

Conversion of furfural to tetrahydrofuran-derived secondary amines under mild conditions

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Experimental Section

Chemicals

Furfural (99%), 1-butylamine (99.5%), 1-octylamine (99%), 1-dodecylamine (98%), cyclohexylamine (99%), ethanolamine (99%, Sigma-Aldrich), 3-amino-1-propanol (99%), amino-2-propanol (93%), 3-amino-1,2-propanediol (97%), aniline (99%), benzylamine (99%), *p*-toluidine (99%, Sigma-Aldrich), *p*-anisidine (99%), ethylenediamine (99%), 3,4-dimethoxyphenethylamine (97%), N,N-dimethylethylenediamine (95%), 3-(dimethylamino)-1-propylamine (99%), 3-(diethylamino)propylamine (99%) and acetonitrile (99.8%), all supplied by Sigma-Aldrich, were used as reagents. Ethanol (99.8%), tetrahydrofuran (99.9%) and toluene (99.8%), all supplied by Sigma-Aldrich, were used as solvents for the catalytic tests. Chloroform-*d* (99.8 atom% D) and dimethyl sulfoxide-*D*₆ (99.8 atom% D), also supplied by Sigma-Aldrich, were used as deuterated solvents for NMR analysis. Finally, Pt(5%)/C, Pt(5%)/Al₂O₃, Pd(5%)/C, Pd(5%)/Al₂O₃, all provided by Johnson Matthey, were used as catalysts,.

General procedure for synthesis of secondary amines

The reactions were carried in a 20-mL round bottom flask equipped with a H₂ balloon. In a typical experiment, the reactor was charged with 1 mmol of furfural, 1 mmol of the given amine, 5 g of ethanol and 9.6 mg of the catalyst. The reactor was sealed and flushed with H₂ three times. Then a H₂ balloon (0.1 MPa H₂) was introduced into the reactor and the reaction was started. After the reaction, the products were analyzed and quantified on a BRUKER SCION 455-GC equipped with a HP-5MS capillary column with 5 wt% phenyl groups, a FID detector, and a split/splitless injection. N-dodecane was used as internal standard. ¹H and ¹³C NMR and HRMS analyses were also performed.

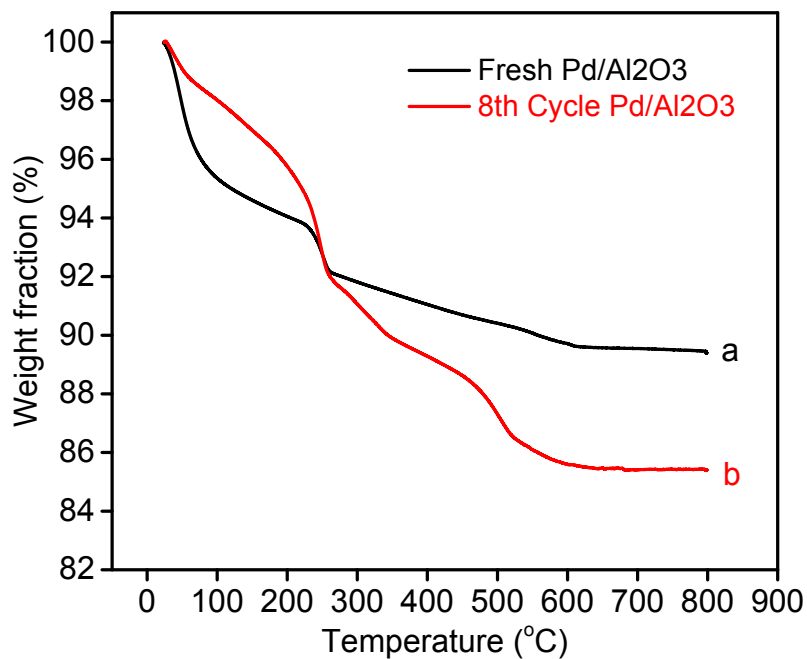


Fig. S1 TG profiles of Pd/Al₂O₃ under air: (a) fresh and (b) spent catalyst.

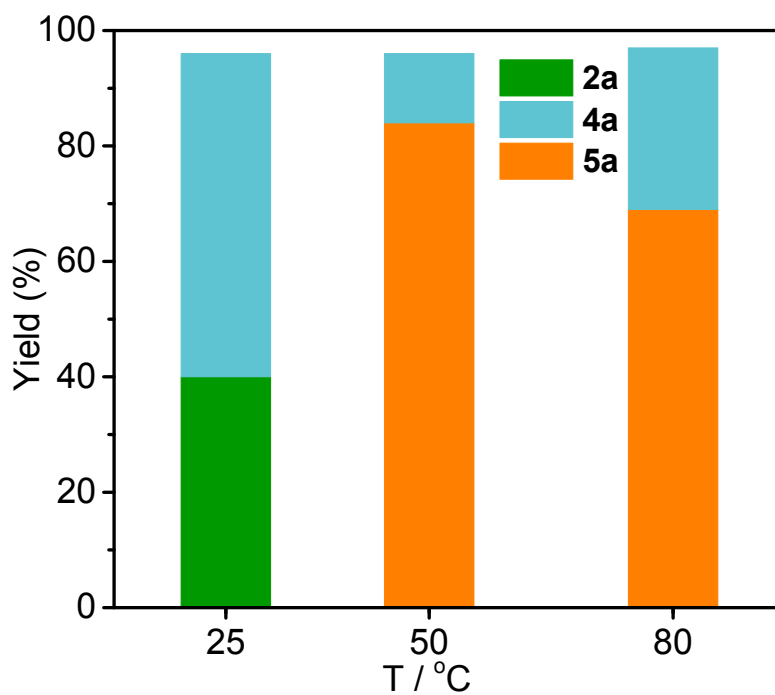
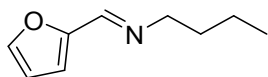


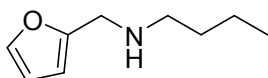
Fig. S2 Effect of reaction temperature; Reaction conditions: FF (1 mmol), BuNH₂ (1 mmol), EtOH (5 g), Pd/Al₂O₃ (10 mg), H₂ (1 MPa).

Characterization of products



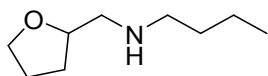
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (td, J = 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 1.76 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.26 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.61, 149.35, 144.52, 113.55, 111.49, 61.59, 32.90, 20.42, 13.87.



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35 (dd, J = 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dd, J = 3.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 2.66 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.41 (m, 3H), 1.38 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.89 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

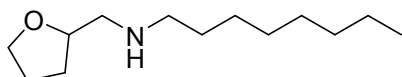
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 154.07, 141.70, 110.05, 106.73, 48.88, 46.29, 32.11, 20.45, 14.00.



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.98 (qd, J = 7.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dt, J = 8.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 2.69 – 2.53 (m, 4H), 2.00 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.40 (m, 4H), 1.38 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 78.36, 67.88, 54.63, 49.93, 32.27, 29.35, 25.77, 20.50, 14.05.

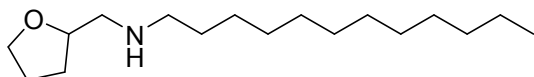
HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 158.1539; found 158.1540



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.99 (qd, J = 7.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dt, J = 8.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 2.74 – 2.51 (m, 4H), 2.05 – 1.77 (m, 3H), 1.61 – 1.38 (m, 4H), 1.36 – 1.16 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 10H), 0.96 – 0.75 (m, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 78.37, 67.87, 54.62, 50.27, 31.83, 30.15, 29.55, 29.36, 29.26, 27.38, 25.77, 22.66, 14.09.

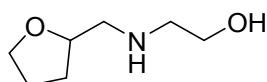
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.00 (qd, $J = 7.4, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dt, $J = 8.3, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 2.75 – 2.53 (m, 4H), 2.02 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.64 (brs, 1H), 1.58 – 1.41 (m, 3H), 1.35 – 1.17 (m, 18H), 0.93 – 0.80 (m, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 78.32, 67.89, 54.58, 50.25, 31.92, 30.11, 29.67, 29.64, 29.62, 29.61, 29.59, 29.37, 29.35, 27.38, 25.77, 22.69, 14.12.

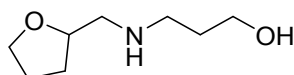
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^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 78.30, 67.96, 60.82, 53.76, 51.14, 29.22, 25.80.

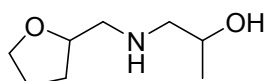
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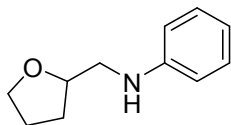
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 77.90, 68.01, 64.34, 53.97, 49.97, 30.55, 29.14, 25.87.

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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.04 – 3.93 (m, 1H), 3.90 – 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.80 – 3.66 (m, 2H), 2.76 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.5 (brs, 2H), 2.61 (dd, $J = 12.1, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (ddd, $J = 12.1, 9.5, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.01 – 1.78 (m, 3H), 1.64 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.13 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H).

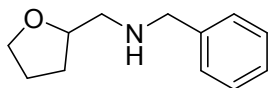
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1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.23 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.74 – 6.67 (m, 1H), 6.67 – 6.59 (m, 2H), 4.14 (qd, J = 7.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (brs, 1H), 3.89 (dt, J = 8.4, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dt, J = 8.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 12.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 12.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.60 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 148.40, 129.21, 117.48, 113.04, 77.58, 68.06, 48.19, 29.12, 25.82.

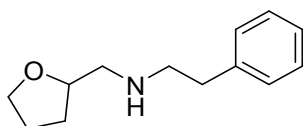
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1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 4.04 (qd, J = 7.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.79 (m, 3H), 3.74 (dt, J = 8.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.57 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.47 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 140.18, 128.36, 128.15, 126.90, 78.30, 67.95, 53.95, 53.64, 29.28, 25.80.

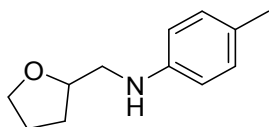
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1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 3.99 (qd, J = 7.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dt, J = 8.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dt, J = 8.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.85 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.75 – 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.80 (m, 3H), 1.63 (brs, 1H), 1.57 – 1.44 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 140.11, 128.71, 128.42, 126.08, 78.33, 67.93, 54.41, 51.60, 36.53, 29.37, 25.78.

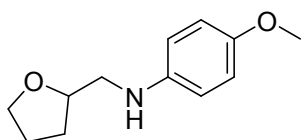
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^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.16, 129.70, 126.70, 113.25, 77.63, 68.04, 48.63, 29.13, 25.83, 20.41.

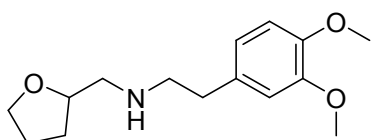
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.87 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.69 – 6.52 (m, 2H), 4.12 (qd, J = 7.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.01 – 3.59 (m, 6H), 3.21 (dd, J = 12.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 12.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.59 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.19, 142.66, 114.84, 114.40, 77.63, 68.04, 55.81, 49.33, 29.14, 25.83.

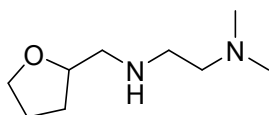
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^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.82, 147.34, 132.65, 120.53, 111.95, 111.24, 78.26, 67.93, 55.90, 55.80, 54.40, 51.67, 35.99, 29.37, 25.76.

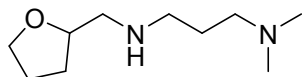
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^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 78.37, 67.88, 59.22, 54.63, 47.68, 45.64, 29.42, 25.72.

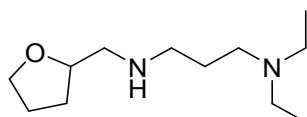
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.99 (qd, $J = 7.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dt, $J = 8.3, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 2.76 – 2.56 (m, 4H), 2.34 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 2.09 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.71 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.46 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 78.24, 67.91, 58.01, 54.56, 48.55, 45.55, 29.34, 28.08, 25.78.

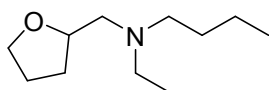
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.00 (qd, $J = 7.3, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dt, $J = 8.3, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 2.73 – 2.58 (m, 4H), 2.55 – 2.43 (m, 6H), 2.14 – 1.78 (m, 4H), 1.72 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.00 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 78.26, 67.89, 54.57, 51.11, 48.92, 46.85, 29.36, 27.23, 25.79, 11.66.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 215.2118; found 215.2127



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.99 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.90 – 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.75 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.40 (m, 6H), 2.01 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.47 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 77.66, 67.90, 58.27, 53.90, 48.18, 30.29, 29.07, 25.42, 20.73, 14.12, 11.59.

HRMS (ESI-TOF, m/z): Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 186.1852; found 186.1860

