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# **Supporting Information**

# **Catalyst-free Electrochemical Sulfonylation of Amines with Sulfonyl**

# Hydrazide in Aqueous Medium

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## 1. General methods

Unless otherwise noted, materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further Purified. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). Yields refer to products isolated after Purified by column chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV 400 MHz spectrometer using CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO- $d_6$  as the solvent with TMS as the internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. Coupling constants (*J*) were reported in Hz. Electrolysis experiments were performed using MESTEK DC power supply. Cyclic voltammetry was obtained from CHI 660E (Shanghai Chenhua Instrument Factory, Shanghai, China).

#### 2. General procedure

#### General procedure for the synthesis of 2

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ R - \overset{H}{\overset{}_{S}} - CI \\ \overset{H}{\overset{}_{O}} \end{array} \xrightarrow{N_{2}, N_{2}H_{4} \cdot H_{2}O} \xrightarrow{O} \begin{array}{c} H \\ \overset{H}{\overset{}_{N}} \overset{N}{\overset{}_{N}} \overset{N}{\overset{}_{N}} NH_{2} \end{array}$$

The hydrazine monohydrate (6 mmol) was added dropwise to the solution of sulfonyl chloride (2 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C. Subsequently, the mixture was further stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. After the solvent was removed by evaporation. The pure products **2** were obtained by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3

$$\begin{array}{c} C(+) & & \\ C(+) & & \\ I = 15 \text{ mA} \\ R_1 & R_2 & + \\ R_3 & O \\ 1 & 2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{(N-S)} NH_2 \xrightarrow{(N-Bu_4NBr (2 equiv.))}{R_2 & M_4NBr (2 equiv.)} \\ R_1 & R_2 & R_3 & \\ R_2 & N_3 & \\ R_3 & \\ NH_2 & \\ R_2 & N_3 & \\ NH_2 & \\ R_3 & \\ NH_2 & \\ R_1 & R_2 & \\ R_2 & \\ NH_2 & \\$$

In an oven-dried undivided three-necked bottle (25 mL) equipped with a stir bar, amines 1 (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), sulfonyl hydrazides 2 (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr (0.6 mmol, 2 *equiv.*), MeOH (8 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) were combined and added. Two graphite rod ( $\phi$  5 mm) were used as anode and cathode respectively (the electrodes were immersed 1 cm in the reaction solution). The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 15 mA under room temperature for 4 h. After reaction completion, the solvents were removed in vacuum, the products **3** were obtained by silica gel column chromatography.

Procedure for gram scale synthesis of 3aa



In an oven-dried undivided three-necked bottle (50 mL) equipped with a stir bar, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline **1a** (5 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), *p*-toluenesulfonyl hydrazide **2a** (5 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr (10 mmol, 2 *equiv.*), MeOH (16 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (4 mL) were added. Two graphite rods ( $\phi$  10 mm) were used as anode and cathode, respectively (the electrodes were immersed 3 cm in the reaction solution). The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 30 mA under room temperature for 24 h. After reaction completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by silica gel column (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8:1) to obtain the product **3aa** (1.14g, 80%).

#### 3. Optimization of reaction conditions

Table S1 Optimization of electrode materials<sup>a</sup>

	NH +	electrode I = 10 mA Nal (2 <i>equiv.</i> ) NH <sub>2</sub> O r.t., air, 4 h undivided cell	N.S O
1a		2a	3aa
-	Entry	Electrode material	Yield $(\%)^b$
-	1	Pt(+)    Pt(-)	75
	2	C(+)    C(-)	80
	3	C(+)    Pt(-)	64
	4	Pt(+)    C(-)	57
	5	Pt(+)    Ni(-)	72
	6	C(+)    Ni(-)	73

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), NaI (0.6 mmol, 2 *equiv.*), MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 4:1, 10.0 mL), constant current (10.0 mA), air, room temperature, 4 h, undivided cell. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yields.

# Table S2 Optimization of solvents<sup>a</sup>

NH +	O H NNH2 O	$C(+) \square C(-)$ $I = 10 \text{ mA}$ Nal (2 equiv.) solvent $r.t., air, 4 \text{ h}$ undivided cell	
1a	2a		3aa
Entry	Solvent		Yield $(\%)^b$
1	MeOH		36
2	DMF		53
3	MeOH/H <sub>2</sub> O	D (4:1)	80
4	MeOH/H <sub>2</sub> O	D (2:1)	66
5	MeOH/H <sub>2</sub> O	D (1:1,)	46
6	MeOH/H <sub>2</sub> O	D (1:2)	22
7	MeCN/H <sub>2</sub> C	D (4:1)	69
8	EtOH/H <sub>2</sub> O	(4:1)	57
9	THF/H <sub>2</sub> O (	(4:1)	32
10	DMSO/H <sub>2</sub> O	D (4:1)	38
11	DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O	(4:1)	61

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), NaI (0.6 mmol, 2 *equiv.*), solvent (10.0 mL), constant current (10.0 mA), air, room temperature, 4 h, undivided cell. Anode: graphite rod, cathode: graphite rod. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yields.

NH +	S, NH <sub>2</sub>	C(+) = 10  mA electrolyte (2 equiv.) MeOH/H <sub>2</sub> O (4:1) r.t., air, 4 h undivided cell	N S O'
1a	2a		3aa
Entry	Electrolyt	e	Yield $(\%)^b$
1	<i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NBF <sub>4</sub>		N.d.
2	<i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NPF <sub>6</sub>		N.d.
3	<i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NI		42
4	<i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NBr		82
5	NaBr		37
6	KBr		35
7	NaI		80
8	KI		49
9	NH4I		36
10	DMMI		43

## Table S3 Optimization of electrolytes<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), Electrolyte (0.6 mmol, 2 *equiv.*), MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 4:1, 10.0 mL), constant current (10.0 mA), air, room temperature, 4 h, undivided cell. Anode: graphite rod, cathode: graphite rod. Isolated yields. <sup>*c*</sup>N.d. = no detected. DMMI = 1,3-dimethylimidazolium iodide.

Table S4 Optimization of the amount of *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr<sup>a</sup>

NH	+	$C(+) \blacksquare C(-)$ $I = 10 \text{ mA}$ $n-Bu_4\text{NBr}$ $MeOH/H_2O (4:1)$ $r.t., air, 4 h$ undivided cell		Ì
1a	2a		3aa	
Entry	Amount o	f <i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NBr ( <i>equiv</i> .)	Yield $(\%)^b$	
1	1		57	
2	2		82	
3	3		30	

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr, MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 4:1, 10.0 mL), constant current (10.0 mA), air, room temperature, 4 h, undivided cell. Anode: graphite rod, cathode: graphite rod. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yields.



<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), 2a (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr (0.6 mmol, 2 *equiv.*), H<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH (v/v = 4:1, 10.0 mL), constant current electrolysis, air, room temperature, 4 h, undivided cell. Anode: graphite rod, cathode: graphite rod. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>*c*</sup>N.d. = no detected.

Table S6 Optimization of reaction time<sup>a</sup>

NH	+ S NH2 -	$C(+) \square C(-)$ $I = 15 \text{ mA}$ $n-\text{Bu}_4\text{NBr} (2 \text{ equiv.})$ $MeOH/H_2O (4:1)$ $r.t., air$ $undivided cell$	
1a	2a		3aa
Entry	Time (h)		Yield $(\%)^b$
1	2		56
2	3		82
3	4		89
4	6		78

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), 2a (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr (0.6 mmol, 2 *equiv.*), H<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH (v/v = 4:1, 10.0 mL), constant current (10.0 mA), air, room temperature, undivided cell. Anode: graphite rod, cathode: graphite rod. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yields.

#### Table S7 Optimization of atmosphere<sup>a</sup>



<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), 2a (0.3 mmol, 1 *equiv.*), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr (0.6 mmol, 2 *equiv.*), H<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH (v/v = 4:1, 10.0 mL), constant current (10.0 mA), room temperature, 4 h, undivided cell. Anode: graphite rod, cathode: graphite rod. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yields.

## 4. Mechanistic investigation

#### Cyclic voltammetry experiments

Cyclic voltammetry was performed in a 25 mL three-electrode cell under air at room temperature. The working electrode was a steady glassy carbon disk electrode, the counter electrode a platinum wire. The reference was an Ag/AgCl electrode submerged in saturated aqueous KCl solution. 8 mL of methanol and 2 mL of water containing 0.1 M *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> were poured into the electrochemical cell in all experiments. The scan rate is 0.1 V/s, ranging from 0 V to 3.0 V. Background ( $nBu_4NBF_4$ , 0.1 M in the mixed solvent); 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (1a, 0.1 M in the mixed solvent); *p*-toluenesulfonyl hydrazide (2a, 0.1 M in the mixed solvent); *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr (0.1 M in the mixed solvent) and the mixture of 1a, 2a and *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr (0.1 M in the mixed solvent).





Figure S1 CV measurements. n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> was used as the electrolyte for the CV measurements.

In order to confirm whether the reaction undergoes a radical mechanism, commonly used radical scavengers such as 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinooxy (TEMPO), 1,1diphenylethylene (DPE) and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) was used respectively in radical capture and suppression experiments. Under the standard conditions, the radical scavenger (2.0 *equiv*. to **2a**) was added to the model reaction system at the beginning of the reaction. Additionally, after 4 h, a small amount of the reaction mixture added with TEMPO was used to measurement. The radical trapping product **6** can be observed by LCMS.



Figure S2. Mass spectrometry (LCMS) data of possible intermediate (with TEMPO).

#### **Control experiments**

To investigate the possible mechanism of this electrochemical sulfonation, a series of control experiments were conducted.



#### 5. Characterization data of the products



2-*Tosyl*-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3aa**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3aa** as a white solid (76.7 mg, 89% yield). m.p. 138~140 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.8, 133.3, 133.2, 131.7, 129.8, 128.9, 127.9, 126.8, 126.5, 126.4, 47.6, 43.8, 29.0, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calc for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 288.1058, Found: 288.1066.



6,7-Dimethoxy-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline  $(3ba)^1$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ba** as a white solid. m.p. 134~136 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.32 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 348.1270, Found: 348.1250.



6-Bromo-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3ca**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ca** as a white solid (68.6 mg, 63% yield). m.p. 154~156 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.33 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 144.0, 135.5, 133.4, 131.7, 130.9, 129.9, 129.6, 128.1, 127.8, 120.5, 47.3, 43.5, 28.8, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 366.0163, Found: 366.0171.



*1-Methyl-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline* (**3da**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3da** as a

colorless liquid (60.4 mg, 67% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.67 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.90 – 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.49 – 3.37 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.58 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.47 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.2, 138.1, 137.9, 132.9, 129.7, 129.1, 127.1, 126.8, 126.7, 126.4, 52.2, 38.7, 28.0, 23.6, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 302.1215, Found: 302.1222.



*1-Phenyl-2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline*  $(3ea)^2$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ea** as a white solid (68.5 mg, 63% yield). m.p. 154~156 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 3.80 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.36 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.73 – 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 364.1371, Found: 364.1380.



*1-Tosylpyrrolidine* (**3fa**)<sup>3</sup>: Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3fa** as a white solid (59.1 mg, 88% yield). m.p. 132~134 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.74 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 226.0902, Found: 226.0897.



2-Phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (**3ga**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ga** as a white solid (73.1 mg, 81% yield). m.p. 110~112 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 4.78 (dd, J = 8.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.47 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.05 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.61 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.4, 143.2, 135.3, 129.7, 128.4, 127.6, 127.1, 126.3, 63.4, 49.5, 35.9, 24.1, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 302.1215, Found: 302.1222.



*4-Methyl-1-tosylpiperidine* (**3ha**)<sup>4</sup>: Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ha** as a white solid (62.0 mg, 82% yield). m.p. 164~166 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.75 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.27 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.23 (m, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 3H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 254.1215, Found: 254.1187.



*4-Phenyl-1-tosylpiperidine* (**3ia**)<sup>4</sup>: Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ia** as a white solid (72.3 mg, 77% yield). m.p. 150~152 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.69 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 3.97 – 3.90 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.43 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.31 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.81 (m, 4H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 316.1371, Found: 316.1383.



8-*Tosyl-1,4-dioxa-8-azaspiro*[4.5]*decane* (**3ja**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ja** as a white solid (69.7 mg, 79% yield). m.p. 114~116 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.64 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 4H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.77 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.6, 133.7, 129.8, 127.7, 106.2, 64.5, 44.6, 34.6, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 298.1113, Found: 298.1104.



*4-Tosylmorpholine*  $(3ka)^5$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ka** as a white solid (67.9 mg, 94% yield). m.p. 144~146 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.98 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 242.0851, Found: 242.0844.



*4-Tosylthiomorpholine*  $(3la)^5$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3la** as a white solid (40.7 mg, 53% yield). m.p.

126~128 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.61 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 2.69 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 2.43 (s, 3H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 258.0622, Found: 258.0618.



*1-Methyl-4-tosylpiperazine*  $(3ma)^5$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ma** as a white solid (62.8 mg, 83% yield). m.p. 140~142 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 2.46 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 255.1167, Found: 255.1151.



*1-Phenyl-4-tosylpiperazine* (**3na**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3na** as a white solid (72.8 mg, 77% yield). m.p. 198~200 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 3.32 – 3.23 (m, 4H), 3.22 – 3.14 (m, 4H), 2.47 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  150.8, 144.0, 129.9, 129.4, 128.0, 120.9, 117.0, 49.3, 46.2, 21.7. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 317.1324, Found: 317.1313.



*N-Benzyl-N,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide*  $(3oa)^1$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3oa** as a white solid (68.2 mg, 83% yield). m.p. 90~92 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.73 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 276.1058, Found: 276.1060.



*N*, *N*-*Diallyl-p-toluenesulfonamide* (**3pa**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3pa** as a colorless oil (46.7 mg, 62% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.59 – 5.43 (m, 2H), 5.14 – 4.95 (m, 4H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.3, 137.4, 132.7, 129.8, 127.2, 119.1, 49.4, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 252.1058, Found: 252.1061.



*N*, *N*-*Diethyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3qa**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3qa** as a white solid (33.9 mg, 50% yield). m.p. 58~60 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.0, 137.6, 129.7, 127.2, 42.1, 21.6, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 228.1058, Found: 228.1068.



*N*, *N*-*Dibutyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3ra**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ra** as a white solid (48.2 mg, 57% yield). m.p. 166~168 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.49 (p, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.28 (h, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 5H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.9, 137.2, 129.6, 127.2, 48.1, 30.9, 21.6, 20.0, 13.8. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 284.1684, Found: 284.1692.



*N*, *N*-*Dibenzyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3sa**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded 3sa as a white solid (69.3 mg, 66% yield). m.p. 138~140 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 4.31 (s, 4H), 2.45 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.4, 137.8, 135.8, 129.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 50.6, 21.7. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 352.1371, Found: 352.1370.



*N-Ethyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3ta**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ta** as a white solid (69.5 mg, 70% yield). m.p. 58~60 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 2.97 (p, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.4, 137.1, 129.7, 127.2, 38.3, 21.5, 15.0. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 200.0745, Found: 200.0758.



*N-Cyclohexyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide*  $(3ua)^1$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ua** as a white solid (47.4 mg, 60% yield). m.p. 84~86 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (br, 1H), 3.16 – 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.78 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.27 – 1.03 (m, 5H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 254.1215, Found: 254.1201



*N-Benzyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide*  $(3va)^1$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded 3va as a white solid (61.4 mg, 79% yield). m.p. 108~110 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 4.67 (br, 1H), 4.13 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 200.0745, Found: 200.0758.



2-(*Phenylsulfonyl*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline  $(3ab)^6$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ab** as a white solid (72.4 mg, 89% yield). m.p. 152~154 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.87 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.39 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 274. 0902, Found: 274. 0908.



2-((4-Methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline  $(3ac)^7$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ac** as a white solid (69.5 mg, 77% yield). m.p. 122~124 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.81 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 304.1007, Found: 304.0996.



2-((4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3ad**)<sup>7</sup>: Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ad** as a white solid (72.4 mg, 74% yield). m.p. 150~152 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.79 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 330.1528, Found: 330.1537.



2-(o-Tolylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3ae**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ae** as a white solid (65.5 mg, 76% yield). m.p. 138~140 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.53 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  138.2, 136.4, 133.4, 133.0, 132.9, 132.0, 130.3, 129.1, 126.9, 126.5, 126.2, 46.7, 42.9, 29.0, 20.7. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 288.1058, Found: 288.1031.



2-((4-Fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3af**)<sup>7</sup>: Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3af** as a white solid (65.6 mg, 75% yield). m.p. 152~154 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.89 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.39 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -105.00. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 292.0808, Found: 292.0825.



2-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline  $(3ag)^7$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ag** as a white solid (80.5 mg, 88% yield). m.p. 150~152 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.81 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 1H),

7.05 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.39 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 308.0512, Found: 308.0535.



2-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline  $(3ah)^7$ : Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ah** as a white solid (79.5 mg, 76% yield). m.p. 148~150 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.74 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 352.0007, Found: 352.0006.



2-((3-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3ai**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ai** as a white solid (73.2 mg, 70% yield). m.p. 136~138 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 3.41 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  138.9, 136.0, 133.1, 131.4, 130.7, 130.6, 129.0, 127.1, 126.6, 126.5, 126.3, 123.3, 47.6, 43.9, 28.9. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 352.0007, Found: 352.0014.



2-((2-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3aj**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3aj** as a white solid (64.0 mg, 61% yield). m.p. 144~146 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.18 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.63 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  138.3, 135.8, 133.7, 133.5, 132.4, 132.1, 129.1, 127.6, 126.9, 126.5, 126.3, 120.6, 46.9, 43.3, 29.0. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 352.0007, Found: 352.0017.



*2-((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline* (**3ak**)<sup>7</sup>: Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate)

afforded **3ak** as a white solid (62.2 mg, 61% yield). m.p. 152~154 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.43 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -63.13. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 342.0776, Found: 342.0801.



2-(Mesitylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3al): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded 3al as a white solid (68.9 mg, 73% yield). m.p. 120~122 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.96 (s, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.47 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (s, 6H), 2.30 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.8, 140.7, 133.5, 132.2, 132.1, 131.9, 129.1, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 45.9, 42.1, 28.8, 23.0, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 316.1371, Found: 316.1362.



2-((3,5-Difluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3am**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3am** as a white solid (72.4 mg, 79% yield). m.p. 158~160 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.43 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.0 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 255.1Hz), 140.3 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 7.9 Hz), 132.9, 131.2, 129.0, 127.2, 126.7, 126.4, 111.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 11.4 Hz), 111.2 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 28.0 Hz), 108.6 (t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 25.0 Hz), 47.6, 43.9, 28.8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -105.44. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 310.0713, Found: 310.0738.



2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3an**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3an** as a white solid (83.6 mg, 80% yield). m.p. 126~128 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.44 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.8,

139.3, 135.2, 133.2, 131.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 126.9, 126.5, 47.7, 43.9, 28.9. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 350.1215, Found: 350.1244.



2-(*Naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3ao**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ao** as a white solid (71.0 mg, 74% yield). m.p. 150~152 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.43 (s, 1H), 8.01 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 3.45 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  134.9, 133.5, 133.1, 132.2, 131.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.9, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8, 126.4, 122.9, 47.6, 43.9, 28.9. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 324.1058, Found: 324.1031.



2-((2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3ap): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ap** as a white solid (75.5 mg, 80% yield). m.p. 132~134 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.64 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.35 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.1, 133.3, 131.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.1, 126.8, 126.5, 126.4, 125.1, 109.6, 72.4, 47.7, 43.9, 29.2, 29.0. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 316.1007, Found: 316.1001.



2-(*Pyridin-3-ylsulfonyl*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3aq**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3aq** as a white solid (64.1 mg, 78% yield). m.p. 144~146 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.06 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.80 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dt, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 3.45 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  153.5, 148.5, 135.3, 133.8, 133.0, 131.2, 129.0, 127.1, 126.7, 126.4, 123.8, 47.5, 43.8, 28.7. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 275.0854, Found: 275.0844.



2-(*Thiophen-2-ylsulfonyl*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (**3ar**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **3ar** as a white solid (62.4 mg, 75% yield). m.p. 118~120 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.65 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.41 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  133.2, 132.6, 132.2, 131.6, 128.9, 127.7, 127.0, 126.6, 126.6, 47.7, 44.0, 29.0. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 280.0466, Found: 280.0452.



*3-(1-Tosylpyrrolidin-2-yl)pyridine* (**5a**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (80:1 dichloromethane/methanol) afforded **5a** as a white solid (78.8 mg, 87% yield). m.p. 104~106 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.54 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 4.76 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.47 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.62 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  148.6, 148.0, 143.8, 138.6, 134.7, 134.1, 129.8, 127.6, 123.4, 61.2, 49.5, 35.8, 24.1, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 303.1167, Found: 303.1173.



8-*Chloro-11-(1-tosylpiperidin-4-ylidene)-6*, *11-dihydro-5H-benzo[5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine* (**5b**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **5b** as a white solid (103.1 mg, 74% yield). m.p. 198~200 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.35 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32 – 3.16 (m, 4H), 3.00 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.83 – 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.64 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.38 – 2.28 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  156.8, 146.8, 143.7, 139.6, 137.7, 137.4, 135.9, 134.8, 133.5, 133.4, 133.1, 130.5, 129.8, 129.1, 127.7, 126.3, 122.5, 47.4, 30.3, 30.0, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 465.1404, Found: 465.1415.



*3-(4-Tosylpiperazin-1-yl)benzo[d]isothiazole* (**5c**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **5c** as a white solid (46.8 mg, 42% yield). m.p. 130~132 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.82 –

7.73 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.61 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.24 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.1, 153.0, 144.0, 132.7, 129.9, 128.0, 127.8, 127.8, 124.2, 123.5, 120.8, 49.5, 45.9, 21.7. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 374.0997, Found: 374.0991.



*l*-((4-Methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-4-(4-methylbenzyl)piperazine (**5d**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded **5d** as a white solid (72.8 mg, 68% yield). m.p. 88~90 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.68 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 2.50 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.2, 137.1, 134.5, 130.1, 129.2, 129.1, 127.3, 114.3, 62.5, 55.7, 52.2, 46.2, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C19H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 361.1586, Found: 361.1592.



*l*-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-(4-methylbenzyl)piperazine (**5e**): Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2:1 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) afforded 5e as a white solid (57.8 mg, 53% yield). m.p. 84~86 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.72 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  139.52, 137.11, 134.37, 134.25, 129.46, 129.33, 129.15, 129.14, 62.39, 52.07, 46.20, 21.20. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 365.1091, Found: 365.1079.

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## 6. NMR of Products

#### 2-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3aa)







<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3ba



S23



S24





S25

2-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (3ga)



S26











<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3la

1-methyl-4-tosylpiperazine (3ma)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3na



S31

N,N-Diallyl-*p*-toluenesulfonamide (3pa)



# N,N-diethyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3qa)

















<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3va

4.5

4.0

3.5

3.0

7.5 7.0

6.5

6.0

5.5

5.0

9.0

8.5

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3ac



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3ae



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3af







2-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3ah)

















# <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 3am





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2-((2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3ap)







2-(thiophen-2-ylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3ar)





8-chloro-11-(1-tosylpiperidin-4-ylidene)-6,11-dihydro-5H-

benzo[5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine (5b)







S55







1-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-4-(4-methylbenzyl)piperazine (5e)

