

Supporting Information. NMR spectra were obtained in CDCl_3 , with the exception of those for inhibitors, which were measured in acetone- d_6 . None of the yields have been optimized.

2,3-difluorobenzylamine. 2,3-difluorobenzonitrile (300 mg, 2.16 mmol) was added to a pink solution of $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (53 mg, 0.22 mmol) in THF (6 mL) and water (3 mL) and stirred vigorously. The mixture was cooled intermittently as NaBH_4 (163 mg, 4.32 mmol) was added over 8 min. The exothermic reaction evolved a large amount of hydrogen gas. After 1 h, TLC revealed a trace amount of starting material, so additional NaBH_4 (40 mg) was added. After stirring for 2 h, concentrated NH_4OH (0.28 mL) was added and the solution was centrifuged. Both phases of the supernatant were decanted and the pellet was washed again with the same solvent mixture. The supernatants were combined and the bulk of the THF was removed *in vacuo*. The aqueous residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (4 x 15 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , and the combined organic phases were removed *in vacuo* to afford a yellow oil (150 mg, 49%). The crude product mixture contained only one amine and was taken directly to the next step. ^1H NMR δ 3.91 (s, 2H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H)

3,5-difluorobenzylamine. (310 mg, 100%), pale yellow oil, ^1H NMR δ 3.88 (s, 2H), 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.87 (m, 2H)

2,3,4-trifluorobenzylamine. (113 mg, 37%), yellowish green oil, ^1H NMR δ 3.91 (s, 2H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 7.06 (m, 1H)

2,3,6-trifluorobenzylamine. (134 mg, 43%), yellowish brown oil, ^1H NMR δ 3.96 (s, 2H), 6.84 (m, 1H), 7.04 (m, 1H)

2,4,5-trifluorobenzylamine. (40 mg, 34%), yellowish brown oil, ^1H NMR δ 3.84 (s, 2H), 6.89 (m, 1H), 7.18 (m, 1H)

3,4,5-trifluorobenzylamine. (180 mg, 58%), yellow oil, ^1H NMR δ 3.84 (s, 2H), 6.97 (m, 2H)

2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzylamine. (214 mg, 52%), yellow oil, ^1H NMR δ 3.83 (s, 1H), 7.06 (m, 1H)

2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzylamine. (228 mg, 56%), yellow oil, ^1H NMR δ 3.98 (s, 2H), 7.01 (m, 1H)

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzylphthalimide. **a-**Bromopentafluorotoluene (230 mg, 0.88 mmol) was added to potassium phthalimide (160 mg, 0.88 mmol) in 8.0 mL of DMF. The solution was stirred o/n at 130 °C, affording an orange-brown solution that was chilled, and then diluted with dH_2O ($\approx$ 50 mL). The light tan precipitate (253 mg) was recrystallized from ethanol (12 mL), to afford tan needles (219 mg, 76%). ^1H NMR δ 4.96 (br s, 2H), 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.87 (m, 2H)

2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzylamine. Hydrazine (33 μL , 0.67 mmol) was added to 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzylphthalimide (220 mg, 0.67 mmol) in 4 mL absolute EtOH. The solution was refluxed 2 h, affording a white precipitate. 5 N HCl (1.2 mL) was added, and reflux was continued for 30 min. The white solid was removed by filtration. 3.75 N NaOH (2.0 mL) was added, and the resulting solution was extracted 3 x 20 mL with Et_2O . The combined organic phases were

dried with Na_2SO_4 , and evaporated *in vacuo* to an oil (60.3 mg, 46%). ^1H NMR δ 4.94 (m)

***N*-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-2-fluorobenzylamine.** A solution of *N*-hydroxysuccinimidy-4-sulfamoylbenzenecarboxylate (133 mg, 0.5 mmol), 2-fluorobenzylamine (62 mg, 0.5 mmol), and acetone (6 mL) was added to 0.1 M K_2HPO_4 (12 mL, pH 8) and stirred for 10 min to yield a white precipitate. The acetone was removed *in vacuo* and the product was extract into ethyl acetate (4 x 15 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford a white solid (52 mg, 34%). ^1H NMR δ 4.67 (d, 2H, J = 5 Hz), 6.72 (s, 1H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.96 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.08 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.41 (br s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -119.3 (m)

***N*-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-3-fluorobenzylamine.** white solid (71 mg, 46%), ^1H NMR δ 4.63 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz), 6.71 (s, 1H), 7.01 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, 1H, J = 10 Hz), 7.21 (d, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.97 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.08 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.48 (br s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -113.9 (m)

***N*-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-4-fluorobenzylamine.** white solid (82 mg, 53%), ^1H NMR δ 4.61 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz), 6.72 (s, 2H), 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.96 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.06 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.45 (br s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -116.4 (m)

***N*-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-2,3-difluorobenzylamine.** pale yellow solid (35 mg, 10%), ^1H NMR δ 4.71 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz), 6.73 (s, 2H), 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.98 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.08 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.50 (br s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -144.9 (m, 1F), -140.1 (m, 1F)

***N*-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-2,4-difluorobenzylamine.** white solid (95 mg, 58%), ^1H NMR δ 4.63 (d, 2H, J = 5 Hz), 6.73 (s, 1H), 7.00 (m, 2H), 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.97 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.08 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.44 (br s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -114.8 (m, 1F), -112.3 (m, 1F)

***N*-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-2,5-difluorobenzylamine.** white solid (81 mg, 50%), ^1H NMR δ 4.66 (d, 2H, J = 5.9 Hz), 6.73 (s, 2H), 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.98 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.10 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.49 (br s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -125.0 (m, 1F), 119.3 (m, 1F)

***N*-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-2,6-difluorobenzylamine.** white solid (98 mg, 60%), ^1H NMR δ 4.70 (d, 2H, J = 5 Hz), 6.70 (s, 2H), 7.02 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.94 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.04 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.28 (br s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -114.9 (m, 2F)

***N*-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-3,4-difluorobenzylamine.** white solid (82 mg, 50%), ^1H NMR δ 4.61 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz), 6.73 (s, 2H), 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.97 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.08 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.52 (br s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -141.7 (m, 1F), -139.2 (m, 1F)

***N*-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-3,5-difluorobenzylamine.** white solid (47 mg, 7%), ^1H NMR δ 4.66 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz), 6.73 (s, 2H), 6.90 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d, 2H, J = 7 Hz), 7.99 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.10 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.56 (br s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -110.5 (m)

***N*-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-2,3,4-trifluorobenzylamine.** pale yellow solid (22 mg, 9%), ^1H NMR δ 4.07 (d, 2H, J

= 5 Hz), 6.81 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.56 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.81 (br s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -161.5 (m, 1F), -138.9 (m, 1F), -136.4 (m, 1F)

N-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-2,3,6-trifluorobenzylamine. white solid (27 mg, 9%), ^1H NMR δ 4.73 (d, 2H, J = 5 Hz), (s, 2H), (m, 1H), (m, 1H), 7.95 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.04 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), (s, 2H)

N-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-2,4,5-trifluorobenzylamine. yellow solid (11 mg, 11%), ^1H NMR δ 4.60 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz), 6.91 (s, 2H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.96 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.07 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.81 (s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -143.9 (m, 1F), -136.6 (m, 1F), -120.1 (m, 1F)

N-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-3,4,5-trifluorobenzylamine. white solid (138 mg, 36%), ^1H NMR δ 4.62 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz), 6.73 (s, 2H), 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.99 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.09 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.57 (s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -164.5 (m, 1F), -135.8 (m, 2F)

N-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzylamine. white solid (111 mg, 24%), ^1H NMR δ 4.69 (d, 2H, J = 5 Hz), 6.75 (s, 2H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.98 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.09 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.58 (br s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -157.2 (m, 1F), -155.8 (m, 1F), -142.6 (m, 1F), 139.0 (m, 1F)

N-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzylamine. white solid (52 mg, 11%), ^1H NMR δ 4.79 (d, 2H, J = 5 Hz), 6.72 (2, 2H), 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.96 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.04 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.49 (s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -142.1 (m, 2F), -139.0 (m, 2F)

N-(4'-sulfamoylbenzoyl)-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzylamine. pale yellow solid (96.8 mg, 95%), ^1H NMR δ 4.75 (d, 2H, J = 5 Hz), 6.72 (s, 2H), 7.96 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.03 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.53 (s, 1H), ^{19}F NMR δ -164.2 (m, 2F), -157.2 (m, 1F), -143.0 (m, 2F)