

Gallium(III) Promoted Halocyclizations of 1,6-Diynes

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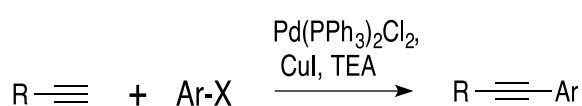
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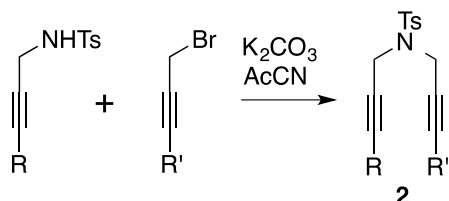
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General Methods. The ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 117.42 kG (^1H 500 MHz, ^{13}C 125 MHz), or 93.94 kG (^1H 400 MHz, ^{13}C 100 MHz) at ambient temperature as noted. Hydrogen chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm) relative to the residual protio solvent resonance: CDCl_3 δ 7.26, benzene- d_6 δ 7.16. For ^{13}C spectra, the centerline of the solvent signal was used as internal reference: CDCl_3 δ 77.23. Unless otherwise noted, each carbon resonance represents a single carbon (relative intensity). All exchangeable OH and NH hydrogen resonances were confirmed by D_2O exchange. High resolution mass spectrometric data were obtained on a QToF (hybrid quadrupolar/time-of-flight) API US system by electrospray (ESI) in the positive ion mode. Mass correction was done by an external reference using a lockspray accessory. Mobile phases were water and acetonitrile (1:9) with 0.1% formic acid. With a flow rate of 0.2 mL/min. The MS settings were: capillary voltage 3kV, cone voltage 35, source temperature 120 °C and desolvation temperature 350 °C unless otherwise noted. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel-60 (43-60 μm). A silica gel plug refers to a short pad of silica gel through which crude materials are quickly eluted in a single fraction using a mobile phase that gives the desired compound at an R_f near 1.0. Commercially available anhydrous solvents were used as indicated.



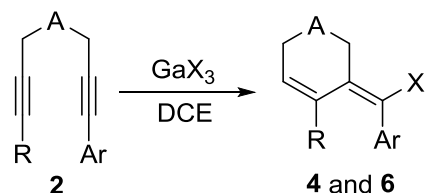
General Procedure A: Sonogashira Couplings of Terminal Alkynes. An oven dried screw cap vial, equipped with a stir bar,

was purged with Ar atmosphere, then charged with $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ (3-5 mol%) and CuI (6-10 mol%). The terminal alkyne was added to the flask dissolved in the specified solvent, followed by TEA, if not using as the solvent, and finally the aryl halide (1.2 eq). The solution was sparged with Ar for 15 min, then sealed with a teflon cap. After stirring for the specified time at rt, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (10 mL/0.1 mmol alkyne) and poured into 1 N HCl (20 mL/0.1 mmol alkyne). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (2 X 10 mL/0.1 mmol alkyne). The combined organic layers were, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and then the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified via silica gel flash chromatography.



General Procedure B: S_N2 Alkylation of *N*-Tosylpropargylamines with Alkynyl Bromides:

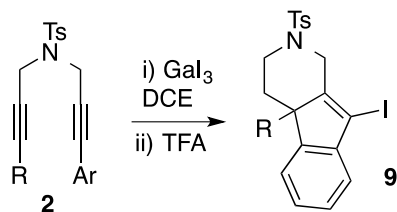
Bisalkynes 2. An oven dried round bottom flask, equipped with a stir bar and reflux condenser, was placed under Ar and charged with K_2CO_3 (4 eq). *N*-Tosylpropargylamine was added to the flask and dissolved in acetonitrile (0.2 M). Alkynyl bromide (1-2 eq) was added with stirring then the solution was brought to a reflux for the specified time. After cooling to rt, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (10 mL/0.1 mmol tosyl amine) and poured into 1 N HCl (20 mL/0.1 mmol tosyl amine). The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (2 X 10 mL/0.1 mmol tosyl amine), then the organic layers were combined, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified via silica gel flash chromatography.



A = O, NTs
X = Br, I

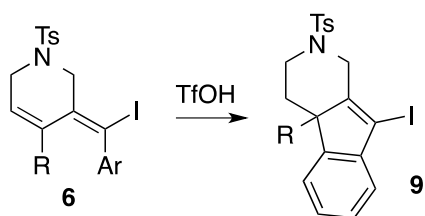
General Procedure C: Ga(III) Iodide Catalyzed Cyclizations of Diynes to Vinyl Halides 4 and 6.

An oven dried thick-walled tube equipped with a stir bar was placed under an argon atmosphere. A single portion of GaX_3 was added directly to the tube, avoiding prolonged exposure to air, and the tube was capped with a septum. The mass of GaX_3 was used to set the scale for the reaction. In a separate vessel, diyne **2** (1 eq) was dissolved in anhydrous DCE to give a 0.2 M solution. This solution was added to the tube containing the GaX_3 via syringe, and the reaction allowed to stir at rt for the indicated time. Once complete, as determined by TLC, the reaction was diluted with DCM (10 mL/0.1 mmol diyne) and poured into 1 M NaOH (20 mL/0.1 mmol diyne). The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (2 X 10 mL/0.1 mmol diyne), then the combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was used directly, or after eluting through a short plug of silica gel, as indicated. If not used immediately, the vinyl halides could be stored in a freezer at 0 °C under argon. Protection from prolonged exposure to light and acid was essential to the longevity of the compounds.



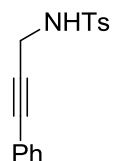
General Procedure D: Single Pot Preparation of Tricyclic Vinyl Iodides **9** from Bisalkynes **2**.

Bisalkynes **2** were treated with GaI₃ according to General Procedure C. Once conversion to the vinyl iodide **6** was complete as determined by TLC, TFA (1 eq) was added to the reaction mixture via syringe. The solution was brought to 50 °C, and stirred for the indicated time. After cooling to rt, the reaction was diluted with DCM (10 mL/0.1 mmol diyne) and poured into 1 M NaOH (20 mL/0.1 mmol diyne). The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (2 X 10 mL/0.1 mmol diyne), then the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified via silica gel flash chromatography. Compounds **9** were stored at 0 °C, protected from light. However, no significant decomposition was observed on the benchtop under ambient conditions over several weeks.

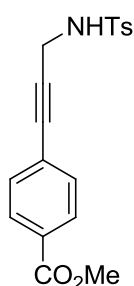


General Procedure E: Two Step Preparation of Tricyclic Vinyl Iodides **9** from Vinyl Iodides **6**.

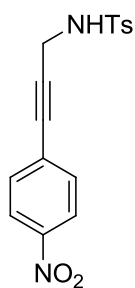
Vinyl iodides **6** were prepared according to General Procedure C. Immediately following work up, the crude isolates were dissolved in anhydrous DCE to give a 0.2 M solution, transferred to a thick-walled test tube, and placed under an argon atmosphere. Triflic acid (TfOH, 1 eq) was added and the reaction mixture stirred for the indicated time at the indicated temperature. When the reaction was complete as determined by TLC, the mixture was diluted with DCM (10 mL/0.1 mmol diyne) and poured into 1 M NaOH (20 mL/0.1 mmol diyne). The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (2 X 10 mL / 0.1 mmol diyne), then the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified via silica gel flash chromatography. Compounds **9** were stored at 0 °C, protected from light. However, no significant decomposition was observed on the bench top under ambient conditions over over several weeks.



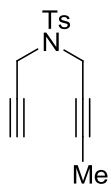
4-Methyl-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (I). Prepared according to General Procedure A: *N*-tosyl propargylamine¹ (630 mg, 3.0 mmol) was reacted with iodobenzene (400 μ L, 3.6 mmol), in the presence of Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (60 mg, 0.09 mmol), CuI (33 mg, 0.17 mmol), and TEA (0.84 mL, 6.0 mmol), in DMF (3 mL, 1.0 M), for 1.5 hr at rt. Purification via flash chromatography gave **I** (pet ether:EtOAc, 1:1, R_f 0.75, 675 mg, 82%) as a light orange solid. The identity of **I** was confirmed by comparison to reported ¹H NMR data.² ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.18 (overlap, 3H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.58 (br t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, NH), 4.08 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H).



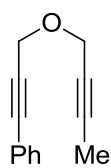
Methyl 4-(3-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzoate (II). Prepared according to General Procedure A: *N*-tosyl propargylamine¹ (209 mg, 1.0 mmol) was reacted with methyl 4-iodobenzoate (314 mg, 1.2 mmol), in the presence of Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (35 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19 mg, 0.1 mmol), in TEA (2 mL), for 2 hr at rt. Purification via flash chromatography gave **II** (1% MeOH in DCM, R_f 0.5, 290 mg, 84%) as an orange solid. The identity of **II** was confirmed by comparison to reported ¹H-NMR data.³ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (br t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, NH), 4.09 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 144.0, 137.1, 131.7 (2C), 130.0, 129.9 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 126.9, 86.5, 84.1, 52.5, 33.9, 21.7.



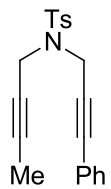
4-Methyl-N-(3-(4-nitrophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (III).⁴ Prepared according to General Procedure A: *N*-tosyl propargylamine (209 mg, 1.0 mmol) was reacted with 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene (298 mg, 1.2 mmol), in the presence of Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (35 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19 mg, 0.1 mmol), in TEA (2 mL), for 1.5 hr. Purification via flash chromatography gave **III** (pet ether:EtOAc, 3:2, R_f 0.7, 274 mg, 82%) as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.91 (br t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, NH), 4.12 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 144.1, 137.0, 132.5 (2C), 130.0 (2C), 129.1, 127.7 (2C), 123.6 (2C), 89.0, 83.0, 33.8, 21.7; HRMS compound failed to ionize under various conditions.



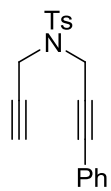
***N*-(But-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (IV).** Prepared according to General Procedure B: *N*-tosyl propargylamine (0.50 g, 2.39 mmol) was refluxed with 1-bromobut-2-yne (0.32 g, 2.39 mmol) in acetonitrile (12 mL, 0.2 M) over K₂CO₃ (1.32 g, 9.56 mmol) for 16 hr. Purification via flash chromatography gave **IV** (pet ether:EtOAc, 9:1, R_f 0.55, 0.57 g, 91%) as a white solid. The identity of **IV** was confirmed by comparison to reported ¹H-NMR data.⁵ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dt, *J* = 2.5, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (qt, *J* = 2.4, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.13 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H).



(3-(But-2-yn-1-yloxy)prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (2a). To an oven dried round bottom flask was added NaH (25 mg as 60% in mineral oil, 0.6 mmol), which was then purged with argon. Anhydrous THF (2.5 mL) was then added and the suspension cooled to 0 °C. 3-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (60 uL, 0.5 mmol) was added dropwise with stirring, and stirring continued at 0 °C for 30 min, followed by the addition of 1-bromobut-2-yne (53 uL, 0.6 mmol). The solution was stirred at 0 °C another 30 min, then allowed to warm to rt. After 1 h, the reaction was quenched by the addition of water (100 uL), and the mixture poured into a separatory funnel containing brine (50 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (2 X 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. Purification via filtration through a silica plug gave **2a** (CHCl₃, R_f 0.95, 92 mg, 99%) as a colorless oil. The identity of **2a** was confirmed by comparison to reported ¹H-NMR data.⁶ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (overlap, 3H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 131.9 (2C), 128.6, 128.4 (2C), 122.7, 86.7, 84.7, 83.3, 74.6, 57.4, 57.3, 3.8.

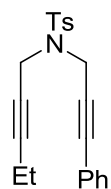


***N*-(But-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (2b).** Prepared according to General Procedure B: tosyl amine **I** (630 mg, 2.2 mmol) was refluxed with 1-bromobut-2-yne (270 uL, 3.1 mmol) in acetonitrile (11 mL, 0.2 M) over K₂CO₃ (1.2 g, 8.8 mmol), for 4 h. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2c** (pet ether:EtOAc, 9:1, R_f 0.65, 707 mg, 95%) as a colorless oil which solidified to a white solid on standing. The identity of **2b** was confirmed by comparison to reported ¹H-NMR data.⁷ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.20 (overlap, 5H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.69 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H).



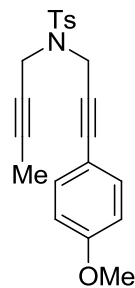
4-Methyl-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-N-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (2c).

Prepared according to General Procedure B: *N*-tosyl propargylamine (0.49 g, 2.39 mmol) was refluxed with (3-bromoprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (0.93 g, 4.78 mmol) in acetonitrile (12 mL, 0.2 M) over K₂CO₃ (1.32 g, 9.55 mmol) for 16 hr. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2c** (pet ether:EtOAc, 9:1, R_f 0.55, 0.78 g, 99%) as a white solid. The identity of **2c** was confirmed by comparison to reported ¹H-NMR spectral data.⁸ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.19 (overlap, 5H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.22 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.0, 135.1, 131.6 (2C), 129.7 (2C), 128.6, 128.2 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 122.1, 86.0, 81.3, 76.5, 74.2, 37.2, 36.6, 21.5.



4-Methyl-N-(pent-2-yn-1-yl)-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (2d).

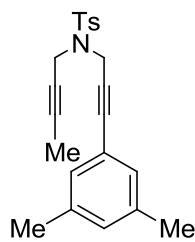
Prepared according to General Procedure B: tosyl amine **I** (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) was refluxed with 1-bromopent-2-yne (77 mg, 0.53 mmol) over K₂CO₃ (194 mg, 1.4 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.75 mL, 0.2M) for 2 h. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2d** (pet ether:EtOAc, 9:1, R_f 0.65, 107 mg, 87%) as an off-white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.20 (overlap, 5H), 7.11 (br d, *J* = 8.1 Hz 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 4.17 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.05 (qt, *J* = 7.5, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 135.6, 131.7 (2C), 129.6 (2C), 128.6, 128.3 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 122.4, 87.9, 85.7, 81.9, 71.9, 37.20, 37.19, 21.6, 13.7, 12.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 352.1366 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₂S 352.1371.



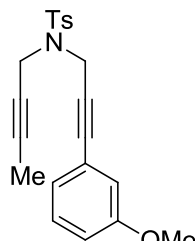
***N*-(But-2-yn-1-yl)-N-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (2e).**

Prepared according to General Procedure A: diyne **IV** (200 mg, 0.77 mmol) was reacted with 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene (217 mg, 0.93 mmol), in the presence of Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (16 mg, 0.02), CuI (9 mg, 0.05), and TEA (0.2 mL, 1.5 mmol), in DMF (0.77 mL, 1.0 M), for 3 h. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2e** (pet ether:EtOAc, 7:3, R_f 0.65, 77 mg, 27%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.68 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.9, 143.7, 135.8, 133.3 (2C), 129.6

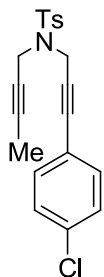
(2C), 128.2 (2C), 114.6, 114.0 (2C), 85.7, 82.0, 80.4, 71.9, 55.5, 37.4, 37.1, 21.7, 3.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z 390.1144 ($[M+Na]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $C_{21}H_{21}NO_3SNa$ 390.1140



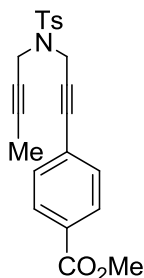
***N*-(But-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(3-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (2f).** Prepared according to General Procedure A: diyne **IV** (116 mg, 0.44 mmol) was reacted with 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (75 μ L, 0.53 mmol), in the presence of $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (9 mg, 0.013 mmol) and CuI (5 mg, 0.03 mmol) in TEA (1 mL, 0.4 M) for 16 hr. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2f** (pet ether:EtOAc, 9:1, R_f 0.65, 147 mg, 91%) as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (br d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (br s, 1H), 6.80 (br s, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 1.69 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 143.7, 137.9 (2C), 135.7, 130.5, 129.6 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 122.1, 86.2, 82.0, 81.0, 71.9, 37.3, 37.1, 21.7, 21.2 (2C), 3.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z 366.1547 ($[M+H]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $C_{22}H_{24}NO_2S$ 366.1528.



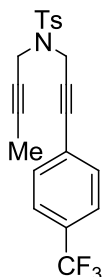
***N*-(But-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(3-(3-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (2g).** Prepared according to General Procedure A: diyne **IV** (105 mg, 0.40 mmol) was reacted with 1-iodo-3-methoxybenzene (57 μ L, 0.48 mmol), in the presence of $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (8 mg, 0.012 mmol) and CuI (5 mg, 0.024 mmol), in TEA (1 mL, 0.4 M), for 2 hr. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2g** (pet ether:EtOAc, 9:1, R_f 0.45, 140 mg, 95%) as a light orange solid. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (ddd, J = 8.4, 2.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (ddd, J = 7.6, 1.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, J = 2.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.68 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.3, 143.9, 135.6, 129.6 (2C), 129.4, 128.1 (2C), 124.3, 123.4, 117.0, 114.8, 85.7, 82.1, 81.7, 71.8, 55.4, 37.26, 37.21, 21.6, 3.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z 368.1333 ($[M+H]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $C_{21}H_{22}NO_3S$ 368.1320.



***N*-(But-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**2h**).** Prepared according to General Procedure A: diyne **IV** (150 mg, 0.57 mmol) was reacted with 1-chloro-4-iodobenzene (165 mg, 0.69 mmol), in the presence of Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (12 mg, 0.02 mmol) and CuI (7 mg, 0.03 mmol) in TEA (1.5 mL, 0.4 M) for 3 hr. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2h** (CHCl₃, R_f 0.85, 214 mg, 99%) as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.67 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 135.7, 134.7, 133.0 (2C), 129.6 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 120.9, 84.6, 83.0, 82.2, 71.7, 37.27, 37.22, 21.6, 3.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 372.0818 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₀H₁₉³⁵ClNO₂S 372.0825.

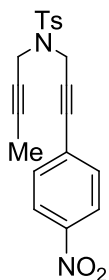


Methyl 4-(3-(*N*-(But-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methylphenylsulfonamido)prop-1-yn-1-yl)benzoate (2i**).** Prepared according to General Procedure B: tosyl amine **II** (75 mg, 0.22 mmol) was refluxed with 1-bromobut-2-yne (40.35 mg, 0.306 mmol) over K₂CO₃ (121 mg, 0.874 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.1 mL, 0.2M) for 0.5 h. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2i** (pet ether:EtOAc, 4:1, R_f 0.60, 85 mg, 98%) as a light yellow oil that solidified to an off-white solid upon standing. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.69 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 143.9, 135.6, 131.7 (2C), 130.0, 129.7 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.1, 85.1, 85.0, 82.3, 71.7, 52.5, 37.4, 37.3, 21.7, 3.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 396.1295 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₂H₂₂NO₄S 396.1270.

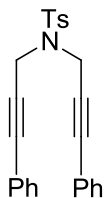


***N*-(But-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (**2j**).** Prepared according to General Procedure A: diyne **IV** (50 mg, 0.19 mmol) was reacted with 1-iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (60 mg, 0.22 mmol), in the presence of Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (4 mg, 0.006 mmol) and CuI (2 mg, 0.01 mmol) in TEA (0.4 mL, 0.4 M) for 1 hr. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2j** (pet ether:EtOAc 4:1, R_f 0.85, 65 mg, 84%) as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.68 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125

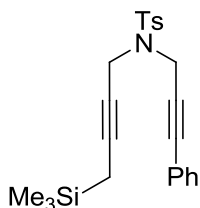
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 135.6, 132.0 (2C), 130.4 (q, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 32.7 Hz), 129.6 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 126.2 (q, $^5J_{C-F}$ = 1.3 Hz), 125.2 (q, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.9 Hz, 2C), 123.9 (q, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 272.2 Hz) 84.7, 84.4, 82.3, 71.6, 37.3, 37.2, 21.6, 3.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z 406.1090 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₀H₁₉F₃NO₂S 406.1089.



***N*-(But-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(3-(4-nitrophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (2k).** Prepared according to General Procedure B: tosyl amine **III** (165 mg, 0.5 mmol) was refluxed with 1-bromobut-2-yne (60 μ L, 0.7 mmol) over K₂CO₃ (276 mg, 2 mmol) in acetonitrile (2.5 mL, 0.2M) for 1 h. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2k** (pet ether:EtOAc, 4:1, R_f 0.50, 141 mg, 74%) as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.67 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.2, 144.0, 135.5, 132.5 (2C), 129.6 (2C), 129.2, 128.1 (2C), 123.5 (2C), 87.4, 83.8, 82.4, 71.4, 37.4, 37.1, 21.6, 3.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z 383.1075 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₀H₁₉N₂O₄S 383.1066.

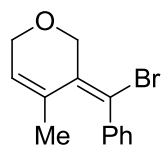


4-Methyl-*N,N*-bis(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (2l). Tosyl amine (500 mg, 2.9 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (2 g, 14.5 mmol) were added to a round bottom flask, and suspended in acetonitrile (25 mL, 0.1 M). The solution was brought to reflux with vigorous stirring, then (3-bromoprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (1.71 g, 8.8 mmol) was added dropwise. After refluxing 1 hr, the reaction was allowed to cool to rt, filtered, then concentrated to a brown solid. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2l** (pet ether:EtOAc, 9:1, R_f 0.6, 735 mg, 63%) as an off-white solid. The identity of **2l** was confirmed by comparison to reported ¹H-NMR spectral data.⁹ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.07 (overlap, 12H), 4.37 (s, 4H), 2.23 (s, 3H).



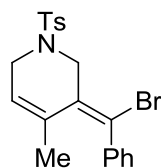
4-Methyl-*N*-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-*N*-(4-(trimethylsilyl)but-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (2m). Prepared according to General Procedure B, with modifications as noted: tosyl amine **I** (47 mg, 0.16 mmol) was reacted with (4-bromobut-2-yn-1-yl)trimethylsilane¹⁰ (34 mg, 0.16 mmol) over K₂CO₃ (68 mg, 0.49 mmol) in acetonitrile (1 mL, 0.15 M) for 4 days at rt. Purification via flash chromatography gave **2m** (pet ether:EtOAc, 20:1, R_f 0.3, 35 mg, 52%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (overlap, 5H), 7.17 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 4.39

(s, 2H), 4.18 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 2H), 0.06 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.8, 135.6, 131.8 (2C), 129.7 (2C), 128.6, 128.3 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 122.5, 85.7, 84.7, 81.8, 71.1, 37.5, 37.0, 21.7, 7.3, -1.8 (3C); HRMS (ESI) m/z 410.1618 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_2\text{SSi}$ 410.1610.



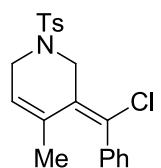
(Z)-3-(Bromo(phenyl)methylene)-4-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran (4a).

Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2a** (90 mg, 0.49 mmol) was reacted with GaBr_3 (151 mg, 0.49, 1.0 eq) in DCE (2.4 mL) for 20 min. Purification via flash chromatography gave **4a** (pet ether:EtOAc, 20:1, R_f 0.6, 56 mg, 45%) as a light yellow oil with significant loss of material. The compound began to noticeably decompose immediately after isolation. Attempts to further purify the compound resulted only in decomposition products. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 – 7.28 (overlap, 5H), 5.58 (br s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.21 (br s, 2H), 1.26 (br s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.3, 133.4, 130.7, 129.9 (2C), 128.8, 128.1 (2C), 128.0, 120.8, 70.9, 66.7, 22.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z 265.0225 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}^{79}\text{BrO}$ 265.0228.



(Z)-3-(Bromo(phenyl)methylene)-4-methyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (4b).

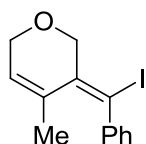
Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2b** (23 mg, 0.068 mmol) was reacted with GaBr_3 (21 mg, 0.068, 1.0 eq) in DCE (0.3 mL) for 30 min. After work-up, filtration through a silica plug gave pure **4b** (pet ether:EtOAc, 5:1, R_f 0.75, 27 mg, 95%) as a pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (br d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (overlap, 3H), 6.94 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.40 (tq, $J = 3.5, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 3.93 (dq, $J = 3.5, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.09 (td, $J = 2.0, 1.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.7, 141.6, 135.7, 131.9, 131.3, 129.9 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 129.0, 128.0 (2C), 127.8 (2C), 125.4, 123.9, 50.6, 46.3, 22.8, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z 418.0485 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}^{79}\text{BrNO}_2\text{S}$ 418.0476.



(Z)-3-(Chloro(phenyl)methylene)-4-methyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (5b).

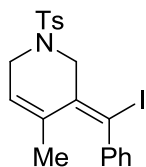
Diyne **2b** (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) was added to an oven dried thick-walled tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar, purged with argon, then DCE (0.7 mL) was added. To this solution, GaCl_3 was then added as a 0.5 M solution in pentane (300 μL , 0.15 mmol, 1.0 eq). After 2 h the solution was diluted with DCM (10 mL) and washed with 1 M NaOH (15 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and the solvent removed. Filtration

though a silica plug gave **5b** (CHCl_3 , R_f 0.95, 31 mg, 55%) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (overlapped m, 1H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.97 (m, 2H), 5.43 (tq, J = 3.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.96 (dq, J = 3.5, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.11 (td, J = 2.1, 1.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.6, 139.6, 135.7, 131.5, 131.2, 129.9 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 129.1, 128.7, 128.0 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 125.2, 47.3, 46.1, 22.6, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z 374.0997 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}^{35}\text{ClNO}_2\text{S}$ 374.0982.



(Z)-3-(Iodo(phenyl)methylene)-4-methyl-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran (6a). Prepared

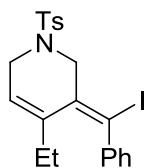
according to General Procedure C: diyne **2a** (10 mg, 0.053 mmol) was reacted with GaI_3 (24 mg, 0.053, 1.0 eq) in DCE (0.26 mL) for 30 min. After work-up, ^1H NMR showed the crude isolate to be 70% **6a**. Purification via flash chromatography gave pure **6a** (cyclohexanes: CHCl_3 , 2:3, R_f 0.75, 5 mg, 30%) as a colorless oil with significant loss of material. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30 – 7.27 (overlap, 4H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 5.44 (tq, J = 3.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 4.20 (dq, J = 3.2, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (td, J = 2.0, 1.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.3, 137.9, 131.0, 129.3 (2C), 128.3, 128.1, 128.0 (2C), 99.4, 77.2, 67.1, 23.2; HRMS was unable to be obtained for this compound due to its limited stability.



(Z)-3-(Iodo(phenyl)methylene)-4-methyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine

(6b). Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2b** (22.5 mg, 0.067 mmol) was reacted with GaI_3 (30 mg, 0.067, 1.0 eq) in DCE (0.33 mL) for 30 min. After work-up, ^1H NMR showed the crude isolate to be 91% **6b**. Purification via filtration

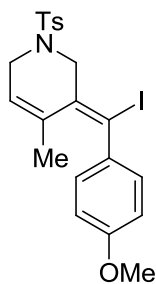
through a silica plug eluting with CHCl_3 gave pure **6b** (CHCl_3 , R_f 0.9, 27 mg, 88%) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (overlap, 3H), 6.90 (m, 2H), 5.29 (tq, J = 3.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.89 (dq, J = 3.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.07 (td, J = 2.0, 1.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.6, 143.7, 136.2, 135.7, 132.0, 129.9 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.5, 127.9 (4C), 125.6, 103.1, 56.9, 46.7, 23.0, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z 466.0352 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{INO}_2\text{S}$ 466.0338.



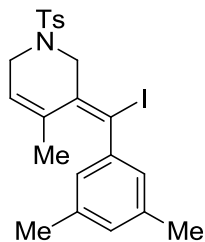
(Z)-4-Ethyl-3-(iodo(phenyl)methylene)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (6d).

Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2d** (145 mg, 0.41 mmol) was reacted with GaI_3 (186 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DCE (2.0 mL) for 40 min. After work-up, ^1H NMR showed the resulting pale yellow solid to be 80% **6d**. Purification via flash chromatography gave pure **6d** (9:1 pet ether:EtOAc, R_f 0.45, 104 mg, 53%) as an off-

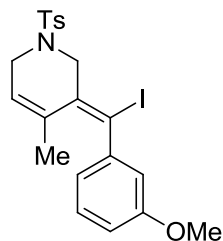
white solid with significant loss of material. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (br d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (overlap, 3H), 6.91 (m, 2H), 5.34 (tt, $J = 3.5$, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.92 (dt, $J = 3.5$, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.32 (qtd, $J = 7.4$, 1.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 0.59 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.3, 143.7, 138.7, 135.8, 135.5, 130.0 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.6, 128.0 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 123.5, 102.5, 57.3, 46.8, 27.6, 21.7, 13.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z 480.0504 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{INO}_2\text{S}$ 480.0494.



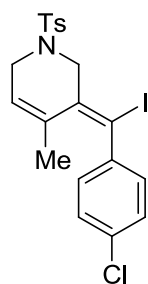
(Z)-3-(Iodo(4-methoxyphenyl)methylene)-4-methyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (6e). Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2e** (22 mg, 0.060 mmol) was reacted with GaI_3 (27 mg, 0.060, 1.0 eq) in DCE (0.30 mL) for 5 min. After work-up, ^1H NMR showed the resulting pale yellow solid to be 93% **6e**. Purification via filtration through a silica plug eluting with CHCl_3 gave pure **6e** (CHCl_3 , R_f 0.8, 26 mg, 88%) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.28 (br s, 1H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 3.89 (br s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.12 (br s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.6, 143.6, 138.0, 135.9, 135.7, 132.2, 130.7 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 125.2, 113.2 (2C), 103.6, 56.9, 55.5, 46.7, 22.9, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z 496.0428 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{INO}_3\text{S}$ 496.0443.



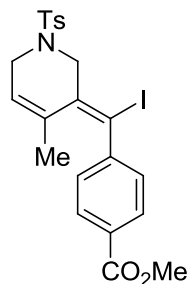
(Z)-3-((3,5-Dimethylphenyl)iodomethylene)-4-methyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (6f). Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2f** (22 mg, 0.060 mmol) was reacted with GaI_3 (27 mg, 0.060 mmol) in DCE (0.03 mL) for 10 min. After work-up, ^1H NMR showed the resulting pale yellow solid to be 94% **6f**. Purification via filtration through a silica plug eluting with CHCl_3 gave pure **6f** (CHCl_3 , R_f 0.9, 28 mg, 93%) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (br d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (br s, 1H), 6.54 (br s, 2H), 5.27 (tq, $J = 3.6$, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.89 (dq, $J = 3.6$, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 6H), 1.10 (td, $J = 2.1$, 1.3 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.5, 143.5, 137.3 (2C), 135.8, 135.6, 132.2, 130.2, 129.9 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 125.3, 103.7, 56.9, 46.7, 23.0, 21.8, 21.4 (2C); HRMS (ESI) m/z 494.0653 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{INO}_2\text{S}$ 494.0651.



(Z)-3-((3-methoxyphenyl)iodomethylene)-4-methyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (6g). Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2g** (16 mg, 0.044 mmol) was reacted with GaI₃ (20 mg, 0.044, 1.0 eq) in DCE (0.2 mL) for 45 min. After work-up, ¹H NMR showed the resulting pale yellow solid to be 94% **6g**. Filtration through a silica plug eluting with CHCl₃ gave pure **6g** (CHCl₃, R_f 0.8, 19 mg, 87%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (tq, *J* = 3.4 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.89 (dq, *J* = 3.4, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.14 (td, *J* = 2.1, 1.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 146.8, 143.8, 136.1, 135.6, 132.1, 130.0 (2C), 128.9, 127.9 (2C), 125.5, 121.8, 115.1, 113.8, 102.6, 56.9, 55.5, 46.7, 22.9, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 496.0442 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₁H₂₃INO₃S 496.0443.

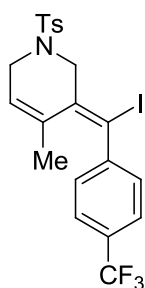


(Z)-3-((4-chlorophenyl)iodomethylene)-4-methyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (6h). Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2h** (124 mg, 0.33 mmol) was reacted with GaI₃ (150 mg, 0.33 mmol) in DCE (1.7 mL) for 45 min. After work-up, ¹H NMR showed the crude isolate to be to be 92% pure **6h**. Purification via flash chromatography gave pure **6h** (9:1 pet ether:EtOAc, R_f 0.6, 128 mg, 78%) as a light yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (br d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (tq, *J* = 3.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 3.89 (dq, *J* = 3.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.11 (td, *J* = 1.9, 1.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.0, 143.8, 137.0, 135.7, 134.4, 131.7, 130.6 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 126.2, 101.1, 56.8, 46.8, 23.2, 21.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 499.9954 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₀H₂₀³⁵ClINO₂S 499.9948.

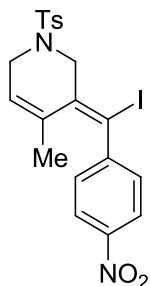


(Z)-Methyl-4-((4-methyl-1-tosyl-1,6-dihydropyridin-3(2H)-ylidene)methyl)benzoate (6i). Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2i** (23 mg, 0.058 mmol) was reacted with with GaI₃ (27 mg, 0.058 mmol) in DCE (0.3 mL) for 9 h at 60 °C. After work-up, the ¹H NMR spectrum showed the crude isolate to be 88% **6i**. Purification via flash chromatography gave pure **6i** (pet ether:EtOAc, 4:1, R_f 0.6, 11 mg, 36%) as a white solid with significant loss of material. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32

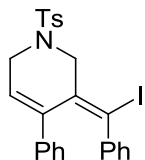
(d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.33 (tq, $J = 3.5, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.92 – 3.89 (overlapped m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.06 (td, $J = 1.9, 1.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.6, 150.0, 143.8, 137.2, 135.7, 131.6, 129.95 (2C), 129.94, 129.3 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 126.3, 100.8, 56.8, 52.5, 46.8, 23.2, 21.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z 524.0400 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{INO}_4\text{S}$ 524.0393.



(Z)-3-(Iodo(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methylene)-4-methyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (6j). Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2j** (32 mg, 0.079 mmol) was reacted with with GaI_3 (36 mg, 0.079 mmol) in DCE (0.4 mL) for 2 h. After work-up, the ^1H NMR spectrum showed the crude isolate to be 88% **6j**. Purification via flash chromatography gave pure **6j** (pet ether:EtOAc, 4:1, R_f 0.55, 26 mg, 61%) as a white solid with significant loss of material. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.35 (tq, $J = 3.3, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (s, 1H), 3.90 (dq, $J = 3.3, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.07 (td, $J = 2.0, 1.3$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.0 (q, $^5J_{\text{CF}} = 1.3$ Hz), 143.9, 137.6, 135.6, 131.5, 130.4 (q, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 32.8$ Hz) 130.0 (2C), 129.6 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 126.6, 124.9 (q, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 3.8$ Hz, 2C), 123.9 (q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 272.4$ Hz), 100.0, 56.8, 46.8, 23.4, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z 534.0192 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{INO}_2\text{S}$ 534.0212.

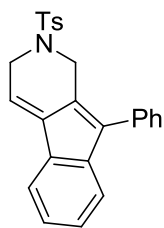


(Z)-3-(Iodo(4-nitrophenyl)methylene)-4-methyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (6k). Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2k** (35 mg, 0.092 mmol) was reacted with with GaI_3 (41 mg, 0.092 mmol) in DCE (0.5 mL) for 3 h at 50 °C. After work-up, the ^1H NMR spectrum showed the crude isolate to be 83% **6k**. Purification via flash chromatography gave **6k** (pet ether:EtOAc, 4:1, R_f 0.5, 21 mg, 45%) as a white solid with significant loss of material. For **6k**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.40 (br s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.91 (br s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.10 (br d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.8, 147.4, 143.9, 138.4, 135.5, 131.1, 130.2 (2C), 130.0 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.2, 123.3 (2C), 98.3, 56.7, 46.8, 23.5, 21.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z 511.0200 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{IN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ 511.0189.

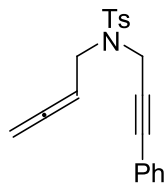


(Z)-3-(Iodo(phenyl)methylene)-4-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (6l). Prepared according to General Procedure C: diyne **2l** (139 mg, 0.35 mmol) was reacted with with GaI₃ (157 mg, 0.35 mmol) in DCE (1.8 mL) for 10 min. After work-up, the ¹H NMR spectrum showed the crude isolate to be a 6:4 mixture of **6l** and **7**.

Purification via flash chromatography gave **6l** (9:1 pet ether:EtOAc, R_f 0.4, 75 mg, 41%) as a white solid and **7** (R_f 0.3, 64 mg, 46%) as a bright yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.85 – 6.77 (overlap, 3H), 6.78 – 6.73 (overlap, 3H), 6.68 (AA'BB'C m, 2H), 6.57 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.84, 143.79, 139.7, 138.7, 135.8, 134.9, 130.3 (2C), 130.0 (2C), 128.0, 127.89 (2C), 127.86 (2C), 127.55 (2C), 127.54, 127.2 (2C), 126.6, 106.5, 57.0, 47.3, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 528.0486 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₅H₂₃INO₂S 528.494.

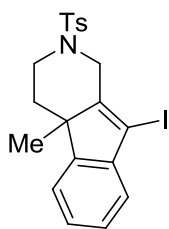


9-Phenyl-2-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine (7). Diyne **2l** (269 mg, 0.67 mmol) was added to an oven-dried, thick-walled tube, placed under Ar atmosphere, and dissolved in anhydrous DCE (0.85 mL). A solution of GaCl₃ (0.5 M solution in hexanes, 135 uL, 0.067 mmol, 0.1 eq) was then added dropwise. The solution was stirred at rt overnight (12 h), then diluted with DCM (10 mL), poured into 1 M NaOH (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over NaSO₄, filtered and concentrated to a dark brown solid. Purification via flash chromatography gave **7** (4:1, pet ether:EtOAc, R_f 0.45, 220 mg, 82%) as a bright yellow solid. The identity of **7** was confirmed by comparison to reported ¹H-NMR spectral data.⁹ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.37 (overlap, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.0, 143.0, 139.1, 137.6, 134.3, 133.9, 133.8, 129.7 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.3, 128.2, 127.8 (2C), 127.5, 125.4, 121.9, 120.1, 119.9, 45.5, 44.1, 21.6,



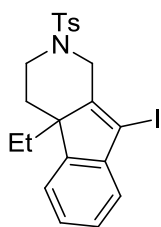
N-(Buta-2,3-dien-1-yl)-4-methyl-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (8). Diyne **2m** (30 mg, 0.073 mmol) was added to an oven-dried, thick-walled tube, placed under Ar atmosphere, and dissolved in anhydrous DCE (0.35 mL). A solution of GaCl₃ (0.5 M in hexanes, 30 uL, 0.015

mmol, 0.1 eq) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at rt 1.5 h, then diluted with DCM (10 mL), then poured into 1 M NaOH (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over NaSO₄, filtered and concentrated to a light brown solid. Purification via flash chromatography gave **8** (4:1, pet ether:EtOAc, R_f 0.65, 20 mg, 81%) as a white solid. The identity of the compound was confirmed by comparison to reported ¹H-NMR spectral data.¹¹ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (tt, *J* = 7.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.93 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H).



9-Iodo-4a-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine (9b).

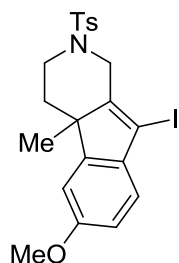
Prepared according to General Procedure D: diyne **2b** (65 mg, 0.19 mmol) was reacted with GaI₃ (87 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.0 eq) for 30 min at rt, followed by the addition of TFA (0.19 mmol, 15 uL) and heating to 50 °C for 2 h. Purification via flash chromatography afforded pure **9b** (4:1 pet ether:EtOAc, R_f 0.5, 81 mg, 91%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.30 (overlap, 4H), 7.28 – 7.20 (overlap, 2H), 4.76 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dddd, *J* = 12.6, 4.6, 2.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 12.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.01 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 12.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.2, 150.7, 143.9, 142.9, 134.2, 129.9 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.6, 126.8, 123.3, 121.2, 92.4, 50.4, 46.4, 42.2, 35.6, 21.8, 19.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 466.0331 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₀H₂₁INO₂S 466.0338.



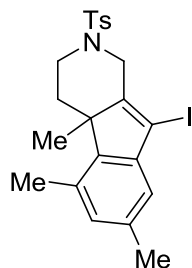
4a-Ethyl-9-iodo-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine (9d).

Precursor vinyl iodide **6d** was prepared according to General Procedure C, then subjected General Procedure E without purification: crude **6d** (25 mg, 0.052 mmol) was dissolved in DCE (0.25 mL), treated with TfOH (5 uL, 0.052 mmol), and stirred at rt for 4 h. Purification via flash chromatography afforded pure **9e** (CHCl₃, R_f 0.8, 18 mg, 73%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (overlap, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dddd, *J* = 12.7, 4.8, 2.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 12.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.07 (ddd, *J* = 13.3, 2.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (dq, *J* = 13.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (dq, *J* = 13.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (ddd, *J* = 13.3, 12.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 0.26 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.35, 149.26, 144.3, 143.9,

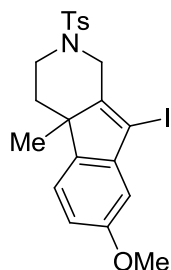
134.4, 130.0 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 127.67 126.8, 123.1, 121.3, 92.9, 54.6, 46.5, 42.0, 35.1, 26.0, 21.8, 7.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z 480.0503 ($[M+H]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $C_{21}H_{23}INO_2S$ 480.0494.



9-Iodo-6-methoxy-4a-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine (9e). Precursor vinyl iodide **6e** was prepared according to General Procedure C, then subjected General Procedure E without purification: crude **6e** (24 mg, 0.048 mmol) was dissolved in DCE (0.25 mL), treated with TfOH (4 μ L, 0.048 mmol), and stirred at room temp for 45 min. Purification via flash chromatography afforded pure **9e** ($CHCl_3$, R_f 0.8, 14 mg, 58%) as a white solid. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.78 (br d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 13.1, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.96 (br d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (ddd, J = 13.3, 13.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.5, 152.7, 148.4, 143.8, 136.0, 134.2, 129.9 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 123.8, 112.4, 108.2, 91.7, 55.9, 50.5, 46.5, 42.3, 35.7, 21.8, 20.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z 496.0438 ($[M+H]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $C_{21}H_{23}INO_3S$ 496.0443.

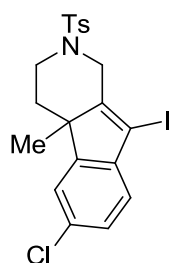


9-Iodo-4a,5,7-trimethyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine (9f). Prepared according to General Procedure D: diyne **2f** (18 mg, 0.049 mmol) was reacted with GaI_3 (22 mg, 0.049 mmol, 1.0 eq) for 10 min at rt, followed by the addition of TFA (4 μ L, 0.049 mmol) and heating to 50 $^\circ C$ for 2 h. Purification via flash chromatography afforded pure **9f** ($CHCl_3$, R_f 0.85, 22 mg, 91%) as a pale yellow oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 4.73 (dd, J = 13.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dddd, J = 12.6, 4.6, 2.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (ddd, J = 12.8, 12.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.27 (ddd, J = 13.1, 2.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (ddd, J = 13.1, 12.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 150.8, 145.4, 143.9, 143.4, 137.4, 134.2, 132.4, 130.0, 129.9 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 121.9, 93.0, 50.9, 46.5, 42.1, 34.1, 21.8, 21.4, 18.6, 17.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z 494.0669 ($[M+H]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $C_{22}H_{25}INO_2S$ 494.0651.



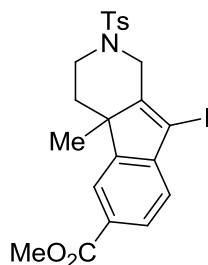
9-Iodo-7-methoxy-4a-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine (9g). Precursor vinyl iodide **6g** was prepared according to General Procedure C, then subjected General Procedure E without purification: crude **6g** (29 mg, 0.058 mmol) was dissolved in DCE (0.25 mL), treated with TfOH (5 uL, 0.058 mmol), with heating to 50 °C for 40 min. Purification via flash chromatography afforded pure **9e** (CH₂Cl₂, R_f 0.8, 15 mg, 52%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.78 (dddd, *J* = 12.7, 4.6, 2.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 12.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.98 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 2.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 12.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 151.9, 144.5, 143.9, 143.6, 134.3, 130.0 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 121.9, 112.8, 108.8, 92.3, 55.9, 49.7, 46.4, 42.3, 36.0, 21.8, 20.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 496.0443 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₁H₂₃INO₃S 496.0443.



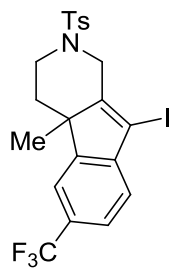
6-Chloro-9-iodo-4a-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine (9h) Prepared according to General Procedure D: diyne **2h** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) was reacted with GaI₃ (61 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 eq) for 30 min at rt, followed by the addition of TFA (0.13 mmol, 10 uL) and heating to 50 °C for 3 h. Purification via flash chromatography afforded pure **9h** (CHCl₃, R_f 0.8, 63 mg, 97%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (overlapped m, 1H), 7.24 (br d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (br s, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (br d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (br dd, *J* = 12.7, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.98 (br d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (ddd, *J* = 13.3, 12.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.6, 151.3, 144.0, 141.6, 134.2, 133.1, 130.0 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.8, 124.3, 122.0, 91.2, 50.9, 46.4, 42.2, 35.5, 21.8, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 499.9962 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₀H₂₀³⁵ClINO₂S 499.9948.



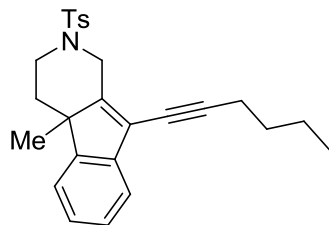
Methyl 9-Iodo-4a-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine-6-carboxylate (9i). Precursor vinyl iodide **6i** was prepared according to General Procedure C, then subjected General Procedure E without purification: crude **6i** (92 mg, 0.18 mmol) was dissolved in DCE (0.25 mL), treated with TfOH (16 uL, 0.18 mmol), and heated to 60 °C for 20 h. Purification

via flash chromatography afforded pure **9i** (4:1, pet ether:EtOAc, R_f 0.5, 30 mg, 33%) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.78 (dd, $J = 13.1, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.81 (dddd, $J = 12.6, 4.5, 2.2, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, $J = 13.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.89 (ddd, $J = 12.9, 12.6, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.07 (ddd, $J = 13.3, 2.3, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.31 (ddd, $J = 13.3, 12.9, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.4, 154.4, 151.1, 147.5, 144.0, 134.2, 130.0 (2C), 129.7, 128.5, 127.9 (2C), 123.1, 122.4, 91.6, 52.4, 50.8, 46.4, 42.2, 35.5, 21.8, 19.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z 524.0388 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{INO}_4\text{S}$ 524.0393.



9-Iodo-4a-methyl-2-tosyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine (9j). Precursor vinyl iodide **6j** was prepared according to

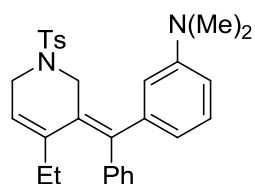
General Procedure C, then subjected General Procedure E without purification: crude **6j** (25 mg, 0.047 mmol) was dissolved in DCE (0.8 mL), treated with TfOH (4 μL , 0.047 mmol), and heated to 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 20 h. Purification via flash chromatography afforded pure **9j** (DCM, R_f 0.6, 12 mg, 48%) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.78 (dd, $J = 13.1, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dddd, $J = 12.6, 4.6, 2.0, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, $J = 13.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.89 (ddd, $J = 12.8, 12.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.06 (ddd, $J = 13.3, 2.4, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.33 (ddd, $J = 13.3, 12.8, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.9, 151.1, 146.4 (q, $^5J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.5$ Hz), 144.1, 134.1, 130.0 (2C), 129.2 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.1$ Hz), 127.9 (2C), 126.8 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 272.1$ Hz), 125.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.8$ Hz), 123.5, 118.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.9$ Hz), 91.1, 50.9, 46.3, 42.1, 35.5, 21.8, 19.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z 534.0190 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{INO}_2\text{S}$ 534.0212.



9-(Hex-1-yn-1-yl)-4a-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine (10b). Vinyl iodide **9b** (20 mg, 0.043 mmol),

$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_4)_3$ (2.5 mg, 0.0022 mmol, 0.05 eq), and CuI (0.8 mg, 0.0043 mmol, 0.1 eq) were added to a round bottom flask, then the headspace was purged with argon and sealed with a septum. Piperidine (0.15 mL) was added, followed by hex-1-yne (7.4 μL , 0.064 mmol, 1.5 eq). The mixture was stirred 16 hr at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$, then allowed to cool to rt, diluted with DCM (10 mL) and washed with 1 N HCl (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to a brown solid.

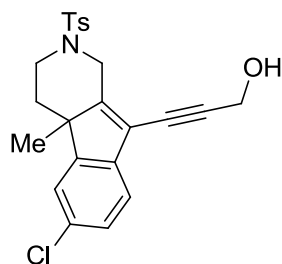
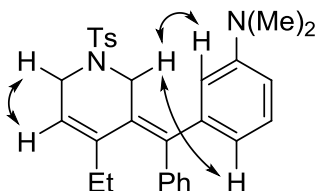
Purification by flash chromatography afforded **10b** (pet ether:EtOAc, 9:1, R_f 0.35, 8 mg, 44%) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (br d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (overlapped m, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H) 7.21 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (br d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (ddd, J = 13.0, 12.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.02 (ddd, J = 13.3, 2.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (tt, J = 7.1, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (qt, J = 7.3, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (ddd, J = 13.3, 13.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.8, 148.7, 143.7, 141.9, 134.4, 129.8 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 127.3, 126.0, 121.3, 121.1, 120.1, 98.3, 72.8, 47.8, 43.6, 42.1, 35.6, 31.1, 22.3, 21.7, 19.9, 19.6, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z 420.2003 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 420.1997.



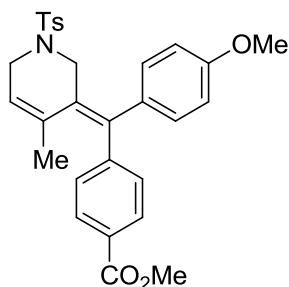
(Z)-3-((4-Ethyl-1-tosyl-1,6-dihydropyridin-3(2H)-ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline (10d). The precursor vinyl iodide **6d** was prepared according to General Procedure C, then subjected to Suzuki coupling without purification: diyne **2d** (90 mg, 0.256 mmol) was

treated with GaI_3 (115 mg, 0.256 mmol) in DCE (0.9 mL) following General Procedure C. When TLC indicated all diyne had been converted to **6d**, the reaction was diluted with DCM (10 mL) and washed with 1 M NaOH (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield a yellow solid. To this crude material in a 10 mL thick-walled vial, $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_4)_3$ (3.0 mg, 0.0026 mmol, 0.01 eq), K_2CO_3 (178 mg, 1.3 mmol, 5 eq), and (4-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid (53 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.25 eq) were added. Toluene (2.4 mL), water (1.6 mL), and ethanol (250 μL) were then added and the solution was purged with Ar for 15 min, then the vial was sealed with a Teflon cap and heated to 80° C with stirring for 3 h. The reaction was then allowed to cool to rt, diluted with DCM (10 mL) and washed with water (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and the solvent removed to provide an orange solid. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure **10d** (DCM 0.5% formic acid, R_f 0.1, then DCM with 0.5% TEA, R_f 0.8, 65 mg, 54%) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.09 (overlap, 4H), 6.72 (br d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (br d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (t, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (br s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 2.93 (s, 6H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.48 (br q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.68 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.4, 143.2, 142.80, 142.79, 142.6, 140.8, 136.3, 130.5 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 128.9, 127.64 (2C), 127.63 (2C), 127.55, 127.45, 122.3,

119.2, 114.9, 112.2, 48.2, 46.1, 40.8 (2C), 27.7, 21.7, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z 473.2271 ($[M+H]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $C_{29}H_{33}N_2O_2S$ 473.2263. The stereochemistry of the exocyclic, tetrasubstituted alkene was confirmed by an NOE (NOESY) between the dimethylaniline protons ortho to the exocyclic double bond (δ 6.34 and 6.3) and the methylene adjacent to the ring nitrogen (δ 4.00). The vinyl hydrogen (δ 5.50), in turn, showed an NOE with the other ring methylene (δ 4.03), confirming the assignments of these two methylenes (*Inset*).

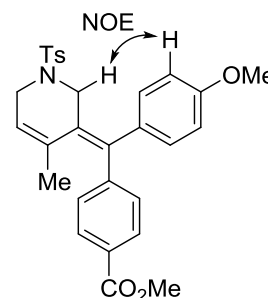


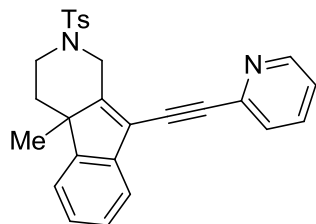
3-(6-Chloro-4a-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridin-9-yl)prop-2-yn-1-ol (10h). Vinyl iodide **9h** (23 mg, 0.046 mmol), $Pd(PPh_4)_3$ (3 mg, 0.0023 mmol, 0.05 eq), and CuI (1 mg, 0.0046 mmol, 0.1 eq) were added to a round bottom flask, then the headspace was purged with argon and the flask sealed with a septum. Piperidine (0.15 mL) was then added, followed by propargyl alcohol (8 μ L, 0.14 mmol, 3 eq). The mixture was stirred 4 h at 60 °C, then allowed to cool to rt. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (20 mL) and washed with 1 N HCl (20 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to a brown solid. Purification by flash chromatography afforded **10h** ($CHCl_3$:MeOH, 95:5, R_f 0.8, 16.2 mg, 82%) as a colorless glassy solid. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.73 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (br dd, J = 8.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (br d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dd, J = 12.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 6.2, 2H), 3.78 (dddd, J = 12.6, 4.6, 2.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, J = 12.8, 12.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.02 (ddd, J = 13.1, 2.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (t, J = 6.2, OH), 1.30 (ddd, J = 13.1, 12.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 153.2, 151.3, 144.0, 139.7, 133.9, 132.4, 130.0 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.7, 122.24, 122.16, 118.4, 95.3, 77.4, 51.9, 48.4, 43.5, 42.1, 35.6, 21.8, 19.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z 428.1070 ($[M+H]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $C_{23}H_{23}^{35}ClNO_3S$ 428.1087.



(Z)-Methyl 4-((4-Methoxyphenyl)(4-methyl-1-tosyl-1,6-dihydropyridin-3(2H)-ylidene)methyl)benzoate (10i). The precursor vinyl iodide **6i** was prepared according to General Procedure C, then subjected to Suzuki coupling without purification: diyne **2i** (65 mg, 0.16 mmol) was treated with GaI_3 (79 mg, 0.16 mmol) in DCE (0.9 mL) following General Procedure C. When TLC indicated all diyne had been

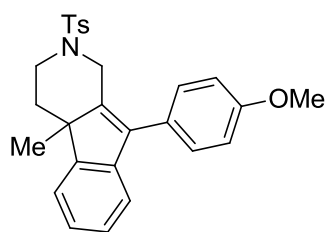
converted to **6i**, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (20 mL) and washed with 1 M NaOH (20 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield a yellow solid. To this crude material in a 10 mL thick-walled vial, Pd(PPh₄)₃ (1.0 mg, 0.009 mmol, 0.005 eq), K₂CO₃ (121 mg, 0.22 mmol, 5 eq), and (4-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid (33 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.25 eq) were added. Toluene (2 mL), water (1.2 mL), and ethanol (200 μ L) were then added and the solution was purged with Ar for 15 min, then the vial was sealed with a Teflon cap and heated to 80° C with stirring for 4 h. After cooling to rt, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (20 mL) and washed with water (20 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over Na₂SO₄, and the solvent removed to provide an orange solid. Purification by flash chromatography afforded pure **10i** (pet ether:EtOAc, 4:1, R_f 0.4, 73 mg, 88%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (s, 4H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.49 (br s, 1H), 4.03 (br s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.18 (br s, 3H); δ ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 159.5, 148.0, 143.4, 140.2, 136.4, 133.7, 133.6, 131.9 (2C), 130.9 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 129.7, 129.2, 129.0 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 125.1, 113.9 (2C), 55.5, 52.3, 47.6, 46.3, 22.9, 21.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 504.1839 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₉H₃₀NO₅S 504.1845. The stereochemistry of the exocyclic, tetrasubstituted alkene was confirmed by NMR experiments. An H,H-COSY spectrum enabled assignments of the sets of aromatic resonances to specific aryl rings and, together with the HSQC experiment, established that the 4H singlet at δ 6.86 was from the anisole ring. The 2H doublet at δ 7.82 for the benzoate hydrogens ortho to the carbonyl group, which showed coupling to the carbonyl carbon (δ 167.1) in the HMBC spectrum, coupled to the 2H doublet at δ 6.73 in the COSY spectrum allowing assignment of this aryl system. The 2H doublet at δ 7.52 in turn coupled to the 2H doublet at δ 7.24, with the diagnostic NOE (NOESY) to the tosyl methyl singlet, enabling assignment of the tosyl protons of the aryl ring. The 4H singlet at δ 6.86 was therefore assigned as the four aryl protons of the anisole ring which are coincident, an assignment supported by the coupling between this signal and the resonance at δ 159.5 for the oxygenated anisole carbon in the HBMC spectrum. An NOE was observed in the NOESY spectrum from the 4H aromatic singlet (δ 6.86) to the methylene singlet at δ 4.01, confirming the *cis* relative stereochemistry between the anisole ring and this methylene (*inset*).





4a-Methyl-9-(pyridin-2-ylethynyl)-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine (11b). Vinyl iodide **9b** (45 mg, 0.97 mmol), Pd(PPh₄)₃ (6 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.05 eq), and CuI (2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 eq) were added to a round bottom flask. The headspace was purged with argon and the flask sealed with a septum. Piperidine (0.3 mL) was

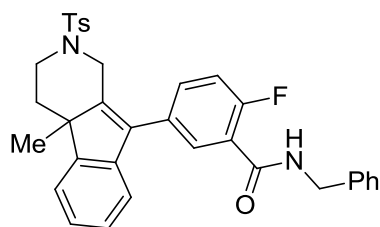
added, followed by 2-ethynylpyridine (30 μ L, 0.3 mmol, 3 eq). The mixture was stirred 1 hr at rt, then diluted with DCM (20 mL) and washed with 1 N HCl (20 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give a black oil. Purification by flash chromatography afforded **11b** (CHCl₃ with 0.5% TEA and 0.5% MeOH, R_f 0.6, 30 mg, 70%) as a light brown solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.66 (br d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (ddd, J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.60 (overlap, 2H), 7.33 (ddd, J = 7.4, 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (overlap, 2H), 7.25 (ddd, J = 7.4, 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, J = 13.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dddd, J = 12.7, 4.4, 2.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (ddd, J = 12.9, 12.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.08 (ddd, J = 13.3, 2.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (ddd, J = 13.3, 12.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.5, 151.6, 150.3, 143.8, 143.3, 140.9, 136.5, 134.2, 129.9 (2C), 128.0, 127.9 (2C), 127.5, 126.4, 123.3, 121.51, 121.49, 118.9, 95.7, 81.4, 48.5, 43.7, 42.1, 35.8, 21.7, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z 441.1637 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), calc'd for C₂₇H₂₅N₂O₂S 441.1637.



9-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4a-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridine (12b). Vinyl iodide **9b** (25 mg, 0.054 mmol), Pd(PPh₄)₃ (0.3 mg, 0.0003 mmol, 0.005 eq), K₂CO₃ (37.3 mg, 0.27 mmol, 5 eq), and (4-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid (10.3 mg, 0.068 mmol, 1.25 eq) were added to a 10 mL thick-walled vial. Toluene (0.5

mL), water (0.3 mL), and ethanol (50 μ L) were added and the solution was then purged with Ar for 15 min. The flask was sealed with a Teflon cap and heated to 80° C with stirring for 2 h, then allowed to cool to rt. The reaction mixture was then diluted with DCM (20 mL) and washed with water (20 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to yield an orange solid. Purification by flash chromatography afforded **12b** (pet ether:EtOAc, 3:1, R_f 0.7, 22 mg, 90%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (br d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.20 (overlap, 4H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (dd, J = 12.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.81 (dddd, J = 12.3, 4.6, 2.4, 1.5

Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.87 (ddd, $J = 12.8, 12.3, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.13 (ddd, $J = 13.2, 2.5, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.43 (ddd, $J = 13.2, 12.8, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.4, 152.9, 143.6, 143.1, 141.3, 136.8, 134.2, 130.4 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.1, 126.0, 125.6, 121.7, 121.3, 114.4 (2C), 55.5, 47.8, 42.8, 42.3, 36.1, 21.8, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z 446.1790 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 446.1790.



***N*-Benzyl-2-fluoro-5-(4a-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-indeno[2,1-c]pyridin-9-yl)benzamide (13b).** Vinyl iodide **9b** (20 mg, 0.043 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_4)_3$ (0.25 mg, 0.0002 mmol, 0.005 eq), K_2CO_3 (29.7 mg, 0.22 mmol, 5 eq), and (3-(benzylcarbamoyl)-4-fluorophenyl)boronic acid (6 mg, 0.054

mmol, 1.25 eq) were added to a 10 mL thick-walled vial. Toluene (0.5 mL), water (0.3 mL), and ethanol (50 μL) were added and the solution was purged with Ar for 15 min. The vial was sealed with a Teflon cap and heated to 80°C with stirring for 2 h, then allowed to cool to rt. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (20 mL), then washed with water (20 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to provide an orange solid. Purification by flash chromatography afforded **13b** (pet ether:EtOAc, 4:1, R_f 0.4, 24 mg, 98%) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (dd, $J = 7.4, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (ddd, $J = 8.3, 4.8, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.33 (overlap, 5H), 7.32 – 7.22 (overlap, 7H), 7.18 (ddd, $J = 11.6, 5.6, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.62 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (br ddd, $J = 12.3, 4.6, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (ddd, $J = 12.8, 12.3, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.15 (ddd, $J = 13.2, 2.2, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.46 (ddd, $J = 13.2, 12.8, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.3 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.3$ Hz), 160.5 ($^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 250.3$ Hz), 152.7, 143.9, 143.2, 142.3, 138.2, 135.7, 134.1 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.3$ Hz), 134.0, 132.7 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.3$ Hz), 130.7 ($^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.3$ Hz), 130.0 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 127.8 (2C), 127.7, 127.4, 126.0, 121.75 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 12.7$ Hz), 121.74, 121.1, 117.1 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.9$ Hz), 48.1, 44.4, 42.7, 42.3, 36.2, 21.8, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z 567.2103 ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 100%), calc'd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{32}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ 567.2118.

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