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# Facile, High-Yielding Preparation of Pyrrolidinium, Piperidinium, Morpholinium and 2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-isoindolinium Salts and Ionic Liquids from Secondary Amines

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High yield and purity heterocyclic ionic liquids can be obtained via the microwave irradiation of equimolar amounts of a secondary amine and of an  $\alpha,\omega$ -dibromoalkane (i.e, 1,4-dibromobutane, 1,5-dibromopentane, bis(2-bromoethyl)ether, or  $\alpha,\alpha'$ -dibromo-*o*-xylene) in water, in the presence of <sup>10</sup> potassium carbonate, followed by anion exchange with lithium bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide, affording pyrrolidinum, piperidinium and morpholinium ionic liquids, respectively. Using this methodology, a large number of homologous ionic liquids can be prepared from a small number of readily available and relatively cheap starting materials, including a new class of ionic liquids based on the 2,3-dihydro-1*H*-isoindolinium ring system. Analysis (using SWOT and the GSK "greenness" assessments) of this synthetic method and comparison with current literature preparations reveals that this

new method delivers significant benefits across a range of relevant parameters.

# Introduction

Generally, ionic liquids (ILs), i.e. molten salts with low melting points, consist of unsymmetrical organic cations (e.g., *N*,*N*'-<sup>20</sup> dialkylimidazolium, *N*,*N*-dialkylpyrolidinium, *N*-alkylpyridinium, *N*,*N*-dialkylpiperidinium, tetraalkylammonium) paired with charge diffuse organic or inorganic anions (such as Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>, BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, (CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N<sup>-</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>). ILs are characterized by negligible vapour pressure, non-flammability, high ionic conductivity, <sup>25</sup> excellent solvating properties for a wide range of materials, high thermal and electrochemical stability, and a large *liquidus* range.

In addition to their frequent use as solvents for synthesis and catalysis,<sup>5-7</sup> there has been growing interest in ILs as components <sup>30</sup> within a diverse range of applications. Examples of such applications include: electrolytes for use in electrochemistry,<sup>8</sup> electrochemical devices (including batteries),<sup>9-14</sup> double-layer capacitors,<sup>15,16</sup> fuel cells,<sup>17-19</sup> and photo-electrochemical cells,<sup>20-24</sup> as media for the electrodeposition of metals and <sup>35</sup> semiconductors;<sup>25</sup> as heat stabilizers<sup>26</sup> and anti-oxidants for lubricating oils;<sup>27-29</sup> in gas storage<sup>30,31</sup> and separations;<sup>32-35</sup> and in separation science.<sup>36-38</sup> One of the most established (albeit, until recently, unrecognised) industrial uses of ionic liquids has been in the production of ε-caprolactam.<sup>39</sup>

<sup>40</sup> Of great value to the field of ionic liquids is the development of generic synthetic methods that are capable of producing a wide range of ILs from only a small pool of readily available, inexpensive and easily purified precursors. An increasingly common example of such a generic method is the preparation of <sup>45</sup> chiral ionic liquids from the chiral pool, using readily accessible acid-base chemistry.<sup>40,41</sup> To date, most frequently used ILs are prepared by quaternisation of the parent ring system. However, such simple heterocyclic systems are often expensive and difficult to purify due to their high boiling points. Additionally, <sup>50</sup> significant time and effort must be expended purifying the quaternised intermediate prior to anion exchange.<sup>42</sup> As a contribution towards the goal of devising a set of generic, straightforward and rapid methods for facile IL synthesis, we describe the high yielding preparations of a range of ionic liquids <sup>55</sup> based on pyrrolidinium, piperidinium, oxazolium, and 2,3dihydro-1*H*-isoindolinium that uses readily available and cheap secondary amines and  $\alpha, \omega$ -dibromoalkanes significantly extending the method described earlier by Ju and Varma.<sup>43</sup>

# 60 Results and discussion

The creation of a generic method for the preparation of a large range of new and existing ionic liquids from a small pool of cheap and readily available chemicals, using energy efficient methods and minimal purification is an area of increasing 65 importance given the great interest in the applications of ILs. Since the most widely used ionic liquids (with the exception of imidazolium ILs) consist of a quaternised nitrogenous ring systems, the most logical starting point is the derivatisation of secondary amines. Using K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in water to deprotonate the 70 amine in the presence of an α,ω-dibomoalkane at 120 °C results in the formation of the desired quaternised ring system. The ILs can be isolated easily in high yield through judicious choice of a suitable anion. Throughout this paper the bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide anion has been used, as its

**Table 1.** Syntheses and properties of pyrrolidinium and piperidinium NTf<sub>2</sub> salts prepared from secondary amines and  $\alpha, \omega$ -dihaloalkanes at 120 °C.

	$\mathbf{R}^1, \mathbf{R}^2$	DIHALO	REACTION	YIELD	m.p.	T <sub>dec</sub>
		COMPOUND	TIME (min)	(%)	(°C)	(°C)
1	$R^1 = R^2 = CH_2C_6H_5$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Br	20	84	69-71	328
2	$R^1 = R^2 = CH_2C_6H_5$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Br	40	81	107-109	331
3	$\mathbf{R}^1 = \mathbf{R}^2 = \mathbf{C}_4 \mathbf{H}_9$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Br	20	88	38–40	367
4	$\mathbf{R}^1 = \mathbf{R}^2 = \mathbf{C}_4 \mathbf{H}_9$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Br	40	88	57-59	355
5	$R^1 = R^2 = CH(CH_3)C_2H_5$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Br	60	24	-72 <sup>c</sup>	280
6	$\mathbf{R}^1 = \mathbf{R}^2 = \mathbf{CH}(\mathbf{CH}_3)\mathbf{C}_2\mathbf{H}_5$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Br	80	10	-73 <sup>c</sup>	232
7	$\mathbf{R}^1 = \mathbf{R}^2 = \mathbf{C}_3 \mathbf{H}_7$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Br	20	83	50-52	393
8	$\mathbf{R}^1 = \mathbf{R}^2 = \mathbf{C}_3 \mathbf{H}_7$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Br	40	82	65-67	344
9	$R^1 = R^2 = CH(CH_3)_2$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Br	40	23	58-60	305
10	$\mathbf{R}^1 = \mathbf{R}^2 = \mathbf{CH}(\mathbf{CH}_3)_2$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Br	60	23	90-92	246
11	$\mathbf{R}^1 = \mathbf{R}^2 = \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{H}_5$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Br	20	85	92–94	317
12	$\mathbf{R}^1 = \mathbf{R}^2 = \mathbf{C}_2 \mathbf{H}_5$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Br	40	88	92–94	370
13	$R^1 = C_4 H_9; R^2 = C_2 H_5$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Br	20	86	-87 <sup>c</sup>	340
14	$R^1 = C_4 H_9; R^2 = C_2 H_5$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Br	40	86	-75 <sup>c</sup>	360
15	$R^1 = C_4 H_9; R^2 = C H_3$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Br	20	83	-15 (-83 <sup>c</sup> )	348
16	$R^1 = C_4 H_9; R^2 = C H_3$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Br	40	87	-72 <sup>c</sup>	331
17	$R = -(CH_2)_4 -$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Br	20	90	113-115	322
18	$R = -(CH_2)_5 -$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Br	20	88	110-112	330
19	$R = -(CH_2)_5 -$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Br	40	89	127-129	316
20	$R^1 = R^2 = C_8 H_{17}^b$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Br	20	94	126-127	207
21	$R^1 = R^2 = C_8 H_{17}^{b}$	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Br	40	94	149-151	202

Isolated yield. <sup>b</sup> Isolated as the bromide salt. <sup>c</sup> Decomposes before melting. <sup>d</sup> Determined by differential scanning calorimetry. <sup>e</sup> Glass transition.

presence results in hydrophobic ILs, which can be readily separated from water and washed to remove any inorganic contaminants. Thus, using this method we have prepared 36 ILs or salts (of a total possible 44) in four homologous series using 15 <sup>10</sup> different starting materials.

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It should be noted that we have found this reaction to only be significantly accelerated when using a focused or monomodal microwave system (with microwave power up to 850 W). Attempts to perform this reaction in a standard multimodal

- <sup>15</sup> laboratory microwave system (with microwave power up to 1000 W) did not result in the isolation of any of the desired products after irradiation times of up to 60 min., indicating that substantially longer reaction times are necessary to achieve the desired products. In both cases, the microwave reactors were
- $_{20}$  operated in a manner whereby only the temperature of the reaction mixture was set (*i.e.*, the microwave power was not fixed for a continuous irradiation experiment). Consequently, it is not believed that the power of the irradiation is a critical parameter. In focused microwave systems the radiation is directed through
- <sup>25</sup> an accurately designed wave guide into the reaction vessel mounted at a fixed distance from the radiation source, thereby creating a standing wave or single mode.<sup>44</sup> The greater reaction rates in the monomodal microwave presumably arise as a result of the more uniform heating pattern and the higher microwave <sup>30</sup> field strengths that can be obtained.<sup>45</sup>

Once the set irradiation time was completed (and in those cases where the bromide salt was water-soluble), the homogeneous aqueous solution was extracted with diethyl ether to remove any unreacted organic precursors. Anion exchange was then performed by addition of one equivalent of liking

<sup>35</sup> then performed by addition of one equivalent of lithium bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide, which resulted in the desired

salt separating from the aqueous phase. Subsequently, additional salt was extracted from the aqueous phase using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the combined organic phases washed with water to remove excess <sup>40</sup> NTf<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> anion and other salt contaminates present. Removal of the solvent and drying at 60 °C *in vacuo* afforded the desired products with no further purification necessary.

Irradiation of the equimolar mixture of secondary amine and either 1,4-dibromobutane or 1,5-dibromopentane in the presence 45 of aqueous K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> at 120 °C followed by anion exchange resulted in the isolation of the desired pyrrolidinium and piperidinium salts (Scheme 1) with yields usually greater than 80% (Table 1). In general, 20 min. and 40 min. irradiation times, respectively, were required when 1,4-dibromobutane and 1,5-dibromopentane 50 were used. The longer reaction time when using the 1,5dibromopentane was required due to its lower reactivity as a consequence of the longer alkyl chain length. When sterically hindered secondary amines were used, such as di-sec-butylamine (Entries 5 and 6) or di-iso-propylamine (Entries 9 and 10), the 55 yields drop dramatically to 10-24%, even after prolonged irradiation times. When dioctylamine was used, the resultant bromide salt was immiscible in water and consequently no effective anion exchange was possible (Entries 20 and 21) using the standard anion metathesis protocol. Attempts to use 1,6-60 dibromohexane to form the corresponding N.Ndialkylhexahydroazepinium salts were not successful, despite the formation of the 7-membered ring being favourable (by the 7exo-tet mechanism) according to Baldwin's rules<sup>46</sup> and the fact that such rings were formed when using primary amines under 65 the same methodology.<sup>43</sup>

$$\begin{array}{c} R^{1} \\ NH \\ R^{2} \\ R^{2} \\ R^{2} \\ n = 4, 5 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{II} H_{2}O, K_{2}CO_{3}, MW, 120 \,^{\circ}C} R^{1} \\ R^{1} \\ N \oplus (CH_{2})_{n} \\ NTf_{2} \\ R^{1} \\ N \oplus (CH_{2})_{n} \\ N \oplus (CH_{2})_{$$

The decomposition point of the salts was determined by s thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) and the data are shown in Table 1. The NTf<sub>2</sub> salts show remarkable thermal stability, with the majority of the salts decomposing at temperatures greater than 300 °C. In general, the pyrrolidinium NTf<sub>2</sub> salts have higher thermal stability as compared to the equivalent piperidinium salts:

- <sup>10</sup> an exception being found in the case of the *N*,*N*-diethylsubstituted salts and the *N*-butyl-*N*-ethyl-substituted derivatives for which the piperidinium salt has a higher decomposition point than the corresponding pyrrolidinium salt. The pyrrolidinium NTf<sub>2</sub> salts have decomposition points ranging from 322–393 °C,
- <sup>15</sup> whilst the piperidinium salts have decomposition points ranging from 316–370 °C. Salts containing *sec*-butyl and *iso*-propyl groups have significantly lowered decomposition points with all such compounds showing decomposition below 305 °C.
- With the success of this procedure when using the  $\alpha, \omega$ -<sup>20</sup> dihaloalkanes, the method was expanded to the use of bis(2bromoethyl)ether as the precursor for the backbone of the ring system to form the corresponding morpholinium salts (Scheme 2). As was the case with the 1,5-dibromopentane precursor, an increase in reaction time from 20 to 40 min. was required to
- <sup>25</sup> achieve a yield of more than 75%. Nevertheless, a small decrease in the isolated yields of the products to 78–87% (Table 2) could not be avoided. As was the case with 1,5-dibromopentane, the decrease in yield appears to be due to the increase in the chain length of the dihalogenated precursor. When pyrrolidine and
- $_{30}$  piperidine were used as the secondary amines, a significant decrease in yield (to ~50%) was observed as compared to the dialkyl secondary amines after 40 min. of irradiation. However, increasing the reaction time to 60 min. resulted in yields of only ~65%.

$$\begin{array}{c} R^{1} \\ R^{2} \\ R^{2} \\ \text{Scheme 2} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{(BrCH}_{2}CH_{2})_{2}O} \quad \underbrace{\text{ij } H_{2}O, K_{2}CO_{3}, MW, 120 \, ^{\circ}C}_{\text{ii } \text{j } \text{LiNTf}_{2}} \xrightarrow{\text{(R)}} \qquad \underbrace{R^{2}}_{R^{2}} \xrightarrow{O} \quad \underbrace{\text{Nff}_{2}}_{R^{2}} \end{array}$$

A new class of ionic liquids based on the 2,3-dihydro-1*H*isoindolinium ring system could also be readily prepared in high yields using this method. Substitution of the  $\alpha, \omega$ -dibromoalkane <sup>40</sup> with  $\alpha, \alpha'$ -dibromo-*o*-xylene resulted in the formation of the dihydro-1*H*-isoindolinium ring system in yields ranging from 78– 96% (Scheme 3, Table 3). In the case of the dibenzyl analogue (**29**) the irradiation time had to be increased to 60 min. in order to achieve a 75% yield of the bromide salt. The longer reaction time <sup>45</sup> needed and lower yield obtained when compared to the equivalent piperidinium and pyrrolidinium salts may be attributed to the steric bulk of the amine and the  $\alpha, \alpha'$ -dibromo-*o*-xylene. In this case, the *N*,*N*-dibenzyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-isoindolinium bromide obtained was insoluble in water, hence, no anion

<sup>50</sup> exchange with  $LiNTf_2$  was possible using the standard anion metathesis protocol outlined (Experimental Section), and thus was not attempted. The products obtained after anion exchange were liquids at room temperature (with the exception of the diethyl and the spiro salts) with melting points in the range from  $^{55}$  -43 to -54 °C and decomposition temperatures >340 °C. In the case of the *N*,*N*-diethyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-isoindolinium bis(triflouro-methanesulfonyl)imide IL, crystallisation occurred only after a prolonged period at room temperature. *N*,*N*-Dibenzyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-isoindolinium bromide had a decomposition <sup>60</sup> point of 175 °C.





In order to determine the effectiveness of the microwave synthesis, the reaction replicating the preparation of N,N-65 dibutylpiperidinium NTf<sub>2</sub> (Entry 4, Table 1) was undertaken using conventional heating at 120 °C. This was performed using a sealed stainless steel autoclave with a Teflon liner. After 16 h, the reaction was worked up as previously to obtain the desired product in 80% yield. This is slightly lower than the 88% yield 70 obtained for the identical reaction using 40 min irradiation. Additionally, the effectiveness of this synthetic methodology is highlighted by comparison to the previously reported syntheses for the azoniaspiro salts (Entries 17-19 in Table 1; Entries 27-28 in Table 2).<sup>47-49</sup> The original synthetic methodology involves the 75 addition of either pyrrolidine, piperidine, or oxazoline to a boiling solution of the appropriate  $\alpha, \omega$ -dibromoalkane in aqueous NaOH for 12-24 h. After the work-up, yields of the desired bromide salts were in the range of 19-68%. In this work, yields of the corresponding NTf<sub>2</sub> salts ranged from ~65% (for the 80 morpholinium salts) and 80-89% (for the pyrrolidinium and piperidinium salts). Even if the conversion of the bromide salts to their NTf<sub>2</sub> analogues was quantitative, the present synthetic method is clearly more efficient. As a consequence, it can be concluded that the focussed microwave irradiation used herein 85 has a dramatic effect on the acceleration of this reaction compared to multi-modal microwave irradiation and conventional heating.

To highlight the increased sustainability of this synthetic method a comparison to existing methods to prepare 90 pyrrolidinium or morpholinium ILs was undertaken. To fairly compare the chosen syntheses, the sequential functionalisation of pyrrolidine, piperidine, and morpholine to form the corresponding ILs was chosen (Scheme 4). Recent work in this area has shown the reductive alkylation of these cyclic amines 95 can be achieved in good yields using either zinc powder<sup>50</sup> or NaBH<sub>4</sub><sup>51</sup> and a suitable aldehyde in 1.5 to 5 molar equivalents with respect to the starting amine. The former method reports only methylations using formaldehyde in water, whilst the latter uses a variety of different aldehydes (and paraformaldehyde for 100 the methylation reaction) in trifluoroethanol (TFE). For the methylation reaction, the yield of the resultant methyl-substituted compounds is 82-98% after 2-4 h at temperatures between RT and 78 °C. Isolation of the products was performed by filtration, followed by washing of the residue, distillation of the solvent for 105 recycling (in the case of TFE) and then chromotography if required. Subsequent alkylation of the thus obtained methyl substituted amine with bromobutane (for example) at 40 °C followed by anion exchange with LiNTf<sub>2</sub> in water affords the

desired IL.<sup>42</sup> The removal of coloured impurities can be achieved by heating an aqueous solution of the intermediate bromide salt at 65 °C for 24 h in the presence of activated charcoal.<sup>42</sup> Ultimately, after the 3 steps the final yield of the desired IL is in the range of 573-87% (*c.f.* this work achieves yields of 82-92% for the

 Table 2 Syntheses and properties of N,N-dialkylmorpholinium NTf2 ILs prepared from secondary amines and bis(2-bromoethyl)ether at 120 °C.

	$\mathbf{R}^{1},\mathbf{R}^{2}$	DIHALO	REACTION	YIELD	m.p.	T <sub>dec</sub>
		COMPOUND	TIME (min)	(%)	(°C)	(°C)
22	$R^1 = R^2 = CH_2C_6H_5$	$\{Br(CH_2)_2\}_2O$	40	78	149-151	265
23	$R^1 = R^2 = C_4 H_9$	${Br(CH_2)_2}_2O$	40	87	$-48^{b}$	327
24	$R^1 = R^2 = C_3 H_7$	$\{Br(CH_2)_2\}_2O$	40	87	50-52	301
25	$R^1 = R^2 = C_2 H_5$	$\{Br(CH_2)_2\}_2O$	40	85	39-41	322
26	$R^1 = C_4 H_9; R^2 = C H_3$	$\{Br(CH_2)_2\}_2O$	40	82	29-31	294
27	$R = -(CH_2)_4 -$	$\{Br(CH_2)_2\}_2O$	60	66	73–75	369
28	$R = -(CH_2)_5 -$	${Br(CH_2)_2}_2O$	60	64	119–121	359

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>b</sup> Glass transition point.

**Table 3** Syntheses and properties of *N*,*N*-dialkyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-isoindolinium NTf<sub>2</sub> ILs prepared from secondary amines and  $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ '-dibromo-*o*-xylene at 10 120 °C.

	$\mathbf{R}^1, \mathbf{R}^2$	DIHALO	REACTION	YIELD	m.p.	T <sub>dec</sub>
		COMPOUND	TIME (min)	(%)	(°C)	(°C)
29	$R^1 = R^2 = CH_2C_6H_5^{\ b}$	o-(BrCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	75	_c	175
30	$R^1 = R^2 = C_4 H_9$	o-(BrCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	84	$-44^{d}$	340
31	$\mathbf{R}^1 = \mathbf{R}^2 = \mathbf{C}_3 \mathbf{H}_7$	o-(BrCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	95	$-43^{d}$	365
32	$R^1 = R^2 = C_2 H_5$	o-(BrCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	84	81-83	354
33	$R^1 = C_4 H_9$ ; $R^2 = C H_3$	o-(BrCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	92	$-54^{d}(-17^{e})$	363
34	$R^1 = C_4 H_9$ ; $R^2 = C_2 H_5$	o-(BrCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	83	$-54^{d}(-10^{e})$	347
35	$R = -(CH_2)_4 -$	o-(BrCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	91	74–76	391

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>b</sup> Isolated as the bromide salt. <sup>c</sup> Decomposes before melting. <sup>d</sup> Determined by differential scanning calorimetry. <sup>e</sup> Glass transition.



#### Scheme 4

identical ILs). However, significantly greater molar amounts of <sup>15</sup> starting materials were required, substantially longer heating times needed, and a greater number of purification steps required, as compared to our method described here.

A metric to test the sustainability and "greenness" of the current process to that shown in Scheme 4 was recently published <sup>20</sup> by GSK.<sup>52</sup> The method of determining the overall "greenness" of

- a process involves a standardized assessment of each reagent used within a chemical process: the calculation of an EHS (Environmental, Health, Safety) score is done by considering the presence or absence of certain risk phrases associated with each
- <sup>25</sup> chemical followed by the geometric mean of the three scores allocated; the calculation of an Overall Clean Chemistry score by taking the geometric mean of scores allocated to assessing aspects of the process such as ease of work-up, use of coreagents, stoichiometry, atom efficiency and other issues (such as
- <sup>30</sup> decomposition, the need for low temperatures, the use of inert atmospheres, *etc.*). Finally, the Overall "Greenness" score is determined by taking the geometric mean of the EHS and Overall Clean Chemistry scores: thus, for the synthesis of 1-butyl-1methylpyrrolidinium bis(trifluoromethanesulfon)-imide (**15**), the
- <sup>35</sup> Overall "Greenness" score for the method described herein is 7.5 whilst when using the methodology outlined in Scheme 4 the

score is 4.2 or 4.5 (for both methods in step 1). Note that these scores have been calculated without including the reaction or extraction solvents as this method only takes into account the <sup>40</sup> reagents used. The use of different substrates to make the different ring systems has little effect on the overall "greenness" of either process (see Supplementary Information for the calculations).

In attempting to increase the "greenness" of ionic liquid 45 syntheses many variables need to be considered in order to improve the process. Analysis of the synthesis of 1-alkyl-3methylimidazolium ionic liquids suggests the use of the strategic planning SWOT analysis to assess the greenness of any synthesis method.<sup>53</sup> Utilising such an analysis for the syntheses outlined <sup>50</sup> herein (Scheme 1) reveals that the process employed has a low *E*factor, high atom economy (as only equimolar amounts of the starting materials are used) and upholds seven of the twelve Principles of Green Chemistry<sup>54</sup> (prevention of waste; high atom economy; the elimination of the use of unnecessary auxiliary 55 substances; low energy requirements; elimination of unnecessary derivatisation; the use of analytical methodologies to prevent formation of hazardous substances; and, the use of a chemical process to minimize the potential for chemical accidents). It should be noted that the *E*-factor could be lowered even further in 60 those cases where room temperature ionic liquids are formed, as these could be effectively washed with water to remove the salt by-products without the use of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Further benefits are also derived by the use of water as the solvent as this overcomes many of the issues associated with the use of microwave heating (i.e. 65 mass transport issues of starting materials due to viscosity of the ionic liquid as the intermediate halide salts are highly soluble;

and, there is no IL decomposition due to the presence of hot-

spots). In all of the cases mentioned here, the final products were obtained as colourless to pale yellow products that were judged to be pure according to NMR spectroscopy (and melting points/glass transition points/decomposition points of the known 5 ILs prepared were very close to the reported literature values) and

hence required no additional purification steps.

## Conclusions

Rapid, high-yielding syntheses of a range of ionic liquids from readily available (and inexpensive) secondary amines and a 10 variety of  $\alpha$ , $\omega$ -dihaloalkanes have been introduced, including a

- route to a new class of ionic liquids based on the 2,3-dihydro-1*H*isoindolinium ring system. Coupled with the easy work-up this represents an excellent generic synthetic method to four families of heterocyclic ILs. The application of different metrics (the GSK
- <sup>15</sup> reagent guide and SWOT) indicates that the new synthetic procedure is significantly greener than the corresponding synthesis using existing procedures.

# Experimental

The following chemicals were used without further purification:

- <sup>20</sup> 1,4-dibromobutane, piperidine, lithium bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide, bis(2-bromoethyl)ether (all Alfa Aesar), 1,5-dibromopentane (Fluka), pyrrolidine (BDH),  $\alpha,\alpha'$ -dibromo-o-xylene (Aldrich) and potassium carbonate (Merck). The amines *N*-butyl-*N*-ethylamine, *N*-butyl-*N*-
- <sup>25</sup> methylamine (both Aldrich), dibenzylamine, dipropylamine, di*iso*-propylamine, diethylamine (all Merck), dibutylamine, and di*sec*-butylamine (all BDH) were passed through a plug of activated basic alumina to remove any coloured impurities prior to use.
- <sup>30</sup> All irradiations were performed using a Biotage Initiator 2.5 focused microwave system or an Anton Paar Monowave 300 focused microwave system. All reactions were performed in a 20 mL glass reaction vessel with a crimped cap (Biotage) or a 30 ml glass vessel with a snap cap (Anton Paar) with a magnetic stirrer <sup>35</sup> bar.
  - $^{1}\text{H}$  (300.13 MHz),  $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  (75.4 MHz), and  $^{19}\text{F}$  (282.38 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX300 spectrometer.  $^{1}\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra were referenced internally to the proteo impurity of the solvent (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta7.26$  ppm ( $^{1}\text{H})$  or  $\delta77.16$
- <sup>40</sup> ppm (<sup>13</sup>C)). <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were referenced externally to TMS. Infrared spectra were recorded using a Shimadzu FTIR-8000S spectrophotometer. Samples were recorded as thin films on NaCl plates. Spectra were recorded using 16 scans with a resolution of 4 cm<sup>-1</sup> over a range of 4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Electrospray Ionisation
- <sup>45</sup> (ESI) mass spectroscopy was performed using a Finnigan LCQ Mass Spectrometer.

Melting points were determined in air using a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) of all compounds were performed using a TA

- $_{50}$  Instruments Hi-Res TGA 2950 Thermogravimetric Analyzer. Samples (5–15 mg) were analysed on a platinum pan with a ramp rate of 5 °C/min. to a temperature of 500 °C in a  $\rm N_2/O_2$  atmosphere. Data were analysed using the TA Universal Analysis program. The decomposition temperature (T\_{dec}) was the
- 55 intersection of the tangents of the thermogravimetry curve at the

horizontal baseline and the steepest part of the curve.<sup>55</sup> Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) was performed using a TA Instruments Modulated 2920 DSC. Samples (5–10 mg) were loaded into an aluminum pan and were cooled at 10 °C /min. to <sup>60</sup> -140 °C, equilibrated for 10 min. then warmed at 10 °C /min. to 25 °C. The samples were cycled through this temperature program twice to ensure the reproducibility of the data. Data were analysed using the TA Universal Analysis program.

- 65 Standard synthetic procedure. In a typical reaction, a mixture of the dialkylamine (11.12 mmol),  $\alpha,\omega$ -dibromoalkane (11.12 mmol), potassium carbonate (1.54 g, 11.12 mmol) and water (15 mL) was irradiated at 120 °C for 20 min. (for 1,4dibromobutane), 40 min. (for 1,5-dibromopentane and bis(2-<sup>70</sup> bromoethyl)ether), or 60 min. (for  $\alpha, \alpha'$ -dibromo-o-xylene). The resultant reaction mixture was washed with diethyl ether  $(2 \times 10)$ mL). То the aqueous phase was added lithium bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide (0.800 g, 2.79 mmol) and the resultant solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The 75 reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane ( $3 \times 20$  mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with water  $(2 \times 10)$ mL) and separated. The solvent of the combined organic phases
- mL) and separated. The solvent of the combined organic phases was removed *in vacuo* to afford the desired product. The product was dried at 60 °C *in vacuo* overnight to remove all traces of <sup>80</sup> water.

**Procedure for conventional heating.** To a sealed stainless steel autoclave was added diethylamine (1.44 g, 11.12 mmol), 1,5-dibromopentane (2.56 g, 11.12 mmol), potassium carbonate (1.54 s<sup>5</sup> g, 11.12 mmol) and water (15 mL). The autoclave was sealed and heated at 120 °C in an oil bath for 16 h. Upon termination of the heating, the autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the reaction worked up according to the method described above. Yield 4.26 g (80%). See below for characterisation.

#### N,N-Dibenzylpyrrolidinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 4.97 g (84%). m.p. 69–71 °C.  $T_{dec}$  328 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.38 (m, 10H, Ar*H*), 4.39 (s, 4H, ArC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 3.42 (m, 4H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 95 1.93 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub> ring) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  133.04, 131.15, 129.71, 127.12, 120.05 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 64.70, 58.39, 21.41 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.19 (s) ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 252 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 783 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 11). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3065(m), 3036(m), 3013(m), 2984(m), 1497(s), 1060(vs), 910(m), 891(m), 788(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### N,N-Dibenzylpiperidinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 4.92 <sup>105</sup> g (81%). m.p. 107–109 °C.  $T_{dec}$  331 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.36 (m, 10H, Ar*H*), 4.37 (s, 4H, ArC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 3.17 (m, 4H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.97 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.45 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub> ring) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  133.22, 131.05, 129.57, 126.22, 120.0 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 64.10, 56.02, 20.65, 19.79 <sup>110</sup> ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.19 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 266 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 811 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 11). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3069(m), 3041(m), 2970(m), 2947(s), 2876(m), 1475(m), 1454(s), 1394(m), 1350(vs), 1327(vs), 1265(s), 1188(vs), 1139(s), 1056(vs), 972(m), 790(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# N,N-Dibutylpyrrolidinium

- **bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 4.53 <sup>5</sup> g (88%). m.p. 38–40 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 367 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.30 (t, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.00 (4H, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.99 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.46 (M, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.19 (m, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.78 (t, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 119.63 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 62.63, 59.55, 24.75, 21.39, 19.13, 10 12.87 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -79.79 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 184
- $(M^+, 100\%)$ , 648 ( $[2M + NTf_2]^+$ , 11). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2968(s), 2941(s), 2880(m), 1466(s), 1350(vs), 1333(vs), 1225(vs), 1194(vs), 1138(vs), 1055(vs), 908(m), 788(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.
- <sup>15</sup> *N,N*-Dibutylpiperidinium bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide. White powder. Yield: 4.66 g (88%). m.p. 57–59 °C.  $T_{dec}$  355 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.22 (t, 4H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, NC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 3.10 (m, 4H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.75 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.56 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.49 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.29 (m,
- <sup>20</sup> CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.88 (t, 6H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.  ${}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  119.89 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 321$  Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 59.41, 58.54, 23.25, 20.71, 19.53, 19.48, 13.28 ppm.  ${}^{19}F$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.53 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 198 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 676 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 20). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2966(s), 2880(m), 1479(s), 1462(s), 1454(s), 21.354(up) = 1323(up) = 1227(up) = 1128(up) = 1057(up) = 1027((up))
- $_{25}$  1354(vs), 1333(vs), 1227(vs), 1138(vs), 1057(vs), 1036(s), 931(m), 788(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# N,N-Di-sec-butylpyrrolidinium

- **bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Yellow oil. Yield: 1.23 g (24%). T<sub>g</sub> -72 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 280 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.54 (bm, 1H, N-CH ring), 3.40 (m, 2H, NCH), 3.22 (m, 3H, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring and NCH ring), 2.06 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.85 (bm, 1H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH ring), 1.77 (m, 2H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.53 (m, 2H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.46 (bm, 1H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH ring), 1.30 (d, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz,
- <sup>35</sup> CHC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (d, 3H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, CHC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 0.96 (t, 3H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, CHC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 0.94 (t, 3H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, CHC*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm.  ${}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  119.68 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 321$  Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 70.37, 70.25, 54.39, 54.35, 26.31, 26.02, 23.68, 23.57, 15.59, 14.92, 9.56, 9.47 ppm.  ${}^{19}F$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.43 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 184 (M<sup>+</sup>,
- <sup>40</sup> 100%), 648 ([2M + Br]<sup>+</sup>, 34). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3171(s), 3117(m), 2982(s), 2947(m), 2887(m), 1468(m), 1398(m), 1346(vs), 1327(vs), 1203(vs), 1136(vs), 1059(vs), 791 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# *N,N-Di-sec-*butylpiperidinium

- <sup>45</sup> **bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Pale yellow oil. Yield: 0.53 g (10%). T<sub>g</sub> -73 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 232 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.45 (m, 1H, NC*H*), 3.29 (m, 2H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 3.14 (m, 2H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.95 (m, 1H, NC*H*), 1.65 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.58 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.48 (m, 4H, CHC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.33 (d, 3H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7
- <sup>50</sup> Hz, CHC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.22 (d, 3H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, CHC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 0.93 (t, 3H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 0.87 (t, 3H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  119.81 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 321$  Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 67.81, 54.41, 54.36, 26.37, 25.70, 24.40, 24.38, 15.74, 14.47, 14.40, 9.71, 9.63 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.43 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 109. (At 1000) (27.42) (21.44) Hz (this file. She)
- $^{55}$  198 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 676 ([2M + Br]<sup>+</sup>, 24). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3169(m), 3123(m), 2982(m), 2949(m), 2887(m), 1460(m), 1398(m), 1350(vs), 1329(s), 1227(s), 1196(vs), 1136(s), 1059(s), 791(m) cm^{-1}.

# 60 N,N-Dipropylpyrrolidinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 4.04 g (83%). m.p. 50–52 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 393 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.52 (t, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.17 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 2.21 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.72 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.03 (t, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = <sup>65</sup> 7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 120.27 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 63.40, 61.97, 22.19, 17.23, 10.68 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -79.36 (s) ppm. *m*/z (ESI+): 156 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 592 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 17). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3061(w), 2978(s), 2945(m), 2887(m), 1462(s), 1350(vs), 1333(vs), 1269(m),

<sup>70</sup> 1180(vs), 1138(vs), 1053(vs), 788(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# N,N-Dipropylpiperidinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 4.13 g (82%). m.p. 65–67 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 344 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.32 (t, <sup>75</sup> 4H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.16 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.86 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.69 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub> ring and NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.00 (t, 6H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 120.04 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 60.40, 59.59, 20.88, 19.69, 15.12, 10.57 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -79.43 (s) ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 170 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>80</sup> 100%), 620 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 77). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3064(w), 2978(s), 2968(s), 2887(m), 1484(s), 1463(s), 1351(vs), 1268(s), 1197(vs), 1138(vs), 1055(vs), 790(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# N,N-Di-iso-propylpyrrolidinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 1.10 g (23%). m.p. 58–60 °C.  $T_{dec}$  305 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.93 (sept, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.45 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 2.11 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.39 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  119.82 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 64.79, 56.40, <sup>90</sup> 26.02, 17.44 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -78.81 (s) ppm. *m*/z (ESI+): 156 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 592 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 17). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3062(w), 2999(m), 2986(m), 2894(w), 1491(m), 1470(m), 1409(m), 1392(m), 1353(vs), 1268(s), 1195(vs), 1138(vs), 1102(m), 1058(vs), 1003(w), 924(w), 789(m), 740(vs) <sup>95</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# N,N-Di-iso-propylpiperidinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 1.14 g (23%). m.p. 90–92 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 246 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.89 <sup>100</sup> (sept, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.22 (m, 4H, N-CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.78 (m, 4H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.612 (m, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.35 (d, 12H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CHCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 119.71 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 60.66, 53.70, 20.52, 19.48, 17.51 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.05 (s) ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 170 (M<sup>+</sup>, 105 100%), 620 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 17). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2958(w), 3001(w), 2889(w), 2849(w), 1467(m), 1407(m), 1349(vs), 1333(s), 1197(vs), 1140(s), 1051(s), 935(w), 903(w), 863(w), 793(m), 740(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# 110 N,N-Diethylpyrrolidinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 3.87 g (85%). m.p. 92–94 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 317 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.41 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 3.27 (q, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.15 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.29 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR <sup>115</sup> (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 119.87 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 62.11, 54.66, 21.74, 8.46 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -79.22 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 128

- <sup>5</sup> *N*,*N*-Diethylpiperidinium bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide. White powder. Yield: 4.13 g (88%). m.p. 99–100 °C.  $T_{dec}$  370 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.19 (q, 4H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>N), 3.14 (m, 4H, *CH*<sub>2</sub>N ring), 1.73 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.56 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.15 (t, 6H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, *CH*<sub>3</sub>) ppm.
- <sup>10</sup> <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -119.67 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 58.25, 53.11, 20.54, 19.15, 6.50 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.65 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 142 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 564 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 26). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2995(w), 2958(m), 2883(w), 1484(m), 1464(m), 1405(m), 1352(vs), 1333(s), 1198(vs), 1139(s), 1054(s), 15 944(m), 790(m), 739(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### N-Butyl-N-ethylpyrrolidinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 4.18 g (86%). T<sub>g</sub> -87 °C (lit. -84 °C<sup>56</sup>). T<sub>dec</sub> 340 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):

- <sup>20</sup>  $\delta$  3.34 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub> and NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 3.16 (q, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.06 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 2.06 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.54 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.27 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.20 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  119.64 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 62.31, 59.18, 54.87, 24.75, 21.45,
- $_{25}$  19.21, 12.94, 8.21 ppm.  $^{19}{\rm F}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.73 (s) ppm. m/z (ESI+): 156 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 592 ([2M + Br]<sup>+</sup>, 46). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3184(w), 2968(m), 2943(m), 2880(m), 1466(m), 1346(vs), 1331(vs), 1180(vs), 1138(vs), 1057(vs), 910(w), 788(m) cm^{-1}.

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#### N-Butyl-N-ethylpiperidinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 4.31 g (86%). T<sub>g</sub> -75 °C (lit. -72 °C<sup>57</sup>). T<sub>dec</sub> 360 °C (lit. 371 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.30–3.18 (m, 6H, NCH<sub>2</sub> x 2, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 3.09

- <sup>35</sup> (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.77 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t, 3H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (t, 3H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.  ${}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  119.80 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 321$  Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 61.77, 58.84, 58.02, 53.66, 23.01, 20.63, 19.35 (2 resonances), 13.13, 10.72, 6.75 ppm.  ${}^{19}F$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):
- <sup>40</sup> δ -79.61 (s) ppm. m/z (ESI+): 170 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 620 ([2M + Br]<sup>+</sup>, 36). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2964(s), 2880(m), 1481(m), 1460(s), 1350(vs), 1331(vs), 1226(vs), 1188(vs), 1138(vs), 1057(vs), 938(w), 788(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# 45 N-Butyl-N-methylpyrrolidinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Colourless oil. Yield: 3.91 g (83%). m.p. -15 °C (lit. -15 °C<sup>58,59</sup>); T<sub>g</sub> -83 °C (lit. -81 °C;<sup>60</sup> -83 °C;<sup>58,59</sup> -85 °C;<sup>57</sup> -87 °C;<sup>61</sup> -89 °C<sup>62</sup>). T<sub>dec</sub> 348 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.16 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub> and NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 2.96 (m, 2H,

- <sup>50</sup> NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 2.68 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.89 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.41 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.06 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.64 (t, 3H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.  ${}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  119.58 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 321$  Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 64.75, 64.06, 47.82, 25.15, 21.03, 19.06, 12.70 ppm.  ${}^{19}F$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -80.03 (s) ppm. m/z (ESI+): 142

## N-Butyl-N-methylpiperidinium

<sup>60</sup> **bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Colourless oil. Yield: 4.22 g (87%). T<sub>g</sub> -72 °C (lit. -73 °C;<sup>63</sup> -75 °C;<sup>57,64</sup> -76 °C;<sup>60</sup> -77 °C<sup>62</sup>). T<sub>dec</sub> 331 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.14 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub> and NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 3.08 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 2.81 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.68 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.51 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> and NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> <sup>65</sup> ring), 1.20 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.79 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  119.53 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 63.79, 60.82, 46.91, 23.11, 20.15, 19.42, 19.01, 18.32, 12.75 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.88 (s) ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 156 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 592 ([2M + Br]<sup>+</sup>, 32). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2964(s), 2880(m), 70 1468(m), 1350(vs), 1331(vs), 1226(vs), 1196(vs), 1138(vs), 1057(vs), 937(m), 789(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### 5-Azonaspiro[4.4]nonane bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.

White powder. Yield: 4.04 g (90%). m.p. 113–115 °C (lit. 113 <sup>75</sup> °C<sup>48</sup>). T<sub>dec</sub> 322 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.32 (m, 8H, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 2.05 (m, 8H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 119.65 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 62.84, 21.63 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.83 (s) ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 126 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 532 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 46). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2980(w), 2944(w), 80 2902(w), 1463(m), 1350(vs), 1222(s), 1187(vs), 1138(s), 1056(s), 789(m), 739(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### 6-Azonaspiro[5.5]undecane

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 4.31 <sup>85</sup> g (89%). m.p. 127–129 °C (lit. 130 °C<sup>48</sup>). T<sub>dec</sub> 316 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.25 (t, 8H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.74 (m, 8H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.61 (dt, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, N-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  119.86 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 59.67, 21.14, 19.16 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.58 (s) ppm. *m*/*z* <sup>90</sup> (ESI+): 154 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 588 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 30). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2957(w), 2881(w), 1470(m), 1352(vs), 1333(s), 1184(vs), 1138(s), 1053(s), 891(m), 795(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# 5-Azonaspiro[5.4]decane bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.

<sup>95</sup> White powder. Yield: 4.13 g (88%). m.p. 123–125 °C.  $T_{dec}$  330 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.39 (m, 4H), 3.22 (m, 4H), 2.09 (m, 4H), 1.77 (m, 4H), 1.58 (m, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 119.74 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 62.67, 60.70, 21.22, 21.09, 20.71 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -79.68 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 140 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100 100%), 560 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 23). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2962(w), 1350(vs), 1335(m), 1221(m), 1184(vs), 1136(m), 1055(m), 788(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

*N*,*N*-Dioctylpyrrolidinium bromide. White powder. Yield: 3.91 <sup>105</sup> g (94%). m.p. 126–127 °C (lit 120–124 °C<sup>65</sup>). T<sub>dec</sub> 207 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.43 (t, 4H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, NC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 3.06 (m, 4H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.91 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.32 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 0.97 (m, 8H), 0.87 (m, 18H), 0.48 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  62.43, 59.05, 30.91, 28.38, <sup>110</sup> 28.28, 25.68, 22.87, 21.84, 21.38, 13.34 ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 296 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 671 ([2M + Br]<sup>+</sup>, 19). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2956(vs), 2926(vs), 2854(s), 1462(s), 1275(m), 165(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**N,N-Dioctylpiperidinium bromide.** White powder. Yield: 4.09 <sup>115</sup> g (94%). m.p. 149–151 °C (lit 144–146 °C<sup>65</sup>).  $T_{dec}$  202 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.31 (t, 4H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.07 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.53 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.44 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.27 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.96 (m, 8H), 0.85 (m, 18H), 0.46 (t, 6H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.  ${}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  58.83, 57.70, 30.84, 28.33, 28.24, 25.66, 21.78, 20.97,  ${}^{5}$  19.98, 19.27, 13.27 ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 310 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 701 ([2M + Br]<sup>+</sup>, 11). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2953(vs), 2926(vs), 2856(s), 1475(m), 1454(m), 1280(m), 1265(s), 733(vs) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# N,N-Dibenzylmorpholinium

- <sup>10</sup> **bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 4.75 g (78%). m.p. 149–151 °C.  $T_{dec}$  265 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.60-7.40 (m, 10H, Ar*H*), 4.64 (s, 4H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.12 (m, 4H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub> ring), 3.42 (m, 4H, OC*H*<sub>2</sub> ring) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  133.56, 131.46, 129.86, 125.60, 119.98 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 321
- <sup>15</sup> Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 64.51, 60.49, 53.78 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -78.74 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 268 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 815 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sub>+</sub>, 2). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3069(s), 3039(s), 3019(s), 2983(m), 2941(m), 2917(m), 2885(s), 1499(s), 1454(vs), 1330(vs), 1266(s), 1185(vs), 1137(vs), 740(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# N,N-Dibutylmorpholinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Pale yellow oil. Yield: 4.66 g (87%). T<sub>g</sub> -48 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 327 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.95 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>N ring), 3.43 (m, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>N ring), 3.33 <sup>25</sup> (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>O ring), 1.62 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 1.39 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.99 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  119.92 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 60.38, 59.23, 58.44, 23.27, 19.52, 13.38 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.02 (s) ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 200 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 680 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 1). IR (thin

<sup>30</sup> film, NaCl): v 2970(s), 2882(s), 1480(s), 1352(vs), 1197(vs), 1136(vs), 1057(vs), 969(w), 897(s), 790(s), 740(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# N,N-Dipropylmorpholinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Pale yellow oil which <sup>35</sup> crystallized on standing. Yield: 4.35 g (87%). m.p. 50–52 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> <sup>301</sup> °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.04 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>N ring), 3.51 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.40 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>O ring), 1.80 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.12 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  120.06 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 60.86, 60.42, 58.51, <sup>40</sup> 15.04, 10.35 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.03 (s) ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 172 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 624 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 15). IR (thin film,

(LSIT): 172 (MI, 100%), 624 ([2MI + N11<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2</sup>, 15). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3185(m), 2982(s), 2948(s), 2888(s), 1626(m), 1482(vs), 1466(vs), 1422(s), 1354(vs), 1272(m), 1185(vs), 1138(vs), 1115(s), 1058(vs), 954(s), 932(m), 879(s), 790(s), 762(m), 741(s) 45 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# N,N-Diethylmorpholinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Pale yellow solid. Yield: 4.00 g (85%). m.p. 39–41 °C.  $T_{dec}$  322 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ <sup>50</sup> 3.89 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>N ring), 3.41 (q, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.32 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>O ring), 1.26 (t, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 119.97 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 60.12, 57.45, 53.87, 6.52 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.34 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 144 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 568 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 2). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3636(w), <sup>55</sup> 3561(w), 2995(m), 2888(m), 1483(c), 1466(c), 1452(c), 1209(m)

<sup>55</sup> 3561(w), 2995(m), 2888(m), 1483(s), 1466(s), 1453(s), 1398(m), 1352(vs), 1263(vs), 1196(vs), 1134(vs), 1099(s), 1088(s), 1057(s), 905(s), 850(w), 789(m), 763(w), 741(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### N-Butyl-N-methylmorpholinium

<sup>60</sup> bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide. White powder. Yield: 4.00 g (82%). m.p. 29–31 °C (lit. 29 °C,<sup>66</sup> 35 °C<sup>67</sup>). T<sub>dec</sub> 294 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.92 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>N ring), 3.38 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.10 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.69 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.36 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.98 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR
<sup>65</sup> (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 119.97 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 66.26, 60.58, 60.08, 46.55, 23.38, 19.43, 13.27 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -79.29 (s) ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 158 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 596 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 1). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3635(w), 3560(w), 2971(s), 2883(s), 1479(s), 1434(m), 1352(vs), 1272(m), 1198(vs), 1137(vs), 1118(s), <sup>70</sup> 1085(vs), 983(w), 946(w), 912(m), 896(s), 790(s), 763(w), 741(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# 8-Oxa-5-azaspiro[4.5]decan-5-ium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Pale yellow solid. Yield: <sup>75</sup> 3.12 g (66%). m.p. 73–75 °C.  $T_{dec}$  369 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.88 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>N ring), 3.63 (m, CH<sub>2</sub>O ring), 3.55 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>N ring), 2.16 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> ring) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 119.72 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 63.33, 62.02, 59.55, 21.19 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -79.25 (s) ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 142 <sup>80</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 564 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 3). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3066(w), 2983(m), 2883(m), 1468(s), 1410(w), 1353(vs), 1332(vs), 1191(vs), 1135(s), 1056(vs), 969(w), 933(s), 893(m),

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790(m), 763(w), 741(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Pale yellow solid. Yield: 3.10 g (64%). m.p. 119–121 °C.  $T_{dec}$  359 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.87 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>O ring), 3.40 (m, 8H, 2 × CH<sub>2</sub>N ring), 1.82 (m, 4H CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 1.66 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub> ring) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR 90 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 119.75 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 60.32, 59.90, 58.48, 21.08, 19.05 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -79.22 (s) ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 156 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3065(w), 2955(m), 2883(m), 1466(s), 1352(vs), 1310(m), 1279(w), 1255(w), 1201(vs), 1136(vs), 1125(vs), 1060(vs), 997(m), 95 942(m), 918(m), 901(s), 854(m), 791(m), 763(w), 740(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

*N,N*-dibenzyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-isoindolinium bromide. White powder. Yield: 3.04 g (72%). m.p. 257–259 °C (dec).  $T_{dec}$  175 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.66 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.38 (m, 6H, ArH), 100 7.24 (m, 4H, ArH), 5.36 (s, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 5.12 (s, 4H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  133.41, 132.71, 130.77, 129.40, 129.39, 127.97, 123.18, 64.76, 62.47 ppm. *m*/*z* (ESI+): 300 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 680 ([2M + <sup>80</sup>Br]<sup>+</sup>, 8). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3043(m), 2973(m), 2883(w), 1496(m), 1457(s), 1391(w), 1351(s), 1260(w), 1195(vs), 1137(m), 1056(m), 1028(s), 935(w), 876(m), 786(m), 749(vs) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# N,N-Dibutyl-2,3-dihydro-1 H-isoindolinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Yellow oil. Yield: 5.46 g <sup>110</sup> (96%). T<sub>m</sub> -44 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 340 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.57 (m, 4H, Ar*H*), 5.04 (s, 4H, Ar*CH*<sub>2</sub>), 3.66 (m, 4H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.89 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.59 (m, 4H, C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.16 (t, 6H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  132.12, 129.48, 122.91, 119.83 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 67.58, 62.42, 25.23, 19.43, 13.14 <sup>115</sup> ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.40 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 232 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 743 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 25). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2966(s), 2939(s), 2880(m), 1466(m), 1342(s), 1227(vs), 1177(vs), 1138(vs), 1053(vs), 883(m), 789(m) cm^{-1}.

#### N,N-Dipropyl-2,3-dihydro-1 H-isoindolinium

- <sup>5</sup> **bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Pale yellow oil. Yield: 5.11 g (95%). T<sub>m</sub> -43 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 365 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.40-7.25 (m, Ar*H*), 4.82 (s, 4H, ArC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 3.40 (m, 4H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.71 (m, 4H, C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.97 (t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, 6H, C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 132.11, 129.63, 122.93, 119.85 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 321
- <sup>10</sup> Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 67.64, 64.29, 17.06, 10.40 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  78.91 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 204 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 688 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 20). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2980(s), 2947(s), 2888(m), 1479(s), 1466(s), 1350(vs), 1268(m), 1185(vs), 1139(vs), 1057(vs), 1003(m), 959(m), 949(m), 870(m), 790(s), 742(vs) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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#### N,N-Diethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindolinium

**bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** White powder. Yield: 4.25 g (84%). m.p. 81–83 °C.  $T_{dec}$  354 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.40-7.32 (m, 4H, Ar*H*), 4.78 (s, 4H, ArC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 3.54 (q, 4H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7

- <sup>20</sup> Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.35 (t, 6H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.  ${}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$ NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  132.10, 129.72, 123.10, 119.90 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 321$ Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 66.86, 57.30, 8.89 ppm.  ${}^{19}F$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.04 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 176 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 631 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 1). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2995(m), 2955(m), 2887(w), 1466(vs), 1405(-) 1457(
- <sup>25</sup> 1407(s), 1351(vs), 1185(vs), 1139(vs), 1057(vs), 989(s), 945(m), 872(w), 817(m), 792(s), 760(s), 741(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### N-Butyl-N-methyl-2, 3-dihydro-1 H-isoindolinium

- **bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Pale yellow oil. Yield: <sup>30</sup> 4.79 g (92%). m.p. -54 °C ; T<sub>g</sub> -17 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 363 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.41-7.35 (m, 4H, Ar*H*), 4.83 (d, 2H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 15 Hz, ArC*H*), 4.72 (d, 2H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 15 Hz, ArC*H*), 3.54 (m, 2H, NC*H*<sub>2</sub>), 3.18 (s, 3H, NC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.77 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.40 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 0.96 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}
- <sup>35</sup> NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  131.95, 129.68, 123.47, 119.82 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{CF}$  = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 69.41, 65.03, 50.11, 25.76, 19.46, 13.26 ppm.  ${}^{19}$ F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -79.01 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 190 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 660 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 1). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3080(br m), 2970(s), 2943(m), 2881(m), 1483(s), 1476(s), 1428(m), 1351(vs), 1456(s), 1456(s), 1428(m), 1351(vs), 1456(s), 1
- $_{40}$  1189(vs), 1139(vs), 1057(vs), 972(w), 942(w), 929(m), 913(m), 882(w), 790(s), 742(s) \ cm^{-1}.

#### N-Butyl-N-ethyl-2, 3-dihydro-1 H-isoindolinium

- **bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide.** Pale yellow oil. Yield: <sup>45</sup> 4.38 g (83%). T<sub>m</sub> -54 °C; T<sub>g</sub> -10 °C. T<sub>dec</sub> 347 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.41-7.31 (m, 4H, Ar*H*), 4.80 (d, 4H, Ar*CH*<sub>2</sub>), 3.43 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.67 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.38 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.35 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, *CH*<sub>3</sub>), 0.94 (t, 3H, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7 Hz, *CH*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 132.11, 129.68, 123.07, 119.89
- <sup>50</sup> (q,  ${}^{1}J_{CF}$  = 321 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 67.27, 61.49, 57.86, 25.29, 19.57, 13.32, 8.97 ppm.  ${}^{19}F$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -78.94 (s) ppm. *m/z* (ESI+): 204 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 688 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 17). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 2969(m), 2938(m), 2881(m), 1466(m), 1405(s), 1352(vs), 1340(s), 1197(vs), 1139(vs), 1057(vs), 942(w), 872(w), 790(m), <sup>55</sup> 761(s), 741(s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Spiro[isoindolin-2,1'-pyrrolidin]-1'-ium

bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide. Pale orange solid. Yield:

Spiro[isoindolin-2,1'-piperidin]-1'-iumbis(trifluorometh-70anesulfonyl)imide.Pale yellow solid. Yield: 4.63 g (89%). m.p.58-60°C.  $T_{dec}$  386°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.41–7.31 (m, 4H,ArH), 4.79 (s, 4H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.55 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.94 (m, 4H,NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.75 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 131.68, 129.71, 123.70, 119.91 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> = 321 Hz,75CF<sub>3</sub>), 67.70, 61.37, 21.35, 20.76 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -78.94 (s) ppm. m/z (ESI+): 188 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 656 ([2M + NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>,22). IR (thin film, NaCl): v 3028(m), 2957(s), 2880(m),1482(m), 1451(s), 1404(w), 1360(vs), 1341(vs), 1264(m),1201(vs), 1137(vs), 1058(vs), 1037(s), 983(m), 952(m), 925(m),808078.98(s), 763(m), 738(m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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