

*Supporting Information for*

## **Rh-catalyzed Aminative Dearomatization of 2-Naphthols**

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**General methods.** Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a dry argon atmosphere. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use.

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian instrument (400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively), an Agilent instrument (400, 600 MHz and 100, 150 MHz, respectively) or a Bruker instrument (400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to tetramethylsilane signal or residual protio solvent signals.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian instrument, Agilent instrument (376 MHz) or a Bruker instrument (376 MHz) and internally referenced to  $\text{CFCl}_3$ . Data for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, brs = broad singlet, coupling constant (s) in Hz, integration). Data for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm).

## Optimization of reaction conditions

**Table S1 DPH equivalent screening**

CC1=C(O)C=CC2=CC=CC=C12 (**1a**, 0.2 mmol) + O=[N+]([O-])c1ccc(cc1)[N+](=O)[O-] (**2 (DPH)**, X equiv)  $\xrightarrow[\text{MeOH, rt}]{\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2 \text{ (1 mol\%)}}$  CC1=C(C(=O)N)C=CC2=CC=CC=C12 (**3**)

| entry <sup>a</sup> | X          | <b>1a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup> | <b>3</b> (%) <sup>b</sup> |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1                  | 1.5        | 31                         | 49                        |
| 2 <sup>c</sup>     | 1.5        | 28                         | 51                        |
| 3                  | 2.0        | 16                         | 49                        |
| <b>4</b>           | <b>3.0</b> | <b>7</b>                   | <b>57</b>                 |
| 5 <sup>c</sup>     | 3.0        | 5                          | 56                        |
| 6                  | 5.0        | 2                          | 55                        |

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.2X mmol), Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> (1 mol%) in MeOH (2.0 mL) at rt, <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mmol) as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup> 2 mol% of Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> was used.

**Table S2 Base screening**

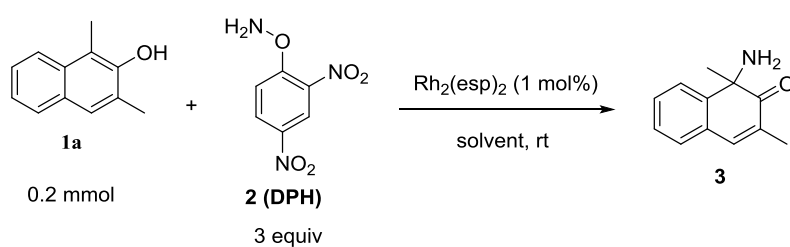
CC1=C(O)C=CC2=CC=CC=C12 (**1a**, 0.2 mmol) + O=[N+]([O-])c1ccc(cc1)[N+](=O)[O-] (**2 (DPH)**, 3 equiv)  $\xrightarrow[\text{MeOH, base, rt}]{\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2 \text{ (1 mol\%)}}$  CC1=C(C(=O)N)C=CC2=CC=CC=C12 (**3**)

| entry <sup>a</sup> | base                           | <b>1a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup> | <b>3</b> (%) <sup>b</sup> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1                  | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | 28                         | 46                        |
| 2                  | K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> | 27                         | 40                        |

|          |                                 |          |           |
|----------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 3        | Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | 24       | 37        |
| 4        | <sup>t</sup> BuOK               |          | 0         |
| 5        | KOAc                            | 15       | 0         |
| 6        | Et <sub>3</sub> N               | 48       | 0         |
| 7        | DBU                             | 47       | 0         |
| 8        | DABCO                           | 71       | 0         |
| <b>9</b> | -                               | <b>7</b> | <b>57</b> |

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.6 mmol), base (0.3 mmol), Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> (1 mol%) in MeOH (2.0 mL) at rt, <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mmol) as an internal standard.

**Table S3 Solvent screening**

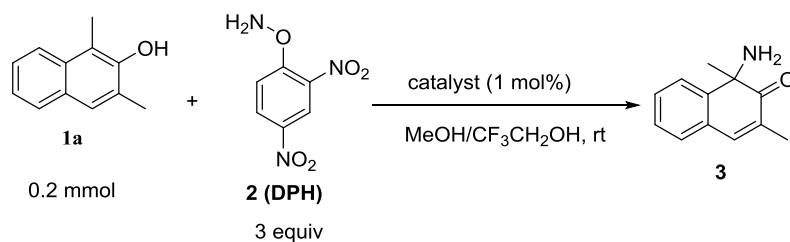


| entry <sup>a</sup> | solvent                            | <b>1a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup> | <b>3</b> (%) <sup>b</sup> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>1</b>           | <b>MeOH</b>                        | <b>7</b>                   | <b>57</b>                 |
| 2                  | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH | 10                         | 50                        |
| 3                  | <sup>i</sup> PrOH                  | 17                         | 49                        |
| 4                  | <sup>t</sup> BuOH                  | 27                         | 37                        |
| 5                  | <sup>t</sup> Amyl-OH               | 43                         | 26                        |
| 6                  | CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH | 3                          | 49                        |
| 7                  | HFIP                               | 47                         | -                         |
| 8                  | EtOAc                              | 33                         | 31                        |
| 9                  | CH <sub>3</sub> CN                 | 28                         | 42                        |

|           |                                                           |          |                            |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| 10        | toluene                                                   | 43       | -                          |
| 11        | dioxane                                                   | 30       | -                          |
| 12        | DMSO                                                      | -        | -                          |
| 13        | Et <sub>3</sub> N                                         | -        | -                          |
| 14        | MeOH (1 mL)                                               | 5        | 38                         |
| 15        | MeOH (4 mL)                                               | 9        | 55                         |
| 16        | MeOH/EtOAc                                                | 11       | 55                         |
| <b>17</b> | <b>MeOH/CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH<sup>d</sup></b>    | <b>2</b> | <b>61 (59<sup>c</sup>)</b> |
| 19        | CH <sub>3</sub> CN/CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH     | -        | 50 <sup>c</sup>            |
| 20        | <sup>t</sup> Amyl-OH/CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH   | -        | 40 <sup>c</sup>            |
| 21        | <sup>i</sup> PrOH/CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH      | -        | 49 <sup>c</sup>            |
| 22        | MeOH (1.6 mL)/CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH (0.4 mL) | -        | 53 <sup>c</sup>            |
| 23        | MeOH (0.4 mL)/CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH (1.6 mL) | -        | 48 <sup>c</sup>            |

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.6 mmol), Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> (1 mol%) in MeOH (2.0 mL) at rt, <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mmol) as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>d</sup> CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH (1.0 mL) and MeOH (1.0 mL) were used as co-solvent.

**Table S4 catalyst screening**



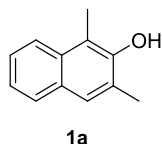
| entry <sup>a</sup> | catalyst                               | <b>1a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup> | <b>3</b> (%) <sup>b</sup> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>1</b>           | <b>Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub></b> | <b>2</b>                   | <b>61</b>                 |
| 2                  | Rh <sub>2</sub> (OAc) <sub>4</sub>     | 53                         | 11                        |

|    |                                    |            |       |
|----|------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| 3  | Rh <sub>2</sub> (TFA) <sub>4</sub> | 97         | -     |
| 4  | [Rh(COD)Cl] <sub>2</sub>           | 97         | trace |
| 5  | RhCl <sub>3</sub>                  | 100        | -     |
| 6  | [Ir(COD)Cl] <sub>2</sub>           | 90         | trace |
| 7  | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>               | 100        | -     |
| 8  | CuBr                               | 67         | trace |
| 9  | CuI                                | decomposed | -     |
| 10 | Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>               | 78         | trace |
| 11 | Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>               | 100        | -     |
| 12 | Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>               | 100        | -     |
| 13 | JohnPhosAuCl                       | 100        | -     |

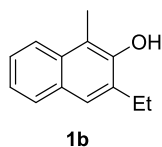
<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.6 mmol), catalyst (1 mol%) in CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH (1.0 mL) and MeOH (1.0 mL) at rt, <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mmol) as an internal standard.

### General procedure for the synthesis of substrates

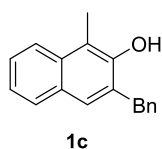
The synthesis of substituted naphthols was accomplished following the reported procedures.<sup>1, 3-7</sup>



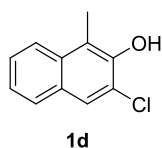
**1a**,<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).



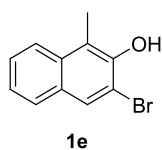
**1b**,<sup>2</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 2.80 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H).



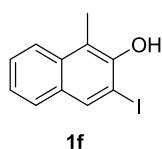
**1c**,<sup>3</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.88 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.22 (m, 6H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H).



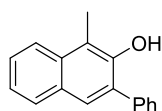
**1d**,<sup>1</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.87 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H).



**1e**,<sup>1</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.90-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H).

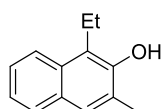


**1f**,<sup>1</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.14 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H).



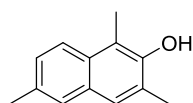
**1g**

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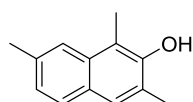
**1h**

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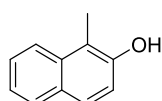
**1i**

**1i**,  $^4\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).



**1j**

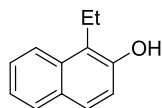
**1j**,  $^5\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 2.51 (s, 6H), 2.41 (s, 3H).



**1k**

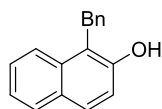


**1k**, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H).



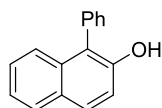
**1k**

**1l**, <sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 3.07 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H).



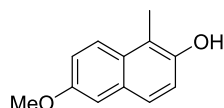
**1m**

**1m**, <sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.14 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H).



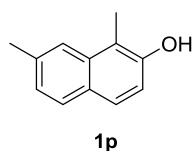
**1n**

**1n**, <sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H).

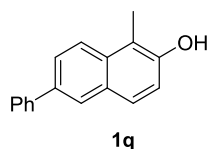


**1o**

**1o**, <sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H).

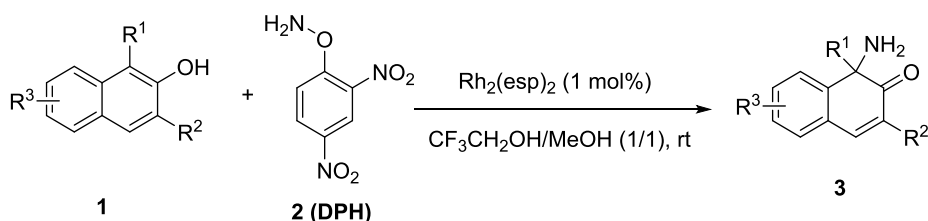


**1p**,<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H).

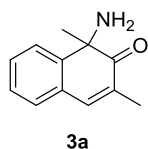


**1q**,<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.56 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

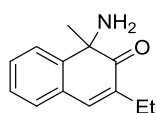
### General procedure for the aminative dearomatization of naphthols



Naphthol derivative **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to an oven-dried Schlenk tube, CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH (1 mL) and MeOH (1 mL) were added under argon at room temperature. To this solution were added Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mg, 0.002 mmol, 0.01 equiv) and DPH **2** (120 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv). After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the reaction was quenched by saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was then purified by silica gel column chromatography [PE/EtOAc = 5/1, then PE/EtOAc = 5/1 (1% Et<sub>3</sub>N)] to afford the desired product **3**.

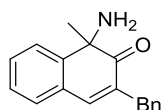


**3a:** Yellow oil, 22.1 mg, 59% yield,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.23 (m, 2H), 2.04 (brs, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  206.6, 145.4, 141.3, 131.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 127.5, 126.0, 60.9, 32.7, 15.8; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3359, 3294; 3044, 2968, 2923, 1653, 1438, 1361, 1262, 1091, 1026, 894, 819, 745; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 188.1070. Found: 188.1064.



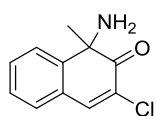
**3b**

**3b:** Yellow oil, 24.6 mg, 61% yield,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 2.54-2.34 (m, 2H), 1.96 (brs, 2H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  206.2, 145.2, 139.5, 136.7, 129.3, 128.6, 127.5, 125.9, 61.2, 32.5, 22.4, 12.6; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3358, 3296, 3048, 2959, 1659, 1448, 1378, 1255, 1084, 1019, 936, 881, 817, 758; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 202.1226. Found: 202.1221.



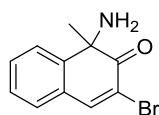
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**3c:** Yellow oil, 30.9 mg, 59% yield,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.18 (m, 8H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 3.79 (AB,  $J_{\text{AB}}$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (BA,  $J_{\text{BA}}$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (brs, 2H), 1.35 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  205.8, 145.4, 141.5, 138.9, 134.6, 129.6, 129.10, 129.08, 129.0, 128.5, 127.5, 126.4, 126.0, 61.4, 35.5, 32.6; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3357, 3297, 3039, 2915, 1656, 1500, 1439, 1374, 1321, 1258, 1086, 970, 894, 816, 750, 710; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 264.1383. Found: 264.1376.



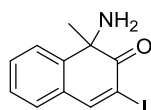
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**3d**: Yellow oil, 20.9 mg, 50% yield,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 1.99 (brs, 2H), 1.45 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  199.5, 145.0, 142.5, 130.7, 129.1, 128.4, 128.06, 128.02, 126.6, 63.2, 32.8; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3359, 3298, 2920, 1675, 1598, 1496, 1444, 1341, 1221, 1146, 1083, 1023, 933, 839, 754; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClNO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 208.0524. Found: 208.0519.



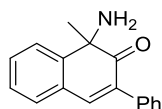
**3e**

**3e**: Yellow solid, 25.7 mg, 51% yield, m.p. 60-62 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 1.99 (brs, 2H), 1.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  199.6, 146.7, 145.4, 130.9, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0, 126.6, 120.0, 63.1, 32.8; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3363, 2983, 2921, 2311, 2097, 1857, 1660, 1586, 1439, 1333, 1217, 1150, 1076, 915, 824, 767; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrNO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 252.0019. Found: 252.0012.



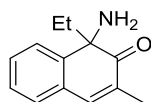
**3f**

**3f**: Yellow solid, 27.0 mg, 45% yield, m.p. 96-98 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.18 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.25 (m, 1H), 2.12 (brs, 2H), 1.43 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  200.8, 154.1, 145.9, 131.0, 130.1, 128.9, 127.9, 126.5, 98.8, 62.1, 32.9; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3358, 3298, 2978, 2918, 2956, 2307, 2104, 1654, 1577, 1438, 1334, 1211, 1146, 1072, 1022, 892, 825, 758; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{INO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 299.9880. Found: 299.9871.



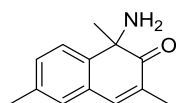
**3g**

**3g:** Yellow solid, 30.6 mg, 61% yield, m.p. 138-140 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.31 (m, 6H), 2.18 (brs, 2H), 1.52 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  205.2, 145.6, 141.4, 135.5, 134.2, 130.1, 129.6, 129.2, 128.35, 128.32, 128.2, 127.7, 126.0, 62.3, 32.3; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3371, 3310, 3044, 2921, 2861, 2308, 2105, 1658, 1458, 1358, 1292, 1205, 1066, 925, 828, 745, 709; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 250.1226. Found: 250.1220.



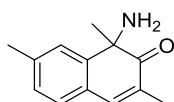
**3h**

**3h:** Yellow oil, 21.4 mg, 53% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.72 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 2H), 2.14 (brs, 2H), 2.0 (s, 3H), 1.86-1.69 (m, 2H), 0.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  206.3, 143.9, 141.5, 132.0, 130.2, 129.0, 128.3, 127.5, 126.5, 64.2, 39.1, 15.6, 8.2; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3356, 3043, 2928, 2866, 1652, 1442, 1368, 1322, 1260, 1029, 922, 816, 753; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 202.1226. Found: 202.1221.



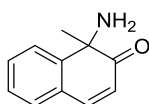
**3i**

**3i:** Yellow oil, 22.2 mg, 55% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.01 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.81 (brs, 2H), 1.37 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  206.8, 142.5, 141.5, 137.2, 131.1, 130.1, 129.2, 129.1, 126.0, 60.7, 32.7, 21.0, 15.9; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3572, 3355, 3290, 2921, 2868, 1651, 1502, 1440, 1368, 1269, 1100, 1026, 900, 818, 761; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 202.1226. Found: 202.1221.



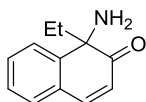
**3j**

**3j:** Yellow oil, 21.2 mg, 53% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 (s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.14-7.07 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.02-2.00 (m, 5H), 1.38 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  206.5, 145.3, 141.4, 139.7, 130.0, 128.5, 128.2, 126.8, 126.6, 60.9, 32.8, 21.6, 15.7; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3358, 3292, 2964, 2920, 2867, 1650, 1514, 1439, 1370, 1258, 1179, 1096, 1026, 964, 892, 810, 722; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 202.1226. Found: 202.1221.



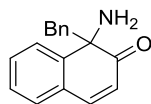
**3k**

**3k:** Yellow oil, 33.3 mg, 64% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.20 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (brs, 2H), 1.42 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  206.3, 146.2, 145.1, 130.5, 129.4, 128.9, 127.6, 126.3, 123.5, 61.3, 32.6; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3356, 3294, 3048, 2971, 1660, 1448, 1225, 1146, 1077, 1023, 897, 815, 755, 679; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 174.0913. Found: 174.0909.



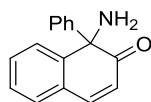
**3l**

**3l:** Yellow oil, 24.2 mg, 65% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.19 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.88-1.71 (m, 5H), 0.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  206.3, 145.2, 145.1, 130.2, 129.8, 129.2, 127.5, 126.8, 124.4, 64.4, 38.9, 8.2; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3356, 3295, 3049, 2957, 1658, 1451, 1373, 1221, 1082, 950, 824, 755, 680; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 188.1070. Found: 188.1065.



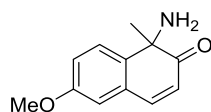
**3m**

**3m:** Yellow oil, 28.9 mg, 58% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.07 (m, 5H), 6.68-6.61 (m, 2H), 6.03 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.02 (AB,  $J_{AB} = 12.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.96 (BA,  $J_{BA} = 12.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.96 (brs, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  205.5, 144.9, 144.2, 134.5, 130.1, 130.04, 130.01, 129.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.8, 124.3, 65.3, 52.4; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3356, 3291, 3039, 2922, 2848, 1658, 1445, 1225, 1076, 1012, 820, 752, 690; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 250.1226. Found: 250.1221.



**3n**

**3n:** Yellow solid, 21 mg, 45% yield, m.p. 70-72  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.16 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.42 (brs, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  203.2, 145.2, 144.8, 142.8, 130.6, 129.8, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 125.8, 124.1, 66.1; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3356, 3294, 3052, 2916, 2306, 2107, 1651, 1594, 1478, 1394, 1231, 1106, 1026, 972, 854, 826, 751, 684; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 236.1070. Found: 236.1064.



**3o**

**3o:** Yellow oil, 20.0 mg, 49% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.14 (brs, 2H), 1.40 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  206.3, 158.9, 144.9, 138.0, 129.9, 127.6, 124.0, 115.8, 114.5, 60.7, 55.4, 32.3; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 2935, 2845, 2101, 1658, 1584, 1478, 1447,

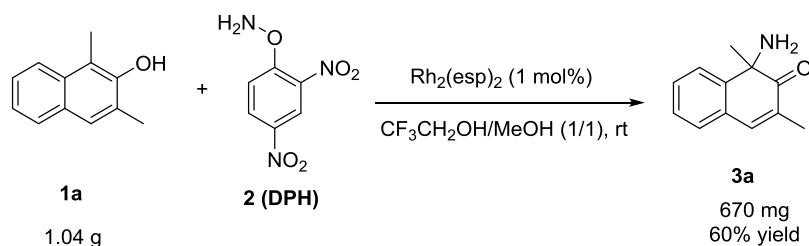
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## Gram-scale reaction

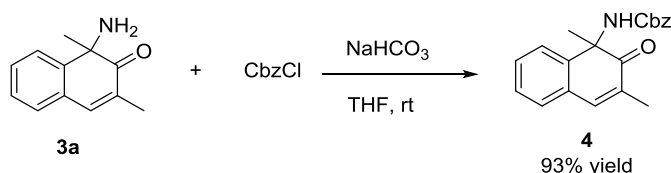


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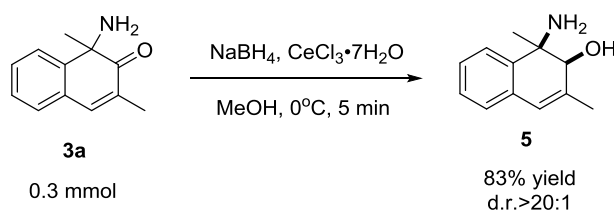


aminative dearomatization of **1a** in 6.0 mmol scale gave the desired product **3a** in 60% yield (670 mg).

### Transformations of product **3a**.



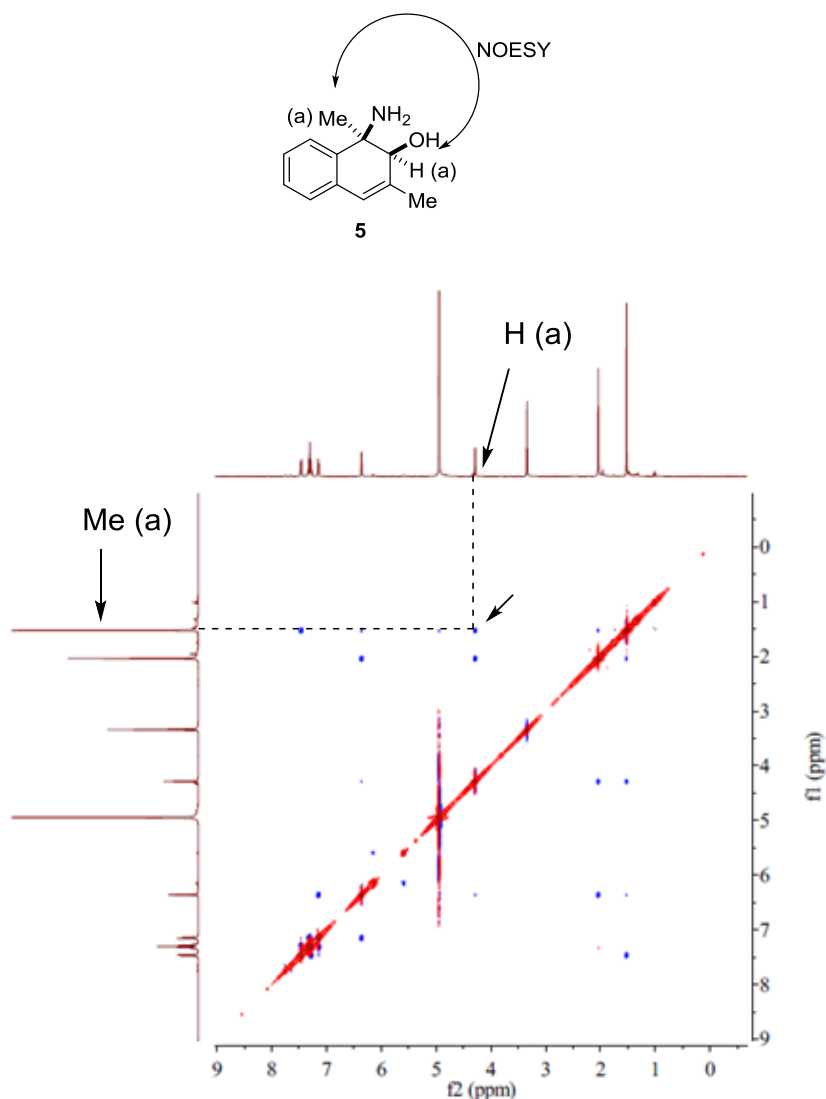
A flame-dried Schlenk tube was cooled down to room temperature under argon. To this tube were added **3a** (56.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and THF (2.0 mL). Then the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, then NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (28 mg, 0.33 mmol) and CbzCl (47 µL, 0.33 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was then purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 5/1) to afford the desired product **4** as a yellow solid.<sup>10</sup> 90 mg, 93% yield. Two rotamers were observed by NMR. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.47 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38-6.99 (m, 9H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 4.98 and 4.66 (s, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H).



A flame-dried Schlenk tube was cooled down to room temperature under argon. To this tube were added **3a** (56.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), CeCl<sub>3</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O (157 mg, 0.42 mmol), and MeOH (3.0 mL). Then the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (23 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added. After completion (5 mins), the reaction was quenched by adding saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (3.0 mL). The mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL x 3). The combined ethyl acetate extracts were

washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and filtrated. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography [PE/EtOAc = 1:1 – DCM/MeOH = 5:1 (1%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ )] to afford **5** as a grey sticky. 47 mg, 83% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  7.47 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  138.3, 135.8, 132.4, 128.4, 127.1, 126.4, 123.3, 123.0, 74.2, 58.7, 18.6, 18.2; IR (thin film):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3341, 2905, 1596, 1490, 1439, 1376, 1283, 1244, 1129, 1081, 995, 945, 872, 835, 756, 647, 588, 548, 494, 424; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 190.1226. Found: 190.1227.

The relative configuration of **5** is assigned via NOESY spectra.



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