

Supporting Information

Phosphine-catalyzed sequential [4+1]/[2+3] annulation of *o*-amino arylaldimines with Morita–Baylis–Hillman (MBH) carbonates

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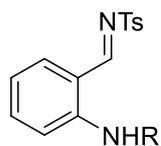
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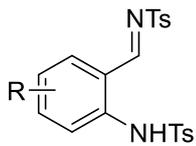
I. General Information

Unless otherwise specified, **all reactions** were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. **All solvents** were purified according to the standard procedures. **All chemicals** which are commercially available were employed without further purification. **Thin-layer chromatography (TLC)** was performed on silica gel plates (GF254) using UV-light (254 and 365 nm). **Flash chromatography** was conducted on silica gel (200–300 mesh). **¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR** spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer. **Chemical shifts** were reported in parts per million (ppm). The **¹H NMR** (400 MHz) chemical shifts were measured relative to residual non-deuterated solvent resonance (CDCl₃: $\delta = 7.260$ ppm). The **¹³C{¹H} NMR** (100 MHz) chemical shifts were given using CDCl₃ as the internal standard (CDCl₃: $\delta = 77.00$ ppm). **All high-resolution mass spectra (HR-MS)** were obtained on a Bruker microTOFQ II (ESI). **Crystal measurement** was performed by Bruker D8 Venture X-ray diffractometer. *o*-Amino arylaldimines **1¹** and MBH carbonates **2²** were synthesized according to modified literature-reported procedure. **1a¹, 1e¹, 1h¹, 1s¹** and **2²** have been reported earlier. **1b-1d, 1f-1g, and 1i-1r** are new compounds.

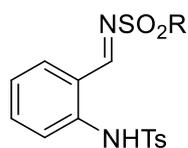
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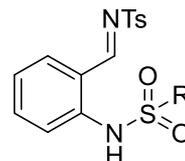
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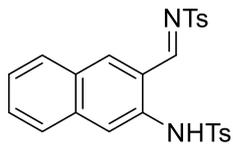
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1d: R = 4-Cl
1e: R = 4-Me
1f: R = 5-Br
1g: R = 5-Me



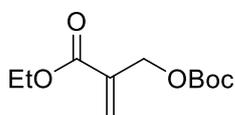
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1k: R = ^tBu



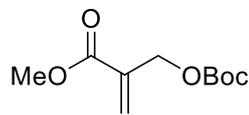
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1m: R = 2-BrC₆H₄
1n: R = 2-MeC₆H₄
1o: R = 3-ClC₆H₄
1p: R = 3-MeC₆H₄
1q: R = 4-BrC₆H₄
1r: R = 4-OMeC₆H₄



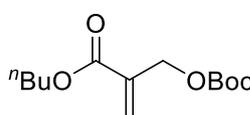
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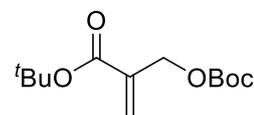
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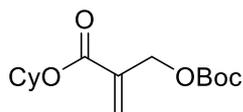
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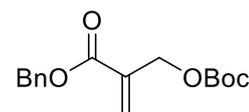
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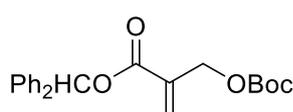
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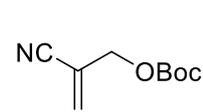
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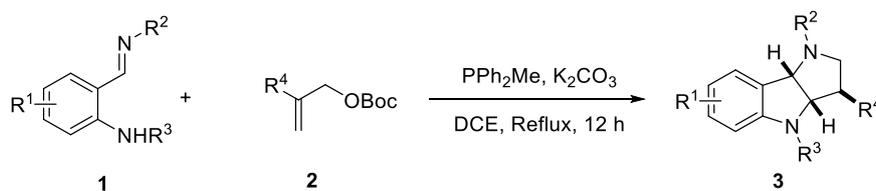


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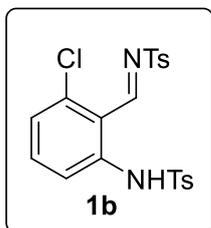
III. Representative Procedure of the Reaction



To a stirred solution of *o*-amino arylaldimines **1** (0.1 mmol), Morita-Baylis-Hillman carbonates **2** (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and K_2CO_3 (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DCE (2.0 mL) was added PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduce vacuum, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1) to afford the compounds **3**.

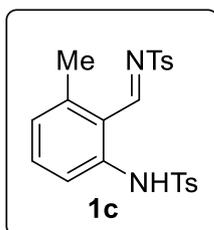
IV. Analytical Data

(E)-*N*-(3-Chloro-2-((tosylimino)methyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**1b**)



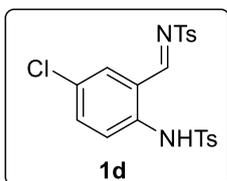
A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 175-176 °C ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.46 (s, 1H), 9.59 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (dt, $J = 8.5, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, $J = 8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.3, 145.5, 144.4, 142.8, 140.7, 136.3, 135.9, 134.6, 130.2, 129.8, 128.2, 127.2, 124.7, 117.2, 115.3, 21.7, 21.5. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 463.0548, found: 463.0557.

(E)-4-Methyl-*N*-(3-methyl-2-((tosylimino)methyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (**1c**)



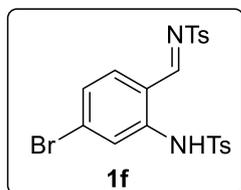
A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 118-119 °C ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.43 (s, 1H), 9.37 (s, 1H), 7.98 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 10.6, 8.3$ Hz, 3H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.1, 145.2, 144.5, 144.0, 141.7, 136.3, 136.1, 135.1, 130.1, 129.6, 128.0, 127.2, 125.8, 116.8, 116.5, 21.7, 21.5, 20.0. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 443.1094, found: 443.1095.

(E)-*N*-(5-Chloro-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)benzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**1d**)



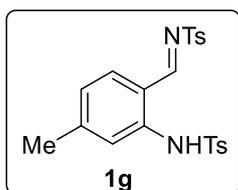
A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 119-120 °C ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.76 (s, 1H), 8.87 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.9, 145.5, 144.4, 139.3, 136.0, 135.8, 135.6, 134.5, 130.2, 129.8, 128.8, 128.2, 127.1, 120.4, 119.7, 21.8, 21.5. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 463.0548, found: 463.0556.

***(E)*-N-(4-Bromo-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)benzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1f)**



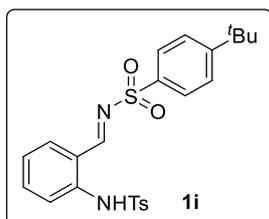
A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 188-189 °C **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 10.97 (s, 1H), 8.90 (s, 1H), 7.95 – 7.88 (m, 3H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). **¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 169.2, 145.4, 144.5, 143.6, 141.6, 139.1, 138.0, 135.8, 134.8, 131.7, 130.2, 129.8, 129.7, 128.1, 127.2, 126.8, 126.5, 121.6, 117.1, 21.7, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI)** *m/z*: calcd. for C₂₁H₂₀BrN₂O₄S₂⁺ [*M* + *H*]⁺: 507.0042, found: 507.0049.

***(E)*-4-Methyl-N-(4-methyl-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)benzylidene)benzenesulfonamide (1g)**



A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 120-121 °C **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 10.88 (s, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). **¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 169.8, 148.1, 145.1, 144.1, 140.9, 137.4, 136.2, 135.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 128.0, 127.2, 126.5, 124.6, 119.3, 116.2, 22.4, 21.7, 21.5. **HRMS (ESI)** *m/z*: calcd. for C₂₂H₂₃N₂O₄S₂⁺ [*M* + *H*]⁺: 443.1094, found: 443.1101.

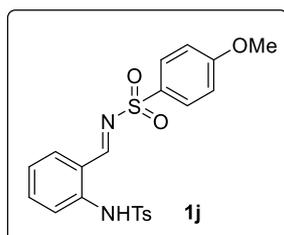
***(E)*-4-(Tert-butyl)-N-(2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)benzylidene)benzenesulfonamide (1i)**



A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 146-147 °C **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 10.89 (s, 1H), 8.96 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H).

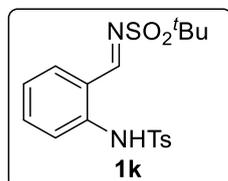
$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.3, 158.2, 144.1, 140.9, 137.4, 136.1, 136.0, 134.8, 129.6, 127.9, 127.2, 126.6, 126.3, 126.1, 123.4, 118.8, 118.5, 35.4, 31.0, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 471.1407, found: 471.1416.

(E)-4-Methoxy-N-(2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)benzylidene)benzenesulfonamide (1j)



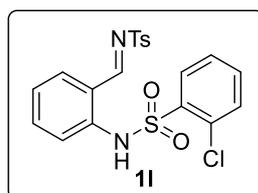
A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 174-175 °C ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.18 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.6, 164.1, 144.1, 140.8, 137.3, 136.1, 135.9, 130.2, 129.6, 129.2, 127.1, 123.4, 118.7, 118.4, 114.7, 55.8, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 445.0886, found: 445.0895.

(E)-N-(2-(((tert-butylsulfonyl)imino)methyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1k)



A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 145-146 °C ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.08 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 11.7, 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.0, 144.4, 141.0, 137.5, 136.2, 136.1, 129.9, 127.3, 123.1, 118.1, 117.7, 58.7, 24.0, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 395.1094, found: 395.1102.

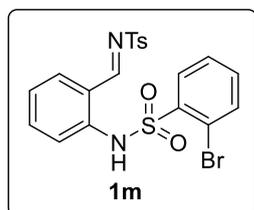
(E)-2-Chloro-N-(2-((tosylimino)methyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (1l)



A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 134-135 °C ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.52 (s, 1H), 9.04 (s, 1H), 8.21 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.09 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.7, 145.2, 140.2, 137.6, 136.0, 134.7, 134.4,

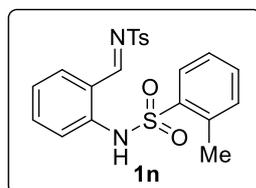
132.4, 132.1, 132.0, 130.1, 128.1, 126.8, 122.8, 117.6, 116.3, 21.7. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for $C_{20}H_{18}ClN_2O_4S_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 449.0391, found: 449.0396.

(E)-2-Bromo-N-(2-((tosylimino)methyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (1m)



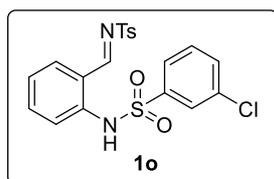
A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 173-174 °C **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 11.56 (s, 1H), 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.27 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dt, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 3H), 7.35 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 169.7, 145.3, 140.2, 137.6, 136.0, 135.5, 134.3, 132.4, 130.2, 129.7, 128.2, 127.4, 126.5, 122.8, 120.6, 117.6, 116.2, 21.7. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for $C_{20}H_{18}BrN_2O_4S_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 492.9886, found: 492.9893.

(E)-2-Methyl-N-(2-((tosylimino)methyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (1n)



A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 180-181 °C **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 11.19 (s, 1H), 9.03 (s, 1H), 8.08 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.30 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 170.2, 145.2, 140.8, 137.6, 137.5, 136.9, 136.2, 134.9, 133.5, 132.8, 130.2, 130.1, 128.0, 126.1, 122.6, 117.2, 116.6, 21.7, 19.7. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for $C_{21}H_{21}N_2O_4S_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 492.0937, found: 429.0945.

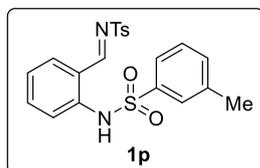
(E)-3-Chloro-N-(2-((tosylimino)methyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (1o)



A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 128-129 °C **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 11.02 (s, 1H), 8.97 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 170.1, 145.4, 143.6, 140.7, 140.3, 137.5, 136.1, 135.2, 134.8, 133.4, 130.4, 130.2,

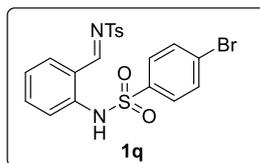
129.7, 128.0, 127.2, 126.5, 125.3, 123.9, 118.7, 21.8. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $C_{20}H_{18}ClN_2O_4S_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 449.0391, found: 449.0398.

(E)-3-Methyl-N-(2-((tosylimino)methyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (1p)



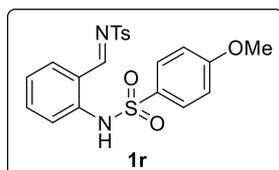
A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 129-130 °C **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 10.94 (s, 1H), 8.96 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 170.1, 145.2, 140.8, 139.4, 138.9, 137.4, 136.0, 134.9, 134.1, 130.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.5, 124.3, 123.4, 118.6, 118.4, 21.7, 21.2. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $C_{21}H_{21}N_2O_4S_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 492.0937, found: 429.0945.

(E)-4-Bromo-N-(2-((tosylimino)methyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (1q)



A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 191-192 °C **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 10.89 (s, 1H), 8.95 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 170.2, 145.4, 140.3, 138.1, 137.5, 136.1, 134.8, 132.3, 130.2, 129.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 126.5, 124.0, 119.2, 118.8, 21.7. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $C_{20}H_{18}BrN_2O_4S_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 492.9886, found: 492.9894.

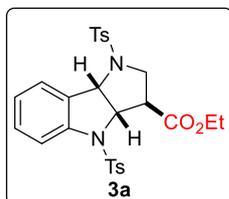
(E)-4-Methoxy-N-(2-((tosylimino)methyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (1r)



A white amorphous solid. **M.p.:** 138-139 °C **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 10.84 (s, 1H), 8.95 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 170.2, 163.2, 145.2, 140.9, 137.4, 136.0, 135.0, 130.6, 130.1, 129.4, 128.1, 123.4, 118.8, 118.5,

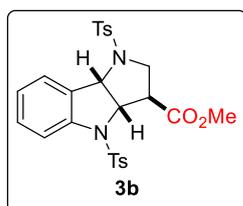
114.2, 55.5, 21.7. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $C_{21}H_{21}N_2O_5S_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 445.0886, found: 445.0892.

Ethyl-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3a)



The **3a** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1a** (42.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (46.6 mg, 86% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 7.71 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 5H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, $J = 10.7, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, $J = 10.7, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.57 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 170.6, 144.8, 143.8, 141.6, 135.8, 133.0, 130.2, 129.8, 129.71, 129.67, 127.54, 127.47, 125.1, 115.6, 67.3, 63.6, 61.6, 51.0, 48.9, 21.6, 21.5, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $C_{27}H_{29}N_2O_6S_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 541.1462, found: 541.1456.

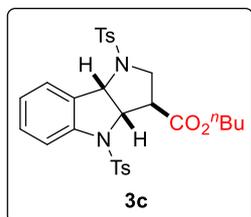
Methyl-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3b)



The **3b** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1a** (42.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2b** (25.9 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (38.6 mg, 73% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.54 (m, 5H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.10 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.36 – 5.23 (m, 1H), 4.81 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.59 – 3.51 (m, 5H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 171.1, 144.8, 143.9, 141.5, 135.7, 132.9, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 127.52, 127.47, 125.2, 115.5, 67.3, 63.5, 52.5, 50.8, 48.9,

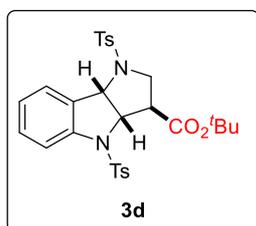
21.6, 21.5. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $C_{26}H_{26}N_2O_6S_2Na^+$ $[M + Na]^+$: 549.1124, found: 549.1126.

Butyl-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3c)



The **3c** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1a** (42.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2c** (31.0 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (45.4 mg, 80% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 7.71 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 5H), 7.33 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.84 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.58 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.60 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 170.7, 144.8, 143.8, 141.5, 135.7, 132.8, 130.1, 129.8, 129.72, 129.66, 127.5, 127.4, 125.1, 115.5, 67.3, 65.6, 63.5, 51.0, 48.9, 30.3, 21.6, 21.5, 19.1, 13.7. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $C_{29}H_{32}N_2O_6S_2Na^+$ $[M + Na]^+$: 591.1594, found: 591.1595.

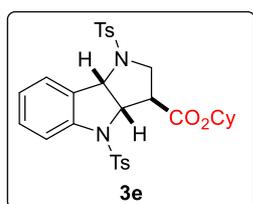
Tert-butyl-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3d)



The **3d** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1a** (42.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2d** (31.0 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (46.1 mg, 81% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.1$ Hz, 3H), 7.31 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.07 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, $J = 8.3, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.67 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.50 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.37

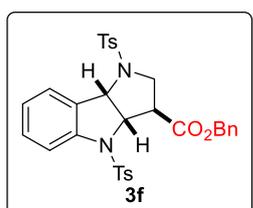
(s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.6, 144.7, 143.9, 141.4, 135.5, 133.0, 130.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 125.1, 116.0, 82.4, 67.5, 63.4, 51.6, 49.0, 28.0, 27.9, 21.6, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2\text{Na}^+ [\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 591.1594, found: 591.1586.

Cyclohexyl-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3e)



The **3e** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1a** (42.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2e** (34.1 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (44,3 mg, 75% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 5H), 7.32 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dq, $J = 9.0, 5.2, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.56 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.84 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.75 – 1.68 (m, 3H), 1.54 (dd, $J = 11.1, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.41 – 1.24 (m, 5H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.1, 144.7, 143.8, 141.6, 135.7, 132.8, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 127.5, 127.4, 125.1, 115.6, 74.3, 67.3, 63.6, 51.2, 49.0, 31.3, 31.2, 25.2, 23.72, 23.65, 21.57, 21.55. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2\text{Na}^+ [\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 617.1750, found: 617.1752.

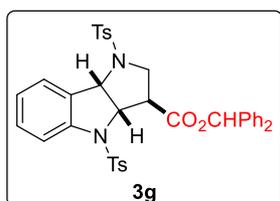
Benzyl-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3f)



The **3f** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1a** (42.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2f** (34.1 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (27.7 mg, 46% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.9$ Hz,

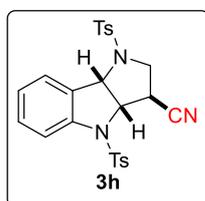
3H), 7.26 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.84 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, $J = 11.4, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dt, $J = 6.3, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, $J = 11.5, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.4, 144.8, 143.9, 141.6, 135.7, 135.0, 132.8, 130.2, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 125.1, 115.4, 67.4, 67.3, 63.5, 51.1, 48.9, 21.6, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 625.1437, found: 625.1438.

Benzhydryl-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3g)



The **3g** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1a** (42.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2g** (44.2 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (44.2 mg, 65% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.23 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, $J = 11.4, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dt, $J = 6.5, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, $J = 11.4, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.6, 144.7, 143.7, 141.6, 139.51, 139.46, 135.4, 132.7, 130.2, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.64, 128.59, 128.13, 128.11, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 125.1, 115.5, 78.4, 67.4, 63.5, 51.3, 48.8, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 701.1750, found: 701.1752.

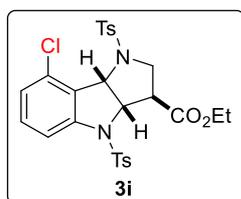
1,4-Ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carbonitrile (3h)



The **3h** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1a** (42.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2h** (22.0 mg, 0.12

mmol), K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh₂Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (28.7 mg, 58% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dt, *J* = 5.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.4, 144.7, 141.1, 135.1, 132.2, 130.7, 130.1, 128.5, 127.6, 127.5, 125.6, 117.4, 115.2, 68.8, 63.1, 48.4, 37.2, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd. for C₂₅H₂₃N₃O₄S₂Na⁺ [M + Na]⁺: 516.1022, found: 516.1023.

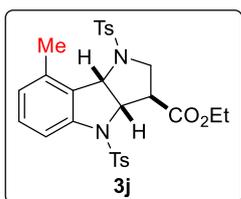
Ethyl-8-chloro-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]indole-3-carboxylate (3i)



The **3i** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1b** (46.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh₂Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (40.2 mg, 70%

yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (p, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.21 – 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 6H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 145.2, 143.9, 143.6, 137.3, 132.9, 132.7, 131.4, 130.1, 129.4, 127.42, 127.39, 126.5, 125.5, 113.3, 66.8, 63.9, 61.9, 53.2, 49.8, 21.6, 21.5, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd. for C₂₇H₂₈ClN₂O₆S₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 575.1072, found: 575.1075.

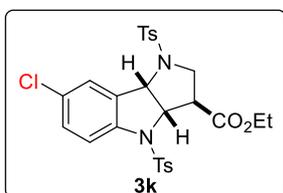
Ethyl-8-methyl-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]indole-3-carboxylate (3j)



The **3j** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1c** (44.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh₂Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (42.3 mg, 76% yield, >20:1

d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 17.8, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 170.4, 144.7, 144.0, 142.0, 137.6, 136.3, 133.3, 130.2, 129.8, 129.7, 127.39, 127.35, 127.0, 126.8, 113.2, 66.5, 64.2, 61.7, 52.8, 49.3, 21.61, 21.55, 18.7, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI)** *m/z*: calcd. for C₂₈H₃₁N₂O₆S₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 555.1618, found: 555.1607.

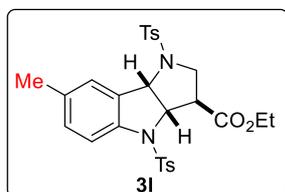
Ethyl-7-chloro-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3k)



The **3k** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1d** (46.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh₂Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (45.0 mg, 78%

yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.84 – 4.80 (m, 1H), 4.02 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 – 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.57 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 170.4, 145.1, 144.1, 140.2, 135.5, 132.5, 131.5, 130.4, 130.3, 130.0, 129.8, 127.52, 127.50, 116.6, 67.7, 63.1, 61.7, 50.9, 49.0, 21.6, 21.5, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI)** *m/z*: calcd. for C₂₇H₂₇ClN₂O₆S₂Na⁺ [M + Na]⁺: 597.0891, found: 597.0902.

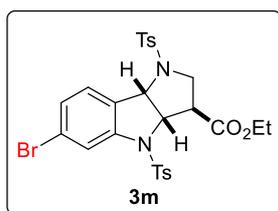
Ethyl-7-methyl-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3l)



The **3l** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1e** (44.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh₂Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (45.8 mg, 83%

yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 5.4 Hz, 3H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.06 – 3.98 (m, 1H), 3.88 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.57 – 3.47 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 144.6, 143.8, 139.1, 135.7, 135.1, 132.8, 130.8, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 127.6, 127.5, 115.5, 67.4, 63.6, 61.6, 50.9, 48.9, 21.54, 21.48, 20.9, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd. for C₂₈H₃₁N₂O₆S₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 555.1618, found: 555.1616.

Ethyl-6-bromo-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3m)

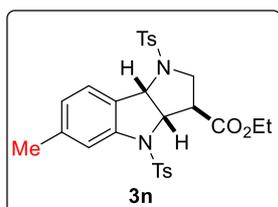


The **3m** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1f** (50.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh₂Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (50.8 mg, 82%

yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.84 – 4.80 (m, 1H), 4.05 – 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.84 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 145.2, 144.0, 142.9, 135.5, 132.5, 130.0, 129.7, 128.73, 128.70, 128.2,

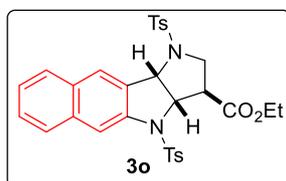
127.50, 127.47, 124.1, 118.4, 67.7, 63.0, 61.7, 50.9, 48.9, 21.6, 21.5, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for $C_{27}H_{27}BrN_2O_6S_2Na^+$ $[M + Na]^+$: 641.0386, found: 641.0383.

Ethyl-6-methyl-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3n)



The **3n** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1g** (44.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (46.3 mg, 84% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 7.65 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (dt, $J = 7.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.79 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.07 – 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.87 (dd, $J = 10.7, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.54 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 170.7, 144.7, 143.8, 141.7, 140.6, 135.7, 132.9, 129.8, 129.6, 127.50, 127.46, 127.0, 126.1, 116.0, 67.5, 63.3, 61.6, 50.9, 48.8, 21.8, 21.6, 21.5, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for $C_{28}H_{30}N_2O_6S_2Na^+$ $[M + Na]^+$: 577.1437, found: 577.1447.

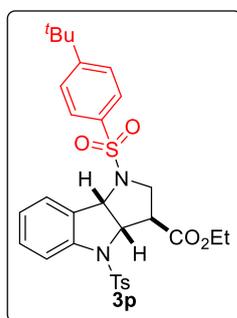
Ethyl-1,4-ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,10b-hexahydrobenzo[*f*]pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]indole-3-carboxylate (3o)



The **3o** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1h** (47.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (48.0 mg, 81% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 8.05 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, $J = 11.2, 8.3$ Hz, 4H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, $J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.40 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, J

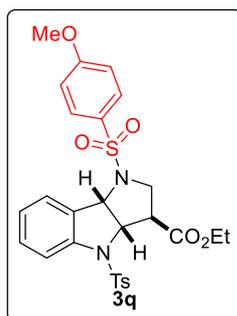
= 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd, $J = 10.7, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, $J = 10.7, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 – 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.58 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.24 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.6, 144.9, 143.9, 139.3, 135.8, 134.5, 133.0, 131.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.7, 128.3, 127.7, 127.53, 127.48, 127.2, 127.0, 125.2, 112.0, 67.7, 62.9, 61.7, 51.0, 49.1, 21.6, 21.5, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 591.1618, found: 591.1611.

Ethyl-1-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-4-tosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]indole-3-carboxylate (3p)



The **3p** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1i** (47.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (49.7 mg, 85% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (dd, $J = 14.7, 8.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.33 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.09 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.84 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, $J = 10.7, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.55 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.6, 156.7, 144.7, 141.7, 135.9, 133.0, 130.1, 129.83, 129.78, 127.53, 127.48, 127.4, 126.1, 125.1, 115.5, 67.4, 63.6, 61.5, 51.0, 48.9, 35.2, 31.1, 21.5, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 583.1931, found: 583.1930.

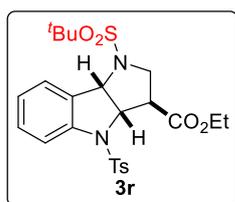
Ethyl-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-4-tosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]indole-3-carboxylate (3q)



The **3q** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1j** (44.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (40.7 mg, 73% yield, >20:1

d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.69 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.59 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.10 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 5.24 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.87 – 4.78 (m, 1H), 4.06 (dq, J = 10.8, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.98 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.78 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.58 – 3.45 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 170.7, 163.2, 144.8, 141.6, 132.9, 130.2, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 127.5, 127.4, 125.1, 115.6, 114.2, 67.3, 63.5, 61.7, 55.7, 51.0, 48.9, 21.6, 14.0. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for C₂₇H₂₉N₂O₇S₂⁺ [M + H]⁺: 557.1411, found: 557.1420.

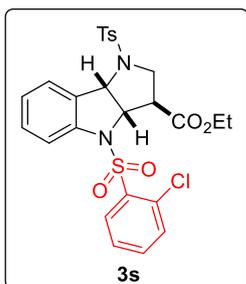
Ethyl-1-(tert-butylsulfonyl)-4-tosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3r)



The **3r** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1k** (39.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh₂Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (26.7 mg, 53% yield, >20:1

d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dt, J = 7.1, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 4.05 – 3.98 (m, 1H), 3.75 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (s, 9H). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 171.1, 144.9, 142.4, 132.5, 130.1, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 124.4, 115.0, 67.2, 64.5, 61.8, 60.8, 52.1, 51.4, 24.5, 21.6, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for C₂₄H₃₀N₂O₆S₂Na⁺ [M + Na]⁺: 529.1437, found: 529.1444.

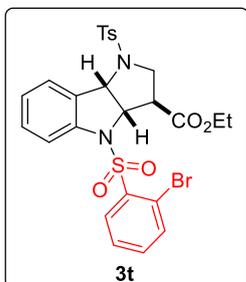
Ethyl-4-((2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3s)



The **3s** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1l** (44.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (42.4 mg, 76% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA =

10:1). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.09 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.20 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, $J = 8.6, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 – 3.95 (m, 2H), 3.61 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.39 (td, $J = 6.9, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.24 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.4, 144.2, 140.1, 135.53, 134.51, 134.4, 133.0, 132.2, 132.0, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 127.7, 127.3, 127.1, 124.9, 114.8, 67.4, 63.7, 61.7, 50.5, 49.3, 21.6, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd. for $C_{26}H_{25}ClN_2O_6S_2Na^+$ [$M + Na$] $^+$: 583.0735, found: 583.0730.

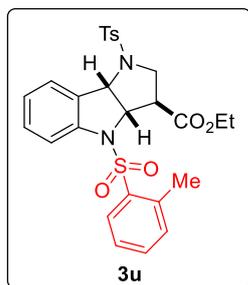
Ethyl-4-((2-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (3t)



The **3t** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1m** (49.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (50.9 mg, 84% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica

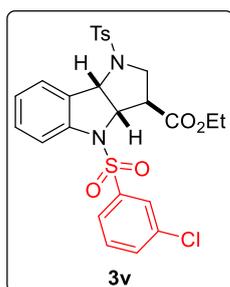
gel (PE: EA = 10:1). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.09 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (dd, $J = 8.5, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.10 – 3.94 (m, 2H), 3.57 (dd, $J = 7.3, 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.39 (dd, $J = 7.0, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.4, 144.2, 140.2, 137.4, 135.9, 134.5, 134.3, 133.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 124.9, 120.1, 114.9, 67.6, 63.7, 61.7, 50.3, 49.3, 21.6, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd. for $C_{26}H_{25}BrN_2O_6S_2Na^+$ [$M + Na$] $^+$: 627.0230, found: 627.0238.

Ethyl-4-(*o*-tolylsulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]indole-3-carboxylate (3u)



The **3u** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1n** (42.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh₂Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (44.6 mg, 83% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.74 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.46 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 170.4, 144.0, 141.5, 138.2, 136.1, 135.2, 133.3, 133.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.60, 129.55, 127.6, 127.3, 126.4, 125.1, 115.7, 66.7, 63.8, 61.7, 50.6, 49.1, 21.5, 21.0, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI) *m/z***: calcd. for C₂₇H₂₉N₂O₆S₂⁺ [*M* + *H*]⁺: 541.1462, found: 541.1468.

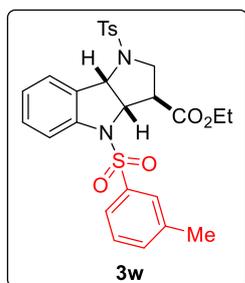
Ethyl-4-((3-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]indole-3-carboxylate (3v)



The **3v** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1o** (44.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh₂Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (43.5 mg, 78% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.14 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95 – 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.74 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.59 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 170.4, 144.0, 140.9, 137.5, 135.5, 135.3, 133.9, 130.5, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 127.6, 127.52, 127.46, 125.7,

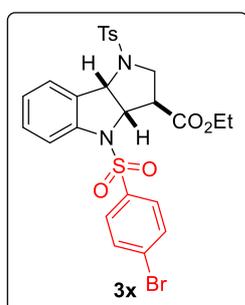
125.5, 115.5, 67.3, 63.5, 61.8, 50.8, 48.9, 21.5, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $C_{26}H_{25}ClN_2O_6S_2Na^+$ $[M + Na]^+$: 583.0735, found: 583,0743.

Ethyl-4-(*m*-tolylsulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]indole-3-carboxylate (3w)



The **3w** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1p** (42.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (47.7 mg, 88% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.10 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.57 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 170.6, 143.9, 141.4, 139.5, 135.8, 135.6, 134.5, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 125.2, 124.6, 115.6, 67.3, 63.5, 61.6, 50.9, 48.9, 21.5, 21.3, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $C_{27}H_{28}N_2O_6S_2Na^+$ $[M + Na]^+$: 563.1281, found: 563.1284.

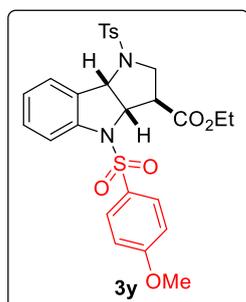
ethyl-4-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]indole-3-carboxylate (3x)



The **3x** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1q** (49.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (52.3 mg, 87% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 7.71 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.56 (s, 4H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.09 – 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J = 10.7,

7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.60 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 144.0, 141.1, 135.5, 134.8, 132.6, 130.3, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 127.7, 127.6, 125.5, 115.4, 67.3, 63.5, 61.7, 50.9, 48.9, 21.5, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 605.0410, found: 605.0421.

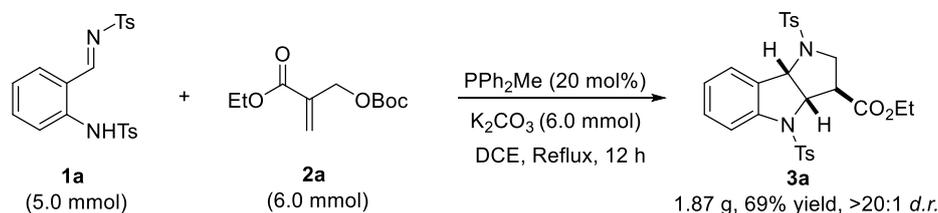
ethyl-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]indole-3-carboxylate (3y)



The **3y** was prepared according to the general procedure as described above using **1r** (44.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (27.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), K_2CO_3 (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%) and isolated as a yellow oil (45.3 mg, 81% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 5.27 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd, $J = 10.7, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.84 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.77 – 3.71 (m, 1H), 3.58 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.7, 163.7, 143.8, 141.7, 135.7, 130.1, 129.8, 129.7, 127.50, 127.46, 127.3, 125.1, 115.5, 114.4, 67.3, 63.6, 61.6, 55.6, 50.9, 48.9, 21.5, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7\text{S}_2^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 557.1411, found: 557.1405.

V. Gram-Scale and Synthetic Manipulations

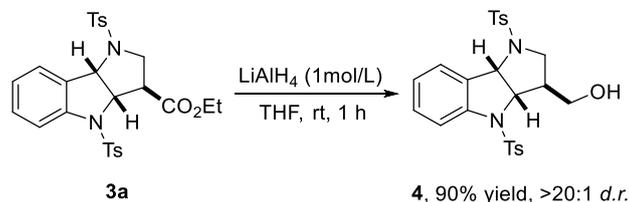
(a) Synthesis of **3a** on Gram-Scale



To a stirred solution of *o*-amino arylaldimine **1a** (2.14 g, 5.0 mmol), Morita-Baylis-Hillman carbonates **2a** (1.38 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and K_2CO_3 (0.83 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DCE (50.0 mL) was added PPh_2Me (0.20 g, 20 mol%). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduce vacuum, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1) to afford the compounds **3a** (1.87 g, 69% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*).

(b) Synthetic Manipulations of **3a**

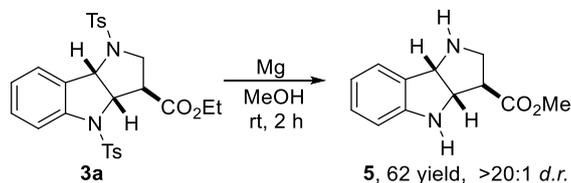
(1,4-Ditosyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanol (**4**)



To a suspension of lithium aluminum tetrahydride (0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in THF (5 mL) was added **3a** (54.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in one portion, mixture was stirred 1 h at rt. NH_4Cl (aq.) was added in small portions. Then, extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10 mL), and dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 5:1) to give desired compound **4** (45.0 mg, 90% yield, > 20:1 *d.r.*) as an oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 5.04 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.53 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.35 (dd, J = 10.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 – 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.74 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.7, 144.1, 140.8, 134.9, 133.3, 131.7, 129.9, 129.8, 127.5, 127.22, 127.20, 125.7, 116.8, 66.0,

63.2, 60.8, 48.4, 47.7, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $C_{25}H_{27}N_2O_5S_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 499.1356, found: 499.1356.

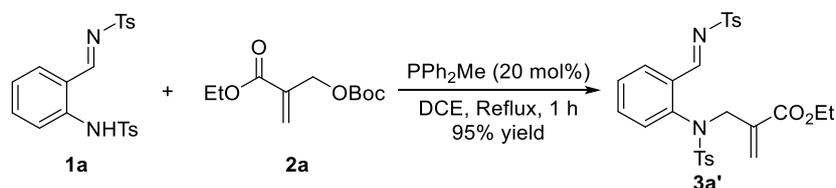
Methyl-1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydropyrrolo[3,2-b]indole-3-carboxylate (5)



To a stirred solution of substrate **3a** (54.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in MeOH (4.0 mL) was added Magnesium powder (145.9 mg, 6.0 mmol). The reaction mixture at room temperature for 2 h. Filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Saturated NH_4Cl was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. Then it was extracted with EA (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over dry Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EA) to afford the desired product **5** (13.6 mg, 62 yield, > 20:1 *d.r.*) as an oil. **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.80 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 6.59 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.23 (dd, $J = 12.1, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, $J = 12.1, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dq, $J = 6.2, 2.7$ Hz, 1H). **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 174.0, 150.5, 129.2, 128.5, 125.8, 119.3, 109.4, 66.7, 66.6, 55.1, 52.0, 49.4. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $C_{12}H_{15}N_2O_2^+$ $[M + H]^+$: 219.1134, found: 219.1135.

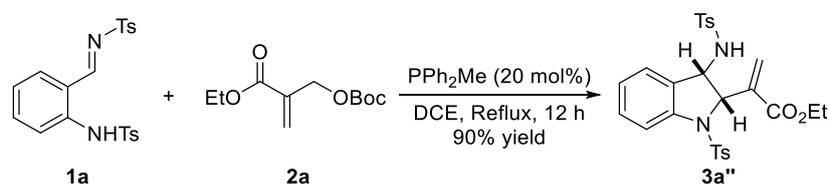
VI. Mechanistic Studies

The reaction of 1a and 2a for the synthesis of 3a'



To a stirred solution of *o*-amino arylaldimine **1a** (0.1 mmol) and Morita-Baylis-Hillman carbonates **2a** (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DCE (2.0 mL) was added PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 1 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduce vacuum, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 5:1) to afford the compounds **3a'** (51.3 mg, 95% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.19 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 15.5, 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 5.78 – 5.71 (m, 1H), 4.76 (d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.08 (m, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.6, 165.4, 144.50, 144.47, 142.3, 135.0, 134.5, 134.4, 133.6, 133.1, 130.3, 129.8, 129.71, 129.67, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 61.5, 51.9, 21.63, 21.60, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2\text{Na}^+ [\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 563.1281, found: 563.1281.

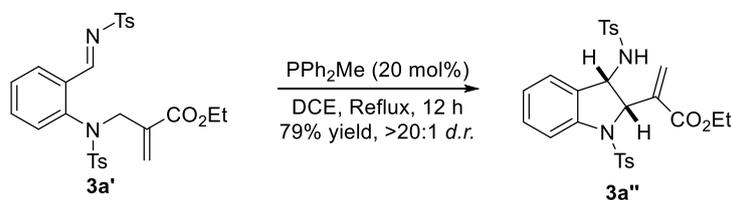
The reaction of 1a and 2a for the synthesis of 3a''



To a stirred solution of *o*-amino arylaldimine **1a** (0.1 mmol) and Morita-Baylis-Hillman carbonates **2a** (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DCE (2.0 mL) was added PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduce vacuum, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 5:1) to afford the compounds **3a''** (48.6 mg, 90% yield). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.65

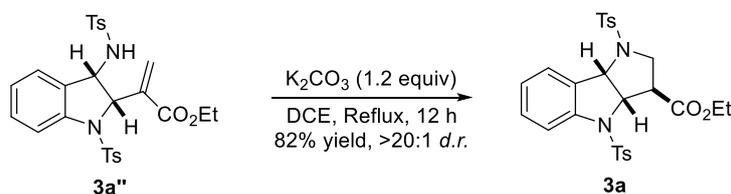
(d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.80 – 4.75 (m, 1H), 4.50 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.10 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.39 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.8, 145.1, 143.8, 141.8, 137.7, 137.4, 133.7, 130.34, 130.26, 129.9, 129.6, 128.1, 127.3, 127.2, 125.9, 125.5, 117.1, 69.9, 61.1, 59.6, 21.6, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 563.1281, found: 563.1281.

The reaction of 3a' for the synthesis of 3a''



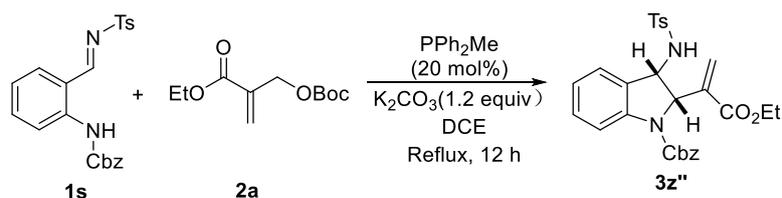
To a stirred solution of **3a'** (0.1 mmol) in DCE (2.0 mL) was added PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduce vacuum, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 8:1) to afford the compounds **3a''** (42.6 mg, 79% yield).

The reaction of 3a'' for the synthesis of 3a



To a stirred solution of **3a''** (0.1 mmol) in DCE (2.0 mL) was added K_2CO_3 (16.6mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduce vacuum, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 10:1) to afford the compounds **3a** (44.3 mg, 82% yield).

The reaction of 1s and 2a for the synthesis of 3z''



To a stirred solution of *o*-amino arylaldimine **1s** (0.1 mmol) and Morita-Baylis-Hillman carbonates **2a** (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in DCE (2.0 mL) was added PPh_2Me (4.0 mg, 20 mol%). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduce vacuum, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE: EA = 5:1) to afford the compounds **3z''** (38.0 mg, 73% yield). **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 5H), 6.90 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.16 – 5.13 (m, 1H), 5.13 – 5.07 (m, 2H), 4.71 – 4.63 (m, 1H), 4.11 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 165.0, 143.6, 138.0, 130.2, 129.7, 129.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 123.6, 115.2, 61.12, 61.11, 44.6, 21.5, 14.1, 13.8. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 543.1566, found: 543.1567.

VII. X-Ray Crystallographic Analysis

Crystal Growth Method: 15.1 mg of **3b** was added in a HPLC vial and dissolved by 1.0 mL EA, closed the lid. Then put it in a large bottle, added petroleum ether to the same level of the liquid in the HPLC vial, tighten the lid, put it in a fumehood and waited for growth.

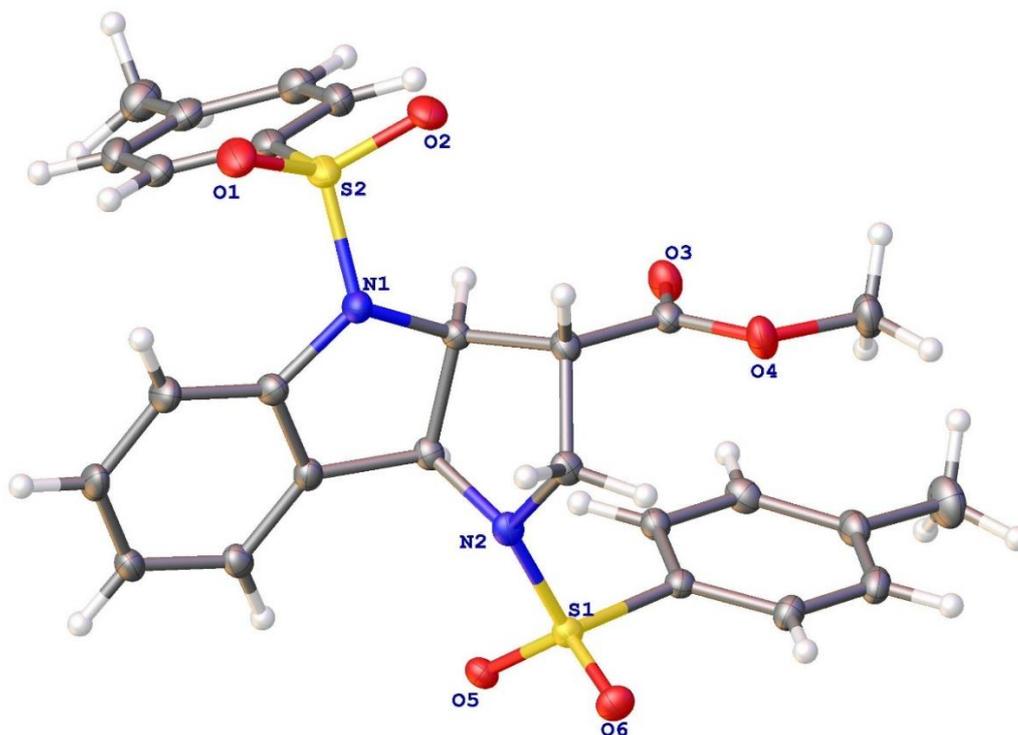


Figure S1. X-ray structure of **3b** (ellipsoid contour at 50% probability CCDC 2516957)

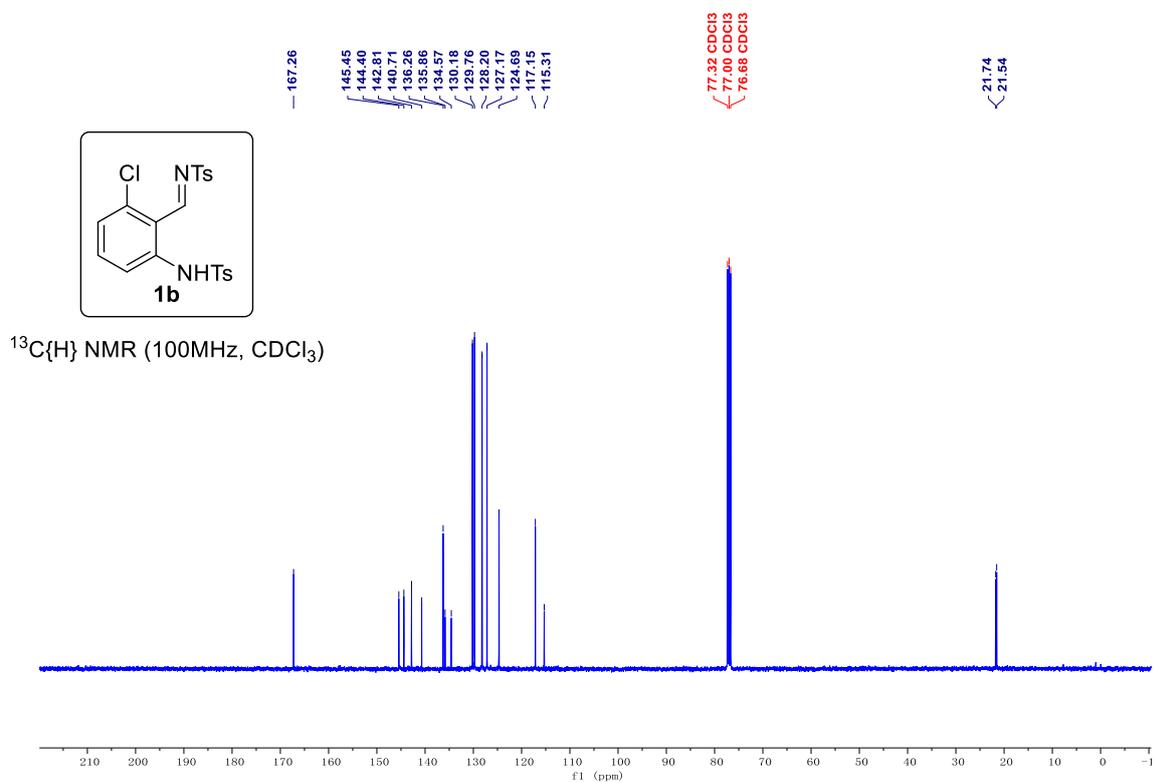
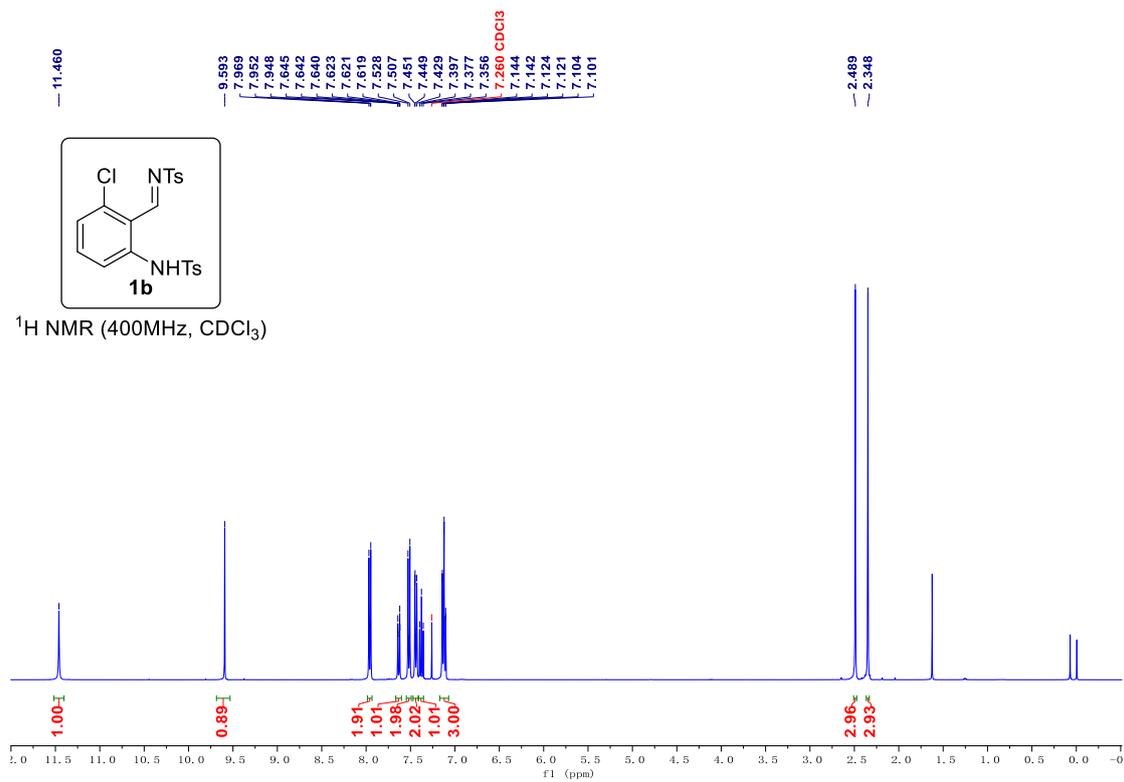
Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3b.

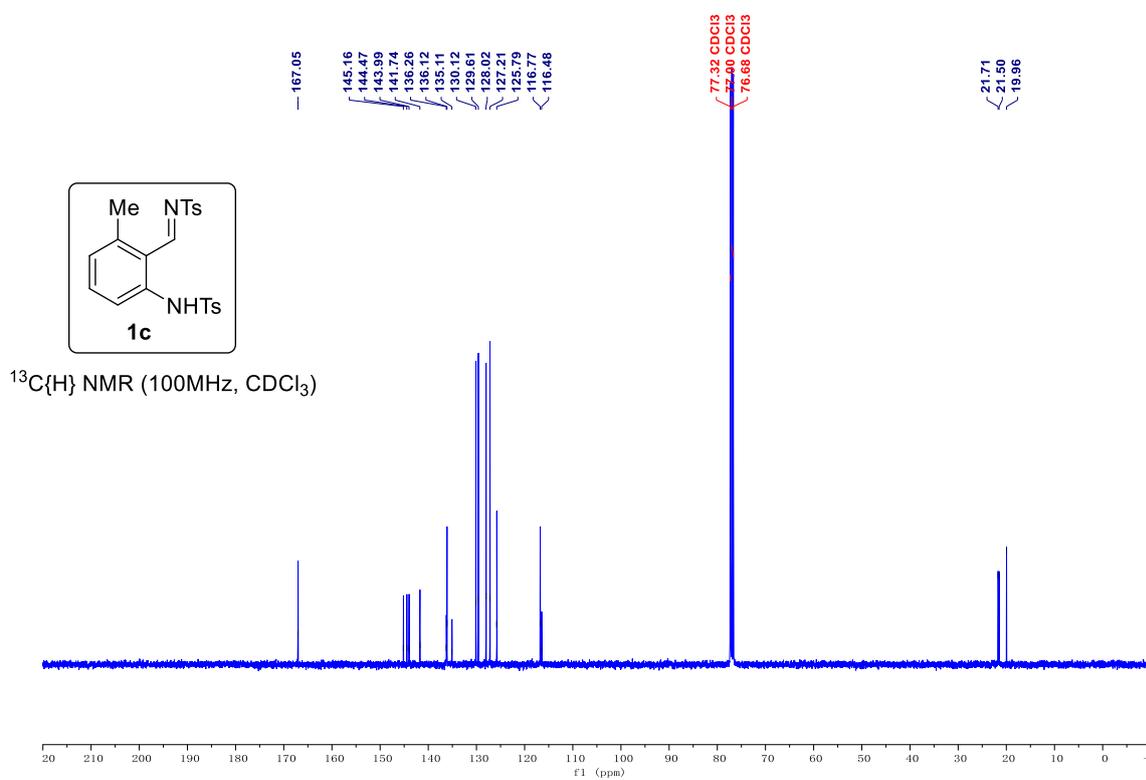
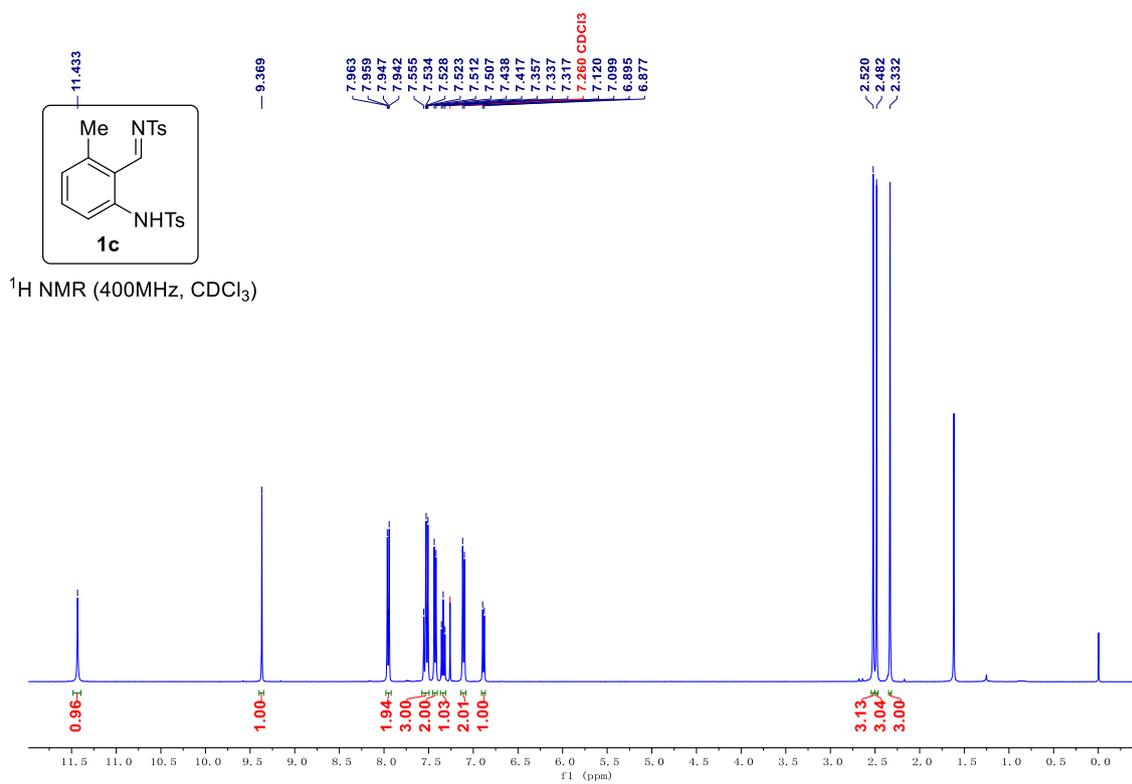
Identification code	3b
Empirical formula	C ₂₆ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₆ S ₂
Formula weight	526.61
Temperature/K	169.99(10)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
a/Å	9.2302(3)
b/Å	25.9843(8)
c/Å	10.4917(3)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2516.33(13)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.390
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.299
F(000)	1104.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.15 × 0.13 × 0.1
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.804 to 147.238
Index ranges	-8 ≤ h ≤ 11, -31 ≤ k ≤ 32, -12 ≤ l ≤ 12
Reflections collected	18700
Independent reflections	5018 [R _{int} = 0.0716, R _{sigma} = 0.0484]
Data/restraints/parameters	5018/0/328
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.066
Final R indexes [I >= 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0648, wR ₂ = 0.1683
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0693, wR ₂ = 0.1732
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.46/-0.32

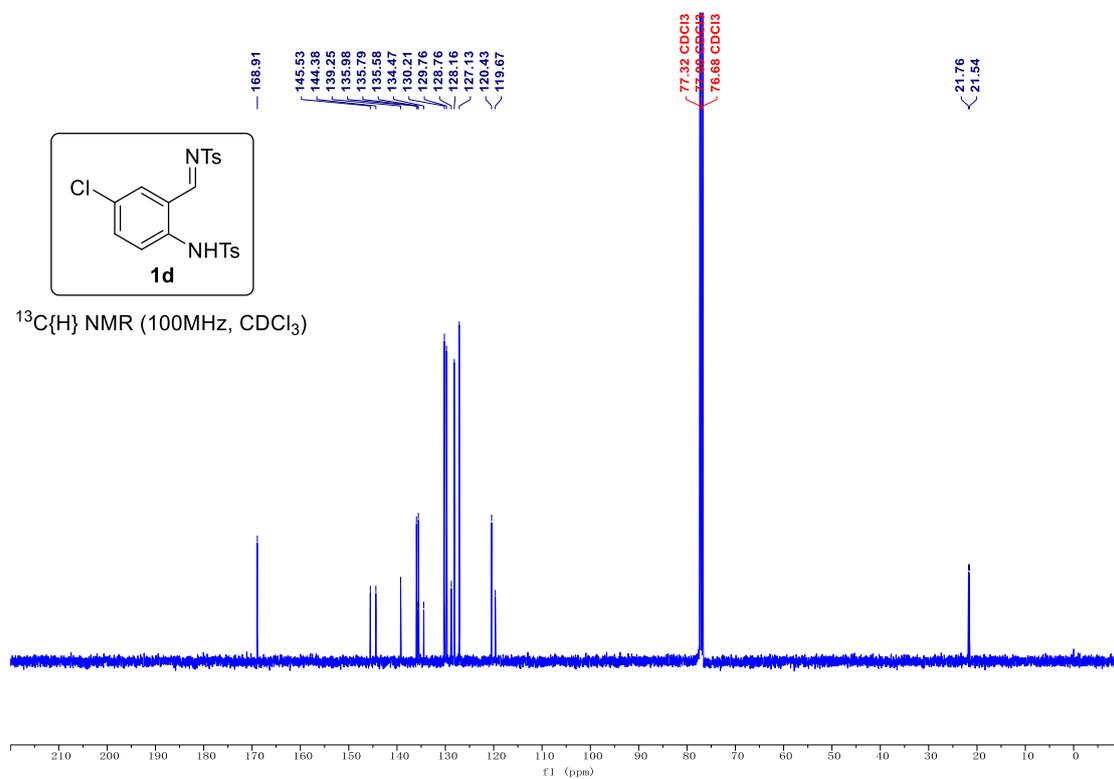
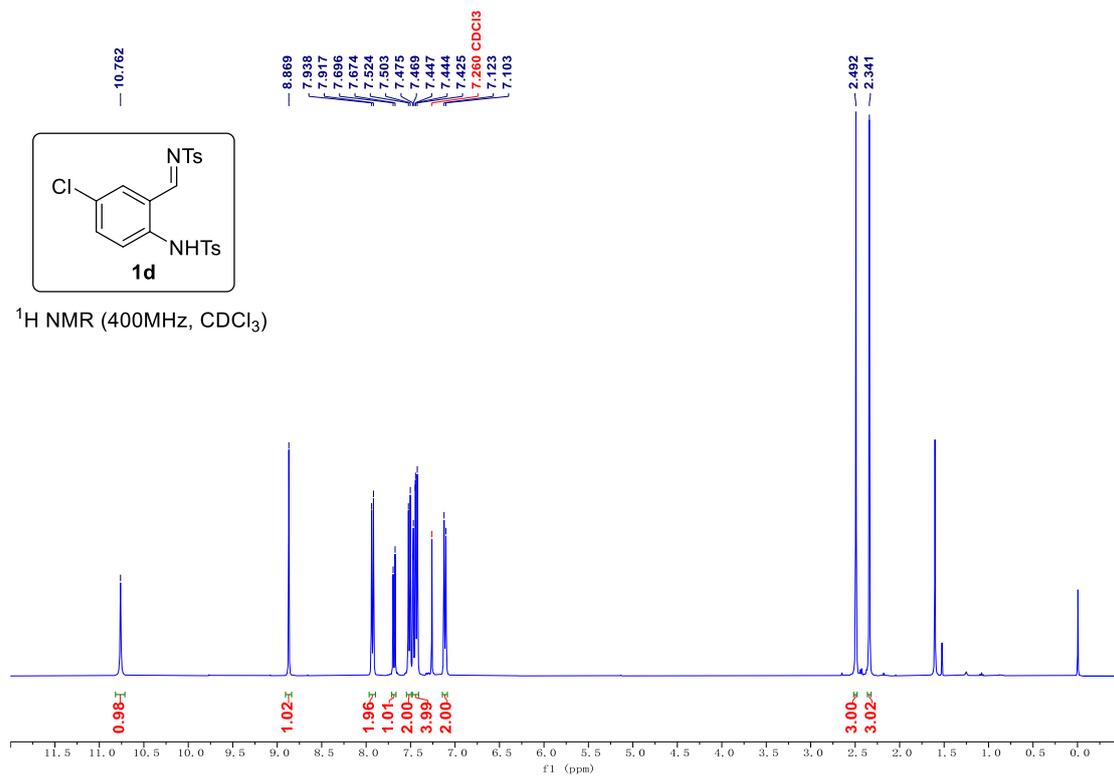
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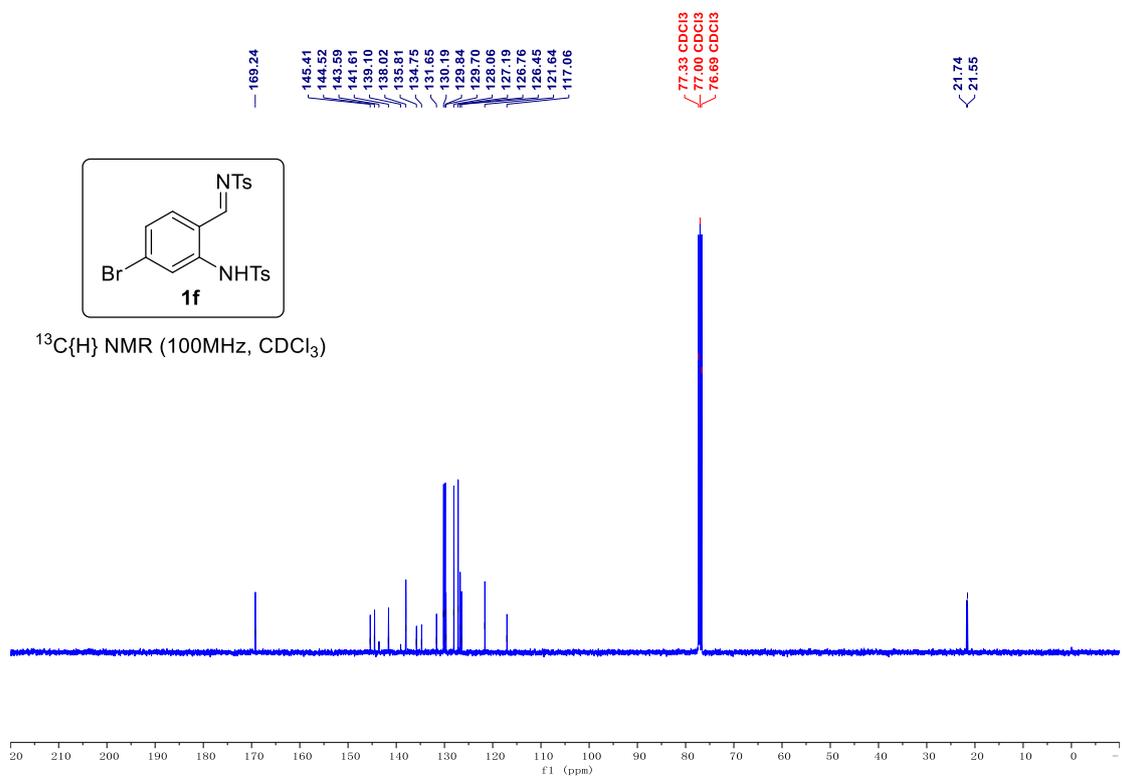
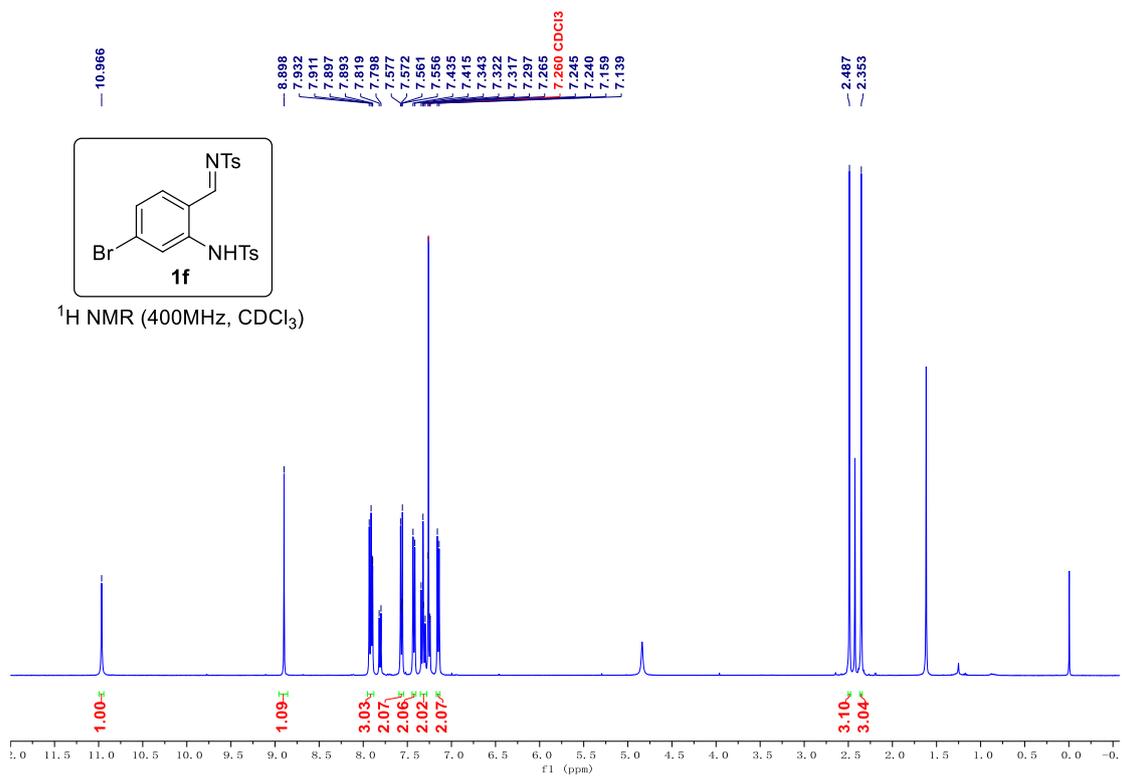
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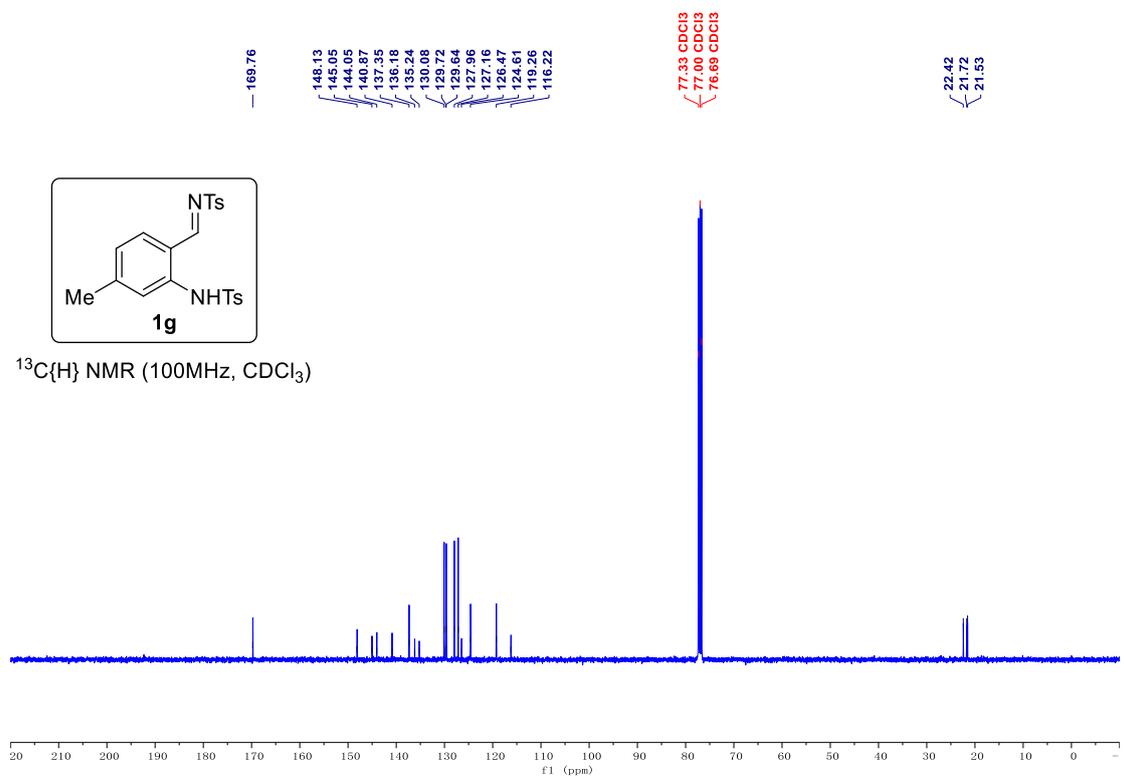
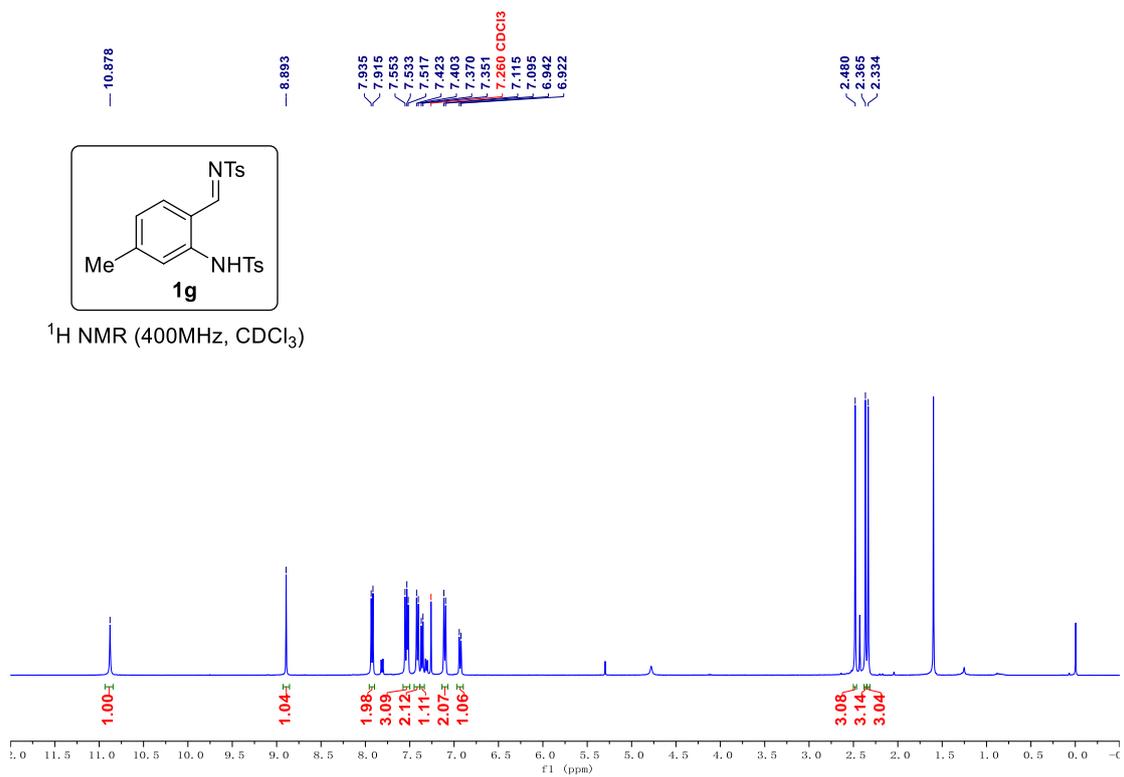
IX. Copies of ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR Spectra

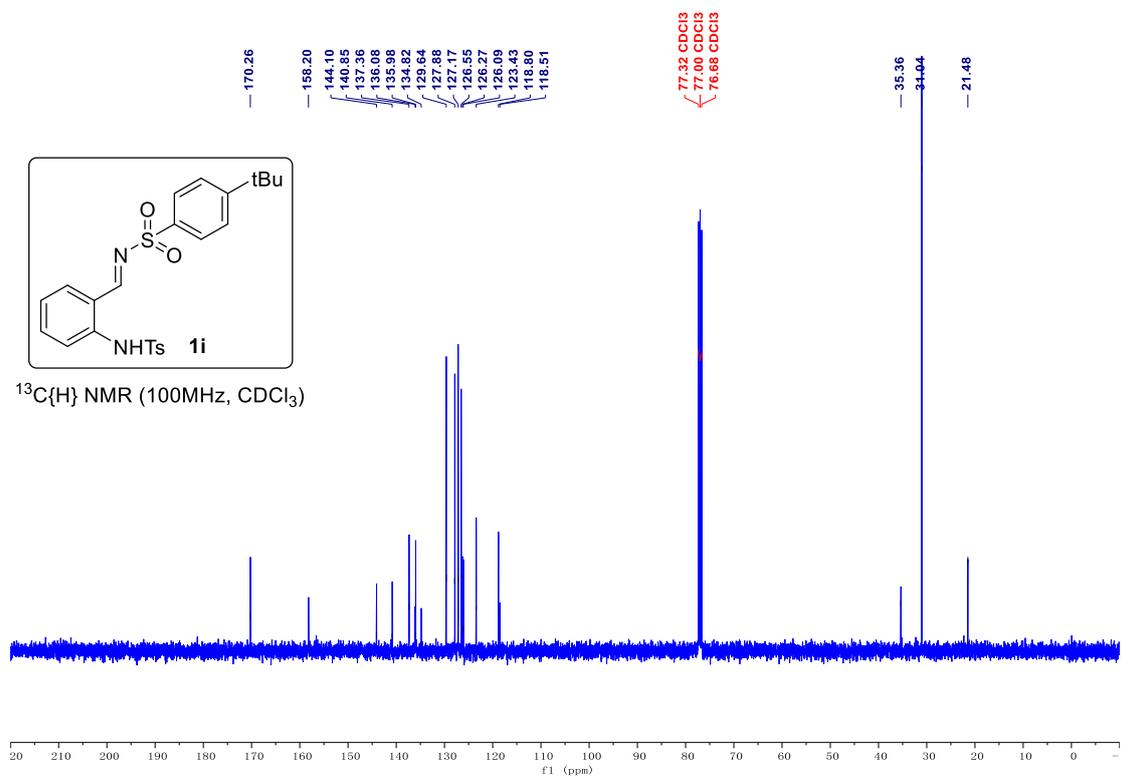
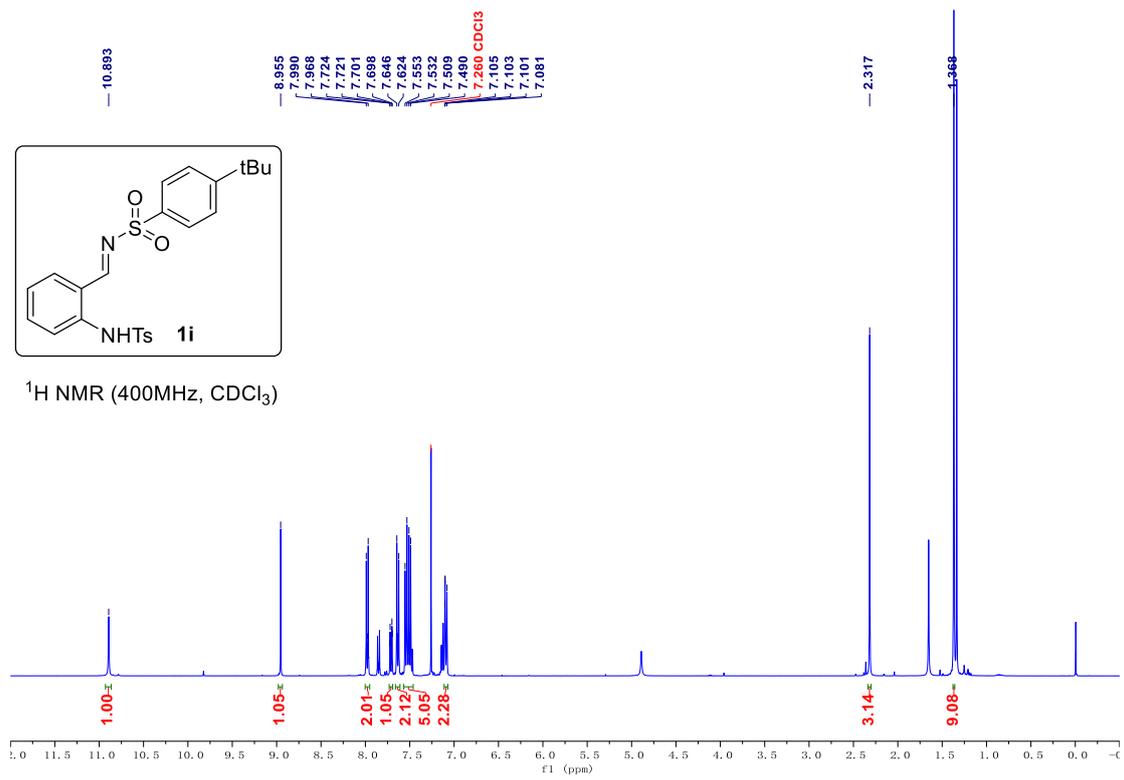


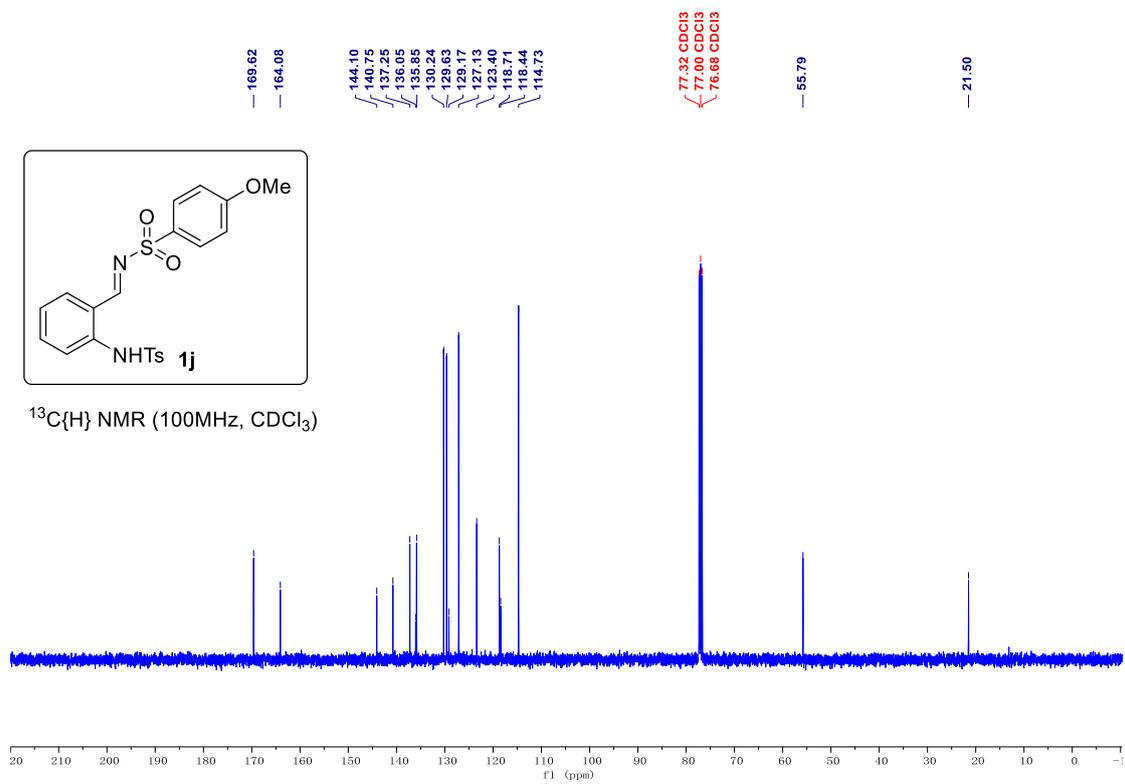
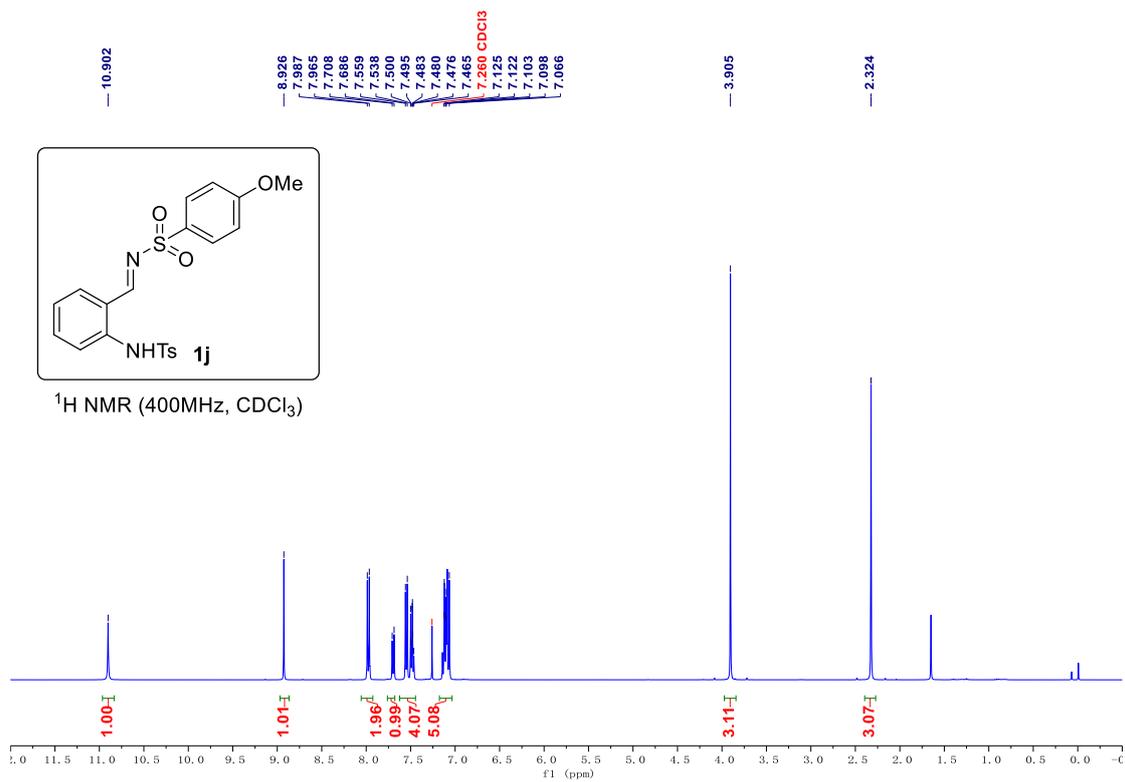


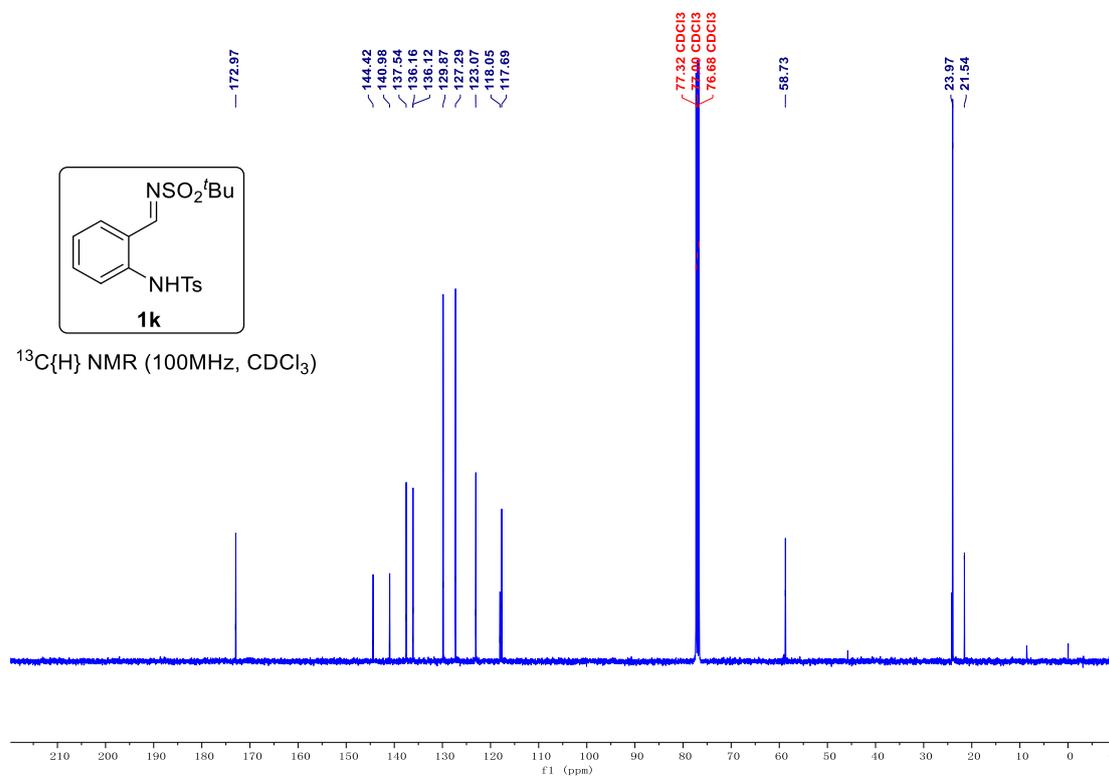
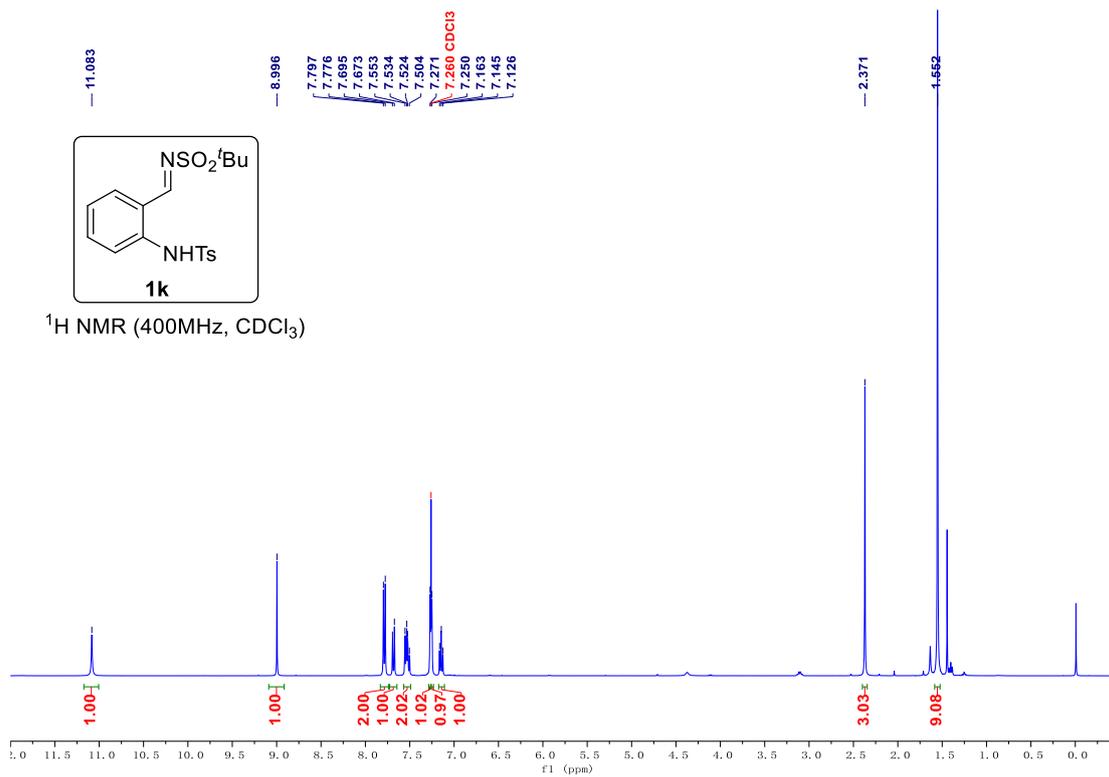


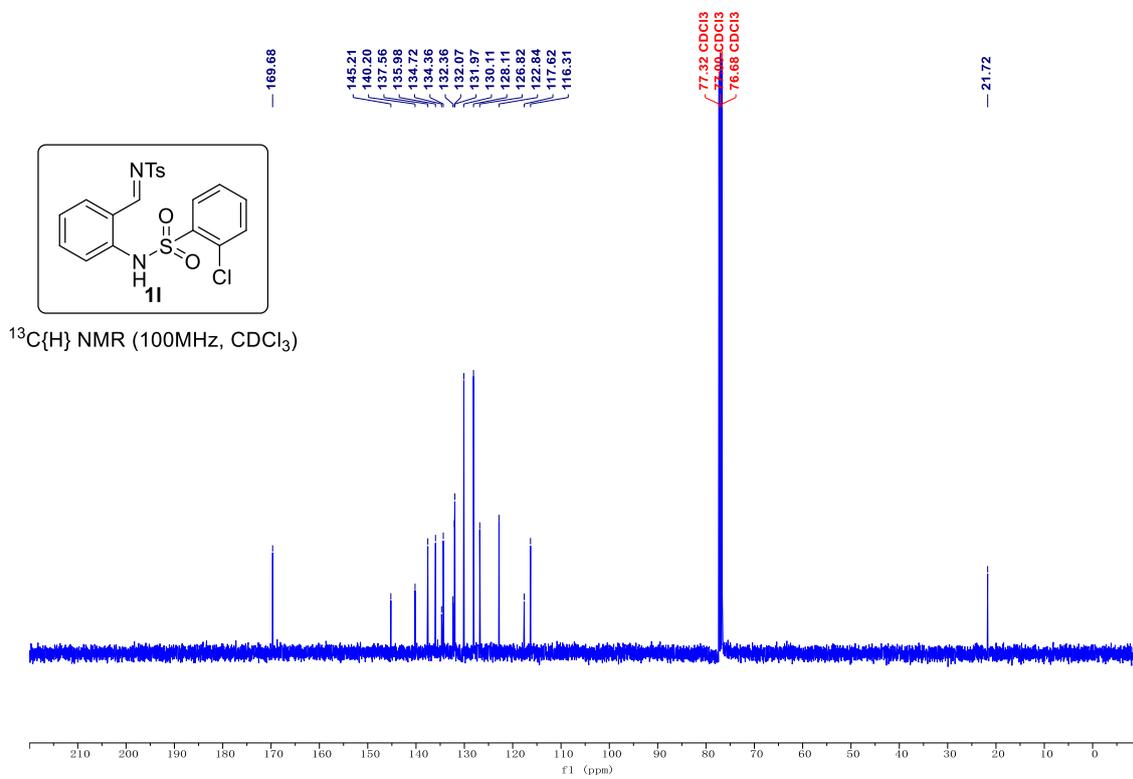
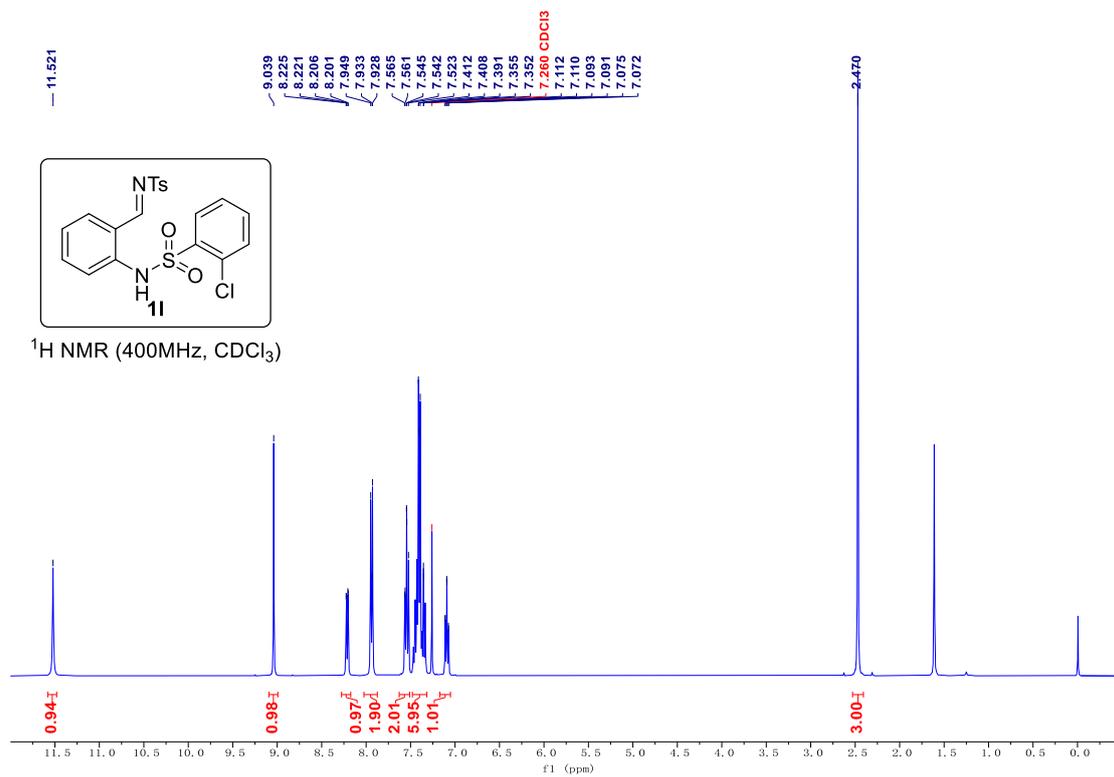


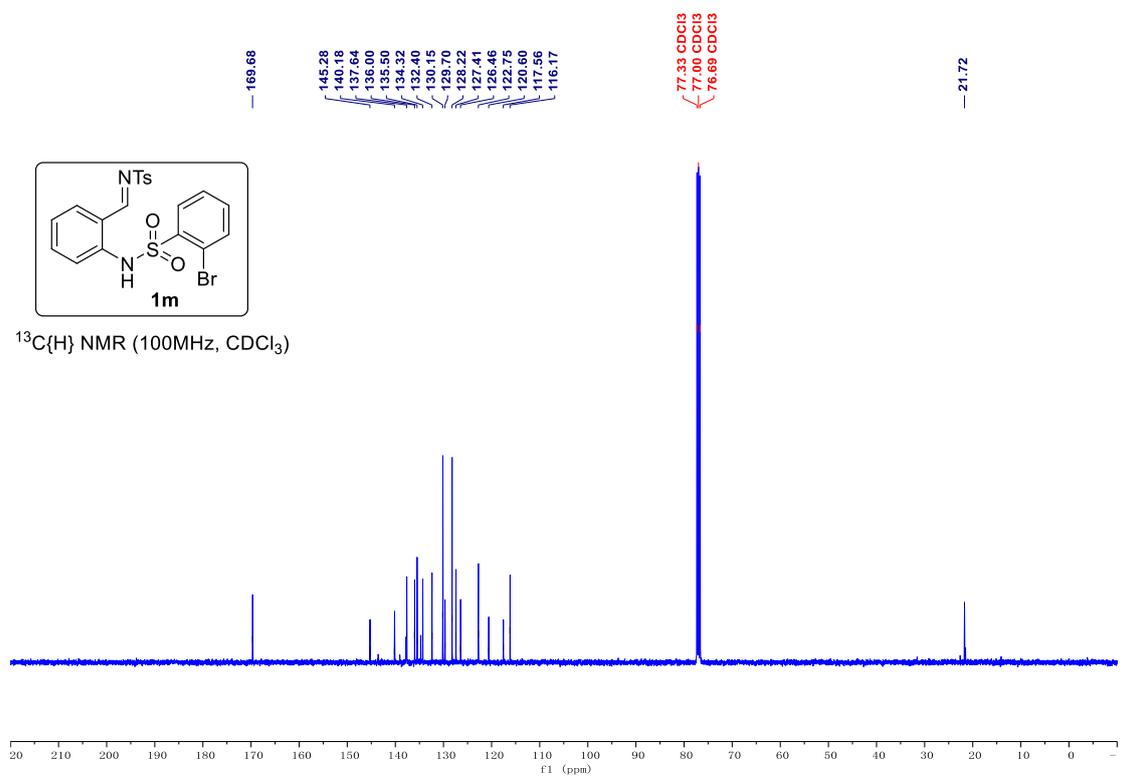
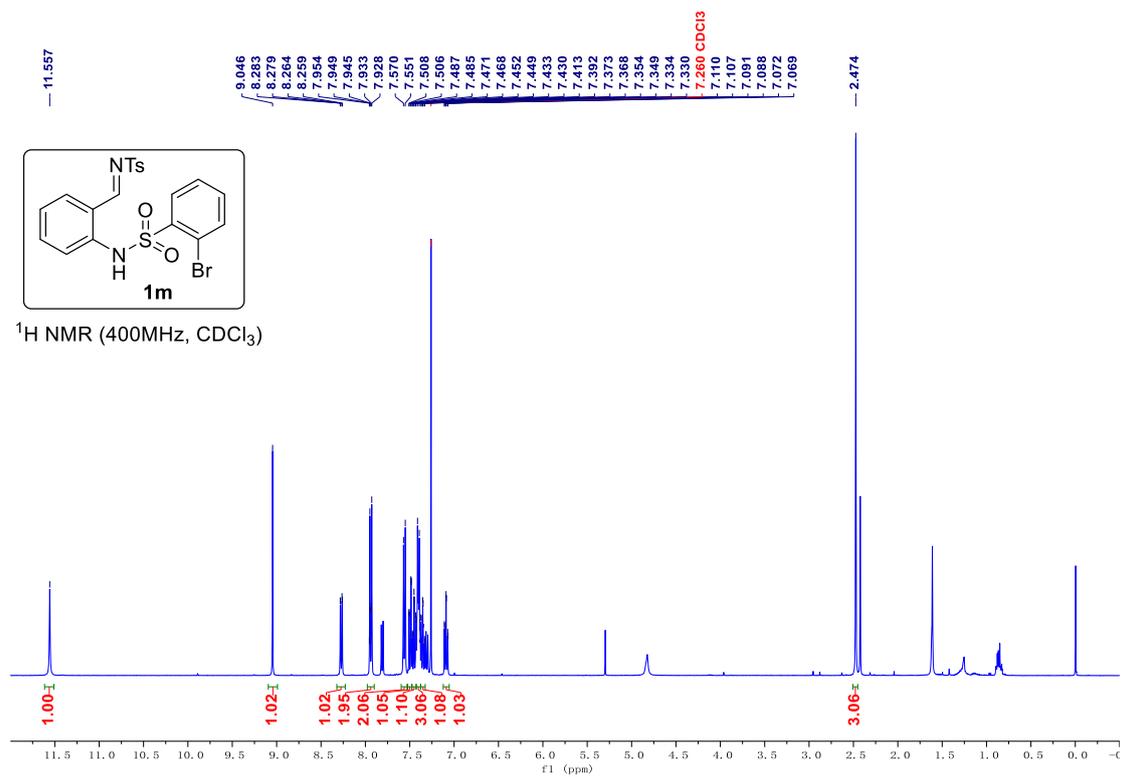


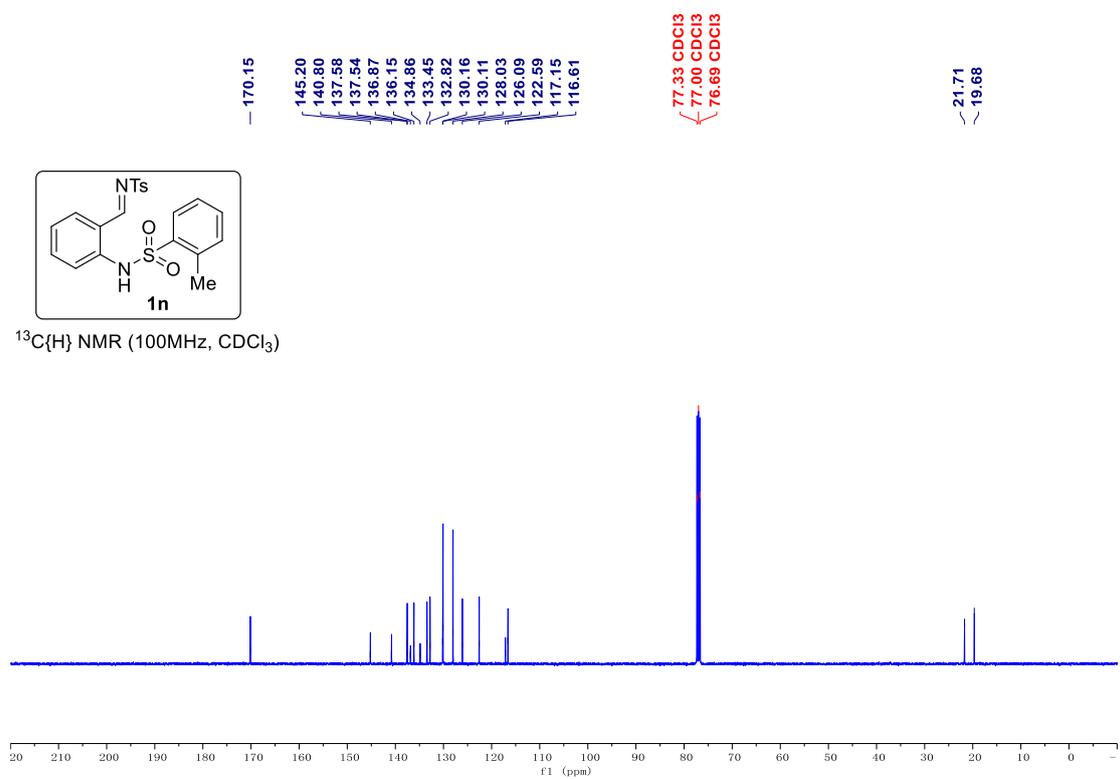
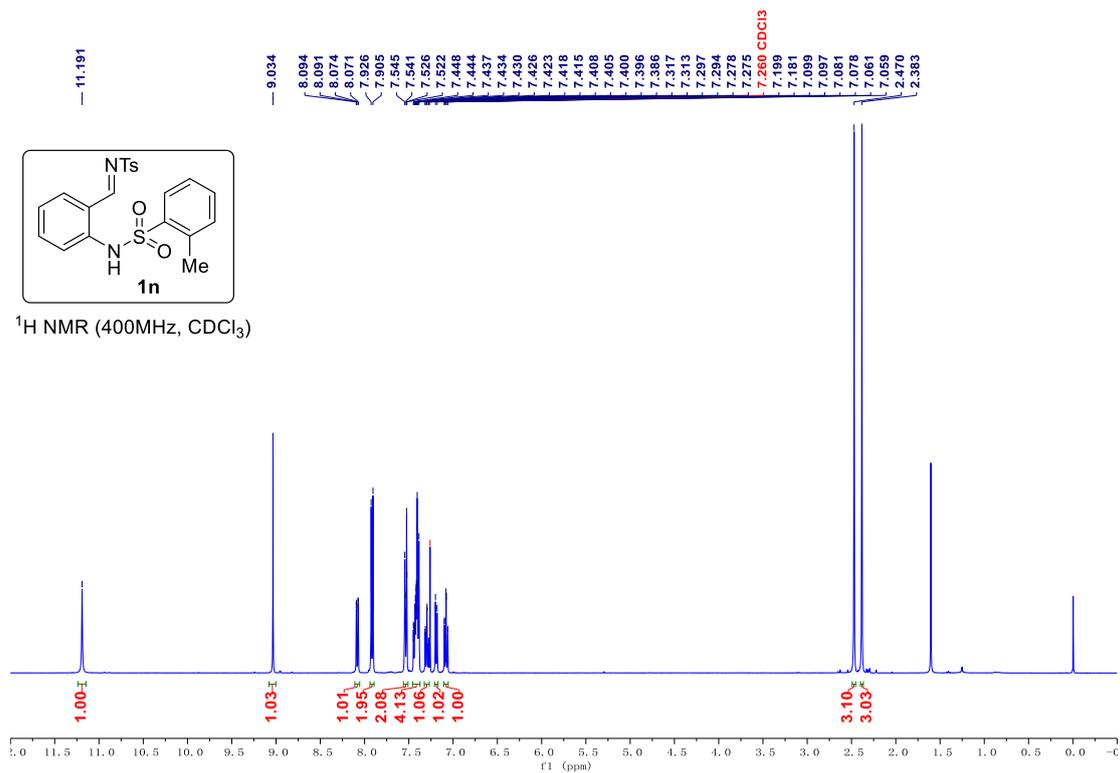


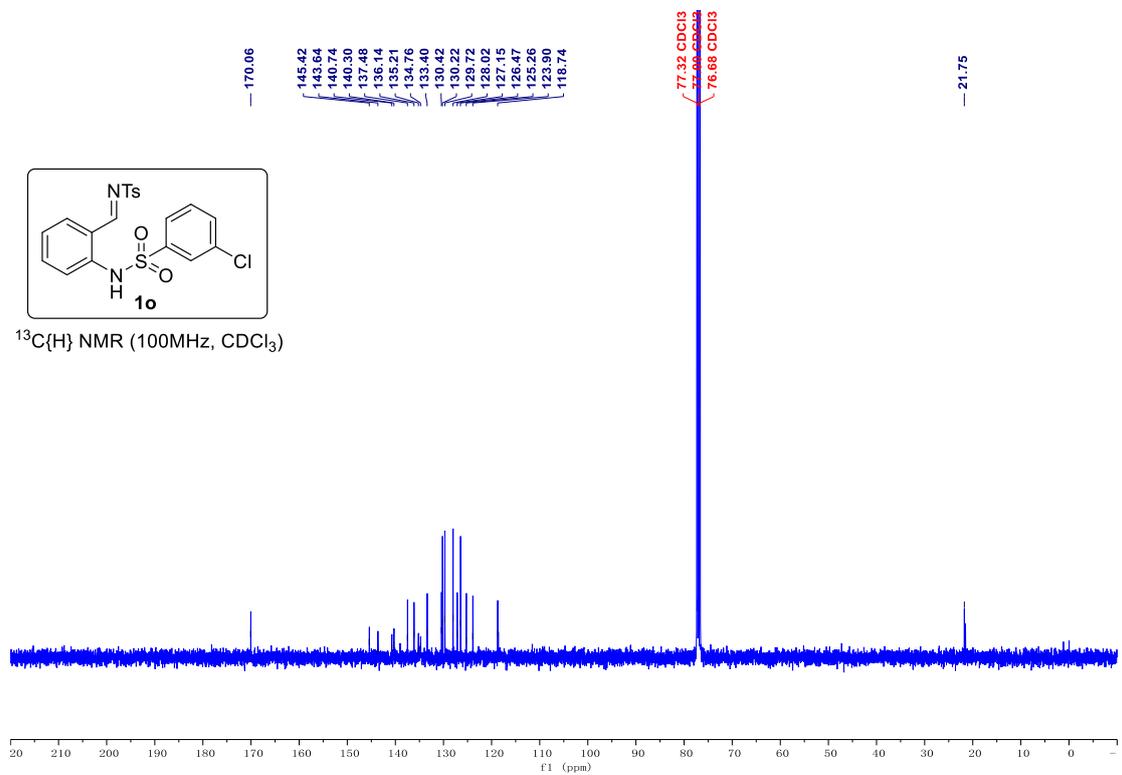
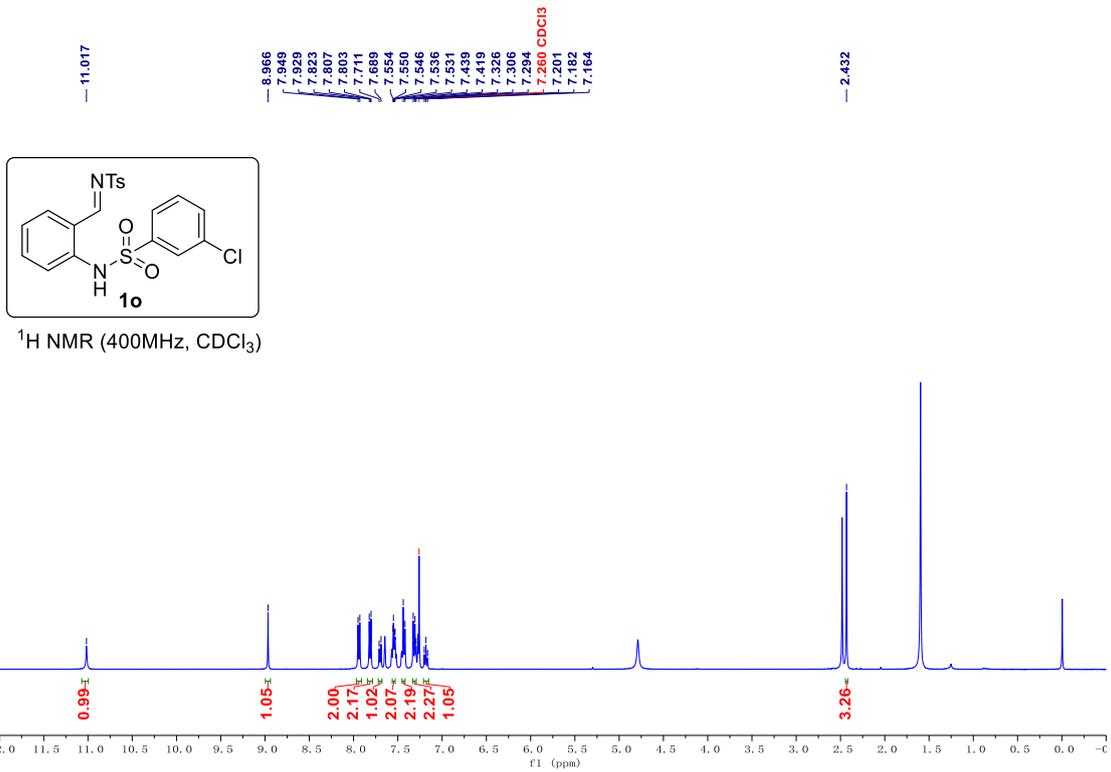


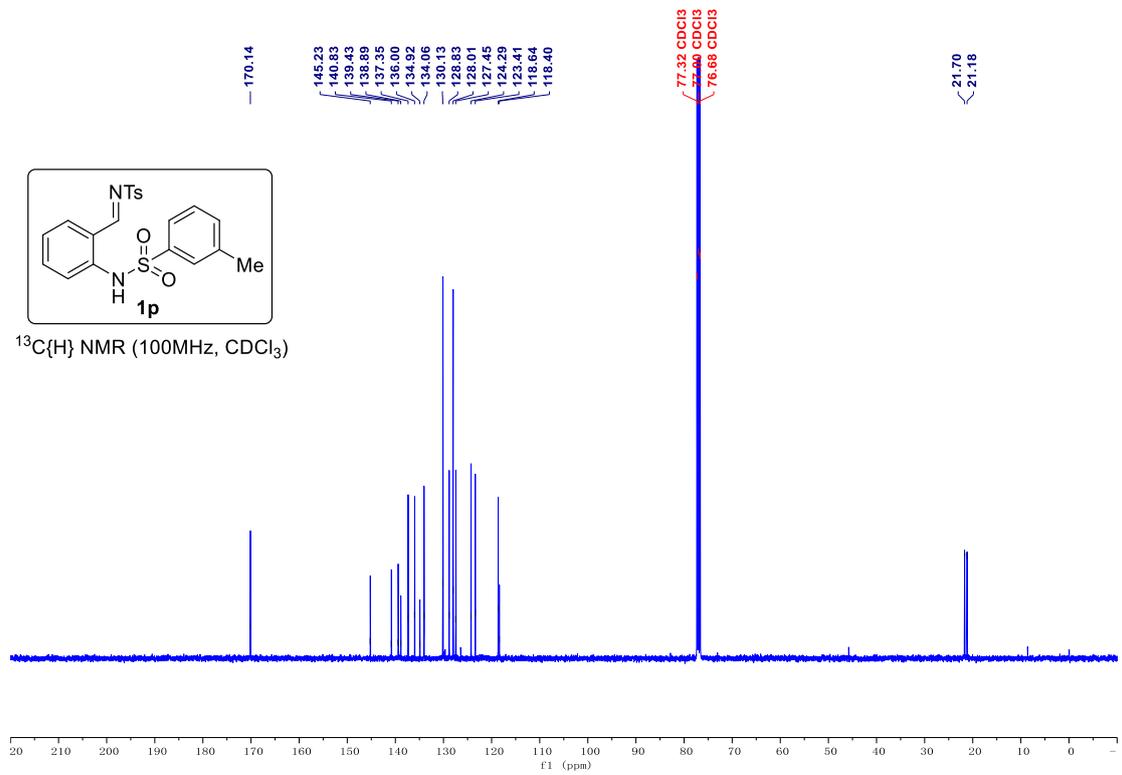
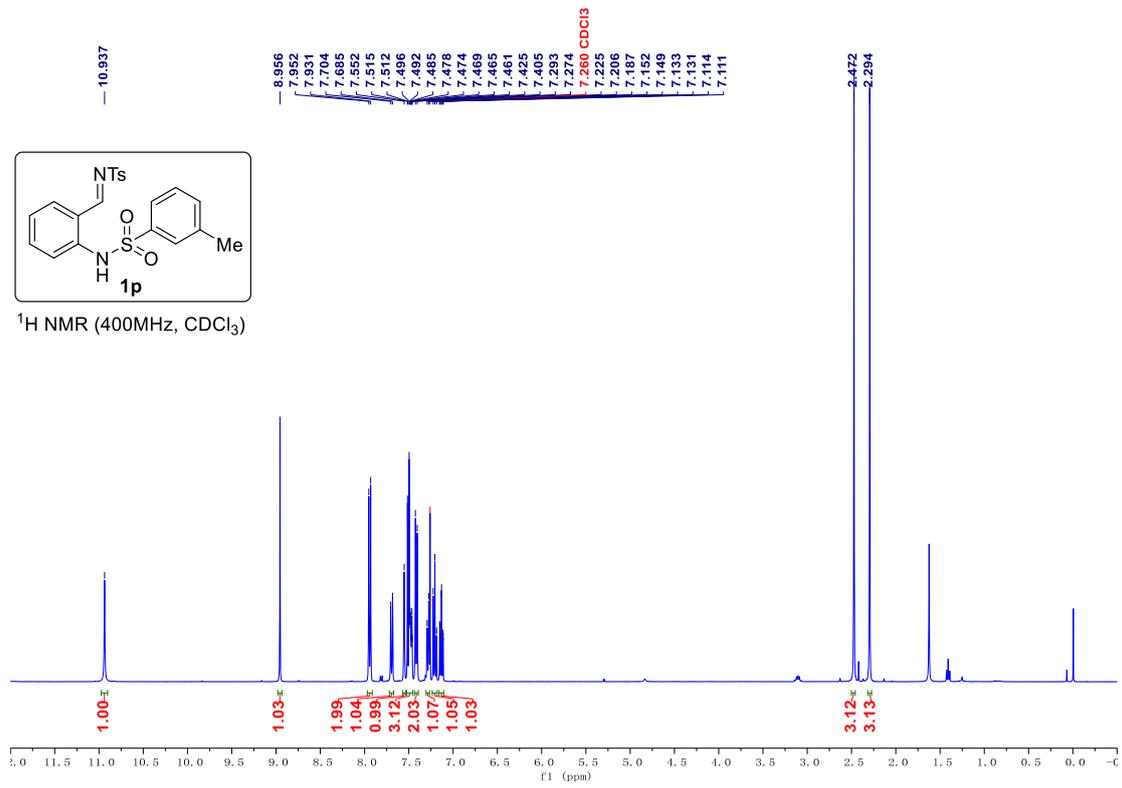


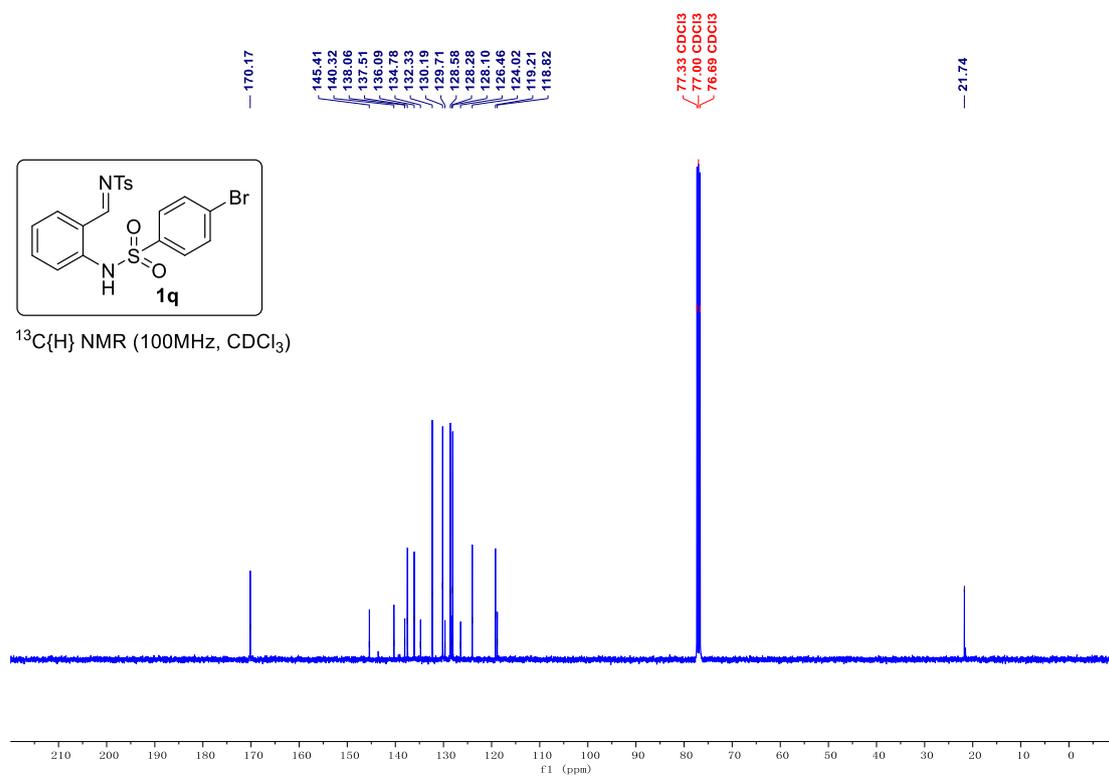
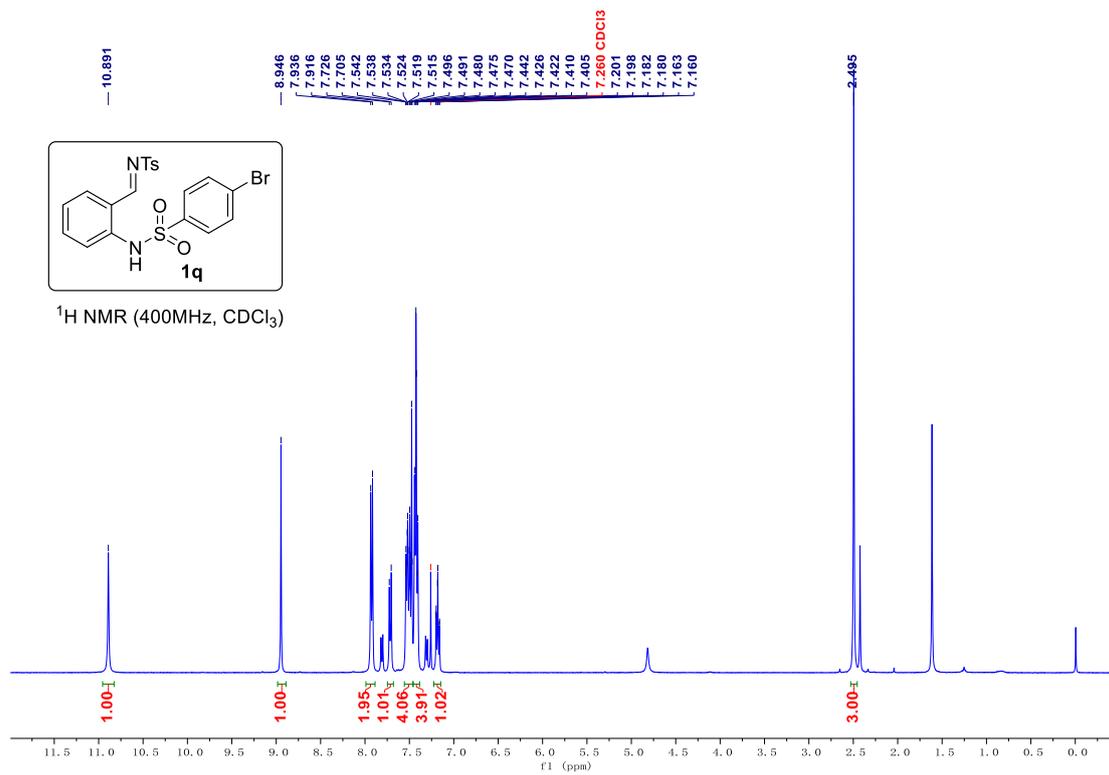


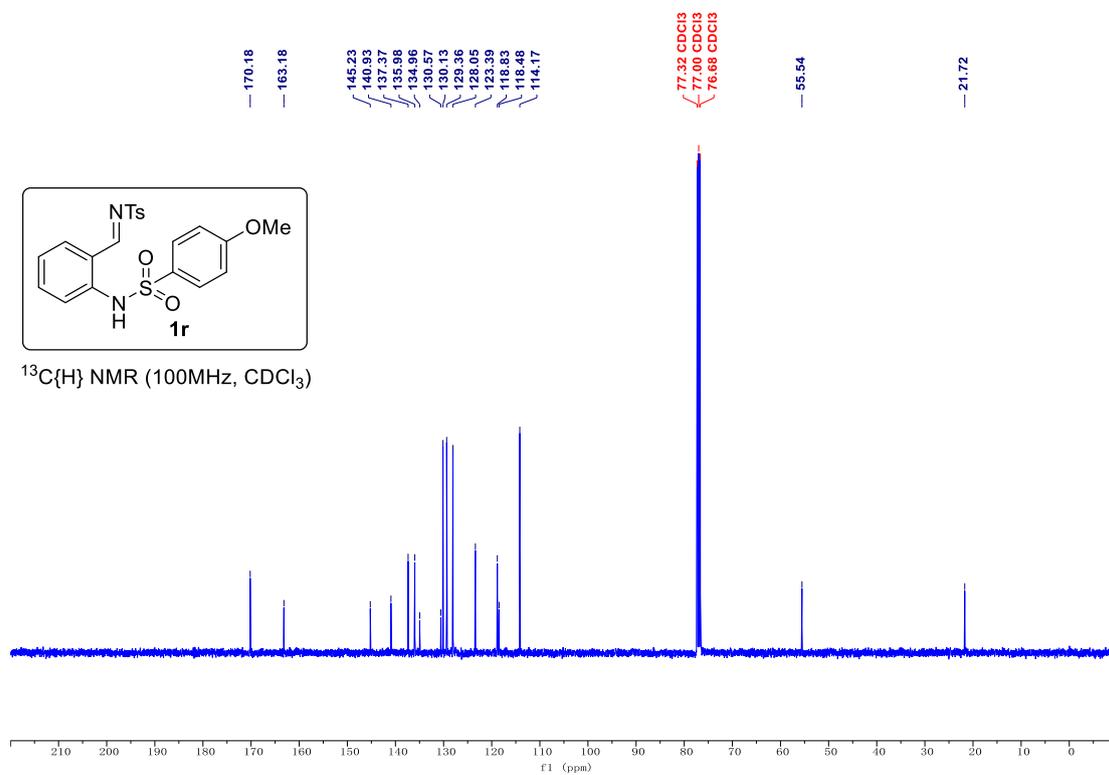
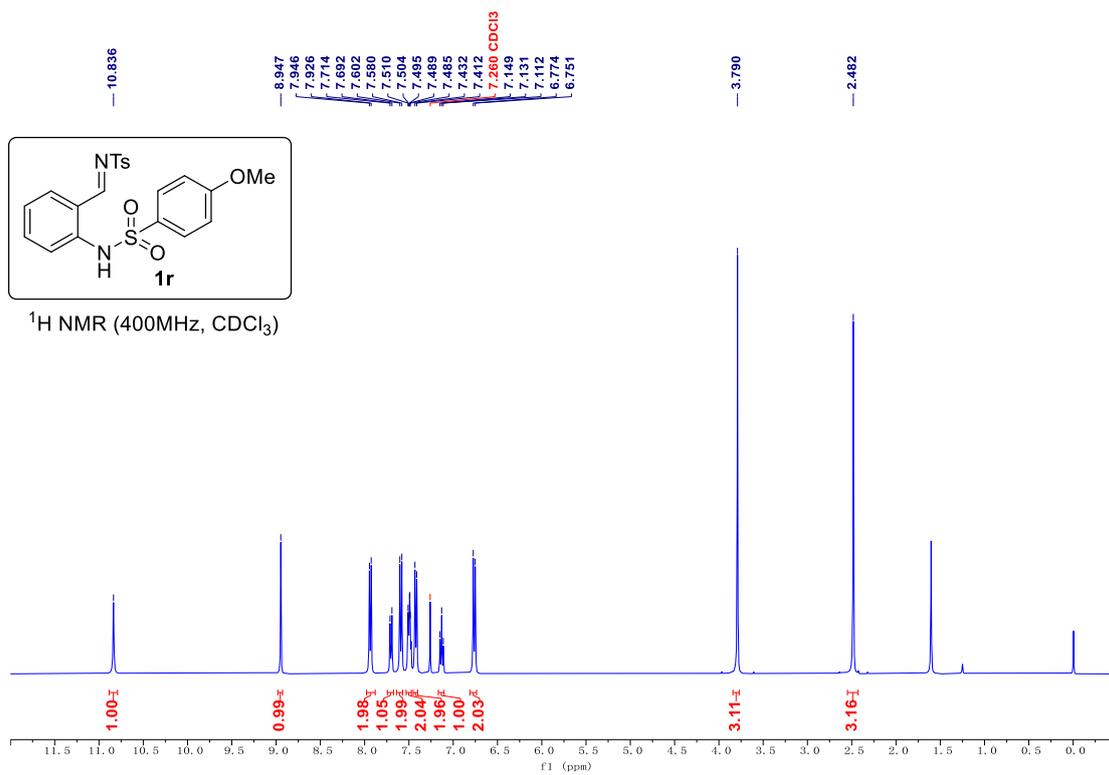


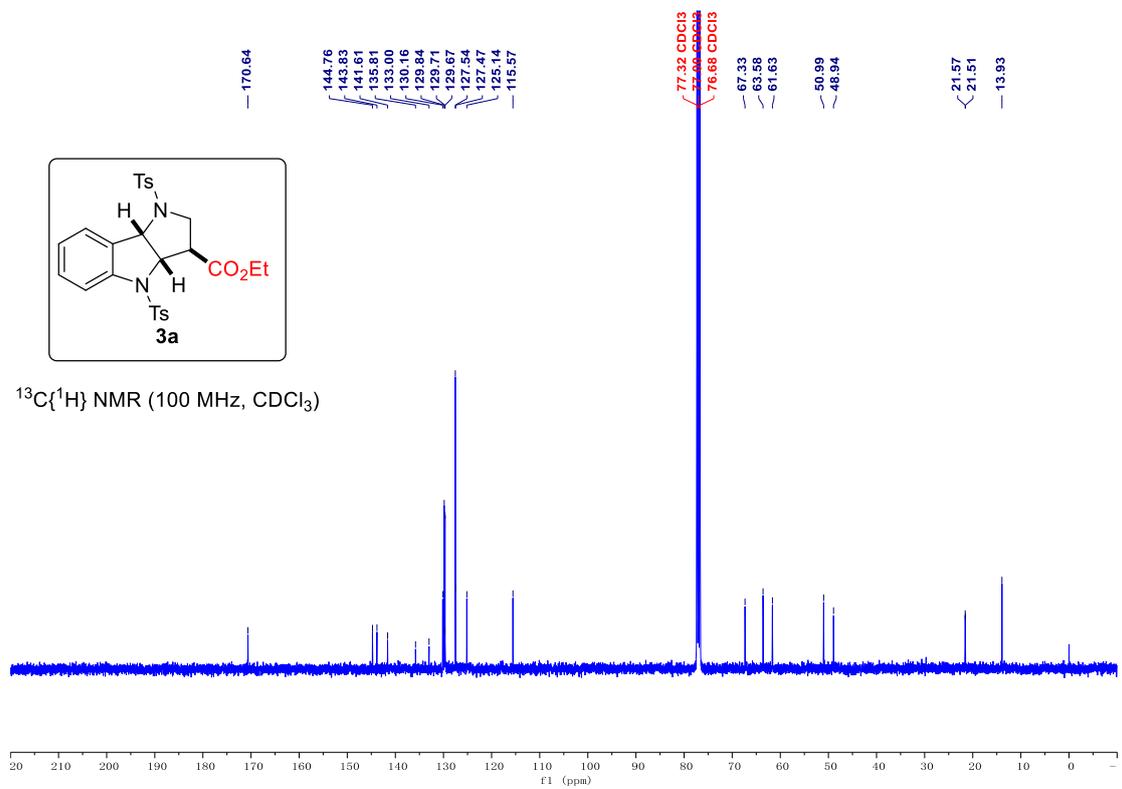
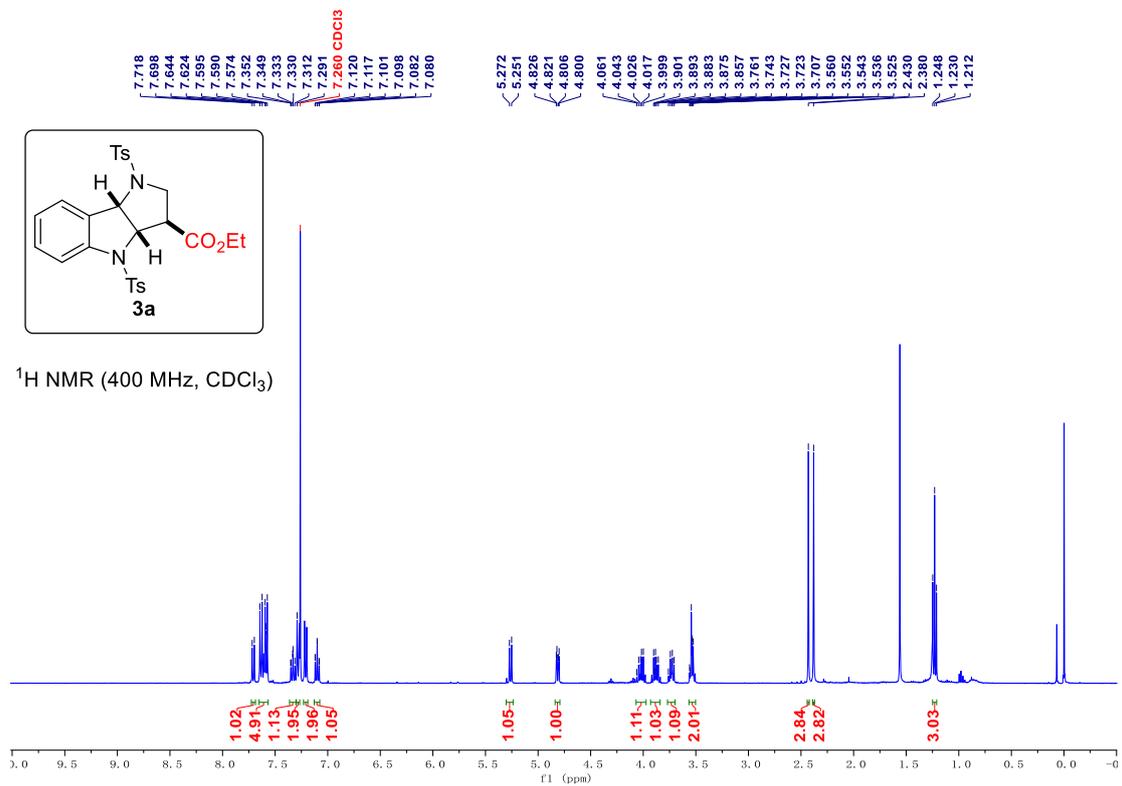


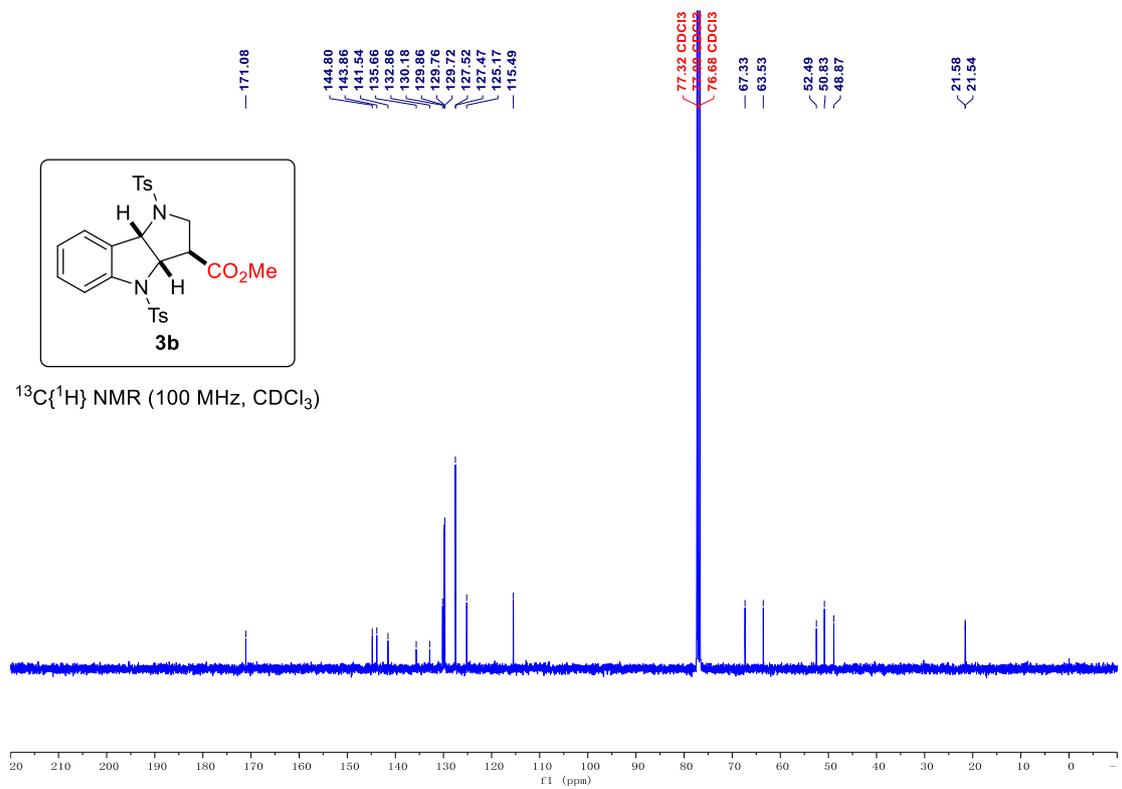
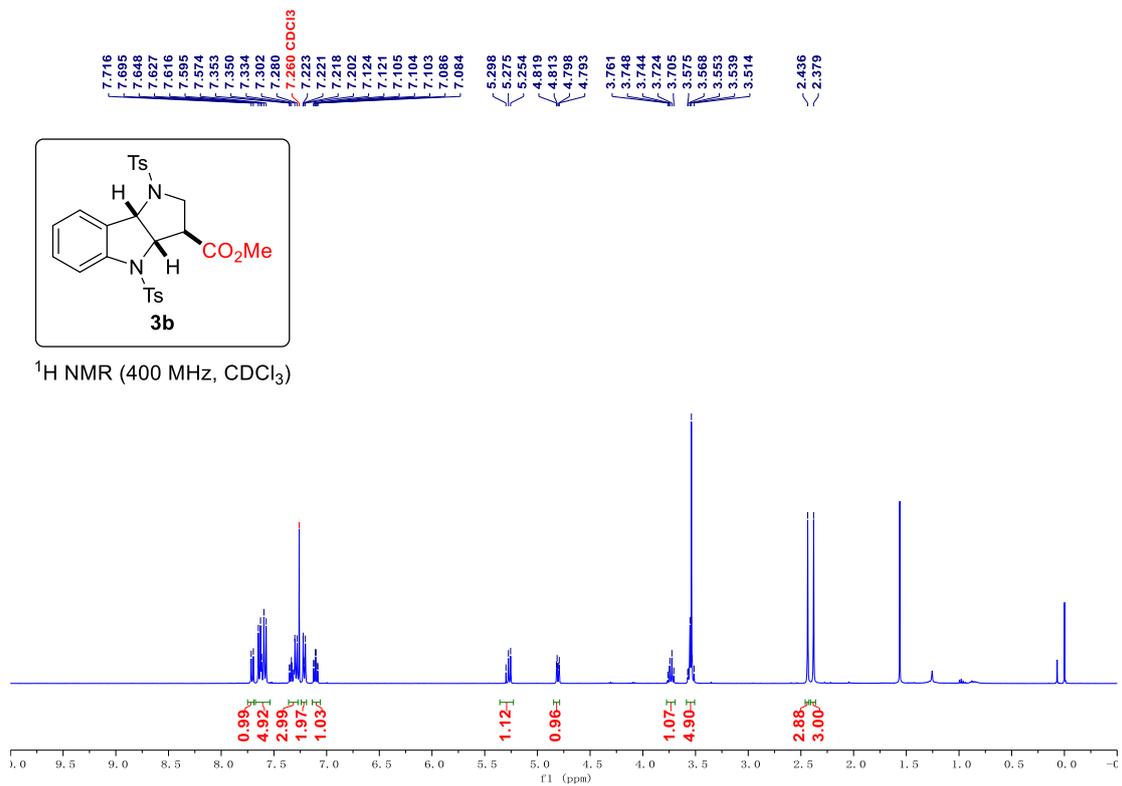






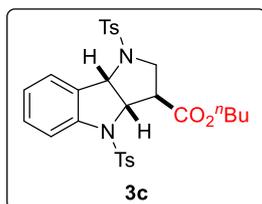




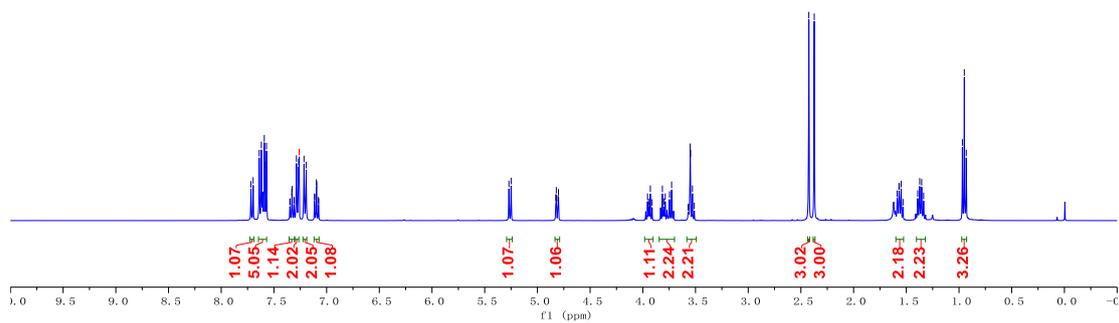


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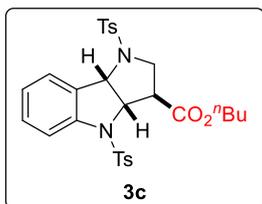
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