Oxidative Trifluoromethylthiolation and Thiocyanation of

Amines: a General Approach to N-S bond formation

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1. General information

All reactions were carried out using oven-dried glassware and magnetic stirring under air unless otherwise stated. Reaction temperatures are reported as the temperature of the bath surrounding the vessel. Anhydrous acetonitrile was purchased from Acros Organics (Solvents Extra Dry over Molecular Sieve, AcroSeal®). Dichloromethane was purified by distillation over CaH₂ while tetrahydrofuran (THF) and toluene were distilled over sodium/benzophenone prior to use. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on silica gel aluminum plates with F-254 indicator and visualized by UV light (254 nm) and/or chemical staining with a KMnO₄ solution or a phosphomolybdic acid solution. Column chromatography was performed using 0.04-0.063 nm silica gel. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DXP 300 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are quoted in ppm relative to TMS (¹H) and CFCl₃ (^{19}F) . Coupling constants (J) are quoted in Hz. The following abbreviations were used to show the multiplicities: s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quadruplet, dd: doublet of doublet, m: multiplet. The residual solvent signals were used as references (CDCl₃: $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 7.26 ppm, $\delta_{\rm C}$ = 77.00 ppm or relative to external CFCl₃, $\delta_{\rm F}$ = 0 ppm). High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was carried out on an electrospray ionization mass spectrometer with a micro-TOF analyzer. IR spectra were recorded on a PerkinElmer Spectrum 100, the wave numbers (v) of recorded IR-signals (ATR) are quoted in cm⁻¹. Melting points were uncorrected and were reported for new compounds.

2. Preparation of substrates

AgSCF₃,^{1a} *N*-chlorosaccharin,^{1b} 1-(trifluoromethylthio)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione^{1c} and chloramine-T^{1d} were prepared according to previously reported procedures. All amine substrates and NCS were commercially available and were used as received unless otherwise stated.

3. General procedure for the trifluoromethylthiolation reaction of amine derivatives

An oven-dried 10 mL glassware equipped with a stirring bar was charged with AgSCF₃ (50.2 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and THF (2 mL). Amine derivatives **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and *N*-chlorosuccinimide (32.1 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added to the reaction mixture. The resulted reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C until the TLC control showed complete conversion. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product **2**. Note that, in the case of solid amines, these are added in the tube before the solvent. Caution: the products are volatile.

4. Purification and characterization of products 2



N-[(Trifluoromethyl)thio]aniline 2a.^{1b,2,3,4} The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 19 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 91:9) as a pale yellow oil (35.2 mg, 91%, 2 h; 509.6 mg, 88%, on a 3 mmol scale, 2 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 90:10): 0.50. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –53.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.0, 129.4 (q, J = 317.1 Hz), 129.3, 121.9, 115.1. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 2923, 2853, 1601, 1496, 1464, 1260, 1118, 1029, 800, 749. HRMS (CI) calcd for C₇H₇F₃NS *m/z* 194.0246 [M+H]⁺, Found 194.0260.



4-*Tert*-**butyl**-*N*-**[(trifluoromethyl)thio]aniline 2b.**^{1b} The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 90:10) as an orange oil (39.7 mg, 80%, 20 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 90:10): 0.62. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.8, 142.5, 129.4 (q, *J* = 317.9 Hz), 126.1, 114.8, 34.1, 31.4. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3347, 2966, 1611, 1512, 1239, 1105, 923, 830, 748, 553. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₅F₃NS *m/z* 250.0872 [M+H]⁺, Found 250.0871.

4-Methoxy-*N***-[(trifluoromethyl)thio]aniline 2c.**² The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 19 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 83:17) as an orange oil (40.4 mg, 91%, 2 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 80:20): 0.47. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.02 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.5 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.0, 138.6, 129.5 (q, *J* = 317.9 Hz), 116.5, 114.6, 55.6. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3327, 2841, 1506, 1444, 1285, 1225, 1109, 1028, 927, 816, 513. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₈H₉F₃NOS *m/z* 224.0351 [M+H]⁺, Found 224.0354.



4-Fluoro-*N*-**[(trifluoromethyl)thio]aniline 2d.**^{2,4} The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 14 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 90:10) as a yellow oil (38.9 mg, 92%, 2 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 90:10): 0.50. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 – 6.87 (m, 4H), 5.04 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.4 (s), – 123.0 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2 (d, *J* = 240.8 Hz), 141.1 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 129.4 (q, *J* = 317.9 Hz), 116.4 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz). **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3415, 1863, 1505, 1453, 1376, 1281, 1210, 1108, 926, 824, 750, 509. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₇H₆F₄NS *m*/*z* 212.0157 [M+H]⁺, Found 212.0157.

4-Trifluoromethyl-*N***-[(trifluoromethyl)thio]aniline 2e.**^{2,4} The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 90:10) as a yellow oil (38.1 mg, 73%, 24 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 90:10): 0.43. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.1 (s), – 62.2 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 129.1 (q, *J* = 317.1 Hz), 126.7 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.2 (q, *J* = 271.8 Hz), 124.1 (q, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 114.9. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3425, 1617, 1520, 1324, 1296, 1242, 1107, 1067, 1011, 832, 592. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₈H₆F₆NS *m/z* 262.0125 [M+H]⁺, Found 262.0128.

4-Chloro-*N***-[(trifluoromethyl)thio]aniline 2f.**^{2,4} The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 19 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 91:9) as a pale yellow oil (38.7 mg, 85%, 2 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 90:10): 0.39. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.3 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.7, 129.2, 129.2 (q, *J* = 317.1 Hz), 126.8, 116.3. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3387, 1596, 1490, 1443, 1375, 1277, 1232, 1107, 927, 820, 658. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₇H₆ClF₃NS *m/z* 227.9856 [M+H]⁺, Found 227.9873.



4-Bromo-*N***-[(trifluoromethyl)thio]aniline 2g.**⁴ The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 19 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 91:9) as an orange oil (45.3 mg, 83%, 2 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 90:10): 0.41. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.3 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.2, 132.1, 129.2 (q, *J* = 317.9 Hz), 116.8, 114.1. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3380, 1591, 1485, 1440, 1232, 1107, 1005, 926, 816, 750, 635, 501. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₇H₆BrF₃NS *m*/*z* 271.9351 [M+H]⁺, Found 271.9362.

3-Methoxy-*N***-[(trifluoromethyl)thio]aniline 2h.**⁴ The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 19 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 85:15) as a white solid (41.3 mg, 93%, 2 h). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 80:20): 0.54. ¹**H** NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.62 (m, 2H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 146.5, 130.1, 129.3 (q, *J* = 317.1 Hz), 107.8, 107.2, 101.2, 55.2. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3321, 2937, 1598, 1507, 1480, 1277, 1107, 1051, 836, 761, 685. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₈H₉F₃NOS *m*/*z* 224.0351 [M+H]⁺, Found 224.0356.



3-Fluoro-*N***-**[(**trifluoromethyl**)**thio**]**aniline 2i.** The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 90:10) as a yellow oil (32.2 mg, 76%, 2 h). R_{*f*} (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 94:6): 0.36. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.82 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 6.58 (td, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.3 (s), – 112.2 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7 (d, J = 245.4 Hz), 147.0 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 130.5 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 129.2 (q, J = 317.1 Hz), 110.9 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 108.7 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 102.5 (d, J = 26.4 Hz). **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3416, 2962, 1615, 1490, 1277, 1110, 972, 847, 768, 680. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₇H₆F₄NS *m/z* 212.0152 [M+H]⁺, Found 212.0160.



3-Bromo-*N***-[(trifluoromethyl)thio]aniline 2j.** The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 19 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 90:10) as an orange oil (43.8 mg, 81%, 2 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 90:10): 0.35. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.12 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.2 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.4, 130.6, 129.2 (q, *J* = 317.9 Hz), 125.0, 123.1, 118.2, 113.8. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3379, 1594, 1474, 1457, 1281, 1108, 933, 850, 768, 679. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₇H₆BrF₃NS *m/z* 271.9351 [M+H]⁺, Found 271.9361.

3-Chloro-4-fluoro-*N***-[(trifluoromethyl)thio]aniline 2k.** The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 20 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 90:10) as a yellow oil (35.1 mg, 71%, 2 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 90:10): 0.40. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18 – 6.87 (m, 3H), 5.10 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.3 (s), – 125.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.6 (d, *J* = 242.4 Hz), 141.8 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 129.2 (q, *J* = 317.9 Hz), 121.5 (d, *J* = 18.9 Hz), 117.0 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 116.9, 114.5 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz). **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3405, 1708, 1497, 1363, 1209, 1108, 943, 808, 751, 542. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₇H₅ClF₄NS *m/z* 245.9762 [M+H]⁺, Found 245.9772.



2,4,6-Trimethyl-*N***-**[(**trifluoromethyl**)**thio**]**aniline 2l.** The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 12 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 95:5) as an orange oil (27.3 mg, 58%, 24 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 90:10): 0.68. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.86 (s, 2H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 52.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.4, 134.5, 131.5, 130.3 (q, *J* = 318.6 Hz), 129.6, 20.6, 18.1. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3394, 2971, 1480, 1216, 1117, 849, 747, 581. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₃F₃NS *m/z* 236.0715 [M+H]⁺, Found 236.0723.



N-Methyl-*N*-[(trifluoromethyl)thio]aniline 2m. ^{1b,3,4} The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 14 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 85:15) as a colorless oil (18.3 mg, 44%, 12 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 96:4): 0.67. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 50.9 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.6, 130.3 (q, J = 320.9 Hz), 129.0, 121.2, 115.9, 46.1. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 2955, 1599, 1495, 1266, 1107, 1032, 873, 748, 689. HRMS (CI) calcd for C₈H₉F₃NS *m/z* 208.0402 [M+H]⁺, Found 208.0405.

N-[(**Trifluoromethyl**)**thio**]**pyridin-2-amine 2n.** The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 60:40) as a yellow solid (26.3 mg, 68%, 8 h). mp: 81 – 83 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 70:30): 0.34. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 5.1 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 147.8, 138.7, 129.4 (q, *J* = 316.3 Hz), 117.1, 107.7. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3134, 2848, 1604, 1584, 1500, 1448, 1299, 1112, 996, 945, 771, 591. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₆H₆F₃N₂S *m/z* 195.0198 [M+H]⁺, Found 195.0212.



N-[(**Trifluoromethyl**)**thio**]**quinolin-8-amine 20.** The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 12 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 60:40) as a colorless oil (19.6 mg, 40%, 20 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 70:30): 0.73. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.79 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.32 (m, 5H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 52.9 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 141.8, 138.9, 136.1, 129.4 (q, *J* = 317.1 Hz), 128.3, 127.1, 121.8, 119.3, 110.0. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3341, 2917, 2160, 1418, 1324, 1235, 1099, 1008, 733, 669, 592. HRMS (CI) calcd for C₁₀H₈F₃N₂S *m/z* 245.0355 [M+H]⁺, Found 245.0353.



N-[(Trifluoromethyl)thio]-2-phenylethan-1-amine 2p.^{1b} The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 14 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 90:10) as a colorless oil (40.8 mg, 92%, 2 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 80:20): 0.80. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 3.32 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.0 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4, 130.4 (q, *J* = 317.1 Hz), 128.8, 128.6, 126.5, 54.6, 36.6. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3367, 2933, 1604, 1455, 1112, 746, 699, 560. HRMS (CI) calcd for C₉H₁₁F₃NS *m*/*z* 222.0559 [M+H]⁺, Found 222.0560.

N-[(**Trifluoromethyl**)**thio**]**dodecan-1-amine 2q.**³ The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 85:15) as a colorless oil (46.2 mg, 81%, 2 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 90:10): 0.83. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.15 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.82 (s, 1H), 1.58 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.26 (m, 18H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 52.9 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 130.5 (q, J = 317.9 Hz), 53.7, 31.9, 30.2, 29.6, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 26.5, 22.7, 14.1. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 2925, 2855, 1467, 1154, 1120, 722. HRMS (CI) calcd for C₁₃H₂₇F₃NS *m/z* 286.1811 [M+H]⁺, Found 286.1829.

N-[(Trifluoromethyl)thio]cyclohexanamine 2r.³ The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 15 cm, width 2.0 cm, pentane) as a colorless oil (86.2 mg, 87%, on a 0.5 mmol scale, 2 h). R_f (petroleum ether): 0.49. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.98 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.40 – 0.98 (m, 5H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.4 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 130.3 (q, *J* = 317.1 Hz), 59.5, 33.2, 25.6, 24.5. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 1264, 896, 731, 703. HRMS (CI) calcd for C₇H₁₃F₃NS *m/z* 200.0721 [M+H]⁺, Found 200.0715.



Methyl *N*-[(trifluoromethyl)thio]-*L*-phenylalaninate 2s. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 25 cm, width 2.0 cm, petroleum ether /acetone = 94:6) as a colorless oil (58.3 mg, 42%, on a 0.5 mmol scale starting from *L*-phenylalanine methyl ester hydrochloride, Et₃N (50.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2.4 equiv instead of 1.2 equiv of AgSCF₃ were added, 4 h). R_f (petroleum ether/ acetone = 95:5): 0.47. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 4.05 – 3.89 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (qd, *J* = 13.8, 6.6 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 54.0 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.9, 135.6, 129.8 (q, *J* = 314.8 Hz), 129.2, 128.6, 127.1, 66.6, 52.2, 39.3. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3347, 2964, 1738, 1497, 1439, 1214, 1155, 1116, 743, 699. HRMS (CI) Calcd for C₁₁H₁₃F₃NO₂S *m*/*z* 280.0619 [M+H]⁺, Found 280.0632. Note that Et₃N was added in the reaction mixture 2 h before addition of the NCS and AgSCF₃.



N-[(Trifluoromethyl)thio]-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-amine 2t.³ The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 15 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 67:33) as a colorless oil (43.3 mg, 83%, 2 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 67:33): 0.35. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.35 (m, 2H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 53.0 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.3, 130.4 (q, *J* = 317.9 Hz), 127.2, 122.2, 122.0, 119.5, 118.6, 112.5, 111.2, 53.6, 26.2. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3398, 3326, 2929, 1458, 1338, 1108, 809, 749, 581. HRMS (CI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₃N₂S *m*/z 261.0668 [M+H]⁺, Found 261.0684.



S-(Trifluoromethyl)-*N*-(1-[(trifluoromethyl)thio]piperidin-4-yl)thiohydroxylamine 2u. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 14 cm, width 2.0 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 95:5) as a colorless oil (72.1 mg, 48%, on a 0.5 mmol scale, 2.4 equiv of AgSCF₃ and 2.4 equiv of NCS were used, 4 h). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 90:10): 0.62. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.44 - 3.28 (m, 2H), 3.26 - 3.07 (m, 2H), 3.04 - 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.08 - 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.61 - 1.42 (m, 2H). ¹⁹**F** NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 47.0 (s), - 53.1 (s). ¹³**C** NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 131.4 (q, *J* = 323.1 Hz), 130.1 (q, *J* = 316.3 Hz), 55.9, 55.7, 33.3. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3373, 2932, 2854, 1375, 1101, 949, 744. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₇H₁₁F₆N₂S₂ *m/z* 301.0268 [M+H]⁺, Found 301.0260.



4-methyl-*N***-(trifluoromethylthio)benzenesulfonamide 2v.** An oven-dried 10 mL glassware equipped with a stirring bar was charged with AgSCF₃ (62.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), chloramine-T^{1d} (45.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and THF (2 mL) under air. The obtained reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2h. The crude was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 50:50) and 2v was obtained as a white solid (16.6 mg, 31%). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 50:50): 0.38. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 51.9 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.1, 135.0, 129.9, 128.0 (q, *J* = 314.8 Hz), 127.9, 21.7. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3225, 2922, 1597, 1389, 1331, 1086, 880, 812, 663, 534. HRMS (CI) calcd for C₈H₉F₃NO₂S₂ m/z 272.0021 [M+H]⁺, Found 272.0014.

5. General procedure for the thiocyanation reaction of aniline derivatives

An oven-dried 50 mL flask equipped with a stirring bar was charged with AgSCN (398.3 mg, 2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and THF (20 mL). Amine derivatives **1** (2 mmol, 1 equiv) and *N*-chlorosuccinimide (320.5 mg, 2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added to the reaction mixture. The obtained reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C until the TLC control showed complete conversion. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product **3**.

6. Purification and characterization of products 3



N-(Cyanosulfanyl)aniline 3a. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 2.0 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 50:50) as a white solid (343.8 mg, 76%, on a 3 mmol scale, 2 h). mp: 75 - 76 °C. R_f

(petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 50:50): 0.39. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 5.10 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3, 129.6, 123.2, 116.5, 113.3. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3259, 2849, 2152, 1501, 1469, 1209, 1101, 912, 826, 762, 611. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₇H₇N₂S *m/z* 151.0324 [M+H]⁺, Found 151.0335.



N-(Cyanosulfanyl)-2,4,6-trimethylaniline 3b. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 15 cm, width 2.0 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 50:50) as a yellow solid (271.2 mg, 71%, 18 h). mp: 79 – 80 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 50:50): 0.75. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.89 (s, 2H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.2, 135.8, 132.0, 129.9, 114.4, 20.7, 17.9. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3318, 2964, 2915, 2140, 1481, 1209, 883, 723, 603, 568. HRMS (CI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₃N₂S *m/z* 193.0794 [M+H]⁺, Found 193.0786.



N-(**Cyanosulfanyl**)-**4-fluoroaniline 3c.** The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 2.0 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 50:50) as a yellow solid (293.8 mg, 87%, 2 h). mp: 77 – 78 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 50:50): 0.50. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 5.15 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 120.6 (s). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1 (d, *J* = 242.4 Hz), 139.5 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 118.3 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 116.3 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 113.3. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3260, 2151, 1502, 1209, 1100, 911, 827, 763, 610, 505. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₇H₆FN₂S *m*/*z* 169.0230 [M+H]⁺, Found 169.0229.

N-(**Cyanosulfanyl**)-4-chloroaniline 3d. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 18 cm, width 1.5 cm, pentane/diethyl ether = 50:50) as a pale yellow solid (288.4 mg, 78%, 2 h). mp: 81 – 82 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 50:50): 0.37. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0,

129.6, 128.4, 117.8, 113.0. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3288, 2153, 1595, 1488, 1283, 1231, 1092, 916, 815, 563. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for $C_7H_6ClN_2S m/z$ 184.9935 [M+H]⁺, Found 184.9947.

7. Post-functionalizations

7a. Thiocyanation of indole



3-Thiocyanato-1*H***-indole 4.⁵** An oven-dried 10 mL glassware equipped with a stirring bar was charged with indole (23.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL), *N*-(cyanosulfanyl)-4-fluoroaniline **3c** (67.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) and TsOH (68.9 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv). The resulted reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 13 cm, width 1.5 cm, petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 80:20) as a white solid (28.9 mg, 83%). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 65:35): 0.21. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.27 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.0, 131.0, 127.6, 123.8, 121.8, 118.6, 112.1, 91.8. One carbon is overlapped. **IR** (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 3370, 3047, 1577, 1503, 1467, 1380, 1317, 1112, 822, 793, 757, 459. **HRMS** (CI) calcd for C₉H₇N₂S *m/z* 175.0330 [M+H]⁺, Found 175.0324.

7b. Thiocyanation of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene



2,4,6-Trimethoxy-phenylthiocyanate 5.⁶ An oven-dried 10 mL glassware equipped with a stirring bar was charged with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (33.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL), *N*-(cyanosulfanyl)-4-fluoroaniline **3c** (67.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) and TsOH (68.9 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv). The resulted reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (height 15 cm, width 1.5 cm, petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 50:50) as a yellow solid (41.4 mg, 92%). R_f (petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 67:33): 0.18. ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.15 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 6H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 161.3, 111.8, 91.2, 89.5, 56.3, 55.5. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) v: 2924, 2149, 1583, 1456, 1415, 1344, 1205, 1127, 1085, 914, 821, 804. HRMS (CI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₂NO₃S *m/z* 226.0538 [M+H]⁺, Found 226.0532.

8. Control experiments :



An oven-dried 10 mL glassware equipped with a stirring bar was charged with 1-((trifluoromethyl)thio)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (23.9 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and THF (1 mL). 4-Fluoroaniline **1d** (11.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture. The resulted reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2 h. The desired product **2d** was not observed.



An oven-dried 10 mL glassware equipped with a stirring bar was charged with 1-((trifluoromethyl)thio)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (47.8 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and THF (2 mL). *N*-methylaniline **1m** (21.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture. The resulted reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2 h. The desired product **2m** was not observed.

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10. NMR Spectra of the corresponding compounds





















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