## **Supporting Information**

#### **Copper-Catalyzed Aerobic Oxidative Amidation of Tertiary Amines**

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#### **1. General Information**

All manipulations were performed in air atmosphere. Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> was purchased from J&K Scientific Co. N,N-Dimethylaniline (1a) was purchased from Heowns Chemical, dried by distillation over CaH<sub>2</sub> and distilled prior to use. Anilines **1b**, **1f**, **1g**, 1h and 1j were purchased from Heowns Chemical, and used without further purification. Other tertiary amines were prepared according to reported procedures<sup>[1]</sup>. CH<sub>3</sub>CN, DMA, DME, DMF, PhCl and DCE were dried by distillation over CaH<sub>2</sub>. THF and toluene were dried by distillation over sodium/benzophenone.<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE AV 400 (400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C) instrument in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. Data were reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm ( $\delta$ ), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad signal), coupling constant (Hz), integration. TLC were performed on silica gel Huanghai HSGF254 plates and visualized by quenching of UV fluorescence ( $\lambda_{max}$ = 254 nm). Silica gel (200-300 mesh) was purchased from Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co., China. Electron-impactionisation mass spectra (EI) were recorded with an Aligent 7890A/5975C GC-MS instrument. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were acquired on Varian 7.0T FTMS. FTIR spectra were obtained with a Bruker Tensor 27 instrument. All IR samples were prepared as thin films and reported in wave numbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>).

### 2. General Procedure for the Amides Synthesis

**Typical procedure**: A 25 mL Schlenk-type tube was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, and charged with  $Cu(OAc)_2$  (4.6 mg, 0.05 mmol). The tube was sealed, and the atmosphere was changed to O<sub>2</sub> with an oxygen balloon. Tertiary amines **1a** (0.5 mmol), Ac<sub>2</sub>O (2.5 mmol) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.0 mL) were added sequentially via syringes. The mixture was stirred at reflux for 36 h. The resulting solution was then cooled to room temperature, neutralized with a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The volatiles were removed under vacuum, and the residue was purified by column chromatography to give the crude product **3a** in 90% yield (67 mg, white solid).

### 3. Characterization Data for Products 3



*N*-Methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (3a): white solid (67 mg, 90%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.41 (t, *J* =7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 170.70, 144.72, 129.85, 127.83, 127.20, 37.28, 22.55. GC-MS: m/z = 149.



*N*-methyl-*N*-(p-tolyl)acetamide (3b): white solid (68 mg, 83%), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.04 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.16 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.86, 142.16, 137.73, 130.41, 126.92, 37.31, 22.49, 21.18. GC-MS: m/z = 163.



*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-methylacetamide (3c): white solid (80 mg, 89%), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.08 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.12 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.01, 158.86, 137.52, 128.20, 114.87, 77.48, 77.16, 76.84, 55.55, 37.36, 22.41.GC-Ms: m/z = 179.



(E)-methyl 3-(4-(*N*-methylacetamido)phenyl)acrylate (3d): pale yellow solid (104 mg, 89%), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm):7.67(d, *J* = 16.00 Hz, 2H), 7.56(d, *J* = 8.00 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.00 Hz, 2H), 6.4(d, *J* = 16.00 Hz, 2H), 3.81(s, 3H), 3.26(s, 3H), 1.90(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.43, 167.26, 146.14, 133.83, 129.40, 127.59, 118.91, 51.95, 37.18, 22.61. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1888, 1699, 1595, 1444, 1369, 935, 814, 736,695. GC-MS: m/z = 233.



*N*-(4-Carbomethoxyphenyl)-*N*-methylacetamide (3e): white solid (85 mg, 82%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) :  $\delta$ = 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.48 Hz, 2 H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.48 Hz, 2 H), 3.95 (s, 3 H), 3.31 (s, 3 H), 1.94 (br s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.30, 166.25, 148.52, 131.17, 129.13, 126.94, 52.43, 37.20, 22.59; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1721, 1664, 1602,1509, 1275. GC-Ms: m/z = 207.



*N*-(4-Cyanophenyl)-*N*-methylacetamide (3f): white solid (61 mg, 70%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.73 (d, J = 8.44 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.44 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.98(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.03, 148.45, 133.70, 127.68, 118.14, 37.37, 22.71. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2228, 1657, 1601, 1508, 1380, 1359, 853. GC-Ms: m/z = 174.



*N*-(4-Formylphenyl)-*N*-methylacetamide (3g): white solid (46 mg, 52%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 10.02 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 1.97(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 190.9, 170.0, 149.7, 135.0, 131.0, 127.4, 37.2, 22.6. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2820, 2782, 1756, 1659, 1601, 1377, 1246, 1238, 971, 865. GC-Ms: m/z = 177.



*N*-(4-acetylphenyl)-*N*-methylacetamide (3h): white solid (81 mg, 85%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.04(d, J = 8.44 Hz, 2H), 7.33(d, J = 8.44 Hz, 2H), 3.33(s, 3H), 2.65(s, 3H), 1.97(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 197.02, 170.25, 148.63, 129.92, 127.08, 119.23, 37.24, 26.76, 22.65. GC-MS : m/z = 191.



*N*-methyl-*N*-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (3i): white solid (65 mg, 60%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.71(d, J = 8.24 Hz, 2H), 7.34(d, J = 8.24 Hz, 2H), 3.30(s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.10, 147.67, 129.82, 127.44, 126.87, 123.81(q, J = 273.70 Hz), 37.14, 22.49. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): -62.6 (s, 3F); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1660, 1610, 1382, 1324, 1119, 1156, 1119, 1066, 859. GC-Ms: m/z = 217.



*N*-methyl-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl)acetamide (3j): yellow solid (49 mg, 50%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.30(d, J = 8.68 Hz, 2H), 7.40(d, J = 8.68 Hz, 2H), 3.35(s, 3H), 2.03(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.02, 154.36, 149.78, 127.49, 125.17, 37.52, 22.80. GC-MS : m/z = 194.



**2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(4-(***N***-methylacetamido)phenyl)ethyl acetate (3k)** : white solid (115 mg, 80%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.18 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.18 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (q, *J* = 6.83 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.39, 168.68, 145.99, 130.77, 129.55, 127.48, 123.04(q, *J* = 278.85 Hz), 71.35(q, *J* = 33.20 Hz), 37.15, 22.58, 20.66.IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1767, 1651, 1609, 1514, 1215, 1171, 1129, 1056, 866. GC-MS : m/z = 289. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 312.0818; found: 312.0822.



**4-(***N***-methylacetamido)phenyl acetate (3l):** white solid (92 mg, 89%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.68Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.68 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s,3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.36, 168.95, 149.62, 141.82, 127.96, 122.74, 36.99, 22.23, 20.89; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1760, 1658, 1638, 1509, 1378, 1198, 913, 861; GC-MS: m/z = 207.



**3-(***N***-methylacetamido)phenyl acetate (3m)**: white solid (99 mg, 96%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.41-7.44(m, 1H), 6.97-7.28(m, 3H), 3.27(s, 3H), 2.33(s, 3H), 1.91(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 170.60, 169.21, 151.54, 145.52, 130.48, 124.57, 121.16, 120.85, 37.22, 22.59, 21.23. GC-MS : m/z = 207.



**Methyl 3-(***N***-methylacetamido)benzoate (3n)**: white solid (88 mg, 85%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.03(d, J = 7.63 Hz, 1H), 8.02(s, 1H), 7.50-7.89(t, J = 7.78 Hz, 1H), 7.41(d, J = 7.72 Hz, 1H), 3.95(s, 3H), 3.29(s, 3H), 1.89(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.46, 166.16, 144.85, 132.03, 131.71, 130.01, 128.93, 128.31, 52.56, 37.25, 22.58. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1726, 1670, 1415, 1381, 1314, 1248, 991, 758, 698. GC-MS : m/z = 207.



*N*,*N*-diisopropyl-3-(*N*-methylacetamido)benzamide (3o): white solid (110 mg, 80%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.72 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.92 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 1H), 3.55 (s, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 6H), 1.16 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.48, 169.69, 144.81, 140.61, 130.14, 128.89, 127.45, 124.96, 124.53, 51.05, 46.03, 37.25, 22.53, 20.76. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2967, 1672, 1630, 1453, 1378, 1343, 1213, 1041, 815, 716. GC-MS : m/z = 276.



*N*-(3-chlorophenyl)-*N*-methylacetamide (3p): pale yellow solid (78 mg, 85%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.34-7.36(m, 2H), 7.22(s, 2H), 7.10(d, *J* = 7.92 Hz , 1H), 3.26(m, 3H), 1.90(m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.30, 145.78, 135.17, 130.77, 128.06, 127.55, 125.49, 37.18, 22.48. IR(KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3051, 2930, 23591667, 1593, 1572, 1477, 1418, 1383, 1294, 1144, 1105, 1087, 974, 910, 797, 773, 707, 675, 411.GC-MS : m/z = 183.



*N*-methyl-*N*-(o-tolyl)acetamide (3q): white solid (57 mg, 70%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.25-7.31(m, 3H), 7.11-7.13(m, 1H), 3.19(s, 3H), 2.24(s, 3H), 1.78(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.89, 143.16, 135.42, 131.55, 128.46, 127.94, 127.59, 35.95, 22.02, 17.39. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1654, 1493, 1377, 1142, 1038, 776, 730. GC-MS : m/z = 163.



*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-*N*-methylacetamide (3r): white solid (74 mg, 84%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.11-7.29(m, 3H) 3.14(m, 3H), 2.22(m, 6H), 1.74(m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.90, 141.76, 135.62, 128.99, 128.17, 34.26, 21.31, 17.64. GC-MS : m/z = 177.



*N*-(2-bromophenyl)-*N*-methylacetamide (3s): white solid (102 mg, 90%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.69(d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40(t, J = 7.43 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.31(m, 2H), 3.20(s,3H), 1.81(s,3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.54, 143.27, 134.00, 129.88, 129.76, 129.15, 123.45, 35.80, 22.23. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1662, 1485, 1374, 1304, 1142, 1086, 1018, 841, 736, 723. GC-MS : m/z = 227.



*N*-methyl-*N*-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)acetamide (3t): yellow solid (84 mg, 86%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.36(t, *J* = 7.42 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.14(m, 1H), 3.18(s, 3H), 2.45(s, 3H), 1.81(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.07, 140.89, 138.59, 129.02, 128.25, 125.54, 124.91, 35.18, 21.92, 14.15. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1659, 1470, 1421, 1375, 1300, 1142, 1060, 970, 778, 741. GC-MS : m/z = 195.



*N*-methyl-*N*-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetamide (4a): white solid (95 mg, 95%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.83-7.91(m, 3H), 7.66(s, 1H), 7.53-7.55(m,2H), 7.30(d, J = 8.54 Hz, 1H), 3.35(m,3H), 1.92(m,3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.79, 141.98, 133.71, 132.39, 129.96, 127.90, 127.86, 126.99, 126.76, 125.57, 125.20, 37.35, 22.66. GC-MS : m/z = 199.



*N*-ethyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (4b): white solid (77 mg, 94%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.52 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.31 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.31 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (q, *J* = 7.22 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.22 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 169.9, 142.8, 129.6, 128.1, 127.8, 43.7, 22.8, 13.0. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2983, 2938, 1654, 1597, 1496, 1401, 1298, 769, 711.GC-Ms: m/z = 163.



*N*-benzyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (4c): white solid (90 mg, 80%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.20-7.31(m, 8H), 6.98-6.99(m, 2H), 4.89(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.68, 144.59, 133.09, 130.03, 129.75, 128.35, 127.74, 127.09, 126.75, 37.20, 22.42. GC-MS: m/z = 225.



*N*,*N*-Dicyclohexylacetamid (4d): white solid (83 mg, 74%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO )  $\delta$  (ppm): 2.29(s, 2H), 1.97(s,3H), 1.76-1.03(m, 20H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  (ppm): 168.65, 57.91, 54.41, 30.70, 29.83, 25.95, 25.46, 25.16, 24.75, 23.74. GC-MS: m/z = 223.



*N*,*N*-dibutylacetamide (4e) : colorless liquid (79 mg, 92%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 3.30(t, *J* = 7.58 Hz, 2H), 3.21(t, *J* = 7.58 Hz, 2H), 2.07(s, 3H), 1.46-1.58(m, 4H), 1.26-1.38(m, 4H), 0.94(m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 170.16, 48.68, 45.58, 31.14, 29.98, 21.58, 20.33, 20.16, 13.96, 13.88. GC-MS: m/z = 171.



*N*-methyl-*N*-(pyridin-4-yl)acetamide (4f): white solid (39 mg, 51%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.61(d, J = 5.86 Hz, 2H), 7.16(d, J = 5.86 Hz, 2H), 3.29(s, 3H), 2.04(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.09, 151.70, 151.03, 120.95, 36.87, 22.80. GC-MS : m/z = 150.



*N*-methyl-*N*-(quinolin-8-yl)acetamide (4g): white solid (65 mg, 65%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.99(d, J = 2.78 Hz, 1H), 8.24(dd, J = 1.27 Hz, 8.23Hz, 1H), 7.85(d, J = 7.84 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.64(m, 2H), 7.48(q, J = 4.14 Hz, 1H), 3.40(s, 3H), 1.76(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.58, 151.16, 144.36, 142.09, 136.34, 129.61, 128.54, 128.39, 126.60, 121.99, 37.39, 22.33. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1653, 1495, 1390, 1285, 1035, 970, 838, 801. GC-MS : m/z = 200. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 201.1022; found: 201.1024.



**Methyl 3-(***N***-methylacetamido)thiophene-2-carboxylate (4h)**: white solid (68 mg, 64%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.56(d, J = 5.20 Hz, 1H), 6.98(d, J = 5.20 Hz, 1H), 3.88(s, 3H), 3.20(s, 3H), 1.85(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.41, 161.09, 147.00, 131.16, 128.30, 126.45, 52.51, 36.21, 21.96. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1704, 1659, 1531, 1437, 1410, 1267, 794, 694. GC-MS : m/z = 213.



*N*-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-*N*-methylacetamide (4i) : white solid (61 mg, 59%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.82(t, J = 9.61 Hz, 2H), 7.44(t, J = 8.00 Hz, 1H), 7.31(t, J = 7.48 Hz, 1H), 3.83, 2.48, 2.47. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 170.90, 148.14, 133.50, 126.03, 123.95, 121.39, 121.20, 36.02, 23.71. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):1674, 1499, 1375, 1277, 1001, 765, 693. GC-MS : m/z = 206. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 207.0587; found: 207.0589.



*N*-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-*N*-methylacetamide (5a): white solid (107 mg, 95%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.36-7.44(m, 6H), 7.23-7.30(m, 3H), 3.00(s, 3H), 1.82(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 170.76, 141.99, 139.73, 138.75, 131.56, 128.91, 128.84, 128.56, 128.51, 128.43, 127.86, 37.07, 22.49. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1663, 1479, 1431, 1372, 1077, 1074, 973, 781, 740, 701. GC-MS : m/z = 225.



*N*-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-*N*-methylpropionamide (5b) : white solid (97 mg, 81%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.29-7.43(m, 6H), 7.22-7.29(m, 3H), 3.02(s, 3H), 2.07-2.17(m, 1H), 1.89-1.98(m, 1H), 0.96(t, *J* = 7.43 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 173.94, 141.64, 139.80, 138.72, 131.48, 128.84, 128.74, 128.59, 128.42, 128.39, 127.76, 37.15, 27.46, 9.60. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1651, 1502, 1482, 1388, 1286, 1244, 1052, 776, 745, 698. GC-MS : m/z = 239.



*N*-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-*N*-methylbutyramide (5c): white solid (94 mg, 74%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.35-7.44(m, 6H), 7.21-7.29(m, 3H), 3.02(s, 3H), 2.04-2.10(m, 1H), 1.83-1.91(m, 1H), 1.40-1.63(m, 2H), 0.77(t, *J* = 7.33 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 173.13, 141.69, 139.80, 138.76, 131.48, 128.84, 128.74, 128.68, 128.47, 128.39, 127.78, 37.16, 36.07, 18.74, 13.95. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2965, 2875, 1644, 1503, 1483, 1388, 1325, 1243, 1137, 1057, 808, 786, 748, 698. GC-MS : m/z = 253.



*N*-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-*N*-methylisobutyramide (5d): white solid (58 mg, 46%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.34-7.44(m, 6H), 7.27-7.30(m, 3H), 3.11(s, 3H), 2.35-2.42(m, 1H), 0.96(d, *J* = 7.23 Hz, 3H), 0.67(d, *J* = 6.10 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 177.46, 141.76, 140.02, 138.67, 131.37, 128.89, 128.72, 128.67, 128.34, 128.31, 127.77, 37.72, 31.43, 20.33, 18.81. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):1647, 1483, 1427, 1387, 789, 752, 705. GC-MS: m/z = 253.



*N*-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-2-chloro-*N*-methylacetamide (5e): white solid (83 mg, 64%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.37-7.46 (m, 6H), 7.29 (m, 3H), 3.88 (d, J = 12.37 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, J = 12.37 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 166.35, 140.15, 139.77, 138.09, 131.86, 131.81, 129.25, 129.04, 128.58, 128.42, 128.19, 41.76, 38.03. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1669, 1484, 1421, 1381, 1268, 1241, 782, 746, 701. GC-MS: m/z = 259.



*N*-(**biphenyl-2-yl**)-*N*-**methyl-2-phenoxyacetamide (5f)**: white solid (98 mg, 62%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.50-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.00 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.32 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J*=7.20 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 14.77 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 14.77 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 167.70, 158.18, 139.89, 139.85, 138.46, 131.79, 129.39, 129.27, 129.14, 129.11, 128.65, 128.23, 128.15, 121.27, 114.69, 66.67, 38.06. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3071, 2935, 1679, 1596, 1482, 1433, 1219, 1086, 778, 740, 702. GC-MS: m/z = 317. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 318.1489; found: 318.1491.



*N*-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-*N*-methylbenzamide (5g) : white solid (120 mg, 84%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.53(d, J = 7.76 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.48(m, 2H), 7.29-7.34(m, 3H), 7.17-7.21(d, J = 7.52 Hz, 3H), 6.99-7.03(d, J = 7.57 Hz, 3H), 6.91-6.92(m, 2H), 6.70-6.72(d, J = 7.45Hz, 2H), 3.34(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 168.63, 141.87, 138.62, 138.30, 135.55, 130.79, 129.26, 128.69, 128.66, 128.38, 128.31, 128.00, 127.83, 127.28, 127.00, 38.60. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1637, 1479, 1367, 1299, 1095, 776, 753, 693. GC-MS : m/z = 287. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 288.1383; found: 288.1385.



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**phenoxyacetamide (5h)**: white solid (146 mg, 72%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.79(d, J = 8.38 Hz, 2H), 7.30(d, J = 8.67Hz, 2H), 7.21(t, J = 7.78 Hz, 2H), 6.94(t, J = 7.30 Hz, 1H), 6.70(s, 2H), 4.48(s, 2H), 4.14(s, 1H), 3.34(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 168.32, 157.81, 144.12, 130.15, 129.55, 129.42, 128.68, 126.81, 122.75(q, J = 285.79 Hz), 116.06, 114.72, 66.74, 37.84. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = -75.43. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3227, 1663, 1605, 1511, 1254, 1171, 954, 934, 778, 750, 710, 688. GC-MS: m/z = 407. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 408.1029; found: 408.1034.

**2-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoropropan-2-ol (6)**: white solid (565 mg, 97%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.42(d, J = 8.32 Hz, 1H), 6.72(d, J = 8.32 Hz, 1H), 2.97(s, 6H), 2.31(br s, 1H), 1.75(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 150.59, 127.04, 126.07, 125.96(q, J = 283.53 Hz, 1H), 112.06, 74.63(q, J = 28.90Hz), 40.48, 23.63. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3243, 1613, 1518, 1254, 1151, 1065, 935, 817. GC-MS: m/z = 233. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 234.1100; found: 234.1103.



(*N*-methyl-*N*-(4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)phenyl)acetamide (7): white solid (97 mg, 74%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.65(d, *J* = 8.01 Hz, 1H), 7.23(d, *J* = 8.01 Hz, 1H), 3.27(s, 3H), 2.80(br s, 1H), 1.89(s, 3H), 1.82(s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO )  $\delta$  (ppm): 169.01, 144.20, 138.82, 127.76, 126.58, 124.56(q, *J* = 284.45 Hz), 73.15(q, *J* = 28.07 Hz), 36.48, 22.83, 22.29. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3346, 1646, 1511, 1379, 1292, 1152, 1061, 839. GC-MS: m/z = 261. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 262.1049; found: 262.1054.

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