Facile aromatic nucleophilic substitution reactions (S_NAr) in ionic liquid: An electrophile-nucleophile dual activation by [Omim]Br for the reaction

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1 Experimental

General procedures for the synthesis of ionic liquids¹: *N*-Methylimidazole or 1,2dimethyl-imidazole 40 mmol, 1-haloalkane 48 mmol and ethyl acetate 10 mL were heated under reflux for 24 h. The biphasic system obtained was separated and the upper organic phase discharged. The bottom product phase was washed with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL), and dried under vacuum to give 1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide as a colourless liquid. [Omim]OAc and [Omim]HSO₄ are synthesized by exchanging the bromide ion of [Omim]Br with AcO⁻ or HSO₄⁻ in acid-base neutralization with NaOAc and NaHSO₄ respectively.



Experimental Procedure for IR Studies

Figure S1 IR spectrum of (a) [Omim]Br, (b) 1-Fluoro-2-nitrobenzene 1a, (d) the mixing of 1a and [Omim]Br after 30 min.



Figure S2 IR spectrum of (a) [Omim]Br, (c) 4-Tolyl mercaptan **2a**, (e) the mixing of **2a** and [Omim]Br after 30 min.



Figure S3 IR spectrum of (a) [Omim]Br. (f) the mixing of **1a** and **2a** in [Omim]Br after 30 min. (g) the mixing of **1a** and **2a** in [Omim]Br after 2 h.

characteristic frequency	chemical bond	compound
1170.0 cm ⁻¹	C-N stretching imidazole ring	
1461.2-1570.2 cm ⁻¹	skeleton vibration of imidazole ring	[Omim]Dr
2853.6-2935.6 cm ⁻¹	saturated C-H stretching vibration	[Omim]Br
3072.0 cm ⁻¹	C-H stretching vibration of imidazole ring	
1238.5 cm ⁻¹	C-F stretching vibration of benzene	1-fluoro-2-nitrobenzene
1347.5-1525.8 cm ⁻¹	C-NO ₂ stretching vibration of benzene	1 a
628.1 cm ⁻¹	C-S stretching vibration of benzene	4-tolyl mercaptan
2561.4 cm ⁻¹	S-H stretching vibration	2a

 Table S1
 The characteristic frequency of compounds in IR

Results and Conclusions:

- (1) The formation of HB between the C-2 hydrogen of [Omim]Br and F atom of **1a** is evidenced by the facts that v_{C-H} of imidazole ring in [Omim]Br is shifted from 3072.0 to 3063.3 and v_{C-F} of **1a** is shifted from 1238.5 to 1240.9. (Figure S1)
- (2) The interaction between [Omim]Br and **2a** is evidenced by the facts that v_{C-H} of imidazole ring in [Omim]Br is shifted from 3072.0 to 3062.8 and v_{C-S} of **2a** is shifted from 628.1 to 619.0. (Figure S2)
- (3) The interaction between [Omim]Br and substrates (1a and 2a) is evidenced by the facts that $v_{\text{C-H}}$ of imidazole ring in [Omim]Br is shifted from 3072.0 to 3078.7 (f) and 3080.2 (g). (Figure S3)

2 Characterization Data



Chemical Formula: C₁₃H₁₁NO₂S Mass: 245

(2-Nitrophenyl)(*p*-tolyl)sulfane **3a**,² yellow solid, mp: 87-88 °C (lit. 89-90 °C), yield 94%, 230.3 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8,5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 124.8, 125.9, 127.4, 128.3, 131.0, 133.5, 136.1, 140.2, 140.6, 145.0. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 245.



5-Nitro-2-(*p*-tolylthio)aniline **3b**,³ yellow solid, 111-113 °C, yield 84%, 218.4 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.33 (s, 3H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 7.12-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.3, 109.3, 113.1, 126.0, 129.5, 130.3, 130.5, 134.3, 137.9, 147.2, 148.6. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 260.



Chemical Formula: C₁₃H₁₀CINO₂S Mass: 279

(2-Chloro-6-nitrophenyl)(*p*-tolyl)sulfane 3c,⁴ yellow solid, mp: 72-74 °C (lit. 69-70 °C), yield 89%, 248.3 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.30 (s, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.3, 122.3, 124.5, 127.7, 130.1, 130.3, 133.5, 136.0, 137.7, 141.5, 155.6. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 279.



(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)(*p*-tolyl)sulfane **3d**, pale yellow solid, mp: 91-93 °C, yield 97%, 255.1 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.28 (s, 3H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 110.7-111.0 (d, *J* = 26 Hz, 1C), 119.7, 124.6, 127.4, 131.2, 135.6, 137.6, 140.8, 145.8, 156.4-158.4 (d, *J* = 248 Hz, 1C). MS (ESI) *m/z*: 263.0416. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₀FNO₂S: C, 59.31%; H, 3.83%; N, 5.32%. Found: C, 59.17%; H, 4.12; N, 5.04%.



(4-Nitrophenyl)(*p*-tolyl)sulfane $3e^2$ yellow solid, mp: 78-80 °C (lit. 81.5 °C), yield 90%, 220.5 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 124.1, 126.3, 126.6, 131.0, 135.2, 140.4, 145.3, 149.5. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 245.



Chemical Formula: C₁₃H₁₁NO₃S Exact Mass: 261.0460 Elemental Analysis: C, 59.76; H, 4.24; N, 5.36; O, 18.37; S, 12.27

2-Nitro-5-(*p*-tolylthio)phenol **3f**, yellow solid, 118-120 °C, yield 78%, 203.6 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 6.63-6.67 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 10.76 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 115.0, 117.8, 125.3, 125.6, 130.8, 131.0, 135.5, 140.7, 135.6, 155.5. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 261.0460. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₁NO₃S: C, 59.76%; H, 4.24; N, 5.36%. Found: C, 59.45%; H, 4.62; N, 5.15%.



Chemical Formula: C₁₄H₁₃NO₂S Mass: 259

(4-Methyl-2-nitrophenyl)(*p*-tolyl)sulfane 3g,⁵ yellow solid, 105-107 °C, yield 75%, 194.3 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2,27 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz,

1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (s, 1H).¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.6, 21.5, 125.9, 127.8, 128.3, 130.9, 134.7, 135.4, 135.9, 136.6, 140.3, 144.9. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 259.



Methyl 4-(*p*-tolylthio)benzoate **3h**,⁶ white solid, mp: 101-103 °C, yield 51%, 131.6 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.39 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H),7.14 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H),7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.4, 52.2, 126.8, 127.2, 128.3, 130.1, 130.6, 134.5, 139.3, 145.5, 166.9. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 258.



Chemical Formula: C₂₀H₁₆OS Mass: 304

Phenyl(4-(*p*-tolylthio)phenyl)methanone **3i**,⁷ pale yellow solid, 123-125 °C, yield 76%, 231.0 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.40 (s, 3H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.3, 126.5, 128.0, 128.3, 129.9, 130.6, 130.8, 132.3, 134.4, 134.5, 137.8, 139.3, 145.3, 195.8. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 304.



Chemical Formula: C₁₄H₁₁NS Mass: 225

4-(*p*-Tolylthio)benzonitrile **3j**,⁸ white solid, mp: 100-102 °C (lit. 102-103 °C), yield 83%, 186.8 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.4, 108.3, 118.9, 126.7, 126.8, 130.8, 132.3, 135.0, 140.0, 146.6. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 225.



1-(4-(*p*-Tolylthio)phenyl)ethan-1-one **3k**,⁹ pale yellow solid, mp: 88-90 °C (lit. 90-92 °C), yield 76%, 183.9 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.4, 26.6, 126.8, 128.0, 129.0, 130.7, 134.3, 134.6, 139.5, 146.1, 197.3. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 242.



Chemical Formula: C₁₂H₁₁NS Mass: 201

2-(*p*-Tolylthio)pyridine **31**,¹⁰ pale yellow oil, yield 77%, 154.8 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.40 (s, 3H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 119.7, 121.0, 127.4, 130.6, 135.4, 136.7, 139.6, 149.6, 162.3. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 201.



Chemical Formula: C₁₂H₈BrNO₂S Mass: 310

(4-Bromophenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)sulfane 3m,¹¹ pale yellow solid, mp: 94-96 °C (lit. 92-94 °C), yield 87%, 269.7 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 124.3, 127.2, 130.0, 133.4, 136.1, 145.8, 147.5. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 310.

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(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)sulfane **3n**,⁹ pale yellow solid, 82-84 °C, yield 93%, 231.6 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 2H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 117.6, 124.2, 125.6, 126.4, 137.3, 145.5, 148.6, 162.8-164.8 (d, *J* = 250 Hz, 1C). MS (ESI) *m/z*: 249.



Chemical Formula: C₁₁H₈N₂O₂S Mass: 232

2-((4-Nitrophenyl)thio)pyridine **30**,¹² pale yellow solid, mp: 84-86 °C (lit. 84-85 °C), yield 77%, 178.6 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.65 (m, 3H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 122.2, 124.3, 125.0, 132.0, 137.5, 142.5, 147.1, 150.6, 156.7. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 232.



Chemical Formula: C₁₀H₇N₃O₂S Mass: 233

2-((4-Nitrophenyl)thio)pyrimidine **3p**,¹³ yellow solid, mp: 108-110 °C (lit. 108-113 °C), yield 83%, 193.4 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 118.1, 124.1, 134.9, 138.7, 148.0, 157.9, 170.9. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 233.

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Chemical Formula: C₂₄H₄₁NO₂S Mass: 407

(2-Nitrophenyl)(octadecyl)sulfane 3q,¹⁴ yellow solid, mp: 52-54 °C (lit. 58-59 °C), yield 91%, 370.4 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.33 (m, 28H), 1.45-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.76 (m, 2H), 2.94 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.3, 22.8, 28.0, 29.3 (2C), 29.5, 29.6, 29.7, 29.8, 32.1, 32.5, 124.3, 126.3, 126.7, 133.5, 138.5, 146.1. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 407.



Cyclohexyl(2-nitrophenyl)sulfane 3r,15 yellow oil, yield 90%, 213.3 mg. 1H NMR (500 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 1.27-1.47 (m, 5H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 3.27-3.31 (m, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.52 (m, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 25.8, 26.1, 32.7, 44.4, 124.9, 126.0, 128.5, 133.1, 136.0, 147.6. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 237.



Chemical Formula: C₁₃H₈N₂O₂S₂ Mass: 288

2-((2-Nitrophenyl)thio)benzo[d]thiazole **3s**,¹⁶ yellow solid, mp: 104-106 °C (lit. 106 °C), yield 74%, 213.1 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 121.6, 123.8, 125.8, 126.4, 126.9, 127.6, 130.8, 133.3, 134.0, 137.7, 146.8, 153.8, 161.0. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 288.



Chemical Formula: C₁₆H₁₁NO₂S Mass: 281

Naphthalen-2-yl(2-nitrophenyl)sulfane **3t**,¹⁷ yellow solid, mp: 92-94 °C (lit. 92-93 °C), yield 82%, 230.4 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.98 (m, 3H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 125.2, 125.9, 127.2, 127.8, 128.0, 128.2, 128.3, 128.8, 130.1, 131.7, 133.6, 133.7, 134.1, 136.1, 139.5, 145.2. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 281.



Chemical Formula:C₉H₉NO₂S Mass: 195

Allyl(2-nitrophenyl)sulfane 3u,¹⁸ light yellow oil, yield 74%, 144,3 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.65 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.89-5.94 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 35.6, 119.5, 124.7, 126.0, 127.2, 131.8, 133.3, 137.1, 146.4. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 195.



(2-Nitrophenyl)(nonyl)sulfane 3v,¹⁹ Light yellow oil, yield 71%, 385.8 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44-2.55 (m, 2H), 3.22 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.65 (m, 1H), 8.23-8.25 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 22.2, 29.3-29.7 (m), 124.6, 125.3, 125.6, 133.0, 134.5, 145.7. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 470 MHz) δ -126.1, -123.3, -122.8, -121.8, -114.2, -80.8. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 501.



Benzyl(2-nitrophenyl)sulfane 3w,²⁰ yellow solid, mp: 82-84 °C (lit. 82-83 °C), yield 98%, 240.1 mg. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 4.20 (s, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 37.7, 124.9, 126.2, 127.1, 127.9, 129.0, 129.2, 133.7, 135.1, 137.9, 146.0. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 245.



(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)(4-fluoro-2-nitrophenyl)sulfane $3x_{,}^{21}$ Light yellow solid, mp: 92-94 °C (lit. 92-94 °C), yield 94%, 303.6 mg. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 3.97 (s, 6H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 6.91 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.98-8.01 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 37.0, 54.9 (2C), 110.3, 111.0, 112.0-112.2 (d, J = 26 Hz, 1C), 120.1, 120.2-120.4 (d, J = 25 Hz, 1C), 126.1, 128.3, 131.7, 145.7, 147.8, 148.3, 157.4-159.4 (d, J = 248 Hz, 1C). MS (ESI) *m/z*: 323.



2,5-Dichloro-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)pyrimidine **4a**,¹⁷ white solid, 78-80 °C, yield 92%, 200.6 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.91 (s, 4H), 3.77 (s, 4H), 7.91 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.4, 49.8, 112.4, 156.7, 157.3, 157.6. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 217.



2,5-Dichloro-*N*,*N*-diethylpyrimidin-4-amine **4b**,²² colorless oil, yield 81%, 177.4 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 3.61-3.65 (m, 4H), 7.91 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.7, 44.5, 112.2, 157.5, 157.9, 158.3. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 219.



2-Nitro-*N*-phenylaniline 4c,²³ red solid, mp: 70-72 °C (lit. 75 °C), yield 85%, 181.9 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.68 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 9.41 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 116.2, 117.6, 124.5, 125.8, 126.8, 129.9, 133.4, 135.8, 138.9, 143.2. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 214.



N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroaniline 4d,²⁴ red solid, mp: 88-90 °C (lit. 89 °C), yield 84%, 205.0 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 9.41 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.7, 115.1, 115.9, 116.9, 126.7, 127.2, 131.3, 132.6, 135.9, 144.6, 158.1. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 244.



4-(4-Nitrophenyl)morpholine **4e**,²⁵ yellow solid, mp: 147-149 °C (lit. 149-150 °C), yield 95%, 197.6 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.36 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 47.2, 66.5, 112.7, 126.0, 139.1, 155.1. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 208.



N-Benzyl-4-nitroaniline **4f**,²⁶ yellow solid, mp: 144-146 °C (lit. 147 °C), yield 89%, 202.9 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.43 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H),6.57 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.39 (m, 5H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 47.8, 111.5, 126.5, 127.5, 128.0, 129.1, 137.5, 138.4, 153.2. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 228.



1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1H-imidazole **4g**,²⁷ pale yellow solid, mp: 193-195 °C (lit. 195-198 °C), yield 89%, 168.2 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 117.8, 121.2, 125.9, 131.8, 135.5, 142.1, 146.4. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 189.



4-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)morpholin **4h**,²⁸ yellow solid, mp: 110-112 °C (lit. 112-113 °C), yield 99%, 223.7 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.25 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 4H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 50.0, 66.7, 112.7, 117.0, 121.1, 140.8, 145.6, 152.2-154.2 (d, *J* = 248 Hz, 1C). MS (ESI) *m/z*: 226.



Chemical Formula: C₁₇H₁₇NO Mass: 251

Phenyl(4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)phenyl)methanone **4i**,²⁹ pale yellow solid, mp: 134-136 °C (lit. 138 °C), yield 67%, 168.2 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.03 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 3.37 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.6, 47.7, 110.7, 124.3, 128.1, 129.5, 131.1, 133.1, 139.6, 151.0, 195.2. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 251.



Chemical Formula: C₈H₉Cl₂N₃ Mass: 217

2,4-Dichloro-6-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)pyrimidine 4j,³⁰ white solid, 84-86 °C, yield 72%, 156.2 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.91-1.97 (m, 2H), 2.01-20.6 (m, 2H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.8-25.5 (d, *J* = 86 Hz, 1C), 46.9-47.4 (d, *J* = 65 Hz, 1C), 100.5, 159.1, 159.6, 161.4. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 217.

 $CI \rightarrow CI$ $N \rightarrow N$ Chemical Formula: $C_8H_9Cl_2N_3$ $N \rightarrow N$ Mass: 217

4,6-Dichloro-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)pyrimidine **4j**',³¹ white solid, 87-89 °C, yield 15%, 32.6 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.96-1.98 (m, 4H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 6.49 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.4, 47.2, 107.2, 159.4, 161.4. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 217.



4-Chloro-2,6-di(piperidin-1-yl)pyrimidine 4k,³² pale yellow solid, mp: 93-95 °C (lit. 95-96 °C), yield 78%, 218.4 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.52-1.58 (m, 8H), 1.59-1.64 (m, 4H), 3.50 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 3.69 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 5.79 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.8-25.0 (d, J = 23 Hz, 1C), 25.6-25.9 (d, J = 35 Hz, 1C), 44.9-45.3 (d, J = 51 Hz, 1C), 90.2, 160.4, 161.1, 163.2. MS (ESI) m/z: 280.



Chemical Formula: C₁₂H₁₇ClN₄ Mass: 252

4-Chloro-2,6-di(pyrrolidin-1-yl)pyrimidine **41**,³² pale yellow solid, mp: 78-80 °C (lit. 79-82 °C), yield 81%, 204.1 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.88-1.94 (m, 8H), 3.52 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 8H), 5.63 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.6, 46.3-46.6 (d, *J* = 41 Hz, 1C), 90.7, 159.0, 159.9, 161.4. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 252.

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Chemical Formula: C₈H₁₂N₂O Mass: 152

2-(Methyl(pyridin-2-yl)amino)ethan-1-ol **4m**,³³ pale yellow oil, yield 94%, 142.9 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.05 (s, 3H), 3.69 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 38.0, 54.5, 63.1, 106.5, 112.4, 137.9, 147.2, 159.4. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 152.



Chemical Formula:C₁₆H₁₁NO₃ Mass: 265

2-(2-Nitrophenoxy)naphthalene **5a**,³⁴ brown solid, mp: 55-57 °C (lit. 58 °C), yield 80%, 212 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.93 (m, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 115.2, 119.8, 120.9, 123.5, 125.5, 126.0, 127.0, 127.4, 128.0, 130.5, 130.9, 134.3, 134.4, 141.6, 150.8, 153.7. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 265.



Chemical Formula: C₁₅H₁₀N₂O₃ Mass: 266

6-(4-Nitrophenoxy)quinoline **5b**,³⁵ red solid, 69-71 °C, yield 78%, 207.5 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.49 (m, 3H), 8.09 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.90 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 116.4, 117.9, 122.1, 123.8, 126.2, 129.2, 132.3, 135.6, 143.3, 146.0, 150.3, 152.9, 162.9. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 266.



1,4-Bis(2-nitrophenoxy)benzene **5c**,³⁶ brown solid, mp: 158-160 °C (lit. 159-160 °C), yield 71%, 249.9 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (s, 4H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz,

2H), 7.53 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 120.4, 120.9, 123.5, 125.9, 134.4, 141.4, 150.8, 152.4. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 352.



Chemical Formula: C₂₄H₂₅NO₄ Mass: 391

(8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-Methyl-3-(2-nitrophenoxy)-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16-decahydro-17*H*-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one **5d**,³⁷ yellow solid, >250 °C, yield 77%, 301.1 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.93 (s, 3H), 1.49-1.64 (m, 7H), 1.96-2.17 (m, 3H), 2.27-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.42 (m, 1H), 2.49-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.88-2.90 (m, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 21.7, 26.0, 26.5, 29.6, 31.7, 36.0, 38.3, 44.2, 48.1, 50.6, 60.5, 116.6, 119.4, 120.5, 122.9, 125.8, 127.0, 134.1, 136.3, 138.8, 141.4, 151.1, 153.8. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 391.



1-Nitro-2-(*p*-tolyloxy)benzene **5e**,³⁸ yellow oil, yield 92%, 197.8 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 119.9, 120.6, 123.3, 124.7, 125.9, 130.2, 134.3, 141.5, 150.9, 155.9. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 215.



1-Nitro-4-phenethoxybenzene **5f**,³⁹ pale yellow solid, mp: 54-56 °C (lit. 56-57 °C), yield 79%, 192.0 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.15 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.26-4.30 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.36 (m, 5H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 35.6, 69.6, 114.6, 126.0, 126.9, 128.8, 129.1, 137.6, 141.6, 164.0. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 243.



1-(4-(4-Methoxyphenoxy)phenyl)ethan-1-one **5g**,³⁸ pale yellow solid, mp: 60-62 °C (lit. 60-61 °C), yield 76%, 183.9 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.55(s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.5, 55.8, 115.2, 116.5, 121.8, 130.7, 131.5, 148.6, 156.8, 163.1, 196.9. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 242.



Chemical Formula: C₁₅H₁₆FNO₂S Mass: 293

2-((3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)thio)-5-fluoroaniline **6**,⁴⁰ light yellow oil, yield 92%, 269.6 mg. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 6.27-6.34 (m, 1H), 6.35-6.36 (m, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.61-6.62 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.10 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 38.2, 54.3, 54.5, 99.8-100.0 (d, *J* = 25 Hz, 1C), 103.7-103.8 (d, *J* = 22 Hz, 1C), 109.8, 110.8-110.9 (d, *J* = 22 Hz, 1C), 119.8, 129.5, 137.3, 137.4, 146.8-147.3 (d, *J* = 65 Hz, 1C), 149.3-149.4 (d, *J* = 11 Hz, 1C), 162.0, 164.0. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 293.



4,4'-(6-Chloropyrimidine-2,4-diyl)dimorpholine 7,³⁰ white solid, mp: 139-141 °C (lit. 139-142 °C), yield 83%, 235.7 mg. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.50 (s, 4H), 3.68-3.72 (m, 12H), 5.82 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 44.4, 66.6-66.9 (d, *J* = 39 Hz, 1C), 91.2, 160.6, 160.9, 163.9. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 284.

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3 NMR Spectra of All Products

¹³C NMR of 3a







¹³C NMR of 3b



¹H NMR of 3c



¹³C NMR of 3c



¹³C NMR of 3d



¹³C NMR of 3e



¹H NMR of 3f



¹³C NMR of 3f



¹³C NMR of 3g



¹³C NMR of 3h



¹³C NMR of 3i



¹³C NMR of 3j



¹³C NMR of 3k



¹³C NMR of 3l



¹³C NMR of 3m



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¹³C NMR of 3p



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¹³C NMR of 3r



¹³C NMR of 3s



¹³C NMR of 3t





¹³C NMR of 3v





¹³C NMR of 3w



¹³C NMR of 3x







¹³C NMR of 4b



¹³C NMR of 4c



¹³C NMR of 4d







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¹³C NMR of 4g







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¹³C NMR of 4l



¹³C NMR of 4m



¹³C NMR of 5a







¹³C NMR of 5c











¹³C NMR of 5f



¹³C NMR of 5g





