#### **Supplementary Information**

# Unravelling 2-Aminoquinazolin-4(*3H*)-one as an Organocatalyst for the Chemoselective Reduction of Nitroarenes

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#### 1. General Information

High purity solvents were used for all reactions. Silica gel (60-120, 230-400 mesh, S. D. Fine make) was used for column chromatography. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using pre-coated silica plates (Merck  $F_{254}$ , 0.25 mm thickness). Nitro compounds, NMR solvents were purchased from sigma Aldrich and spectrochem. The GC-MS analysis was carried out on a Shimadzu (QP 2010) series Gas Chromatogram-Mass Spectrometer (Tokyo, Japan), AOC-20i auto-sampler coupled, and a DB-5 MS capillary column, (30 m × ×0.25 mm i.d., 0.25 µm). The initial temperature of column was 70 °C held for 4 minute and was programmed to 230 °C at 4°C/min., then held for 15 minute at 230 °C; the sample injection volume was 2 µL in GC grade dichloromethane. Nitrogen was used as carrier gas at a flow rate of 1.1 mL min<sup>-1</sup> on split mode (1: 50). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR experiments were performed on Bruker Avance-300 and 600 spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from an internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on Water Q-TOF mass spectrometer.

#### 2. General procedure for reduction of nitro compounds

Hydrazine hydrate (3 mmol) was added to the mixture of nitroarene (0.5 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (0.5 mmol) and 2-aminoquinazolin-4(*3H*)-one (10 mol%) in solvent (H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>OH according to reactant) 3 mL at 100 °C for 2-12 h. However, in case of methanol as a solvent, it was also added to the vessel during the progress of reaction before it become dry. After completion of the reaction (as monitored by TLC and GC-MS), reaction vessel was kept at room temeperature and product was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine and distilled water (3 × 5 mL), dried on anhydrous sodium sulphate and solvent was evaporated under vaccum. Crude product was analyzed directly using GC-MS and product was isolated from crude by column chromatography.

| NO <sub>2</sub><br>Catalyst, Additive,<br>Reducing agent, Solvent,<br>Temperature |          |   |                                 |                    |                        |  |
|---|----------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|
| S.No  | Catalyst | Reducing agent                                  | Additive                        | Solvent            | Yield <sup>b</sup>     |  |
| 1   | L1       | $N_2H_4.H_2O$                                   | -                               | CH₃OH              | 16                     |  |
| 2   | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | -                               | CH₃OH              | 34                     |  |
| 3   | L3       | $N_2H_4.H_2O$                                   | -                               | CH₃OH              | 27                     |  |
| 4   | L4       | $N_2H_4.H_2O$                                   | -                               | CH₃OH              | 19                     |  |
| 5   | L5       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | -                               | CH₃OH              | 13                     |  |
| 6   | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | -                               | CH₃OH              | 14 <sup>c</sup>        |  |
| 7   | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | -                               | CH₃OH              | 36 <sup>d</sup>        |  |
| 8   | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | CH₃OH              | 78                     |  |
| 9   | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | CH₃OH              | 21                     |  |
| 10  | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | KCI                             | CH₃OH              | 22                     |  |
| 11  | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | NaCl                            | CH₃OH              | 24                     |  |
| 12  | L2       | $N_2H_4.H_2O$                                   | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | CH₃OH              | 55 <sup>c</sup>        |  |
| 13  | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | CH₃OH              | 81 <sup>d</sup>        |  |
| 14  | _        | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | CH₃OH              | 51                     |  |
| 15  | L2       | нсоон   | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | CH₃OH              | N.R.                   |  |
| 16  | L2       | PhSiH₃  | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | CH₃OH              | N.R.                   |  |
| 17  | L2       | PMHS  | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | CH₃OH              | N.R.                   |  |
| 18  | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | CH₃OH              | 80 <sup>e</sup>        |  |
| 19  | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | CH₃OH              | 60 <sup>f</sup>        |  |
| 20  | L2       | $N_2H_4.H_2O$                                   | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | Ethanol            | 62                     |  |
| 21  | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | H <sub>2</sub> O   | 48                     |  |
| 22  | L2       | $N_2H_4.H_2O$                                   | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | DMSO               | N.R.                   |  |
| 23  | L2       | $N_2H_4.H_2O$                                   | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | DMF                | N.R.                   |  |
| 24  | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | ACN                | N.R.                   |  |
| 25  | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | Toluene            | N.R.                   |  |
| 26  | L2       | $N_2H_4.H_2O$                                   | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | CH₃OH              | 53 <sup>g</sup>        |  |
| 27  | L2       | N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | CH <sub>3</sub> OH | 22 <sup><i>h</i></sup> |  |

# 3. Optimisation of reaction conditions:

[a] Reaction conditions: 4-lodonitrobenzene (0.1 mmol), catalyst (10 mol%), reducing agent (6 equiv.), additive (1 equiv.), solvent (2 mL) at 100 °C for 5h.

[b] Isolated yield.

[c] 8 equiv. hydrazine hydrate.

[d] 4 equiv. hydrazine hydrate.

 $[e] \quad \ \ \mathsf{K}_2\mathsf{CO}_3 \ (2 \ equiv.)$ 

[f]  $K_2CO_3$  (0.5 equiv.)

[g] Reaction carried out at 80 °C.

[h] Reaction carried out at 60 °C.

#### 4. Infrared study for H-B interactions:

The infrared spectra of hot aqueous solution of hydrazine hydrate and L2 were compared with IR spectra of the reaction of  $N_2H_4$ .H<sub>2</sub>O with L2 in water.



Fig. 1 The infrared spectra of the L2 in water.

During comparison in between the three infrared spectra(Fig. 1, Fig. 2 and Fig. 3), blue shift was observed for N-N stretching frequency from 1082 to 1089 cm<sup>-1</sup> indicating decrease in N-N bond length of hydrazine while red shift is observed for N-H bending frequency from 1612 to 1606 cm<sup>-1</sup> showed N-H bond elongation of N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.<sup>1</sup> Also new peaks at 2017, 2032, 2158 and 2181 cm<sup>-1</sup> might be due to polarization of C=O, C=N and C-N bonds of **L2** because of hydrogen bond interactions.<sup>2</sup>



Fig. 2 The infrared spectra of hydrazine hydrate in water.



Fig. 3 The infrared spectra of the reaction between hydrazine hydrate and L2 in water.

#### 5. UV-Vis-Fluorescence study for H-B interactions:

In UV-Vis spectroscopy, 2-aminoquinazolin-4(3H)-one (**L2**) showed absorption at 260 nm and 315 nm in methanol. However, on the addition of hydrazine hydrate and heating it to 100 °C, the intensity of the band at 260 nm decreases, without alteration in 315 nm.



Fig. 4: UV-Vis spectra of L2 and its reaction with hydrazine hydrate

Moreover, in fluoresence experiment, excitation at 315 nm, it exhibited a blue emission at 400 nm. Further, the addition of hydrazine hydrate resulted in quenching of emission spectrum. Thus, absorption and emission results suggested that the hydrazine hydrate attack at the nucleophilic carbonyl centre and distorts the conjugation in molecules.



Fig. 5: Flouresence spectra of L2 and its reaction with hydrazine hydrate

#### 6. Characterization of nitro reduction products

All compounds were identified by spectral comparison with literature data.

**4-Iodoaniline (1b):**<sup>3a</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 5 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (9: 1)) as brown solid. Yield 85 mg, 78%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  7.24 (d, J = 8.64 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 8.58 Hz, 2H), 5.23 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  148.9, 137.5, 117.0, 76.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NI 219.9623; Found 219.9611.

**3-Bromoaniline** (2b):<sup>3b</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 5 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (9: 1)) as brown solid. Yield 56 mg, 65%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  6.91 (t, J = 7.95 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t, J = 1.98 Hz, 1H), 6.59-6.58 (m, 1H), 6.51-6.50 (m, 1H), 5.3 (brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  151.0, 131.1, 122.5, 118.2, 116.3, 113.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NBr; Found 171.9749.

**4-Chloroaniline (3b):**<sup>3c</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 5 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (9: 1)) as white solid. Yield 39 mg, 62%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.09 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.9, 129.1, 123.1, 116.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NCl 128.0267; Found 128.0255.

**2-Chloro-4-aminoaniline (4b)**:<sup>3d</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 12 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (4: 1)) as brown solid. Yield 50 mg, 70%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.78 (d, J = 8.46 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, J = 2.58 Hz,

1H), 5.83 (dd, J = 8.43 Hz, 2.55 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (brs, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 148.5, 145.0, 129.3, 105.5, 104.9, 101.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>143.0376; Found 143.0387.

Aniline (5b):<sup>3e</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 8 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (9: 1)) as brown liquid. Yield 21 mg, 45%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.26-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.84 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 3.6 (brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.5, 129.3, 118.6, 115.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:[M+H]<sup>+</sup>calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N is 94.0657; Found 94.0633.

**4-Aminobenzamide (6b)**:<sup>3e</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 7 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (1: 4)) as white solid. Yield 45 mg, 66%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  7.56 (d, J = 8.28 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 8.28 Hz, 2H), 5.57 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  168.5, 152.12, 129.5, 121.4, 112.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 137.0715; Found 137.0702.

**4-Aminobenzenesulphonamide** (7b):<sup>3d</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 5 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (3: 7)) as yellow solid. Yield 67 mg, 78%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.64 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.64 Hz, 2H), 5.78 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  152.3, 130.5, 127.8, 112.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 173.0385; Found 173.0367.

**4-Aminobenzoic acid (8b)**:<sup>3c</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 7 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (1: 1)) as white solid. Yield 50 mg, 73%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  11.8 (brs, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H),

5.82 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  167.9, 153.5, 131.6, 117.4, 113.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:[M+H]<sup>+</sup>calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> is 138.0555; Found 138.0576.

**4-Aminobenzonitrile** (10b):<sup>3f</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 2 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure (method **A** in the absence of additive K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) described above and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (4: 1)) as pink solid. Yield 45 mg, 77%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.40 (d, *J* = 8.35 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.50 Hz, 2H), 4.1 (brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  150.3, 133.8, 120.0, 114.4, 100.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>119.0609;Found 119.0612.

**3-Aminobenzamide (11b) (**CAS NUMBER 3544-24-9): Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 7 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (1: 4)) as white solid. Yield 48 mg, 71%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  7.67 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.74 Hz, 1H), 6.66-6.64 (m, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  169.1, 149.0, 135.6, 128.9, 116.9, 115.1, 113.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 137.0715; Found 137.0702.

**3-Aminobenzonitrile (12b)**:<sup>3g</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 2 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A** in the absence of additive K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (9: 1)) as brown solid. Yield 47 mg, 81%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.23 (t, *J* = 7.86 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.56 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.89-6.87 (m, 1H), 3.90 (brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.9, 130.0, 121.9, 119.1, 117.4, 112.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>119.0609; Found 119.0595.

**3-Nitroaniline (13b)**:<sup>3d</sup> Reaction was performed in H<sub>2</sub>O for 3 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (4: 1)) as yellow solid. Yield 58 mg, 84%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.57 (d, J = 8.1, 1H,), 7.48-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  149.3, 147.4, 129.9, 120.6, 113.1, 109.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>139.0508; Found 139.0500.

**4-Nitroaniline (14b)**:<sup>3d</sup> Reaction was performed in H<sub>2</sub>O for 3 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (4: 1)) as yellow solid. Yield 56 mg, 81%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.09 (d, *J* = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 9.06 Hz, 1H), 4.40 ( brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  152.4, 139.1, 126.3, 113.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>139.0508; Found 139.0441.

**3-Amino-5-nitrobenzamide (15b):** Reaction was performed in H<sub>2</sub>O for 3 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (4: 1) as orange solid. Yield 43 mg, 48%; M.P. 222 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  8.13 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s,1H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 3H), 6.0 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (600 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  167.0, 150.5, 149.1, 136.8, 119.3, 109.7, 109.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>182.0566 Found 182.0552.

**3,3'-Azobisaniline (18b):** Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 12 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (4: 1)) as brown solid. Yield 42 mg, 40%; M.P. 135 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  7.21 (t, J = 7.77 Hz, 2H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 4H), 6.74-6.73 (m, 2H), 5.42 (brs, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR(150 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  153.5, 150.09, 130.0, 117.3, 112.7, 105.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub> 213.1140 Found 213.1130.

**4-Methoxyaniline (16b):**<sup>3f</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 12 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (19: 1)) as brown solid. Yield 32 mg, 52%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO): 6.62 (d, J = 8.76 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 8.76 Hz, 2H), 4.58 (brs,

2H), 3.60 (s, 3H); (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 151.4, 142.7, 115.4, 114.9, 55.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO 124.0762; Found 124.0751.

**3-Aminobiphenyl (17b)**:<sup>3d</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 10 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (19: 1)) as brown solid. Yield 55 mg, 65%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.57 (d, *J* = 7.50 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.32 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.7, 142.4, 141.4, 129.6, 128.6, 127.2, 127.1, 117.7, 114.1, 113.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N 170.0970;Found 170.0984.

1-Aminonaphthalene (19b):<sup>3d</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 8 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (19: 1)) as brown solid. Yield 53 mg, 75%;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 7.02 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.1, 134.4, 128.5, 126.3, 125.8, 124.9, 123.7, 120.8, 119.0, 109.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N 144.0813; Found 144.0834.

**2-Aminofluorene (20b):**<sup>3a</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 12 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (6: 4)) as brown solid. Yield 54 mg, 61%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 7.56 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.04 Hz, 1H) 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.44 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.41 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.8 (s, 1H), 6.71-6.70 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 3.75 (brs, 2H) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.7, 145.1, 142.2, 142.1, 133.0, 126.6, 125.0, 124.7, 120.6, 118.5, 113.9, 111.8, 36.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 182.0970; Found 182.0959.

5-Aminoisoquinoline (21b):<sup>3d</sup> Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 5 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method **A**) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (6: 4)) as brown solid. Yield 58 mg, 81%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.20 (s, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 5.88 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 5.94 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 4.02 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, J = 4.02 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  153.3, 142.4, 141.6, 129.8, 128.1, 126.3, 118.3, 114.4, 113.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>145.0766; Found 145.0798.

5-Aminoindole (22b) (CAS NUMBER 5192-03-0): Reaction was performed in CH<sub>3</sub>OH for 12 hour and product was obtained by following general procedure described above (method A) and purified by column chromatography (*n*-hexane: ethyl acetate (6: 4)) as brown solid. Yield 43 mg, 66%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  10.53 (s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.46 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.48-6.47(m, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 4.55 (brs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO): 141.4, 130.2, 129.0, 125.1, 112.3, 111.8, 103.7, 100.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>133.0766; Found133.0755. 7. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of isolated compounds S7-S20



#### 4-Iodoaniline (2a) <sup>13</sup>C NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO

#### 3-Bromoaniline (2b) <sup>13</sup>C NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



#### 4-Chloroaniline (2c) <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



#### 4-Chloroaniline (2c), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# 2-Chloro-4-aminoaniline (2d), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



2-Chloro-4-aminoaniline (2d), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# Aniline (2e), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Aniline (2e) <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# 4-Aminobenzamide (2f), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



#### 4-Aminobenzamide (2f), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO:



# 4-Aminobenzenesulphonamide (2g), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



# 4-Aminobenzenesulphonamide (2g), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



# 4-Aminobenzoic acid (2h), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



# 4-Aminobenzoic acid (2h), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



# 4-Aminobenzonitrile (2j) <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# 4-Aminobenzonitrile (2j), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



#### 3-Aminobenzamide (2k), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



#### 3-Aminobenzamide (2k), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



# 3-Aminobenzonitrile (21), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



#### 3-Aminobenzonitrile (21), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# 3-Nitroaniline (2m), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



#### 3-Nitroaniline (2m), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# 4-Nitroaniline (2n), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# 4-Nitroaniline (2n), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# 3-Amino-5-nitrobenzamide (20), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



3-Amino-5-nitrobenzamide (20), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



#### 3,3'-Azobisaniline (2p), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



3,3'-Azobisaniline (2p), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



# 4-Methoxyaniline (2r), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



4-Methoxyaniline (2r), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# 3-Aminobiphenyl (2q), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



#### 3-Aminobiphenyl (2q), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# 1-Aminonaphthalene (2s), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



#### 1-Aminonaphthalene (2s), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



#### 2-Aminoflourene (2t), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



#### 2-Aminoflourene (2t), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# 5-Aminoisoquinoline (2u), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



#### 5-Aminoisoquinoline (2u), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>



# 5-Aminoindole (2v), <sup>13</sup>C NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



#### 5-Aminoindole (2v), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO



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