Supporting Information for

Room-Temperature Cu-Catalyzed *N*-Arylation of Aliphatic

Amines in Neat Water

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1. General Methods

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used as purchased without further purification; all reactions were carried out in 10 mL sealed tubes, under a pure and dry Argon atmosphere. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated silica gel 60 F254 plates. Column chromatography was performed with QDHY 60 A C.C silica gel (35-70 mm). All products were characterized by their NMR, LC/MS. NMR spectras were recorded at 25°C on a 400 MHz or 500 MHz spectrometer working at 400 MHz or 500 MHz for ¹H, at 100 MHz or 125 MHz for ¹³C, respectively. The first order peak patterns are indicated as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quadruplet). Complex nonfirst-order signals are indicated as m (multiplet).

2. Preparation of L1



L1 was assembled according to the reported procedure (*J. Het. Chem.* 1978, *15*, 249). 6,7-Dihydro-5*H*-quinolin-8-one (2.94 g, 20 mmol) was reacted with hydroxylamine hydrochloride (1.47 g, 21 mmol) to afford the title compound (L1) (3.07 g, 95%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 10.03 (br, 1H), 8.46 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.6, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J= 8.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, J= 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.87-1.93 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ152.9, 148.8, 148.1, 136.8, 134.6, 123.5, 28.9, 23.8, 20.7.

3. General Procedure for the Coupling of Ar-I with Aliphatic Amines

A 10 mL sealed tube equipped with a Teflon valve was charged with a magnetic stir bar, CuI (9 mg, 5 mol%), **L1** (10 mg, 6 mol%), KOH (168 mg, 3.0 mmol) and solid aryl iodides (1.0 mmol). The tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon (this procedure was repeated three times). Under a counter flow of Argon, H₂O (1.5 mL), 1.0 mmol aryl iodides (if liquid), 1.5 mmol amines were added by syringe. The tube was sealed quickly. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir under argon at room temperature (25 °C) until completion. Then the mixture was extracted by diethyl ether (3×6 mL). The combined extracts were dried by anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with an eluent of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate.

4. General Procedure for the Coupling of Ar-Br with Aliphatic Amines

A 10 mL sealed tube equipped with a Teflon valve was charged with a magnetic stir bar, CuI (9 mg, 5 mol%), **L1** (10 mg, 6 mol%), KOH (168 mg, 3.0 mmol) and solid aryl bromides (1.0 mmol). The tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon (this procedure was repeated three times). Under a counter flow of Argon, H₂O (1.5 mL), 1.0 mmol aryl bromides (if liquid), 1.5 mmol amines were added by syringe. The tube was sealed quickly. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir under argon at 65 °C until completion. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, then the mixture was extracted by diethyl ether (3×6 mL). The combined extracts were dried by anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with an eluent of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate.

5. General Procedure for the Reuse of the CuI/L1 Catalyst System for the Coupling Reaction: A 10 mL sealed tube equipped with a Teflon valve was charged with a magnetic stir bar, CuI (9 mg, 5 mol%), L1 (10 mg, 6 mol%), KOH (168 mg, 3.0 mmol). The tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon (this procedure was repeated three times). Under a counter flow of Argon, H₂O (1.5 mL), 1.0 mmol aryl iodides, 1.5 mmol amines were added by syringe. The tube was sealed quickly. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir under argon at room temperature (25 °C) until completion. Then the mixture was extracted by diethyl ether (3×6 mL). The combined extracts were dried by anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with an eluent of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate.

The residue mixture of CuBr/L1 catalyst system was was evaporated under vacuo and subjected to a second run of the C-N coupling reaction by charging with the same substrates (aryl-I 1.0 mmol, amine 1.5 mmol, and KOH 2.0 mmol). The results were listed as follows:

Table 1. Reuse of the CuI/L1 Catalyst System for the coupling of 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene with *n*-hexylamine.



6. Spectral and Analytic Data of 3a-4j: All compounds were identified by spectral comparison with literature data.

N-*n*-hexyl-3,5-dimethylbenzenamine (3a).^[1] Pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 6.5 (s, 1H), 6.38 (s, Me 2H), 3.56 (s, 1H), 3.19 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 1.77-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.43 (m, 6H), 1.04 (t, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) : δ 148.8, 138.9, 119.3, 110.9, 44.2, 31.8, 29.8, 27.0, 22.8, 21.6, 14.2.

N-n-hexyl-4-acety-benzenamine (3b). $^{[2]}$ White solid. 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.81 (d, J= 8.8 Hz, 2H),06.55 (d, J= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (br s, 1H), 3.15 (t, J= 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.49 (s, 3H),Me1.67-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.27 (m, 6H), 0.91 (m, 3 H); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 196.3, 152.4, 130.8, 126.4, 111.3, 43.4, 31.6, 29.2, 26.7, 25.9, 22.6, 14.0.

N-*n***-hexyl-4-benzonitrile (3c)**. ^[3] Pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.39 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.55 NC (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 3.11 (t, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.25 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) : δ 151.3, 133.7, 120.5, 112.3, 98.5, 43.5, 31.5, 29.1, 26.7, 22.6, 14.0.

N-hexyl-4-nitroaniline (**3d**). ^[4] Pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (d, J= 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, ^{O₂N} J= 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (m, 7H), 0.92 (t, J= 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.3, 138.0, 126.4, 110.0, 43.6, 31.5, 29.1, 26.7, 22.6, 14.0.

N-*n***-hexyl-4-chloroaniline (3e).**^[3] Pale purple oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.11 (dd, *J*= 6.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), Clock 6.51 (dd, *J*= 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (s, 1H), 3.06 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.30 (m, 6H), 0.92 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) : δ 147.1, 129.0, 121.6, 113.8, 44.2, 31.7, 29.4, 26.8, 22.7, 14.1.

4-Bromo-N-hexylaniline (3f). ^[5] Pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.25 (t, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, Br N H J= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (br, 1H), 3.07 (t, *J*= 7.2, Hz, 2H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.42 (m, 7H), 0.91 (t, *J*= 6.8, Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.4, 131.9, 114.3, 108.7, 44.1, 31.6, 29.4, 26.8, 22.6, 14.0.

N-*n***-hexylbenzenamine (3g).**^[3] Pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.69 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 1H), 3.10 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.67-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.29 (m, 6H), 0.91 (t, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) : δ 148.3, 129.2, 117.3, 112.9, 44.2, 31.7, 29.5, 26.9, 22.7, 14.1.

N-n-hexyl-4-methoxybenzenamine (3h).[3]Pale-yellow oil.¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 6.82 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 2H),MeO2H), 6.62 (d, J= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 1H), 3.08 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 2H),1.63 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.35 (m, 6H), 0.94 (t, J= 6.8 Hz, 3H);¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 152.1, 142.8, 114.9, 114.1, 55.8, 45.1, 31.7, 29.7, 26.9, 22.7, 14.1.

N-benzyl-4-methoxybenzenamine (3j). ^[6] White solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.43-7.33 (m, 5H), 6.84 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 152.3, 142.5, 139.8, 128.7, 127.7, 127.3, 115.0, 114.3, 55.7, 49.3.

N-cyclohexyl-4-chloro-benzenamine (3k). ^[7] White solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.28-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.53 (m, 2H), 3.61 (br s, 1H), 3.27-3.19 (m, 1H), 2.08-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.24 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 145.9, 129.1, 121.4, 114.3, 51.9, 33.3, 25.9, 24.9.

N-Allyl-*p***-phenylenediamine (3l)**. ^[8] Brown oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 6.66-6.55 (m, 4H), 6.01-5.92 (m, H), 5.24 (m, 1H), 5.13 (m, 1H), 3.72 (br s, 2H), 4.58 (br s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 140.9, 137.9, 135.8, 116.9, 116.3, 115.1, 47.9.

N-[2-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]-acetamide (3m). ^[8] Pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.54 (br s, 1H), NHAc

8.33 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.02 (m, 3H), 2.79 (br s, 4H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.74 (br s, 4H), 1.62 (br s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 168.0, 142.4, 133.5, 124.9, 123.5, 120.3, 119.3, 53.7, 26.9, 24.9, 24.0.

2-(4-methoxybenzylamino)benzoic acid (3n). ^[9] White solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.79 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, $\bigwedge^{\text{CO}_2\text{H}}$ -OMe 1H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ

158.8, 151.1, 134.8, 132.1, 131.5, 128.9, 114.9, 114.4, 112.1, 111.5, 55.5, 45.9.

(4-(Benzylamino)phenyl)methanol (30). ^[10] Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.29 (m, HO, Ph, 1H), 7.18 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 147.7, 139.2, 130.1, 128.9, 128.7, 127.5, 127.3, 113.0, 65.4, 48.4.

4-pyrrolidinonitrobenzene (3p). ^[11] Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (*d*-DMSO): δ 8.02 (d, *J*= 9.6 Hz, 2H),

6.56 (d, *J*= 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (t, *J*= 5.6 Hz, 4H), 1.96 (t, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (*d*-DMSO): δ 152.3, 135.7, 126.4, 111.3, 48.2, 25.4.

N-(Pyridin-2-ylmethyl)aniline (**3q**). ^[12] White solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.59 (d, *J*= 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 158.5, 149.1, 147.9, 136.7, 129.3, 122.1, 121.6, 117.6, 113.1, 49.3.

2-*p***-Tolylaminoethanol (3r**). ^[10] Pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.03 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, ^{Me} OH *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (t, *J*= 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (br s, 2H), 3.24 (t, *J*= 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 145.8, 129.8, 127.3, 113.7, 61.1, 46.7, 20.4.

N-Benzyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (3s).^[10] White solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), ^H 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.31 (m,1H), 6.65 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (s, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 150.3, 138.3, 128.8, 127.6, 127.4, 126.6, 126.3, 123.6, 112.2, 47.9.

N-Benzylpyridin-2-amine (3t).^[13] Pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.11 (d, *J*= 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.61 (dd, *J*= 6.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (br, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J*= 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 158.5, 147.9, 139.1, 137.6, 128.7, 127.4, 127.3, 113.2, 106.9, 46.3.

3-(Cyclohexylamino)pyridine (3u). ^[1] Whit solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.01 (br s, 1H), 7.91 (br s, H), 7.05 (br s, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (br s, 1H), 3.28-3.21 (m, 1H), 2.05-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.26 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 143.5, 137.9, 136.1, 123.8, 118.8, 51.4, 33.2, 25.8, 24.9. **2-[N-(2-thiophenmethyl)]-pyridinamine (3v).** ^[8] White solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.13 (m, 1H), $\bigwedge_{N} \bigwedge_{N} \bigwedge_$

N-Isopropylpyridin-2-amine (3w).^[14] Pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, J= 4.4 Hz, 1H), Me 7.43 (m, 1H), 6.55 (dd, J= 6.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (br, 1H), 3.93 (m, 1H), 1.24 (d, J= 6.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 158.1, 148.0, 137.5, 112.4, 106.8, 43.1, 23.0.

3-[N-(3-morpholinopropyl)]thiophenamine (3x).^[8] Brown oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.15 (dd, *J*=4.8 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, *J*=5.2 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (m, 1H), 3.73 (m, 4H), 3.16 (t, *J*=6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (m, 6H), 1.87-1.81 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) : δ 148.9, 125.1, 119.9, 95.2, 66.9, 57.6, 53.7, 45.5, 25.5.

4-(N-benzyl)-1-methyl-1H- pyrazolamine (3y).^[8] Brown oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.39-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 139.6, 134.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.2, 116.7, 52.2, 39.1.

N-(2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-4-methoxyaniline (3z). ^[15] Brown solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.13 (br., 1H), 7.69 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d, J= 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J= 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.53 (t, J= 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (t, J=6.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.2, 142.6, 136.5,

127.5, 122.2, 119.4, 118.9, 115.0, 114.5, 113.4, 111.3, 55.9, 45.1, 25.2.

N-(4-methoxybenzyl)- 4-methoxy-benzenamine (4b). ^[16] White solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 152.5, 142.0, 131.4, 128.9, 114.9, 114.5, 114.0, 55.8, 55.3, 48.9.

1-(N-cyclohexyl)-naphthalenamine (4d). ^[17] Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.87-7.83 (m, 2H), H 7.52-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (br s, 1H), 3.57-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.19-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.41 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) : δ 142.3, 134.6, 128.7, 126.7, 125.6, 124.5, 123.5, 119.9, 116.8, 104.9, 51.9, 33.3, 26.1, 25.1.

4-(3-morpholinopropylamino)-benzylnol (4f). ^[8] White solid. ¹H NMR (*d*-DMSO): δ 7.00 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.5 (br s, 1H), 4.77 (t, *J*= 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, *J*= 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (s, 4H), 3.03 (br s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 6H), 1.66 (t, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (*d*-DMSO): δ 148.5, 129.8, 128.4, 112.1, 66.7, 63.6, 56.7, 53.9, 41.8, 26.1.

1-(4-Nitrophenyl)piperidine (4g).^[11] Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.12 (d, *J*= 9.6 Hz, 2H), 6.83 O₂N (d, *J*= 9.6 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (s, 4H), 1.70 (s, 7H); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃): δ 154.7, 137.8, 126.1, 112.7, 48.7, 25.2, 24.2.

3-[N-(2-methylthiophen)]-6-methoxy-pyridinamine (**4h**. ^[8] White solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J*= 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.63 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.74 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 157.8, 142.5, 138.4, 130.9, 126.9, 126.3, 125.2, 124.8, 110.8, 53.4, 44.4.

3-[N-(2-(methylthio)ethyl)]-pyridineamine (4i). ^[8] Yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J*= 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (br s, 1H), 3.29 (t, *J*= 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, *J*= 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 143.9, 138.8, 135.9, 123.8, 118.9, 41.5, 33.4, 15.0.

2-(N-Methylpiperazino)-5-nitropyridine (4j). ^[19] Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 9.03 (t, *J*= 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (m, 1H), 6.57 (dd, *J*= 9.6 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J*= 4.4 Hz, 4H), 2.57 (d, *J*= 4.0 Hz, 4H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 160.3, 146.4, Me 135.1, 133.0, 104.6, 54.5, 45.9, 44.7.

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