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# Dinuclear Zinc Catalyzed Asymmetric Friedel-Crafts Amido- 

## alkylation of Indoles with Aryl Aldimines

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## General information

Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All solvents employed in the reactions were distilled from appropriate drying agent prior to use. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on an EYELA N -1001 rotary evaporator. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel precoated glass plates ( $0.2 \pm 0.03 \mathrm{~mm}$ thickness, GF-254, particle size $0.01-0.04 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) from Yantai Chemical Industry Research Institute, P. R. China. Chromatograms were visualized by fluorescence quenching with UV light at 254 nm . Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (particle size $0.04-0.05 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) from Yantai Chemical Industry Research Institute, P. R. China.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}(400 \mathrm{MHz})$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}(101 \mathrm{MHz})$ spectra were recorded in DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ on Varian Inova-400 NMR spectometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta \mathrm{ppm}$ ) are relative to the resonance of the deuterated solvent as the internal standard (DMSO-d ${ }_{6}, \delta 2.50 \mathrm{ppm}$ for proton NMR, $\delta 39.51 \mathrm{ppm}$ for carbon NMR). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta, \mathrm{ppm}$ ), multiplicity ( $\mathrm{s}=$ singlet, $\mathrm{d}=$ doublet, q $=$ quartet, $\mathrm{m}=$ multiplet), coupling constants $(\mathrm{J})$ and assignment. Data for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta, \mathrm{ppm}$ ). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) for all the compounds were determined on Micromass GCT-TOF mass spertrometer with ESI resource.

High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis was performed on a Waters 2695 and

Agilent Technologies 1200 Series instrument equipped with a quaternary pump, using a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H Column ( $250 \times 4.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). UV absorption was monitored at 210 nm to 254 nm . Optical rotations were measured on an Autopol IV polarimeter, and $[\alpha]_{D}$ values are reported in $10^{-1}$ $\mathrm{dg} \mathrm{cm}{ }^{2} \mathrm{~g}^{-1}$; concentration (c) is reported in $\mathrm{g} / 100 \mathrm{~mL}$.

## Experimental section

## General procedure for the preparation of aldimines $3 a-q^{1}$ :

N-sulfonyl imines 3a-q described in this paper were prepared by condensation of the corresponding aldehydes with p-toluenesulfonamide according to the reported procedure with minor modification: the aldehyde ( 25.0 mmol ), p-toluenesulfonamide ( 25.0 mmol ), and $\mathrm{Si}(\mathrm{OEt})_{4}$ ( 27.5 mmol , 1.1 equiv.) were combined into a flask equipped with an oil-water separator and heated at $160^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 hours. The produced EtOH was collected in the oil-water separator and released it at regular intervals. After cooling down, the residue of the reaction was directly recrystallized from ethyl acetate and hexanes to provide N -sulfonyl imines 3a-q. It should be noted that, in order to avoid the trace impurities affecting the reaction, the N -sulfonyl aryl aldimines were recrystallized at least for two times before they were utilized as starting materials for asymmetric Friedel-Crafts amidoalkylation.

## Procedure for the preparation of aldimine $3 r^{2}$

A mixture of aldehyde ( 10 mmol ), phenylsulfonamide ( 10 mmol ) and sodium benzenesulfinate ( $1.82 \mathrm{~g}, 11 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in formic acid $(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred for 12 h at rt . The resulting white precipitate was filtered off, washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(2 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$, then pentane ( 10 mL ), and dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(100 \mathrm{~mL})$. Sat. aq $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ or $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(70 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added and the solution was well stirred for 2 h at rt . The organic phase was decanted, and the aqueous phase was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \times 35 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic layers was washed by $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$, brine ( 30 mL ) and dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield the crude product. Crystallization from ethyl acetate and hexanes gave pure N -sulfonyl imine 3 r.

General procedure and spectroscopic data for dinuclear zinc catalyzed asymmetric

## Friedel-Crafts amidoalkylation of indoles with aryl Aldimines:

Under an argon atmosphere, a solution of diethylzinc ( $50 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.0 \mathrm{M}$ in toluene, 0.05 mmol ) was added to a stirred and cooled solution of $\mathbf{L} 4(16 \mathrm{mg}, 0.025 \mathrm{mmol})$ in toluene $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the addition, the cold bath was removed and the resulting solution was allowed to stir at rt for 30 min . Then a solution of N -sulfonyl imines $\mathbf{3 a}(65 \mathrm{mg}, 0.25 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and indole $\mathbf{2 a}$ ( 146 mg , 1.25 mmol ) in 1.0 mL toluene were added. The corresponding mixture was allowed to be stirred for another 2 h at rt . After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), $10 \% \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(3 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The organic layer was washed by $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$, brine ( 5 mL ) and dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the desired product 4a.

The reaction procedures for the preparation of $\mathbf{4 b} \mathbf{- v}$ are identical with the above described for the preparation of $\mathbf{4 a}$. In order to demonstrate the reproducibility of the reaction, the crystals of the N -sulfonyl aryl aldimines (3c, 3d and 3p) were used to repeat the reaction under otherwise identical conditions. The results of control experiments showed that the reactions could be well reproduced in terms of yields and enantioselectivities (4c: 95\% yield, 73:27 er vs 98\% yield, 74:26 er; 4d: 98\% yield, 84:16 er vs 98\% yield, 86:14 er; 4p: 88\% yield, 76:24 er vs 90\% yield, 78:22 er).

## N-[Indol-3-yl-phenylmethyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4a)



Colorless solid; 95\% yield, 92:8 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes/IPA = $75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=210.5 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}($ major $)=10.451, \mathrm{t}($ minor $)=$ 19.229]; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+12.8$ (c 0.5 , Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta$ $10.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.49(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.33-7.24(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.20-7.09$ (m, 5H), $7.04(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.88(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta 141.83,141.73,138.86,136.35,128.93$, 127.87, 127.06, 126.38, 123.67, 121.21, 120.86, 118.88, 118.75, 118.53, 115.70, 111.43, 54.46, 20.90; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] ${ }^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 399.1143; found: 399.1130.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(4- fluorophenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4b)

Colorless solid; 97\% yield, 90:10 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA = 75 / 25, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=210.5 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}$ (major) $=11.224, \mathrm{t}($ minor $\left.)=19.474\right] ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+11.7(\mathrm{c} 0.5$,

Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d $)$ : $\delta 8.49$ (d, $\left.J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.49(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$,
 7.29 (dt, $J=8.4,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.13$ (d, $J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.05(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{t}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.90(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), 5.75 (d, J = $8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.28 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta 147.32,144.08,143.21,143.18,141.80,134.45,134.35,131.81,130.77,129.08,126.70,124.29$, 123.99, 120.95, 120.03, 119.82, 116.87, 59.22, 26.27; ESI-MS: m/z $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 417.1047; found: 417.1061.

N-[Indol-3-yl-(4-chlorophenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4c)
 Colorless solid; 98\% yield, 74:26 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA $=75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}$ (major) $=11.734, \mathrm{t}$ (minor) $=21.264] ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+5.2$ (c 0.5, Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMSO $-\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta$ $10.91(\mathrm{~d}, J=25.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.50(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.30(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.20 (d, $J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), $6.90(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.77(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.73(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.29(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ ): $\delta 143.02,141.53,139.56,137.39,132.26,129.98,129.96,128.79,127.44$, 126.34, 124.76, 122.34, 119.84, 119.63, 116.16, 112.49, 54.86, 21.88; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] ${ }^{+}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{ClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 433.0793; found: 433.0760.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(4-bromophenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4d)


$\delta 10.93$ (s, 1H), $8.51(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.32(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.5,5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H})$, $7.20(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.91(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.79(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.73(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.31(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ ): $\delta 147.41$, 146.31, 143.92, 141.76, 136.09, 134.72, 134.37, 131.82, 130.72, 129.15, 126.72, 125.16, 124.22, 124.02, 120.45, 116.87, 59.31, 26.30; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{BrN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 477.0248; found: 477.0245.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(4-Methoxyphenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4e)

Colorless solid, 90\% yield, 92:8 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA = 75 / 25, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=221.3 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}$ (major) $=13.924, \mathrm{t}($ minor $\left.)=27.338\right] ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+7.5(\mathrm{c} 0.5$,

Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta 10.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=52.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.41(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$,
 $7.72(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.36(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.30(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.04(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, 6.89 (t, $J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.81(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.71$ (d, $J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), $2.28(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta 158.04,141.80,138.93$, 136.46, 133.76, 132.72, 129.37, 128.97, 128.31, 126.45, 123.56, 121.20, 118.52, 116.03, 113.28, 111.46, 55.05, 54.10, 20.93; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] ${ }^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 429.1249; found: 429.1243.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(4-Methylphenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4f)



Colorless solid; 98\% yield, 78:22 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA $=75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=210 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}($ major $)=9.660, \mathrm{t}($ minor $)=$ 18.179]; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+8.4$ (c 0.5, Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) $\delta$ $10.86(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.42(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34-7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.04(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.87(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.82(\mathrm{~s}$, 1H), 5.70 (d, $J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta$ 141.86, 138.89, 138.78, 136.43, 135.75, 128.96, 128.45, 127.07, 126.44, 125.51, 123.66, 121.23, 118.96, 118.55, 115.85, 111.46, 54.34, 20.93, 20.67; ESI-MS: m/z $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ SNa: 413.1300; found: 413.1299.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(4-trifloroMethylphenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4g)

 Colorless solid; 98\% yield, 94:6 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA $=75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}$ (major) $=11.219, \mathrm{t}$ (minor) $=20.622] ;[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}=+28.2$ (c 1, Acetone) ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , DMSO-d $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) $10.95(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.72(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.47(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.42-$ $7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.93(\mathrm{t}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.78(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta 146.01,142.05,138.40,136.43,129.36$, 128.99, 127.93, 126.51, 125.67, 124.85, 124.81, 124.76, 124.72, 123.91, 121.49, 118.83, 118.79, 114.79, 111.61, 109.39, 54.21, 20.95; ESI-MS: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 467.1107; found: 467.1024.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(2-chlorophenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4h)

Colorless solid; 98\% yield, 92:8 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA = 75 / 25, flow rate:
$1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=210.5 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}$ (major) $=8.153$, t (minor) $\left.=20.030\right] ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}=+51.2$ (c 0.5 , Acetone);
 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) : $\delta 8.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.59-7.55(\mathrm{~m}$, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.35(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.34-7.27(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.19-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.93(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.55(\mathrm{~s}$, 1H), $6.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}_{\mathrm{d}}$ ): $\delta 142.20,138.79$, 138.31, 136.40, 131.44, 129.11, 128.84, 128.80, 128.34, 126.98, 126.37, 125.65, 124.18, 121.49, 118.81, 118.50, 114.08, 111.64, 50.63, 20.93; ESI-MS: m/z $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{ClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 433.0748; found: 433.0751 .

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(2- fluorophenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4i)



Colorless solid; 96\% yield, 82:18 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA = $75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}($ major $)=9.792, \mathrm{t}($ minor $)=$ 22.034]; $[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}=+43.2$ (c 0.5, Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) $\delta$ 10.93 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, $J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.07(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.02-6.96(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{t}, J=$ 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73(s, 3H), 6.02(d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.28(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta$ 142.18, 138.34, 136.39, 129.10, 128.88, 128.84, 128.79, 128.67, 126.37, 125.43, 124.16, 123.75, 121.49, 118.82, 118.40, 114.97, 114.77, 114.44, 114.40, 114.37, 111.67, 111.65, 47.18, 47.16, 20.93; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] ${ }^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 417.1047; found: 417.1057.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(2-bromophenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4j)



Colorless solid; 97\% yield, 84:16 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA = $75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}($ major $)=8.553, \mathrm{t}($ minor $)=$ 22.330]; $[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}=+43.2$ (c 0.5, Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMSO $-d_{6}$ ) $\delta$ $10.94(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.45(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.09$ (t, $J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.95(\mathrm{t}, J=$ $7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.50(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.16(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta 142.30,140.39,138.34,136.48,132.16,129.19,129.03,128.67,127.58,126.47,125.78,124.40$, 122.40, 121.59, 118.89, 118.67, 114.17, 111.72, 53.35, 21.00; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] ${ }^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{BrN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 477.0248, 479.0228; found: 477.0243, 479.0225.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(2-Methoxyphenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4k)

Colorless solid; 98\% yield, 90:10 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA = 75 / 25, flow rate:
$1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}$ (major) $=9.967$, $\mathrm{t}($ minor $\left.)=22.403\right] ;[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}=+46.3$ (c 1, Acetone) ${ }^{1}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$
 NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ ): $\delta 10.80$ (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, $\left.J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.45$ (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28-7.39$ (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.04$ (d, $J=$ $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.91(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.75(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.0,8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.65(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.63(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.27(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 101 MHz , DMSO- $_{6}$ ): $\delta 156.00,142.44,139.20,137.01,130.06,129.43,128.55,128.47,126.97,124.18$, $121.87,120.66,119.45,119.17,116.42,112.09,111.07,109.99,55.93,48.01,21.53 ;$ ESI-MS: m/z $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SNa}$ :429.1249; found: 429.1253.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(3-methylphenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4l)


$8.42(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.38-7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $7.05(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.91(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.80(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.28(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.14$ (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ ): $\delta 147.18,146.78,144.18,142.20,141.74,134.24$, 133.16, 133.10, 131.78, 130.87, 129.62, 129.07, 126.59, 124.26, 123.92, 121.08, 116.82, 114.74, 59.89, 26.33, 26.27; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 413.1300; found: 413.1299.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(3-chlorophenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4m)



Colorless solid; 98\% yield, 76:24 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA $=75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}$ (major) $=12.988, \mathrm{t}$ (minor) $=16.128] ;[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}=+10.57$ (c 0.5, Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , DMSO-d $_{6}$ ): $\delta 10.93(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 7.23 (s, 2H), $7.17-7.12(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.91(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.78(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $5.75(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.29(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}){ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}_{\mathrm{d}}$ ): $\delta 143.94,142.12,138.48$, 136.40, 132.70, 129.77, 129.02, 126.92, 126.60, 126.42, 125.90, 125.35, 123.80, 121.42, 118.87, 118.72, 115.10, 111.57, 53.99, 20.95; ESI-MS: m/z $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{ClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 433.0753; found: 433.0751.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4n)

Colorless solid; 98\% yield, 95:5 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA = 75 / 25, flow rate:
$1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}($ major $)=8.139$, t (minor) $\left.=21.301\right] ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}=+68.6$ (c 0.5, Acetone);

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ ) $\delta 10.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.59(\mathrm{t}, J=8.3$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.50 (d, $J=5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.29(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.23(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.5$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.93(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.56(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.08(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.32(\mathrm{~s}$, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta 141.91,137.72,132.37,132.11,130.24,129.34,128.20$, 127.23, 126.41, 125.67, 124.28, 121.61, 118.93, 118.46, 113.42, 111.72, 109.39, 54.92, 20.96; ESI-MS: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 467.0364; found: 467.0367.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(1-Naphthyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4o)



Colorless solid; 96\% yield, 85:15 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA $=75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=210.5 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}$ (major) $=10.563, \mathrm{t}$ (minor) $=21.070] ;[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}=+62.4$ (c 0.5, Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta 10.85(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.78$ (d, $J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.62(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50-7.36(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.30(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.22(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.07(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.3,7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.88(\mathrm{t}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.53(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $2.28(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta 141.97,138.70,137.05136 .35$, 133.24, 130.19, 128.94, 128.56, 127.39, 126.36, 126.09, 125.62, 125.44, 125.14, 124.80, 124.63, 123.12, 121.32, 118.73, 118.54, 114.94, 111.56, 50.66, 20.93. HRMS-FAB: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}: 449.1402$; found: 449.1307.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-(2-Naphthyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4p)



Primrose yellow solid; 90\% yield, 78:22 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes $/$ IPA $=75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=213.4 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}($ major $)=$ 13.919, t (minor) $=20.976] ;[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}=+14.6\left(\mathrm{c} 0.5\right.$, Acetone) ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $(400$ $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}_{6}\right) \delta 10.92(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.54(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.90-7.64(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.28-7.54(\mathrm{~m}$, 7H), $7.12-6.96(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.11(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta$ 141.89, 138.87, 138.64, 136.40, 132.55, 131.99, 128.86, 127.69, 127.56, 127.37, 126.42, 125.98, 125.68, 125.61, 125.50, 125.46, 123.82, 121.29, 118.85, 118.61, 115.44, 111.50, 54.72, 20.74; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] ${ }^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ SNa: 449.1300; found: 449.1307.

Primrose yellow solid; 85\% yield, 81:19 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA = 75 / 25,
 flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=210.5 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}($ major $)=10.257, \mathrm{t}($ minor $\left.)=17.196\right]$; $[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{D}=+7.4$ (c 0.215, Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) $\delta 10.91$ (s, $1 \mathrm{H}), 8.62$ (d, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.53(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $7.12(\mathrm{~d}, ~ J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.04(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.89-6.75(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 5.99(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 2.28 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ ): $\delta 151.16,146.33,146.14,136.27,129.03,128.97$, 126.47, 126.37, 125.15, 125.10, 125.05, 123.74, 121.22, 118.59, 111.45, 109.36, 50.15, 20.95 ; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{Na}$ : 405.0702; found: 405.0714.

## N-[5-Methylindol-3-yl-phenylmethyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4r)



Colorless solid; 94\% yield, 72:28 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA $=75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}($ major $)=9.403, \mathrm{t}($ minor $)=$ 28.043]; $[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{D}=+16.57$ (c 1.0, Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta$ $10.75(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.43(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.29(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-$ $7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.92(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.67(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{~s}$, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ ): $\delta 142.17,141.99,138.85,134.71,129.10$, 127.94, 127.07, 126.99, 126.52, 125.78, 124.03, 122.88, 118.29, 115.16, 111.19, 104.65, 54.29, 21.29, 21.00; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] ${ }^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 413.1300; found: 413.1303 .

## N-[5-Bromoindol-3-yl-phenylmethyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4s)

 $11.10(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.52(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.52(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.37(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.11(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.81(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.71(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.28(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 101 MHz , DMSO- $_{6}$ ): $\delta 142.08,141.58,139.83,138.58,135.10,129.08,128.03,127.07,126.42,125.68$, 123.77, 121.19, 115.43, 113.56, 113.53, 111.39, 104.65, 54.02, 21.06; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] ${ }^{+}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{BrN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 477.0248, 479.0228; found: 477.0246, 479.0225.

## N-[7-Methylindol-3-yl-phenylmethyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4t)

Colorless solid; 90\% yield, 85:15 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA = 75 / 25, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}$ (major) $=24.772$, t (minor) $\left.=29.161\right] ;[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}=+17.63$ (c 1.0, Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}_{\mathrm{d}}^{6}$ ) $\delta 10.86(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.48(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$,
$7.26(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.20-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.85-6.75(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 5.72$

(d, $J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.39 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.27 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 101 MHz , DMSO-d $\left._{6}\right): \delta 141.88,138.83,135.89,128.98,127.93,127.11,126.68,126.41$, 125.15, 123.36, 121.73, 120.52, 118.82, 116.58, 116.15, 104.65, 54.59, 20.95, 16.76; ESI-MS: m/z [M + Na] ${ }^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 413.1300; found: 413.1302.

N-[7-Methylindol-3-yl-(2-chlorophenyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4u)


Colorless solid; 91\% yield, 87:13 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA = $75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}$ (major) $=9.185, \mathrm{t}$ (minor) $=13.311] ;[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}=+54.6$ (c 0. 5, Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) $\delta$ $11.19(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.64(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.65(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.15-7.33(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H})$, $6.58(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.05(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.76(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.42(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.33(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 101 MHz , DMSO-d $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ : $\delta 142.59,138.82,137.93,135.10,131.47,129.40,129.00,128.71,128.53,127.47$, 127.16, 126.44, 126.09, 124.07, 120.51, 113.80, 113.55, 111.68, 54.99, 50.31, 21.18; ESI-MS: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{ClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 447.0910; found: 447.0113.

## N-[Indol-3-yl-phenylmethyl]-benzenesulfonamide (4v)



Colorless solid; 87\% yield, 85:15 er, [Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, Hexanes / IPA = $75 / 25$, flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} \cdot \mathrm{~min}^{-1}, \lambda=254 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{t}($ major $)=11.234, \mathrm{t}($ minor $)=$ 19.982]; $[\alpha]^{20}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}=+12.5$ (c 0.5, Acetone); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) $\delta$ $10.93(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.18(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.06(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{t}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.93-6.86(\mathrm{~m}$, 4H), 6.07 (s, 1H).; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ : $\delta$ 147.83, 147.42, 136.65, 135.17, 129.62, 127.08, 126.39, 125.35, 123.92, 121.17, 119.25, 118.97, 118.47, 116.99, 111.65, 56.55; ESI-MS: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}$ : 385.0987; found: 385.0968.

Table 4 Investigating the effect of the concentration:

${ }^{a}$ The reactions were performed with 5 equiv of $\mathbf{2 a}$, in toluene under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ at the room temperature for two hours ( $\mathrm{ZnEt}_{2}, 1.0 \mathrm{M}$ in toluene). ${ }^{b}$ Isolated yields. ${ }^{c}$ The enantiomeric ratio was determined by chiral HPLC analysis of the corresponding products on a chiralcel OD-H column.

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${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra for $4 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{v}$ :




${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 101 MHz, DMSO) $\delta$ 147.32, 144.08, $143.21,143.18,141.80,134.45,134.35,131.81$, $130.77,129.08,126.70,124.29,123.99,120.95$, 120.03, 119.82, 116.87, 59.22, 26.27.




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## HPLC spectra for 4a-v:



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| $\mathbf{1}$ |  | 10.451 | 19788725 | 92.41 | 559737 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 19.229 | 1625757 | 7.59 | 27046 |  |  |



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| 1 |  | 11.084 | 15041987 | 51.64 | 389399 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 19.109 | 14086879 | 48.36 | 190528 |  |  |



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| 1 |  | 11.224 | 38074034 | 89.86 | 922904 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 19.474 | 4298315 | 10.14 | 72808 |  |  |



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| 1 |  | 11.304 | 26065372 | 50.36 | 631986 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 19.407 | 25689703 | 49.64 | 318917 |  |  |





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| 1 | 11.964 | 13944399 | 49.76 | 317495 |  |  |
| 2 | 21.121 | 14076166 | 50.24 | 159222 |  |  |



Peak Results

|  | Name | RT | Area | \%Area | Height <br> $(\mu \mathrm{V})$ | Armount | Units |
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| 1 |  | 11.896 | 33694463 | 85.51 | 761337 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 20.941 | 5707367 | 14.49 | 76482 |  |  |



Auto-Scaled Chromatogram


## Peak Results

|  | Name | RT | Area | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mu \dot{V})$ | Amount | Units |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | 13.924 | 118306911 | 92.51 | 2222470 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 27.338 | 9574203 | 7.49 | 107641 |  |  |




| Peak RetTime Type \# [min] | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Width } \\ & \text { [min] } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Area } \\ {[\mathrm{mAU} \star \mathrm{~s}]} \end{gathered}$ | Height <br> [mAU] | Area f |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19.660 MM | 0.5658 | 6.10341 ed | 1797.76428 | 77.5492 |
| 218.179 BB | 1.0515 | 1.76696 ed | 262.43613 | 22.4508 |
| Totals : |  | 7.87037 e 4 | 2060.20041 |  |




| Peak \# | RetTime [min] | Type | Width [min] | $\begin{gathered} \text { Area } \\ {[\mathrm{mAU*}]} \end{gathered}$ | Height $[\mathrm{mAU}]$ | Area |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 11.219 | MM | 0.6953 | 3622.36304 | 86.82523 | 93.8020 |
| 2 | 20.622 | MM | 1.1824 | 239.34805 | 3.37363 | 6.1980 |
| Tota | $s$ : |  |  | 3861.71109 | 90.19886 |  |

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| Peak Results |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Name | RT | Area | $\%$ Area | Height <br> $(\mu \mathrm{N})$ | Amount | Units |
| 1 |  | 8.153 | 64738553 | 92.34 | 2185348 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 20.030 | 5373989 | 7.66 | 94112 |  |  |




| $\begin{gathered} \text { Peak } \\ \# \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { RetTime } \\ \text { [min] } \end{gathered}$ | Type | Width [min] | $\begin{gathered} \text { Area } \\ {\left[m A U^{*} s\right]} \end{gathered}$ | Height <br> [mAU] | Area \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 9.729 | BB | 0.4865 | 3970.61523 | 126.38480 | 81.5723 |
| 2 | 22.034 | MM | 1.2430 | 896.98938 | 12.02678 | 18.4277 |






| Peak \# | $\begin{gathered} \text { RetTime } \\ {[\mathrm{min}]} \end{gathered}$ | Type | Width [min] | $\begin{gathered} \text { Area } \\ {[\mathrm{mAU} \text { * }]} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Height } \\ & \text { [mAU] } \end{aligned}$ | Area \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 9.967 | MM | 0.5786 | 2.20452 e 4 | 635.04474 | 90.0004 |
| 2 | 22.403 | MM | 1.1948 | 2449.35645 | 34.16690 | 9.9996 |



## Peak Results

|  | Name | RT | Area | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mu \mathrm{V})$ | Amount | Units |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | 9.765 | 41976772 | 49.44 | 1255408 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 14.672 | 42926468 | 50.56 | 773540 |  |  |



Peak Results

|  | Name | RT | Area | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mu \mathrm{V})$ | Amount | Units |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 |  | 9.764 | 28352839 | 87.98 | 853033 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 14.796 | 3874288 | 12.02 | 83995 |  |  |








Auto-Scaled Chromatogram


## Peak Results

|  | Name | RT | Area | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mu \mathrm{V})$ | Amount | Units |
| ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  | 10.563 | 92772188 | 85.11 | 1988181 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 21.070 | 16225778 | 14.89 | 208550 |  |  |



Auto-Scaled Chromatogram


| Peak Results |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name | RT | Area | \% Area | Height <br> $(\mu \mathrm{V})$ | Amount | Units |  |
| 1 |  | 13.919 | 80491114 | 78.45 | 1428235 |  |  |
| 2 |  | 20.976 | 22107315 | 21.55 | 263445 |  |  |

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| Peak Results |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Name | RT | Area | $\%$ Area | Height <br> $(\mu \mathrm{V})$ | Amount | Units |  |
| 1 |  | 10.257 | 49134124 | 80.68 | 1478139 |  |  |  |
| 2 |  | 17.196 | 11766108 | 19.32 | 226520 |  |  |  |












