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# Rhodium(II)-catalyzed intramolecular formal [4 + 3] cycloadditions of dienyltriazoles: rapid access to fused 2,5-dihydroazepines†

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Rhodium(II)-catalyzed intramolecular [4 + 3] cycloadditions of dienyltriazoles have been developed, which enable the efficient synthesis of various fused 2,5-dihydroazepines. Mechanistically, the titled reaction proceeds *via* an interesting tandem cyclopropanation/aza-cope rearrangement.

# Introduction

Development of new cycloaddition reactions for the rapid generation of azaheterocycles has been a subject of continued interest in organic synthesis. Various methods have been documented for the synthesis of five- and six-membered azaheterocycles.<sup>1</sup> Comparably, the approaches to construct seven-membered azaheterocycles are limited,<sup>2</sup> mainly due to the inherent challenges associated with their synthesis, such as the unfavorable entropic and enthalpic factors. Azepine represents a privileged structural element widely distributed in natural products and medicinally valuable molecules, such as stemoamide, galantamine and cephalotaxine (Scheme 1a).<sup>3</sup> Among the many strategic bond disconnections of azepines,<sup>4</sup> the cycloaddition reactions are particularly attractive because of their highly convergent and straightforward nature.<sup>5</sup>

Recently,  $Rh(\mathfrak{u})$ -iminocarbenes, which are readily generated from 1-sulfonyl 1,2,3-triazoles upon treatment with  $Rh(\mathfrak{u})$ -catalysts, have emerged as versatile intermediates in various cycloadditions that lead to diverse azaheterocycles. As an example, we recently reported the novel  $Rh(\mathfrak{u})$ -catalyzed cycloadditions of 1-sulfonyl 1,2,3-triazoles with 1,3-dienes,

1b) Intermolecular formal [4+3] or [3+2] cycloaddition of triazoles with 1,3-dienes (previous work)

1c) Intramolecular formal [4+3] cycloaddition of dienyltrizoles (this work)

Scheme 1 Representative azepine-containing natural products and Rh(n)-catalyzed formal [4 + 3] cycloadditions leading to azepines.

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<sup>1</sup>a) Representative natural products containing fused azepine framework

# Results and discussion

In accordance with the previous work,7 we commenced our investigations with the treatment of the dienvltriazole 1a<sup>10</sup> in the presence of 1 mol% Rh<sub>2</sub>(oct)<sub>4</sub> in 1,2-DCE at 140 °C. Gratifyingly, the starting material was consumed quickly after 0.5 h, leading to the 5-7 bicyclic fused 2,5-dihydroazepine 2a as a single isomer in 67% yield. Moreover, different from the intermolecular reactions,<sup>7</sup> no trace amount of the corresponding [3 + 2] cycloadduct was detected in the reaction. Encouraged by this result, we launched a systematic study to improve the efficiency of the reaction. First of all, the effect of Rh(II)-catalysts was evaluated (Table 1, entries 1-5). It was shown that while Rh<sub>2</sub>(OAc)<sub>4</sub> and Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> showed comparable efficiency with Rh<sub>2</sub>(oct)<sub>4</sub>, the sterically more hindered Rh<sub>2</sub>(S-ptad)<sub>4</sub> and Rh<sub>2</sub>(S-dosp)<sub>4</sub> displayed a superior reactivity by affording improved yields (up to 85%, entry 4). Furthermore, it was found that the reaction temperature had a notable influence on the reaction. Indeed, the lower temperature (80, 100 or 120 °C) turned out to be detrimental to the reaction by giving decreased yields (entries 6-8). Finally, besides 1,2-DCE, several other solvents (e.g. CHCl3, toluene, PhCl and p-xylene) were also examined in the reaction; however, none of them provided satisfying results (entries 9-12). It is worth noting that, while both Rh<sub>2</sub>(S-ptad)<sub>4</sub> and Rh<sub>2</sub>(S-dosp)<sub>4</sub> are chiral catalysts and have been applied to various asymmetric transformations, <sup>11</sup> they failed to provide good enantioselectivity in our case. Indeed, only a poor ee value (5-10%) was obtained under the currently optimized conditions.

Under optimal conditions, we turned to evaluate the generality of the reaction. First of all, various aryl-substituted dienyl-

 $\textbf{Table 1} \quad \text{Condition optimization of the intramolecular cycloadditions of dienyltriazole} \\$ 

Entry	Cat.	Solvent	Other conditions	Yield of 2a <sup>l</sup>
1	Rh <sub>2</sub> (oct) <sub>4</sub>	1,2-DCE	140 °C, 0.5 h	67%
2	Rh <sub>2</sub> (OAc) <sub>4</sub>	1,2-DCE	140 °C, 0.5 h	63%
3	$Rh_2(esp)_2$	1,2-DCE	140 °C, 0.5 h	60%
4	$Rh_2(S-ptad)_4$	1,2-DCE	140 °C, 0.5 h	85%
5	$Rh_2(S-dosp)_4$	1,2-DCE	140 °C, 0.5 h	79%
6	$Rh_2(S-ptad)_4$	1,2-DCE	120 °C, 0.5 h	71%
7	$Rh_2(S-ptad)_4$	1,2-DCE	100 °C, 0.5 h	58%
8	$Rh_2(S-ptad)_4$	1,2-DCE	80 °C, 0.5 h	50%
9	$Rh_2(S-ptad)_4$	$CHCl_3$	140 °C, 0.5 h	52%
10	$Rh_2(S-ptad)_4$	Toluene	140 °C, 0.5 h	40%
11	$Rh_2(S-ptad)_4$	PhCl	140 °C, 0.5 h	35%
12	$Rh_2(S-ptad)_4$	<i>p</i> -Xylene	140 °C, 0.5 h	40%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The reaction was run with 0.1 mmol of **1a** in 0.5 mL 1,2-DCE in a sealed tube. <sup>b</sup> Refers to isolated yield. DCE = dichloroethane, esp =  $\alpha, \alpha, \alpha', \alpha'$ -tetramethyl-1,3-benzenedipropionic acid, oct = octanoate, (S)-ptad = N-phthaloyl-(S)-adamantylglycine, (S)-dosp = 4-(dodecyl-phenyl)-sulfonyl-(2S)-prolinate.

triazoles were examined (Table 2). All of them (1b-g), either bearing electron-donating (4-Me and 2-OMe) or -withdrawing (4-Cl, 4-F, 4-Br and 4-CF<sub>3</sub>) substitutes underwent the transformations smoothly to afford the corresponding azepines (2b-g) in excellent yields (entries 2-7). The naphthyl-derived substrate 1h was also tolerated in the reaction (entry 8). More-

Table 2 Scope of intramolecular cycloadditions of C-tethered dienyltriazoles

Entry <sup>a</sup>	Substrate	Products	Yield of $2^b$
	NTS N=N	NTS R <sub>1</sub>	
1	<b>1a</b> : R = H	2a: R = H	85%
2	<b>1b</b> : R = 4-Me	<b>2b</b> : R = 4-Me	78%
3	<b>1c</b> : R = 2-OMe	<b>2c:</b> R = 2-OMe	81%
4	<b>1d:</b> R = 4-Cl	<b>2d:</b> R = 4-Cl	81%
5	<b>1e:</b> $R = 4-F$	<b>2e:</b> $R = 4-F$	74%
6	<b>1f:</b> $R = 4-Br$	2f: R = 4-Br	87%
7	<b>1g:</b> $R = 4 - CF_3$	<b>2g:</b> $R = 4 - CF_3$	80%
8	NTS N N N	NTS 2h	85%
9	NTS N≥N 1i (E/Z = 10:1) <sup>c</sup>	NTS NTS 2i	75%
10	NTS N ≥ N N = N Me	NTs Me	75%
11	NTs N≤N 1k (E/Z > 19:1)°	NTs H 2k	86%
$12^d$	NTS N ≤ N Me Me Me 11 (E/Z > 19:1)°	NTs Me Me Me	91%
13	NTS N≥N 1m Me	NTs H Me 2m	77%
$14^d$	NTS N N 1n (E/Z = 3:1)° Ph	NTs Ph H Ph Ph 3n Ph	$60\% (4\mathbf{r})$ $(d\mathbf{r} = 2:1)^c$

 $^a$  The reaction was run with 0.1 mmol of 1a in 0.5 mL 1,2-DCE in a sealed tube.  $^b$  Refers to isolated yield.  $^c$  Determined by  $^1$ H NMR.  $^d$  Extended reaction time (>12 h) was required for complete conversion.

over, the cycloadditions could be extended to the alkyl-substituted dienyltriazoles, as witnessed in the cases leading to 2i-l (entries 9-12). Notably, for 2l which bear a bulky t-butyl group on the C-1 position of the diene unit, the elongation of reaction time (16 h) was required in order to obtain good vield of 21 (entry 12). Finally, besides the substrates bearing a 1,4-disubstituted diene unit, some more sterically encumbered dienyltriazoles were checked. It was found that while the 1,2,4-trisubstituted 1m was amenable to the reaction (entry 13), the 1,1,4-trisubstituted 1n (prepared as a mixture of isomers, E/Z = 3:1) failed to yield the expected [4 + 3] product. Instead, the fused dihydropyrrole 4n was obtained as a mixture of diastereoisomers (cis-trans = 2:1) in 60% yield. Interestingly, shortening the reaction time (0.5 h) mainly resulted in the formation of another new product, which was proved to be the cyclopropylaldimine derivative 3n. The intermediacy of 3n was proved by its conversion into 4n at high temperature (140 °C) in 1,2-DCE, apparently via the cyclopropylimine rearrangement.<sup>12</sup> Of note, an intermediate similar to 3n was also identified in Sarpong's work, however, it failed to undergo the ring-expansion as observed in our case. This might be attributed to the relatively low reaction temperature (60 °C) adopted in that case.

To further extend the substrate scope of the cycloaddition, we attempted several other dienyltriazoles which bear different tethers (Table 3). Among them, 10, wherein the triazole and diene units were attached to the ortho positions of a phenyl ring, underwent the reaction smoothly to afford the tricyclic fused azepine 20 in 90% yield (entry 1, Table 3). Comparably, although the dienyltriazoles bearing the N-tosylamine, ether, diester or diketone groups were also tolerated in the reactions, only moderate yields of the corresponding products were obtained (entries 2-6). It is likely that the presence of some coordinative functionalities (e.g. ether, ester or ketone) might interfere with the reactivity of the rhodium carbene intermediate, thus decreasing the overall efficiency of the reaction. Notably, the structure of 2p was confirmed by the X-ray crystallographic study (Fig. 1).13

In addition to the aforementioned outcomes, some other interesting observations deserved further discussion. For instance, when the cycloaddition of 11 was performed with a shorter reaction time (0.5 h), the cyclopropylaldimine derivative 31 instead of the azepine 21 was isolated as the major product (69%). The cis-relationship of the imine and vinyl moieties of 31 was established by the NOE studies (for details, see ESI†). <sup>14</sup> As expected, 3l could readily convert into 2l in nearly quantitative yield (>95%) under the thermal conditions (1,2-DCE, 140 °C), apparently via the aza-cope rearrangement ([eqn(1)], Scheme 2). <sup>15</sup> Moreover, we found that the geometry of the diene unit had a profound effect on the reaction. Indeed, when the dienyltriazole (1E,3Z)-1a was treated under the standard conditions (entry 4, Table 1), a mixture of 1,2trans-cyclopropylaldimine 3a (49%) and 2,5-dihydroazepine 2a (37%) was obtained. Interestingly, trans-3a could also advance into 2a in high yield under the thermal conditions ([eqn (2)], Scheme 2).

Table 3 Scope of intramolecular cycloadditions of dienyltriazoles with other tethers

Entry <sup>a</sup>	Substrate	Products	Yield of $2^{l}$
1	NTs N=N 10 (E/Z = 1/0.7)°	NTs H 20	90%
2	TsN N S N Ph	TsN NTs NTh	56%
3	NTS N Ph	NTs H 2q	35%
4	$\begin{array}{c c} \text{MeO}_2C & \text{NTs} \\ \text{MeO}_2C & \text{N} \geq N \end{array}$	MeO <sub>2</sub> C NTSPh	42%
5	Me N N Ph	Me O H NTs	42%
6	N=N N=N Ph	O H NTS	59%

<sup>a</sup> The reaction was run with 0.1 mmol of 1a in 0.5 mL 1,2-DCE in a sealed tube. b Refers to isolated yield. Determined by H NMR.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{TsN} & \text{NTs} \\ \text{H} & \text{2p} \end{array}$$

Fig. 1 X-ray crystal structure of 2p.

This observation was in sharp contrast with that in cycloaddition of 1a, wherein the corresponding 1,2-cis cyclopropylaldimine intermediate (cis-3a, structure not shown) could not be detected. We assumed that, cis-3a, once formed, would in situ advance into 2a via the concerted aza-cope rearrangement. Comparably, such a process was precluded for trans-3a for the unattainable stereochemical requirement. Instead, in this scenario the aza-cope rearrangement should proceed via the diradical or zwitterionic intermediates, which generally require harsher conditions (e.g. high temperature and long reaction time). This assumption was further supported by the experiments listed in [eqn (3)] (Scheme 2). As shown, when the

Scheme 2 Identification of the key cyclopropylaldimine intermediates

alkyl substituted dienyltriazole 1i (prepared as a mixture of E/Z-isomers, 0.6:1 ratio) was submitted to the reaction, trans-3i and azepine 2i were obtained in 49% and 37% yields, respectively. The isolated trans-3i could also convert into 2i as expected under the thermal conditions (140 °C, 1,2-DCE), albeit only resulting in moderate yield (30%) with a long reaction time. It should be pointed out that, an intermediate similar to trans-3a was also identified in Sarpong's work,9 however, it failed to undergo the aza-cope rearrangement to give the corresponding azepine product, presumably due to the milder reaction conditions (60 °C) employed in that case.

Taking into consideration all of the above-mentioned results, we proposed that the intramolecular formal aza-[4 + 3] cycloaddition may follow the mechanism depicted in Scheme 3. Thus, the Rh(u)-iminocarbene B, generated from the dienyltriazole A upon treatment with the Rh-catalyst, first undergoes the [2 + 1] cycloaddition to give C-1 (from E-isomer) and (or) C-2 (from Z-isomer). C-1 and (or) C-2 could further convert into the azepine D, respectively, via the concerted (path a-1) or stepwise (path a-2) aza-cope rearrangement. This process may account for the majority of the cycloadditions discussed in this work. Besides, the reactions could also be diverted into the path b, in which C-1 and (or) C-2 evolve into

Scheme 3 Proposed mechanisms of the cycloadditions of dienyltriazoles.

the dihydropyrrole E via the cyclopropylimine rearrangement. This pathway may play a dominant role for some kinds of substrates, such as the 1,1,4-trisubstituted dienyltriazole 1n. In this scenario, the huge steric hindrance of the C-1 position of the diene unit largely inhibits the pathway leading to azepine **D**, thus favoring the formation of **E** as the major product.

# Conclusions

In summary, we have successfully achieved the Rh(II)-catalyzed intramolecular formal [4 + 3] cycloadditions of dienyltriazoles. Mechanistically, the titled reaction may proceed via the tandem cyclopropanation/aza-cope rearrangement. Comparable with our previously reported intermolecular cycloadditions of triazoles with 1,3-dienes, the intramolecular version allows to access various fused azepine derivatives with increasing structural diversity, which could not be readily achieved by the other known methods. The application of this method for the construction of the azepine-based fragment library is underway in our lab.

# Experimental section

#### General information

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV400 instrument. TMS was used as the internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H NMR (0 ppm), and a solvent signal was used as a reference for 13C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 77.16 ppm). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dt = doublet of triplets, td = triple doublet, m = multiplet. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Thermo Nicolet Avatar 330 FT-IR spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker ESI-Q/TOF MS. Low resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Waters's UPLC-Mass instrument.

Reactions were monitored by Thin Layer Chromatography on plates (GF254) supplied by Yantai Chemicals (China) using UV light as the visualizing agent and an ethanolic solution of phosphomolybdic acid and cerium sulfate, and heat as developing agents. If not specially mentioned, flash column chromatography uses silica gel (200-300 mesh) supplied by Tsingtao Haiyang Chemicals (China). Solvent purification was conducted according to Purification of Laboratory Chemicals (D. D. Peerrin, W. L. Armarego and D. R. Perrins, Pergamon Press, Oxford, 1980).

## General procedure for Rh( $\pi$ )-catalyzed intramolecular [4 + 3] cycloadditions

A 10 mL pressure tube, fitted with a rubber septum, was charged with triazole (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and Rh<sub>2</sub>(S-PTAD)<sub>4</sub> (1.6 mg, 1.0 mol%). To the reaction vessel was added freshly distilled 1,2-dichloroethane (0.5 mL) and was then sealed with a Teflon screwcap and placed in an oil bath preheated to 140 °C. The resulting solution was heated at this

3-Phenyl-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta[c]azepine (2a). Yield: 85%;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.29–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.97 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.23 (m, 1H),  $2.34 \text{ (dd, } J = 17.2 \text{ Hz, } 6.0 \text{ Hz, } 1\text{H}), 2.41 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H}), 2.55-2.64 \text{ (m, } 1\text{Hz, } 2\text{Hz, } 2\text{Hz$ 1H), 5.52-5.60 (m, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.92-5.95 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.36 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J =8.3 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.7, 24.9, 31.7, 35.0, 42.1, 59.9, 117.1, 126.6, 127.1, 127.8, 128.3, 128.8, 129.4, 130.1, 138.6, 139.7, 143.0, 149.7; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 1700.1, 1652.8, 1559.7, 1161.2, 1094.7, 698.2, 687.0, 682.8, 676.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{23}NNaO_2S$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 388.1342; found: 388.1346.

3-(p-Tolyl)-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta[c]azepine (2b). Yield: 78%;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.30–1.41 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.99 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.37 (m, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.55-2.64 (m, 1H), 5.50-5.58 (m, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.89-5.91 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.9 Hz,2H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.3, 21.7, 24.9, 31.8, 35.0, 42.2, 59.7, 117.2, 126.9, 127.2, 128.8, 129.0, 129.4, 129.9, 136.7, 137.5, 138.7, 143.0, 149.7; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 2923.2, 2358.4, 2340.7, 1337.4, 1159.9, 1093.4, 1027.4, 822.3, 813.2, 683.9, 676.2 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{23}H_{25}NNaO_2S$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 402.1498; found: 402.1498.

3-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta[c]azepine (2c). Yield: 81%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 1.32-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.99 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.41 (m, 4H), 2.60-2.70 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 5.47 (ddd, J = 11.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (dt, J =11.5 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 6.37 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz,1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (td, J = 8.2 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 21.7, 24.9, 31.8, 35.1, 42.5, 53.8, 55.6, 110.8, 117.7, 119.7, 127.5, 127.6, 129.1, 129.2, 129.6, 130.2, 138.5, 142.7, 150.3, 157.2; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 2957.1, 2923.7, 2332.0, 1464.2, 1341.7, 1259.2, 1246.7, 1160.5, 1094.6, 1065.9, 1027.6, 685.5, 677.8 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{23}H_{25}NNaO_3S$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 418.1447; found: 418.1448.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta-[c]azepine (2d). Yield: 81%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 1.28-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.98 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.34 (dd, J = 16.8 Hz, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.53-2.62 (m, 1H), 5.52 (ddd, J = 11.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dt, J = 11.5 Hz, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.91 (t, J =4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.30 (m, 6H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.7, 24.9, 31.8, 34.9, 42.2, 59.2, 117.0, 126.2, 127.1, 128.5, 129.5, 130.2, 130.5, 133.7, 138.3, 138.5, 143.2, 149.9; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 2955.1, 1488.9, 1338.0, 1160.7, 1092.7, 1070.0, 1015.3, 821.5, 818.6, 815.6, 677.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{22}ClNNaO_2S$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 422.0952; found: 422.0957.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta-[c]azepine (2e). Yield: 74%;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 1.27-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.99 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.35 (dd, J = 17.1 Hz, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.54-2.63 (m, 1H), 5.52 (ddd, J = 11.5 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.92 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd,  $J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}, 5.6 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}, 7.73 (d, <math>J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}); ^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.7, 24.9, 31.8, 34.9, 42.1, 59.2, 115.1 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 117.0, 126.5, 127.1, 129.5, 130.3, 130.5 (d, J = 8.1Hz), 135.5 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 138.6, 143.2, 149.8, 162.4 (d, J = 244.7Hz); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 2960.5, 1506.2, 1337.4, 1259.9, 1159.8, 1092.3, 1016.2, 812.7, 810.5, 799.4, 684.78 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{23}FNO_2S[M + H]^+$ : 384.1428; found: 384.1432.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta-[c]azepine (2f). Yield: 87%;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 1.29-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.99 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.22 (m, 1H), 2.34 (dd, J = 16.9 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.53-2.62 (m, 1H), 5.51 (ddd, J = 11.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dt, J = 11.5 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.89 (t, J =4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.41 (dt, J = 8.4 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.7, 24.9, 31.8, 34.9, 42.2, 59.2, 117.0, 122.0, 126.1, 127.1, 129.5, 130.5, 130.6, 131.4, 138.5, 138.8, 143.2, 149.9; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 1700.2, 1695.7, 1684.6, 711.7, 680.7 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{23}BrNO_2S[M + H]^+$ : 444.0627; found: 444.0631.

2-Tosyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclo-penta[c]azepine (2g). Yield: 80%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  1.30–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.74 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.99 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.35 (dd, J = 17.2 Hz, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42(s, 3H), 2.53-2.61 (m, 1H), 5.54 (ddd, J = 11.5 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (dt, J = 11.5 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 5.98 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H),7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.7, 24.9, 31.8, 34.9, 42.1, 59.4, 116.9, 124.2 (q, J = 270.4 Hz), 125.3 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 125.8, 127.1, 129.1, 129.5, 130.0 (q, J = 32.1 Hz), 130.9, 138.4, 143.3, 143.8, 150.0; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 1700.4, 1684.6, 1652.9, 1559.8, 684.2, 679.4, 677.9 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{23}H_{22}F_3NNaO_2S$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 456.1216; found: 456.1213.

3-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta-[c]azepine (2h). Yield: 85%;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 1.32-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.94-2.02 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.22 (m, 1H), 2.33 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.60-2.67 (m, 1H), 5.64-5.71 (m, 3H), 6.07-6.11 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz,1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.83 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  21.7, 24.9, 31.8, 35.0, 42.4, 60.1, 117.2, 126.1, 126.2, 126.6, 126.9, 127.3, 127.7, 127.8, 128.2, 128.3, 129.4, 130.5, 133.0, 133.1, 137.1, 138.7, 143.1, 149.7; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 1700.3, 1652.9, 1559.8, 739.4, 680.4, 676.1 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}NO_2S[M + H]^+$ : 416.1679; found: 416.1677.

3-Phenethyl-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta-[c]azepine (2i). Yield: 75%;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 1.18-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.91 (m, 3H), 2.21-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.36-2.47 (m, 5H), 2.64-2.80 (m, 2H), 4.63–4.71 (m, 1H), 5.25 (dt, J = 11.6 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (ddd, J = 11.6 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 7.16–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.7, 24.8, 31.8, 32.9, 35.0, 37.0, 42.7, 57.3, 116.2, 126.0, 127.2, 128.1, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 129.4, 138.6, 141.9, 143.0, 149.8; IR  $\nu_{\rm max}$  (film): 1652.8, 1560.2, 1507.2, 1160.9, 757.8, 696.1, 687.1, 675.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $\rm C_{24}H_{28}NO_{2}S$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 394.1835; found: 394.1833.

3-Pentyl-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta[c]azepine (2j). Yield: 75%;  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $_3$ )  $\delta$  0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.20–1.40 (m, 8H), 1.42–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.71 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.88 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.31 (m, 1H), 2.37–2.46 (m, 5H), 4.54–4.61 (m, 1H), 5.22 (dt, J = 11.5 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (ddd, J = 11.5 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl $_3$ )  $\delta$  14.2, 21.7, 22.7, 24.8, 26.2, 31.7, 31.8, 35.0, 35.4, 42.6, 57.5, 116.3, 127.2, 127.8, 129.3, 129.4, 138.8, 142.8, 149.6; IR  $\nu_{\rm max}$  (film): 1695.6, 705.5, 685.5, 678.3, 675.7 cm $^{-1}$ ; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{30}NO_2S$  [M + M] $^+$ : 360.1992; found: 360.1992.

3-Cyclohexyl-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta[ $\epsilon$ ]-azepine (2k). Yield: 86%;  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $_3$ )  $\delta$  1.05–1.34 (m, 7H), 1.42–1.53 (m, 1H), 1.62–1.92 (m, 7H), 2.20–2.30 (m, 2H), 2.37–2.44 (m, 4H), 4.31–4.38 (m, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (ddd, J = 11.7 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl $_3$ )  $\delta$  21.7, 24.7, 26.2, 26.3, 26.5, 30.5, 30.6, 31.7, 35.0, 43.0, 43.4, 62.6, 116.9, 127.1, 127.9, 128.2, 129.2, 139.0, 142.7, 149.2; IR  $\nu_{\rm max}$  (film): 1700.5, 1684.6, 1653.2, 1559.7, 688.0, 682.9 cm $^{-1}$ ; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{30}$ NO $_2$ S [M + H] $^+$ : 372.1992; found: 372.1994.

3-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta[c]-azepine (2l). The reaction was run for 16 h instead of 0.5 h. Yield: 91%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.01 (s, 9H), 1.12–1.30 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.82 (m, 1H), 2.01–2.20 (m, 2H), 2.34–2.43 (m, 4H), 4.54 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (ddd, J = 11.9 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.6, 24.6, 28.5, 32.0, 35.0, 37.0, 42.2, 66.0, 118.3, 125.3, 127.2, 129.2, 129.9, 138.6, 142.7, 148.4; IR  $\nu_{\rm max}$  (film): 2959.9, 1652.7, 1336.9, 1159.4, 1093.7, 831.8, 812.4, 684.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 346.1835; found: 346.1831.

4-Methyl-3-phenyl-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6,7,8-hexahydrocyclopenta[c]-azepine (2m). Yield: 77%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.30–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.63–1.74 (m, 1H), 1.89–2.01 (m, 1H), 2.07–2.21 (m, 1H), 2.34 (dd, J = 17.7 Hz, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.51–2.59 (m, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.66 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.29 (m,7H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.7, 24.2, 24.8, 31.6, 35.4, 42.6, 63.6, 116.9, 125.9, 127.1, 127.8, 128.3, 129.1, 129.4, 132.4, 138.7, 138.9, 143.0, 148.7; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 1684.5, 1559.7, 708.3, 688.0, 681.2, 679.7 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 402.1498; found: 402.1498.

1-(2,2-Diphenylvinyl)-2-tosyl-1,2,4,5,6,6a-hexahydrocyclopenta[c]pyrrole (4n). Yield: 60%; the NMR spectra are reported for a mixture of two isomers.  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $_3$ )  $\delta$ 

0.68–0.81 (m, 1H), 0.82–0.91 (m, 0.5H), 1.40–1.59 (m, (0.5 × 2) H), 1.74–2.03 (m, 3H + (0.5 × 2)H), 2.07–2.22 (m, 2H + 0.5H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, (0.5 × 3)H), 2.80–2.91 (m, 0.5H), 3.02–3.13 (m, 1H), 3.88 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (t, J = 9.9 Hz, 0.5H), 5.95–6.00 (m, 1.5H), 6.09 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 0.5H), 6.30 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18–7.30 (m, 10H), 7.34–7.45 (m, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.6, 21.6, 21.7, 22.3, 26.6, 27.2, 28.6, 30.4, 53.8, 57.4, 61.3, 67.4, 118.7, 119.9, 125.3, 127.5, 127.5, 127.6, 127.7, 127.9, 127.9, 128.2, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 129.2, 129.3, 129.4, 129.9, 130.5, 132.4, 133.0, 135.0, 136.9, 139.5, 139.5, 141.5, 142.0, 142.8, 143.2; IR  $\nu_{\rm max}$  (film): 2955.6, 2362.9, 1559.8, 1340.6, 1161.8, 1093.4, 993.2, 908.6, 732.3, 701.4, 698.9 cm $^{-1}$ ; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{28}H_{28}NO_{2}S$  [M + H] $^{+}$ : 442.1835; found: 442.1839.

3-Phenyl-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6-tetrahydroindeno[1,2-c]azepine (2o). Yield: 90%;  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $_3$ )  $\delta$  2.37 (s, 3H), 2.56–2.67 (m, 1H), 2.73–2.85 (m, 2H), 5.66–5.72 (m, 1H), 5.85–5.91 (m, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 7.07–7.20 (m, 6H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl $_3$ )  $\delta$  21.7, 34.3, 36.0, 59.0, 126.2, 126.3, 127.0, 127.1, 127.1, 127.4, 127.5, 127.9, 128.0, 128.7, 129.6, 133.2, 134.1, 134.3, 137.8, 140.4, 143.6; IR  $\nu_{\rm max}$  (film): 2919.7, 1717.3, 1699.9, 1557.8, 681.9, 676.9 cm $^{-1}$ ; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{26}H_{24}NO_{2}S$  [M + H] $^{\dagger}$ : 414.1522; found: 414.1517.

**6-Phenyl-2,5-ditosyl-1,2,3,5,6,8a-hexahydropyrrolo**[3,4-*c*]-azepine (2p). Yield: 56%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.64 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.98–3.08 (m, 1H), 3.47 (dt, J = 14.2 Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, J = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dt, J = 11.5 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (ddd, J = 11.5 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.26 (m, 7H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64–7.69 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.7, 41.3, 50.9, 54.1, 59.9, 119.5, 125.2, 127.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 128.9, 129.8, 130.0, 132.0, 138.0, 138.8, 140.6, 143.7, 144.3; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 1700.4, 1653.0, 1559.8, 1340.6, 1160.5, 1092.2, 813.2, 685.1, 678.8 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{28}H_{29}N_2O_4S_2$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: 521.1563; found: 521.1565.

**6-Phenyl-5-tosyl-3,5,6,8a-tetrahydro-1***H***-furo**[3,4-*c*]**azepine** (2**q**). Yield: 35%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.84–2.90 (m, 1H), 3.39 (dd, J = 10.3 Hz, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.11–4.19 (m, 2H), 4.41 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (dt, J = 11.5 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (ddd, J = 11.5 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.7, 42.7, 60.2, 70.3, 74.3, 116.7, 124.5, 127.1, 128.1, 128.5, 128.8, 129.7, 138.3, 139.2, 143.5, 144.8; IR  $\nu_{\rm max}$  (film): 1739.1, 1729.2, 1717.2, 1365.3, 1229.2, 1217.3, 751.9, 691.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>†</sup>: 368.1315; found: 368.1311.

Dimethyl 3-phenyl-2-tosyl-2,3,5a,6-tetrahydrocyclo-penta[c]-azepine-7,7(8H)-dicarboxylate (2r). Yield: 42%;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.92 (dd, J = 12.5 Hz, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.53 (ddd, J = 12.5 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63–2.72 (m, 1H), 2.83 (dt, J = 16.9 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H),

3.71 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 5.49 (dt, J = 11.5 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.58(ddd, J = 11.5 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H),5.95 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  21.7, 38.8, 40.2, 41.0, 52.9, 53.1, 58.5, 59.8, 119.1, 127.0, 127.4, 128.0, 128.3, 128.4, 128.8, 129.6, 138.6, 139.4, 143.2, 145.5, 170.9, 171.2; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 2363.9, 2358.3, 1751.0, 1733.8, 1652.7, 1506.9, 721.9, 691.9, 686.7, 681.3, 676.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{26}H_{27}NNaO_6S$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 504.1451; found: 504.1453.

2',2'-Dimethyl-3-phenyl-2-tosyl-3,5a,6,8-tetrahydro-2H-spiro-[cyclopenta[c]azepine-7,5'-[1,3]dioxane]-4',6'-dione (2s). Yield: 42%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.74 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 2.29 (t, I = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.49 (dd, I = 12.7 Hz, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dt, J = 16.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.25-3.34 (m, 1H), 5.48 (dt, J = 11.5 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.62(ddd, J = 11.5 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H),5.96 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  21.7, 28.9, 29.1, 41.5, 42.5, 45.0, 51.8, 59.9, 105.2, 119.4, 126.9, 127.2, 127.5, 128.1, 128.5, 128.8, 129.8, 138.9, 139.3, 143.3, 144.2, 168.7, 170.0; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 1739.0, 1733.0, 1652.2, 1301.7, 1161.7, 704.5, 678.2 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/zcalcd for  $C_{27}H_{27}NNaO_6S [M + Na]^+$ : 516.1451; found: 516.1454.

3-Phenyl-2-tosyl-3,5a,6,8-tetrahydro-2*H*-spiro[cyclopenta[c]azepine-7,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (2t). Yield: 59%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.96 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (ddd, J = 12.4Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.58 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dt, J = 16.9 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.34 - 3.44 (m, 1H), 5.49 (dt, J= 11.5 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (ddd, J = 11.5 Hz, 5.3 Hz, 2.9 Hz,1H), 5.89 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.91 (m, 4H), 7.95–8.00 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$  21.8, 38.0, 41.1, 41.7, 57.5, 59.9, 119.0, 123.6, 123.7, 127.1, 127.1, 128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 128.9, 129.9, 136.0, 136.2, 139.1, 139.5, 141.0, 141.4, 143.2, 145.5, 202.0, 202.2; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 1705.7, 1703.9, 1539.4, 1506.6, 1160.8, 835.4, 703.0, 689.7, 686.2 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS m/z calcd for  $C_{30}H_{25}NNaO_4S$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 518.1397; found: 518.1391.

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