



## Functionalization of *s*-tetrazine: Preparation of new compounds with high synthetic potential

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**Abstract:** Application of thiol-ene chemistry on chloro-allyloxy-tetrazine shows an incompatibility of the *s*-tetrazine ring with radical addition. Thus, in order to synthesize new dialkoxy-*s*-tetrazines including a fluorinated substituent, thiol was added across allyl alcohol and the resulting intermediate was then allowed to react with dichloro-*s*-tetrazine. Subsequent substitution on the second chlorine leads to disubstituted derivatives.

**Keywords:** Radical addition, fluorine, tetrazine, thiol

**Résumé:** L'application de la chimie du thiol-ène au chloro-allyloxy-tétrazine montre une incompatibilité du noyau tétrazinique aux additions radicalaires. Ainsi, afin de synthétiser de nouvelles dialkoxy-*s*-tétrazines incluant des substituents fluorés, des thiols sont additionnés à l'alcool allylique et l'intermédiaire résultant réagit ensuite avec la dichloro-*s*-tétrazine. La substitution du second chlore conduit aux dérivés disubstitués.

**Mots clés:** Addition radicalaire, fluor, tétrazine, thiol

### INTRODUCTION

The physico-chemical [1-14] or biological [15-19] characteristics owned by *s*-tetrazine give a particular importance to this heterocyclic compound. This aromatic derivative has been shown to be an efficient building block for new functionalized molecules and molecular materials synthesis [20].

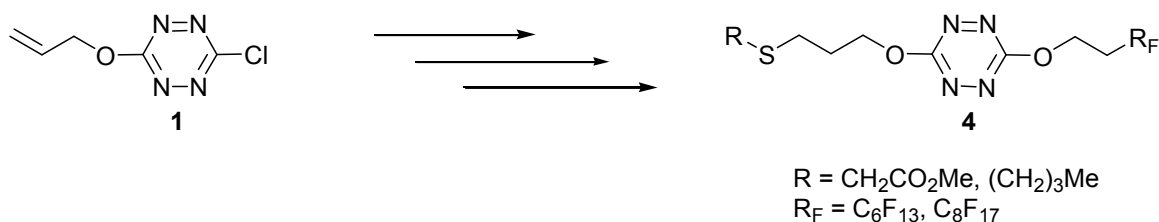
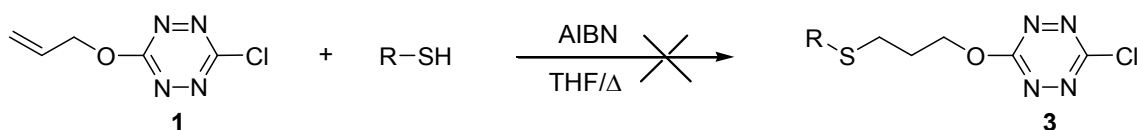
*s*-Tetrazines are strongly fluorescent molecules [1-8] and this places them among the smallest organic fluorophores in the visible range [8]. Besides, they could be electrochemically reduced to a stable anion-radical in solution [1-14]. Thus, electrochemical fluorescence switching of these molecules was largely investigated [2,5,6,13,14]. Furthermore, *s*-tetrazines offer distinct advantages in energetic materials field [21] and due to their high electro-attraction effect, they can be used in solar cells [22]. Otherwise, *s*-tetrazine and derivatives offer a broad

array of biological activities, e. g. anti-cancer [15,16], anti-inflammatory [17], anti-viral [18] and insecticidal [19].

On the other hand, use of thiol-ene click chemistry [23-26] is widely spread since the few last years. This highly efficient and orthogonal reaction allows access to several functional materials such as block copolymers [27], cross-linked materials and dendrimers [28]. Recently, the synthetic potential of thiol-ene click chemistry is exploited to obtain a multitude of thin-film systems [24], modify backbone of polyoxazolines and polybutadiene [29] and build glycodendrons [30].

Several mono- and disubstituted *s*-tetrazines are described in the literature [1-8,12-14]. Benefiting from the easy access to the basic synthon dichloro-*s*-tetrazine [31,32], we describe herein the synthesis of new fluorinated *s*-tetrazines using an interesting synthetic way.

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**Scheme 1:** Synthetic route to aimed tetrazine 4

**Scheme 2:** Attempted synthesis of monosubstituted *s*-tetrazine 3

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Starting from chloro-allyloxy-tetrazine **1**, we have considered the synthesis of the fluorinated analogues **4**, in which R may be an alkyl group or a linker for further conjugates as summarized in Scheme 1.

In a first attempt, we tried the synthesis of *s*-tetrazine **3** by radical addition of thiol on chloro-allyloxy-tetrazine **1**, according to thiol-ene chemistry [23] believing that the adduct **3** such obtained could then react with 2-*F*-alkylethanol to give *s*-tetrazine **4**.

Unfortunately, we faced the problem of incompatibility of the *s*-tetrazine ring with radical reaction. Indeed, treatment of compound **1** by thiol under radical conditions leads to the disappearance of the deep red color of the solution (Scheme 2), which indicates that the tetrazinic cycle has been destroyed.

Incompatibility of the *s*-tetrazine ring with radical reactions was also confirmed by compounds **5** [1] and **6** illustrated in the figure below, which were destroyed when submitted to the same radical treatment.

As an alternative, the chloro-alkoxy-tetrazine **3** was prepared in two steps, (i) thiol and allyl alcohol

reacted in the presence of AIBN [23] and (ii), the resulting  $\omega$ -hydroxysulfide **2** was submitted to dichloro-*s*-tetrazine treatment catalyzed by 2,4,6-collidine [1-4], to furnish compound **3** in good yield, as a deep red viscous oil (Scheme 3).

Chloro-alkoxy-tetrazine **3** was then converted into the targeted fluorinated derivative **4** gathered in Scheme 4.

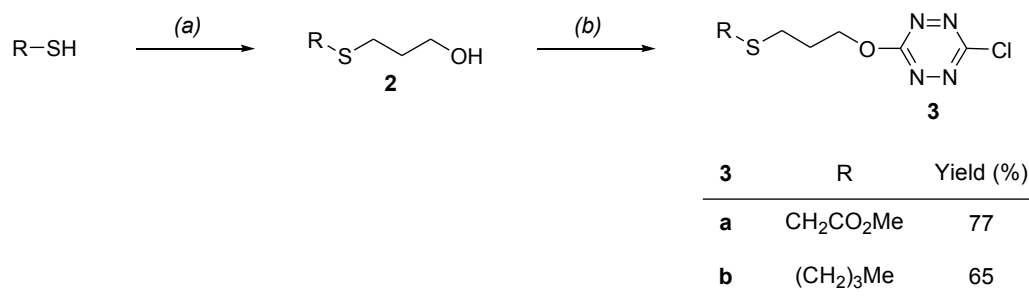
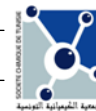
Whereas the base 2,4,6-collidine was sufficient to induce  $S_NAr$  of one chlorine of dichloro-*s*-tetrazine, the substitution of the remained chlorine was more difficult and a stronger base (sodium hydride) [4] was necessary to convert compound **3** into the disubstituted analogue **4**.

The prepared *F*-alkyl-dialkoxy-tetrazine **4** could present some interesting electrochemical properties and fluorescence skills. They also may find applications in variable fields and developing new materials such as realization of new sensors for pollutants detection.

## CONCLUSIONS

Radical addition of thiol on unsaturated *s*-tetrazine leads to destruction of tetrazinic cycle proved by the discoloration of the mixture firstly red. In order to prepare disubstituted *s*-tetrazines


**Figure:** Compounds **5** and **6** submitted to radical addition



(a) Allyl alcohol, AIBN, THF, 75°C; (b) Dichloro-*s*-tetrazine, 2,4,6-collidine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt

**Scheme 3:** Synthetic pathway of chloro-alkoxy-tetrazine **3**

with partially fluorinated *O*-alkyl substituents, the radical addition was accomplished separately on allylic alcohol. The obtained ω-hydroxysulfide was then introduced on *s*-tetrazine moiety by aromatic nucleophilic substitution. Finally, a second substitution leads to the desired product when applied on perfluorinated alcohol.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25°C on a JEOL ESC-400 MHz spectrometer at 400, 100 and 376 MHz respectively using the TMS as an internal reference (δ = 0.00) for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra and CFCl<sub>3</sub> for <sup>19</sup>F NMR. IR spectra were recorded on Nicolet-Avatar 330 FT-IR spectrometer. Monitoring of the reaction course and purity of the compounds prepared are carried out using TLC on percolated silica gel GF254 (10~40μ) plates with detection by UV. Melting points are measured with Kofler apparatus. Dichloro-*s*-tetrazine is prepared as

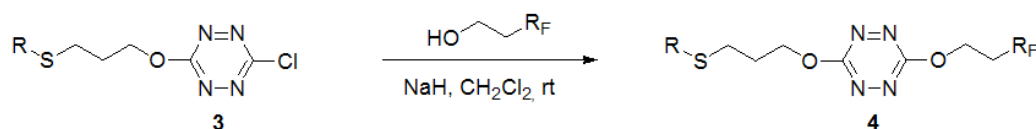
described in literature [4]. The abbreviation Tz refers to tetrazine.

#### 1. Radical Addition: General Method

A solution of allyl alcohol (1 eq.), AIBN (0.1-0.25 mmol) and thiol (1 eq.) in dry THF (*c* ≈ 0.1 M) was thoroughly degassed (N<sub>2</sub>) before reacted at 75°C. After stirring for 1-4 h (TLC control), the reaction was concentrated and the obtained residue was then subject to flash chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc 4:1) to yield the ω-hydroxysulfide **2**.

#### Methyl 2-(3-hydroxypropylthio)acetate (**2a**).

Yield: 57%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 3.58 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.53 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 6.8 Hz, HO-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 3.10 (s, 2H, S-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=O), 2.57 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 6.8 Hz, HO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 1.67 (m, 2H, HO-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 171.1 (C=O), 60.5 (HO-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 52.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.2 (S-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=O), 31.3 (HO-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 28.9 (HO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S). Elem. Anal. Calcd for



<b>4</b>	R	R <sub>F</sub>	Yield (%)	M. p. (°C)
<b>a</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Me	C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>13</sub>	71	Viscous oil
<b>b</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Me	C <sub>8</sub> F <sub>17</sub>	73	58
<b>c</b>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Me	C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>13</sub>	78	Viscous oil
<b>d</b>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Me	C <sub>8</sub> F <sub>17</sub>	75	86

**Scheme 4:** Synthesis of *F*-alkyl-dialkoxy-tetrazine **4**

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 43.88; H, 7.37; S, 19.53. Found: C, 43.86; H, 7.31; S, 19.64.

### 3-(Butylthio)propan-1-ol (2b).

Yield: 76%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 3.58 (m, 2H, HO-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 2.49 (m, 2H, HO-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 2.41 (m, 2H, HO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 1.71 (m, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 1.45 (m, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 1.28 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.79 (m, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 61.2 (HO-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 31.8 (HO-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 31.6 (HO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 31.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 28.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 21.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>). Elem. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OS: C, 56.71; H, 10.88; S, 21.63. Found: C, 56.63; H, 10.81; S, 21.74.

## 2. Preparation of chloro-alkoxy-tetrazine (3a-b):

### General procedure

Dichloro-*s*-tetrazine (1 eq.) was reacted with ω-hydroxysulfide 2 (1 eq.) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (*c* ≈ 0.1M). 2,4,6-Collidine (1.2 eq.) was added drop wise under N<sub>2</sub> and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1-2 h (TLC control). The solvent was removed and the obtained residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / EtOAc 2:3) to yield *s*-tetrazine 3.

### Methyl 2-(3-(6-chloro-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yloxy)propylthio)acetate (3a).

Yield: 73%. Viscous oil. IR (neat): ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2922 (C-H), 1728 (C=O), 1485, 1457, 1439 (Tz), 1360 (C-S), 1280 (C-O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 4.70 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 6.4 Hz, O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 3.66 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.19 (s, 2H, S-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=O), 2.82 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 6.8 Hz, O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 2.18 (m, 2H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 170.7 (C=O), 166.6 (C<sub>Tz</sub>-O), 164.4 (C<sub>Tz</sub>-Cl), 68.9 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 52.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.4 (S-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=O), 28.7 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 27.7 (O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S). Elem. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 34.47; H, 3.98; N, 20.10; S, 11.50. Found: C, 34.53; H, 3.91; N, 20.28; S, 11.65.

### 3-(3-(Butylthio)propoxy)-6-chloro-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (3b).

Yield: 65%. Viscous oil. IR (neat): ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2930 (C-H), 1485, 1456 (Tz), 1357 (C-S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 4.73 (m, 2H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 2.71 (m, 2H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 2.49 (m, 2H, O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 2.18 (m, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 1.55 (m, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 1.37 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.88 (m, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 166.7 (C<sub>Tz</sub>-O), 164.4 (C<sub>Tz</sub>-Cl), 69.3 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 31.9 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 31.7

(O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 28.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 22 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). Elem. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>OS: C, 41.14; H, 5.75; N, 21.32; S, 12.20. Found: C, 41.26; H, 5.90; N, 21.58; S, 12.11.

## 3. Preparation of *F*-alkyl-dialkoxy-tetrazine (4a-d): General procedure

To a solution of *F*-alkylated alcohol (1 eq.) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (*c* ≈ 0.1 M) thoroughly degassed (N<sub>2</sub>) was added 10% excess of 60% NaH. To the formed *F*-alkylated alcoholate, a degassed solution of chloro-alkoxy-tetrazine 3 (1 eq.) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (*c* ≈ 0.1 M) was added, and the mixture reacted at room temperature for about 1-4 h (TLC control). The solution was quenched with cold water and the organic layer was extracted with 3×30 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub> and dried under Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The residue after concentration was purified by column chromatography (*n*-pentane / EtO<sub>2</sub> 4:1) yielding *F*-alkyl-dialkoxy-*s*-tetrazine 4.

### Methyl 2-(3-(6-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyloxy)-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yloxy)propylthio)acetate (4a).

Yield: 71%. Viscous oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 4.81 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 6.8 Hz, O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 4.62 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 6.0 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.67 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.19 (s, 2H, S-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=O), 2.82 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 7.2 Hz, O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 2.72 (m, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.16 (m, 2H, O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 170.7 (C=O), 166.2; 165.5 (C<sub>Tz</sub>-O), 100-120 (C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>), 68 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 61.5 (C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.3 (S-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=O), 30.6 (t, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.75 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 27.9 (O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) -80.88 (m, 3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -113.50 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2a</sub>), -121.96 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2b</sub>), -122.97 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2c</sub>), -123.57 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2d</sub>), -126.25 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2e</sub>). Elem. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S: C, 31.69; H, 2.49; N, 9.24; S, 5.29. Found: C, 31.73; H, 2.45; N, 9.33; S, 5.53.

### Methyl 2-(3-(6-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptafluorodecyloxy)-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yloxy)propylthio)acetate (4b).

Yield: 73%. mp: 58°C. IR (neat): ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2921 (C-H), 1738 (C=O), 1484, 1441 (Tz), 1367 (C-S), 1283 (C-O), 1147-1201 (C-F). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 4.88 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 6.4 Hz, O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 4.69 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 6.0 Hz, C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.74 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.26 (s, 2H, S-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=O), 2.89 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 6.8 Hz, O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 2.79



(m, 2H, C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.23 (m, 2H, O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 170.8 (C=O), 166.4; 165.6 (C<sub>Tz</sub>-O), 100-120 (C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>), 68.3 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 61.7 (C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 52.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.5 (S-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=O), 30.8 (t, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.9 Hz, C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 29 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 28 (O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) -80.74 (m, 3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -113.40 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2a</sub>), -121.78 (m, 6F, CF<sub>2β</sub>CF<sub>2γ</sub>CF<sub>2δ</sub>), -122.67 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2ε</sub>), -123.62 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2ξ</sub>), -126.06 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2ω</sub>). Elem. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S: C, 30.61; H, 2.14; N, 7.93; S, 4.54. Found: C, 30.50; H, 2.05; N, 7.99; S, 4.77.

**3-(3-(Butylthio)propoxy)-6-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyloxy)-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (4c).**

Yield: 78%. Viscous oil. IR (neat): ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2960 (C-H), 1482, 1443 (Tz), 1364 (C-S), 1143-1203 (C-F). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 4.83 (m, 2H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 4.64 (m, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.72 (m, 4H, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>, O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 2.50 (m, 2H, O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 2.15 (m, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 1.53 (m, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 1.38 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.87 (m, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 166.4; 165.6 (C<sub>Tz</sub>-O), 100-120 (C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>), 68.6 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 61.6 (C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 32 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 31.8 (O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 30.8 (t, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.9 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 22 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) -80.87 (m, 3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -113.52 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2a</sub>), -121.91 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2β</sub>), -122.89 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2γ</sub>), -123.50 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2δ</sub>), -126.13 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2ω</sub>). Elem. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C, 34.58; H, 3.24; N, 9.49; S, 5.43. Found: C, 34.68; H, 3.18; N, 9.37; S, 5.56.

**3-(3-(Butylthio)propoxy)-6-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptafluorodecyl)oxy-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (4d).**

Yield: 75%. mp: 86°C. IR (neat): ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2967 (C-H), 1478, 1448 (Tz), 1372 (C-S), 1146-1201 (C-F). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 4.85 (m, 2H, O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 4.67 (m, 2H, C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.75 (m, 4H, C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>, O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 2.52 (m, 2H, O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 2.19 (m, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 1.57 (m, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 1.39 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (m, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 166.3; 165.8 (C<sub>Tz</sub>-O), 100-120 (C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>), 68.5 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S), 61.7 (C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 32 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 31.8 (O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 30.8 (t, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 22 Hz, C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 28.3

(CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-S), 22.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) -80.85 (m, 3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -113.47 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2a</sub>), -121.76 (m, 6F, CF<sub>2β</sub>CF<sub>2γ</sub>CF<sub>2δ</sub>), -122.75 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2ε</sub>), -123.64 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2ξ</sub>), -126.16 (m, 2F, CF<sub>2ω</sub>). Elem. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C, 33.05; H, 2.77; N, 8.11; S, 4.64. Found: C, 33.15; H, 2.71; N, 8.36; S, 4.77.

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