# Aromatic Nucleophilic N-N, N-S and N-O Exchange Reactions: Efficient Synthesis of 5,7-Bis(trifluoroacetyl)-8-quinolylamines, Sulfides and Ethers

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**Abstract**: Various 5,7-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-8-quinolylamines, sulfides and ethers were synthesized in excellent yields by aromatic nucleophilic N-N, N-S and N-O exchange reactions of *N*,*N*-dimeth-yl-5,7-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-8-quinolylamine with amines, thiols and alcohols. Base-catalyzed cyclization of the resulting benzyl 8-quinolyl sulfide and subsequent dehydration gave fluorine-containing thieno[3,2-*h*]quinolines in high yields.

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Activated aromatic compounds bearing good leaving groups such as halo-, alkoxy-, etc., are well known to undergo aromatic nucleophilic substitution with various nucleophiles.<sup>1</sup> However, amino groups attached to aromatic rings are seldom replaced by nucleophiles. Previously, we have found that N,N-dimethyl-2,4-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-1naphthylamine (1) reacts easily with various amines, thiols and alcohols under mild conditions to afford the corresponding N-N, N-S and N-O exchanged 2,4-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-1-naphthylamines, sulfides and ethers 2 in excellent yields, respectively (Scheme 1).<sup>2</sup> Up-to-lately we succeeded in extending the present S<sub>N</sub>Ar reaction to the less reactive N,N-dimethyl-2-trifluoroacetyl-4-halo-1naphthylamines.<sup>3</sup> In recent years, considerable attention has been paid to the development of new methodologies for the syntheses of many kinds of fluorine-containing heterocycles, since these compounds are now widely recognized as important organic materials showing interesting biological activities for their potential use in medicinal and agricultural scientific fields.<sup>4</sup> Besides, quinolines are important heterocyclic systems, constituting the structure of many naturally occurring products and having interesting pharmacological properties as antimicrobial agents and antitumor drugs.<sup>5</sup>





In this situation, we have very recently reported that *N*,*N*-dimethyl-5,7-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-8-quinolylamine (**3**) undergoes a novel aromatic nucleophilic substitution with amines to give the corresponding 5,7-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-8-quinolylamines.<sup>6</sup> Herein, we report a full account of our systematic studies on this type of aromatic nucleophilic substitution including the new finding of the reactions of **3** with various thiols and alcohols, which are considerably less reactive than amines. Furthermore, we also present its application to the synthesis of fluorine-containing 2,3-dihydrothieno[3,2-*h*]quinoline **7** and thieno[3,2-*h*]quinoline **8**, which are greatly expected to show antibacterial,<sup>7</sup> antitumor<sup>8</sup> and antianaphylactic activities.<sup>9</sup>

Starting material **3** was very easily prepared in 95% yield through the reaction of *N*,*N*-dimethyl-8-quinolylamine with trifluoroacetic anhydride in the presence of pyridine at 50 °C for 24 hours according to our method (Scheme 2).<sup>10</sup>





First, we examined the reaction of **3** with various amines (Scheme 3, Table 1). Reactions of 3 with ammonia and aliphatic primary amines such as methyl-, ethyl-, benzyland *i*-propylamines took place very easily at room temperature within 1 hour to afford the desired 8-quinolylamine derivatives 4a-e quantitatively (entries 1-5). Bulky t-butylamine also reacted cleanly to provide 4f by merely elevating the reaction temperature (50 °C) and extending the reaction time (72 hours) (entry 6). The more functionalized N-allyl-8-quinolylamine derivative 4g was easily synthesized in almost quantitative yield from 3 and allylamine (entry 7). In the case of propargylamine, for the sake of avoiding the formation of decomposed products, the reaction was performed at 0 °C to obtain the desired product 4h cleanly (entry 8). While secondary amines showed lower reactivity than primary ones in the present reaction, pyrrolidine revealed considerable enhanced reactivity to afford 4i in 100% yield (entry 9). Aromatic

amines such as *p*-substituted anilines underwent cleanly the desired dimethylamino-arylamino exchanges under slightly forced conditions to give the corresponding *N*aryl-8-quinolylamine derivatives **4j-m** in over 82% yields (entries 10-13).



Scheme 3

Next, we attempted to carry out the N-S exchange reactions of 3 with various thiols (Table 2). Reactions of 3with aliphatic thiols such as *n*-butanethiol, *n*-hexanethiol and benzyl mercaptan took place in refluxing acetonitrile within 24 hours to afford the desired alkyl 8-quinolyl sulfides **5b-d** quantitatively (entries 2–4). In the case of low boiling *n*-propanethiol, the reaction was performed with large amounts of reagent (20 equivalents), at a lower temperature (60 °C) and for an extended time (96 hours) to provide cleanly **5a** in 81% yield (entry 1). Aromatic thiols such as *p*-substituted benzenethiols also underwent easily the dimethylamino-arylthio exchanges under relatively mild conditions to give the corresponding aryl 8-quinolyl sulfides **5e-h** in over 93% yields (entries 5–8).

Further, the present aromatic nucleophilic substitutions were applied to alcohols (Table 3). In spite of the fairly low reactivities of alcohols, compared with the corresponding amines and thiols, the N-O exchange reaction of **3** with them, e.g. *n*-butyl, phenethyl and 2-phenoxyethyl alcohols, proceeded cleanly without the aid of base at reflux temperature in toluene to provide the corresponding 5,7-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-8-quinolylethers **6b**, **d**, **e** in high yields (entries 2, 4 and 5). In the cases of *n*-propyl and *i*-butyl alcohols, however, the desired N-O exchange reactions could barely proceed in refluxing toluene.<sup>11</sup> The at-

 Table 1
 Reaction of N,N-Dimethyl-5,7-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-8-quinolylamine 3 with Amines

| Entry | R <sup>1</sup> R <sup>2</sup> NH                                | Equiv | Temp. / °C | Time / h | Solvent | Product   | Yield / % <sup>a</sup> |
|-------|---|-------|------------|----------|---------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1     | NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>b</sup>                                    | 1     | r.t.       | 0.5      | MeCN    | 4a        | 100                    |
| 2     | MeNH <sub>2</sub> <sup>c</sup>                                  | 1     | r.t.       | 0.5      | MeCN    | 4b        | 100                    |
| 3     | $\text{EtNH}_2^{\tilde{d}}$                                     | 1     | r.t.       | 1        | MeCN    | 4c        | 100                    |
| 4     | PhCH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>                               | 1     | r.t.       | 0.5      | MeCN    | <b>4d</b> | 100                    |
| 5     | i-PrNH <sub>2</sub>   | 1     | r.t.       | 1        | MeCN    | <b>4e</b> | 100                    |
| 6     | t-BuNH <sub>2</sub>   | 3     | 50         | 72       | MeCN    | <b>4f</b> | 100                    |
| 7     | CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>              | 1     | r.t.       | 1        | MeCN    | 4g        | 98                     |
| 8     | CH=CCH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>                             | 1     | 0          | 2        | MeCN    | 4h        | 100                    |
| 9     | NH  | 1     | r.t.       | 2        | MeCN    | <b>4i</b> | 100                    |
| 10    | <i>p</i> -MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>      | 1     | reflux     | 3        | MeCN    | 4j        | 100                    |
| 11    | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>                   | 1     | reflux     | 12       | MeCN    | 4k        | 100                    |
| 12    | p-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>               | 1     | reflux     | 24       | MeCN    | 41        | 94                     |
| 13    | p-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> | 5     | reflux     | 96       | PrCN    | 4m        | 82                     |

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yields.

<sup>b</sup>Aq solution (28%) of ammonia was used.

<sup>c</sup>Aq solution (40%) of methylamine was used.

<sup>d</sup>Aq solution (70%) of ethylamine was used.

 Table 2
 Reaction of N,N-Dimethyl-5,7-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-8-quinolylamine 3 with Thiols

| Entry | R <sup>3</sup> SH                             | Equiv | Temp. / °C | Time / h | Solvent | Product | Yield / % <sup>a</sup> |
|-------|---|-------|------------|----------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| 1     | <i>n</i> -PrSH                                | 20    | 60         | 96       | MeCN    | 5a      | 81                     |
| 2     | n-BuSH  | 5     | reflux     | 24       | MeCN    | 5b      | 100                    |
| 3     | $n-C_6H_{13}SH$                               | 5     | reflux     | 24       | MeCN    | 5c      | 100                    |
| 4     | PhCH <sub>2</sub> SH                          | 5     | reflux     | 8        | MeCN    | 5d      | 100                    |
| 5     | <i>p</i> -MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> SH | 3     | reflux     | 4        | Toluene | 5e      | 96                     |
| 6     | p-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> SH          | 3     | reflux     | 4        | Toluene | 5f      | 98                     |
| 7     | PhSH  | 3     | reflux     | 48       | Toluene | 5g      | 93                     |
| 8     | p-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> SH          | 3     | reflux     | 8        | Toluene | 5h      | 95                     |

aIsolated yields.

 Table 3
 Reaction of N,N-Dimethyl-5,7-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-8-quinolylamine 3 with Alcohols<sup>a</sup>

| Entry | R <sup>4</sup> OH                     | Equiv | Time / h | Solvent        | Product | Yield / % <sup>b</sup> |  |
|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------------|---------|------------------------|--|
| 1     | <i>n</i> -PrOH                        | 54    | 240      | <i>n</i> -PrOH | 6a      | 64                     |  |
| 2     | <i>n</i> -BuOH                        | 10    | 168      | Toluene        | 6b      | 81                     |  |
| 3     | <i>i</i> -BuOH                        | 43    | 240      | i-BuOH         | 6c      | 82                     |  |
| 4     | PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH  | 10    | 96       | Toluene        | 6d      | 71                     |  |
| 5     | PhOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH | 20    | 168      | Toluene        | 6e      | 77                     |  |

<sup>a</sup> The reaction was carried out under reflux.

<sup>b</sup> Isolated yields.

tempted alcoholysis of **3** under reflux was successful and the desired ethers **6a,c** were prepared in 64–82% yields (entries 1 and 3). Either of the 5- or 7-trifluoroacetyl group of compounds (**5a-c** and **6b-d**) was found to exist as the hydrate form. It is of interest that the present N-O exchange reaction proceeded faster in less polar toluene than in butyronitrile. For instance, compound **3** was allowed to react with 5 equivalents of *n*-butyl alcohol at 110 °C for 48 hours and the following result was obtained: solvent/% conversion to **6b**; toluene / 49; butyronitrile / 30. These results were in a striking contrast to those obtained in the cases of dimethylamino-alkylthio exchange reactions in the present quinoline system.<sup>12</sup>

Moreover, we examined the differences in reactivities between the naphthalene system 1 and the quinoline one 3 in the present  $S_NAr$  reaction. Interestingly, in N-O exchange reaction naphthylamine 1 exhibited much higher reactivities than quinolylamine 3,<sup>13</sup> in direct opposition to the cases of N-N<sup>14</sup> and N-S<sup>15</sup> exchanges.

Lastly, we set about the application of this type of aromatic nucleophilic substitution to the syntheses of fluorinecontaining heterocycles having the quinoline skeleton. For example, as depicted in Scheme 4, base-catalyzed cyclization of benzyl 8-quinolyl sulfide **5d** with 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (Dabco) proceeded in refluxing acetonitrile for 4 hours to yield 2,3-dihydrothieno[3,2h]quinoline **7**, which was effectively converted into fluo-



Scheme 4

rine-containing thieno[3,2-h]quinoline **8** by formal dehydration (HO-Cl exchange and subsequent dehydrochlorination) with the use of thionyl chloride in the presence of pyridine.

Thus, we succeeded in extending the novel aromatic nucleophilic substitutions of **3** with amines to those with thiols and alcohols and in providing an efficient synthetic method for various 5,7-bis(trifluoro-acetyl)-8-quinolyl-amines, sulfides and ethers, which are not easily accessible by other methods.<sup>16</sup> Further work is currently being continued in our laboratory.

Mps were determined on an electrothermal digital melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Hitachi EPI-G3 spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra was obtained with a JEOL PMX 60SI instrument. Microanalyses were taken with a YANACO CHN-Corder MT-5 analyzer. Chromatographic separations were carried out on a silica gel column (Fuji Silysia Chemical BW-127ZH; 100–270 mesh). Reagents were obtained commercially and used without further purification except for *N*,*N*-dimethyl-8-quinolylamine, which was prepared from 8-quinolylamine and trimethylphosphate according to literature procedure.<sup>17</sup> Final purification of all products for microanalyses was done by recrystallization.

## *N*,*N*-Dimethyl-5,7-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-8-quinolylamine (3)

To a stirred solution of *N*,*N*-dimethyl-8-quinolylamine (1.72 g, 10 mmol) and pyridine (1.98 g, 25 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) was added dropwise trifluoroacetic anhydride (5.25 g, 25 mmol) with cooling, and stirring was continued at 50 °C for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and EtOAc (100 mL) was added to the residue. The solution was washed with sat. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (200 mL), with 1N HCl (200 mL), thoroughly with H<sub>2</sub>O (200 mL), and then dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was chromatographed using *n*-hexane:EtOAc, 3:1 as eluent to give **3**; yield: 3.46 g (95%).

N-N Exchange Reaction of 3 with Amines; General Procedures To a solution of 3 (1.10 g, 3 mmol) in MeCN (21 mL) were added the appropriate amines (3–15 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C–reflux temperature for 0.5–96 h. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo to give the practically pure products **4a-1**. In the case of **4m**, PrCN was used as a solvent, and separation and purification were carried out by recrystallization from *n*-hexane/EtOAc (see Table 1).

#### N-S Exchange Reaction of 3 with Thiols; General Procedures

To a solution of **3** (1.10 g, 3 mmol) in MeCN (12 mL) were added the appropriate thiols (9–60 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C–reflux temperature for 4–96 h. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was chromatographed using *n*-hex-

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 Table 4
 Physical and Spectral Data of Compounds 3–8

| Com-<br>pound | Mp (°C)<br>(Solvent)  | Molecular<br>Formula <sup>a</sup>  | IR (KBr)<br>υ (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | <sup>1</sup> H NMR (CDCl <sub>3</sub> /TMS)<br><i>J</i> (Hz)   |
|---------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 3             | 145–146<br>( $n$ -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc)      | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub><br>(364.2)  | 1687, 1663                        | 3.49 (s, 6 H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 7.54 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 4, 9, H-3), 8.60 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 8.78 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 4, H-2), 9.38 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 9, H-4)   |
| 4a            | 172-173<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | $C_{13}H_6F_6N_2O_2$<br>(336.2)  | 3410, 3295,<br>1651               | 7.74 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 4, 9, H-3), 8.73 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 8.86 (dd,<br>1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 4, H-2), 9.51 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 9, H-4), 7.55–10.20<br>(br, 2 H, NH <sub>2</sub> )  |
| 4b            | 175–176<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | $C_{14}H_8F_6N_2O_2$<br>(350.2)  | 3125, 1675,<br>1633               | 3.21–4.23 (br, 3 H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 7.70 (dd, 1 H, $J = 4, 9, H-3$ ), 8.68 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 8.89 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 4, H-2$ ), 9.51 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 9, H-4$ ), 10.07–11.79 (br, 1 H, NH) <sup>b</sup>   |
| 4c            | 120–121<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> )           | $C_{15}H_{10}F_6N_2O_2$<br>(364.2)   | 3100, 1681,<br>1636               | 1.45 (t, 3 H, <i>J</i> = 7, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.64–5.06 (br, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 7.66 (dd,<br>1 H, <i>J</i> = 4, 9, H-3), 8.70 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 8.85 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 4,<br>H-2), 9.51 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 9, H-4), 10.19–11.67 (br, 1 H, NH) |
| 4d            | 147-148<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | $\begin{array}{c} C_{20}H_{12}F_6N_2O_2\\ (426.3)\end{array}$                            | 3045, 1677,<br>1638               | 5.06–5.82 (br, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 7.41 (s, 5 H, Ph), 7.63 (dd, 1 H, $J = 4, 9, H$ -3), 8.69 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 8.84 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 4, H$ -2), 9.50 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 9, H$ -4), 10.63–11.66 (br, 1 H, NH)   |
| 4e            | 119–120<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> )           | $\begin{array}{c} C_{16}H_{12}F_6N_2O_2\\ (378.3) \end{array}$                           | 3095, 1684,<br>1638               | 1.45 (d, 6 H, $J = 6$ , CH <sub>3</sub> ), 5.34–6.10 (br, 1 H, CH), 7.60 (dd,<br>1 H, $J = 4$ , 9, H-3), 8.65 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 8.81 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2$ , 4,<br>H-2), 9.47 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2$ , 9, H-4), 10.75–11.46 (br, 1 H, NH)                               |
| 4f            | 140–141<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> )           | $\begin{array}{c} C_{17}H_{14}F_6N_2O_2\\ (392.3) \end{array}$                           | 3060, 1683,<br>1642               | 1.71 (s, 9 H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 7.61 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 4, 9, H-3), 8.68 (br s,<br>1 H, H-6), 8.87 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 4, H-2), 9.47 (dd, 1H, <i>J</i> = 2, 9,<br>H-4), 11,27–11.83 (br. 1 H, NH)   |
| 4g            | 96–97<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> )             | $\begin{array}{c} C_{16}H_{10}F_{6}N_{2}O_{2}\\ (376.3) \end{array}$                     | 3090, 1686,<br>1643               | 4.13–6.43 (m, 5 H, CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub> ), 7.57 (dd, 1 H, $J = 4, 9, H$ -<br>3), 8.55 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 8.76 (dd, 1H, $J = 2, 4, H$ -2), 9.36 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 9, H$ -4), 10,07–11,77 (br, 1 H, NH)   |
| 4h            | 111 (dec)<br>( $n$ -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc)    | C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>8</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub><br>(374.2)   | 3250, 3115,<br>1683, 1642         | 2.40 (t, 1 H, $J = 2$ , CH), 4.92–5.37 (m, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 7.69 (dd,<br>1 H, $J = 4$ , 9, H-3), 8.73 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 8.88 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2$ , 4,<br>H-2), 9.54 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2$ , 9, H-4), 10.42–10.82 (br, 1 H, NH)                                |
| 4i            | 157-158<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | $\begin{array}{c} C_{17}H_{12}F_6N_2O_2\\ (390.3) \end{array}$                           | 1653                              | 1.84–2.25 (m, 4 H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 3.70–4.09 (m, 4 H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 7.48 (dd,<br>1 H, <i>J</i> = 4, 9, H-3), 8.60–8.75 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-6), 9.30 (dd,<br>1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 9, H-4)   |
| 4j            | 176-177<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | $\begin{array}{c} C_{20}H_{12}F_6N_2O_3\\ (442.3)\end{array}$                            | 3250, 1683                        | $3.82$ (s, 3H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), $6.80-7.29$ (m, $4 H_{arom}$ ), $7.67$ (dd, 1 H, $J = 4, 9, H-3$ ), $8.64$ (br s, 1 H, H-6), $8.73$ (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 4, H-2$ ), $9.52$ (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 9, H-4$ ), $10.47-10.79$ (br, 1 H, NH)                            |
| 4k            | 192-193<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | $\begin{array}{c} C_{19}H_{10}F_6N_2O_2\\ (412.3)\end{array}$                            | 3270, 1683                        | 7.03–7.51 (m, 5 H, Ph), 7.70 (dd, 1 H, $J = 4, 9, H-3$ ), 8.61 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 8.74 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 4, H-2$ ), 9.48 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 9, H-4$ ), 10.44–10.90 (br, 1 H, NH)   |
| 41            | 184-185<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ClF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub><br>(446.7) | 3235, 1687                        | 6.96-7.44 (m, 4 H <sub>arom</sub> ), 7.67 (dd, 1 H, $J = 4, 9, H-3$ ), 8.60–<br>8.75 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-6), 9.47 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 9, H-4$ ), 10.72–<br>11.22 (br. 1 H, NH)   |
| 4m            | 201-202<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | $C_{19}H_9F_6N_3O_4$<br>(457.3)  | 3170, 1685,<br>1502, 1340         | 7.27 (d, 2 H, $J = 9$ , 2 H <sub>arom</sub> ), 7.79 (dd, 1 H, $J = 4$ , 9, H-3), 8.21 (d, 2 H, $J = 9$ , 2 H <sub>arom</sub> ), 8.65–8.89 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-6), 9.46 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2$ , 9, H-4), 10.56–11.02 (br. 1 H, NH) <sup>b</sup>                         |
| 5a            | 116-117<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | $C_{16}H_{13}F_6NO_3S^c$<br>(413.3)  | 3350, 1736                        | 0.78–1.83 (m, 5 H, CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.11–3.52 (m, 2 H, SCH <sub>2</sub> ),<br>4.95–6.59 (br, 2 H, OH), 7.45–8.16 (m, 2 H, H-3, H-6), 9.00–<br>9.43 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-4) <sup>b</sup>   |
| 5b            | 116-117<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>15</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> S <sup>c</sup><br>(427.4) | 3310, 1744                        | 0.70-1.84 [m, 7 H, (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ], 1.86–6.33 (br, 2 H, OH),<br>3.16-3.56 (m, 2 H, SCH <sub>2</sub> ), 7.45-8.22 (m, 2H, H-3, H-6),<br>9.04–9.43 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-4) <sup>b</sup>   |
| 5c            | 96–97<br>( $n$ -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc)        | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>19</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> S <sup>c</sup><br>(455.4) | 3360, 1743                        | 0.50–1.91 [m, 11 H, (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ], 3.13–3.55 (m, 2 H, SCH <sub>2</sub> ),<br>5.25–6.48 (br, 2 H, OH), 7.45–8.20 (m, 2 H, H-3, H-6), 8.99–<br>9.38 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-4) <sup>b</sup>  |
| 5d            | 124-125<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | $C_{20}H_{11}F_6NO_2S$<br>(443.4)  | 1694                              | 4.58 (s, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 7.12 (s, 5 H, Ph), 7.57–7.85 (m, 1 H, H-3), 8.09 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 9.09–9.28 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-4)   |
| 5e            | 125-126<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> )           | $C_{20}H_{11}F_6NO_3S$<br>(459.4)  | 1727, 1703                        | 3.78 (s, 3 H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 6.83 (d, 2 H, $J = 9$ , 2H <sub>arom</sub> ), 7.30 (d, 2 H, $J = 9$ , 2 H <sub>arom</sub> ), 7.68 (dd, 1 H, $J = 4$ , 9, H-3), 8.15 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 9.00 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2$ , 4, H-2). 9.22 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2$ , 9, H-4)     |
| 5f            | 114–115<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> )           | $C_{20}H_{11}F_6NO_2S$<br>(443.4)  | 1722, 1685                        | 2.32 (s, 3 H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 7.02–7.36 (m, 4 H <sub>arom</sub> ), 7.72 (dd, 1 H,<br>$J = 4, 9, H^{-3}$ ), 8.22 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 9.05 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 4, H^{-2}$ ), 9.27 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 9, H^{-4}$ )  |

#### Table 4 (continued)

| Com-<br>pound | Mp (°C)<br>(Solvent)  | Molecular<br>Formula <sup>a</sup>  | IR (KBr)<br>υ (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | <sup>1</sup> H NMR (CDCl <sub>3</sub> /TMS)<br><i>J</i> (Hz)  |
|---------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| 5g            | 134–135<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>9</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> S<br>(429.3)             | 1722, 1688                        | 7.31 (s, 5 H, Ph), 7.72 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 4, 9, H-3), 8.25 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 9.04 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 4, H-2), 9.27 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 9, H-4)  |
| 5h            | 123-124<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> )           | $C_{19}H_8ClF_6NO_2S$<br>(463.8)   | 1716, 1697                        | 7.26 (s, 4 $H_{arom}$ ), 7.72 (dd, 1 H, J = 4, 9, H-3), 8.29 (br s, 1 H, H-6), 9.03 (dd, 1 H, J = 2, 4, H-2), 9.23 (dd, 1 H, J = 2, 9, H-4)   |
| 6a            | 97–98<br>( $n$ -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc)        | C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>11</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>3</sub><br>(379.3)              | 1695                              | 1.06 (t, 3H, $J = 7$ , CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.80–2.16 (m, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 5.07 (t,<br>2 H, $J = 7$ , OCH <sub>2</sub> ), 7.72 (dd, 1 H, $J = 4$ , 9, H-3), 8.48 (br s, 1 H,<br>H-6), 9.06 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2$ , 4, H-2), 9.41 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2$ , 9, H-4)                       |
| 6b            | 88–89<br>( $n$ -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc)        | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>15</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> <sup>c</sup><br>(411.3) | 3340, 1698                        | 0.89–2.29 [m, 7 H, (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ], 4.63–6.58 (br, 2 H, OH),<br>4.76–5.23 (m, 2 H, OCH <sub>2</sub> ), 7.55–7.83 (m, 1 H, H-3), 8.46–<br>8.76 (m, 1 H, H-6), 8.97–9.16 (m, 1 H, H-2), 9.24–9.52 (m,<br>1 H, H-4) <sup>b</sup>                     |
| 60            | 83–84<br>( $n$ -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc)        | $C_{17}H_{15}F_6NO_4^{c}$<br>(411.3)   | 3395, 1703                        | 1.00-1.26 (m, 6 H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), $1.95-2.73$ (m, 1 H, CH), $3.83-5.47$ (br, 2 H, OH), $4.61-4.90$ (m, 2 H, OCH <sub>2</sub> ), $7.56-7.86$ (m, 1 H, H-3), $8.46-8.68$ (m, 1 H, H-6), $8.96-9.09$ (m, 1 H, H-2), $9.20-9.55$ (m, 1 H, H-4) <sup>b</sup>                         |
| 6d            | 93–94<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc)   | $C_{21}H_{15}F_6NO_4^{\ c}$<br>(459.3)   | 3360, 1699                        | 3.05–4.94 (br, 2 H, OH), 3.16–3.51 (m, 2 H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 4.98–<br>5.44 (m, 2 H, OCH <sub>2</sub> ), 7.29–7.82 (m, 6 H, H-3, Ph), 8.46–<br>8.68 (m, 1 H, H-6), 8.97–9.14 (m, 1 H, H-2), 9.22–9.48 (m, 1 H, H-4) <sup>b</sup>   |
| 6e            | 133–134<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | $\begin{array}{c} C_{21}H_{13}F_6NO_4 \\ (457.3) \end{array}$                          | 1698                              | 4.40 (t, 2 H, <i>J</i> = 4, PhOC <u>H</u> <sub>2</sub> ), 5.42 (t, 2 H, <i>J</i> = 4, OCH <sub>2</sub> ), 6.73–<br>7.47 (m, 5 H, Ph), 7.67 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 4, 9, H-3), 8.45 (br s,<br>1 H, H-6), 9.00 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 4, H-2), 9.33 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 9,<br>H-4) |
| 7             | 135-136<br>( <i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> /<br>EtOAc) | $\begin{array}{c} C_{20}H_{11}F_6NO_2S\\ (443.4)\end{array}$                           | 3230, 1696                        | 3.01–3.89 (br, 1 H, OH), 5.38 (s, 1 H, H-2), 7.21–7.79 (m, 6 H, H-7, Ph), 8.28 (br s, 1 H, H-4), 8.91 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 4, H-8), 9.31 (dd, 1 H, <i>J</i> = 2, 9, H-6)   |
| 8             | 152–153<br>(EtOAc)  | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>9</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NOS<br>(425.4)                           | 1697                              | 7.45–7.87 (m, 6 H, H-7, Ph), 8.77 (br s, 1 H, H-4), 9.01 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 4, H$ -8), 9.27 (dd, 1 H, $J = 2, 9, H$ -6)  |

<sup>a</sup>Satisfactory microanalyses were obtained: C±0.34, H±0.36, N±0.29. <sup>b</sup>In CD<sub>3</sub>CN/CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

<sup>c</sup>Compounds (5a-c and 6b-d) were found to exist as monohydrate form.

ane:EtOAc, 3:1 for **5a-d** and *n*-hexane:EtOAc, 2:1 for **5e-h**, as eluent. In the cases of **5e-h**, toluene was used as a solvent (see Table 2).

**N-O Exchange Reaction of 3 with Alcohols; General Procedures** To a solution of **3** (1.10 g, 3 mmol) in toluene (12 mL) was added the appropriate alcohols (30-162 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at reflux temperature for 96–240 h. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was chromatographed using *n*-hexane:EtOAc, 3:1 for **6d,e** and *n*-hexane:EtOAc, 2:1 for **6a-c**, as eluent. In the cases of **6a** and **6c**, *n*-propyl and *i*-butyl alcohols were used as solvents, respectively (see Table 3).

### 5-Trifluoroacetyl-3-trifluoromethyl-3-hydroxy-2-phenyl-2,3dihydrothieno[3,2-*h*]quinoline (7)

To a solution of **5d** (1.33 g, 3 mmol) in MeCN (12 mL) was added Dabco (1.01 g, 9 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at reflux temperature for 4 h. Most of the solvent was evaporated and EtOAc (50 mL) was then added. The whole mixture was washed with 1N HCl (100 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL), and the organic layer was separated and dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude mixture was chromatographed using *n*-hexane:EtOAc, 9:1 as eluent to give **7**; yield: 1.18 g (89%).

## Dehydration of 7 to 8

To a stirred solution of 7 (1.33 g, 3 mmol) and pyridine (0.48 g, 6 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (24 mL) was added dropwise thionyl chloride

(0.71 g, 6 mmol) with cooling, and stirring was continued at room temperature for 1 h. After evaporation of most the solvent, EtOAc (50 mL) was added. The whole mixture was washed with sat. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL), and the organic layer was separated and dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude mixture was chromatographed using *n*-hexane:EtOAc, 4:1 as eluent to give **8**; yield: 1.28 g (100%).

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- (11) For example, reaction of 3 with n-propyl alcohol (20 equiv) in refluxing toluene for 168 h afforded the desired product 6a in only 17% yield and substrate 3 was recovered in 83% yield.
- (12) Me<sub>2</sub>N-SBu-*n* exchange reaction (110 °C, 4 h) of **3** with *n*-butanethiol (3 equiv) did not take place in toluene. However, replacing toluene with butyronitrile as solvent allowed the conversion of **3** to **5b** (78%). As for dimethylamino-arylthio exchange, e.g., in the reaction of **3** with 3 equivalents of *p*-toluenethiol at 110 °C for 2 h, the solvent effect bore some resemblance to that of N-O exchange (solvent /% conversion to **5f**; toluene / 92; butyronitrile / 85). There was little difference in the reactivities attributed to changing the solvents in N-N exchange reaction of **3** with amines.

- (13) For example, naphthylamine **1** and quinolylamine **3** were allowed to react with 5 equivalents of *n*-butyl alcohol in refluxing toluene for 24 h: substrate /% conversion to *n*-butyl 1-[2,4-bis-(trifluoroacetyl)naphthyl] ether **2** (Nu = *n*-BuO) and **6b**; **1** / 93; **3** / 41.
- (14) Naphthylamine 1 and quinolylamine 3 were allowed to react with equimolar amounts of benzylamine at r.t. for 5 min in MeCN: substrate /% conversion to *N*-benzyl-2,4-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-1-naphthylamine 2 (Nu = PhCH<sub>2</sub>NH) and 4d; 1 / 59; 3 / 99.
- (15) Naphthylamine **1** and quinolylamine **3** were allowed to react with 3 equivalents of *n*-butanethiol for 8 h in refluxing MeCN: substrate /% conversion to *n*-butyl 1-[2,4-bis(trifluoroacetyl)-naphthyl] sulfide **2** (Nu = *n*-BuS) and **5b**; **1** / 38; **3** / 83.
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