

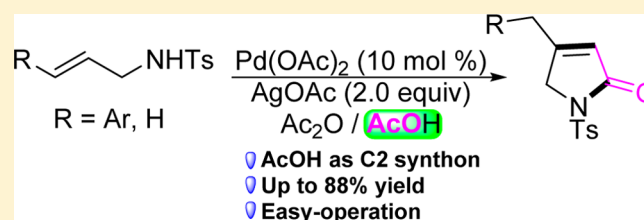
Palladium-Catalyzed Intermolecular Oxidative Cyclization of Allyltosylamides with AcOH: Assembly of 3-Pyrrolin-2-ones

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S Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: The first example of Pd-catalyzed oxidative cyclization of allyltosylamides with acetic acid is reported. This transformation involved C–N/C–C bond formation and provided 3-pyrrolin-2-ones in a one-pot manner with easy-operation, excellent atom economy and good yields. Mechanistic studies indicate that the reaction proceeds through intermolecular aminopalladation, migratory insertion, reinsertion and β -hydride elimination processes.



Transition metal-catalyzed oxidative coupling reactions have drawn increasing attention as powerful synthetic strategy for the formation of C–C/C–X (X = O, N, S...) bonds over the past decade.¹ Especially, Pd-catalyzed oxidative cyclizations of alkenes to construct functionalized molecules have been well explored.² In this regard, as commercial materials, carboxylic acids/anhydrides have been extensively explored in alkenyl C–H bond functionalization for the synthesis of heterocycles, in which they are generally used as synthons by offering one or two bonding sites.³ For instance, Ackermann reported the Ru-catalyzed C–H bond alkenylation between benzoic acids and active alkenes with the formation of C–O bond (Scheme 1, I).^{3a} Recently, Wei and colleagues have successfully constructed C–C1/N–C1 bonds at C1 position via Pd-catalyzed C–H functionalization of acrylamides (Scheme 1, II).^{3c} In the aspect of C2 position as bonding

site, our group utilized the anhydrides to construct C–O/C–C1 bonds in Cu-catalyzed^{3d} and Mn-promoted^{3e} carboesterification of alkenes (Scheme 1, III). Considering our interests in Pd-catalyzed oxidation cyclization reactions⁴ and expanding the scope of synthetic applications of carboxylic acids/anhydrides, we are the first to disclose AcOH as a C2 synthon to enable rapid assembly of various 3-pyrrolin-2-ones.

3-Pyrrolin-2-one skeleton is an important moiety in natural products and pharmaceuticals. For example, NMDA receptor glycine antagonist^{5a} and NK1 receptor antagonist^{5b} are the potential therapeutic drugs of chronic pain and CNS diseases (Figure 1). As synthons,⁶ 3-pyrrolin-2-one skeleton has been

Scheme 1. Transition Metal-Catalyzed Intermolecular Cyclization Reactions Involving Carboxylic Acids/Anhydrides

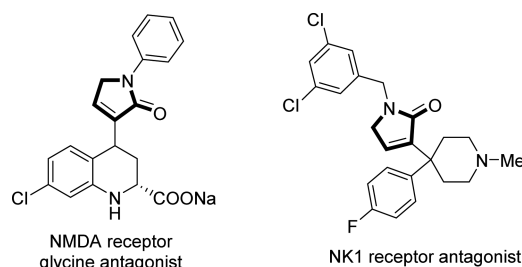
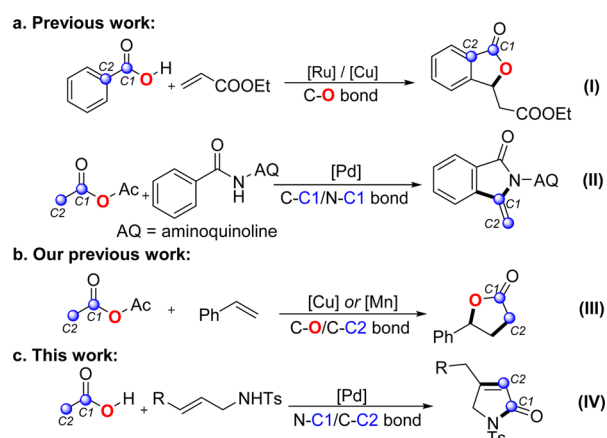
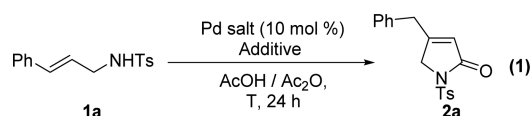


Figure 1. Selected biological active molecules containing 3-pyrrolin-2-one motifs.

modified to diverse functionalized molecules. However, examples of one-step approaches from readily available starting materials are still rare.⁷ Generally, 3-pyrrolin-2-ones could be obtained by the reduction of maleimide⁸ and the oxidation of pyrrole.⁹ More convenient and versatile methods for constructing functionalized 3-pyrrolin-2-ones are still reckoned as a challenging task.

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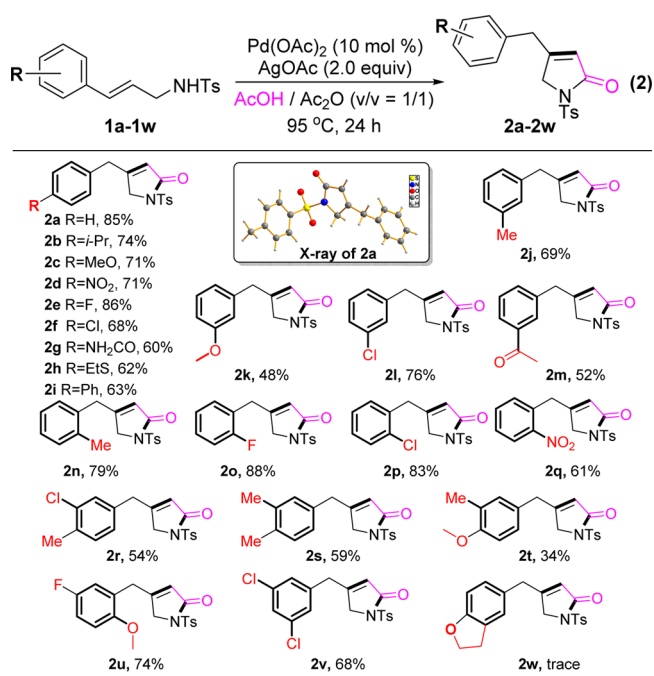
Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions^a

entry	catalyst (10 mol%)	additive (2.0 equiv)	AcOH:Ac ₂ O	T (°C)	yield (%) ^b
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	1:1	95	68 (63)
2	PdCl ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	1:1	95	8
3	Pd(CH ₃ CN) ₂ Cl ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	1:1	95	11
4	Pd(TFA) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂	1:1	95	45
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	CuCl ₂	1:1	95	23
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	CuCl	1:1	95	14
7	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OTf) ₂	1:1	95	45
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	Fe(NO ₃) ₃	1:1	95	23
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	Fe(acac) ₃	1:1	95	34
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	Fe(OAc) ₂	1:1	95	28
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgNO ₃	1:1	95	n.d.
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgNO ₂	1:1	95	61
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	Ag ₂ O	1:1	95	72
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	1:1	95	89 (85)
15 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	1:1	95	n.r.
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	1:1	115	68
17	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	1:1	65	32
18 ^d	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	1:1	95	45
19 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	1:1	95	acetylation
20	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	0:1	95	8
21	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	1:0	95	18

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), catalyst (10 mol%), additive (2.0 equiv), Ac₂O (0.6 mL), AcOH (0.6 mL) under air for 24 h. ^bYield determined by ¹H NMR with CH₂BrCl as internal standard; Isolated yield is in the parentheses. n.d. = not detected; n.r. = not reaction. ^c20 mol% of 1,10-phenanthroline was added. ^d2.0 equiv of KOAc was added. ^e1.2 equiv of AgOAc was added; Ts = *p*-Tosyl, acac = acetylacetonato.

At the outset of this investigation, we employed cinnamyltosylamides as available substrates. In the presence of 10 mol% Pd(OAc)₂ and 2.0 equiv of Cu(OAc)₂ at 95 °C, 63% yield of **2a** was obtained in the reaction of cinnamyltosylamide with AcOH/Ac₂O (Table 1, entry 1). The catalyst screening showed that other palladium salts, such as PdCl₂, Pd(CH₃CN)₂Cl₂, and Pd(TFA)₂, were less effective (Table 1, entries 2–4). Further examinations of different additives revealed that Ag salts promoted this reaction efficiently (Table 1, entries 11–14). To our delight, the yield increased to 89% when using 2.0 equiv of AgOAc (Table 1, entry 14). The reaction was totally inhibited when 20 mol% of 1,10-phenanthroline was added as ligand (Table 1, entry 15). Increasing or decreasing the reaction temperature showed no obvious beneficial effect (Table 1, entries 16 and 17). It is noteworthy that the *N*-acetylation of substrate **1a** was observed when decreasing the amount of AgOAc to 1.2 equiv (entry 19). Without AcOH or Ac₂O, product **2a** could be obtained in low yields (Table 1, entries 20 and 21). On the basis of above investigations, the optimal reaction conditions for this transformation is Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), AgOAc (2.0 equiv) in AcOH/Ac₂O (1/1, v/v) at 95 °C for 24 h.

With the optimized conditions in hand, various *N*-cinnamyltosylamides were examined (Table 2). It was found that most substrates with electron-deficient and electron-rich functional groups, including isopropyl, methoxy, nitro, fluoro, chloro, ethylthio, acetyl, and phenyl, were successfully transformed to the desired 3-pyrrolin-2-ones in moderate yields (**2a**–**2f**, **2h**–**2m**). However, the nitrile group could not be tolerated but hydrolyzed into the corresponding amide group under the standard conditions (**2g**). The reaction rate of

Table 2. Pd-Catalyzed Intermolecular Oxidative Cyclizations of Cinnamyltosylamides with AcOH^{a,b}

^aReaction conditions: **1** (0.10 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), AgOAc (0.20 mmol), AcOH (0.6 mL), Ac₂O (0.6 mL) at 95 °C for 24 h. ^bYields referred to isolated yield.

substrate with electron-donating group was faster than that with electron-withdrawing group, but they transformed into the

corresponding products in similar yields at last (**2c**, **2d**), which might be attributed to the slight decomposition of products with EDG under the standard conditions. Moreover, *ortho*-substituted cinnamyltosylamides (**2n–2q**) were transferred to the target products in similar yields with *para*- and *meta*-substituted ones. Gratifyingly, most of disubstituted substrates exhibited good compatibility in this reaction (**2s**, **2s**, **2u**), but 3-methyl-4-methoxy substrate afforded the product in lower yield (**2t**). Unfortunately, dihydrobenzofuran moiety was not tolerated under the current conditions. The electronic effects may still be a major reason. In addition, the structure of **2a** was confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis.

To our delight, the reaction of allyltosylamide **3a** also proceeded smoothly to provide the corresponding 5-membered ring product **4a** (Table 3, See X-ray of **4a** in SI).⁹ Due to low

Table 3. Pd-Catalyzed Intermolecular Oxidative Cyclization of (Homo)Allyltosylamides with AcOH^{a,b}

entry	substrate	T (°C)	product	yield
1		95		52%
2		110		68%
3		110		69%
4		110		53%
5		130		47%

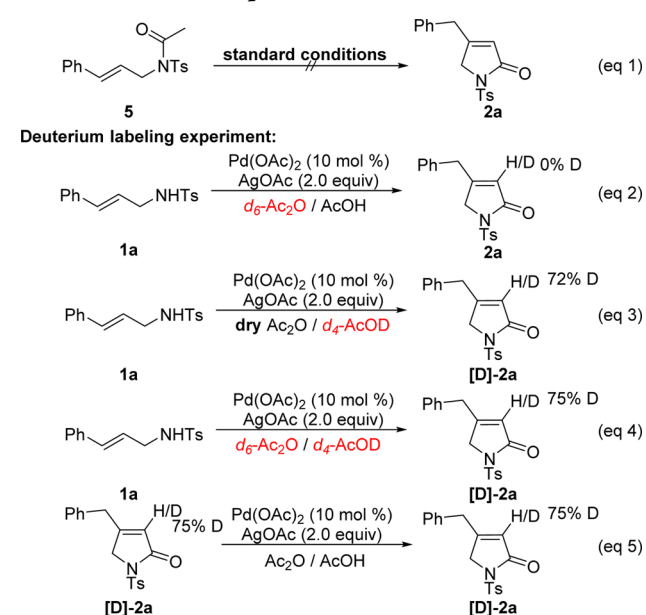
R¹ = H, Me, Et
R² = H, Me

^aReaction conditions: **3** (0.10 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol %), AgOAc (0.20 mmol), AcOH (0.6 mL), Ac₂O (0.6 mL) for 24 h. ^bYields referred to isolated yield.

conversion rate under the standard conditions (95 °C), crotyltosylamide **3b** and 4-butenyl tosylamide **3c** transformed into 6-membered ring product **4b** at 110 °C via 6-*endo* cyclization, in which **3b** should undergo isomerization of olefin before cyclization. Meanwhile, (*E*)-3-pentenyl tosylamide **3d** and 3-methyl-3-butenyl tosylamide **3e** gave 2-pyrrolidone derivatives containing exocyclic double bond **4c** and **4d** at higher temperature, respectively. On the basis of the current results, it is difficult to control the formation of 5- or 6-membered ring for the nature of substrates.

To gain further insights into this reaction, first, we subjected the *N*-acetylation byproduct **5** (Table 1, entry 21) to the standard reaction conditions, which failed to provide the corresponding product (Scheme 2, eq 1). Next, a series of deuterium labeling experiments were carried out. When the reaction was used AcOH/*d*₆-Ac₂O as solvent, no deuterated product was provided (eq 2). However, in the case of **1a** in *d*₄-AcOD/dry Ac₂O, product [D]-**2a** was obtained with 72% D

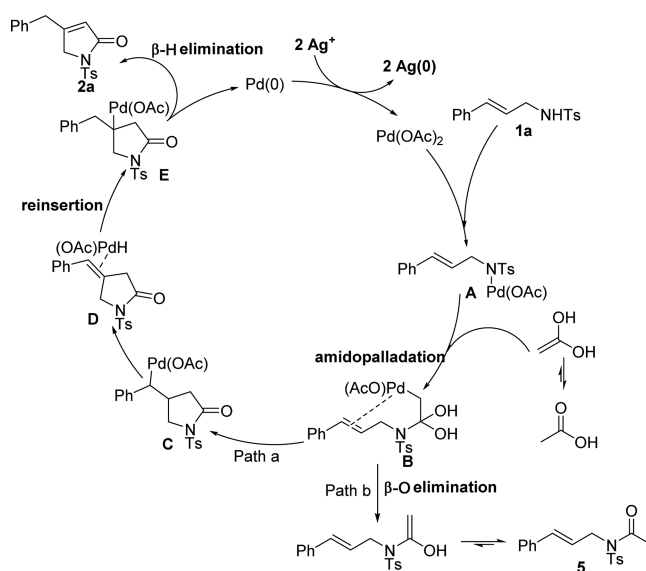
Scheme 2. Control Experiments



(eq 3). The low level of deuterium incorporation was caused by Pd(OAc)₂, AgOAc. Furthermore, [D]-**2a** with 75% D was afforded in *d*₆-Ac₂O/*d*₄-AcOD, which is near to the result of eq 3 (eq 4). It is noteworthy that the deuterated product [D]-**2a** (75% deuterium) was stable under the standard conditions¹⁰ (eq 5), which indicated H/D exchange is impossible after formation of **2a**. Hence, it is supposed that AcOH was the only source of product **2a**. Nevertheless, the role of anhydride as solvent was still not very clear. And when propionic acid instead of AcOH was used in the reaction, the desired product could not be detected.

On the basis of the above results and previous works,¹¹ a tentative mechanism for the Pd-catalyzed oxidative cyclization between allyltosylamides and AcOH is proposed in Scheme 3. First, intermediate **A** is formed by the reaction of Pd(OAc)₂ and *N*-tosylamide.^{2c,4b,12} Then the N–Pd species **A** inserts to the alkene isomer of AcOH,¹³ followed by the intermolecular

Scheme 3. Proposed Mechanism



aminopalladation to generate the intermediate **B**.¹⁴ Subsequent 1,2-migratory insertion offers intermediate **C** (path a). A sequence of β -hydride elimination and reinsertion provides the intermediate **E**.¹⁵ Finally, β -hydride elimination of complex **E** releases product **2a** and Pd(0). The catalyst is regenerated by oxidation of AgOAc.¹⁶ Additionally, the intermediate **B** can undergo β -oxygen elimination to afford the *N*-acetylation byproduct **5**.¹⁷

In conclusion, this method affords the desired 3-pyrrolin-2-ones with good yields and group tolerance. The reaction mechanism consists of intermolecular aminopalladation, migratory insertion, reinsertion and β -hydride elimination processes. Furthermore, we have developed a new and convenient palladium-catalyzed oxidative cyclization of allyltosylamides and acid as C2 synthon.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Method. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER DRX-400 spectrometer using CDCl₃ as solvent and TMS as an internal standard. The chemical shifts are referenced to signals at 7.26 and 77.0 ppm, respectively. The data of HRMS was carried out on a high-resolution mass spectrometer (LCMS-IT-TOF). IR spectra were obtained either as potassium bromide pellets or as liquid films between two potassium bromide pellets with a BRUKER TENSOR 27 spectrometer. Melting points were determined with Büchi Melting Point B-545 instrument. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

Synthesis of (E)-N-(3-Chloroallyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide.²⁰ TsNH₂ (10.0 mmol), K₂CO₃ (6.0 mmol), CH₃CN (40 mL), and (E)-1,3-dichloroprop-1-ene (5.0 mmol) were successively added to 100 mL round-bottomed flask with magnetic stirrer bar. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C (oil bath temperature) for 16 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aq. and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL), washed with brine (10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified via column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 1/3) on silica gel to afford the product as white solid (759 mg, 62% yield).

Representative Procedure for N-Cinnamyltosylamides Derivatives (1a–1w). (E)-N-(3-Chloroallyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1.0 mmol), aryl boric acid (1.2 mmol), K₂CO₃ (2.5 mmol), Pd(dppf)Cl₂ (0.1 mmol), EtOH (3 mL), and toluene (3 mL) were successively added to 25 mL seal tube, then was evacuated and filled with N₂ for three times. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C (oil bath temperature) overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aq. and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL), washed with brine (10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified via column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 1/3–1/2) on silica gel. The characterization data of **1a**,^{21a} **1c**,^{21b} **1e**,^{21b} **1f**,^{21b} **1p**^{21a} were consistent with the reported literatures.

Representative Procedure for (homo)Allyltosylamides Derivatives (3a–3e). TsNH₂ (2.0 mmol), K₂CO₃ (2.4 mmol), CH₃CN (8 mL), and (homo)allyl bromide (2.0 mmol) were successively added to 25 mL round-bottomed flask with magnetic stirrer bar. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C (oil bath temperature) for 16 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl (aq.) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL), washed with brine (10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified via column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 1/4) on silica gel. The characterization data of **3a**,^{22a} **3b**,^{22a} **3c**,^{22b} **3d**,^{22c} **3e**^{20d} were consistent with the reported literatures.

Representative Procedure for 3-Pyrrolin-2-ones Derivatives. Allyltosylamide (0.10 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol), AgOAc (0.20 mmol) in AcOH (0.6 mL), Ac₂O (0.6 mL) were added to a 20 mL tube with magnetic stirrer bar. The mixture was stirred at 90–130 °C

(oil bath temperature) for 24 h under open air. After the reaction was finished (monitored by TLC), the mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction was neutralized with saturated NaHCO₃ aq. and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL), washed with brine (10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified via column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes = 1/3) on silica gel.

Analytical Characterization Data of Substrates and Products. (E)-N-(3-(4-Isopropylphenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**1b**). Purified via flash column chromatography with 25% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 65% (213 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (q, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dt, *J* = 15.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (dt, *J* = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.9, 143.5, 137.1, 133.7, 133.1, 129.7, 127.2, 126.6, 126.4, 123.1, 45.6, 33.8, 23.9, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₃NO₂SNa 352.1342; found 352.1344.

(E)-4-Methyl-N-(3-(4-nitrophenyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide (**1d**). Purified via flash column chromatography with 40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 83% (275 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.1, 143.8, 142.6, 137.0, 130.5, 129.8, 129.4, 127.2, 126.9, 123.9, 45.1, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₄SNa 355.0723; found 355.0720.

(E)-N-(3-(4-Cyanophenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**1g**). Purified via flash column chromatography with 45% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 43% (148 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 6.9 Hz, 4H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (dt, *J* = 15.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.7, 140.6, 137.0, 132.4, 131.0, 129.8, 128.5, 127.2, 126.9, 118.7, 111.2, 45.1, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O₂SNa 335.0825; found 335.0833.

(E)-N-(3-(4-(Ethylthio)phenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**1h**). Purified via flash column chromatography with 33% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 73% (253 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.05–5.91 (m, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.7, 137.1, 136.6, 133.6, 132.5, 129.7, 128.7, 127.2, 126.8, 123.7, 45.5, 27.4, 21.5, 14.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁NO₂S₂Na 370.0906; found 370.0910.

(E)-N-(3-(1,1'-Biphenyl)-4-yl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**1i**). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 81% (294 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 7.7 Hz, 5H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.6, 140.7, 140.5, 137.2, 135.1, 132.6, 129.8, 128.8, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 124.2, 45.5, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₂₁NO₂SNa 386.1185; found 386.1182.

(E)-4-Methyl-N-(3-(*m*-tolyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide (**1j**). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 68% (204 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.5, 138.1, 137.2, 136.1, 133.1, 129.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.2, 127.1, 123.9, 123.6, 45.5, 21.5, 21.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₉NO₂SNa 324.1029; found 324.1034.

(E)-N-(3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**1k**). Purified via flash column chromatography with 40% ethyl

acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 55% (174 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.75 (m, 3H), 6.42 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dt, J = 15.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78–3.72 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.7, 143.5, 137.6, 137.1, 132.9, 129.8, 129.5, 127.2, 124.5, 119.1, 113.5, 111.7, 55.2, 45.4, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$ 340.0978; found 340.0980.

(E)-N-(3-(3-Chlorophenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1l). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 72% (231 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.18 (m, 3H), 7.15–7.08 (m, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dt, J = 15.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.84–3.74 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.7, 138.0, 137.2, 134.5, 131.6, 129.8, 127.8, 127.2, 126.3, 125.8, 124.6, 45.2, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_2\text{SNa}$ 344.0482; found 344.0487.

(E)-N-(3-(3-Acetylphenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1m). Purified via flash column chromatography with 40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 51% (167 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.6 Hz, 4H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 10.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dt, J = 15.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.78 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.1, 143.6, 137.4, 137.1, 136.7, 131.8, 130.8, 129.7, 128.8, 127.7, 127.2, 126.2, 125.8, 45.2, 26.6, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$ 352.0978; found 352.0970.

(E)-4-Methyl-N-(3-(o-tolyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide (1n). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 75% (225 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dt, J = 11.4, 5.7 Hz, 3H), 6.65 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (dt, J = 15.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 4H), 2.24 (s, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.5, 137.2, 135.4, 135.2, 130.9, 130.3, 129.8, 127.8, 127.2, 126.1, 125.7, 125.5, 45.7, 21.5, 19.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$ 324.1029; found 324.1033.

(E)-N-(3-(2-Fluorophenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1o). Purified via flash column chromatography with 33% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 77% (234 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.19 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dt, J = 15.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.76 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.4, 158.9, 143.6, 137.0, 129.7, 129.2 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 127.5 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 127.2, 126.9 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 125.4 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 124.1 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 22 Hz), 45.7, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_2\text{SNa}$ 328.0778; found 328.0775.

(E)-4-Methyl-N-(3-(2-nitrophenyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide (1q). Purified via flash column chromatography with 50% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 74% (235 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12–8.02 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dt, J = 15.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.93–3.68 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.5, 143.8, 137.9, 137.1, 132.2, 130.4, 129.8, 129.5, 127.8, 127.2, 122.4, 120.9, 45.0, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{SNa}$ 355.0723; found 355.0721.

(E)-N-(3-(3-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1r). Purified via flash column chromatography with 40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 83% (278 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dt, J = 15.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.76 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.6, 137.2, 135.5, 134.5, 131.5, 131.0, 129.7, 127.2, 126.8, 124.7, 124.6, 45.3, 21.5, 19.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_2\text{SNa}$ 358.0639; found 358.0637.

(E)-N-(3-(3,4-Dimethylphenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1s). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 63% (198 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11–6.93 (m, 3H), 6.40 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dt, J = 15.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.75 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.5, 137.2, 136.7, 136.6, 133.75, 133.2, 129.8, 129.7, 127.7, 127.2, 123.9, 122.8, 45.6, 21.5, 19.7, 19.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$ 338.1185; found 338.1191.

(E)-N-(3-(4-Methoxy-3-methylphenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1t). Purified via flash column chromatography with 33% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 57% (188 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 6.77–6.72 (m, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (dt, J = 15.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.84 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 3.74 (td, J = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.7, 143.4, 137.2, 132.9, 129.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.2, 126.7, 125.3, 121.4, 109.8, 55.3, 45.7, 21.5, 16.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$ 354.1134; found 354.1140.

(E)-N-(3-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1u). Purified via flash column chromatography with 40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 73% (244 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.94–6.85 (m, 2H), 6.80–6.68 (m, 2H), 5.98 (dt, J = 15.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, J = 20.4, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.7 Hz, 5H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2, 155.8, 152.8, 143.5, 137.2, 129.7, 127.2, 127.0, 125.9, 114.8 (d, J = 23 Hz), 113.1 (d, J = 24 Hz), 111.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 56.03 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 45.7, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNO}_3\text{SNa}$ 358.0884; found 358.0888.

(E)-N-(3-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1v). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 46% (163 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 6.30 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dt, J = 15.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 49.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.7, 139.2, 137.2, 135.1, 130.2, 129.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 124.7, 45.0, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$ 378.0093; found 378.0098.

(E)-N-(3-(2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)allyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1w). Purified via flash column chromatography with 40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 56% (184 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (dt, J = 15.7, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (dd, J = 9.1, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.0, 143.4, 137.2, 133.0, 129.7, 129.0, 127.5, 127.2, 126.9, 122.7, 121.2, 109.1, 71.4, 45.6, 29.5, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$ 352.0978; found 352.0981.

4-Benzyl-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2a). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 85% (27.8 mg) as a white solid: mp = 168–169 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.4, 162.7, 145.0, 135.6, 135.5, 129.7, 129.1, 128.80, 127.9, 127.5, 122.2, 53.5, 36.7, 21.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$ 350.0821; found 350.0824. IR (KBr): 3489, 2960, 1723, 1264, 1164, 1028, 752 cm^{-1} .

4-(4-Isopropylbenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2b). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 74% (27.3 mg) as a yellow solid: mp = 139–140 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 2.89 (dd, J = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.5, 163.1, 148.2, 145.0, 135.5, 132.9, 129.7, 128.7, 127.9,

127.1, 122.0, 53.5, 36.3, 33.8, 24.0, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{21}H_{23}NO_3SNa$ 392.1291; found 392.1294. IR (KBr): 2958, 1723, 1357, 1162, 660, 556 cm^{-1} .

4-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2c). Purified via flash column chromatography with 44% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 71% (25.3 mg) as a white solid: mp = 164–165 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.5, 163.4, 158.9, 145.0, 135.5, 129.8, 129.7, 127.9, 127.5, 121.8, 114.5, 55.3, 53.4, 35.8, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}NO_4SNa$ 380.0927; found 380.0934. IR (KBr): 2907, 1718, 1240, 1157, 1024, 657, 555 cm^{-1} .

1-Tosyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2d). Purified via flash column chromatography with 45% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 75% (17.5 mg) as a white solid: mp = 183–185 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.21 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.8, 160.3, 147.5, 145.3, 142.8, 135.3, 129.8, 129.7, 128.0, 124.3, 123.2, 53.4, 36.2, 21.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}N_2O_5SNa$ 395.0672; found 395.0675. IR (KBr): 2923, 1721, 1515, 1349, 1164, 661, 552 cm^{-1} .

4-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2e). Purified via flash column chromatography with 33% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 86% (29.6 mg) as a light yellow solid: mp = 158–159 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, J = 8.3, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.2, 162.5, 145.1, 135.5, 131.3, 130.4 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 129.7, 127.9, 122.2, 116.1, 115.9, 53.4, 35.8, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}FNO_3SNa$ 368.0727; found 368.0731. IR (KBr): 2921, 1719, 1603, 1502, 1156, 823, 659, 552 cm^{-1} .

4-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2f). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 68% (24.5 mg) as a white solid: mp = 178–180 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.1, 4.6 Hz, 4H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.1, 162.0, 145.1, 135.4, 134.0, 133.5, 130.2, 129.7, 129.3, 128.0, 122.4, 53.6, 36.0, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}ClNO_3SNa$ 384.0432; found 384.0435. IR (KBr): 2926, 1723, 1355, 1162, 817, 662, 555 cm^{-1} .

4-((5-Oxo-1-tosyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)methyl)benzamide (2g). Purified via flash column chromatography with 50% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 60% (22.2 mg) as a light yellow solid: mp = 171–172 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.8, 160.5, 145.3, 140.9, 135.3, 132.9, 129.8, 129.7, 128.0, 123.1, 118.3, 111.8, 53.4, 36.5, 21.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{19}H_{18}N_2O_4SNa$ 393.0879; found 393.0874. IR (KBr): 2923, 2228, 1723, 1355, 1163, 661, 554 cm^{-1} .

4-(4-(Ethylthio)benzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2h). Purified via flash column chromatography with 40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 62% (23.9 mg) as a white solid: mp = 169–170 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.85 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, J = 13.2, 5.1 Hz, 4H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 2.87 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.3, 161.5, 144.0, 135.2, 134.4, 131.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 126.9, 121.2, 52.3, 35.1, 26.5, 20.6, 13.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{20}H_{21}NO_3S_2Na$ 410.0855; found 410.0857. IR (KBr): 2963, 1717, 1154, 1091, 1024, 753, 656 cm^{-1} .

4-((1,1'-Biphenyl)-4-ylmethyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2i). Purified via flash column chromatography with 40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 63% (25.3 mg) as a white solid: mp = 193–194 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz,

2H), 7.64–7.56 (m, 4H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.84–5.75 (m, 1H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.4, 162.6, 145.0, 140.5, 140.4, 135.5, 134.5, 129.7, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.0, 122.2, 53.5, 36.3, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{24}H_{21}NO_3SNa$ 426.1134; found 426.1137. IR (KBr): 2920, 1718, 1354, 1160, 753, 661, 555 cm^{-1} .

4-(3-Methylbenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2j). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 69% (23.5 mg) as a white solid: mp = 130–131 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.5, 162.9, 145.0, 138.8, 135.5, 135.5, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.2, 127.9, 125.8, 122.0, 53.5, 36.6, 21.6, 21.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}NO_3SNa$ 364.0978; found 364.0985. IR (KBr): 2922, 1722, 1355, 1162, 1026, 660, 556 cm^{-1} .

4-(3-Methoxybenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2k). Purified via flash column chromatography with 44% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 48% (17.1 mg) as a light yellow solid: mp = 159–160 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.81–5.70 (m, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.4, 162.6, 160.1, 145.0, 137.0, 135.5, 130.1, 129.7, 127.9, 122.1, 121.0, 114.7, 112.6, 55.2, 53.4, 36.7, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}NO_4SNa$ 380.0927; found 380.0930. IR (KBr): 2929, 1724, 1356, 1162, 1032, 662, 564 cm^{-1} .

4-(3-Chlorobenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2l). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 76% (27.4 mg) as a yellow solid: mp = 122–123 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.2, 161.8, 145.1, 137.5, 135.4, 134.8, 130.3, 129.8, 129.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.1, 122.5, 53.4, 36.1, 21.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}ClNO_3SNa$ 384.0432; found, 384.0434. IR (KBr): 2929, 1723, 1355, 1162, 661, 557 cm^{-1} .

4-(3-Acetylbenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2m). Purified via flash column chromatography with 40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 52% (19.1 mg) as a light yellow solid: mp = 152–153 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 3H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 197.6, 168.1, 161.8, 145.1, 137.8, 136.2, 135.4, 133.4, 129.8, 129.4, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 122.6, 53.4, 36.4, 26.7, 21.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{20}H_{19}NO_4SNa$ 392.0927; found 392.0928. IR (KBr): 2920, 1720, 1353, 1161, 662, 554 cm^{-1} .

4-(2-Methylbenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2n). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 79% (26.9 mg) as a light yellow solid: mp = 91–92 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.4, 162.5, 145.0, 136.2, 135.5, 133.9, 130.8, 129.7, 129.6, 127.9, 127.8, 126.6, 122.1, 53.6, 34.4, 21.6, 19.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}NO_3SNa$ 364.0978; found, 364.0980. IR (KBr): 2927, 1725, 1358, 1027, 750, 661, 556 cm^{-1} .

4-(2-Fluorobenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2o). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 88% (30.3 mg) as a light yellow solid: mp = 142–143 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.85 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J = 15.9, 8.5 Hz, 3H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.3, 161.5, 160.7 (d, J = 45 Hz), 145.1, 135.4, 130.9 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 129.7, 129.6 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 127.9, 124.7

(d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 122.8 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz), 122.2, 115.8 (d, $J = 21$ Hz), 53.4, 29.8 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 21.6. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}FNO_3Na$ 368.0727; found, 368.0731. IR (KBr): 3637, 1725, 1356, 1164, 759, 662, 555 cm^{-1} .

4-(2-Chlorobenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2p). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 83% (29.9 mg) as a light yellow solid: mp = 113–114 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 5.9, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.69–5.61 (m, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.3, 161.3, 145.0, 135.5, 134.1, 133.7, 130.9, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 127.9, 127.4, 122.5, 53.5, 34.3, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}ClNO_3Na$ 384.0432; found 384.0433. IR (KBr): 2922, 1722, 1353, 1162, 752, 660, 553 cm^{-1} .

4-(2-Nitrobenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2q). Purified via flash column chromatography with 45% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 61% (22.6 mg) as a brown solid: mp = 122–123 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.16 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.59–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.8, 160.9, 148.6, 145.2, 137.6, 135.3, 135.0, 130.2, 129.8, 127.9, 123.8, 123.0, 122.7, 53.4, 36.0, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}N_2O_5Na$ 395.0672; found 395.0678. IR (KBr): 2924, 1724, 1529, 1351, 1164, 663, 557 cm^{-1} .

4-(3-Chloro-4-methylbenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2r). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 54% (20.2 mg) as a white solid: mp = 181–182 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.2, 162.0, 145.0, 135.5, 135.3, 134.8, 134.6, 131.5, 129.7, 129.3, 127.9, 127.0, 122.4, 53.3, 35.8, 21.6, 19.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{19}H_{18}ClNO_3Na$ 398.0588; found 398.0589. IR (KBr): 2924, 1721, 1396, 1158, 756, 659, 558 cm^{-1} .

4-(3,4-Dimethylbenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2s). Purified via flash column chromatography with 35% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 59% (20.9 mg) as a white solid: mp = 187–189 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.5, 163.2, 145.0, 137.4, 135.8, 135.5, 132.9, 130.2, 130.0, 129.7, 127.9, 126.1, 121.9, 53.4, 36.3, 21.7, 19.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{20}H_{21}NO_3Na$ 378.1134; found 378.1132. IR (KBr): 2925, 1743, 1548, 1369, 1230, 1053, 749, 697 cm^{-1} .

4-(4-Methoxy-3-methylbenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2t). Purified via flash column chromatography with 40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 34% (12.6 mg) as a white solid: mp = 149–151 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.5, 163.5, 157.1, 145.0, 135.5, 131.0, 129.7, 127.9, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 121.7, 110.3, 55.4, 53.4, 35.9, 21.6, 16.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{20}H_{21}NO_4Na$ 394.1083; found 394.1085. IR (KBr): 2919, 2851, 1728, 1644, 1261, 1164, 753, 660 cm^{-1} .

4-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxybenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2u). Purified via flash column chromatography with 45% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 74% (27.7 mg) as a yellow solid: mp = 120–121 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (td, $J = 8.5, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.78 (m, 2H), 5.66 (m, 1H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.6, 162.3, 157.9, 155.6, 153.3 (d, $J = 2$ Hz), 145.0, 135.5, 129.7, 127.9, 125.6 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 121.8, 117.2 (d, $J = 23$ Hz), 114.7 (d, $J = 23$ Hz), 111.5 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 55.9, 53.5, 31.0, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for

$C_{19}H_{18}FNO_4Na$ 398.0833; found 398.0837. IR (KBr): 2935, 1724, 1498, 1356, 1028, 662, 559 cm^{-1} .

4-(3,5-Dichlorobenzyl)-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (2v). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 68% (26.8 mg) as a white solid: mp = 134–135 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.04 (s, 2H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.9, 160.6, 145.2, 138.7, 135.6, 135.3, 129.8, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 123.0, 53.3, 35.8, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{15}Cl_2NO_3Na$ 418.0042; found 418.0042. IR (KBr): 2925, 1723, 1388, 1160, 755, 662, 561 cm^{-1} .

4-Methyl-1-tosyl-1,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrol-2-one (4a).¹⁸ Purified via flash column chromatography with 25% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 52% (13.0 mg) as a white solid: mp = 159–160 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.96 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.7, 159.7, 145.0, 135.6, 129.7, 127.9, 122.1, 54.8, 21.6, 15.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}NO_3Na$ 274.0508; found 274.0509. IR (KBr): 2923, 1714, 1351, 1163, 661, 556 cm^{-1} .

4-Methyl-1-tosyl-5,6-dihydropyridin-2(1H)-one (4b).¹⁹ Purified via flash column chromatography with 25% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 68% (18.0 mg) as a white solid: mp = 110–111 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.63 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.48–2.41 (m, 5H), 1.94 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.3, 156.9, 144.6, 136.0, 129.3, 128.4, 120.5, 43.8, 30.3, 22.9, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{13}H_{15}NO_3Na$ 288.0665; found 288.0666. IR (KBr): 2924, 1685, 1354, 1168, 952, 753, 661, 555 cm^{-1} .

4-(Prop-1-en-1-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one (4c). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 69% (19.2 mg) as a colorless liquid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.67–5.48 (m, 1H), 5.39–5.20 (m, 1H), 4.17–3.98 (m, 1H), 3.59–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.41–3.26 (m, 0.2 H), 3.05–2.90 (m, 0.8 H), 2.65–2.50 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.30–2.18 (m, 1H), 1.66 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 172.5, 145.1, 135.2, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 128.0, 127.9, 52.3, 39.1, 38.7, 35.1, 30.0, 21.6, 17.7, 13.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{17}NO_3Na$ 302.0821; found 302.0828. IR (KBr): 2923, 1740, 1357, 1171, 956, 662, 553 cm^{-1} .

4-(Prop-1-en-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one (4d). Purified via flash column chromatography with 30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 53% (14.7 mg) as a white solid: mp = 95–97 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.11 (dd, $J = 9.8, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, $J = 9.8, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 (p, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, $J = 17.2, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.40 (dd, $J = 17.2, 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 172.3, 145.2, 142.7, 135.2, 129.7, 128.1, 112.0, 51.0, 38.4, 37.1, 21.7, 20.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{17}NO_3Na$ 302.0821; found 302.0830. IR (KBr): 2920, 1732, 1160, 1118, 750, 656, 547 cm^{-1} .

N-Cinnamyl-N-tosylacetamide (5). Purified via flash column chromatography with 20% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, yielding 70% (23.0 mg) as a white solid: mp = 118–120 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.18 (m, 7H), 6.59 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.21 (dt, $J = 15.8, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.0, 145.0, 136.7, 136.2, 134.0, 129.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 126.6, 123.7, 48.4, 24.9, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}NO_3Na$ 352.0978; found 352.0981. IR (KBr): 2923, 1700, 1348, 1160, 727, 576 cm^{-1} .

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