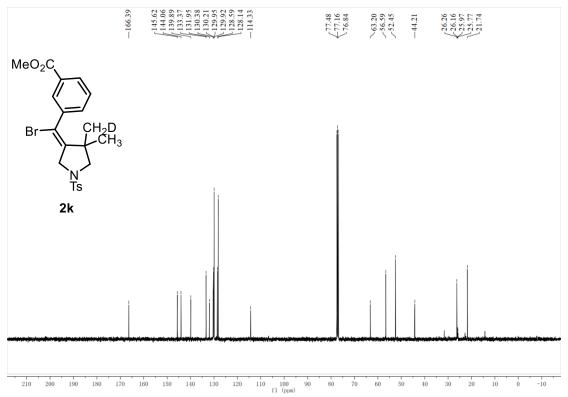
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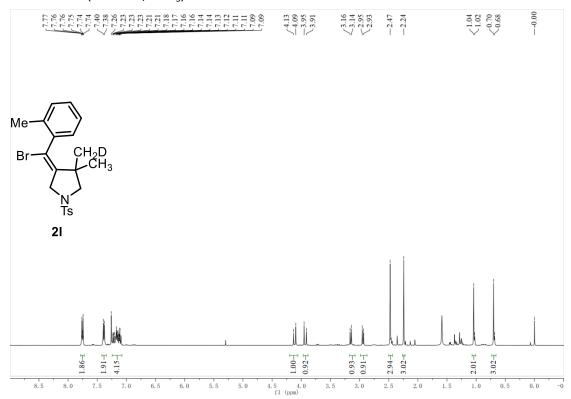
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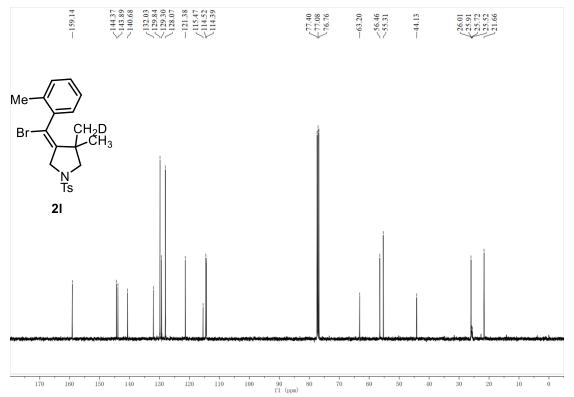
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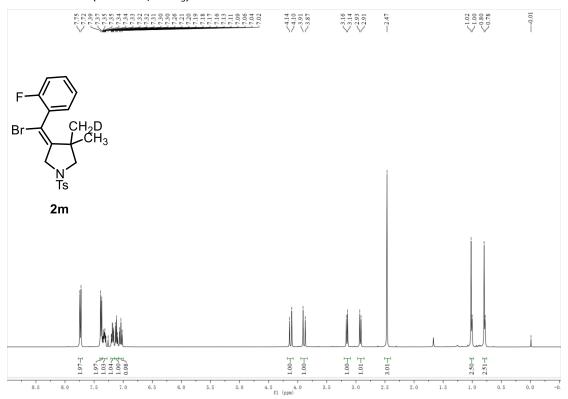
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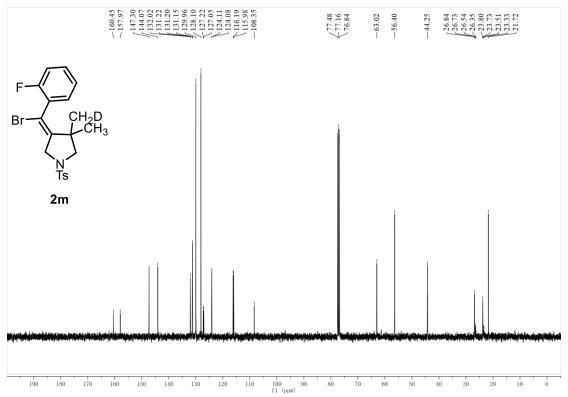
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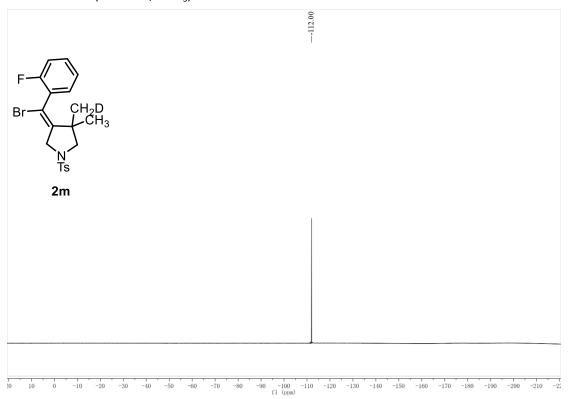
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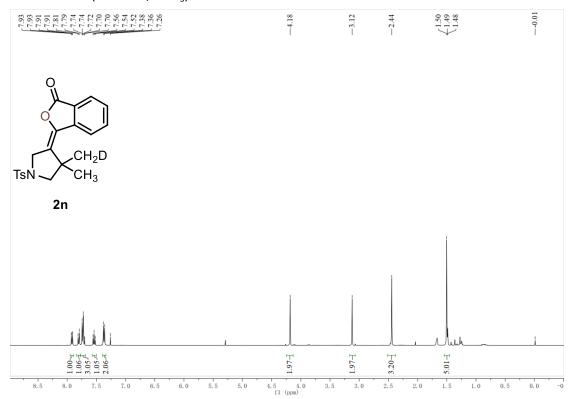
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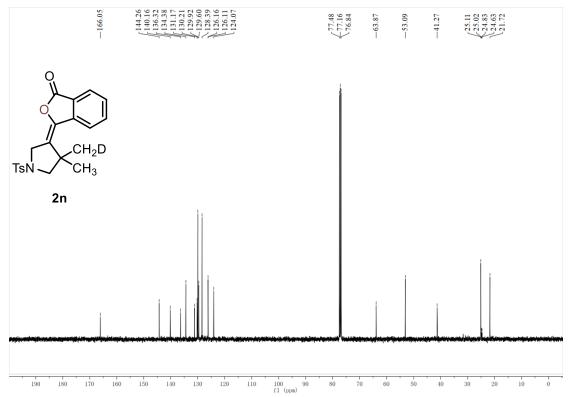
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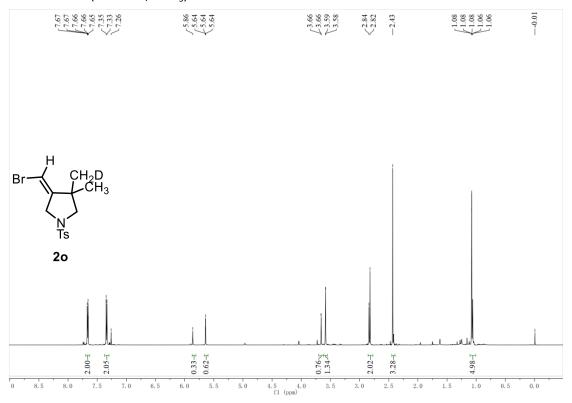
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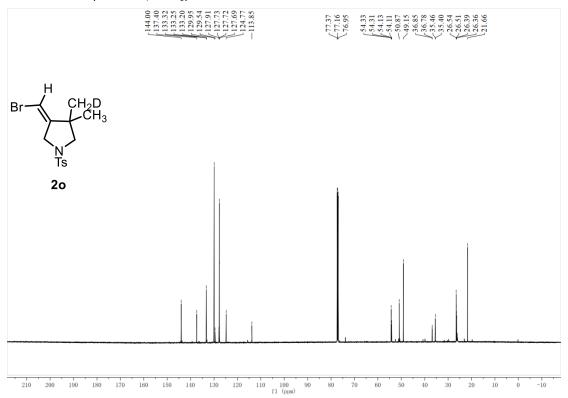
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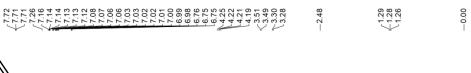
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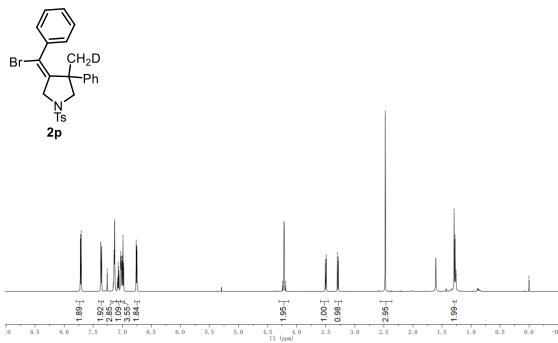


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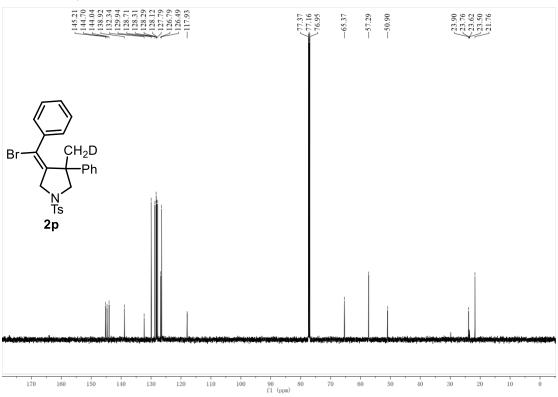


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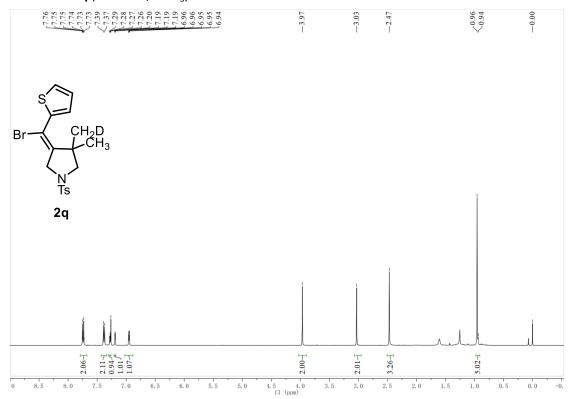




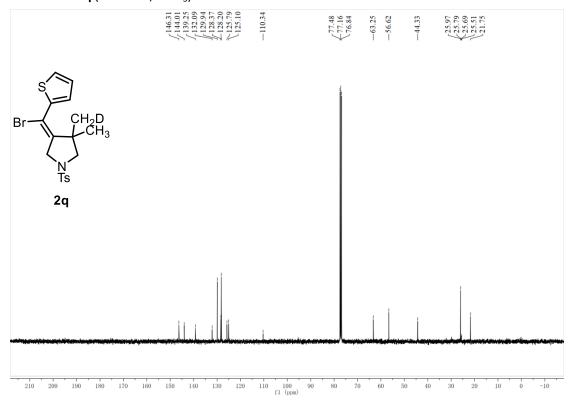
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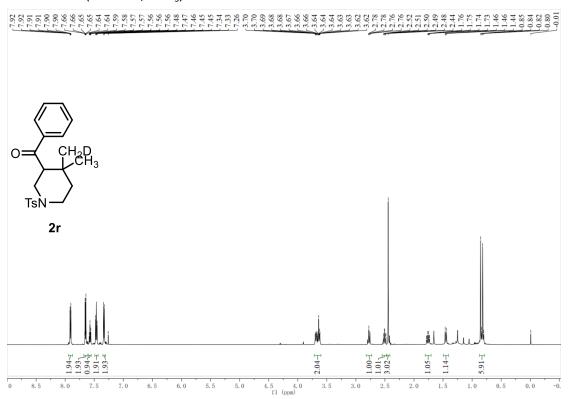
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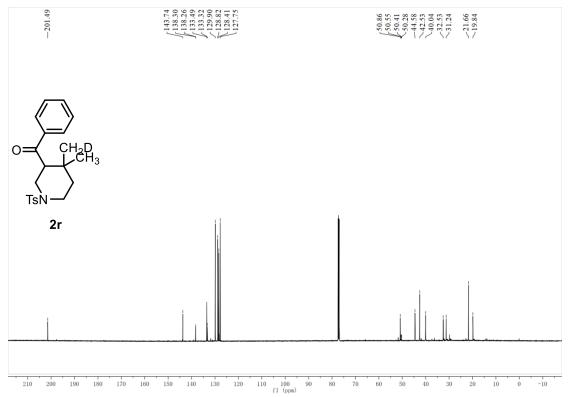
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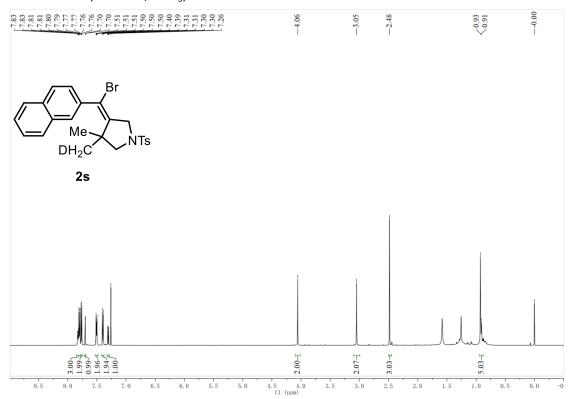
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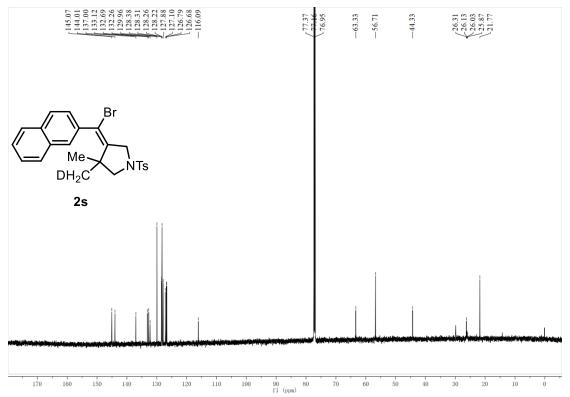
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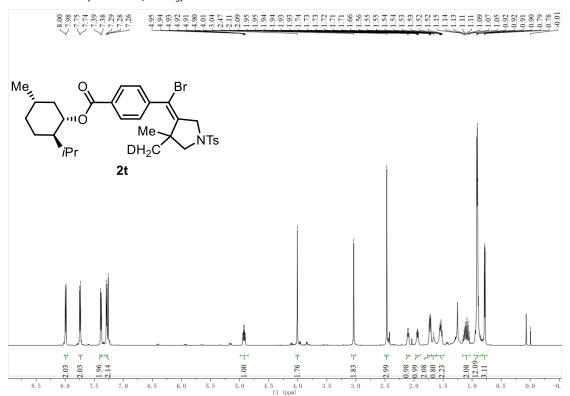
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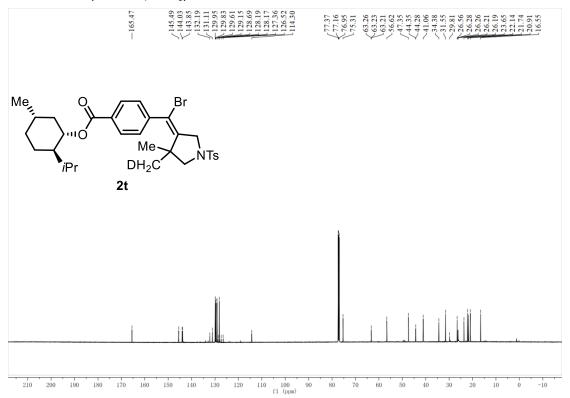
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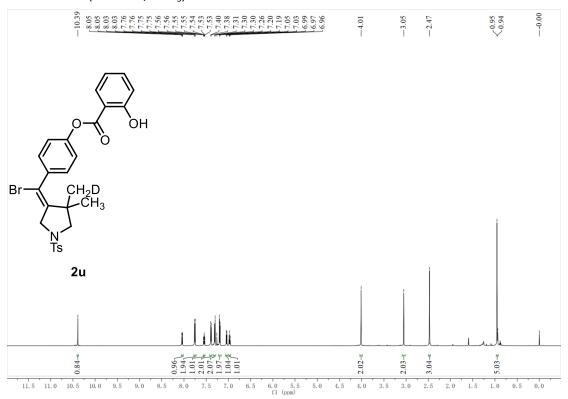
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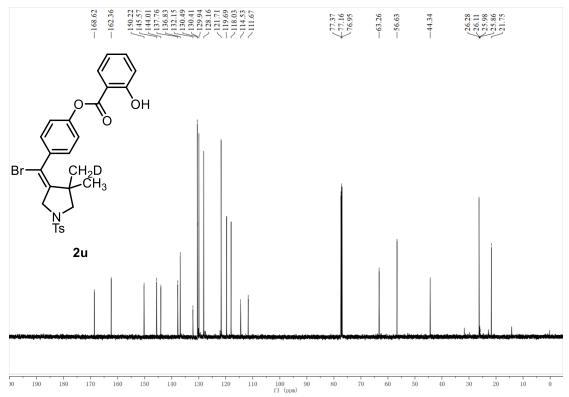
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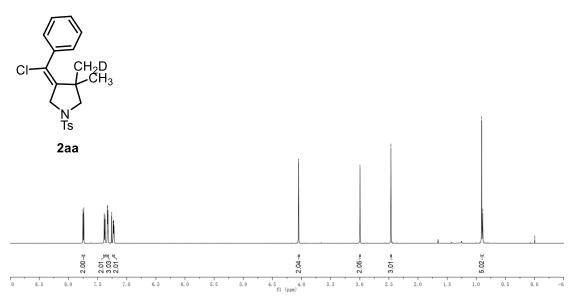


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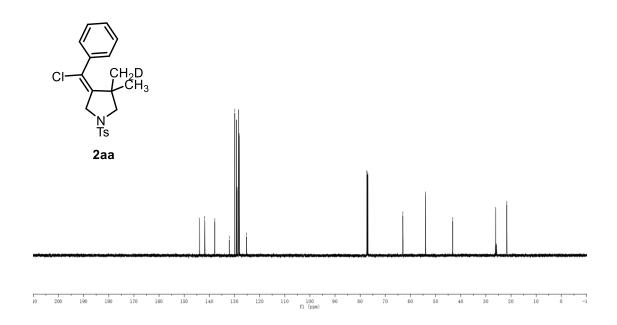






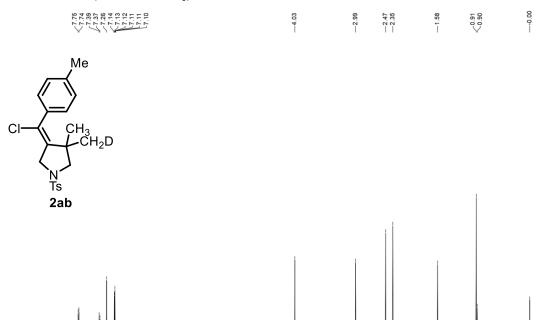
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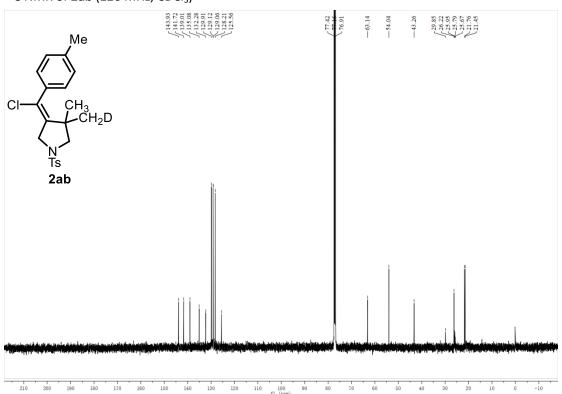
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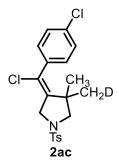
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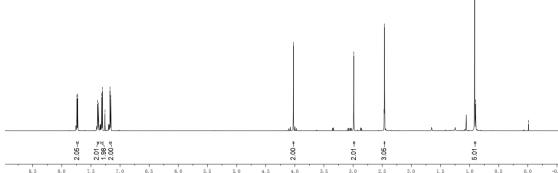
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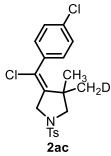


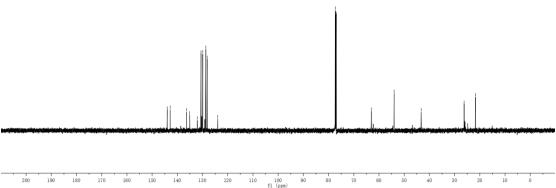


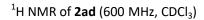


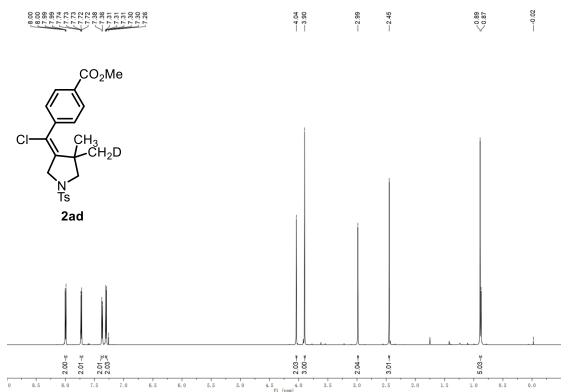
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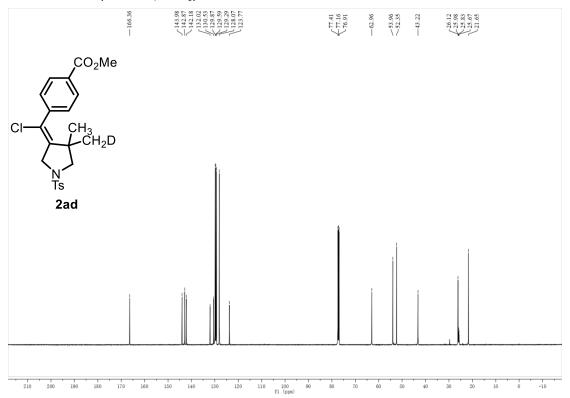






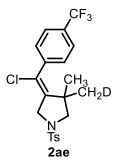


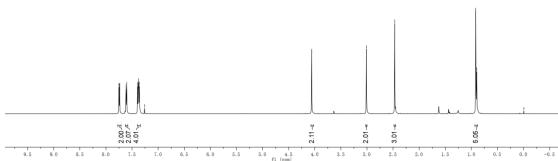
# $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR of 2ad (126 MHz, CDCl $_{\!3})$



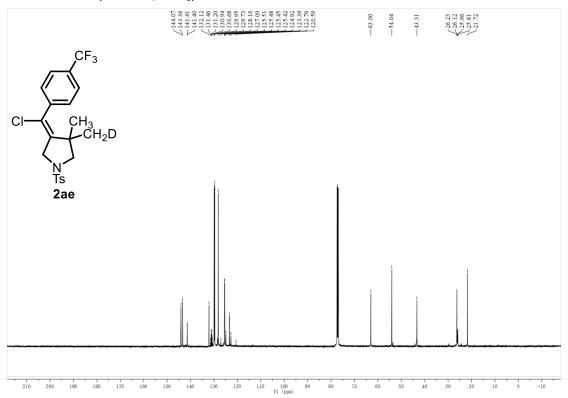
## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **2ae** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





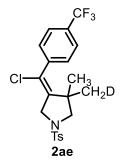


# $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR of **2ae** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



 $^{19}$ F NMR of **2ae** (377 MHz, CDCl $_3$ )

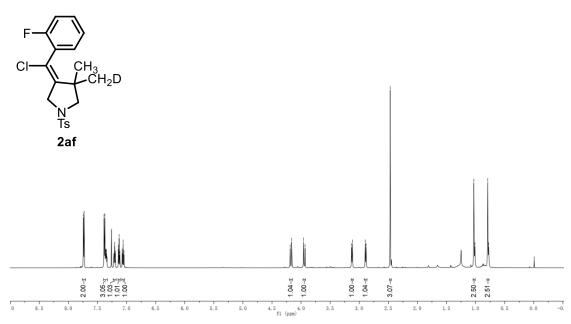




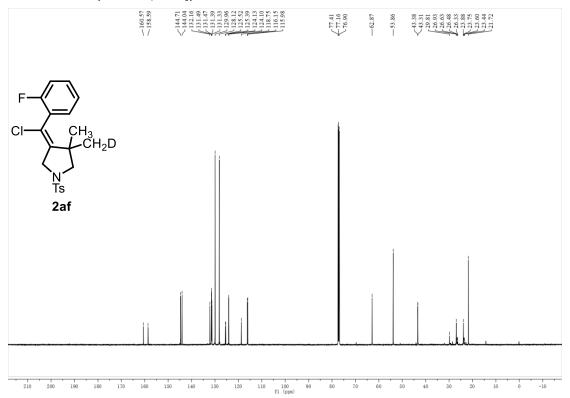


### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **2af** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

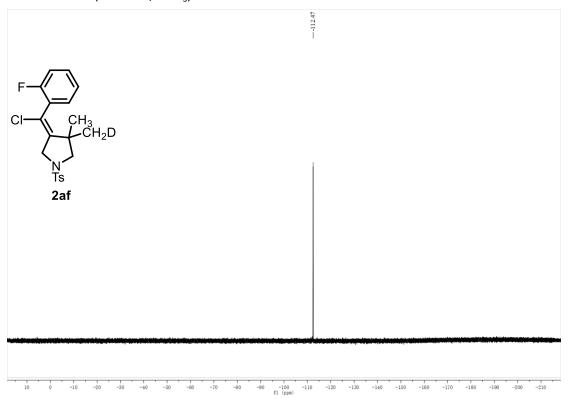


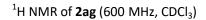


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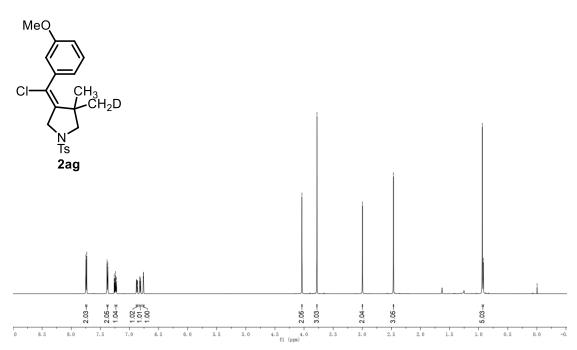


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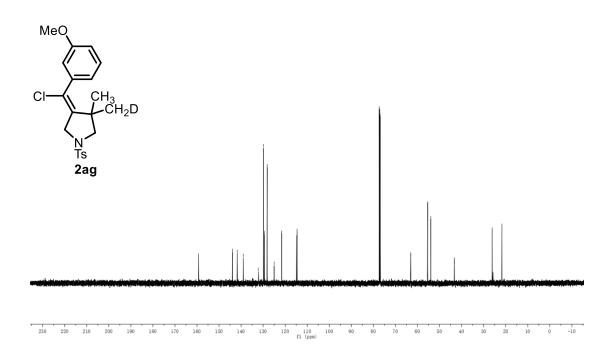






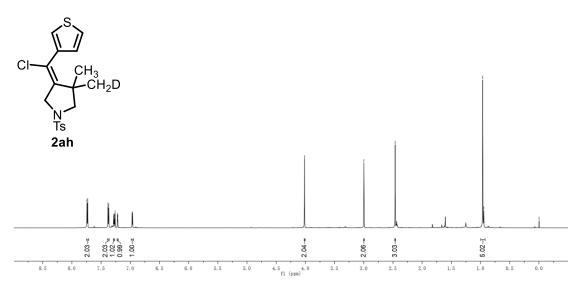
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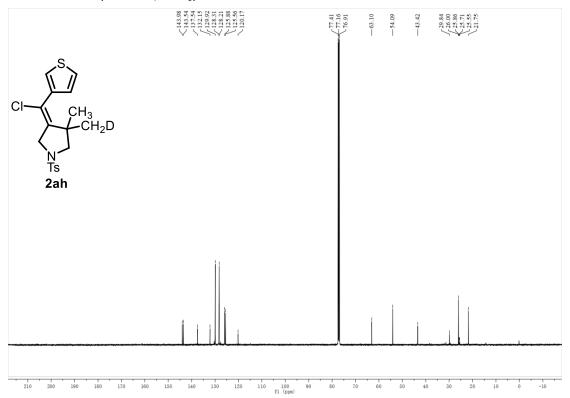


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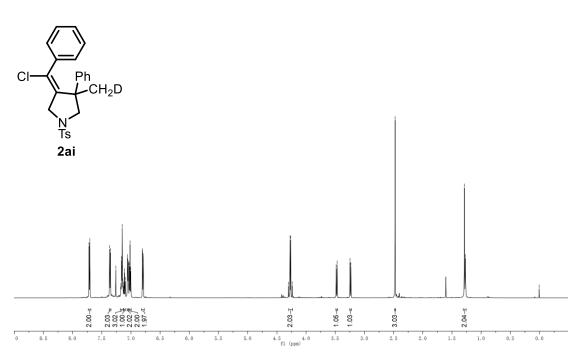


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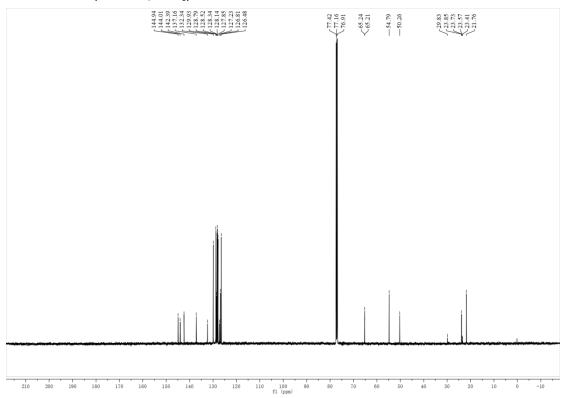


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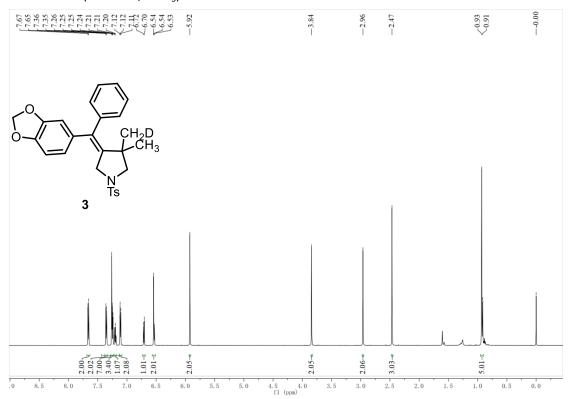




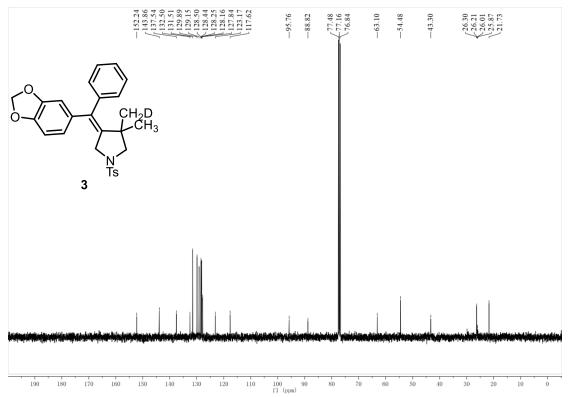
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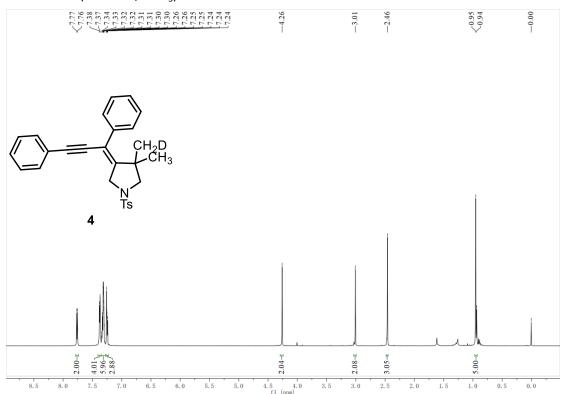
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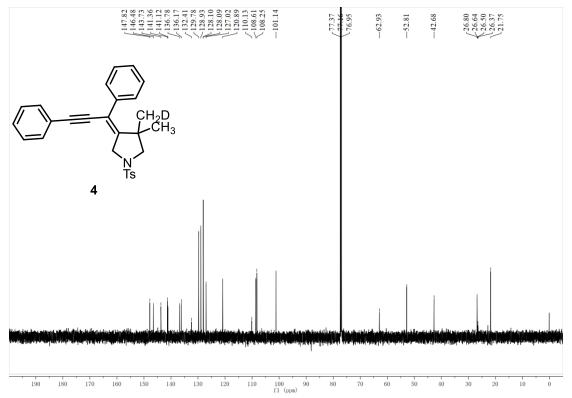
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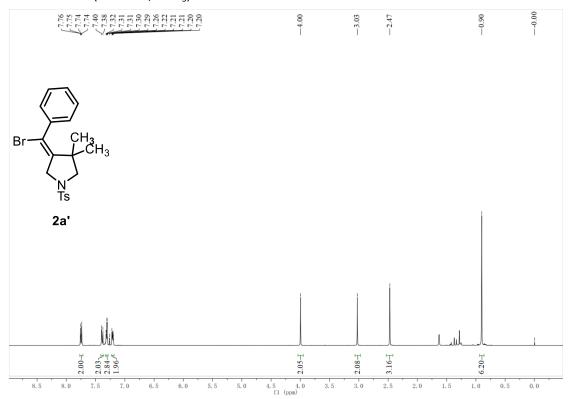
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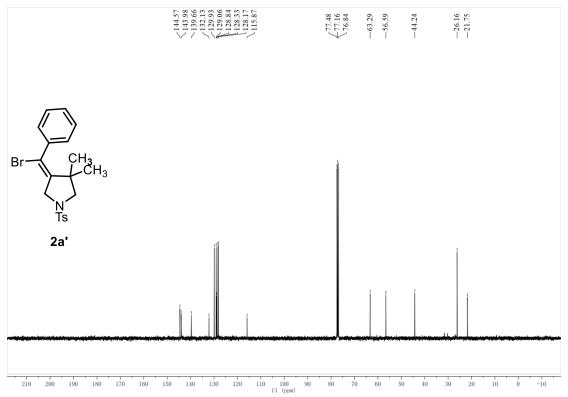
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#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **2a'** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

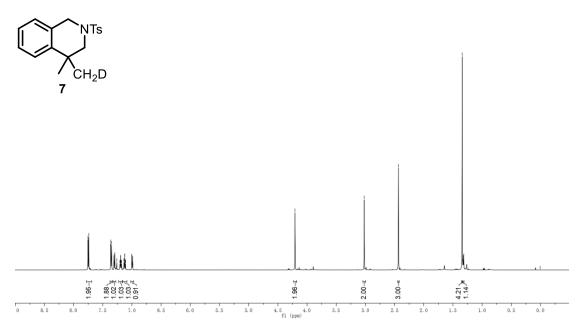


# $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR of 2a' (101 MHz, CDCl $_{\!3})$









 $^{13}$ C NMR of **7** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

