Supporting Information

Metal-free Synthesis of N-Sulfonylformamidines *via* Skeletal Reconstruction of Sulfonyl Oximonitriles

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General information:

¹H, and ¹³C were recorded at Bruker 400 MHz (¹H NMR) and 100 MHz (¹³C NMR). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm, 77.16 ppm; (CD₃)₂SO: 2.50 ppm, 39.52 ppm). Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), br (broad). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Infrared spectra were obtained with a AVATAR 360 FT-IR spectrometer. X-ray structural analysis was conducted on the XtaLAB mini. The high resolution ESI-MS spectra were obtained with a Waters Vion IMS QTof high resolution mass spectrometer.

Materials: All commercially available reagents and solvent were used without further purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm silica gel plates. Silica gel (200-300 mesh) was used for flash chromatography. Sulfonyl Oximonitriles were prepared according to the literatures.^[1]

General procedure for the domino reaction of sulfonyl oximonitriles with secondary amines:



To a 10 mL Schlenk charged with sulfonyl oximonitriles **2** (0.2 mmol), DABCO (33.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) and secondary amines **1** (0.8 mmol) was added DMSO (1.0 mL) *via* a syringe. Then, the reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 \times 10 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with saturated brine (15 mL), dried anhydrous MgSO₄, and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc as the eluent) to afford the desired products **3**.

(E)-N-(morpholinomethylene)benzenesulfonamide (3a):



78% yield, white solid, mp 133–134 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.50 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 4H), 3.76 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.88–7.91 (m, 2H), 8.20 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 142.1, 132.1, 128.9, 126.6, 66.9, 66.0, 50.4, 44.3; **IR** (KBr) v 2920, 2850, 1615, 1445, 1344, 1147, 1088, 858 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₁₅N₂O₃S [M+H]⁺ 255.0798, found 255.0523.

(*E*)-*N*-(piperidin-1-ylmethylene)benzenesulfonamide (3b):



66% yield, white solid, mp 118–119 °C; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.53–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.68 (m, 4H), 3.39 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.86 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 142.6, 131.8, 128.7, 126.4, 51.9, 44.7, 26.4, 24.8, 23.9; **IR** (KBr) v 2941, 2860, 1614, 1446, 13361, 1338, 1148, 1089, 928, 874 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₇N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺ 253.1005, found 253.1083.

(E)-N-(thiomorpholinomethylene)benzenesulfonamide (3c):



73% yield, white solid, mp 137–138 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.63 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.85–7.88 (m, 2H), 8.18 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 142.1, 132.1, 128.9, 126.6, 53.4, 46.4, 28.3, 26.9; **IR** (KBr) v 2920, 2851, 1607, 1446, 1352, 1283, 1146, 1089, 891 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₁₅N₂O₂S₂ [M+H]⁺ 271.0569, found 271.0264.

(E)-N-((1,1-dioxidothiomorpholino)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3d):



45% yield, white solid, mp 227–228 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D6) δ 3.21 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.62 (m, 3H), 7.79–7.82 (m, 2H), 8.36 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D6) δ 159.8, 142.3, 132.1, 129.0, 126.0, 50.7, 49.9, 48.1, 41.3; **IR** (KBr) v 2926, 2852, 1638, 1446, 1276, 1147, 1025, 991 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for $C_{11}H_{15}N_2O_4S_2$ [M+H]⁺ 303.0468, found 303.0558.

(E)-N-((4-oxopiperidin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3e):



48% yield, white solid, mp 171–172 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.52 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.5 (m, 3H), 7.87–7.90 (m, 2H), 8.34 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.6, 158.2, 141.8, 132.3, 128.9, 126.6, 48.9, 42.2, 41.1, 39.8; **IR** (KBr) v 2921, 2851, 1699, 1605, 1449, 1337, 1275, 1145, 1085, 883, 750 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₂O₃S [M+H]⁺ 267.0798, found 267.0858.

(E)-N-((4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3f):



71% yield, white solid, mp 76–77 °C; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.07–1.23 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.79 (m, 1H), 2.78 (dt, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dt, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.54–3.58 (m, 1H), 4.36–4.41 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.85–7.92 (m, 2H), 8.11 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 142.6, 131.8, 128.7, 126.4, 51.3, 44.0, 34.4, 32.9, 30.7, 21.5; **IR** (KBr) v 2926, 2870, 1614, 1446, 1336, 1147, 1088, 921, 872 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₉N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺ 267.1162, found 267.1106.

(E)-N-((4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3g):



72% yield, white solid, mp 154–155 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.64–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.91–1.94 (m, 1H), 1.99–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.75–2.83 (m, 1H), 2.90 (dt, *J* = 13.2 Hz,

3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dt, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70–3.75 (m, 1H), 4.59–4.64 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.90– 7.93 (m, 2H), 8.20 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.6, 144.1, 142.5, 131.9, 128.8, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 51.6, 44.4, 42.3, 33.7, 32.2; **IR** (KBr) v 2922, 2850, 1614, 1446, 1334, 1283, 1146, 1088, 877, 753 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₂₁N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺ 329.1318, found 329.0892.

(E)-methyl 1-(((phenylsulfonyl)imino)methyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (3h):



68% yield, white solid, mp 101–102 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.65–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.94–2.05 (m, 2H), 2.58–2.65 (m, 1H), 3.07–3.14 (m, 1H), 3.30–3.37 (m, 1H), 3.65 (dt, J = 13.2 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 4.22 (dt, J = 13.2 Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.86–7.88 (m, 2H), 8.16 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.8, 157.6, 142.3, 131.9, 128.8, 128.5, 52.1, 49.9, 42.8, 40.1, 28.3, 27.0; **IR** (KBr) v 2922, 2850, 1732, 1611, 1447, 1334, 1285, 1147, 1089, 883 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₁₉N₂O₄S [M+H]⁺ 311.1060, found 311.1178.

(E)-N-((4-(trifluoromethyl)piperidin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3i):



72% yield, white solid, mp 118–119 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.45–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.91–1.94 (m, 1H), 1.98–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.24–2.38 (m, 1H), 2.81 (dt, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dt, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.70–3.74 (m, 1H), 4.51–4.55 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.85–7.92 (m, 2H), 8.17 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 142.1, 132.1, 128.8, 127.9, 126.6 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 276.8 Hz), 126.5, 49.4, 42.3, 40.0 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 28.0 Hz), 25.0, 23.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.68 (s, 3F); IR (KBr) v 2921, 2850, 1614, 1447, 1337, 1286, 1148, 1084, 1000, 883 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₆F₃N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺ 321.0879, found 320.9936.

(E)-N-((4-cyanopiperidin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3j):



70% yield, white solid, mp 159–160 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.85–2.03 (m, 4H), 2.95–3.01 (m, 1H), 3.45–3.51 (m, 1H), 3.63–3.70 (m, 1H), 3.72–3.81 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.86–7.88 (m, 2H), 8.17 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 141.9, 132.2, 128.9, 126.6, 120.0, 48.3, 41.3, 28.9, 27.5, 25.9; **IR** (KBr) v 2921, 2851, 1610, 1447, 1345, 1280, 1147, 1088, 881, 752 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₆N₃O₂S [M+H]⁺ 278.0958, found 278.0611.

(*E*)-*N*-((4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3k):



61% yield, white solid, mp 64–65 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.40 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.86–7.89 (m, 2H), 8.14 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.6, 142.2, 132.0, 128.8, 126.5, 54.9, 53.7, 50.3, 46.0, 43.7; **IR** (KBr) v 2920, 2850, 1613, 1447, 1345, 1285, 1145, 1089, 884 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₈N₃O₂S [M+H]⁺ 268.1114, found 268.0936.

(*E*)-*N*-((4-(2,3,4-trimethoxybenzyl)piperazin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3l):



62% yield, white solid, mp 81–82 °C; ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 3.63 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.82–3.87 (m, 9H), 6.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.84–7.86 (m, 2H), 8.13 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 153.2, 152.6, 142.4, 142.3, 131.8, 128.7, 126.4, 125.1, 122.8, 107.0, 61.2, 60.8, 56.2, 56.0, 52.7, 51.5, 50.6, 43.9; **IR** (KBr) v 2922, 2849, 1613, 1495, 1446, 1345, 1283, 1149, 1091, 999, 882 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₂₁H₂₈N₃O₅S [M+H]⁺ 434.1744, found 434.0912.

(E)-N-((4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3m):



81% yield, white solid, mp 126–127 °C; ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.18 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 6.90–6.95 (m, 3H), 7.26–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.56 (m, 3H), 7.89–7.94 (m, 2H), 8.24 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 150.5, 142.2, 132.1, 129.4, 128.9, 126.6, 121.4, 117.3, 50.4, 50.3, 49.1, 43.8; **IR** (KBr) v 2921, 2850, 1614, 1496, 1446, 1343, 1287, 1230, 1147, 1089, 1016, 883 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₃O₂S [M+H]⁺ 330.1271, found 330.1410.

(E)-N-((4-(4-methoxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3n):



90% yield, white solid, mp 128–129 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.05 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.81 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd, J = 18.4 Hz, 9.2 Hz, 4H), 7.45–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.89–7.92 (m, 2H), 8.22 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.6, 155.0, 144.8, 142.3, 132.0, 128.8, 126.6, 119.6, 114.7, 55.6, 51.7, 50.6, 50.5, 44.0; **IR** (KBr) v 2920, 2834, 1610, 1512, 1446, 1346, 1298, 1247, 1148, 1089, 1019, 885 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₂₂N₃O₃S [M+H]⁺ 360.1376, found 360.1419.

(E)-N-((4-(4-chlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (30):



82% yield, white solid, mp 148–149 °C; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.14 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.88–7.94 (m, 2H), 8.24 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 149.1, 142.1, 132.1, 129.3, 128.9, 126.6, 126.3, 118.5, 50.3, 50.2, 49.0, 43.7; **IR** (KBr) v

2921, 2850, 1614, 1496, 1446, 1348, 1285, 1233, 1149, 1089, 1017, 885 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₉ClN₃O₂S [M+H]⁺ 364.0881, found 364.0839.

(E)-N-((4-benzoylpiperazin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3p):



73% yield, white solid, mp 161–162 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.51–3.67 (m, 8H), 7.37–7.54 (m, 8H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 158.1, 141.9, 134.6, 132.2, 130.5, 128.9, 128.8, 127.1, 126.6, 50.2, 43.9; **IR** (KBr) v 2921, 2851, 1606, 1446, 1346, 1284, 1147, 1090, 1006, 878 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₂₀N₃O₃S [M+H]⁺ 358.1220, found 358.1142.

(E)-tert-butyl 4-(((phenylsulfonyl)imino)methyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (3q):



69% yield, white solid, mp 198–199 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D6) δ 1.40 (s, 9H), 3.36–3.41 (m, 4H), 3.50–3.56 (m, 4H), 7.54–7.59 (m, 3H), 7.78 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.32 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D6) δ 158.7, 153.7, 142.7, 131.9, 129.0, 126.0, 79.5, 49.2, 43.1, 28.0; **IR** (KBr) 1645, 1615, v 2921, 2850, 1446, 1347, 1283, 1149, 1025, 994 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₂₄N₃O₄S [M+H]⁺ 354.1482, found 354.1285.

(E)-N-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethylene)benzenesulfonamide (3r):



57% yield, white solid, mp 124–125 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.92–1.98 (m, 4H), 3.47 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 8.32 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0, 142.6, 131.8, 128.8, 126.6, 50.1, 46.6, 25.1, 24.4; **IR** (KBr) v 2922, 2850, 1614, 1446, 1348, 1282, 1147, 1089, 894, 852 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₁H₁₅N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺ 239.0849, found 239.0946.

(E)-N-(azepan-1-ylmethylene)benzenesulfonamide (3s):



78% yield, white solid, mp 60–61 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.51–1.57 (m, 4H), 1.69–1.76 (m, 4H), 3.47 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.84–7.91 (m, 2H), 8.17 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 142.7, 131.7, 128.7, 126.3, 52.9, 47.4, 29.7, 27.8, 26.8, 25.9; **IR** (KBr) v 2923, 2852, 1604, 1445, 1340, 1297, 1145, 1088, 905, 839, 750 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₉N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺ 267.1162, found 267.0795.

(E)-N-((3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3t):



66% yield, white solid, mp 149–150 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.93–1.99 (m, 2H), 2.78 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11–7.26 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.91–7.94 (m, 2H), 8.86 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 141.7, 137.4, 132.3, 129.9, 129.7, 128.9, 127.7, 126.7, 125.8, 117.3, 44.7, 26.9, 22.0; **IR** (KBr) v 2923, 2849, 1610, 1589, 1572, 1498, 1446, 1339, 1303, 1149, 1088, 1018, 927, 856, 740 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₇N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺ 301.1005, found 301.1123.

(E)-N,N-diisopropyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl)formimidamide (3u):



82% yield, white solid, mp 108–109 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 3.63–3.73 (m, 1H), 4.46–4.57 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.84–7.87 (m, 2H), 8.24 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 142.8, 131.7, 128.7, 126.3, 48.6, 48.0, 23.6, 19.6; **IR** (KBr) v 2978, 2922, 2850, 1602, 1453, 1338, 1282, 1144, 1087, 891, 839 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₂₁N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺ 269.1318, found 269.1325.

(E)-N-methyl-N-phenyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl)formimidamide (3v):



68% yield, oil; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.44 (s, 3H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.56 (m, 3H), 7.92–7.95 (m, 2H), 8.57 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.6, 143.2, 141.8, 132.2, 129.9, 128.9, 127.5, 126.7, 122.1, 36.2; **IR** (KBr) v 2927, 2852, 1604, 1575, 1447, 1338, 1299, 1148, 1086, 892, 778 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₃H₂₁N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺ 275.0849, found 275.0484.

(E)-N,N-dibenzyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl)formimidamide (3w):



44% yield, white solid, mp 125–126 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 7.10–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.57 (m, 3H), 7.91–7.94 (m, 2H), 8.51 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 142.3, 134.5, 134.0, 132.0, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 126.5, 55.2, 48.6; **IR** (KBr) v 2922, 2852, 1601, 1582, 1496, 1446, 1283, 1148, 1002, 999, 875 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₂₁H₂₁N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺ 365.1318, found 365.0957.

(N,N'E,N,N'E)-N,N'-(piperazine-1,4-

diylbis(methanylylidene))dibenzenesulfonamide (3x):



38% yield, white solid, mp 114–115 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.56–2.70 (m, 4H), 3.45–3.57 (m, 2H), 3.65–3.74 (m, 2H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 7.38–7.55 (m, 8H), 7.86–7.94 (m, 2H), 8.17 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 142.0, 132.2, 131.9, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 127.9, 126.6, 114.7, 61.9, 50.0, 49.4, 48.7, 43.4; **IR** (KBr) v 2921, 2850, 1614, 1447, 1349, 1282, 1147, 1088, 1000, 887 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₂₁N₄O₄S₂ [M+H]⁺ 421.0999, found 421.0718.

(E)-4-methyl-N-(morpholinomethylene)benzenesulfonamide (3y):



58% yield, white solid, mp 123–124 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.93–2.98 (m, 2H), 3.12–3.18 (m, 2H), 3.66–3.76 (m, 4H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.6, 139.3, 129.8, 126.3, 67.1, 53.5, 45.8, 21.5; **IR** (KBr) v 2924, 2852, 1613, 1456, 1275, 1260, 1181, 1105, 1011, 749 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₇N₂O₃S [M+H]⁺ 269.0954, found 270.3235.

N-((6,7-dihydrothieno[3,2-c]pyridin-5(4H)-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3aa):



45% yield, white solid, mp 184–185 °C; E/Z = 2:1, E-configuration: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.99 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.83–7.90 (m, 2H), 8.35 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.5, 142.2, 132.1, 131.8, 129.9, 128.8, 126.6, 124.8, 124.5, 48.7, 44.5, 25.6; Z-configuration: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.91 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 0.97H), 3.97 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 0.93H), 4.58 (s, 0.94H), 6.78 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 0.44H), 7.18 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 0.46H), 7.49–7.53 (m, 1.43H), 7.91–7.94 (m, 0.93H), 8.37 (s, 0.45H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.4. 142.3, 133.4, 132.0, 130.0, 128.8, 126.6, 124.5, 124.2, 50.6. 42.0. 24.2; **IR** (KBr) v 2921, 2851, 1607, 1564, 1446, 1349, 1286, 1149, 1088, 887, 836 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₁₅N₂O₂S₂ [M+H]⁺ 307.0569, found 307.0658.

(*E*)-*N*-((4-(benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)piperazin-1-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3ab):



79% yield, white solid, mp 123–124 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.53–3.56 (m,

2H), 3.61–3.64 (m, 2H), 3.71–3.73 (m, 2H), 3.88–3.90 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.55 (m, 4H), 7.82–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.89–7.91 (m, 2H), 8.28 (s, 1H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7, 157.9, 153.0, 142.1, 132.1, 128.9, 128.0, 127.6, 126.6, 124.4, 123.4, 120.8, 50.2, 50.1, 49.3, 43.6; **IR** (KBr) v 2921, 2850, 1610, 1561, 1493, 1446, 1345, 1285, 1117, 1089, 1012, 882 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₄O₂S₂ [M+H]⁺ 387.0944, found 387.1051.

(E)-N-((4-((4-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methyl)piperazin-1-

yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3ac):



72% yield, white solid, mp 149–150 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.39 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44–2.47 (m, 2H), 3.47 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.60–3.70 (m, 2H), 4.26 (s, 1H), 7.19–7.35 (m, 9H), 7.43–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.85–7.88 (m, 2H), 8.13 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 142.3, 141.1, 140.3, 133.2, 132.0, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 127.8, 127.7, 126.6, 75.0, 51.8, 50.8, 50.7, 44.0; IR (KBr) v 2921, 2818, 1614, 1487, 1446, 1347, 1284, 1148, 1089, 999, 891 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₄H₂₅ClN₃O₂S [M+H]⁺ 454.1351, found 454.0895.

(E)-N-((4-(6-fluorobenzo[d]isoxazol-3-yl)piperidin-1-

yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3ad):



71% yield, white solid, mp 121–122 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.92–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.05–2.26 (m, 3H), 3.19–3.26 (m, 1H), 3.37–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.48–3.55 (m, 1H), 3.83 (dt, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dt, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dt, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.59–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.88–7.91 (m, 2H), 8.23 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 250.1 Hz), 164.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 13.6 Hz), 159.5, 157.7, 142.2, 132.1, 128.9, 126.6, 122.1

(d, $J_{C-F} = 11.0$ Hz), 116.9, 113.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 25.4$ Hz), 97.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 26.5$ Hz), 50.3, 43.2, 33.5, 30.4, 29.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -108.59 (s, 1F); IR (KBr) v 2929, 2853, 1611, 1495, 1447, 1354, 1273, 1147, 1088, 997, 882 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₉FN₃O₃S [M+H]⁺ 388.1126, found 388.0735.

(*E*)-*N*-((4-(2-chlorodibenzo[b,f][1,4]oxazepin-11-yl)piperazin-1yl)methylene)benzenesulfonamide (3ae):



76% yield, white solid, mp 187–188 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.52–3.77 (m, 8H), 7.00–7.05 (m, 1H), 7.08–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.88–7.91 (m, 2H), 8.27 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 158.3, 157.9, 151.7, 142.1, 139.5, 133.2, 132.1, 130.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 126.6, 126.0, 125.4, 124.5, 123.0, 120.3, 49.9, 47.6, 46.7, 43.5; **IR** (KBr) v 2921, 2851, 1607, 1559, 1470, 1346, 1300, 1284, 1237, 1147, 1090, 1009, 883 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₂₄H₂₂ClN₄O₃S [M+H]⁺ 481.1096, found 481.1226.

(*E*)-1-ethyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-7-(4-(((phenylsulfonyl)imino)methyl)piperidin-1-yl)-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylic acid (3af):



52% yield, white solid, mp 215–216 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D6) δ 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.59–2.62 (m, 2H), 2.73–2.76 (m, 2H), 3.32–3.36 (m, 4H), 4.53 (q, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.51 (m, 5H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H), 15.31 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D6) δ 176.2, 166.2, 153.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 248.1 Hz), 148.5, 145.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 10.2 Hz), 137.2, 133.0, 129.1, 129.0, 127.9, 119.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 7.4 Hz), 115.9, 111.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 22.8 Hz), 107.1,

106.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.8$ Hz), 60.7, 49.4, 49.3, 49.2, 48.9, 14.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-D6) δ -121.41 (s, 1F); IR (KBr) v 3402, 2922, 2851, 1687, 1628, 1476, 1275, 1260, 1025, 999, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₃H₂₄FN₄O₅S [M+H]⁺ 487.1446, found 487.1013.

(E)-N-(dibenzenesulfonimidoylmethylene)benzenesulfonamide (3ag):



48% yield, white solid, mp 111–112 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.55 (m, 5H), 7.60–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.76–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.95–7.98 (m, 4H), 8.79 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 141.0, 138.5, 134.4, 132.3, 129.9, 128.7, 127.7, 126.9; **IR** (KBr) v 3065, 2922, 2852, 1633, 1538, 1448, 1308, 1283, 1227, 1152, 1088, 839, 809, 734 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₂O₃S₂ [M+H]⁺ 385.0675, found 385.0252.

2-morpholino-2-phenylacetonitrile (4a):



41% yield, ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.58 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 3.67–3.77 (m, 4H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 7.35–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.55 (m, 2H); **IR** (KBr) v 2921, 2853, 1613, 1445, 1345, 1285, 1147, 1089, 1025, 945, 859 cm⁻¹.

2-morpholino-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)acetonitrile (4c):



42% yield, ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.61–2.62 (m, 2H), 2.68–2.72 (m, 2H), 3.61–3.65 (m, 2H), 3.68–3.73 (m, 2H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7. 2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); **IR** (KBr) v 2922, 2859, 1614, 1446, 1345, 1285, 1148, 1089, 1025, 954, 859 cm⁻¹.

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Copies of NMR spectra of the products:











































































































































Crystallographic data for the product 3a and 4a:

(1) CCDC 1961175 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for the product
 3a. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic
 Data Center via <u>www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif</u>.



Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3a.

Empirical formula	C11 H14 N2 O3 S	
Formula weight	254.30	
Temperature	297(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, Pccn	
Unit cell dimensions		
Volume	2394.9(2) Å ³	
Z, Calculated density	8, 1.411 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.269 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1072	
Crystal size	0.32 x 0.23 x 0.11 mm	
Theta range for data collection	2.88 to 27.53 deg.	
Limiting indices	-12<=h<=12, -40<=k<=40, -8<=l<=10	
Reflections collected / unique	34779 / 2756 [R(int) = 0.1109]	
$\hline Completeness to theta = 25.03$	99.6 %	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9711 and 0.9190	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	2756 / 0 / 154	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.068	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0592, wR2 = 0.0997	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1127, wR2 = 0.1154	

0.218 and -0.318 e.A ⁻³

(2) CCDC 2058393 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for the product
4a. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic
Data Center via <u>www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif</u>.



Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 4a.

Empirical formula	C12 H14 N2 O
Formula weight	202.25
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, Pccn
Unit cell dimensions	a = 5.4098(6) A alpha = 83.534(9) deg. b = 10.0948(11) A beta = 83.027(9) deg. c = 10.8060(11) A gamma = 76.485(10) deg.
Volume	567.36(11) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.184 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.077 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	216
Crystal size	0.30 x 0.24 x 0.12 mm
Theta range for data collection	3.81 to 24.99 deg.
Limiting indices	-6<=h<=6, -11<=k<=10, -12<=l<=12
Reflections collected / unique	3698 / 1987 [R(int) = 0.0222]
Completeness to theta = 25.03	99.5 %

Max. and min. transmission	0.9711 and 0.9190
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	1987 / 0 / 136
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.978
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0493, wR2 = 0.1387
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0691, wR2 = 0.1557
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.147 and -0.185 e.A ⁻³