

*Supporting Information for*

**Preparation of 2-Amino-3-arylindoles via Pd-Catalyzed Coupling  
between 3-Diazoindolin-2-imines and Arylboronic Acids as well as  
Their Extension to 3-Aryl-3-fluoroindolin-2-imines**

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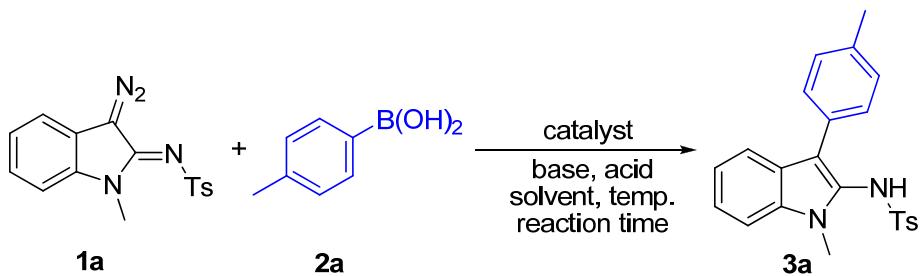
## General Information

Unless otherwise mentioned, solvents and reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received.  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra were obtained on 500 or 400 MHz spectrometer at room temperature. The chemical shifts were reported relative to internal TMS (0 ppm) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ . The following abbreviations were used to describe peak patterns when appropriate: b = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. Coupling constants ( $J$  values) were reported in Hertz unit (Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on 100 or 125 MHz spectrometer and the chemical shifts were referenced to the central line of the triplet of  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (77.00 ppm) or the center line of the heptet of  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$  (40.0 ppm). Infrared spectra were obtained on FTIR spectrometer. All high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) data were obtained by using EI ionization on time-of-flight (TOF) mass spectrometer or ESI ionization on LCMS-IT-TOF mass spectrometer. Melting points were measured with a micro melting point apparatus. Flash column chromatography was performed employing 300-400 mesh silica gel. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel HSGF254.

Substrates **1** were prepared according to the published methods.<sup>1</sup>

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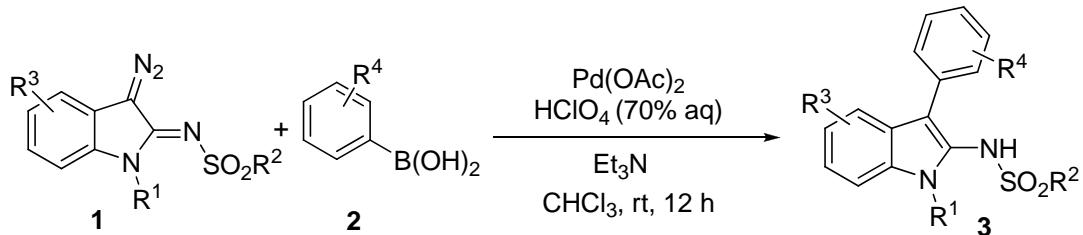
**Table S1. Screening of the reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>**

entry	catalyst	base	acid	solvent	temp (°C)	time(h)	yield(%) <sup>b</sup>
<b>1</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	KF	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	DCE	50	2	27
<b>2</b>	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	KF	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	DCE	50	2	trace
<b>3</b>	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	KF	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	DCE	50	2	ND
<b>4</b>	Pd(OH) <sub>2</sub>	KF	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	DCE	50	2	ND
<b>5</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	NONE	DCE	50	2	43
<b>6</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	NONE	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	50	2	44
<b>7</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	NONE	DCM	50	2	34
<b>8</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	NONE	THF	50	2	20
<b>9</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	NONE	PhMe	50	2	29
<b>10</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	NONE	MeCN	50	2	trace
<b>11</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	NONE	1,4-dioxane	50	2	18
<b>12</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	NONE	DMF	50	2	ND
<b>13</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	50	2	49
<b>14</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	50	2	12
<b>15</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	50	2	16
<b>16</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	50	2	10
<b>17</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	NONE	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	50	2	42
<b>18</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	NONE	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	50	2	44
<b>19</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	NONE	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	50	2	trace
<b>20</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	50	2	47
<b>21</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CF <sub>3</sub> COOH	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	50	2	56
<b>22</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CF <sub>3</sub> COOH	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	reflux	1	14
<b>23</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CF <sub>3</sub> COOH	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	58
<b>24</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CF <sub>3</sub> COOH	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	0	12	56
<b>25</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	HClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	65
<b>26</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Et <sub>3</sub> N	HClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	67

<b>27</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Pyridine	HClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	NR
<b>28</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	DIEA	HClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	34
<b>29</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	DBU	HClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	NR
<b>30</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	(Me <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	HClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	18
<b>31</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Et <sub>3</sub> N(5equiv)	HClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup> (5equiv)	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	78
<b>32</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Et <sub>3</sub> N(6equiv)	HClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup> (6equiv)	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	81
<b>33</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Et <sub>3</sub> N(7equiv)	HClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup> (7equiv)	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	80
<b>34</b>	NONE	Et <sub>3</sub> N(6equiv)	HClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup> (6equiv)	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	ND
<b>35</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Et <sub>3</sub> N(6equiv)	NONE	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	25
<b>36</b>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NONE	HClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup> (6equiv)	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt	12	21

<sup>a</sup> Reaction condition: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), Pd catalyst (10 mol %), base (3.0 equiv), acid (3.0 equiv), solvent (2 mL). <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> 70% aqueous HClO<sub>4</sub> was used.

## General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3

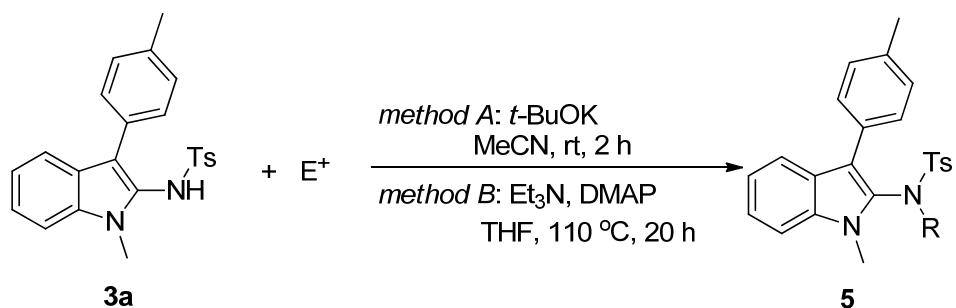


To a solution of **1** (0.2 mmol) and **2** (3.0 equiv) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 mL) was added triethylamine (165  $\mu\text{L}$ , 6.0 equiv),  $\text{HClO}_4$  (70% aq, 68  $\mu\text{L}$ , 6.0 equiv), and  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (4.4 mg, 0.1 equiv). Then, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h (24 h for **3e** and **3f**; 36 h for **3h**, **3q**, **3r**, **3v** and **3A**; 3 d for **3t**). After the reaction completed, the solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) to give pure product.

## Preparation of **3a** in 1 mmol Scale

To a solution of **1a** (1.0 mmol, 326 mg) and **2a** (3.0 equiv) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (10 mL) was added triethylamine (832  $\mu\text{l}$ , 6.0 equiv),  $\text{HClO}_4$  (70% aq, 342  $\mu\text{l}$ , 6.0 equiv), and  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (22.4 mg, 0.1 equiv). Then the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. After the reaction completed, the solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) to give product **3a** (305 mg, 78% yield).

## General Procedure for the Synthesis of 5

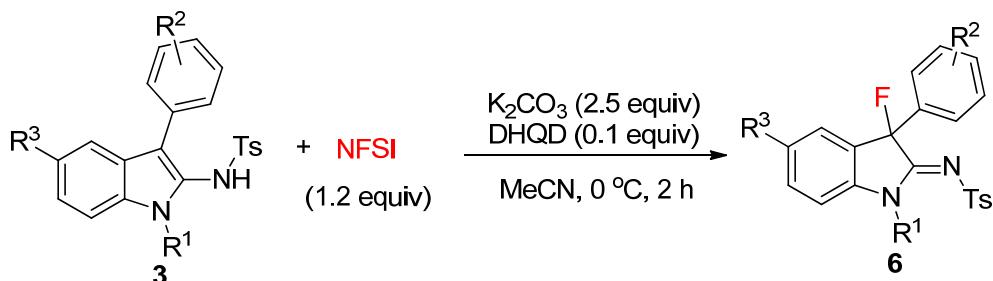


**Method A:** To a stirring solution of **3a** (78 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $t\text{-BuOK}$  (34 mg, 1.5 equiv) in  $\text{MeCN}$  (2 mL) was added electrophile ( $\text{E}^+$  = benzyl bromide, methyl iodide or allyl bromide) (1.5 equiv) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. After the reaction

completed (checked by TLC), the mixture was concentrated under vacuum and filtered through a plug of silica gel (DCM). The solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1, v/v) to give pure products **5a-c**.

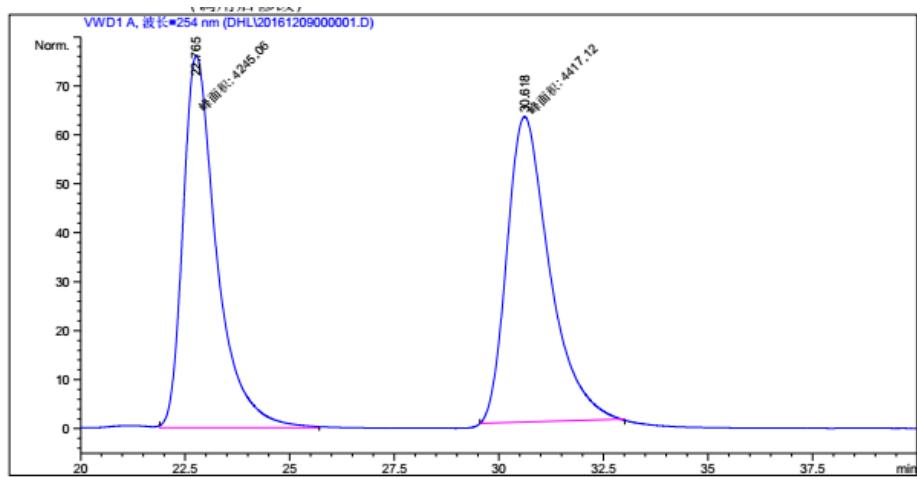
**Method B:** To a solution of **3a** (78 mg, 0.2 mmol), di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (69  $\mu$ L, 1.5 equiv) in THF (2 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (83  $\mu$ L, 3.0 equiv) and DMAP (3 mg, 0.1 equiv) at a sealed tube. The mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 20 h. After the reaction completed, the solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1, v/v) to give pure **5d**.

## General Procedure for the Synthesis of **6**



To a stirring solution of **3** (0.2 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (69 mg, 2.5 equiv) and hydroquinidine (DHQD) (6 mg, 0.1 equiv) in MeCN (2 mL) was added NFSI (76 mg, 1.2 equiv) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. After the reaction completed, the solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1, v/v) to give pure **6**.

Optimizing the enantiomer excess of **6a**: To a stirring solution of **3a** (39 mg, 0.1 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (20 mg, 1.0 equiv) and (DHQD)<sub>2</sub>PHAL (7 mg, 0.1 equiv) in MeCN (1 mL) was added NFSI (38 mg, 1.2 equiv) at -40 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h, the solvent was quenched with water and the aqueous was extracted with DCM ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined extracts were washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of solvents and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1, v/v) to give **6a** as a white solid (39 mg, 97% yield, 60% ee). HPLC: Chiralcel AD-H column (250 mm); Hexane/*i*-PrOH = 75/25; flow = 0.8 ml/min; detected at 254 nm; Retention time: 23.1 min, 31.1 min (major).



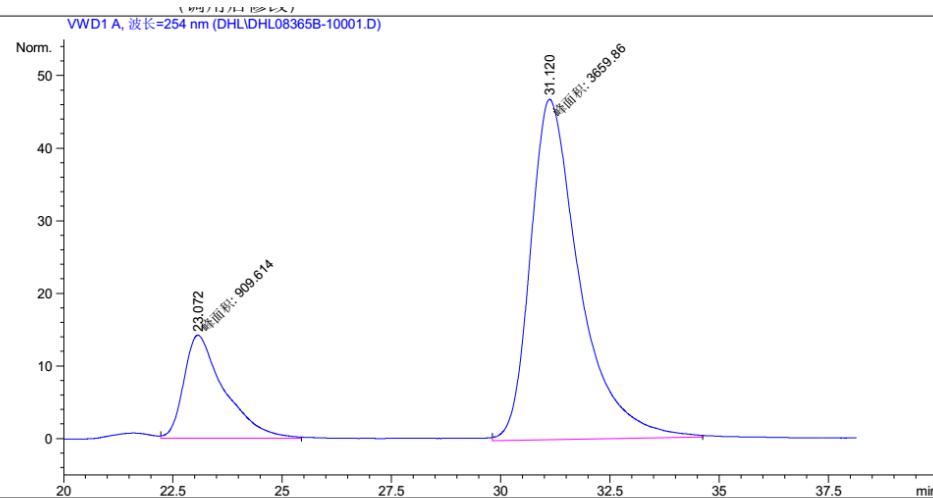
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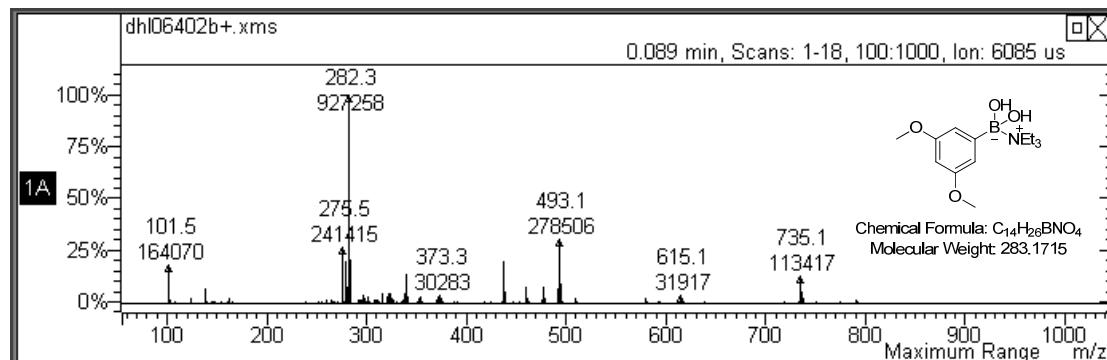
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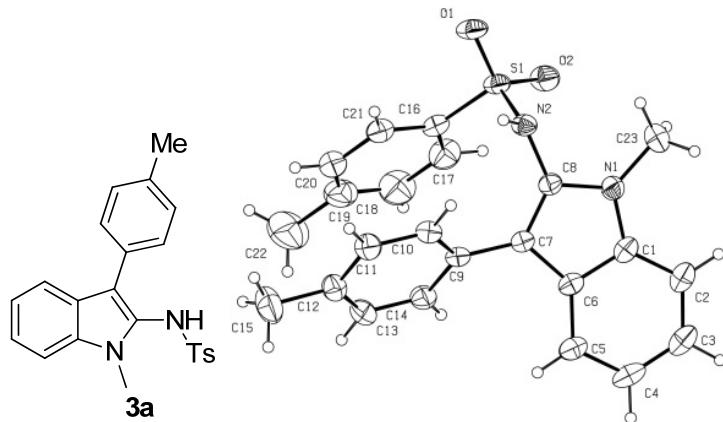
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总量 : 4569.46979 61.09196

## MS of the Combined Species from Triethylamine and (3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-boronic Acid



## ORTEP diagram and Crystal Parameters of 3a, 4 and 6a



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Bond precision: C-C = 0.0034 Å Wavelength=0.71073

Cell:  $a=28.1291(17)$   $b=11.3338(5)$   $c=14.8299(8)$   
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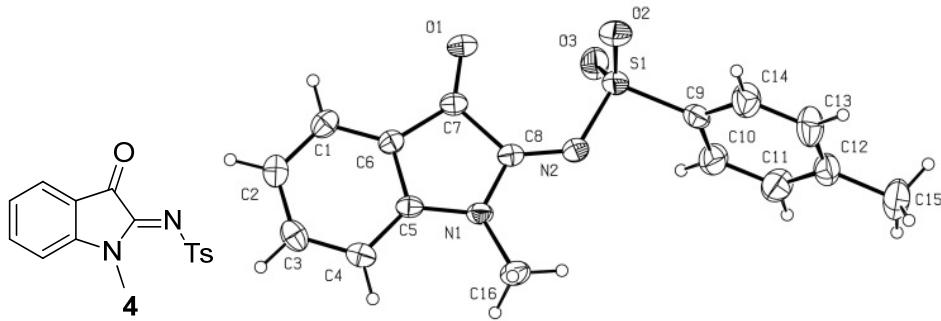
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Tmin'	0.927	

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S = 1.081 Npar= 260



## Datablock: 170319\_dhl08378a\_2

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Bond precision: C-C = 0.0065 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell:             $a=6.8692(7)$          $b=7.4511(9)$          $c=15.6394(18)$   
                    $\alpha=85.058(9)$          $\beta=80.243(9)$          $\gamma=68.404(10)$

Temperature: 293 K

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Hall group	-P 1	-P 1
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Sum formula	C16 H14 N2 O3 S	C16 H14 N2 O3 S
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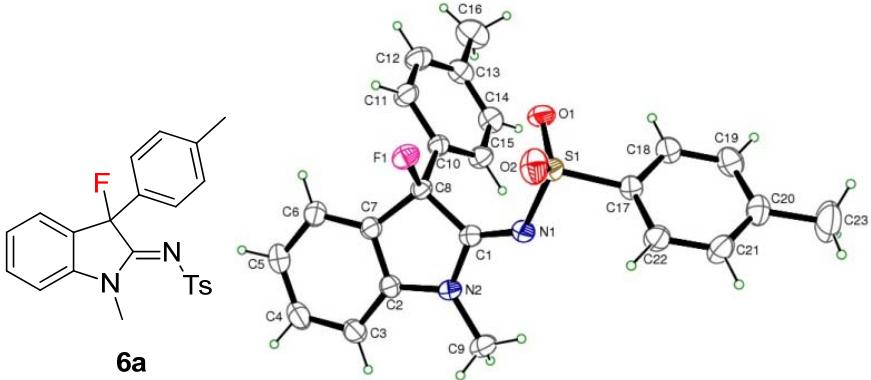
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S = 1.059                                  Npar= 201

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## Datablock: dhl330b

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Bond precision: C-C = 0.0045 Å

Wavelength=0.71073

Cell:  $a=8.5856(5)$   $b=26.6604(15)$   $c=9.0241(6)$   
 $\alpha=90$   $\beta=98.396(2)$   $\gamma=90$

Temperature: 296 K

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Hall group	-P 2yn	-P 2yn
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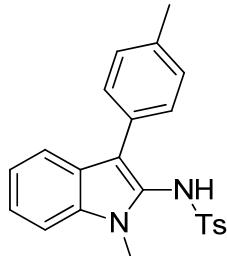
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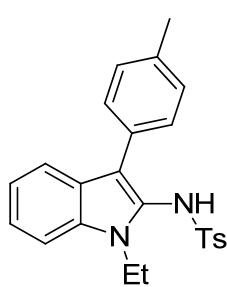
## Characterization Data for All Products

### 4-Methyl-N-(1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3a)



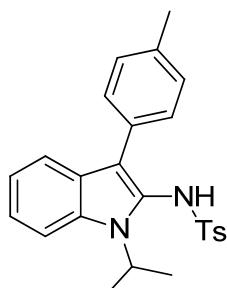
White solid (63 mg, 81%); m.p. 157.3 – 158.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.83 – 6.79 (m, 4H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.6, 135.5, 135.0, 134.8, 129.9, 128.9, 128.9, 128.5, 127.2, 126.3, 125.1, 122.9, 120.1, 119.7, 112.8, 109.9, 30.0, 21.5, 21.2; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3269, 3050, 2922, 1598, 1567, 1471, 1373, 1330, 1259, 1162, 1091 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 390.1402; found: 390.1398.

### N-(1-Ethyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3b)



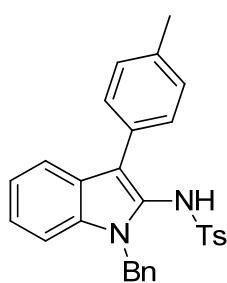
White solid (64 mg, 79%); m.p. 151.4 – 152.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.5, 135.4, 134.9, 134.0, 130.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 127.2, 125.5, 125.4, 122.9, 119.9, 119.0, 113.3, 110.2, 38.0, 21.5, 21.2, 14.8; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3258, 3054, 2979, 1581, 1557, 1510, 1488, 1470, 1403, 1331, 1284, 1162, 1087 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 404.1558; found: 404.1558.

### N-(1-Isopropyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3c)



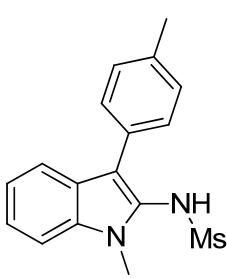
White solid (69 mg, 83%); m.p. 154.7 – 155.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 5.35 – 5.24 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.5, 135.4, 134.8, 132.7, 130.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 127.2, 126.1, 125.4, 122.3, 120.0, 119.5, 112.8, 112.4, 46.9, 21.5, 21.2, 21.1; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3262, 3051, 2978, 1574, 1510, 1470, 1404, 1336, 1284, 1162, 1086, 1008 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 418.1715; found: 418.1714.

**N-(1-Benzyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3d)**



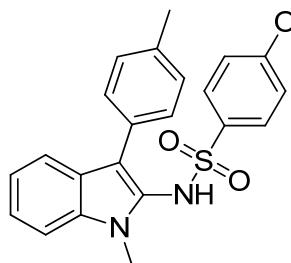
White solid (69 mg, 74%); m.p. 116.3 – 117.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 7H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.81 – 6.77 (m, 3H), 5.66 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.6, 137.7, 135.6, 135.0, 134.8, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 127.3, 126.6, 125.9, 125.4, 123.3, 120.3, 119.9, 114.2, 110.6, 46.6, 21.5, 21.2; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3258, 3030, 2921, 1573, 1510, 1496, 1463, 1400, 1333, 1304, 1209, 1162, 1091, 1008 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 466.1715; found: 466.1707.

**N-(1-Methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)methanesulfonamide (3e)**



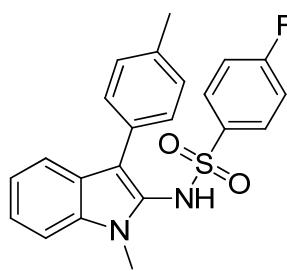
White solid (19 mg, 30%); m.p. 154.0 – 154.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.7, 135.0, 130.4, 129.9, 129.0, 125.8, 124.9, 123.3, 120.4, 119.8, 113.4, 110.0, 39.9, 29.6, 21.2; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3254, 3027, 2927, 1567, 1510, 1471, 1434, 1373, 1328, 1158, 1090, 976 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 314.1089; found: 314.1094.

**4-Methoxy-N-(1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3f)**



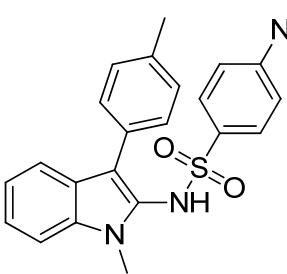
White solid (40 mg, 49%); m.p. 197.7 – 198.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.1, 135.5, 135.1, 130.0, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 126.4, 125.1, 122.9, 120.1, 119.7, 113.5, 112.7, 109.9, 55.3, 30.0, 21.1; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3280, 3060, 2917, 1596, 1575, 1497, 1459, 1373, 1329, 1261, 1179, 1158, 1092, 1029 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S]: 406.1351; found: 406.1349.

**4-Fluoro-N-(1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3g)**



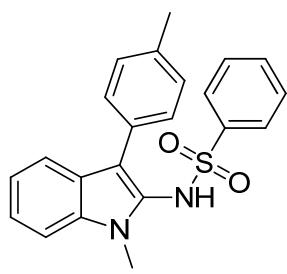
White solid (56 mg, 71%); m.p. 134.4 – 135.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = *J*<sub>2</sub> = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.3 (d, *J* = 253.3 Hz), 164.0, 135.9, 135.1, 133.7, 130.0, 129.9 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 129.2, 128.4, 125.8, 124.9, 123.2, 120.3, 119.8, 115.5 (d, *J* = 22.6 Hz), 113.1, 109.9, 29.9, 21.0; IR (neat) ν 3273, 3062, 2922, 1591, 1566, 1493, 1470, 1373, 1331, 1236, 1169, 1154, 1090, 1014 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 394.1151; found: 394.1149.

**N-(1-Methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (3h)**



Yellow solid (14 mg, 16%); m.p. 179.2 – 180.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.0, 143.4, 136.5, 135.1, 129.7, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 124.7, 124.6, 123.6, 123.3, 120.5, 119.9, 113.5, 110.0, 29.9, 21.0; IR (neat) ν 3287, 3101, 2917, 1557, 1531, 1471, 1432, 1348, 1307, 1167, 1140, 1089, 1014 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S]: 421.1096; found: 421.1099.

**N-(1-Methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide(3i)**

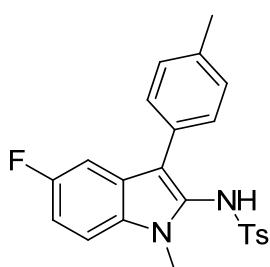


White solid (60 mg, 80%); m.p. 85.2 – 86.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.9, 135.6, 135.1, 132.7, 129.8, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.3, 126.1, 125.1, 123.0, 120.1, 119.7, 113.0, 109.9, 30.0, 21.1; IR (neat) ν 3268, 3059, 2921, 1567, 1510, 1470, 1447, 1373, 1329, 1222, 1164, 1090 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 376.1245; found: 376.1248.

**N-(5-Fluoro-1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3j)**

Light yellow solid (69 mg, 85%); m.p. 208.7 – 209.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> =

4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.3 (d,  $J$  = 234.0 Hz), 143.8, 135.8, 134.7, 131.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.3, 127.6, 127.2, 125.3 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz), 112.9 (d,  $J$  = 4.9 Hz), 111.5 (d,  $J$  = 26.1 Hz), 110.7 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz), 104.5 (d,  $J$  = 23.8 Hz), 30.2, 21.5, 21.1; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3278, 3048, 2916, 1624, 1597, 1557, 1488, 1436, 1375, 1324, 1258, 1162, 1089  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $M^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 408.1308; found: 408.1308.



### N-(5-Chloro-1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3k)

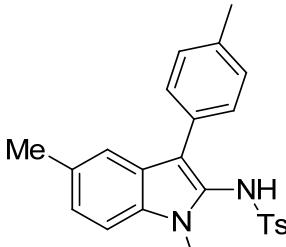
Light yellow solid (71 mg, 84%); m.p. 187.2 – 188.3 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.46 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (b, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.8, 135.9, 134.7, 133.4, 129.2, 129.0, 129.0, 128.4, 127.4, 127.2, 126.0, 126.0, 123.3, 119.1, 112.6, 111.0, 30.2, 21.5, 21.1; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3263, 3028, 2921, 1598, 1563, 1472, 1433, 1372, 1327, 1287, 1162, 1091  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $M^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 424.1012; found: 424.1012.

### N-(5-Bromo-1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3l)

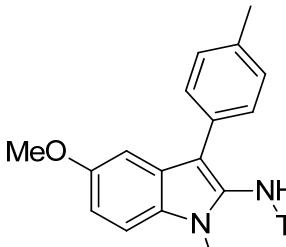
Light yellow solid (72 mg, 77%); m.p. 178.0 – 179.3 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (b, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.8, 135.9, 134.6, 133.6, 129.2, 129.0, 129.0, 128.4, 127.2, 127.2, 126.7, 125.8, 122.1, 113.5, 112.5, 111.4, 30.2, 21.5, 21.2; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3265, 3021, 2921, 1598, 1563, 1471, 1431, 1376, 1326, 1287, 1162, 1090  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $M^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 468.0507; found: 468.0499.

### N-(1,5-Dimethyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3m)

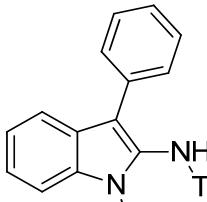
Light yellow liquid (65 mg, 80 %);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H),


  
 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 6.80 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.6, 135.4, 134.8, 133.4, 130.1, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 126.2, 125.2, 124.6, 119.2, 112.3, 109.6, 30.0, 21.5, 21.4, 21.2; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3264, 3027, 2920, 1567, 1493, 1435, 1392, 1377, 1327, 1296, 1161, 1090  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $M^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 404.1558; found: 404.1559.

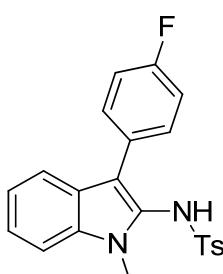
### N-(5-Methoxy-1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3n)


  
 Colorless oil (70 mg, 83%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 – 6.95 (m, 5H), 6.83 – 6.79 (m, 4H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.5, 143.5, 135.4, 134.9, 130.3, 130.1, 128.9, 128.4, 127.2, 126.5, 125.3, 113.4, 112.6, 110.7, 101.1, 55.8, 30.0, 21.5, 21.1; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3271, 3024, 2922, 1622, 1593, 1487, 1455, 1397, 1327, 1262, 1197, 1162, 1090, 1033  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $M^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}]$ : 420.1508; found: 420.1508.

### 4-Methyl-N-(1-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3o)

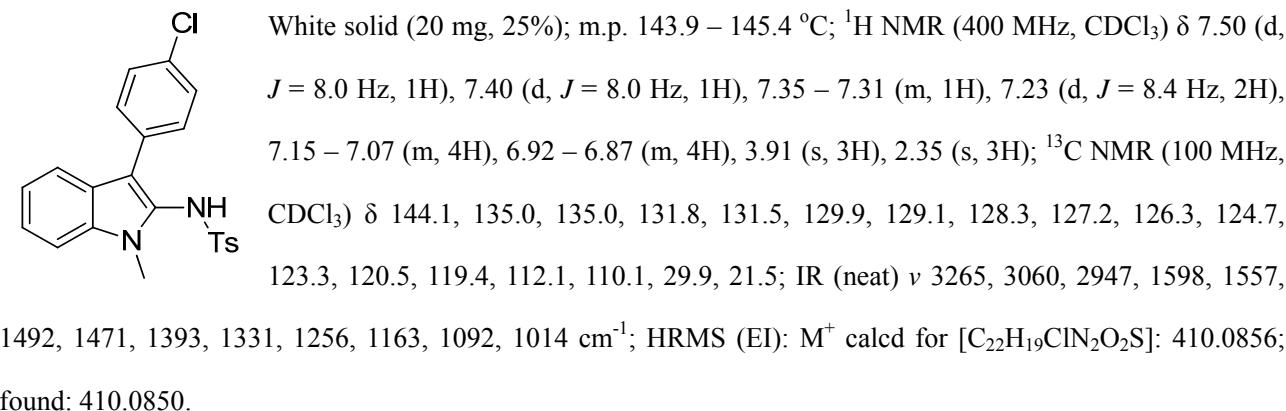

  
 White solid (50 mg, 67%); m.p. 171.4 – 172.3  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 7H), 6.94 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.6, 135.0, 134.5, 132.9, 129.1, 128.7, 128.2, 127.2, 126.4, 125.8, 125.0, 123.0, 120.2, 119.6, 112.9, 109.9, 30.0, 21.5; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3262, 3057, 2923, 1567, 1488, 1392, 1369, 1331, 1259, 1163, 1090  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $M^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 376.1245; found: 376.1241.

### N-(3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3p)

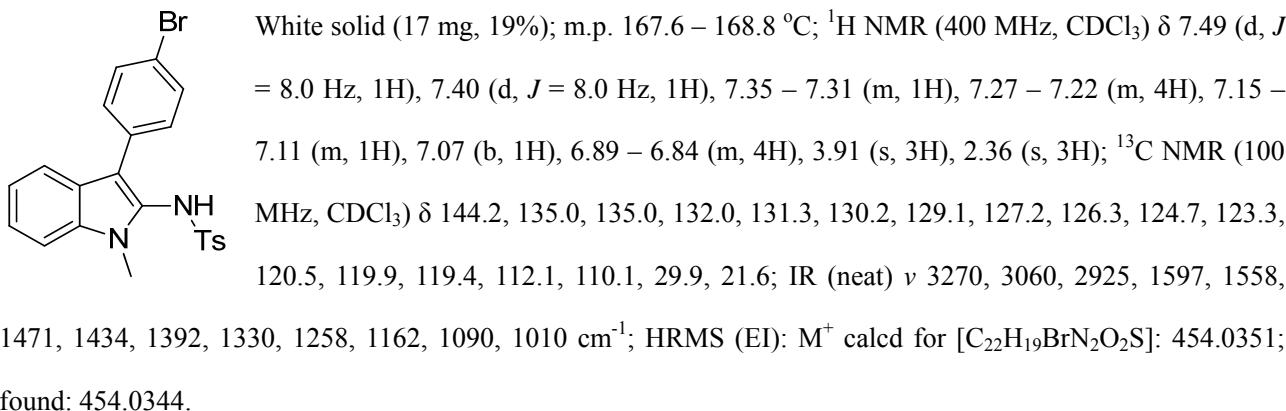

  
 White solid (17 mg, 21%); m.p. 171.4 – 172.3  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.05 (b, 1H), 6.94 – 6.82 (m, 6H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.3 (d,  $J$  = 243.9 Hz), 143.9, 135.0, 135.0, 130.2(d,  $J$  = 7.9

Hz), 129.1, 129.0(d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 127.2, 126.2, 125.0, 123.2, 120.3, 119.5, 115.1 (d,  $J$  = 21.3 Hz), 112.2, 110.0, 29.9, 21.5; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3269, 3061, 2926, 1598, 1564, 1506, 1471, 1373, 1330, 1220, 1185, 1091, 1017 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 394.1151; found: 394.1156.

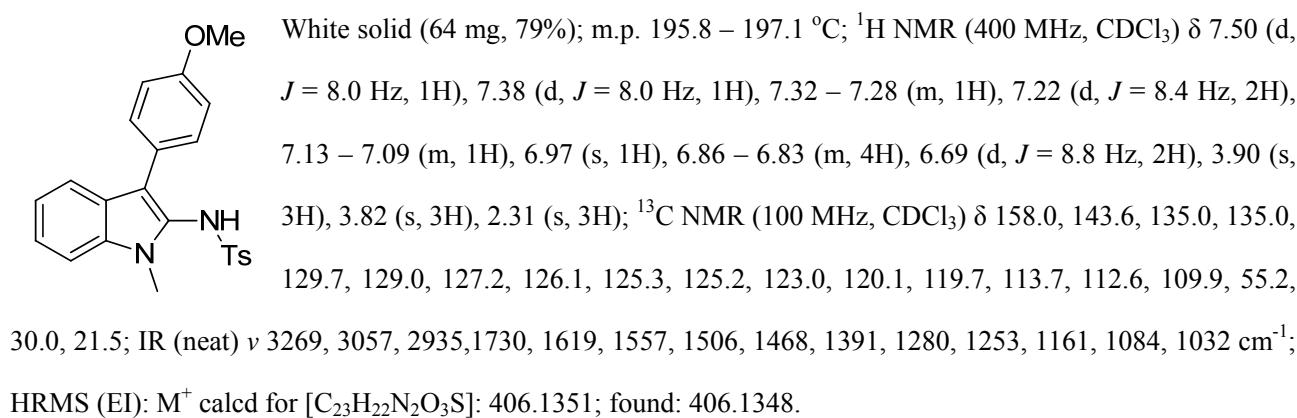
### N-(3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3q)



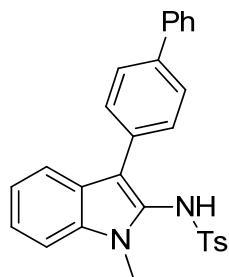
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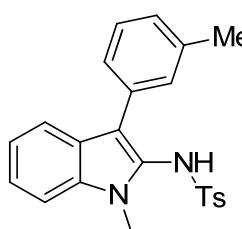


**N-(3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-1-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3t)**



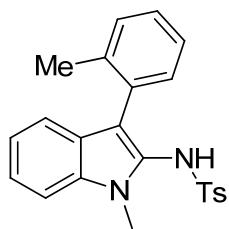
Light yellow solid (30 mg, 33%); m.p. 186.7 – 187.8 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (b, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.8, 140.7, 138.7, 135.1, 134.8, 132.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.9, 127.3, 127.2, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 125.0, 123.1, 120.3, 119.7, 112.5, 110.0, 30.0, 21.5; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3262, 3057, 2923, 1596, 1567, 1487, 1393, 1331, 1257, 1163, 1090  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $\text{M}^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 452.1558; found: 452.1558.

**4-Methyl-N-(1-methyl-3-(*m*-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3u)**



White solid (63 mg, 81%); m.p. 125.7 – 126.9 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.76 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.5, 137.8, 135.1, 134.8, 132.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.2, 127.2, 126.6, 126.4, 125.7, 125.1, 123.0, 120.2, 119.7, 112.8, 109.9, 30.1, 21.5, 21.4; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3261, 3057, 2922, 1574, 1470, 1385, 1331, 1284, 1163, 1089  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $\text{M}^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 390.1402; found: 390.1412.

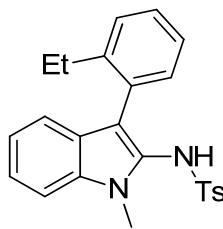
**4-Methyl-N-(1-methyl-3-(*o*-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3v)**



White solid (50 mg, 64%); m.p. 171.9 – 173.0 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.4, 137.0, 135.3, 135.0, 131.9, 130.5, 130.0, 129.3, 126.9, 126.5, 125.5, 125.5, 122.8, 120.4, 119.9, 112.4, 109.9, 30.1, 21.5, 20.2; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3258, 3058, 2924, 1599, 1567, 1470, 1371, 1330, 1254, 1163, 1092  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $\text{M}^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 390.1402; found: 390.1398.

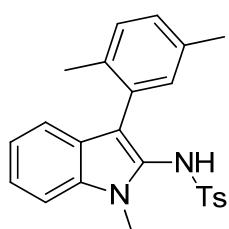
**N-(3-(2-Ethylphenyl)-1-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3w)**

White solid (68 mg, 85%); m.p. 139.4 – 140.2 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 6.55 – 6.53 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s,



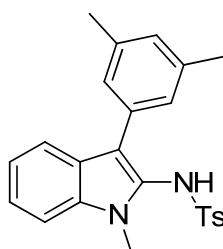
3H), 2.35 – 2.27 (m, 4H), 2.13– 2.04 (m, 1H), 0.95 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.6, 142.7, 135.5, 135.1, 131.1, 130.9, 129.3, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 126.1, 125.3, 122.7, 120.1, 119.9, 112.0, 109.8, 30.2, 25.6, 21.5, 14.6; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3254, 3059, 2967, 1599, 1557, 1470, 1432, 1390, 1328, 1253, 1162, 1092, 1013  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $\text{M}^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 404.1558; found: 404.1554.

### N-(3-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-1-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3x)



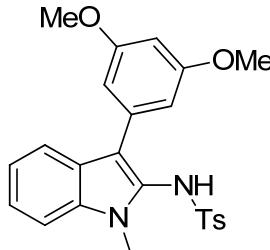
Colorless oil (72 mg, 89%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.29 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 6.93 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.8, 137.8, 134.7, 134.3, 133.9, 132.3, 132.1, 130.0, 129.4, 127.7, 127.6, 126.4, 125.5, 122.6, 120.1, 120.0, 113.1, 110.7, 29.6, 21.5, 21.0, 20.2; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3250, 3048, 2922, 1557, 1494, 1470, 1433, 1385, 1328, 1257, 1162, 1091, 1019  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $\text{M}^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 404.1558; found: 404.1556.

### N-(3-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-1-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3y)



White solid (67 mg, 83%); m.p. 156.8 – 158.0  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.54 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.4, 137.7, 135.1, 132.7, 128.9, 127.6, 127.2, 126.4, 126.4, 125.1, 122.9, 120.1, 119.8, 112.8, 109.9, 30.0, 21.5, 21.3; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3264, 3030, 2919, 1602, 1557, 1471, 1430, 1379, 1332, 1237, 1163, 1091  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $\text{M}^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 404.1558; found: 404.1556.

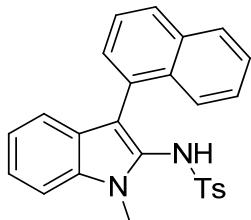
### N-(3-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3z)



White solid (80 mg, 92%); m.p. 196.4 – 197.2  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.26 (t,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 2.21 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.7, 143.7, 135.0, 134.9, 134.9, 129.0, 127.3, 126.4, 124.9, 123.0, 120.3, 119.7, 112.8, 109.9, 106.8, 98.0, 55.2, 30.0, 21.3; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3272, 3006, 2938, 1594, 1471, 1454, 1424, 1394, 1374, 1337,

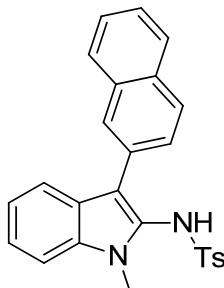
1285, 1204, 1158, 1091, 1064 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S]: 436.1457; found: 436.1462.

#### **4-Methyl-N-(1-methyl-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3A)**



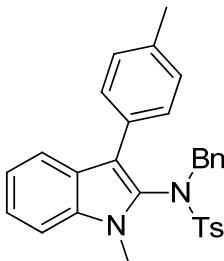
White solid (49 mg, 57%); m.p. 173.5 – 174.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (b, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.0, 135.1, 134.7, 133.7, 131.6, 130.4, 128.8, 128.3, 127.5, 127.5, 127.1, 126.5, 126.1, 126.0, 125.7, 125.3, 122.9, 120.4, 120.1, 110.7, 109.9, 30.2, 21.4; IR (neat) ν 3259, 3047, 2944, 1615, 1595, 1557, 1470, 1411, 1366, 1327, 1247, 1162, 1092 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 426.1402; found: 426.1405.

#### **4-Methyl-N-(1-methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (3B)**



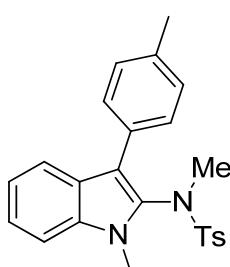
White solid (77 mg, 90%); m.p. 201.7 – 202.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.8, 135.1, 134.8, 133.5, 131.8, 130.5, 128.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.6, 126.0, 125.5, 125.1, 123.2, 120.4, 119.7, 113.0, 110.0, 30.0, 21.2; IR (neat) ν 3281, 3051, 2941, 1626, 1599, 1557, 1471, 1397, 1374, 1327, 1162, 1089 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 426.1402; found: 426.1399.

#### **N-Benzyl-4-methyl-N-(1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (5a)**



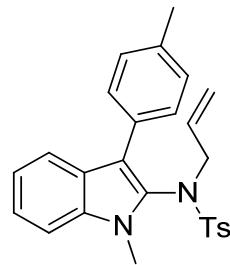
Colorless oil (93 mg, 97%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.15 (m, 7H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.7, 136.9, 136.0, 135.6, 135.0, 130.4, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 126.1, 122.8, 120.0, 119.8, 114.1, 109.8, 55.7, 29.8, 21.6, 21.2; IR (neat) ν 3030, 2943, 1598, 1556, 1470, 1353, 1250, 1162, 1091, 1047 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 480.1872; found: 480.1877.

#### **N,4-Dimethyl-N-(1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (5b)**



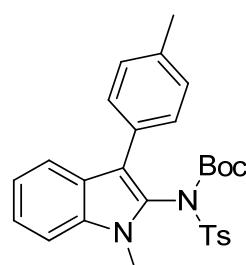
White solid (76 mg, 94%); m.p. 180.5 – 181.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.94 (m, 6H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.2, 136.0, 135.7, 134.9, 131.6, 130.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 127.3, 125.6, 123.1, 120.1, 120.0, 113.9, 109.7, 40.0, 29.6, 21.5, 21.2; IR (neat) ν 3054, 2922, 1598, 1564, 1510, 1470, 1434, 1385, 1346, 1265, 1162, 1089, 1070 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 404.1558; found: 404.1555.

### **N-Allyl-4-methyl-N-(1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (5c)**



White solid (85 mg, 99%); m.p. 160.8 – 161.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.95 – 6.91 (m, 4H), 5.89–5.79 (m, 1H), 5.06–5.01 (m, 2H), 4.49 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 14.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 14.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.5, 136.5, 135.9, 135.0, 132.5, 130.4, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.3, 127.6, 126.4, 125.9, 125.7, 123.0, 120.1, 119.9, 114.4, 109.8, 55.4, 30.3, 21.5, 21.2; IR (neat) ν 3026, 2922, 1598, 1597, 1563, 1508, 1470, 1429, 1386, 1350, 1255, 1163, 1090, 1058 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 430.1715; found: 430.1719.

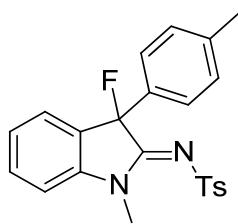
### **tert-Butyl (1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)(tosyl)carbamate (5d)**



White solid (89 mg, 91%); m.p. 171.6 – 172.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34– 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18– 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.0, 144.0, 136.1, 135.7, 135.4, 130.8, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 126.6, 125.3, 123.2, 120.3, 120.1, 114.5, 109.8, 85.1, 29.1, 27.9, 21.6, 21.2; IR (neat) ν 2980, 2919, 1738, 1615, 1597, 1567, 1509, 1471, 1433, 1371, 1331, 1287, 1255, 1174, 1148, 1088 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>: 491.1999; found: 491.1996.

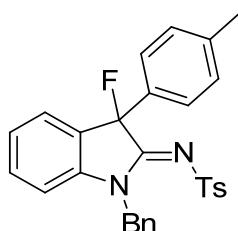
### **N-(3-Fluoro-1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)indolin-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6a)**

White solid (40 mg, 97 %); m.p. 198.6 – 199.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38– 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 7H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H),



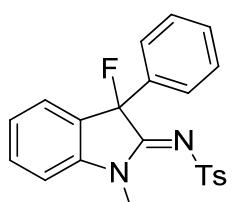
2.35 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.4 (d,  $J = 22.6$  Hz), 142.5, 142.4, 139.8, 138.4, 134.1 (d,  $J = 26.2$  Hz), 131.0 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 129.2 (d,  $J = 0.7$  Hz), 129.0, 126.8, 125.1, 124.5 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 123.8 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz), 109.6, 96.9 (d,  $J = 197.3$  Hz), 29.5, 21.5, 21.3; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3058, 3029, 2923, 1633, 1593, 1493, 1471, 1382, 1363, 1316, 1184, 1157, 1088, 1019  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $M^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 408.1308; found: 408.1309.

### N-(1-Benzyl-3-fluoro-3-(*p*-tolyl)indolin-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6b)



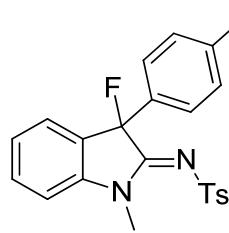
Colorless liquid (47 mg, 98 %);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 8H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 7.01 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.4 (d,  $J = 22.6$  Hz), 142.4, 141.3 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 139.5, 138.3, 134.5, 134.1 (d,  $J = 26.1$  Hz), 130.8 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 130.6 (d,  $J = 21.0$  Hz), 129.2, 129.2, 128.9, 128.9, 128.0, 127.6, 126.8, 125.1, 124.5 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 123.6 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz), 110.3, 96.7 (d,  $J = 198.3$  Hz), 46.1, 21.5, 21.3; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3062, 3031, 2923, 1627, 1592, 1513, 1487, 1470, 1455, 1392, 1351, 1318, 1300, 1209, 1182, 1155, 1050, 1009  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $M^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 484.1621; found: 484.1624.

### N-(3-Fluoro-1-methyl-3-phenylindolin-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6c)



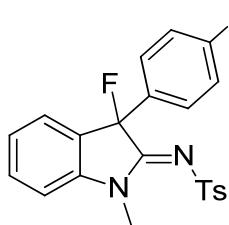
White solid (38 mg, 95%); m.p. 175.8 – 177.0  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.2 (d,  $J = 22.4$  Hz), 142.5, 142.4 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz), 139.6, 137.0 (d,  $J = 26.0$  Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J = 20.5$  Hz), 129.0, 128.5, 128.5, 128.5, 126.8, 125.1, 124.5 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 123.8 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 109.6, 96.8 (d,  $J = 197.9$  Hz), 29.5, 21.5; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3063, 3024, 2920, 1633, 1592, 1493, 1471, 1450, 1382, 1364, 1317, 1303, 1197, 1156, 1088, 1019, 994  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI):  $M^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]$ : 394.1151; found: 394.1150

### N-(3-Fluoro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6d)



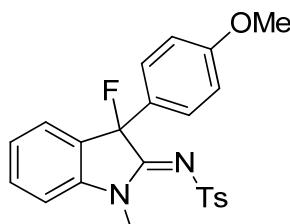
White solid (39 mg, 94 %); m.p. 163.5 – 164.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.9 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 162.7 (d, *J* = 246.6 Hz), 163.8, 161.5, 161.5, 142.7, 142.5 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 139.6, 132.9 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 26.7 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 3.3 Hz), 131.3 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 129.8 (d, *J* = 20.1 Hz), 129.1, 126.7, 126.1 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 126.0 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 125.1, 124.7 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 109.7, 96.4 (d, *J* = 197.8 Hz), 29.6, 21.5; IR (neat) ν 3066, 3028, 2916, 1633, 1592, 1511, 1493, 1471, 1384, 1360, 1317, 1304, 1223, 1197, 1158, 1088, 1019, 996 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>: 435.0949; found: 435.0947.

### N-(3-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-fluoro-1-methylindolin-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6e)



White solid (45 mg, 96 %); m.p. 186.5 – 187.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.7 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 142.7, 142.5 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 139.5, 136.1 (d, *J* = 26.4 Hz), 132.0, 131.7, 131.4 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 129.6 (d, *J* = 20.4 Hz), 129.1, 127.7 (d, *J* = 43.5 Hz), 126.7, 125.7 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 125.1, 124.7 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 122.7, 109.7, 96.4 (d, *J* = 198.9 Hz), 29.6, 21.5; IR (neat) ν 3064, 2924, 1731, 1632, 1589, 1488, 1471, 1383, 1316, 1183, 1156, 1087, 1010 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrFN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>: 473.0329; found: 473.0319.

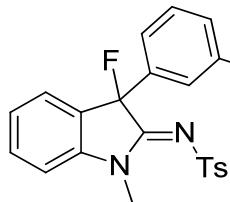
### N-(3-Fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6f)



White solid (38 mg, 90 %); m.p. 189.1 – 190.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.3 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 159.7, 142.5 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 142.4, 139.8, 131.0 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 130.2 (d, *J* = 20.7 Hz), 129.0, 128.9 (d, *J* = 26.7 Hz), 126.7, 125.5 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 125.1, 124.5 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 113.8, 109.6, 96.8 (d, *J* = 196.7 Hz), 55.2, 29.7, 21.5; IR (neat) ν 3058, 2935, 2839, 1631, 1593, 1514, 1490, 1471, 1385, 1360, 1316, 1302, 1254, 1179, 1157, 1088, 1031, 994 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>: 425.1330;

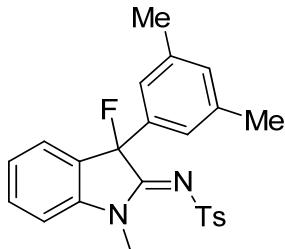
found: 425.1314.

**N-(3-Fluoro-1-methyl-3-(m-tolyl)indolin-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6g)**



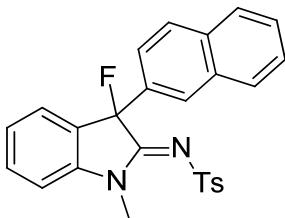
Colorless liquid (40 mg, 98 %); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.3 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 142.5, 142.4 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 139.6, 138.2 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 136.9 (d, *J* = 25.9 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 130.2 (d, *J* = 20.8 Hz), 129.4, 129.0, 128.5 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz), 126.8, 125.1 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz), 124.5 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 124.2 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 120.9 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 109.6, 96.8 (d, *J* = 197.7 Hz), 29.6, 21.5, 21.5; IR (neat) *v* 3062, 2924, 2856, 1633, 1594, 1489, 1471, 1382, 1360, 1317, 1300, 1212, 1157, 1087, 1016, 990 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 408.1308; found: 408.1307.

**N-(3-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3-fluoro-1-methylindolin-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6h)**



White solid (38 mg, 91 %); m.p. 184.0 – 185.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.91 (m, 4H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.3 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 142.4, 142.3 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 139.6, 138.1 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 136.8 (d, *J* = 25.6 Hz), 130.9 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 130.3, 130.1, 128.9, 126.8, 125.1, 124.5 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 121.4 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 109.6, 96.8 (d, *J* = 197.5 Hz), 29.6, 21.4, 21.4; IR (neat) *v* 3067, 3028, 2920, 1633, 1591, 1493, 1471, 1382, 1360, 1317, 1300, 1222, 1157, 1132, 1088, 1016 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI): M<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]: 422.1464; found: 422.1458.

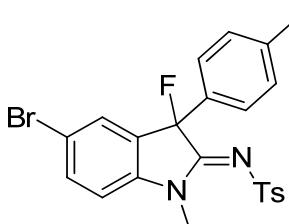
**N-(3-Fluoro-1-methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)indolin-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6i)**



White solid (42 mg, 95 %); m.p. 164.2 – 165.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.83 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.2 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 142.5 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 142.4, 139.5, 134.2 (d, *J* = 25.9 Hz), 133.0 (d, *J* = 27.9 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 130.0 (d, *J* = 20.7 Hz), 129.0, 128.9,

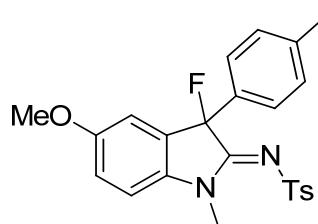
128.5 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz), 128.3, 127.7, 127.5 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 126.7, 126.5 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz), 125.2, 124.6 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 123.1 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz), 121.4 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz), 109.7, 96.9 (d,  $J = 198.4$  Hz), 29.6, 21.4; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3061, 2920, 1730, 1633, 1593, 1489, 1471, 1427, 1385, 1356, 1315, 1230, 1156, 1087, 1020  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]^+$ : 445.1381; found: 445.1373.

### N-(5-Bromo-3-fluoro-1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)indolin-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6j)



White solid (48 mg, 99 %); m.p. 191.2 – 192.3 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.49– 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.29– 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 6.81 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.8 (d,  $J = 22.5$  Hz), 142.7, 141.4 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz), 139.4, 138.8, 133.8 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 133.5 (d,  $J = 26.0$  Hz), 132.0 (d,  $J = 21.0$  Hz), 129.4 (d,  $J = 0.7$  Hz), 129.0, 128.3, 126.9, 123.7 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz), 117.2 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 111.0, 96.4 (d,  $J = 198.9$  Hz), 29.6, 21.5, 21.3; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3024, 2923, 1731, 1622, 1594, 1510, 1488, 1417, 1356, 1317, 1282, 1258, 1184, 1158, 1088, 1020  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{FBrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}]^+$ : 487.0486; found: 487.0462.

### N-(3-Fluoro-5-methoxy-1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)indolin-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6k)



White solid (36 mg, 81 %); m.p. 196.5 – 197.7 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 6.88– 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.2 (d,  $J = 22.5$  Hz), 157.3 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 142.3, 140.0, 138.4, 135.7 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 134.0 (d,  $J = 26.2$  Hz), 131.4 (d,  $J = 20.3$  Hz), 129.2, 128.9, 126.7, 123.9 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz), 115.7 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 111.7, 110.3, 97.1 (d,  $J = 197.9$  Hz), 55.8, 29.8, 21.4, 21.2; IR (neat)  $\nu$  2924, 2834, 1622, 1594, 1496, 1431, 1358, 1315, 1288, 1224, 1155, 1089, 1036, 1002  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}]^+$ : 439.1486; found: 439.1474.

## The $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR Spectra of Products

