## Supporting Information

Conformational changes in alkyl chains determine the thermodynamic and kinetic binding profiles of Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors
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Table S1: X-ray data collection and refinement statistics for 1a-e. ${ }^{a}$

|  | hCAll-1a | hCAII-1b | hCAII-1c | hCAII-1d | hCAII-1e |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Data collection and processing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beamline | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.1 | 14.2 |
| Wavelength / Å | 0.9184 | 0.9184 | 0.9184 | 0.9184 | 0.9184 |
| Space group | P2 ${ }_{1}$ | P2 ${ }_{1}$ | P2 ${ }_{1}$ | P21 | P21 |
| $a, b, c / \AA$ | 42.3, 41.4, 72.2 | 42.4, 41.5, 72.3 | 42.3, 41.4, 72.2 | 42.3, 41.5, 72.3 | 42.2, 41.5, 72.1 |
| $\beta{ }^{\circ}$ | 104.5 | 104.7 | 104.7 | 104.6 | 104.5 |
| Matthews coefficient / $\AA^{3} \mathrm{Da}^{-16}$ | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Solvent content / \% ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 40.3 | 40.4 | 40.2 | 40.4 | 40.2 |
| Diffraction data |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resolution range / A | 41.4-1.08 (1.14-1.08) | 41.5-1.09 (1.16-1.09) | 41.4-1.10 (1.10-1.09) | 41.5-1.02 (1.08-1.02) | 41.5-1.12 (1.19-1.12) |
| Unique reflections | 102486 (15973) | 99517 (15508) | 97587 (15119) | 121413 (19412) | 91347 (14347) |
| CC $\mathrm{l}_{1 / 2} / \%^{1}$ | 99.9 (96.6) | 99.8 (95.6) | 99.9 (89.1) | 99.9 (78.4) | 99.9 (97.9) |
| $R_{\text {sym }} / \%^{2}$ | 4.2 (17.8) | 4.5 (19.1) | 4.8 (33.9) | 4.9 (46.2) | 4.2 (13.7) |
| Completeness $/ \sim \%$ | 98.3 (95.1) | 98.1 (95.0) | 98.6 (95.1) | 98.2 (97.5) | 97.7 (95.6) |
| Wilson B factor / $\AA^{2}$ | 9.1 | 8.2 | 10.7 | 9.8 | 9.3 |
| Multiplicity | 3.6 (3.5) | 3.6 (3.5) | 3.6 (3.6) | 3.6 (3.5) | 3.7 (3.7) |
| $1 / \sigma(1)$ | 15.9 (5.1) | 15.4 (5.2) | 12.5 (2.9) | 11.6 (2.0) | 16.6 (6.4) |
| Refinement |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resolution range / A | 41.0-1.08 | 41.0-1.09 | 40.9-1.1 | 40.0-1.02 | 40.9-1.12 |
| Reflections used in refinement (work/free) ${ }^{3 c}$ | 102486 (97361/5125) | 99517 (94541/4976) | 97587 (92707/4880) | 121413 (115342/6071) | 91339 (86772/4567) |
| Final $R$ values for all reflections (work/free) ${ }^{3 C}$ | 0.114/0.130 | 0.104/0.118 | 0.122/0.139 | 0.122/0.140 | 0.115/0.131 |
| Protein residues | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 |
| Inhibitor atoms | 10/10/10 | 11/11 | 12/11 | 13 | 14 |
| Water molecules | 248 | 294 | 275 | 243 | 252 |
| RMSD from ideality |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bond lengths / Å | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.008 |
| Bond angles / ${ }^{\circ}$ | 1.03 | 1.05 | 1.1 | 1.06 | 1.1 |
| Ramachandran plot / \% ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residues in most favored regions | 89.4 | 88.9 | 89.4 | 89.4 | 89.4 |
| Residues in additionally allowed regions | 10.2 | 10.6 | 10.2 | 10.6 | 10.2 |
| Regions in generously allowed regions | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.5 |
| Residues in disallowed regions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mean B factor / $\AA^{2 e}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Protein non-hydrogen atoms | 12.7 | 11.2 | 13.2 | 12.4 | 11.7 |
| Inhibitor | 9.1/14.6/16.2 | 8.3/14.1 | 12.4/19.4 | 14.1 | 11.5 |
| Water molecules | 24.3 | 23.7 | 27.9 | 23.9 | 23.5 |

${ }^{a}$ Values in brackets refer to the highest resolution shell unless specified differently. ${ }^{b}$ Calculated using the program Phaser Cell Content Analysis from the CCP4 suite. ${ }^{4}$ c 5 \% of all reflections were used for $R_{\text {free }}$ calculation. ${ }^{d}$ Calculated using the program PROCHECK. ${ }^{5}{ }^{e}$ Calculated using the program MOLEMAN. ${ }^{6}$

Table S1 (continued): X-ray data collection and refinement statistics for $\mathbf{1 f - 2 d .}{ }^{a}$

|  | hCAII-1f | hCAll-2a | hCAII-2b | hCAII-2c | hCAll-2d |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Data collection and processing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beamline | 14.1 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.2 |
| Wavelength / $\AA$ | 0.9184 | 0.9184 | 0.9184 | 0.9184 | 0.9184 |
| Space group | P21 | P2 ${ }_{1}$ | P21 | P21 | P21 |
| $a, b, c / \AA$ | 42.3, 41.5, 72.2 | 42.4, 41.4, 72.3 | 42.3, 41.4, 72.2 | 42.2, 41.4, 72.0 | 42.5, 41.5, 71.9 |
| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | 104.5 | 104.6 | 104.5 | 104.3 | 104.2 |
| Matthews coefficient / $\AA^{3} \mathrm{Da}^{-1 b}$ | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Solvent content / \% ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 40.3 | 40.3 | 40.2 | 40.0 | 40.4 |
| Diffraction data |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resolution range / $\AA$ | 41.5-0.95 (1.01-0.95) | 41.4-1.04 (1.10-1.04) | 41.4-1.08 (1.15-1.08) | 41.4-1.19 (1.26-1.19) | 41.5-1.07 (1.13-1.07) |
| Unique reflections | 142312 (21669) | 113777 (17379) | 102490 (15912) | 72714 (11290) | 101318 (15148) |
| CC $\mathrm{R}_{1 / 2} / \%^{1}$ | 99.6 (85.2) | 99.8 (75.1) | 99.9 (94.2) | 93.5 (90.1) | 99.3 (81.7) |
| $R_{\text {sym }} / \%^{2}$ | 7.1 (36.1) | 5.7 (51.2) | 4.4 (24.0) | 4.24 (16.9) | 8.8 (46.7) |
| Completeness $\sim / \sim \%$ | 93.2 (88.1) | 97.7 (93.1) | 98.6 (95.1) | 93.5 (90.1) | 94.5 (87.7) |
| Wilson B factor / $\AA^{2}$ | 8.1 | 9.2 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 9.2 |
| Multiplicity | 3.8 (3.6) | 3.6 (3.3) | 3.6 (3.6) | 3.8 (3.7) | 3.8 (3.9) |
| $1 / \sigma(1)$ | 9.3 (2.1) | 11.0 (2.0) | 14.5 (4.1) | 17.7 (6.3) | 7.9 (2.3) |
| Refinement |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resolution range / A | 34.9-0.95 | 35.0-1.04 | 40.9-1.08 | 40.9-1.19 | 41.2-1.07 |
| Reflections used in refinement (work/free) ${ }^{3 c}$ | 142305 (135189/7116) | 113766 (108078/5688) | 102476 (97352/5124) | 70978 (67429/3549) | 101316 (96250/5066) |
| Final $R$ values for all reflections (work/free) ${ }^{3 c}$ | 0.120/0.134 | 0.119/0.132 | 0.116/0.133 | 0.116/0.139 | 0.129/0.147 |
| Protein residues | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 |
| Inhibitor atoms | 15 | 12 | 13/12 | 14 | 15/14/12 |
| Water molecules | 227 | 266 | 255 | 282 | 234 |
| RMSD from ideality |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bond lengths / Å | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.010 | 0.007 |
| Bond angles / ${ }^{\circ}$ | 1.06 | 1.08 | 1.09 | 1.16 | 1.01 |
| Ramachandran plot / \% ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residues in most favored regions | 90.7 | 88.9 | 89.8 | 89.4 | 88.9 |
| Residues in additionally allowed regions | 8.8 | 10.6 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 11.1 |
| Regions in generously allowed regions | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 |
| Residues in disallowed regions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mean B factor / $\AA^{2 e}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Protein non-hydrogen atoms | 10.6 | 11.5 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 10.9 |
| Inhibitor | 8.7 | 9.6 | 11.1/20.2 | 10.7 | 11.7/20.3/18.5 |
| Water molecules | 22.2 | 23.2 | 23.5 | 23.7 | 24.4 |

${ }^{a}$ Values in brackets refer to the highest resolution shell unless specified differently. ${ }^{b}$ Calculated using the program Phaser Cell Content Analysis from the CCP4 suite. ${ }^{4}$ c 5 \% of all reflections were used for $R_{\text {free }}$ calculation. ${ }^{d}$ Calculated using the program PROCHECK. ${ }^{5}$ e Calculated using the program MOLEMAN. ${ }^{6}$


Figure S1: 2mFo-DFc maps at $1 \sigma$ in blue from the last refinement step and mFo-DFc omit maps at $3 \sigma$ in green for the investigated ligands. Omit maps were taken from a refinement run of the final model without ligand.


Figure S2: Surface representation of the active site with ligands and crystallographically assignable water molecules.

## Thermodynamic data

Table S2: Individual thermodynamic data for fitting of the raw data of three ITC measurements per compound. 1f is not in-
cluded, as a displacement approach was applied for this compound.

| Compound | $\chi^{2}$ | $\Delta G / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | $\Delta H / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | -T $\Delta S / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | $K_{\text {a }} / 10^{6} \mathrm{~m}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | 0.12 | -36.14 | -39.54 | 3.40 | 2.15 |
|  | 0.18 | -35.78 | -39.20 | 3.42 | 1.86 |
|  | 0.51 | -36.07 | -39.86 | 3.79 | 2.08 |
| 1b | 0.17 | -38.12 | -41.02 | 2.91 | 4.76 |
|  | 0.15 | -37.58 | -40.57 | 2.99 | 3.84 |
|  | 0.71 | -38.76 | -40.19 | 1.42 | 6.18 |
| 1c | 0.68 | -40.91 | -41.13 | 0.22 | 14.71 |
|  | 0.36 | -40.24 | -41.43 | 1.19 | 11.21 |
|  | 0.52 | -39.82 | -42.17 | 2.34 | 9.46 |
| 1d | 0.26 | -40.80 | -37.97 | -2.83 | 14.05 |
|  | 0.28 | -40.36 | -39.54 | -0.81 | 11.76 |
|  | 0.43 | -40.95 | -39.24 | -1.71 | 14.95 |
| 1 e | 0.39 | -42.17 | -44.73 | 2.58 | 24.41 |
|  | 0.28 | -42.34 | -43.35 | 1.02 | 26.04 |
|  | 0.37 | -43.43 | -44.73 | 1.26 | 40.83 |
| 2a | 0.15 | -37.28 | -46.02 | 8.73 | 3.40 |
|  | 0.27 | -37.13 | -45.15 | 8.00 | 3.20 |
|  | 0.29 | -37.55 | -45.35 | 7.82 | 3.78 |
| 2b | 0.59 | -39.63 | -46.74 | 7.09 | 8.77 |
|  | 0.25 | -39.76 | -46.36 | 6.62 | 9.22 |
|  | 0.24 | -39.11 | -46.44 | 7.32 | 7.10 |
| 2c | 0.56 | -42.05 | -50.04 | 8.00 | 23.29 |
|  | 0.54 | -42.76 | -49.25 | 6.45 | 31.24 |
|  | 0.51 | -43.35 | -50.12 | 6.77 | 39.07 |
| 2d | 0.40 | -44.48 | -51.80 | 7.32 | 62.09 |
|  | 0.30 | -44.31 | -51.51 | 7.21 | 57.81 |
|  | 0.20 | -42.89 | -51.97 | 9.08 | 32.56 |

Values for $\Delta H^{\circ}$ were globally fitted. $\Delta G^{\circ}$ was calculated according to equation (1) from the globally fitted values of $K_{\mathrm{a}}$. $-T \Delta S^{\circ}$ was calculated with equation (2).
Table S3: Thermodynamic data.

|  |  |  |  |  | Standard error ${ }^{d}$ |  |  |  | Global fit error |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Compound | $\begin{gathered} \Delta G^{\circ} a \\ \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H^{\circ b} \\ \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-T \cdot \Delta S^{\circ}{ }^{c} \\ & \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & K_{\mathrm{a}}{ }^{b} \\ & \mathrm{M}^{-1} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta G^{\circ} \\ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \end{gathered}$ | $\Delta H^{\circ}$ <br> $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline-T \cdot \Delta S^{\circ} \\ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{~mol} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} K_{\mathrm{a}} \\ \mathrm{M}^{-1} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta G^{\circ} e \\ \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \end{gathered}$ | $\Delta H^{\circ} f$ $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline-T \cdot \Delta S^{\circ} e \\ & \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & K_{\mathrm{a}}{ }^{f} \\ & \mathrm{M}^{-1} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 1a | -36.0 | -39.6 | 3.6 | $1.99 \mathrm{E}+06$ | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | $8.89 \mathrm{E}+04$ | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 | $1.84 \mathrm{E}+04$ |
| 1b | -38.0 | -40.8 | 2.8 | $4.46 \mathrm{E}+06$ | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | $6.81 \mathrm{E}+05$ | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.08 | $1.23 \mathrm{E}+05$ |
| 1c | -40.4 | -41.5 | 1.1 | $1.18 \mathrm{E}+07$ | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | $1.54 \mathrm{E}+06$ | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.06 | $1.79 \mathrm{E}+05$ |
| 1d | -40.7 | -38.6 | -2.1 | $1.34 \mathrm{E}+07$ | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | $9.50 \mathrm{E}+05$ | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.08 | $2.87 \mathrm{E}+05$ |
| 1e | -42.6 | -44.2 | 1.6 | $2.97 \mathrm{E}+07$ | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | $5.22 \mathrm{E}+06$ | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.07 | $6.76 \mathrm{E}+05$ |
| 1f | -45.0 | -43.0 | -2.0 | $7.73 \mathrm{E}+07$ |  |  |  |  | 0.36 | 0.02 | 0.36 | $1.11 \mathrm{E}+07$ |
| 2a | -37.3 | -45.5 | 8.2 | $3.48 \mathrm{E}+06$ | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | $1.70 \mathrm{E}+05$ | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.03 | $2.70 \mathrm{E}+04$ |
| 2b | -39.5 | -46.5 | 7.0 | $8.41 \mathrm{E}+06$ | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | $6.45 \mathrm{E}+05$ | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.05 | $1.21 \mathrm{E}+05$ |
| 2c | -42.6 | -49.8 | 7.2 | $2.90 \mathrm{E}+07$ | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | $4.56 \mathrm{E}+06$ | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.08 | $6.77 \mathrm{E}+05$ |
| $2 \mathrm{~d} g$ | -43.6 | -51.8 | 8.3 | $4.27 \mathrm{E}+07$ | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.6 | $9.21 \mathrm{E}+06$ | 0.12 | 0.05 | 0.13 | $2.15 \mathrm{E}+06$ |

${ }^{a}$ Calculated using equation (1) with the globally fitted $K_{\mathrm{a}} .{ }^{b}$ Globally fitted value. ${ }^{c}$ Calculated with equation (2). ${ }^{d}$ Standard error of individual measurements. Due to its high affinity, $\mathbf{1 f}$ could not be fitted individually and had to be characterized by a displacement setup as described in the Methods section of the main article, which was globally fitted. ${ }^{e}$ Calculated from the global fit error of $K_{\mathrm{a}}$ assuming error propagation (equations (3) and (4)). ${ }^{f}$ Global fit error. ${ }^{g}$ Values do not fully add up due to rounding.

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\begin{gather*}
\Delta G^{\circ}=-\mathrm{R} \cdot T \cdot \ln \left(K_{a}\right)  \tag{1}\\
-T \Delta S^{\circ}=\Delta G^{\circ}-\Delta H^{\circ}  \tag{2}\\
e_{\Delta G^{\circ}}=\left|-\mathrm{R} \cdot T \cdot \frac{e_{K_{\mathrm{a}}}}{K_{\mathrm{a}}}\right|  \tag{3}\\
e_{-T \Delta S^{\circ}}=\sqrt{e_{\Delta G^{\circ}}+e_{\Delta H^{\circ}}}
\end{gather*}
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$(4)^{7}$

## Kinetic data

Table S4: Individual kinetic data for fitting of the raw data of three ITC measurements per compound before and after adjustment with globally fitted thermodynamic values. $1 \mathbf{f}$ is not included, as a displacement approach was applied, which does not enable kinetic data extraction.

| Before global adjustment |  |  |  | After global adjustment |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Compound | $\chi^{2}$ | $k_{\text {on }} / 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | $k_{\text {off }} / 10^{-2} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | Compound | $\chi^{2}$ | $k_{\text {on }} / 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | $k_{\text {off }} / 10^{-2} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ |
|  | 0.55 | 1.71 | 0.79 |  | 0.54 | 1.62 | 0.81 |
| 1a | 0.95 | 2.08 | 1.12 | 1a | 1.39 | 2.17 | 1.09 |
|  | 1.35 | 2.28 | 1.09 |  | 1.29 | 2.22 | 1.11 |
|  | 0.98 | 2.24 | 0.47 |  | 0.89 | 2.17 | 0.49 |
| 1b | 0.84 | 2.84 | 0.74 | 1b | 1.06 | 3.02 | 0.68 |
|  | 0.69 | 2.48 | 0.40 |  | 0.81 | 2.15 | 0.48 |
|  | 1.50 | 7.53 | 0.51 |  | 1.47 | 6.90 | 0.59 |
| 1c | 2.48 | 5.27 | 0.47 | 1c | 2.54 | 5.41 | 0.46 |
|  | 0.68 | 7.04 | 0.74 |  | 0.74 | 7.71 | 0.65 |
|  | 0.34 | 8.56 | 0.61 |  | 0.32 | 8.41 | 0.63 |
| 1d | 0.81 | 4.82 | 0.41 | 1d | 0.84 | 5.00 | 0.37 |
|  | 1.31 | 8.43 | 0.56 |  | 1.18 | 8.08 | 0.60 |
|  | 0.69 | 12.43 | 0.51 |  | 0.71 | 13.32 | 0.45 |
| 1e | 1.33 | 16.74 | 0.64 | 1e | 1.36 | 17.45 | 0.59 |
|  | 0.47 | 14.18 | 0.35 |  | 0.52 | 13.00 | 0.44 |
|  | 1.22 | 2.31 | 0.68 |  | 1.22 | 2.33 | 0.67 |
| 2a | 2.01 | 1.91 | 0.60 | 2a | 2.15 | 2.02 | 0.58 |
|  | 0.83 | 2.74 | 0.72 |  | 0.74 | 2.61 | 0.75 |
|  | 1.30 | 6.75 | 0.77 |  | 1.28 | 6.62 | 0.79 |
| 2b | 3.93 | 5.65 | 0.61 | 2b | 4.60 | 5.27 | 0.63 |
|  | 1.38 | 5.99 | 0.84 |  | 1.46 | 6.62 | 0.79 |
|  | 2.35 | 6.01 | 0.26 |  | 2.74 | 6.58 | 0.23 |
| 2c | 2.50 | 7.76 | 0.25 | 2c | 2.38 | 7.47 | 0.26 |
|  | 2.10 | 5.64 | 0.14 |  | 1.80 | 5.15 | 0.18 |
|  | 0.95 | 36.16 | 0.58 |  | 0.96 | 31.68 | 0.74 |
| 2d | 1.59 | 10.90 | 0.19 | 2d | 1.47 | 9.67 | 0.23 |
|  | 2.15 | 12.01 | 0.37 |  | 2.26 | 13.30 | 0.31 |

Table S5: Kinetic data.

|  |  |  | Standard error |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Compound | $\begin{gathered} k_{\mathrm{on}}{ }^{a} \\ 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} k_{\text {off }^{a}} \\ 10^{-3} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} k_{\mathrm{on}}{ }^{b} \\ 10^{4} \mathrm{~m}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} k_{\text {off }}{ }^{b} \\ 10^{-3} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \end{gathered}$ |
| 1a | 2.00 | 10.0 | 0.19 | 0.96 |
| 1b | 2.45 | 5.48 | 0.29 | 0.64 |
| 1c | 6.68 | 5.66 | 0.67 | 0.57 |
| 1d | 7.16 | 5.34 | 1.08 | 0.81 |
| 1e | 14.6 | 4.91 | 1.43 | 0.48 |
| 2a | 2.32 | 6.67 | 1.72 | 0.49 |
| 2b | 6.17 | 7.34 | 0.45 | 0.53 |
| 2c | 6.40 | 2.21 | 0.68 | 0.23 |
| 2d | 18.2 | 4.27 | 6.81 | 1.60 |

${ }^{a}$ Kinetic data were obtained after renewed processing of the raw data with $\Delta H^{\circ}$ and $K_{\mathrm{a}}$ values from the global fitting. ${ }^{b}$ Standard error of measurement after adjustment with global data.

## Isothermal Titration Calorimetry data

Raw and processed thermograms. calculated isotherms and equilibration-time curves for every measurement for every compound are provided as issued by the AFFINImeter cloud software. For 1f, raw and processed thermograms as well as the globally fitted isotherms are provided.

1a

## Measurement 1



## Measurement 2






Measurement 3





## 1b

Measurement 1





Measurement 2




Measurement 3


1c
Measurement 1


Measurement 2





Measurement 3


1d
Measurement 1




Measurement 2


Measurement 3


1e
Measurement 1





Measurement 2


## Measurement 3





## 1f

Direct titration 1 f in hCAll
Measurement 1


Measurement 2



Reference titration of 4CBS
Measurement 1


Measurement 2




Measurement 3

$1 f$ vs. 4CBS
Measurement 1



Measurement 2


Measurement 3


2a
Measurement 1


Measurement 2





Measurement 3




## 2b

Measurement 1


Measurement 2





Measurement 3


## 2c

Measurement 1


Measurement 2


## Measurement 3



Measurement 1


Measurement 2





## Measurement 3



## Synthesis and Determination of Purity

The purity of all ligands was determined by analytical HPLC with a Shimadzu LC-10A system (reversed-phase column: Nucleodur C18, $5 \mu \mathrm{~m}, 100 \AA \AA, 4.6 \times 250 \mathrm{~mm}$, Macherey-Nagel, Düren, Germany). All solvents were HPLC grade and in a gradient run the percentage of acetonitrile was increased $1 \%$ solvent $\mathrm{min}^{-1}$ at a flow rate of $1 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$. The detection was recorded at a wavelength of $220 \mathrm{~nm} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were measured on a JEOL ECX-400 instrument. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm using residual peaks for the deuterated solvent as internal standard: ${ }^{8}$ DMSO- $d_{6}, 2.50 \mathrm{ppm}\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right.$ NMR $), 39.5 \mathrm{ppm}\left({ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\right)$. The multiplicity of the signals is described with the following abbreviations: $\mathrm{s}=$ singlet, $\mathrm{d}=$ doublet, $\mathrm{t}=$ triplet and $\mathrm{m}=$ multiplet. The coupling constants J are given in Hz. MS spectra were measured on a Q-Trap 2000 system with an electrospray interface (ESI). 2c and 2d were synthesized according to a procedure by Carta et al. ${ }^{9}$

4-Pentylbenzenesulfonamide (1f): 4-Pentylbenzenesulfonyl chloride ( $1.50 \mathrm{~g}, 6.08 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in chloroform ( 10 mL ) and $25 \%(\mathrm{w} / \mathrm{v}$ ) aqueous ammonia solution was added. The mixture was stirred for 4 h at rt and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with chloroform ( $3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. $1 \mathrm{f}(1.08 \mathrm{~g}, 4.73 \mathrm{mmol}, 78 \%)$ was obtained as a white solid without further purification. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-\mathrm{d}_{6}\right) \delta=7.73(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.37(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.24(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.64(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.62-1.55(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.35-1.22(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 0.86(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=$ $7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) $\delta=146.5,141.5,128.6,125.6,34.7,30.7,30.2,21.8$, 13.8. $\mathrm{MS}(E S I+) \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right]^{+}: 245.13$; found: 245.23 .

4-n-Propoxybenzenesulfonamide (2c): 4-Hydroxybenzenesulfonamide ( $0.70 \mathrm{~g}, 4.03 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and potassium carbonate ( $0.83 \mathrm{~g}, 6.04 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were dissolved in dried DMF ( 10 mL ). The suspension was stirred for 20 min at rt under nitrogen atmosphere. 1-Bromopropane $(0.55 \mathrm{~mL}, 6.04 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added and the mixture was stirred for 22 h at rt . The reaction was quenched with water ( 10 mL ) and the forming precipitate was collected by filtration. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography over silicagel (cyclohexane/EtOAc, 2:1). 2c ( $0.39 \mathrm{~g}, 1.79 \mathrm{mmol}, 44 \%$ ) was obtained as a white-yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, ~ D M S O-d_{6}$ ) $\delta=7.74(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.17(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.07(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $4.00(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.79-1.70(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.98(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , DMSO$\left.d_{6}\right) \delta=161.0,136.0,127.6,114.3,69.3,21.8,10.2 . \mathrm{MS}(E S I+) \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ $\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right]^{+}: 233.09$; found: 233.12.

4-n-Butoxybenzenesulfonamide (2d): 4-Hydroxybenzenesulfonamide ( $0.70 \mathrm{~g}, 4.03 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and potassium carbonate ( $0.83 \mathrm{~g}, 6.04 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were dissolved in dried DMF ( 10 mL ). The suspension was stirred at rt for 20 min under nitrogen atmosphere. 1-lodobutane ( 0.46 mL , 6.04 mmol ) was added and the mixture was stirred for 24 h at rt . The reaction was quenched with water ( 10 mL ) and the forming precipitate was collected by filtration. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography over silicagel (cyclohexane/EtOAc, 2:1). 2d ( $0.75 \mathrm{~g}, 3.28 \mathrm{mmol}, 81 \%$ ) was obtained as a white-yellow solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) $\delta=7.73(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.17(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.07(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.04(\mathrm{t}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.74-$ $1.67(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.48-1.39(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.93(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-\mathrm{d}_{6}\right) \delta=161.0$,
136.0, 127.6, 114.3, 67.6, 30.5, 18.6, 13.6. $\mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}+) \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right]^{+}$: 247.11; found: 247.17.

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