## On Alkylideneamidosulfenyl Chlorides and 1-Thia-2-azoniaallene Salts

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X-Ray-diffraction analysis of 'Bu<sub>2</sub>C=N-SCl (**4b**) revealed an almost linear C=N=S unit with an S=N bond order of *ca*. 1.9 (*Fig. 1*), in agreement with the structure of a 1-thia-2-azoniaallene chloride. With SCl<sub>2</sub> and SbCl<sub>5</sub>, compound **4b** was transformed into the imidosulfurous dichloride **6** (*Scheme 2*). With morpholine, compounds **4b** and **6** afforded the sulfenamide **7**and the aminosulfonium salt **8**, respectively. The (diaryl-methylene)amidosulfenyl chlorides **4g,h,i** reacted with SbCl<sub>5</sub> to give SbCl<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> salts of the 1,2-benzisothiazoles **9a,b,d**, most likely *via* 1-thia-2-azoniaallene intermediates **2** (*Scheme 3*).

**Introduction.** – While dithionitronium salts **1** [1–6] and many 2-azoniaallene salts **3** [7–15] are well-characterized stable compounds, little has been reported on 1-thia-2-azoniaallene salts **2** (*Scheme 1*). *Chivers* and co-workers isolated moisture-sensitive dark purple crystals as a product of the reaction of the amidosulfenyl chloride **4a** with AgAsF<sub>6</sub> [16]. Analytical data and <sup>13</sup>C- and <sup>15</sup>N-NMR and IR spectra were in agreement with the constitution **2a** (X = AsF<sub>6</sub>). In solvents other than SO<sub>2</sub>, the salt decomposed



rapidly. *Haas* and *Mischo* obtained the sulfide **5** instead of a hexachloroantimonate **2a**  $(X = SbCl_6)$  on treatment of compound **4a** with antimony pentachloride in liquid SO<sub>2</sub> [17].

Here we describe observations relating to the ionic character (see 2, X = Cl) of alkylideneamidosulfenyl chlorides 4.

**Results and Discussion.** – With the exception of  $(F_3C)_2C=NSCl$  [18–20], (dialkylmethylene)sulfenyl chlorides have not been reported. We obtained the alkylidenesulfenyl chloride **4b** by reaction of di(*tert*-butyl)ketimine with sulfur dichloride in the presence of Et<sub>3</sub>N (*Scheme 2*) [21]. With excess sulfur dichloride in the absence of Et<sub>3</sub>N, the imidosulfurous dichloride **6** was produced *via* **4b** [22]. Compound **4b** was characterized as the sulfenamide **7**, and the dichloride **6** as the sulfonium salt **8**. Experiments to transform the chloride **4b** into a salt with a non-nucleophilic anion, *e.g.*, SbCl<sub>6</sub>, yielded mixtures of compounds.



For the amidosulfenyl chloride **4b**, single-crystal X-ray structural analysis was carried out (*Fig. 1, Table 1*). For the purpose of comparison, the relevant molecular data from X-ray crystallographic analyses reported for the alkylideneamidosulfenyl halogenides 4s-f are shown in *Fig. 2* [16][17][23][24].

Interesting features of structure **4b** are the almost linear C(1)-N-S unit, the rather short S-N bond, and the unusually long S-Cl distance of *ca*. 221 pm. The S-N bond length of **4b** (154.1(1) pm) was found to be intermediate between values reported for the S=N double bond in the dithionitronium ion S=N<sup>+</sup>=S (151.0 pm [3]) and the S-N single bonds in compounds **4c** - **e** (156-158 pm).

Using *Nyburg*'s equation, one calculates a S–N bond order of 1.90 for **4b**<sup>1</sup>). The S–Cl bond distance in SCl<sub>2</sub> has been reported to be 201.4(3) pm [27]. Slightly longer S–Cl bonds of 204 to 206 pm were found for the chlorides **4c**–**e**. The much larger S–Cl distance in **4b** (220.72(6) pm) suggests this compound to be essentially an ionic 1-thia-2-azoniaallene chloride. This view is further substantiated by the large observed S–N–C(1) bond angle of  $161.7(1)^{\circ}$ . The corresponding bond angles of the

For a bond length D<sub>6</sub> [Å], the following relation holds for the S-N bond order b(SN): b(SN) = 0.429 + 6.85D<sub>b</sub> - 3.825D<sub>b</sub><sup>2</sup> [26].



Fig. 1. Displacement ellipsoid plot of the amidosulfenyl chloride **4b**. Arbitrary numbering of the atoms; 50% probability ellipsoids; H-atoms are omitted for clarity.

Table 1. Significant Bond Lengths [pm], Bond Angles [°], and Torsional Angles [°] for **4b** and Data Calculated by the AM1 Method<sup>a</sup>)

	Exper.	Calc. (AM1)		Exper.	Calc. (AM1)
S-Cl	220.72(6)	200	N - C(1) - C(2)	114.4(1)	118
S-N	154.1(1)	146	N-C(1)-C(6)	118.1(1)	120
N-C(1)	127.1(2)	128	Cl-S-N-C(1)	-0.9(4)	- 1
C(1) - C(2)	154.2(2)	154	S-N-C(1)-C(2)	-173.6(3)	-175
C(1) - C(6)	155.0(2)	154	S-N-C(1)-C(6)	3.1(4)	2
Cl-S-N	119.79(5)	116	N-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-7.3(2)	-12
S-N-C(1)	161.7(1)	166	N-C(1)-C(6)-C(7)	174.5(2)	175

<sup>a</sup>) AM1 Calculations were carried out with complete optimization of all bond lengths, bond angles, and dihedral angles [25].

amidosulfenyl chlorides **4c** – **f** range between 137.4 and 147.3°. Also in agreement with a linear C=N<sup>+</sup>=S unit of **4b** in solution is the observed equivalence of the Me groups in the <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra. For **4e**, a variable-temperature <sup>13</sup>C-NMR study revealed fluctional behavior, which was explained on the assumption of either hindered rotation about the S–N bond or inversion at the N-center [16]. No line-broadening down to  $-50^{\circ}$  was observed in the NMR spectra of **4b**.

Structures 4c-f all show *syn*-periplanar C=N and C-X (X=Br, Cl) bonds. This has been explained as a consequence of negative hyperconjugation, that is, electron donation from the in-plane nonbonding orbital at N into the antibonding  $\sigma^*$  orbital of the S-halogen bond [16][28][29]. The orbital overlap increases with increasing C-N-S angle and with the electron-donating efficiency of the substituents at the C-N-S unit. The partial occupancy of the  $\sigma_{SX}^*$  orbital results in a weak and long S-X bond. It has been pointed out that the overlap of the n<sub>N</sub> and the  $\sigma_{SX}^*$  orbitals is much less favorable for *anti*-periplanar bonds C=N and C-X.



Fig. 2. Selected molecular data from known X-ray crystallographic analyses [16][17][23][24]

In conclusion, in contrast to alkylideneamidosulfenyl chlorides **4** with electronwithdrawing substituents, the chloride **4b** substituted with electron-releasing *tert*-butyl groups has the structure of an essentially ionic 1-thia-2-azoniaallene chloride **2**.

Treatment of the diphenyl derivative 4g [21][30] with SbCl<sub>5</sub> resulted in the formation of a hexachloroantimonate, which, with aqueous NaOH solution, afforded the 1,2-benzisothiazole 9a in 60% yield (*Scheme 3*) [31-34]. Moderate heating transformed 4g into the hydrochloride of 9a. Hence, in contrast to a literature report [21], the amidosulfenyl chloride 4g cannot be purified by distillation. The formation of salts of 9a likely proceeds *via* 1-thia-2-azoniaallene salts such as 2g. From the corresponding reaction of the amidosulfenyl chloride 4h, formation of the two 1,2-benzisothiazoles 9b,c could be expected. In conformity with the mechanism of an intramolecular electrophilic aromatic substitution, only the more-activated dimethylphenyl moiety was attacked by the intermediate cation 2h to afford compound 9b. Similarly, from the methylphenyl derivative 4i, mainly 9d was formed. The NMR spectra of the crude product indicated the presence of small amounts of the isomer 9e but not of 9f. To the best of our knowledge, preparations of 1,2-benzisothiazoles 9 from amidosulfenyl chlorides 4 are unreported in the literature [35].

To test, whether 1-thia-2-azoniallene ions 2, similar to other 2-azoniallene ions [36][37], could act as cationic four-electron components in [3+2] cycloadditions with electron-rich alkenes, compound **4b** was treated with 2,3-dimethylbut-2-ene and trinorborn-2-ene. However, only tarry mixtures of products were obtained, while the diphenyl compound **4g** reacted with 2,3-dimethylbut-2-ene to afford the addition product **10** (*Scheme 4*). Chlorosulfenylations of alkenes with amidosulfenyl chlorides are well-documented [38–43].

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## **Experimental Part**

General. Solvents were dried by standard methods. All reactions were carried out with exclusion of moisture. IR Spectra: *Perkin-Elmer FTIR 1600*; in cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR Spectra: *Bruker AC-250* and *Jeol JNM-LA-400* (<sup>1</sup>H at 250 or 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C at 62.9 or 100.6 MHz); 295 K;  $\delta$  in ppm rel. to SiMe<sub>4</sub> as internal standard, J in Hz. [1-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)-2,2-dimethylpropylidene]amidosulfenyl Chloride (**4b**). At 0°, a soln. of 2,2,4,4-

tetramethylpentan-3-imine [44][45] (14.13 g, 100 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (10.12 g, 100 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 ml) was added dropwise to a soln. of SCl<sub>2</sub> (10.30 g, 100 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (200 ml). After stirring at 0° for 30 min and then at 23° for 2 h, Et<sub>3</sub>N · HCl was removed by filtration. Evaporation of the filtrate yielded an orange oil, which was dissolved in pentane (100 ml). Filtration and evaporation of the filtrate furnished a yellow semisolid residue, which was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 ml). Slow evaporation of the solvent afforded yellow prisms of **4b** (2.01 g, 97%) suitable for X-ray structural analysis. B.p. 68–72°/0.1 Torr. Sublimation at 10<sup>-2</sup> Torr furnished yellow prisms. M.p. 48–50°. IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>): 2973vs, 2872s, 1481vs, 1463s, 1395vs, 1370vs, 1237s, 1210m, 1202m, 1049m, 1042m. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.28 (Me). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 29.5 (Me); 40.6 (C); 157.7 (C=N). Anal. calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNS (207.8): C 52.03, H 8.73, N 6.74; found: C 51.03, H 8.56, N 6.49.

(*Diphenylmethylene*)amidosulfenyl Chloride (**4g**) [21] [30]. At 5°, a soln. of  $\alpha$ -phenylbenzenemethanimine [46] (18.12 g, 100 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (10.12 g, 100 mmol) in toluene (50 ml) was added dropwise to a soln. of SCl<sub>2</sub>

(10.30 g, 100 mmol) in toluene (150 ml). After stirring at 23° for 4 h, Et<sub>3</sub>N·HCl was removed by filtration. Evaporation of the filtrate afforded a turbid orange-brown oil (21.98 g), which according to <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) consisted mainly of **4g** (*ca.* 80%) and Ph<sub>2</sub>C=N-S-N=CPh<sub>2</sub> (*ca.* 20%). The oil was dissolved in pentane (200 ml). Filtration from Ph<sub>2</sub>C=N-S-N=CPh<sub>2</sub> and evaporation of the filtrate afforded **4g** (12.39 g, 50%). Orange-brown oil of > 90% purity. IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>): 3064vs, 3033s, 1492vs, 1445vs, 1316vs, 1288vs, 1183s. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.38 (br., Ph). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 128.2, 128.6 ( $C_o, C_m$ ); 129.7, 134.3 ( $C_{ipso}, C_p$ ); 151.0 (C=N).

Attempts to purify **4g** by distillation [21] resulted in the formation of the hydrochloride of **9a**. [1-Chloro-1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-2,2-dimethylpropyl]imidosulfurous Dichloride (**6**). At 0°, a soln. of 2,2,4,4tetramethylpentan-3-imine (14.13 g, 100 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (100 ml) was added dropwise to  $SCl_2$  (100 g). After stirring at 23° for 3 h, the mixture was evaporated. The yellow mushy residue was suspended in  $Et_2O$  (40 ml). Filtration and evaporation of the filtrate afforded **6** (22.90 g, 82%). Yellow volatile oil for which a correct elemental analysis could not be obtained. IR ( $CCl_4$ ): 2978vs, 1477vs, 1396vs, 1372vs, 1333vs. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ): 1.29 (Me). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ): 29.8 (Me); 46.4 (C); 106.9 (CCl). EI-MS (70 eV): 207 (13,  $[M - Cl_2]^+$ ), 150 (42, [<sup>1</sup>BuCNSCl]<sup>+</sup>), 116 (47, [<sup>1</sup>BuCHNS]<sup>+</sup>). Anal. calc. for  $C_9H_{18}Cl_3NS$  (278.7): C 38.79, H 6.51, N 5.03; found: C 39.64, H 6.53, N 6.03.

N-[2,2-Dimethyl-1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)propylidene]morpholine-4-sulfenamide (7). At 5°, a soln. of 4-(trimethylsilyl)morpholine [47] (0.80 g, 5 mmol) in benzene (100 ml) was added dropwise to a soln. of **4b** (1.04 g, 5 mmol) in benzene (5 ml). Stirring at 23° for 24 h, filtration, and evaporation of the filtrate yielded a brown residue, which was suspended in warm pentane (10 ml). Filtration, evaporation of the filtrate, followed by crystallization of the residue from petroleum ether afforded **7** (0.72 g, 56%). Colorless prisms. M.p. 97–99°. IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>): 2961vs, 2911vs, 2854vs, 1572s, 1481vs, 1451vs, 1390vs, 1369vs. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.23 (3 Me); 1.27 (3 Me); 3.21 (*m*, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.73 (*m*, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 28.2, 30.3 (Me); 41.7, 45.8 (C); 53.7, 67.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 169.9 (C=N). Anal. calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS (258.4): C 60.42, H 10.14, N 10.84; found: C 60.49, H 10.15, N 10.83.

[[2,2-Dimethyl-1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)propylidene]amino]di(morpholin-4-yl)sulfonium Hexachloroantimonate (8). From 4-(trimethylsilyl)morpholine (4.78 g, 30 mmol) and 6 (2.79 g, 10 mmol) as described for 7. After stirring for 15 min, the precipitate was isolated by filtration and dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 ml). At  $-30^{\circ}$ , a soln. of SbCl<sub>5</sub> (2.99 g, 10 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 ml) was added dropwise. Stirring was continued at  $-30^{\circ}$  for 30 min, then at 0° for 30 min, and finally at 23° for 15 min. Et<sub>2</sub>O (90 ml) was added dropwise. The precipitate was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (54 ml)/MeCN (16 ml). Filtration and slow addition of Et<sub>2</sub>O (200 ml) to the filtrate afforded 8 (5.68 g, 84%). Colorless powder. M.p. 165–167° (dec.). IR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 1563vs. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 1.45 (6 Me); 3.38–3.78 (several *m*, 8 CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 30.4 (br., Me); 47.2 (br., C); 47.7, 67.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 203.2 (C=N). Anal. calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>34</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SSb (679.0): C 30.07, H 5.05, N 6.19; found: C 29.96, H 5.01, N 6.16.

*3-Phenyl-1,2-benzisothiazole* (**9a**) [33][34]: At  $-40^{\circ}$ , a soln. of SbCl<sub>5</sub> (1.50 g, 5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml) was added dropwise to a soln. of **4g** (1.24 g, 5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml). The orange mixture was stirred at  $-40^{\circ}$  for 30 min, then at 0° for 1 h. Filtration afforded the salt **9a** · HSbCl<sub>6</sub> (1.63 g, 60%). Orange powder. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 7.67 (*m*, 4 arom. H); 7.85 (*m*, 3 arom. H); 8.26 (*m*, 3 arom. H); 11.81 (br., NH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 121.9, 127.4, 128.2, 130.2, 130.3, 132.0, 132.3, 132.5, 152.1 (arom. C); 166.0 (C=N).

The salt (2.73 g, 5 mmol) was dissolved in MeCN (20 ml). A soln. of NaOH (1.40 g, 35 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (20 ml) was added dropwise. Stirring at 23° for 30 min, filtration, concentration of the filtrate to 5 ml, extraction with CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $3 \times 15$  ml), and workup afforded a powder, which crystallized at  $-15^{\circ}$  from EtOH (3 ml) to furnish **9a** (0.55 g, 52%). Fawn-colored needles. M.p. 66–68° ([33]: m.p. 70°). IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>): 3064s, 3030*m*, 1593s, 1470vs, 1443s, 1350vs, 1322s, 1305s. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.40–8.18 (several *m*, arom. C). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 119.9, 124.8, 125.0, 127.5, 128.7, 128.8, 129.3, 133.7, 135.2, 153.5, 164.3 (arom. C, C=N).

4,7-Dimethyl-3-phenyl-1,2-benzisothiazole (**9b**). a) At  $0-5^{\circ}$ , a soln. of 2,5-dimethyl- $\alpha$ -phenylbenzenemethanimine [48]<sup>2</sup>) (20.93 g, 100 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (10.12 g, 100 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 ml) was added dropwise to a soln. of SCl<sub>2</sub> (10.30 g, 100 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (200 ml). After stirring at 5° for 24 h, Et<sub>3</sub>N · HCl was removed by filtration and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O. Evaporation afforded an orange oil, which was taken up in pentane (100 ml). Filtration and evaporation of the filtrate furnished an orange oily mixture of compounds (25.94 g) containing [(2,5-dimethylphenyl)phenylmethyleneJamidosulfenyl chloride (**4h**; *ca.* 75%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.16, 2.34 (Me); 6.98–7.64 (several *m*, arom. C). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 18.86, 20.95 (Me); 152.02 (C=N).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>) Prepared in the manner described for benzophenone imine (=α-phenylbenzenemethanimine) [46] from 2,5-dimethylbenzonitrile and bromobenzene. Yield 83%. B.p. 124–126°/0.02 Torr. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.07, 2.32 (Me). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 19.27, 20.87 (Me); 179.00 (C=N).

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Crystallized from	Et <sub>2</sub> O	
Empirical formula	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>18</sub> CINS	
Formula weight [g mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	207.75	
Crystal color, habit	yellow, prisms	
Crystal dimensions [mm]	0.50  imes 0.20  imes 0.20	
Temp. [K]	183	
Crystal system	triclinic	
Space group	<i>P</i> -1 (No. 2)	
Z	2	
Reflections for cell determination	25	
$\theta$ Range for cell determination [°]	2.20-27.50	
Unit-cell parameters a [pm]	814.7(2)	
<i>b</i> [pm]	842.7(2)	
<i>c</i> [pm]	903.1(2)	
$\alpha$ [°]	96.68(1)	
$\beta$ [°]	94.65(1)	
γ [°]	109.07(1)	
<i>V</i> [pm <sup>3</sup> ]	$577.3(2) \cdot 10^{6}$	
$D_{\rm x} \left[ {\rm g \ cm^{-3}} \right]$	1.195	
$\mu(MoK_a) [m^{-1}]$	466	
$ heta_{(\max)} [^{\circ}]$	17.97	
Total reflections measured	2824	
Symmetry-independent reflections	2637	
Reflections used $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	2175	
Parameters refined	181	
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0297, wR_2 = 0.0775$	
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0443, wR_2 = 0.0837$	
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.017	
$\Delta  ho$ (max; min) [10 <sup>-6</sup> e pm <sup>-3</sup> ]	0.291; -0.338	

Table 2. Crystallographic Data of Compound 4b

b) At  $-40^{\circ}$ , a soln. of SbCl<sub>5</sub> (29.90 g, 100 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (150 ml) was added dropwise to a soln. of crude **4h** (27.58 g, 100 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (150 ml). At 5°, the salt **9b** · HSbCl<sub>6</sub> soon started to crystallize. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 2.23, 2.66 (Me); 12.00 (br., NH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 20.05, 20.78 (Me); 129.67, 129.79, 129.93, 130.07, 130.36, 132.27, 133.29, 136.01, 138.90, 151.58 (arom. C); 169.66 (C=N).

After 12 h at 5°, evaporation afforded  $\mathbf{9b} \cdot \text{HSbCl}_6$  as a pale brown solid, which was dissolved in MeCN (250 ml). A soln. of NaOH (28.00 g, 700 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (250 ml) was added dropwise. After stirring for 30 min, MeCN was distilled off, and the remaining aq. mixture was repeatedly extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. Workup of the combined org. extracts afforded a brown oil, which was dissolved in AcOEt (100 ml). Filtration, evaporation of the filtrate, and crystallization at  $-15^{\circ}$  of the oily residue from AcOEt (10 ml)/Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 ml) furnished  $\mathbf{9b}$  (7.18 g, 30%). Yellow prisms. M.p. 83 – 84°. IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>): 3064*s*, 3028*s*, 2977*s*, 2928*s*, 2861*m*, 1581*s*, 1481*vs*, 1458*vs*, 1445*vs*, 1382*s*, 1348*vs*, 1318*s*. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.16, 2.59 (Me); 7.08 – 7.20 (2*m*, H–C(5), H–C(6)); 7.48 (br., Ph). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 19.89, 20.97 (Me); 127.56, 127.66, 127.75, 128.02, 128.71, 129.08, 132.99, 133.08, 138.19, 154.33 (arom. C); 166.73 (C=N). Anal. calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NS (239.3): C 75.27, H 5.48, N 5.85; found: C 74.89, H 5.29, N 5.77.

5-Methyl-3-phenyl-1,2-benzisothiazole (9d) [49]: a) [(3-Methylphenyl)phenylmethyleneJamidosulfenyl chloride (4i) was prepared from (3-methyl- $\alpha$ -phenylbenzenemethanimine [48]<sup>3</sup>) (19.53 g, 100 mmol) as described for 4h. The resulting brown oil of 4i (24.56 g) was contaminated with (3-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)C(Ph)=N-S-N=

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>) Prepared in the manner described for 'benzophenone imine' [46] from 3-methylbenzonitrile and bromobenzene. Yield 78%. B.p. 115-119°/0.03 Torr. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.37 (Me). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 21.34 (Me); 178.39 (C=N).

 $C(Ph)(3-MeC_6H_4)$  (*ca.* 10%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.33 (Me); 7.36 (*s*, arom. H); 7.13 – 7.40 (several *m*, arom. H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 21.36 (Me); 125.74 – 137.82 (10 signals, arom. C); 151.11 (C=N).

b) At  $-40^{\circ}$ , a soln. of SbCl<sub>5</sub> (29.90 g, 100 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (150 ml) was added dropwise to a soln. of crude **4i** (26.18 g, 100 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (150 ml). At 5°, **9d** · HSbCl<sub>6</sub> started to crystallize. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 2.59 (Me); 7.75 - 7.95 (6 arom. H); 8.25 (*s*, H-C(4)); 8.31 (*d*, 1 H); 12.61 (br., NH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 21.49 (Me); 122.40 - 147.67 (10 signals, arom. C); 166.36 (C=N).

After 12 h at 5°, the solvent was evaporated. Neutralization of the residue was carried out as described for **9b**: **9d** (21.40 g, 95%). Dark brown oil, which crystallized at 5°. Two crystallizations from either MeOH or hexane furnished pale yellow needles. M.p.  $72-74^{\circ}$  ([49]: m.p.  $70^{\circ}$ ). IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>): 3065*s*, 2925*s*, 1901*w*, 1607*m*, 1478*vs*, 1446*s*, 1420*s*, 1349*vs*, 1295*vs*. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.50 (Me); 7.35–7.86 (several *m*, 7 arom. H); 7.94 (*s*, H–C(4)). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 21.44 (Me); 119.51, 124.27, 128.67, 128.76, 129.21, 129.53, 134.25, 134.97, 135.31, 150.98 (arom. C); 163.91 (C=N).

*3-Chloro-N-(diphenylmethylene)-2,3,3-trimethylbutane-2-sulfenamide* (**10**). At  $-20^{\circ}$ , a soln. of 2,3dimethylbut-2-ene (1.01 g, 12 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml) was added dropwise to a soln. of **4g** (2.48 g, 10 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 ml). The mixture was stirred at  $-20^{\circ}$  for 1 h and then at  $0^{\circ}$  for 1 h. Evaporation and crystallization of the residue from hexane (40 ml) afforded **10** (2.98 g, 90%). Fine prisms. At 25°, a soln. of **10** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> slowly decomposed. M.p. 110–112° (dec.). IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>): 1491vs, 1457s, 1444vs, 1379vs, 1371s. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.65 (2 Me); 1.76 (2 Me); 7.28–7.55 (10 arom. H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 24.1 (2 Me); 29.8 (2 Me); 58.2 (C); 78.6 (C); 127.3, 127.5, 128.1, 128.7, 128.9, 129.1, 137.8, 139.3 (Ph); 161.1 (C=N). Anal. calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>CINS (331.9): C 68.76, H 6.68, N 4.22; found: C 68.65, H 6.63, N 4.43.

*Crystal-Structure Determination of* **4b** (see *Table 2* and *Fig. 1*)<sup>4</sup>): All measurements were performed on an *Enraf-Nonius-CAD4* diffractometer with graphite-monochromated  $MoK_a$  radiation ( $\lambda$  71.069 pm). The  $\omega/2\theta$  scan mode was employed for data collection. Data collection and refinement parameters are given in *Table 2*, and a view of the molecule is shown in *Fig. 1*. The structure was solved by direct methods with subsequent difference *Fourier* synthesis and full-matrix least-squares refinement on  $F^2$  by using the programs SHELXS-86 and SHELXL-93, resp. [50], which revealed the positions of all non-H- and H-atoms.

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