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# Syntheses of N-sulfonyl-N,N-disubstituted amidines via a three-component free-radical coupling reaction of tertiary amines and arenesulfonyl azides with terminal alkynes

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A facile and efficient synthesis of *N*-sulfonyl-*N*,*N*-disubstituted amidines has been achieved via a CuI-catalyzed three-component free-radical coupling reaction of tertiary amines and arenesulfonyl azides with terminal alkynes in the presence of azo-diisobutyronitrile (AIBN). The reaction mechanism of this reaction has also been studied.

free radical, multicomponent reaction, sulfonyl azide, terminal alkyne

## 1 Introduction

Multicomponent reactions (MCRs) offer an efficient and straightforward route for the generation of complexity and diversity in a single operation, and have found wide applications in combinational chemistry and drug discovery [1]. Among various MCRs recently developed [2-5], the CuIcatalyzed MCRs of sulfonyl azides and alkynes with a third component, like amines, water, alcohol, imines, salicylaldehyde, aziridine or nitroolefin have attracted increasing research interests lately [6-15]. For example, Chang's [16-27] and Wang's [28-33] groups have applied these CuI-catalyzed MCRs on terminal alkynes respectively for the efficient generation of N-sulfonylamidines, amides, Nsulfonylazetidin-2-imines, iminocoumarins, 5-arylidene-2imino-3-pyrrolines, and  $\gamma$ -nitro imidates. Our group has also applied this reaction for the efficient generation of benzoxazoline-amidines and 4-arylsulfonylimino-4,5-dihydrofurans

Amidines widely exist in natural products [36], possess various interesting chemical properties, and have been widely used in medical and synthetic chemistry [37]. For example, as the building blocks for the synthesis of iminopeptides [38, 39], antitumor and antibiotic compounds [40], the traditional synthetic methods for amidines are mainly based on the functional group transformation from some precursors such as azidolactams [41], isonitriles [42], or aldoximes [43]. Chang has improved the synthesis by developing a tandem nucleophilic addition reaction of sulfonyl azides and alkynes with primary or secondary amines [16] and has applied it for the efficient synthesis of sulfonyl amidine derivatives. On the other hand, no tertiary amine has been used for the synthesis of sulfonyl amidine derivatives [44-46]. Herein we report a facile synthesis of N-sulfonyl-N,N-disubstituted amidines via a MCR free radical coupling of tertiary amines and arenesulfonyl azides with terminal alkynes (Scheme 1).

by reacting sulfonyl azides and alkynes with Schiff bases or  $\beta$ -ketoesters [34, 35].

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$$R^{1}-SO_{2}N_{3}$$

$$R^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{cat. Cul}}$$

$$R^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{solvent}}$$

$$R^{1}-SO_{2}N_{3}$$

$$R^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{solvent}}$$

$$R^{1}-SO_{2}N_{3}$$

$$R^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{solvent}}$$

$$R^{3}$$

**Scheme 1** Synthsis of *N*-sulfonylamidine derivatives **4**. Reaction conditions: CuI (0.1 equiv), AIBN (2.0 equiv), **3** (3 equiv, slow addition), 80 °C, 8 h.

#### 2 Results and discussion

The optimized reaction conditions for the MCR of arenesul-fonyl azides **1b** and alkynes **2a** with tertiary amines **3a** were obtained by varying the reaction conditions, including the base, the solvent, the temperature, and the free radical's initiator, as summarized in Table 1. Triethylamine (TEA) as base gave the best result (Table 1, entry 6). Tetrahydrofuran (THF) as solvent afforded good yield (Table 1, entries 1–4). The decrease of reaction time led to the great decrease of the yield with 8 h as the optimized reaction time (Table 1, entry 8). In addition, the free radical's initiator played an

Table 1 Optimization of the reaction conditions for the CuI-catalyzed three-component reactions of arenesulfonyl azide 1b and alkyne 2a with tertiary amine 3a

Entry	Base	Solvent	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Initiator	Yield (%) <sup>a)</sup>
1	TEA	THF	80	8	AIBN	73
2	TEA	DMF	80	12	AIBN	54
3	TEA	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	80	8	AIBN	61
4	TEA	$CH_2Cl_2$	80	8	AIBN	62
5	TEA	THF	rt	8	AIBN	70
6	TEA b)	THF	80	8	AIBN	82
7	TEA b)	THF	40	8	AIBN	56
8	TEA b)	THF	80	4	AIBN	59
9	TEA b)	THF	rt	8	DEAD	72
10	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> /TEA	THF	80	8	DEAD	65
11	Pyridine	THF	rt	8	DEAD	0
12	TEA	THF	0-5	8	DEAD	42
13	TEA	THF	50	8	DEAD	60
14	TEA	THF	rt	8	DEAD	51
15	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> /TEA	THF	rt	8	AIBN	24
16	Pyridine	THF	80	8	AIBN	0
17	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> /TEA	THF	80	10	AIBN	72
18	TEA	THF	80	8	_	0

a) Reaction conditions: p-tolysulfonyl azide (1.1 mmol), phenylacetylene (1.0 mmol), AIBN or DEAD (2.0 mmol), CuI (0.1 mmol), and TEA (3.0 mmol),  $N_2$  atmosphere. b) 2.0 mmol.

important role in this reaction. No reaction was observed without a free radical's initiator (Table 1, entry 18). In comparison with diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD), AIBN gave a better result (Table 1, entries 5 and 14). Thus the optimized reaction condition was set at THF, TEA, AIBN, 80 °C and 8 h. Under this condition, the desired *N,N*-diethyl-2-phenyl-*N'*-tosylacet amidine **4b** was obtained in 82% yield (Table 1, entry 6). The chemical structure of compound **4b** [47] was confirmed by X-ray analysis result as shown in Figure 1.

To test the versatility of this reaction, the optimized reaction condition was further applied for the reaction of other arenesulfonyl azides **1** and terminal alkynes **2** with tertiary amines **3** as summarized in Table 2. Both alkyl and aryl alkynes can be used for this reaction, but alkyl alkynes generally give relatively high yields. The presence of either electron-withdrawing (–Cl) or electron-donating groups (–CH<sub>3</sub>) on arenesulfonyl azides **1** provides high yields (Table 2, entries 1, 2, 6). Long-chain containing tertiary alkylamines **3** generally give better yields of the desired products (Table 2, entries 1, 8, 14).

To study the reaction mechanism, *N*,*N*-dimethyl-1-phenylmethanamine **3d** was used to substitute the alkylamine for this reaction, from which a mixture of compounds **4** and **5** was obtained (Table 3). The NMR yield analysis shows that the yield of compounds **4** and **5** were obtained with a ratio close to the theoretical ratio 1:2 for this reaction. The decrease of the yield of compound **4** in this case was attributed to the electron withdrawing effect of the phenyl substituent.

The ESI-MS analysis results (Scheme 2) of the reaction mixture indicated the formation of 2,2-dimethylhexanenitrile and methacrylonitrile when tributylamine was used. On the other hand, the usage of N,N-dimethyl-1-phenylmethanamine 3d gave a mixture of two nitrile compounds (pivalonitrile and 2,2-dimethyl-3-phenyl propanenitrile).

On the basis of these experimental results, we proposed a three component free radical coupling reaction mechanism for this reaction as shown in Scheme 3. According to Chang [16–27] and Wang [28–33], are nesulfonyl azide 1 can react with the alkyne 2 to form the ketenimine species **B** in the

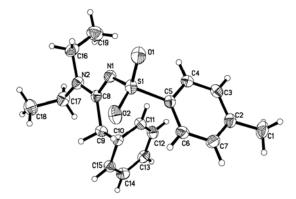


Figure 1 X-ray crystal structure of compound 4b.

**Table 2** CuI-catalyzed three-component coupling reactions for the generation of *N*-sulfonyl-*N*,*N*-disubstituted amidines **4** 

Entry	R <sup>1</sup>	$\mathbb{R}^2$	$\mathbb{R}^3$	Yield	(%) a)
1	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ( <b>1a</b> )	$C_6H_5(2a)$	$C_2H_5(3a)$	4a	80
2	p-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>1b</b> )	2a	3a	4b	82
3	1b	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OTBS (2b)	3a	4c	79
4	1a	n-C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ( <b>2c</b> )	3a	4d	82
5	1b	2c	3a	<b>4e</b>	85
6	p-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>1c</b> )	2c	3a	4f	81
7	1a	2a	n-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ( <b>3b</b> )	4g	82
8	1b	2a	<b>3b</b>	4h	84
9	1c	2a	<b>3b</b>	4i	79
10	1a	2c	3b	4j	83
11	1b	2c	3b	4k	86
12	1c	2c	<b>3b</b>	41	82
13	1a	2a	n-C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>19</sub> ( <b>3c</b> )	4m	83
14	1b	2a	3c	4n	84
15	1a	2c	3c	40	83
16	1b	2c	3c	4p	86
17	1c	2c	3c	4q	85
18	1b	p-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>2d</b> )	3b	4r	83
19	1a	2d	3a	4s	81

a) Reaction conditions: are nesulfonyl azide (1.1 mmol), phenylacetylene (1.0 mmol), AIBN (2.0 mmol), CuI (0.1 mmol), and tertiary amine (3.0 mmol),  $N_2$  atmosphere, 80 °C, 8 h.

**Table 3** Using *N,N*-dimethyl-1-phenylmethanamine **3d** as a substrate for the synthesis of *N*-sulfonylamidines **4** and **5** 

$$\begin{array}{c} R^{1}\text{-}SO_{2}N_{3} \\ 1 \\ R^{2} \\ \hline \\ 2 \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} CH_{3} \\ N \\ CH_{3} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 0.1 \text{ equiv Cul} \\ 2.0 \text{ equiv AIBN} \\ THF, 8 \text{ h} \\ 80 \text{ °C} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R^{1}\text{-}S - N \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ CH_{3} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} CH_{3} \\ CH_{3} \\ \end{array}$$

E	$\mathbb{R}^1$	$R^2$	Yield (%) a)			
Entry			4	4		5
1	$C_6H_5(1a)$	$C_6H_5(2a)$	4t	31	5t	35
2	$p\text{-MeC}_6H_4(\mathbf{1b})$	2a	4u	34	5u	36

a) Isolated yield.

presence of CuI. Meanwhile, AIBN releases nitrogen under heat condition to form the free radical **C**, which attacks TEA (3) to generate a free radical **D** and methacrylonitrile with the release of hydrogen radical. Subsequently, the hydrogen radical and the free radical **D** attack the intermediate **B** to generate the target *N*-sulfonylamidine derivatives **4**.

There are possibly two competitive reaction routes for the formation of compound 4 (Scheme 4): the reaction between the intermediate **B** and hydrogen radical and the one between **B** and the free radical **D**. Therefore, a quantum chemical calculation has been performed. With DFT method implemented in Gaussian 09 package [48] under B3LYP/6-31+g\*\* level, the reactants, products, possible intermediates and transition state geometries along the proposed reaction routes are optimized, and the reaction potential energy profiles are plotted in Figure 2. In the first step of pathway I, the reaction between hydrogen radical and intermediate B to form intermediate E is exothermic. The energy released from this step is large enough for the subsequent step reaction (2.4 kcal/mol). In contrast, the first step in pathway II is endothermic, and requires about 9.6 kcal/mol energy. Thus, pathway I is dominant in the formation of compound 4.

#### 3 Conclusions

In conclusion, we have developed a new general approach for the convenient synthesis of *N*-sulfonyl-*N*,*N*-disubstituted amidines, based on a CuI-catalyzed multicomponent free-radical coupling reaction of arenesulfonyl azides and terminal alkynes with tertiary amines. The reaction mechanism has been studied. The usage of tertiary amine is our synthetic approach as a complementary to Chang's strategy, might find applications for the efficient synthesis of various *N*-sulfonylamidine derivatives.

## 4 Experimental section

#### General

All reactions were carried out using standard Schlenk techniques. Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>CN were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>, THF and toluene were distilled from sodium/benzophenone. 

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with TMS as internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C residue signals of the deuterated solvent. IR spectra were taken with KBr plates. Mass spectra were obtained with a mass spectrometer. Only characteristic fragments containing the isotopes of highest abundance are listed. Melting points were measured with melting point apparatus. Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected in diffractiometers. Highresolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was obtained using electron spray ionization (ESI) mass spectrometry.

General procedure for the synthesis of N-sulfonyl-N,N-disubstituted amidines

To a stirred mixture of CuI (19.1 mg, 0.1 mmol), AIBN (328 mg, 2 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide (236 mg, 1.2 mmol), phenylacetylene (102 mg, 1 mmol) in anhydrous

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Scheme 2 The ESI-MS analysis results for the reaction of benzenesulfonyl azide and phenylacetylene with N,N-dimethyl-1-phenylmethanamine 3d.

Scheme 3 The reaction pathway for the formation of N-sulfonylamidine derivatives 4.

**Scheme 4** The two reaction routes for the generation of compound **4**.

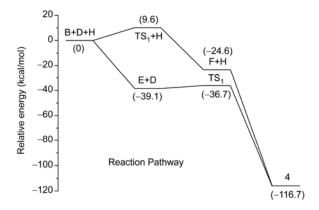


Figure 2 Calculated relative energies of the two reaction pathways in the formation of compound 4.

THF (5 mL) was slowly added TEA (303 mg, 3.0 mmol) via syringe under a  $N_2$  atmosphere. Slowly raise the reaction temperature to 80 °C and let the reaction mixture stirring for 8 h. Solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was washed with water, and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 10 mL). Organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (200–300 mesh) with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether (v/v = 1:8-1:10) as eluting solvent to give the desired product 4 and 5.

N,N-diethyl-2-phenyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl)acetamidine (4a) [49]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H,

SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.36–7.44 (m, 3H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.19–7.26 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.11 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 4.39 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.51 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.21 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ164.6, 144.0, 134.3, 133.4, 131.2, 129.4, 128.9, 128.4, 127.8, 126.8, 126.2, 43.3, 36.6, 29.7, 13.4, 11.8 ppm; IR (KBr) v 3062, 3030, 2978, 2937, 1716, 1627, 1585, 1550, 1477, 1456, 1436, 1382, 1361, 1274, 1217, 1141, 1091, 1078, 1024, 979, 923, 896, 819, 794, 763, 721, 690, 669, 613, 569, 538, 509 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 331.1480, found 331.1474.

## N,N-diethyl-2-phenyl-N'-tosylacetamidine (4b) [49]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.16–7.26 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.10 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 4.38 (s, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.50 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 2.36 (s, 3H, C**H**<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1.16 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 0.93 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.6, 141.4, 134.2, 130.6, 130.2, 130.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.1, 126.4, 126.2, 49.0, 48.4, 36.9, 30.6, 28.9, 13.7, 13.6 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3060, 3028, 2991, 2951, 1716, 1627, 1585, 1477, 1456, 1436, 1385, 1361, 1274, 1217, 1141, 1091, 1078, 1024, 979, 923, 896, 819, 794, 763, 721, 690, 669, 613, 585, 545 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 345.1636, found 345.1631.

# *4-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-N,N-diethyl-N'-tosylbutanami-dine* (*4c*)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.81 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.25 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 3.67 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 3.39–3.46 (m, 4H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.97 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.39 (s, 3H, C**H**<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1.87–1.96 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 1.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 1.10 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (s, 9H, SiC<sub>4</sub>**H**<sub>9</sub>), 0.05 (s, 6H, Si(C**H**<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.7, 141.5, 129.0, 126.0, 62.0, 43.1, 42.8, 30.7, 27.5, 25.7, 21.4, 18.1, 14.2, 12.0, -5.4 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3062, 3028, 2961, 2930, 2865, 1649, 1535, 1485, 1435, 1384, 1279, 1253, 1145, 1087, 1078, 969, 898, 851, 776, 735, 685, 658, 585, 505 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SSi ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 427.2451, found 427.2459.

## N,N-diethyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl)nonanamidine (4d) [50]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.87–7.90 (m, 3H, C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.37–7.41 (m, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 3.39 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.30 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.80 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>), 1.52–1.60 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>), 1.32–1.37 (m, 2H, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 1.19–1.25 (m, 2H, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 1.15–1.17 (m, 2H, C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>C**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.02–1.07 (m, 6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 0.84 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.7, 144.6, 134.1,

131.1, 128.4, 125.9, 64.3, 62.8, 43.2, 31.2, 31.0, 29.5, 27.4, 22.5, 14.2, 14.0, 12.1 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3062, 3030, 2958, 2930, 2865, 1649, 1535, 1485, 1435, 1384, 1279, 1253, 1145, 1087, 1024, 969, 896, 851, 776, 735, 686, 658, 589, 545 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{28}N_2O_2S$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 325.1950, found 325.1961.

## N,N-diethyl-N'-tosylnonanamidine (4e) [50]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.24 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 3.44 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.34 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>), 2.39 (s, 3H, C**H**<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1.41–1.60 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>), 1.29–1.39 (m, 2H, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 1.23–1.25 (m, 2H, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 1.13–1.23 (m, 2H, C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>C**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.08–1.13 (m, 6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 0.88 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.9, 143.1, 141.9, 141.4, 128.9, 126.2, 48.8, 48.3, 31.4, 31.0, 27.6, 21.8, 19.9, 13.5 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3062, 3028, 2956, 2872, 2858, 1708, 1596, 1541, 1465, 1431, 1369, 1274, 1165, 1147, 1087, 1024, 968, 896, 845, 812, 763, 709, 673, 596, 578, 545 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 339.2106, found 339.2107.

# N'-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-N,N-diethylheptanamidine (**4f**) [50]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.38 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 3.38 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.31(q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.80 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>), 1.28–1.69 (m, 8H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>**H**<sub>8</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.20 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 1.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 0.85 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.7, 143.1, 137.2, 129.7, 129.0, 128.6, 127.5, 123.8, 121.4, 44.0, 43.3, 39.1, 36.1, 31.1, 30.2, 29.5, 28.2, 27.4, 25.6, 25.1, 24.1, 23.3, 22.7, 22.4, 19.8, 14.1, 13.9, 12.0 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3091, 3062, 2956, 2933, 2872, 2237, 2017, 1722, 1583, 1548, 1477, 1436, 1386,1359, 1269, 1217, 1145, 1089, 1012, 974, 925, 893, 829, 786, 754, 707, 644, 590, 578, 543, 482 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>CIN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 359.1560, found 359.1554.

## N, N-dibutyl-2-phenyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl) acetamidine (4g)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.36–7.44 (m, 3H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.13–7.28 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 4.39 (s, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.40 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 3.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 1.11–1.71 (m, 8H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.77–0.86 (m, 6H, NC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.7, 144.2, 134.5, 131.2, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 126.8, 126.1, 48.8, 36.9, 30.4, 28.6, 20.1, 13.6 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3062, 3028, 2958, 2931, 2872, 2231, 1585, 1544, 1467, 1431, 1373, 1276, 1195, 1143, 1087, 1024, 952, 904, 848, 756, 729, 690, 624, 586, 534, 518 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S

 $([M+H]^{+})$  387.2106, found 387.2107.

## N,N-dibutyl-2-phenyl-N'-tosylacetamidine (4h)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.77 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.15–7.18 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 4.38 (s, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.39 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 3.09 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 2.35 (s, 3H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 1.50–1.55 (m, 4H, NC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.11–1.25 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 0.78–0.86 (m, 6H, NC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.6, 141.6, 141.4, 134.5, 128.9, 128.8, 127.9, 126.7, 126.1, 49.0, 48.8, 36.8, 30.4, 28.7, 21.4, 20.2, 19.9, 13.7, 13.6 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ :3061, 3026, 2954, 2929, 2872, 1574, 1552, 1473, 1471, 1371, 1276, 1261, 1199, 1182, 1136, 1083, 1018, 950, 912, 856, 813, 727, 692, 655, 596, 549,501 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 401.2263, found 401.2261.

## *N,N-dibutyl-N'-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-2-phenylacetamidine* (4i)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.33 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.09–7.28 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 4.36 (s, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.39 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 3.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 1.10–1.68 (m, 8H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.78–0.87 (m, 6H, NC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.8, 142.7, 137.4, 134.1, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 126.9, 49.1, 48.9, 36.8, 30.5, 28.6, 20.2, 19.8, 13.7, 13.5 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3064, 3028, 2956, 2872, 1552, 1465, 1452, 1373, 1276, 1257, 1199, 1134, 1087, 1010, 974, 950, 904, 862, 823, 758, 719, 655, 590, 528, 491, 453 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 421.1716, found 421.1706.

## *N,N-dibutyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl)heptanamidine* (4j)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.89 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.37–7.39 (m, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 3.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 3.20 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 2.80 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>), 1.39–1.61 (m, 8H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>**H**<sub>8</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.06–1.27 (m, 8H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.75–0.92 (m, 9H, NC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.8, 144.6, 131.1, 128.3, 125.9, 53.5, 48.8, 48.7, 47.5, 45.6, 31.2, 31.1, 29.9, 29.5, 28.9, 28.5, 27.3, 26.2, 22.5, 20.7, 20.2, 20.1, 20.0, 14.0, 13.7, 9.6 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3062, 3028, 2958, 2931, 2872, 1645, 1544, 1479, 1465, 1431, 1375, 1276, 1193, 1145, 1087, 997, 896, 852, 754, 729, 690, 669, 626, 586, 530 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 381.2575 found 381.2571.

## N,N-dibutyl-N'-tosylheptanamidine (4k) [50]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.78 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.20 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 3.33 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 3.21 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 2.82 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>), 2.36 (s,

3H,  $SO_2C_6H_5CH_3$ ), 1.44–1.59 (m, 8H,  $CH_2C_4H_8CH_3$ ), 1.20–1.27 (m, 8H,  $NCH_2C_2H_4CH_3$ ), 0.78–0.93 (m, 9H,  $NC_3H_6CH_3$ ,  $C_5H_{10}CH_3$ ) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.8, 141.9, 141.4, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 127.2, 126.0, 48.8, 31.0, 29.6, 28.9, 27.4, 22.5, 21.4, 20.1, 14.0, 13.7 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3062, 3030, 2956, 2872, 2858, 1708, 1598, 1541, 1465, 1431, 1355, 1325, 1274, 1165, 1145, 1087, 1018, 968, 896, 852, 812, 763, 709, 673, 596, 578, 547 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{22}H_{38}N_2O_2S$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 395.2732, found 395.2724.

N,N-dibutyl-N'-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)heptanamidine (4l) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.81 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.36 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 3.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 3.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 2.80 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>), 2.24–2.39 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 1.21–1.28 (m, 8H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.84–0.89 (m, 9H, NC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.9, 143.2, 137.2, 128.5, 127.5, 53.6, 48.9, 48.7, 41.7, 31.2, 29.5, 28.7, 28.0, 27.4, 26.6, 25.1, 22.5, 20.7, 20.0, 15.6, 14.0, 13.7 ppm; IR (KBr) ν: 3062,3028, 2958, 2931, 2872, 2233, 2019, 1635, 1544, 1475, 1431, 1379, 1286, 1271, 1193, 1170, 1145, 1087, 1012, 947, 896, 852, 827,756, 731, 707, 655, 626, 588, 555, 530, 482 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>35</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 415.2186, found 415.2186.

N,N-dinonyl-2-phenyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl)acetamidine (4m) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.37–7.40 (m, 3H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.14–7.24 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 4.38 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.38 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>), 3.08 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>), 1.18–1.49 (m, 28H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.78–0.87 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.7, 144.2, 134.5, 131.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 126.8, 126.2, 126.1, 53.3, 49.3, 49.1, 36.9, 31.9, 31.6, 29.6, 29.4, 29.1, 28.4, 27.4, 26.9, 26.6, 25.7, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3062, 3028, 2926, 2854, 2235, 1672, 1606, 1585, 1548, 1467, 1454, 1431, 1375, 1278, 1145, 1089, 1024, 999, 952, 902, 846, 754, 727, 690, 626, 586, 557 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 527.3671, found 527.3672.

## N,N-dinonyl-2-phenyl-N'-tosylacetamidine (4n)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.13–7.23 (m, 7H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 4.36 (s, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 3.37 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.07 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.34 (s, 3H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 1.18–1.51 (m, 28H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.78–0.86 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.6, 141.5, 141.4, 134.5, 128.9, 128.8, 127.9, 126.7, 126.1, 49.2, 49.0, 36.8, 31.7, 31.6, 29.5, 29.2, 28.4, 26.9, 26.6, 22.6, 21.3, 14.1 ppm; IR (KBr) *v*:3030, 2954, 2926, 2854, 1716, 1608, 1548, 1489, 1465, 1456, 1377, 1346, 1298, 1282, 1147, 1089, 1020, 950, 883, 850, 813,

761, 723, 707, 677, 597, 580, 553 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{33}H_{52}N_2O_2S$  ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 541.3828, found 541.3827.

## N,N-dinonyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl)heptanamidine (40)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.90 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.40–7.43 (m, 3H, C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 3.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>), 3.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>), 2.83 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>), 1.61–1.73 (m, 14H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>**H**<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.45–1.61 (m, 14H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>**H**<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.39–1.44 (m, 8H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>**H**<sub>8</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.16 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 6H, C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>16</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.8, 144.6, 131.1, 128.3, 125.9, 121.4, 49.1, 49.0, 39.3, 31.8, 31.7, 31.2, 29.6, 29.2, 28.9, 27.3, 26.9, 26.8, 23.4, 22.6, 22.4, 14.1 ppm; IR (KBr) v: 3064, 2926, 2854, 2241, 2019, 1544, 1463, 1379, 1278, 1228, 1147, 1089, 1024, 850, 754, 729, 690, 628, 590, 565 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>56</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 521.4140 found 521.4132.

## N,N-dinonyl-N'-tosylheptanamidine (4p)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.69 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.13 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 3.24 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.14 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.73 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>), 2.34 (s, 3H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 1.42–1.61 (m, 28H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.09–1.17(m, 8H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>**H**<sub>8</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.73–0.79 (m, 9H, NC<sub>8</sub>H<sub>16</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.6, 141.9, 141.3, 130.3, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 125.8, 121.4, 120.3, 118.9, 67.9, 48.9, 48.7, 39.2, 31.6, 31.1, 30.8, 29.4, 28.9, 27.2, 26.6, 24.9, 23.0, 22.4, 21.2, 13.8 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ :3028, 2954, 2854, 2239, 1681, 1598, 1544, 1463, 1379, 1274, 1145, 1112, 1041, 1012, 898, 850, 813, 721, 707, 688, 590, 553, 482 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>58</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 535.4297, found 535.4303.

N'-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-N,N-dinonylheptanamidine (4q) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 3.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.79 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>), 2.34–2.36 (m, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>), 1.12–1.62 (m, 34H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.79–0.84 (m, 9H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.8, 143.3, 137.2, 128.5, 127.5, 53.9, 49.4, 49.0, 31.8, 31.7, 31.2, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 28.9, 27.5, 27.4, 26.8, 26.7, 26.4, 22.6, 22.4, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ :3088, 3057, 2954, 2926, 2852, 1573, 1544, 1467, 1435, 1375, 1286, 1259, 1143, 1087, 1012, 985, 898, 854, 829, 792, 756, 723, 707, 678, 657, 572, 538, 513, 480 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>55</sub>CIN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 555.3751, found 555.3740.

## N,N-dibutyl-2-p-tolyl-N'-tosylacetamidine (4r)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.71 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.66 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.43 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.25 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>),

3.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 2.40 (s, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), 2.36 (s, 3H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.32 (s, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.21–1.50 (m, 8H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.86–0.90 (m, 6H, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 164.4$ , 144.6, 142.9, 136.7, 130.3, 129.4, 127.7, 126.9, 125.8, 124.4, 120.6, 117.0, 48.1, 30.8, 29.7, 29.2, 24.6, 21.4, 21.2, 19.9, 13.6 ppm; IR (KBr) v: 3051, 3028, 2958, 2929, 2872, 1716, 1670, 1635, 1597, 1512, 1490, 1458, 1379, 1330, 1261, 1159, 1145, 1089, 1016, 921, 813, 754, 704, 655, 584, 569, 549, 522, 509 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 415.2419, found 415.2415.

N,N-diethyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl)-2-p-tolylacetamidine (4s)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.09 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.67–7.90 (m, 3H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.47 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.62 (s, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 2.28 (q, J = 5.4 Hz, 4H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 163.7, 148.1, 135.3, 133.8, 132.7, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 126.0, 125.8, 41.9, 39.2, 31.8, 29.3, 22.6, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3060, 3028, 2991, 2951, 1716, 1627, 1585, 1477, 1456, 1436, 1385, 1361, 1274, 1217, 1141, 1091, 1078, 1024, 979, 923, 896, 819, 794, 763, 721, 690, 669, 613, 585, 545 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 345.1592, found 345.1576.

*N,N-dimethyl-2-phenyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl)acetamidine* (*4t*) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.44 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.11–7.24 (m, 8H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 2.41 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 2.36 (s, 6H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.7, 144.6, 142.1, 140.3, 136.5, 130.2, 129.4, 127.6, 124.6, 63.2, 40.5, 21.7 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3065, 3032, 2956, 2916, 2358, 1928, 1890, 1749, 1635, 1589, 1489, 1398, 1377, 1323, 1300, 1290, 1209, 1161, 1139, 1105, 1076, 1035, 1012, 815, 806, 704, 651, 584, 520, 505, 484 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 303.1167, found 303.1143.

## N,N-dimethyl-2-phenyl-N'-tosylacetamidine (4u) [51]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.40 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.25–7.32 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 2.65 (s, 8H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, NC**H**<sub>3</sub>), 2.41 (s, 3H, C**H**<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 164.7, 144.6, 142.1, 140.2, 136.4, 130.2, 129.4, 128.7, 127.6, 124.5, 63.1, 40.6, 21.7, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3065, 3032, 2956, 2916, 2358, 1928, 1890, 1749, 1635, 1589, 1489, 1398, 1377, 1323, 1300, 1290, 1209, 1161, 1139, 1105, 1076, 1035, 1012, 815, 806, 704, 651, 584, 520, 505, 484 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 317.1324, found 317.1642.

*N-benzyl-N-methyl-2-phenyl-N'-(phenylsulfonyl)acetamidine* (5t)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H,

SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.25–7.33 (m, 3H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.16–7.21 (m, 5H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.04–7.11 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 5.12 (s, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 3.96 (s, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 2.53 (s, 3H, C**H**<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 172.2, 143.0, 136.8, 131.2, 130.7, 130.4, 129.6, 129.1, 128.3, 127.9, 126.6, 126.1, 61.6, 42.9, 42.0 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3462, 3061, 3030, 2927, 2756, 2235, 1732, 1714, 1556, 1479, 1444, 1386, 1338, 1265, 1136, 1076, 1022, 999, 954, 842, 775, 742, 690, 648, 584, 532, 472 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 379.1480, found 379.1471.

N-benzyl-N-methyl-2-phenyl-N'-tosylacetamidine (5u)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.92 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.81 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>4</sub>), 7.41–7.46 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 7.26–7.37 (m, 5H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>**H**<sub>5</sub>), 3.54 (s, 2H, NC**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 2.31 (s, 6H, NC**H**<sub>3</sub>, C**H**<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 2.01 (s, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.1, 146.3, 141.8, 137.6, 131.2, 130.8, 130.4, 130.0, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 124.4, 121.4, 114.1, 39.3, 23.4, 21.8, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) v: 3566, 2956, 2924, 2848, 2343, 2322, 1749, 1716, 1674, 1647, 1558, 1506, 1489, 1456, 1394, 1377, 1024, 893, 858, 763, 696, 669, 648, 586, 518 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 393.1636, found 393.1625.

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