Triflamidation of Allyl-Containing Substances: Unusual Dehydrobromination vs. Intramolecular Heterocyclization

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Abstract: Allyl halides with triflimide under oxidative conditions form halogen-substituted amidines. Allyl cyanide reacts with triflimide in acetonitrile or THF solutions in the presence of NBS to give the products of bromotriflamidation with a solvent interception, whereas in CH₂Cl₂ two regioisomers of the bromotriflamidation product without a solvent interception were obtained. The formed products undergo base-induced dehydrobromination to give linear isomers with the new C=C bond conjugated either with the nitrile group or the amidine moiety or alkoxy group. Under the same conditions, the reaction of allyl alcohol with triflimide gives rise to amidine, which was prepared earlier by the reaction of diallyl formal with triflimide. Unlike their iodo-substituted analogs, bromo-substituted amidines successfully transform into imidazolidines under the action of potassium carbonate.

Keywords: allyl cyanide; allyl halides; triflimide; oxidative bromotriflamidation; solvent interception; heterocyclization

1. Introduction

Oxidative sulfonamidation of unsaturated compounds is a convenient method for the formation of the C–N bond and an expedient route to the synthesis of various linear and cyclic compounds capable of further functionalization. The course of the reaction and the structure of products strongly depend on the reagent, oxidant, and reaction conditions [1–4]. Allylic substrates differ from their vinylic analogs in the possibility of migration of the double bond upon nucleophilic or electrophilic attack of the terminal olefinic carbon atom, which is impossible in vinylic substrates. In the literature, there are not so many examples of the reactions of oxidative sulfonamidation with the participation of allyl-containing substrates. Thus, in the presence of mild oxidant Cu(OAc)₂ and Cs₂CO₃ as a base, N-arylsulfonyl-ortho-allylanilines undergo oxidative cyclization to afford the products with four fused rings [5]. Homoallylic aromatic sulfonamides ArSO₂NHCH(R)CH₂CH=CH₂ are intramolecularly oxidized by PhI(OAc)₂ in the presence of KBr with cyclization to 4-bromopyrrolidines to give a mixture of the cis and trans isomers in high yield [6]. N-Bromosuccinimide (NBS) induced enantioselective cyclization of allyl-N-tosylcarbamates catalyzed by a complex of Sc(OTf)₃ with chiral phosphine was reported [7]; the yield of the target products, substituted oxazolidinones, reached 71–90%. The latter was easily recyclized to the oxymethyl-substituted aziridines (Scheme 1).

Various 6-halomethyl-substituted 1-tosylpiperazines-2-ones were obtained by NBS-induced intramolecular cyclization of N-allyl-N-benzyl-2-(tosylamido)acetamide [8], PdCl₂(MeCN)₂-catalyzed cyclization of tosylglycine-N-allylamides with CuCl₂ in THF [9], or by the combined action of N-chlorosuccinimide (NCS) and PdCl₂(PhCN)₂ [10]. The replacement of PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ by PdCl₂(PhCN)₂ allowed to increase the yield to 90% as compared to 65% in [9] (Scheme 2).

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yield and opening a way to aminoalcohols and aziridines as useful building blocks [11] (Scheme 3).

Earlier, we studied a lot of unsaturated substrates in the reactions of oxidative sulfonamidation as summarized in review [12] but only a few of them contained electron-withdrawing groups. Among them were divinyl sulfone and divinyl sulfoxide, which reacted with triflamide in the system t-BuOCl/NaI via iodotriflamidation with subsequent cyclization into 2,6-diiodo-4-(triflyl)thiomorpholine 1,1-dioxide [13], mono- and diallyltriflamides, which under the same conditions reacted with carboxamides and sulfonamides via halogenation of the double bond [14,15] and/or iodosulfonamidation and cyclization to 3,7-diiodo-1,5-bis(triflyl)-1,5-diazocane and 3,7,9-tris(triflyl)-3,7,9-triazabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane [15], and mono- and diallyl ethers and allyl acetate, which on cooling to −30 °C gave the products of triflamidation or cyclization [16].

2. Results and Discussion

With this in mind, in the present work, we have studied the reactions of allyl halides, allyl alcohol, allylamine, acrylonitrile, and allyl cyanide with triflamide under oxidative conditions in different solvents.

The reaction of triflamide (1) with allyl chloride (2) and allyl bromide (3) in the presence of N-bromosuccinimide (NBS) and acetonitrile at room temperature affords the products of halogenation with a solvent interception, N-(2-bromo-3-halopropyl)-N'-[(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)acetamidamides (4, 5) (Scheme 4).
Scheme 4. NBS-induced reaction of triflamide with allyl chloride and bromide in acetonitrile.

Analytically pure compounds were isolated by column chromatography. The structure of compounds 4 and 5 was proved by NMR and IR spectroscopy, as well as elemental analysis data. In particular, the IR spectrum of 4 contains absorption bands at 3334 (ν\textsubscript{NH}), 1556 (υ\textsubscript{C=N}), and 663 cm\textsuperscript{-1} (υ\textsubscript{C–Br}). The \textsuperscript{1}H NMR spectrum shows a broadened singlet of the NH group, a triplet of triplets of the CHBr proton, and a singlet at 2.5 ppm, typical for the methyl group in the amidine fragment. The \textsuperscript{13}C NMR spectrum displays the signal of the azomethine group C=N and a quartet of the CF\textsubscript{3} group. Note, that no products of the addition of the triflamide residue to the double bond were observed.

The reaction of allyl iodide 6 with triflamide under the same conditions gave amidine 5 identical to that obtained in the reaction of allyl bromide 3 (Scheme 4). The product does not contain iodine, which is apparently indicative of its substitution in the intermediate bromiodo derivative 7 by bromine from NBS (Scheme 5).

Scheme 5. NBS-induced reaction of triflamide with allyl iodide 6 in acetonitrile.

A possible explanation of the formation of the dibromo-substituted amidine 5 from allyl iodide 6 is given in Scheme 6, suggesting the bromine/iodine exchange in the intermediate 7.

Scheme 6. Possible mechanism for the formation of dibromo-substituted amidine 5.

Replacing NBS with N-iodosuccinimide (NIS) in the reaction of triflamide with allyl halides 2 and 3, N-(2-iodo-3-halopropyl)-N’-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)acetamidamides 8 and 9 were obtained (Scheme 7). The low yields in the reaction using NIS can be due to the lower Lewis acidity of the generated iodine cation than that of the bromine cation.

Scheme 7. NIS-induced reaction of triflamide with allyl chloride and bromide in acetonitrile.

The structure of products 8 and 9 was proved by NMR and IR spectroscopy, as well as elemental analysis data. The IR spectra of both products show two \textsuperscript{νNH} absorption
bands at 3326 and 3231 cm\(^{-1}\) and the bands at 1577, 1553 cm\(^{-1}\) (\(\nu_{C=N}\)). In the \(^1\)H NMR spectrum of 8, a broad singlet of the NH group and a doublet of doublets of the CHI proton appears. The CHI signals in 8 strongly differ from that in 9 in the position and the character of splitting (ddd in 8 and a multiplet in 9).

Surprisingly, no reaction occurred between allyl iodide 6 and triflamide in the presence of NIS: the reagents were recovered unchanged.

No products could be isolated from the NBS-induced reaction of allyl amine 10 with triflamide because of the strong polymerization of the reaction mixture. In contrast, allyl alcohol 11 afforded a low yield of amidine 12, which was obtained earlier from the NBS-induced reaction of diallylformal with triflamide (Scheme 8) [16].

\[ \text{Scheme 8. NBS-induced reaction of triflamide with allyl alcohol 11 in acetonitrile.} \]

With acrylonitrile, neither in the system \(t\)-BuOCl/NaI nor in the presence of NBS, at room temperature or on cooling, any products were isolated, apparently, due to strong polymerization under oxidative conditions (see, e.g., [17]). As distinct from that, the NBS-induced reaction of triflamide with allyl cyanide 13 in acetonitrile gave the product of bromotriflamidation with solvent interception 14 similar to the reactions of other substrates under analogous conditions [16,18]. The yield of N-(2-bromo-3-cyanopropyl)-N’-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)ethaneimidamide 14 isolated by column chromatography was 60%. Its structure was proved by the methods of IR, NMR spectroscopy, and HRMS. In particular, the IR spectrum of amidine 14 shows absorption bands \(\nu_{\text{NH}}\) (3324), \(\nu_{\text{C=\equiv N}}\) (2259), and \(\nu_{\text{NHC=\equiv N}}\) (1560 cm\(^{-1}\)), its \(^1\)H NMR spectrum displays a broad NH singlet, the signals of diastereotopic CH\(_2\)N protons and a singlet of the methyl group at the azomethine bond. The \(^{13}\)C NMR spectrum contains the C=\equiv N and C=N signals, the CF\(_3\) quartet, and the corresponding signal appears in the \(^{19}\)F NMR spectrum. The use of larger amounts of the reagents allowed to isolate the minor product, N-(2-bromo-3-cyanopropyl)triflamide 15 having no acetonitrile moiety (Scheme 9). Its structure was also proved by NMR and IR spectroscopy. The ratio of compounds 14:15, from \(^1\)H NMR spectroscopy, was ~4:1 (Scheme 9).

\[ \text{Scheme 9. NBS-induced reaction of triflamide with allyl cyanide 13 in acetonitrile.} \]

By replacing acetonitrile with THF as a solvent, we hoped to synthesize amino esters, as was previously successfully completed in our works [18,19]. However, with allyl chloride, instead, the product of bromination, 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane 16, was isolated in a low yield (Scheme 10) indicating that triflamide is not involved in the reaction.

\[ \text{Scheme 10. NBS-induced reaction of triflamide with allyl chloride in THF.} \]
The reason for this behavior is that triflamide practically does not react with unsaturated substrates in solvents of low basicity [20].

Carrying out the reaction of allyl cyanide 13 in Scheme 9 in THF instead of MeCN also led to the solvent interception product, N-[4-(2-bromo-3-cyanopropoxy)butyl] triflamide 17 formed via the THF ring opening and its addition as an O-nucleophile (Scheme 11).

Scheme 11. NBS-induced reaction of triflamide with allyl cyanide 13 in THF.

Excluding the possibility of the formation of amidine 14 by replacing acetonitrile with methylene chloride, we obtained two regioisomers of the product of bromotriflamidation 18 and 19, isolated them as individual compounds and proved their structure and composition by IR, NMR spectroscopy and elemental analysis. 3-Bromo-4-hydroxybutanenitrile 20 was also obtained in a comparable yield (Scheme 12). The prevalence of bromination over bromotriflamidation is probably due to the low solubility of triflamide in methylene chloride.

Scheme 12. NBS-induced reaction of triflamide with allyl cyanide 1 in CH$_2$Cl$_2$.

For comparison, the reaction of allyl cyanide 13 with tosylamide was examined under the same conditions. However, no products of sulfonamidation were obtained, but only dibromide 19 and unreacted tosylamide were recovered.

Amidines 4 and 5 were examined in the reaction with K$_2$CO$_3$ in acetonitrile. As a result of intramolecular cyclization, substituted 4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazoles 21, 22 were obtained in quantitative yield. However, upon prolonged exposure to humid air, the bromo-substituted imidazoline 22 hydrolyzed to linear adduct 23 (Scheme 13):

Scheme 13. Dehydrobromination of amidines 4, 5 and hydrolysis of imidazoline 22.

The structure of imidazolines 21, 22 was proved by IR and NMR spectroscopy, as well as elemental analysis data. The presence of two NH signals in the $^1$H NMR spectrum, as well as the presence of signals for CH$_2$NH, CHNH and C=O groups in the $^{13}$C spectrum, indicates the formation of adduct 23.

Amidines 8 and 9 having two halogen atoms could give the products of cyclization with different ring sizes, but neither of them was formed; no reaction with K$_2$CO$_3$ occurred.

Amidines similar to 14 containing bromine at the $\beta$-position to the amidine nitrogen atom readily undergo base-induced intramolecular cyclization to afford 5-substituted 2-methyl-1-triflyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazolines in up to quantitative yield [16,19–21]. With this in mind, we examined the reaction of amidine 14 with potassium carbonate and triethylamine in acetonitrile and found that dehydrobromination did occur but, instead of the ex-
pected 5-cyanomethylimidazoline 24, N-[3-cyanoprop-2-en-1-yl]-N’-(triflyl)ethanimidamide 25 was unexpectedly formed. Even more surprising was the formation of the isomeric N-[3-cyanoprop-1-en-1-yl]-N’-(triflyl)ethanimidamide 26 in carrying out the two-step reaction of triflamide, alkene, NBS and K$_2$CO$_3$ using one pot procedure, which was also shown to lead to imidazolines [20], (Scheme 14). Replacement of triethylamine or K$_2$CO$_3$ by sterically hindered 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (2,4,6-collidine) does not change the course of the reaction under the same conditions, leading to the formation of amidine 25 as the only isomer in 76% yield.

Scheme 14. Reaction of triflamide, alkene, NBS, and K$_2$CO$_3$ (one pot procedure).

The structure of isomers 25 and 26 was deduced from their $^1$H NMR spectra, in particular, from the multiplicity pattern of the high-field signal of the methylene group. In isomer 25, the signal of –CH$_2$N– group appears as a triplet of doublets at 4.22 ppm due to splitting on the NH and =CH protons with almost equal constants of ~6 Hz, and subsplitting with small constant of 1.5 Hz on the CHC≡N proton. In accordance with this, the CHC≡N signal at 5.65 ppm is detected as a doublet of triplets with coupling constants of 11.2 and 1.5 Hz, and the CH=CHCH$_2$ signal at 6.49 as a doublet of triplets with the $J$ values of 11.2 and 6.2 Hz. The structure of 25 is unequivocally proved by the 2D $^1$H–$^1$H COSY NMR spectrum, which contains cross-peaks between the CH$_2$ and NH signals, as well as between the CH$_2$ and the signals of the adjacent (more intense) and remote (less intense) vinylic protons (Supplementary Materials Figure S30). The C=C bond is polarized towards the cyano group, $\Delta$δ = 0.84 ppm. In contrast, in isomer 26, the signal of the –CH$_2$N– group at 3.28 ppm appears as a doublet of doublets coupled only with the adjacent and remote vinylic protons with $J = 7.3$ and $1.2$ Hz, respectively. Both compounds have trans-configuration about the double bond. Polarization of the C=C bond in 26 ($\Delta$δ = 1.90 ppm) is much larger than in 25, in compliance with the oppositely directed effects of the CN and –CH$_2$N groups in 25, and the unidirectional effect of the NCCH$_2$ and NH groups in 26.

Earlier, the products of oxidative sulfonamidation with THF interception have been shown to undergo base-induced intramolecular heterocyclization to the corresponding 1,4-oxazocanes [19]. However, as in Scheme 15, the reaction of compound 17 with potassium carbonate, instead of cyclization, occurred as dehydrobromination to the isomeric linear products, N-(4-((3-cyanoallyloxy)butyl)triflamide 27 and N-(4-((3-cyanoprop-1-en-1-yloxy)butyl)triflamide 28 in the ratio of 1:2 (Scheme 15) and the total yield of 80%.

Scheme 15. Dehydrobromination of compound 17 with potassium carbonate.
The formation of two regioisomers 27 and 28 by dehydrobromination of ether 17 as distinct from the reaction of amidine 14 (Scheme 14) can be due to better conjugation of the C=C bond with the oxygen atom than with the amine nitrogen atom in amidine 26 because of very strong conjugation of the latter in the amidine fragment [22]. The structure of regioisomers 27 and 28 was proved by their 1H NMR spectra as described above for regioisomers 25 and 26.

The proposed pathways for the formation of products 14, 15, and 18 are presented in Scheme 16. The process could start with the reaction of TfNH2 and NBS leading to the reactive species TfNHB, which acts as a source of electrophilic Br+ . The latter adds to the double bond of the substrate to give bromonium cation. The further course of the reaction is determined by the reaction medium. In acetonitrile, having higher basicity than triflamide (780 [23] vs. 740 kJ/mol [24]), the molecule of MeCN is captured by the cation with further addition of the triflamide anion to give amidine 14. A competitive attack of triflamide anion gives rise to a small amount of adduct 15 (Scheme 16). In CH2Cl2, in the absence of an alternative nucleophile, only the isomeric bromamines 15 and 18 are formed via the attack of TfNH− on the terminal and internal carbon, respectively, in the intermediate bromonium ion. The formation of dibromide 19 and bromoalcohol 20 (Scheme 12) can proceed either by the replacement of the triflamide residue in 15 by bromine or hydroxy group or via the ring opening in the bromonium ion by the terminal attack with these groups.

Scheme 16. Formation of compounds 14, 15, and 18.

The most challenging question is why the reaction of dehydrobromination of compound 14 in Scheme 15 results in the formation of isomeric linear products 25 and 26, being drastically different from all earlier studied reactions of similar β-bromoamidines with bases leading to cyclization to imidazolines. The formation of imidazolines in all our previous works is not surprising because of the higher energy of the bonds of different types (C–C, C–N, and C–H in imidazolines vs. C=C and N–H in linear products of dehydrogenation). In the search for a rationale for the specific behavior of compound 14, we assumed that there could be two reasons for the formation of linear products 25 and 26: (i) conjugation of the formed C=C bond with the nitrile group in 25 or with the NH group in 26, and (ii) the presence of acidic NH proton in the amidine motif of 25 and 26, capable of associating with the basic sites of the second molecule. For this, we performed high-level MP2/6-311++G(d,p) calculations including frequency analysis of molecules 25, 26, their dimers, and the isomeric imidazoline 24 shown in Scheme 15. The relative energies and free energies are given in Table 1. Remarkably, isomers 25 and 26 form different types of associates: while for 26 it is a 12-membered cyclic dimer with two N–H⋯O=S hydrogen bonds, for the similar dimer of compound 25 the geometry optimization results in its transformation to the eight-membered dimer with two N–H⋯N hydrogen bonds (Figure 1).
Table 1. MP2/6-311++G(d,p) relative energies $\Delta E$ and free energies $\Delta G$ (kcal/mol) of amidines 25, 26, their dimers, and imidazoline 24.

| Structure          | $\Delta E$ | $\Delta G$ |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Amidine 25         | 20.5       | 16.1       |
| Amidine 26         | 16.7       | 13.0       |
| $\frac{1}{2}$(25-dimer) | 2.55      | 6.8        |
| $\frac{1}{2}$(26-dimer) | 2.56       | 6.8        |
| Imidazoline 24     | 0          | 0          |

The analysis of the data of Table 1 allowed us to explain two apparent inconsistencies with the experiment. First, the $\Delta E$ and $\Delta G$ differences of 3–4 kcal/mol between the monomers 25 and 26 seem to contradict the formation of both isomers. However, for the dimers, the corresponding differences in $\Delta E$ become equal. In spite of different types of H-bonding, the entropy losses upon the formation of dimers in Figure 1 and the $\Delta G$ values are also equal. Apparently, the lowering of the energy of 25-dimer is due to higher basicity of the azomethine nitrogen caused by strong conjugation in the NH–C=N tryad, whereas in 26-dimer this effect is reduced by the rivalry with that in the NH–C=C fragment. Second, while the monomers of amidines 25 and 26 are far less favorable than imidazoline 24, the dimers are much closer in energy and free energy to this heterocycle. Calculations of higher associates at the used very high level of theory are practically impossible, but the presence of acidic NH protons in monomeric molecules 25 and 26 allows them to be formed. This will certainly further increase the stability of the associates and make it highly probable the reversal of the relative stability with respect to imidazoline 24.

Figure 1. Optimized structures of the cyclic dimers of isomers 25 and 26.

3. Materials and Methods

3.1. General Details

All starting materials have been described in the literature. All products were identified using IR, $^1$H, $^{13}$C, and $^{19}$F NMR spectroscopy. IR spectra were taken on a Bruker Vertex 70 spectrophotometer in KBr. $^1$H, $^{13}$C, and $^{19}$F NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl$_3$ or CD$_3$CN on Bruker DPX 400 spectrometer at working frequencies 400 ($^1$H), 100 ($^{13}$C), and 376 ($^{19}$F) MHz. All shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to residual CHCl$_3$ peak (7.27 and 77.1 ppm, $^1$H and $^{13}$C), and CFCl$_3$ ($^{19}$F). All coupling constants ($J$) are reported in hertz (Hz). Abbreviations are: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; brs, broad singlet. High-resolution mass spectra were measured on an Agilent 1200 HPLC chromatograph (Palo Alto, CA, USA) with Agilent 6210 mass spectrometer (Santa Clara, CA, USA) (HR-TOF-MS, ESI + ionization in acetonitrile with 0.1% HFBA). Elemental compositions were determined by accurate mass measurement with standard deviation. Melting points were measured on a Boetius apparatus. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel, 60 Å, 300 mesh. TLC analysis was carried out on aluminum plates coated with silica gel 60 F$_{254}$, 0.2 mm thickness. The plates were visualized using a 254 nm UV lamp.
Theoretical Calculations

All structures were optimized without restrictions at the MP2/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory. Frequency calculations were performed on the optimized geometry at the same level of theory. All calculations were performed by the use of Gaussian09 program suite [25].

3.2. Synthesis

3.2.1. Reactions of Allyl Halides with Triflamide in the Presence NBS + MeCN

To solution of 1 g (6.7 mmol) of triflamide and 6.7 mmol of allyl halide 1, 2 in 30 mL of acetonitrile added 1.19 g (6.7 mmol) of NBS and reaction mixture was stirred in the dark for 24 h. Solvent was removed in vacuum, then the succinimide was precipitated with diethyl ether, filtered off, and ether removed in a vacuum. Analytically pure samples of substances were separated by column chromatography (0.063–0.2 mm, Acros Organics, Waltham, MA, USA). From the hexane–ether = 1:1 eluate, not reacted triflamide and dibromides were isolated, and from the diethyl ether:hexane = 4:1 or diethyl ether eluates amidines 4, 5 were obtained.

\( N-(2\text{-Bromo-3-chloropropyl})-N'-(\text{trifluoromethylsulfonyl})\text{acetamidamide} \), 4. Yield 0.7 g, 43.2%. Oil. \(^1\text{H NMR} (400 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta 6.85 (s, 1H, NH), 4.35 (dd, \( J = 12.5, 8.3, 4.1 \text{ Hz, 1H, CHBr} \)), 4.15 (dd, \( J = 14.5, 5.9, 4.1 \text{ Hz, 1H, CHI}^3\text{HNH} \)), 3.93 (dd, \( J = 11.8, 4.1 \text{ Hz, 1H, CHI}^4\text{HNH} \)), 3.76 (dd, \( J = 11.9, 8.3 \text{ Hz, 1H, CHI}^4\text{HCl} \)), 3.68 (dd, \( J = 14.5, 8.3, 5.9 \text{ Hz, 1H, CH}_2\text{Cl} \)), 2.53 (s, 3H, CH3). \(^{13}\text{C NMR} (100 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta 169.7 \text(C=NTf), 121.3 \text{(CF)}_3, 121.4 \text{(q, } J = 319.4 \text{ Hz, CF}_3 \)), 48.3 \text{(CHBr)}, 46.6 \text{(CH}_2\text{NH}), 45.6 \text{(CH}_2\text{Cl)}, 22.1 \text{(CH}_3\text{)}. \(^{19}\text{F NMR} (376 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta -78.99. \text{IR} \text{(thin): 3335 (NH), 3137, 2928, 1719, 1566 (C=N), 1430, 1323, 1213, 1198 (CF}_3 \)), 1136, 1086, 1055, 929, 775, 746, 665, 602 (C–Br), 548, 476. \text{HRMS (ESI): m/z: [M+H]^+ } \text{calcd for C}_8\text{H}_9\text{BrF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}: 343,92087; \text{found [M+H]^+: 344.92869.}\

\( N-(2,3\text{-Dibromopropyl})-N'-(\text{trifluoromethylsulfonyl})\text{acetamidamide} \), 5. Yield 1.1 g, 60.1%. Oil. \(^1\text{H NMR} (400 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta 7.14 (s, 1H, NH), 4.38 (tt, \( J = 8.6, 4.1 \text{ Hz, 1H, CHBr} \)), 4.20 (dd, \( J = 14.6, 6.0, 3.9 \text{ Hz, 1H, CH}_2\text{NH} \)), 3.83 (dd, \( J = 10.9, 4.3 \text{ Hz, 1H, CH}_2\text{NH} \)), 3.65 (m, 2H, CHBr), 2.52 (s, 3H, CH3). \(^{13}\text{C NMR} (100 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta 169.4 \text{(C=NTf), 121.3 \text{(q, } J = 319.6 \text{ Hz, CF}_3 \)), 47.7 \text{(CHBr)}, 47.4 \text{(CH}_2\text{NH}}, 32.8 \text{(CH}_2\text{Br)}, 21.9 \text{(CH}_3\text{)}. \text{IR (thin): 3335, 3227 (NH), 3136, 2943, 1774, 1721, 1580, 1562 (C=N), 1248, 1373, 1323, 1278, 1215, 1197 (CF}_3 \)), 1135, 1081, 1053, 914, 833, 775, 746, 665, 602 (C–Br), 548, 476. \(^{19}\text{F NMR} (376 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta -78.86. \text{Anal. calcd. for C}_8\text{H}_8\text{Br}_2\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}: C, 18.48; H, 2.33; F, 4.16; N, 7.18; S, 8.22. \text{Found: C, 18.88; H, 2.60; F, 15.00; N, 7.53; S, 8.56.}\

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To the solution of 1 g (6.7 mmol) of triflamide and 6.7 mmol of allyl halide 1, 2 in 30 mL of acetonitrile added 1.53 g (6.7 mmol) of NIS and reaction mixture was stirred in the dark for 24 h. Solvent was removed in vacuum, then the succinimide was precipitated with diethyl ether, mixture were cooled and succinimide was filtered off, ether removed in a vacuum. Analytically pure samples of substances were separated by column chromatography (0.063–0.2 mm, Acros Organics, Waltham, MA, USA). From the hexane–ether:hexane = 4:1 or diethyl ether eluates amidines 6, 7 were obtained.

\( N-(2\text{-Iodo-3-chloropropyl})-N'-(\text{trifluoromethylsulfonyl})\text{acetamidamide} \), 6. Yield 0.65 g, 41.4%. Oil. \(^1\text{H NMR} (400 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta 6.96 (s, 1H, NH), 4.44 (dd, \( J = 12.9, 8.6, 4.4 \text{ Hz, 1H, CHI} \)), 4.05 (dd, \( J = 9.9, 4.7 \text{ Hz, 1H, CHI}^3\text{HNH} \)), 4.00 (dd, \( J = 11.7, 4.4 \text{ Hz, 1H, CHI}^4\text{HNH} \)), 3.81 (dd, \( J = 11.7, 9.9 \text{ Hz, 1H, CHI}^4\text{HCl} \)), 3.71 (dd, \( J = 14.4, 8.6, 6.2 \text{ Hz, 1H, CHI}^4\text{Cl} \)), 2.52 (s, 3H, CH3). \(^{13}\text{C NMR} (100 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta 169.4 (\text{C=NTf}, 121.3 \text{(q, } J = 319.5 \text{ Hz, CF}_3 \)), 48.0 \text{(CH}_2\text{NH}), 47.5 \text{(CH}_2\text{Cl)}, 26.1 \text{(CH)}, 22.1 \text{(CH}_3\text{)}. \(^{19}\text{F NMR} (376 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta -78.91. \text{IR (thin): 3327, 3231 (NH), 3080, 2928, 2859, 1723, 1644, 1577, 1553 (C=N), 1428, 1371, 1322, 1215, 1197 (CF}_3 \)), 1140, 1082, 1050, 939, 846, 774, 745, 708, 662 (C–I), 636, 600, 528, 475. \text{Anal. calcd. for C}_8\text{H}_8\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}: C, 18.36; H, 2.31; F, 14.52; N, 7.14; S, 8.17; \text{Found: C, 18.50; H, 2.71; F, 15.07; N, 7.53; S, 9.03.}
N-(3-Bromo-2-iodopropyl)-N'-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)acetamidamide, 9. Yield: 0.41 g, 27.5%. Oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.43 (brs, 1H, NH), 4.60–4.43 (m, 1H, CHI), 4.14–3.94 (m, 2H, CH2NH), 3.78–3.65 (m, 2H, CH2Br), 2.53 (s, 3H, CH3). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 169.5 (C=NTf), 121.4 (q, J = 3.20 Hz, CF3), 115.9 (C≡N), 48.0 (CH2N), 41.8 (CHBr), 25.8 (CH2CN), 21.9 (CH3). 19F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl3) δ −78.88. IR (thin): 3325, 3241 (NH), 1711, 1560 (NHC=N), 1430, 1325, 1195, 1139, 1081, 1049, 1007, 970, 945, 912, 811, 775, 740, 662, 639, 604, 580, 527, 475. Anal. calcd for C16H9BrF3N3O2S+: C, 33.98; H, 1.87; Br, 12.78; F, 13.04; N, 6.41; S, 7.34. Found: C, 33.96; H, 1.87; Br, 12.73; F, 13.01; N, 6.41; S, 7.36.

3.2.3. Reaction of Allyl Alcohol with Triflamide in the System NBS+MeCN System

To a solution of 1.00 g (6.7 mmol) of triflamide and 0.45 g (6.7 mmol) of allyl alcohol 4 in 25 mL of acetonitrile was added 1.19 g (6.7 mmol) of NBS, and the reaction mixture kept in the dark for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in 20 mL of diethyl ether, cooled and the formed succinimide was filtered off. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuum, the residue (~1.81 g) was placed on a silica gel column (0.063–0.2 mm, Acros Organics, Waltham, MA, USA) and eluted with hexane to give 3,4-dibromobutanenitrile 19 (0.34 g, 26%). The product was obtained earlier and described in [16].

N-(3-Bromo-2-iodopropyl)-N'-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)acetamidamide, 11. Yield: 0.40 g, 27.5%. Oil.

3.2.4. Reaction of Allyl Alcohol with Triflamide in the System NBS+MeCN

To a solution of 1.00 g (6.7 mmol) of triflamide and 0.39 g (6.7 mmol) of allyl alcohol 4 in 40 mL of acetonitrile was added 1.19 g (6.7 mmol) of NBS, and the reaction mixture kept in the dark for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in 40 mL of diethyl ether, placed in a refrigerator for 1 h, and the formed succinimide was filtered off. The ether fraction was evaporated in vacuum, the residue (~0.40 g, 27.5%) and hexane:chloroform:ether (0.15 g, 19%) and N-(1-bromo-3-cyanopropyl)-N'-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)acetamidamide 12 as a yellow oil.

N-(3-Bromo-2-iodopropyl)-N'-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)acetamidamide, 12. Yield 0.34 g, 26%. The product was obtained earlier and described in [16].

3.2.4. Reaction of Allyl Cyanide with Triflamide in the System NBS+MeCN

To a solution of 1.00 g (6.7 mmol) of triflamide and 0.45 g (6.7 mmol) of allyl cyanide in 40 mL of acetonitrile was added 1.19 g (6.7 mmol) of NBS, and the reaction mixture kept in the dark for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in 40 mL of diethyl ether, placed in a refrigerator and the formed succinimide was filtered off. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuum, the residue (~1.81 g) was placed on a silica gel column (0.063–0.2 mm, Acros Organics, Waltham, MA, USA) and eluted with hexane:chloroform:ether (0.40 g, 26%) as a yellow oil.

N-(2-Bromo-3-cyanopropyl)-N'-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)acetamidamide, 14. Oil. Yield 60%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.21 (br t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H, NH), 4.36 (dd, J = 11.1, 7.1, 5.6 Hz, 1H, CHBr), 3.90 (ddd, J = 14.4, 5.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H, CHN), 3.80 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.1, 5.6 J, CH2O), 3.04 (dd, J = 5.6, 2.6 J, 2H, CH2CN), 2.54 (s, 3H, CH3). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 170.2 (C=NTf), 121.4 (q, J = 320.0 Hz, CF3), 115.9 (C≡N), 48.0 (CH2N), 41.8 (CHBr), 25.8 (CH2CN), 21.9 (CH3). 19F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl3) δ −78.88. IR (thin): 3324 (NH), 3135, 3025, 2952, 2933, 2259 (C≡N), 1711, 1560 (NHC=N), 1430, 1325, 1195, 1139, 1049, 747, 659 (C-Br), 600, 475. HRMS (ESI): m/z: [M+H]+ calcd for C17H8BrF3N3O2S+: 335.962919; found: 335.962880.

3.2.5. Reaction of Allyl Cyanide with Triflamide in the System NBS + CH2Cl2

To a solution of 1.00 g (6.7 mmol) of triflamide and 0.45 g (6.7 mmol) of allyl cyanide in 40 mL of CH2Cl2 was added 1.19 g (6.7 mmol) of NBS. The reaction was carried out for 24 h in the dark. Then, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in 40 mL of diethyl ether, placed in a refrigerator for 1 h, and the formed succinimide was filtered off. The ether fraction was evaporated in vacuum, the residue (~2.21 g) was placed on a silica gel column (0.063–0.2 mm, Acros Organics, Waltham, MA, USA) and eluted with hexane to give 3,4-dibromobutanenitrile 19 (0.40 g, 26%), followed by ether:hexane = 1:1, isolating unreacted triflamide (0.6 g), then with ether:hexane (4:1) to afford 3-bromo-4-hydroxybutanenitrile 20 (0.20 g, 18%), and hexane:chloroform:ether (1:2:2) to obtained N-(2-bromo-3-cyanopropyl)triflamide 15 (0.15 g, 19%) and N-(1-bromo-3-cyanoprop-2-yl)triflamide 18 (0.10 g, 13%).
**N-(2-Bromo-3-cyanopropoxy)trifluoromethanesulfonamide, 15.** Yield 19%. Oil. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 6.03 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H, NH), 4.18–4.09 (m, 1H, CHBr), 3.67–3.57 (m, 2H, CH$_2$N), 2.92 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H, CH$_2$CN). $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 119.3 (q, $J = 320.1$ Hz, CF$_3$), 115.3 (C=O), 49.0 (CH$_2$NH), 43.1 (CHBr), 23.4 (CH$_2$CN). $^{19}$F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ –77.23. IR (thin): 3199 (NH), 2923, 2259 (C≡N), 1723, 1615, 1454, 1440, 1380 (SO$_2$), 1230 (CF$_3$), 1197, 1145, 1098, 1067, 1045, 974, 924, 891, 829, 763, 677, 610, 587, 518. Anal. calcd. for C$_3$H$_6$BrF$_3$N$_2$O$_2$: C, 20.35; H, 2.05; N, 9.49; Br, 27.08; S, 10.87. Found: C, 20.13; H, 2.10; N, 9.98; Br, 27.18; S, 10.12.

**N-(1-Bromo-3-cyanoprop-2-yl)trifluoromethanesulfonamide, 18.** Yield 13%. Oil. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 6.17 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, NH), 4.23 (quint, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H, CHNHN), 3.71 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H, CH$_2$Br), 3.09 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H, CH$_2$CN). $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 119.5 (q, $J = 321.0$ Hz, CF$_3$), 115.8 (C≡N), 51.8 (CHNHN), 33.5 (CH$_2$Br), 25.1 (CH$_2$CN). $^{19}$F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ –76.8.

**3,4-Dibromobutanenitrile, 19.** Yield 26%. Oil. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 4.18 (d, $J = 11.8, 6.2, 5.2$ Hz, 1H, CHBr), 3.94 (dd, $J = 11.8, 5.2$ Hz, 1H, CH$_2$HBr), 3.86 (dd, $J = 11.8, 6.2$ Hz, 1H, CHH$_2$Br), 3.11 (dd, $J = 17.2, 5.2$ Hz, 1H, CH$_2$HCN), 3.05 (dd, $J = 17.2, 6.2$ Hz, 1H, CHH$_2$CN). $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 116.6 (C≡N), 65.4 (CHBr), 46.1 (CH$_2$Br), 24.2 (CH$_2$C≡N). IR (thin): 3420, 2957, 2928, 2883, 2257 (C≡N), 2066, 1773, 1723, 1649, 1636, 1625, 1577, 1562, 1546, 1457, 1413, 1379, 1343, 1289, 1198, 1149, 1088, 1060, 926, 942, 916, 876, 846, 724, 645 (C≡Br), 607, 539. Anal. calcd. for C$_4$H$_8$Br$_2$N: C, 21.17; H, 2.22; Br, 70.43; N, 6.17. Found: C, 21.10; H, 2.11.

**3-Bromo-4-hydroxybutanenitrile, 20.** Yield 18%. Oil. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 4.17 (d, $J = 12.1, 6.0, 5.5$ Hz, 1H, CHBr), 3.93 (dd, $J = 12.1, 5.5$ Hz, 1H, CH$_2$HBr), 3.85 (dd, $J = 12.1, 6.0$ Hz, 1H, CHH$_2$Br), 3.10 (dd, $J = 17.3, 5.5$ Hz, 1H, CH$_2$HCN), 3.04 (dd, $J = 17.3, 5.5$ Hz, 1H, CHH$_2$CN). $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 116.7 (C≡N), 65.3 (CH$_2$OH), 46.0 (CHBr), 24.2 (CH$_2$C≡N). IR (thin): 3430, 2962, 2928, 2256, 1783, 1725, 1613, 1543, 1453, 1413, 1380, 1350, 1285, 1228, 1198, 1148, 1087, 1058, 1029, 976, 944, 917, 863, 822, 727, 672, 645, 608, 530, 537, 512. Anal. calcd. for C$_4$H$_8$BrNO: C, 29.20; H, 3.40; Br, 48.00; N, 9.51. Found: C, 29.29; H, 3.69; Br, 48.72; N, 8.54.

### 3.2.6. Reaction of Allyl Chloride with Triflame in the NBS + THF System

To a solution of 1.00 g (6.7 mmol) of triflame and 0.51 g (6.7 mmol) of allyl chloride 1 in 30 mL of tetrahydrofuran was added 1.19 g (6.7 mmol) of NBS, and the reaction mixture was kept in the dark for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in 20 mL of diethyl ether, mixture was cooled and succinimide was filtered off. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuo, the residue (~2.2 g) was placed on a silica gel column (0.063–0.2 mm, Acros Organics, Waltham, MA, USA) eluted with ether:hexane = 1:1 mixture, isolating unreacted triflame, then with ether, obtaining 0.30 g of 1,2- dibromo-3-chloropropane 16 as a yellow oil. Product 16 was obtained and described earlier [26].

### 3.2.7. Reaction of Allyl Cyanide with Triflame in the System NBS + THF

To a solution of 1.00 g (6.7 mmol) of triflame and 0.45 g (6.7 mmol) of allyl cyanide in 40 mL of THF 1.19 g (6.7 mmol) of NBS was added. The reaction was carried out for 24 h in the dark. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue dissolved in 40 mL of diethyl ether, placed in a refrigerator for 1 h, and the formed succinimide was filtered off. The ether fraction was evaporated in vacuum, and the residue (~2.2 g) was placed on a silica gel column (0.063–0.2 mm, Acros Organics, Waltham, MA, USA) and eluted with ether:hexane (1:1), isolating unreacted triflame (0.4 g), then with ether:hexane (1:1) to give N-(4-(2-bromo-3-cyanopropoxy)butyl)triflame 17 (1.16 g, 79%).

**N-(4-(2-Bromo-3-cyanopropoxy)butyl)trifluoromethanesulfonamide, 17.** (45%). Oil. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CD$_3$CN) δ 5.86 (s, 1H, NH), 4.24–4.07 (m, 1H, CHBr), 3.85–3.72 (m, 1H, CHBrCH$_2$H$_2$O), 3.72–3.61 (m, 1H, CHBrCH$_2$H$_2$O), 3.61–3.37 (m, 4H, 3.36–3.22 (m, 1H), 3.08–3.00 (m, 1H), 1.79–1.55 (m, 4H). $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl$_3$) δ 119.7 (q, $J = 321.3$ Hz,
3.2.8. Reaction of N-(2-bromo-3-chloropropyl)-N'-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)acetamidamide 5 with K₂CO₃ in MeCN

To a solution of amidine 5 (0.16 g, 0.4 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added a 2-fold excess of potassium carbonate (0.36 mmol) and stirred for 4 h. The precipitate in the form of salt was filtered off, the acetonitrile fraction was distilled off under reduced pressure, obtaining 0.13 g of 5-(bromomethyl))-2-methyl-1-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole 21 as a colorless oil.

5-(Chloromethyl)-2-methyl-1-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole, 21.

Yield 0.13 g, 81.3%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.64–4.49 (m, 1H, CHN), 3.95 (ddd, J = 16.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H, CH₂Br), 3.67 (dd, J = 11.5, 3.1 Hz, 1H, CHHCl), 2.29 (br. t, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.5 (C≡N), 118.64 (q, J = 322.6 Hz, CF₃), 61.0 (CHN), 57.5 (CH₂N), 46.1 (CH₂Cl), 16.3 (CH₃). 19F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ −74.83. IR (thin): 2947, 2879, 2856, 2622, 1723, 1676, 1438, 1408, 1388 (SO₂), 1352, 1312, 1283, 1207 (CF₃), 1157, 1101, 1075, 1058, 1023, 1003, 939, 872, 784, 776, 736, 681, 666, 621, 592, 536, 505. Anal. calcd. For C₆H₆F₃N₂O₂S: C, 27.23; H, 3.05; F, 21.67; N, 10.59; S, 12.10. Found: C, 27.42; H, 3.15; F, 21.67; N, 10.70; S, 12.23.

3.2.9. Reaction of N-(2,3-dibromopropyl)-N'-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)acetamidamide 5 with K₂CO₃ in MeCN

To a solution of amidine 5 (0.16 g, 0.4 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added a 2-fold excess of potassium carbonate (0.36 mmol) and stirred for 4 h. The precipitate in the form of salt was filtered off, the acetonitrile fraction was distilled off under reduced pressure, obtaining 5-(bromomethyl)-2-methyl-1-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole 22 as a colorless oil.

5-(Bromomethyl)-2-methyl-1-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole, 22.

Yield 0.11 g, 91.7%. Oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.59–4.49 (m, 1H, CHN), 4.07 (d.d.d, J = 16.0, 9.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂Br), 3.90 (d.d.d, J = 16.0, 3.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂Br), 3.57-3.52 (m, 2H, CH₂Br), 2.27 (br. t, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4 (C≡N), 121.79 (q, J = 324.2 Hz, CF₃), 60.7 (CHN), 58.5 (CH₂N), 34.7 (CH₂Br), 16.4 (CH₃). 19F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ −74.77. IR (thin): 2945, 2878, 2606, 1675, 1437, 1404, 1388 (SO₂), 1347, 1305, 1238, 1206 (CF₃), 1156, 1099, 1073, 1054, 1012, 992, 936, 889, 862, 771, 692, 672, 659, 641, 613, 590, 574, 535, 477, 416. Anal. calcd. For C₆H₆BrF₃N₂O₂S: C, 23.31; H, 2.61; F, 18.44; N, 9.06; S, 10.37. Found: C, 23.42; H, 2.71; F, 18.55; N, 9.13; S, 10.42.

3.2.10. Hydrolysis of 5-(bromomethyl)-2-methyl-1-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazole 22

Compound 17 (0.11 mg, 0.36 mmol) was subjected to hydrolysis with the formation of N-(3-bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)propylacetamide 23.

N-(3-Bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)propylacetamide, 23.

Yield 0.10 g, 83.3%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, CHNH), 6.33 (t, J = 4.8 Hz 1H, CH₂NH), 3.96–3.87 (m, 1H, CH₂NH), 3.69–3.60 (m, 2H, CH₂NH), 3.44 (dd, J = 10.9, 7.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂Br), 2.05 (s, 3H). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6 (C=O), 121.67 (q, J = 320.9 Hz, CF₃), 56.1 (CH₂N), 42.5 (CH₂N), 32.7 (CH₂Br), 22.9 (CH₃). 19F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ −77.15. IR (thin): 3352 (NH), 3119 (NH), 2957, 2922, 2853, 2255, 1656 (C=O), 1561, 1547, 1431, 1377 (SO₂), 1324, 1199 (CF₃), 1141, 1052, 984, 909, 735, 614, 614, 476. Anal. calcd. For C₆H₁₀BrF₃N₂O₂S: C, 22.03; H, 3.08; F, 17.42; N, 8.56; S, 9.80. Found: C, 22.19; H, 3.22; F, 17.54; N, 8.63; S, 9.91.
3.2.11. Reaction of N-(2-bromo-3-cyanopropyl)-N’-(triflyl)acetimidamide 14 with Base in Acetonitrile

To a solution of amidine 14 (0.27 g, 0.8 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL), 2-fold excess of a base (potassium carbonate or triethylamine) was added and stirred for 2 h. The formed salt was filtered off, the acetonitrile fraction was distilled off in a vacuum, affording N-(3-cyanoallyl)-N’-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)acetimidamide 25 (0.19 g, 93%).

N-(3-Cyanoallyl)-N’-(trifluoromethyl)sulfonylacetimidamide, 25. Yield 93%. Oil.

1H NMR (400 MHz, CD3CN) δ 7.92 (br s, 1H, NH), 6.94 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, =CHCN), 5.06 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H, =CH), 3.28 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H, CH2), 2.56 (s, 3H, CH3).

13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 166.9 (C=NTf), 125.4 (C=CH2), 119.2 (q, J = 318.8 Hz, CF3); 117.3 (NC), 104.5 (C=CH2); 29.6 (CH2NH). 19F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl3) δ −79.01. IR (thin): 3323, 3133 (NH), 3082, 2944, 2259 (C≡N). HRMS (ESI): m/z: [M+H]+ calcd for C7H7F3N3O5S+: 256.036757; found: 256.036460.

3.2.12. Reaction of Allyl Cyanide with Triflamide in the System NBS + MeCN + K2CO3

To a solution of 1.00 g (6.7 mmol) of triflamide and 0.45 g (6.7 mmol) of allyl cyanide in 40 mL of CH3CN was added 1.19 g (6.7 mmol) of NBS. The reaction was carried out for 24 h in the dark. Then, 1.85 g (13.4 mmol) of K2CO3 was added and stirred for another 3 h. The precipitate was filtered off, the solvent removed under reduced pressure, the black residue (~2.43 g) was placed on a silica gel column (0.063-0.2 mm, Acros Organics, Waltham, MA, USA) and eluted with ether:hexane (4:1) giving N-(4-((3-cyanoprop-1-en-1-yl)oxy)butyl)triflamide 28. Oil.

N-(4-(3-Cyanoprop-1-en-1-yl)-N’-(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)acetimidamide, 28. Yield 75%. Oil.

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.66 (br s, 1H, NH), 6.94 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, =CHCN), 5.06 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H, =CH), 3.28 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H, CH2), 2.56 (s, 3H, CH3).

13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 166.9 (C=NTf), 125.4 (C=CH2), 119.2 (q, J = 318.8 Hz, CF3); 117.3 (NC), 104.5 (C=CH2); 29.6 (CH2NH). 19F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl3) δ −79.01. IR (thin): 3330, 3133 (NH), 3079, 2958, 2926, 2256 (C≡N). HRMS (ESI): m/z: [M+H]+ calcd for C7H7F3N3O5S+: 256.036757; found: 256.036460.

3.2.13. Reaction of N-(4-(2-bromo-3-cyanopropoxy)butyl)triflamide 17 with a Base in Acetonitrile

To a solution of 0.20 g, 0.05 mmol of N-(4-(2-bromo-3-cyanopropoxy)butyl)triflamide 10 in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added a 2-fold excess of potassium carbonate (0.01 g, 0.1 mmol) and stirred for 4 h. The precipitated salt was filtered off, and the acetonitrile fraction was distilled off in a vacuum to afford N-(4-((3-cyanoprop-1-en-1-yl)oxy)butyl)triflamide 27 and N-(4-(3-cyanovinyl)oxy)butyl)triflamide 28 in the ratio of 1:2.

N-(4-(3-Cyanovinyl)oxy)butyl)trifluoromethanesulfonamide, 27; N-(4-(3-cyanoallyl)oxy)butyl)trifluoromethanesulfonamide, 28. Oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD3CN) δ 6.74 (comp. 11; dt, J = 16.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H, =CHO), 6.57 (comp. 12; dt, J = 11.3, 5.6 Hz, 1H, =CH=CH2O), 5.87 (comp. 12; br s, 1H, NH), 5.64 (comp. 11; d, J = 16.2, 1H, CH3CH=CHO), 5.51 (comp. 12; d, J = 11.3, 1H, NCCH=), 5.45 (comp. 11; br s, 1H, NH), 4.38-4.26 (comp. 12; m, 2H, OCH=CH2), 4.18-4.09 (comp. 11; m, 2H, OCH2CH2), 3.64-3.25 (11 + 12, m), 1.90-1.60 (11 + 12, m). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 150.2, 149.6 (OCH=); 118.6, 118.2 (C=N); 101.1, 100.2 (=CH); 70.9, 70.7, 69.4, 69.1 (OCH2); 44.3, 44.2 (CH2NH); 27.57, 27.50, 26.67, 26.50. 19F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl3) δ −77.18. Anal. calcd. for C9H13F3N2O5S: C, 37.76; H, 4.58; F, 19.91; N, 9.79; S, 11.20; found: C, 39.02; H, 4.95; F, 21.71; N, 9.02; S, 11.90.

4. Conclusions

Substituted amidines were obtained for the first time from allyl halides. Amidines prepared from the reaction of triflamide, allyl halide, NBS, and acetonitrile were successfully
converted to the corresponding imidazolidines in good yields. Allyl cyanide reacts with triflamide in the presence of NBS to give, depending on the solvent, different products of oxidative triflamidation. In methylene chloride, two regiosomers of the product of halosulfonamidation are formed, whereas in acetonitrile and THF the main products are those with a solvent interception. The amidine, obtained from the reaction in acetonitrile, behaves differently from all other earlier studied β-bromoamidines, which, when treated with a base, underwent cyclization to imidazolines in quantitative yield. In contrast, N-(2-bromo-3-cyanopropyl)-N’-(triflyl)ethaneimidamide undergoes dehydrobromination with the formation of isomeric linear products, N-[(E)-3-cyanopropen-1-yl]-N’-(triflyl)ethaneimidamides with the new C=C bond in the α- or β-position to the cyano group. In the same manner, N-[4-(2-bromo-3-cyanopropanoyl)butyl]triflamide obtained as the solvent interception product from the reaction in THF, was dehydrobrominated to the equimolar isomeric mixture of linear products with the new C=C conjugated with either the cyano group or the oxygen atom. No cyclization occurred to 1,4-oxazocanes as in all other earlier studied similar products. High-level calculations allowed us to explain the observed unusual course of dehydrobromination and the formation of different regioisomers.

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