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#### Electrochemical NaI-mediated one-pot synthesis of guanidines from isothiocyanates *via* tandem addition-guanylation

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Table S1. Additive screening

H S 1aa	+	+ Nal + Additive -	C(+)/C(-) Const. current 15 mA EtOH:H <sub>2</sub> O 1:1, rt., 4h	
E	Entry	Additive	Yi	eld(%)b
	1	NaCl		40
	2	LiClO <sub>4</sub>		58
	3	TBABF <sub>4</sub>		29
	4	NaOH		63
	5	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>		62
	6	$Cs_2CO_3$		42
	7	Et <sub>3</sub> N		50
	8	DBU		61
	9	DIPEA		69

Reaction conditions: **1aa** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.), **2b** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq.), NaI (0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.), additive (0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.), graphite rod ( $\phi$  5 mm, 20 mm immersion depth) as both cathode and anode, constant current 15 mA (4.5 F/mol), EtOH 2.5 mL, water 2.5 mL, room temperature, 4 hrs., undivided cell.

Faradaic efficiency calculation for the model substrate 4aab:

$$Faradaic \ efficiency = \frac{Q_{experimental}}{Q_{theoretical}} \times 100$$

Faradaic efficiency = 
$$\frac{z \times n \times F}{Q_{theoretical}} \times 100$$

With z = number of electron that the reaction used = 2

n = mol of product that obtained =  $0.5 \times 80\% = 0.4$  mmol

F = Faradaic constant (96485 C/mol)

Q<sub>theoretical</sub> can be calculated from I (current, Ampere) x t (reaction time, second)

Faradaic efficiency = 
$$\frac{2 \times 0.4 \times 10^{-3} \times 96485}{0.015 \times 7200} \times 100$$

Faradaic efficiency = 72%

#### **Experimental Section**

#### Materials and methods

All chemicals and solvents were obtained from commercially available suppliers such as Sigma-Aldrich and TCI (Japan) and were used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Pyrex reactor ( $\phi = 2.0$  cm, Height = 6.2 cm) was used for electrochemical reaction. Power supply (KORAD, KA3005D) was purchased from Shenzhen Korad Technology CO., LTD. All electrodes such as graphite rod ( $\phi = 5$  mm) and platinum plate (5x5x0.1 mm) were purchased from Minihua Store, China. Electrochemical reaction setup was depicted in Figures S1-S3. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with precoated Merck silica gel 60 F254 plates (0.25 mm for thick layer) and visualized at 254 nm using an ultraviolet lamp. Column chromatography was performed with Silicycle silica gel 60-200 µm (70-230 mesh). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were obtained with JEOL JNM-ECZ500R/S1 NMR spectrometers operating at 500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H or 125 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C nuclei or 470 MHZ for <sup>19</sup>F nuclei. Melting points are measured with Barnstead international mel-temp meliting point apparatus model 1201D. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded using electron spray ionization (ESI) with a MicroTOF Bruker mass spectrometer.

#### General procedure for synthesis of guanidine from thiourea (General Procedure A)

A mixture of thiourea 1 (1.0 eq., 0.5 mmol), amines 2 (3.0 eq., 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (1.0 eq., 0.5 mmol), and DIPEA (1.0 eq., 0.5 mmol) were dissolved in mixed 2.5 mL of water with 2.5 mL of ethanol in a Pyrex reactor ( $\phi = 2.0$  cm, height = 6.2 cm). The reaction mixture was electrolysed at a constant current of 15 mA (4.5 F/mol), graphite rods as both cathode and anode ( $\phi = 20$  mm, about 20 mm immersion depth in solution) at room temperature for 4 hours. After the reaction, the crude mixture was extracted with water and ethyl acetate. The organic layer was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product, which was further

purified by column chromatography (eluted with ethyl acetate/hexane) to afford the desired compound.

# General procedure for synthesis of guanidine from amines and isothiocyanate (General Procedure B)

A mixture of amines 2 (1.0 eq., 0.5 mmol), isothiocyanates 3 (1.0 eq., 0.5 mmol), were dissolved in 2.5 mL of ethanol in a Pyrex reactor ( $\phi = 2.0$  cm, height = 6.2 cm) and was allowed to stir without electricity for 1 hours at room temperature. After that, sodium iodide (1.0 eq., 0.5 mmol) in 2.5 mL of water, DIPEA (1.0 eq., 0.5 mmol), and amines 2 (3.0 eq., 1.5 mmol) were added to the solution. The reaction mixture was electrolysed at a constant current of 15 mA (4.5 F/mol), graphite rods as both cathode and anode ( $\phi = 20$  mm, about 20 mm immersion depth in solution) at room temperature for 4 hours. After the reaction, the crude mixture was extracted with water and ethyl acetate. The organic layer was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product, which was further purified by column chromatography (eluted with ethyl acetate/hexane) to afford the desired compound.



*N*,*N*'-diphenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (**4aab**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4aab** (108.1 mg, 0.385 mmol, 77%) as a yellow solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aab** (112.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 80%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

δ ppm 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.0-6.94 (m, 6H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.34 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ ppm 151.0, 129.5, 122.7, 66.5, 47.1. Melting point: 133-134°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1-3</sup>

For gram-scale synthesis: A mixture of aniline 2a (1.0 eq., 466.0 mg, 5.0 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate 3a (1.0 eq., 675 mg, 5.0 mmol), was dissolved in 25 mL of ethanol and stir at room temperature for 2 hours in a 100 mL three-necked round bottom flask. After that, sodium iodide (1.0 eq., 749.5 mg, 5.0 mmol) in 25 mL of water, DIPEA (1.0 eq., 646.0 mg, 5.0 mmol), and morpholine 2b (3.0 eq., 1.307 g, 15 mmol) were added in the flask. The reaction mixture was then electrolysed at a constant current of 30 mA (4.5 F/mol), graphite rods as both cathode and anode at room temperature for 20 hours. The reaction was extracted with water and ethyl acetate. The organic layer was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product, which was further purified by column chromatography in ethyl acetate/hexane to afford the desired compound (1.0011 g, 3.55 mmol, 71%).



1-butyl-2,3-diphenylguanidine (**4aac**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-butylamine **2c** (109.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4aac** (65.2 mg, 0.245 mmol, 49%) as a brown solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-butylamine **2c** (109.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), *DIPEA* (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) to afford **4aac** (71.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), *n*-butylamine **2c** (109.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aac** (71.9 mg, 0.27 mmol, 54%) as a light brown solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.31-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 6H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.57-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.4-1.32 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 148.6, 138.3, 129.5,

123.2, 123.1, 41.7, 31.8, 20.3, 14.0. Melting point: 68-69°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1-3</sup>



1-cyclohexyl-2,3-diphenylguanidine (4aad) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas 1aa (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), cyclohexylamine 2d (144.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford 4aad (92.1 mg, 0.315 mmol, 63%) as a yellow solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline 2a (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate 3a (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), cyclohexylamine 2d (144.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford 4aad (127.5 mg, 0.435 mmol, 87%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (b, 1H), 2.09 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 1.71-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.34 (m, 2H), 1.2-1.09 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 147.5, 129.5, 129.2, 123.0, 49.9, 33.5, 25.8, 25.0. Melting point: 141-142°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1-3</sup>



1-benzyl-2,3-diphenylguanidine (**4aae**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), benzylamine **2e** (160.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4aae** (90.1 mg, 0.3 mmol, 60%) as a yellow solid;

Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), benzylamine **2e** (160.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aae** (132.5 mg, 0.44 mmol, 88%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.39-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.3 (m, 5H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 6H), 4.56 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 148.3, 139.1 129.6, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 123.2, 45.9. Melting point: 98-99°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1,2</sup>



1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2,3-diphenylguanidine (**4aaf**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4methoxybenzylamine **2f** (205.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4aaf** (88.4 mg, 0.265 mmol, 53%) as a yellow solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aaf** (160.3 mg, 0.485 mmol, 9.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aaf** (160.3 mg, 0.485 mmol, 97%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.31-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 6H), 6.89-6.87 (m, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 159.0, 148.3, 131.2, 129.6, 129.2, 123.2, 114.1, 55.4, 45.5. Melting point: 115-116°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>2</sup>



1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2,3-diphenylguanidine (**4aag**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-fluorobenzylamine **2g** (188.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4aag** (110.9 mg, 0.35 mmol, 70%) as a yellow solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-fluorobenzylamine **2g** (188.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aag** (132.8 mg, 0.415 mmol, 83%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 7.37-7.31 (m, 6H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 8H), 4.53 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ ppm 163.2, 161.2, 154.0, 148.2, 135.1, 129.7, 129.5 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 116.3, 115.5, 45.2. ESI-MS: m/z: 320.15706 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> 320.15630).



1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2,3-diphenylguanidine (**4aah**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-chlorobenzylamine **2h** (212.4 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4aah** (107.1 mg, 0.32 mmol, 64%) as a white solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline

**2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-chlorobenzylamine **2h** (212.4 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aah** (154.2 mg, 0.46 mmol, 92%) as a white solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 8H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 6H), 4.51 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 148.1, 137.9, 133.0, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 123.3, 45.1. Melting point: 117-118°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>2</sup>



1,2,3-triphenylguanidine (**4aaa**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), aniline **2a** (139.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (149.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aaa** (88.5 mg, 0.31 mmol, 62%) as a white solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 7.33 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 6H), 7.23 (b, 6H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ ppm 145.0, 129.5, 123.3, 121.7; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ ppm 145.0, 129.5, 123.3, 121.7; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ ppm 151.0, 142.6, 130.1, 124.5, 122.5. Melting point: 145-146°C. ESI-MS: m/z: 288.15092 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> 288.15007). Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>3</sup>



1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-diphenylguanidine (4aai) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline 2a (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate 3a (67.5 mg,

0.5 mmol), *p*-anisidine **2i** (184.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aai** (90.1 mg, 0.285 mmol, 57%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 7.32-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.22 (b, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ ppm 145.8, 129.4, 123.1, 121.6, 114.8, 55.6. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>2,3</sup>



1,1-diethyl-2,3-diphenylguanidine (**4aal**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), diethylamine **2l** (109.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4aal** (83.6 mg, 0.315 mmol, 63%) as a yellow solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), diethylamine **2l** (109.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aal** (136.4 mg, 0.44 mmol, 88%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 3.34 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 150.3, 129.3, 122.0, 42.1, 13.0. Melting point: 94-95°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1,2</sup>



*N,N*<sup>\*</sup>-diphenylpyrrolidine-1-carboximidamide (**4aam**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), pyrrolidine **2m** (106.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4aam** (74.1 mg, 0.28 mmol, 56%) as a yellow solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), pyrrolidine **2m** (106.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (149.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aam** (88.2 mg, 0.335 mmol, 67%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.22-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.0-6.96 (m, 6H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 1.82-1.80 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 150.7, 141.3, 129.4, 123.9, 121.5, 48.7, 25.2. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1-3</sup>



*N,N'*-diphenylazepane-1-carboximidamide (**4aan**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), azepane **2n** (148.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4aan** (111.6 mg, 0.38 mmol, 76%) as a yellow solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), azepane **2n** (148.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aan** (127.2 mg, 0.435 mmol, 87%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96-6.86 (m, 4H), 3.48 (t, *J* =

5.8 Hz, 4H), 1.78-1.77 (m, 4H), 1.65-1.63 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ ppm 150.9, 129.3, 121.9, 48.8, 28.3, 27.9. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1,2</sup>



2-Methyl-*N*,*N*'-diphenylpiperidine-1-carboximidamide (**4aao**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-methylpiperidine **2o** (148.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4aao** (102.3 mg, 0.35 mmol, 70%) as a yellow solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-methylpiperidine **2o** (148.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-methylpiperidine **2o** (148.8 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aao** (122.6 mg, 0.42 mmol, 84%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 6.95-6.91 (m, 6H), 4.14-4.12 (m, 1H), 3.71-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.05-2.99 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 3H), 1.56-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 150.8, 129.3, 122.0, 48.8, 41.4, 29.9, 25.6, 19.1, 14.6. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1,2</sup>



*tert*-Butyl-4-(N,*N*'-diphenylcarbamimidoyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (4aap)

Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), *tert*-butyl piperazine-1-carboxylate **2p** (279.4 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4aap** (74.2 mg, 0.195 mmol, 39%) as a yellow solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), *tert*-butyl piperazine-1-carboxylate **2p** (279.4 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), *tert*-butyl piperazine-1-carboxylate **2p** (279.4 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aap** (139.4 mg, 0.365 mmol, 73%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 6.99-6.92 (m, 6H), 3.42-3.40 (m, 4H), 3.32-3.30 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 154.9, 151.0, 129.5, 122.7, 121.6, 80.1, 46.5, 28.5. Melting point: 125-126°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1,2</sup>



*N*-phenyl-*N*'-(*o*-tolyl)morpholine-4-carboximidamide (**4qab**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using *o*-toluidine **2q** (53.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4qab** (127.8 mg, 0.435 mmol, 87%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.28-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.0-6.95 (m, 4H), 3.70 (b, 4H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 4H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 130.8, 129.4, 126.9, 122.9, 122.5, 121.0, 118.8, 66.5, 47.2, 18.0. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1-3</sup>



*N*-phenyl-*N*'-(*p*-tolyl)morpholine-4-carboximidamide (**4rab**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using *p*-toluidine **2r** (53.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4rab** (125.0 mg, 0.425 mmol, 85%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.99-6.96 (m, 5H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 151.2, 132.1, 130.0, 129.4, 122.5, 118.7, 66.5, 47.0, 20.8. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1-3</sup>



*N'*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-phenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (**4iab**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using *p*-anisidine **2i** (61.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4iab** (143.3 mg, 0.46 mmol, 92%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.99-6.85 (m, 5H), 6.8 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 155.6, 129.5, 122.5, 114.7, 66.5, 55.6, 47.1. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1-3</sup>



*N*'-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-*N*-diphenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (**4sab**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using 4-aminophenol **2s** (54.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (149.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4sab** (80.1 mg, 0.27 mmol, 54%) as a brown powder: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) δ ppm 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.82-6.74 (m, 5H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 4H), 3.20 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO): δ ppm 151.8, 128.7, 120.2, 115.3, 65.8, 46.8; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO + 0.1% TFA): δ ppm 152.8, 151.2, 128.9, 122.0, 121.6, 119.9, 115.5 65.7, 47.2. Melting point: 192-194°C. ESI-MS: m/z: 298.15555 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> 298.15620).



N'-(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)-N-phenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide Synthesized (4tab) according to the General procedure В using 4-((tertbutyldimethylsillyl)oxy)aniline 2t (111.7 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate 3a (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine 2b (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford 4tab (123.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 60%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.25 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.99-6.82 (m, 5H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (b, 4H), 3.30 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 0.96 (s, 9H),

0.16 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ ppm 151.5, 129.5, 122.6, 120.9, 66.5, 47.2, 25.8, 18.3, -4.3. ESI-MS: m/z: 412.24336 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si]<sup>+</sup> 412.24203).



*N*-phenyl-*N*'-(pyridin-2-yl)morpholine-4-carboximidamide (**4uab**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)thioureas **1ua** (114.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4uab** (71.0 mg, 0.25 mmol, 50%) as a white solid; Synthesized according to the General procedure B using 2-aminopyridine **2u** (47.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (149.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **4uab** (11.4 mg, 0.04 mmol, 8%) as a white solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 8.22-8.21 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.80 (m, 1H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 3.44 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 161.7, 154.0, 146.1, 141.1, 137.7, 129.4, 122.9, 121.0, 120.2, 116.8, 66.6, 47.4. Melting point: 86-88°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1,2</sup>



*N'*-benzhydryl-*N*-phenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (4vab) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using benzhydrylamine 2v (91.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate 3a (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine 2b (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide

(149.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4vab** (88.9 mg, 0.24 mmol, 48%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.32-7.27 (m, 8H), 7.16 (b, 4H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 3.24 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 129.2, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 122.3, 66.9, 62.8, 48.5. Melting point: 142-143°C. ESI-MS: m/z: 372.20858 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> 372.20759).



Ethyl-3-(((benzhydrylamino))((4-cyanophenyl)amino)methylene)amino)propanoate (**4whv**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using  $\beta$ -alanine ethyl ester hydrochloride **2a** (76.8 mg, 0.5 mmol), phenyl isothiocyanate **3a** (67.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (added twice into the reaction: 1<sup>st</sup> step: 193.8 mg, 1.5 mmol; 2<sup>nd</sup> step: 64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4whv** (144.2 mg, 0.34 mmol, 68%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.23 (m, 4H), 6.92-6.89 (m, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 172.7, 150.4, 141.4, 133.7, 129.1, 128.1, 127.2, 123.9, 120.1, 103.9, 69.1, 60.8, 60.5, 37.3, 34.3, 14.3. ESI-MS: m/z: 427.21480 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> 427.21340).



*N*-(2-fluorophenyl)-*N'*-phenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (**4abb**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-fluorophenyl isothiocyanate **3b** (76.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4abb** (116.2 mg, 0.39 mmol, 78%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.84 (m, 7H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 129.4, 124.7 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.2, 122.8, 119.2, 118.9, 116.2 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 66.5, 47.2; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD + 0.1% TFA):  $\delta$  ppm 155.8, 141.5, 130.1, 126.5, 125.7, 124.6, 121.8, 116.9 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz), 67.3, 48.9. ESI-MS: m/z: 300.15160 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> 300.15122).



*N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N'*-phenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (**4acb**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-fluorophenyl isothiocyanate **3c** (76.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (149.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4acb** (70.2 mg, 0.235 mmol, 47%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.84 (m, 7H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 151.3, 129.6, 122.7, 116.2 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 66.5, 47.1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 155.5, 144.2, 138.3, 130.7, 127.2, 125.6, 125.5, 123.4, 117.3 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 66.9, 49.7. ESI-MS: m/z: 300.15216 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> 300.15122).



*N*-(4-chlorophenyl)-*N*'-phenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (**4adb**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-chlorophenyl isothiocyanate **3d** (84.8 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4adb** (97.8 mg, 0.31 mmol, 62%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01-6.84 (m, 5H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 151.1, 129.6, 129.5, 127.7, 122.8, 66.4, 47.1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD + 0.1% TFA):  $\delta$  ppm 154.5, 146.5, 145.2, 130.1, 129.8, 128.0, 123.5, 123.3, 121.2, 67.4, 48.4. ESI-MS: m/z: 316.12268 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> 316.12166). Data is consistent with reported literatures<sup>3</sup>.



*N*-(4-bromophenyl)-*N*'-phenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (**4aeb**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-bromophenyl isothiocyanate **3e** (107.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (149.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aeb** (116.8 mg, 0.325 mmol, 65%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.0-6.77 (m, 5H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 150.9, 137.9, 132.3, 129.5,

122.7, 115.1, 66.3, 47.0. Melting point: 129-130°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1-3</sup>



*N*-(4-iodophenyl)-*N'*-phenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (4afb) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline 2a (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-iodophenyl isothiocyanate 3f (130.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine 2b (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford 4afb (118.2 mg, 0.29 mmol, 58%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.0-6.94 (m, 3H), 6.66 (b, 2H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 151.0, 138.3, 129.4, 124.9, 122.7, 118.4, 85.5, 66.4, 47.0. Melting point: 148-150°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1,2</sup>



*N'*-phenyl-*N*-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)morpholine-4-carboximidamide (4agb) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline 2a (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl isothiocyanate 3g (101.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine 2b (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (149.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford 4agb (125.6 mg, 0.36 mmol, 72%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (overlap with solvent, 2H), 7.02- 6.96 (m, 5H), 3.70 (b, 4H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 151.2, 143.0, 129.6, 127.8, 126.7 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 125.6, 124.4 (q, J = 32.2 Hz, C-F coupling), 123.5, 123.3, 120.0, 66.2, 47.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ ppm -61.6 (-CF<sub>3</sub>). Melting point: 108-109°C. Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>1,2</sup>



*N*-(4-cyanophenyl)-*N*'-phenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamide (**4ahb**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-cyanophenyl isothiocyanate **3h** (80.1 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4ahb** (125.1 mg, 0.41 mmol, 82%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 3.69 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 133.6, 129.7, 123.2, 104.8, 66.4, 47.1; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD + 0.1% TFA):  $\delta$  ppm 154.4, 142.0, 134.3, 130.3, 124.9, 122.6, 122.0, 120.1, 106.1, 67.2, 48.9. ESI-MS: m/z: 307.15531 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> 307.15589).



Ethyl-4-(*N*'-phenylmorpholine-4-carboximidamido)benzoate (**4aib**) Synthesized according to the General procedure B using aniline **2a** (46.6 mg, 0.5 mmol), 4-ethylbenzoate isothiocyanate **3i** (103.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), morpholine **2b** (130.7 mg, 1.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL), to afford **4aib** (134.1 mg, 0.38 mmol, 76%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm

7.92 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01-6.92 (m, 5H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 3.35 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 166.6, 131.3, 129.6, 124.2, 123.0, 113.9, 66.4, 60.8, 47.1, 14.5. Melting point: 89-90°C. ESI-MS: m/z: 354.18279 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> 354.18177). Data is consistent with reported literatures.<sup>3</sup>



Ethyl-*N*,*N*'-diphenylcarbamimidate (**5ab**) Synthesized according to the General procedure A using 1,3-diphenylthioureas **1aa** (114.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), sodium iodide (74.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), DIPEA (64.6 mg, 0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (2.5 mL) to afford **5ab** (10.4 mg, 0.04 mmol, 8%) as a yellow solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26 (m, overlap with solvent, 2H), 7.06-6.98 (m, 5H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  ppm 150.2, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 123.1, 122.9, 120.4, 62.9, 14.4, 14.5. ESI-MS: m/z: 241.13421 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> 241.13409).



Figure S1. Reactors set up.



Figure S2. Electrodes a) Carbon and b) Platinum.



Figure S3. Gram scale set up.



Figure S5 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4aab (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S7 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4aac (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S9 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4aad (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).







Figure S13  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra of 4aaf (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

















Figure S25 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 4aam (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).













Figure S33 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 4qab (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S35 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 4rab (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).













Figure S43 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4tab (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).







Figure S47 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4vab (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).













Figure S55  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra of 4acb (CD<sub>3</sub>OD + 0.1% TFA).







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Figure S63 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 4agb (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).











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Figure S85 Mass spectrum of compound 5ab from GC-MS.



Scheme S2. Cyclic voltammogram of 1aa, 2b and NaI in 0.1 M TBABF<sub>4</sub>/EtOH:H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) using glassy carbon electrode (A =  $0.71 \text{ cm}^2$ ) as working electrode, Pt wire and Ag/AgCl (3M KCl) as counter and reference electrodes at scan rate 0.1 V/s. In case of 1aa, 2b, NaI, 1aa/2b, and 1aa/2b/NaI experiments, 10 mM solution of compounds were prepared.

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