

Copper-catalyzed direct amination of benzylic hydrocarbons and inactive aliphatic alkanes with arylamines

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1. General information

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Ascend™ 400 (400 MHz) using tetramethylsilane as an internal reference. NMR multiplicities are abbreviated as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, m = multiplet, br = broad signal. Chemical shifts (δ) and coupling constants (J) were expressed in ppm and Hz, respectively. The rest of chemicals were purchased from the Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Adamas, Aladdin and TCI used as received. Q-TOF were used for the HRMS and GC-MS measurement. HRMS (ESI) data were obtained using electron spray ionization and GC-MS data were obtained using electron impact ionization.

2. General procedure for the synthesis of 3, 5, 7, and 8

Without other special notes, all products of **3**, **5**, **7**, and **8** were synthesized according to the following procedure: A 50 mL Schlenk tube was added amines **1**, **4**, or **6** (0.5 mmol), benzylic hydrocarbons **2** (or aliphatic alkanes) (2 mL), Cu powder (60 mol %) and DTBP (2 equiv). The tube was then charged with N_2 (1 atm), and was stirred at 120°C for 12 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO_4), and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to afford various target compounds (PE/EA = 20/1--4/1).

3. Characterization data for amination products

N-benzyl-5-chloropyridin-2-amine (**3a**)¹

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 75%, 82.0 mg; white solid; mp: $114 - 115^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.26 (ddd, $J = 7.9, 4.6, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.96, 146.46, 138.73, 137.21, 128.82, 128.67, 127.36, 119.90, 107.57, 46.42.

N-benzyl-6-fluoropyridin-2-amine (**3b**)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 77%, 78.15 mg; white solid; mp: $101 - 102^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, $J = 9.1, 7.9, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dd, $J = 9.0, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.45 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 155.055 (d, $J = 71.71$ Hz), 152.29, 139.07, 134.71 (d, $J = 26.40$ Hz), 128.63, 127.38, 127.28, 125.20 (d, $J = 20.20$ Hz), 107.01 (d, $J = 4.04$ z), 46.81. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2$ 203.0979; Found: 203.0970.

6-(benzylamino)nicotinonitrile (**3c**)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 72%, 75.24 mg; white solid; mp: $114 - 115^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.49 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 5H), 6.36 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.30 – 6.07 (m, 1H), 4.51 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.84, 153.03, 139.73, 137.66, 128.85, 127.76, 127.53, 118.57, 96.91, 45.92. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3$ 210.1025; Found: 210.1015.

N-benzyl-5-bromopyridin-2-amine (**3d**)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 71%, 93.3mg; white solid; mp: $124 - 125^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (m, 5H), 6.27 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.84, 153.03, 139.73, 137.66, 128.85, 127.76, 127.53, 118.57, 96.91, 45.92. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_2$ 263.0178; Found: 263.0166.

N-benzyl-5-iodopyridin-2-amine (**3e**)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 68%, 105.4 mg; white solid; mp: 128 – 129 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.43 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.35, 153.73, 144.91, 138.56, 128.68, 127.39, 127.34, 109.08, 76.69, 46.18. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁N₂ 311.0039; Found: 311.0028.

N-benzylpyridin-2-amine (3f)¹

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 51%, 47.0 mg; white solid; mp: 93 – 94 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.59 – 6.55 (m, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.59, 148.17, 139.12, 137.49, 128.62, 127.37, 127.22, 113.15, 106.77, 46.30.

N-benzyl-3-methylpyridin-2-amine (3g)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 32%, 31.7 mg; white solid; mp: 92 – 93 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (s, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.64, 145.45, 139.96, 136.86, 128.60, 127.88, 127.19, 116.52, 112.91, 45.84, 17.01. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄N₂ 199.1229; Found: 199.1223.

N-benzyl-4-methylpyridin-2-amine (3h)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 31%, 30.7 mg; white solid; mp: 98 – 99 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.87, 148.51, 147.77, 139.30, 128.59, 127.37, 127.16, 114.74, 106.98, 46.29, 21.20. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄N₂ 199.1229; Found: 199.1221.

N-benzyl-5-methylpyridin-2-amine (3i)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 33%, 32.7 mg; white solid; mp: 95 – 96 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.83, 147.71, 139.36, 138.49, 128.57, 127.33, 127.13, 121.90, 106.42, 46.54, 17.40. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄N₂ 199.1229; Found: 199.1222.

N-benzylpyridin-3-amine (3j)¹

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 29%, 26.7 mg; white solid; mp: 86 – 88 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.27 (q, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.03, 138.71, 138.43, 135.97, 128.76, 127.51, 127.39, 123.77, 118.66, 47.83.

N-benzylpyrazin-2-amine (3k)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 38%, 35.2 mg; white solid; mp: 69 – 71 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 154.37, 141.98, 138.38, 133.14, 132.08, 128.76, 127.56, 127.54, 45.55. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N₃ 186.1025; Found: 186.1018.

N-benzylquinolin-8-amine (3l)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 46%, 53.9 mg; white solid; mp: 136 – 137 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.71 – 8.69 (m, 1H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 5.3 Hz, 4H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H),

6.59 (s, 1H), 4.55 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 146.88, 144.57, 139.22, 135.99, 129.38, 128.61, 128.58, 127.73, 127.39, 127.10, 121.36, 114.12, 105.11, 47.69. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ 235.1229; Found: 235.1219.

N-benzyl-4-nitroaniline (5a) ²

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 71%, 81.1 mg; yellow solid; mp: 147 – 148 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.06 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 6.55 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 153.05, 138.27, 137.34, 128.94, 127.85, 127.33, 126.40, 111.32, 47.61.

N-benzyl-4-(trifluoromethyl) aniline (5b) ³

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 70%, 88.1 mg; white solid; mp: 53 – 54 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.62 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 150.43, 138.42, 128.74, 127.48, 127.32, 126.58 (q, $J = 4.04$ Hz), 126.28, 111.95, 112.75, 47.79.

4-(benzylamino) benzonitrile (5c) ⁴

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 66%, 68.7 mg; white solid; mp: 66 – 67 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.38 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 6.57 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 151.18, 137.86, 133.69, 128.85, 127.65, 127.28, 120.42, 112.42, 98.93, 47.44.

3-(benzylamino) benzonitrile (5d) ⁵

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 64%, 66.6 mg; white solid; mp: 69 – 70 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.36 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 4.32 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 148.19, 138.11, 129.88, 128.78, 127.59, 127.33, 120.94, 119.38, 117.24, 115.05, 112.95, 47.87.

N-benzyl-4-bromoaniline (5e) ⁶

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 54%, 70.7 mg; white solid; mp: 51 – 52 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.33 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 4.9, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 147.00, 138.81, 131.90, 128.69, 127.36, 127.34, 114.37, 109.07, 48.17.

N-benzyl-3-bromoaniline (5f)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 52%, 68.2 mg; white solid; mp: 112 – 113 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27 (q, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.51 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 4.09 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 149.33, 138.67, 130.45, 128.69, 127.43, 127.40, 123.23, 120.31, 115.39, 111.49, 48.07. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}$ 262.0225; Found: 262.0213.

N-benzyl-3,5-dibromoaniline (5g)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 57%, 96.6 mg; white solid; mp: 108 – 109 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.32 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 5H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.14 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 150.00, 137.99, 128.81, 127.64, 127.43, 123.46, 122.63, 114.26, 47.90. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{Br}_2\text{N}$ 339.9331; Found: 339.9327.

N-benzyl-4-iodoaniline (5h)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 45%, 69.8 mg; white solid; mp: 54 – 55 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.40 (s, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 4H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.41 (s, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 147.62, 138.80, 137.77, 128.68, 127.35, 127.33, 115.04, 78.08, 48.04. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{IN}$ 310.0087; Found: 310.0076

N-benzylaniline (**5i**) ⁷

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 26%, 23.9 mg; white solid; mp: 37 – 38 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 19.6, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.17, 138.59, 129.17, 128.59, 126.84, 126.64, 116.70, 112.46, 54.18.

5-chloro-N-(4-methylbenzyl) pyridin-2-amine (**7a**)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 80%, 93.1 mg; white solid; mp: 156 – 157 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.97, 146.44, 137.21, 137.08, 135.55, 129.37, 127.41, 119.73, 107.45, 46.23, 21.13. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃ClN₂ 233.0840; Found: 233.0846.

5-fluoro-N-(4-methylbenzyl) pyridin-2-amine (**7b**)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 82%, 88.7 mg; white solid; mp: 119 – 120 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 2H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 155.04 (d, *J* = 79.79), 152.22, 136.99, 136.58, 134.70 (d, *J* = 25.25), 129.34, 127.41, 125.26 (d, *J* = 21.21), 106.95, 46.59, 26.11. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃FN₂ 217.1136; Found: 217.1143.

5-bromo-N-(4-methylbenzyl) pyridin-2-amine (**7c**)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 76%, 105.3 mg; white solid; mp: 169 – 170 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.16, 148.69, 139.72, 137.08, 135.51, 129.36, 127.37, 108.15, 107.12, 46.15, 21.10. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃BrN₂ 277.0349; Found: 277.0346.

N-(4-methylbenzyl) pyridin-2-amine (**7d**) ⁸

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 61%, 60.5 mg; white solid; mp: 73 – 74 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.60 – 6.52 (m, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.66, 148.13, 137.46, 136.84, 136.04, 129.29, 127.37, 113.01, 106.71, 46.08, 21.10.

N-(2-methylbenzyl) pyridin-2-amine (**7e**)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 58%, 57.6 mg; white solid; mp: 90 – 91 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 3H), 6.60 – 6.53 (m, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.66, 148.15, 137.45, 136.74, 136.32, 130.41, 127.98, 127.40, 126.13, 112.95, 106.73, 44.42, 19.02. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄N₂ 199.1229; Found: 199.1220.

5-chloro-N-(4-chlorobenzyl) pyridin-2-amine (**7f**)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 39%, 38.6 mg; yellow solid; mp: 110 – 111 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 4H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.61, 146.48, 137.31, 137.26, 133.02, 128.77, 128.61, 120.19, 107.76, 45.62. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₀Cl₂N₂ 253.0294; Found: 253.0297.

5-chloro-N-(3,5-dimethylbenzyl) pyridin-2-amine (**7h**)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 69%, 85.1 mg; white solid; mp: 128 – 129 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.90 (m, 3H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.92, 150.96, 146.44, 138.51, 138.30, 137.21, 129.00, 125.15, 107.54, 46.39, 21.27. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₅ClN₂ 247.0996; Found: 247.0994.

N-(3,5-dimethylbenzyl) pyridin-2-amine (7i)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 54%, 57.3 mg; white solid; mp: 98 – 99 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.57 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.67, 148.13, 138.97, 138.20, 137.47, 128.87, 125.22, 113.01, 106.71, 46.31, 21.28. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₂ 213.1386; Found: 213.1395.

5-chloro-N-(1-phenylethyl) pyridin-2-amine (7j)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 58%, 67.5 mg; white solid; mp: 132 – 133 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.32, 146.50, 144.16, 137.17, 128.72, 127.17, 125.77, 119.78, 107.40, 52.14, 24.33. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃ClN₂ 233.0840; Found: 233.0832.

5-bromo-N-(1-phenylethyl) pyridin-2-amine (7k)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 55%, 76.2mg; white solid; mp: 141 – 142 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 4.70 – 4.65 (m, 1H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.61, 148.71, 144.13, 139.73, 128.74, 127.18, 125.79, 108.11, 107.12, 52.07, 24.26. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃BrN₂ 277.0334; Found: 277.0330.

N-(1-phenylethyl) pyridin-2-amine (7l) ⁸

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 43%, 42.6 mg; yellow oil; mp: 87 – 89 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.55 – 6.49 (m, 1H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 4.69 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.01, 147.96, 144.66, 137.56, 128.64, 126.99, 125.83, 112.95, 106.68, 51.95, 24.44.

5-chloro-N-(1-phenylpropyl) pyridin-2-amine (7m)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 47%, 58.0 mg; white solid; mp: 128 – 130 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.56, 146.50, 142.84, 137.16, 128.58, 127.17, 126.37, 119.71, 107.22, 58.32, 31.15, 10.72. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₅ClN₂ 247.0996; Found: 247.0996.

N-(1-phenylpropyl) pyridin-2-amine (7n)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 33%, 35.1 mg; white solid; mp: 80 – 81 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 – 6.47 (m, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (dt, *J* = 14.1, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.40, 148.17, 143.48, 137.49, 128.52, 127.00, 126.45, 112.90, 106.40, 58.17, 31.33, 10.87. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₂ 213.1386; Found: 213.1395.

5-chloro-N-cyclohexylpyridin-2-amine (7o)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 46%, 48.5 mg; white solid; mp: 71 – 72 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 1.75 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.37, 146.47, 137.08, 118.93, 107.49, 50.38, 33.17, 25.69, 24.82. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅ClN₂ 211.0097; Found: 211.1007.

5-bromo-N-cyclohexylpyridin-2-amine (7p)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 42%, 53.8 mg; white solid; mp: 62 – 63 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.48 – 3.40 (m, 1H), 1.98 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.56, 148.70, 139.60, 108.16, 106.21, 50.32, 33.13, 25.68, 24.81. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅BrN₂ 255.0491; Found: 255.0498.

N-cyclohexylpyridin-2-amine (7q) ⁹

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 35%, 30.8 mg; white solid; mp: 125 – 126 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 2.01 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 2H), 1.23 – 1.14 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.97, 148.04, 137.41, 112.27, 106.69, 50.11, 33.29, 25.75, 24.87.

N-(4-methylbenzyl)-5-nitropyridin-2-amine (8a)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 75%, 91.2 mg; yellow solid; mp: 175 – 176 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.21 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 154.82, 136.60, 136.25, 135.82, 129.49, 127.63, 126.58, 121.54, 46.01, 21.08. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₂O₂ 243.1128 Found: 243.1117.

N-(2-methylbenzyl)-4-nitroaniline (8b)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 72%, 87.5 mg; yellow solid; mp: 179 – 180 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 153.05, 138.15, 136.28, 134.92, 130.75, 128.09, 128.06, 126.45, 126.41, 111.14, 45.79, 18.96. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₂O₂ 243.1128 Found: 243.1116.

N-(2-methylbenzyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl) aniline (8c)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 70%, 92.8 mg; yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 150.53, 136.28, 135.99, 130.57, 128.07, 127.72, 126.63 (q, *J* = 4.04 Hz), 126.30, 126.26, 123.61, 111.77, 45.89, 18.91. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄F₃N 266.1151; Found: 266.1143.

N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-nitroaniline (8d)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 18%, 23.7 mg; yellow solid; mp: 185 – 186 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 154.65, 138.10, 136.48, 132.01, 129.48, 128.90, 126.61, 121.51, 45.47. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₁ClN₂O₂ 263.0582; Found: 263.0583.

N-(3,5-dimethylbenzyl)-4-nitroaniline (8e)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 66%, 84.6 mg; yellow solid; mp: 136 – 137 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (s, 3H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 153.16, 138.59, 138.09, 137.24, 129.44, 126.41, 125.17, 111.24, 47.60, 21.29. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O₂ 257.1284; Found: 257.1274.

N-(3,5-dimethylbenzyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl) aniline (**8f**)

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 63%, 88.1 mg; yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.95 – 6.92 (m, 3H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (s, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 150.53, 138.40, 138.32, 129.14, 126.58(q, *J*=4.04 Hz) 126.30, 125.22, 123.61, 111.87, 47.49, 21.28. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆F₃N 280.1307; Found: 280.1294.

4-nitro-N-(1-phenylethyl) aniline (**8g**)¹⁰

Purified by using a flash column chromatography; isolated yield = 32%, 38.8 mg; yellow solid; mp: 95 – 96 °C ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.01-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.61 – 4.55 (m, 1H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.19, 143.19, 128.96, 127.51, 126.21, 125.59, 111.82, 53.28, 24.57.

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