

Calculated Oxidation Potentials Predict Reactivity in Baeyer-Mills Reactions

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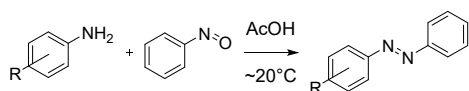
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1. General Information

All reagents were obtained from commercial sources and reactions were performed using oven-dried glassware (120°C) under an inert N₂ atmosphere unless otherwise noted. Air- and moisture-sensitive liquids and solutions were transferred via syringe or stainless-steel cannula. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure (~5 Torr) by rotary evaporation. Chromatography was performed using Fisher Chemical™ Silica Gel Sorbent (230–400 Mesh, Grade 60). Compounds purified by chromatography were typically applied to the adsorbent bed using the indicated solvent conditions with a minimum amount of added dichloromethane as needed for solubility. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel 60 F254 plates (250 µm). Visualization of the developed chromatogram was accomplished by fluorescence quenching or by staining with butanolic ninhydrin, or aqueous ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM).

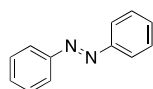
Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were acquired on either a Bruker 400 operating at 400 and 100 MHz or a Varian 600 operating at 600 and 150 MHz for ¹H and ¹³C, respectively, and are referenced internally according to residual solvent signals. Data for ¹H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ, ppm), multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; quint, quintet; m, multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Data for ¹³C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ, ppm). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained using a Thermo Fisher Scientific Q-Exactive HF Orbitrap.

2. Detailed Synthesis Procedures and Experimental Data for all Compounds



General Procedure for Baeyer-Mills Reactions

A flask was sequentially charged with aniline or a substituted aniline (1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (0.5 M). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 h before being diluted with dichloromethane (40 mL) and 1 M NaOH_(aq) (100 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer further extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 40 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The unpurified material was dissolved in an appropriate deuterated solvent, and NMR yields were determined using dibromomethane as an internal standard. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel.



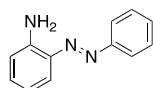
1,2-diphenyldiazene

Synthesized from aniline (0.093 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes → hexanes/dichloromethane (99:1) to afford 1,2-diphenyldiazene (0.117g, 70%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.59–7.48 (m, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.8, 131.1, 129.2, 123.0 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₁N₂⁺ 183.0917, found 183.0924.



2-(phenyldiazenyl)aniline

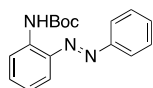
A flask was charged with *tert*-butyl-(2-(phenyldiazenyl)phenyl)carbamate (0.170 g, 0.572 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and cooled to 0°C prior to the addition of dichloromethane/trifluoroacetic acid (1:1) (2.00 mL). The solution was slowly warmed to ambient temperature and stirred for 5 h. The solution was poured into 1 M NaOH_(aq) (100 mL), and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 40 mL). The organic extracts

were combined, washed with brine (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (20:1) to afford 2-(phenyldiazenyl)aniline (0.112 g, 99%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.84 (m, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (br s, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 153.0, 143.0, 137.1, 132.4, 130.1, 129.2, 127.7, 122.3, 117.5, 117.1 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₂N₃⁺ 198.1025, found 198.1029.



***tert*-butyl-(2-(phenyldiazenyl)phenyl)carbamate**

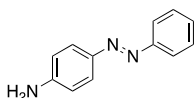
Synthesized from *tert*-butyl (2-aminophenyl)carbamate (0.208 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (50:1) → hexanes/EtOAc (20:1) to afford *tert*-butyl-(2-(phenyldiazenyl)phenyl)carbamate (0.241 g, 81%) as an orange solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.28 (br s, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 9H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.6, 138.8, 137.0, 132.9, 131.2, 129.3, 122.8, 122.1, 120.4, 118.8, 80.8, 27.9 ppm

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M – C(O)O^tBu + 2H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₂₂N₃⁺ 198.1031, found 198.1029.

LCMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₃O₂⁺ 298.1556 found 298.14.



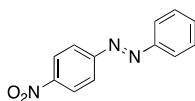
4-(phenyldiazenyl)aniline

Synthesized from 1,4-phenylenediamine (0.108 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (1:1) → 100% dichloromethane to afford 4-(phenyldiazenyl)aniline (0.052 g, 26%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (br s, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 153.1, 149.7, 145.6, 129.9, 129.1, 125.2, 122.4, 114.7 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₂N₃⁺ 198.1023, found 198.1029.



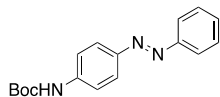
(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenyldiazene

Synthesized from p-nitroaniline (0.138 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (5:1) to afford (4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (0.040 g, 18%) as an orange solid. An analytical sample was prepared via recrystallization with hexanes. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.38 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.00–7.95 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 155.8, 152.5, 148.9, 132.6, 129.5, 124.9, 123.6 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₀N₃O₂⁺ 228.0767, found 228.0770.



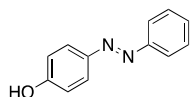
tert-butyl-(4-(phenyldiazenyl)phenyl)carbamate

Synthesized from *tert*-butyl (4-aminophenyl)carbamate (0.208 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (50:1) to afford *tert*-butyl-(4-(phenyldiazenyl)phenyl)carbamate (0.270 g, 91%) as an orange solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.94–7.88 (m, 4H), 7.55–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 1H), 6.80 (br s, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.8, 152.5, 148.4, 141.2, 130.7, 129.2, 125.2, 122.8, 118.4, 81.2, 29.1 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₃O₂⁺ 298.1547, found 298.1553.



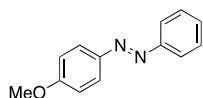
4-(phenyldiazenyl)phenol

Synthesized from *p*-aminophenol (0.109 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions, with the exception that the reaction mixture was diluted in H₂O instead of 1 M NaOH_(aq). The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (99:1) → hexanes/EtOAc (9:1) to afford 4-(phenyldiazenyl)phenol (0.067 g, 34%) as a yellow solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.⁴

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ = 10.35 (br s, 1H), 7.87–7.78 (m, 4H), 7.58–7.43 (m, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ = 161.0, 152.2, 145.3, 130.5, 129.4, 124.9, 122.2, 116.0 ppm.

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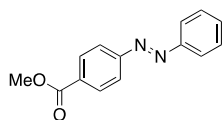
1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazen

Synthesized from *p*-anisidine (0.123 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (3:1) to afford 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazen (0.196 g, 92%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.1, 152.8, 147.0, 130.4, 129.1, 124.8, 122.7, 114.3, 55.6 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₂O⁺ 213.1022, found 213.1025.

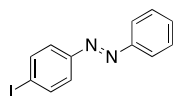


methyl-4-(phenyldiazenyl)benzoate

Synthesized from methyl-4-aminobenzoate (0.151 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (99:1) → hexanes/EtOAc (20:1) to afford methyl-4-(phenyldiazenyl)benzoate (0.178 g, 74%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.55–7.48 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.6, 155.2, 152.6, 131.9, 131.8, 130.7, 129.3, 123.2, 122.7, 52.4 ppm.
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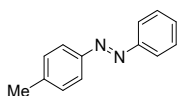
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Synthesized from 4-iodoaniline (0.219 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes → hexanes/dichloromethane (99:1) to afford 1-(4-iodophenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (0.276 g, 90%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.94 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.47 (m, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.5, 152.0, 138.4, 131.4, 129.2, 124.6, 123.1, 97.8 ppm.

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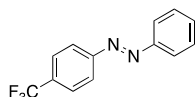
1-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)diazene

Synthesized from *p*-toluidine (0.107g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (49:1) → hexanes/dichloromethane (19:1) to afford 1-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)diazene (0.143 g, 73%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.8, 150.9, 141.6, 130.8, 129.8, 129.1, 123.0, 122.9, 21.6 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₂⁺ 197.1070, found 197.1076.



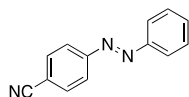
1-phenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)diazene

Synthesized from 4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (0.161 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (10:1) → hexanes/dichloromethane (1:1) to afford 1-phenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)diazene (0.207 g, 83%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.00 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 6.9 Hz, 4H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 154.5, 152.5, 132.3 (q, ²*J*_{CF} = 32.4 Hz), 131.9, 129.3, 126.4 (q, ³*J*_{CF} = 3.7 Hz), 125.0, 123.3, 123.2 (q, ¹*J*_{CF} = 271.1 Hz) ppm.

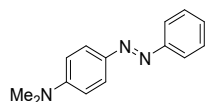
HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₀F₃N₂⁺ 251.0790, found 251.0795.



4-(phenyldiazenyl)benzonitrile

Synthesized from *p*-aminobenzonitrile (0.118 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes → hexanes/EtOAc (49:1) to afford 4-(phenyldiazenyl)benzonitrile (0.092 g, 44%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.⁵

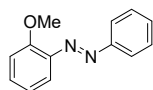
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.98–7.91 (m, 4H), 7.8 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58–7.50 (m, 3H) ppm.
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 154.4, 152.3, 133.2, 132.3, 129.3, 123.3, 123.3, 118.5, 113.9 ppm.
HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₀N₃⁺ 208.0865, found 208.0872.



***N,N*-dimethyl-4-(phenyldiazenyl)aniline**

Synthesized from *N,N*-dimethyl-*p*-phenylenediamine (0.136 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (5:1) → hexanes/dichloromethane (1:2) to afford *N,N*-dimethyl-4-(phenyldiazenyl)aniline (0.076 g, 34%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.⁶

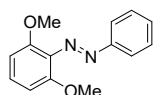
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.91 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (s, 6H) ppm.
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 153.3, 152.5, 143.8, 129.5, 129.1, 125.1, 122.3, 111.6, 40.4 ppm.
HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₃⁺ 226.1338, found 226.1340.



1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene

Synthesized from 2-methoxyaniline (0.123 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (4:1) → hexanes/dichloromethane (2:1) to afford 1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (0.170 g, 80%) as a red oil. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.⁷

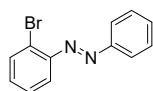
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.03 (m, 2H), 4.04 (s, 3H) ppm.
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.0, 153.2, 142.3, 132.5, 130.8, 129.0, 123.0, 120.7, 116.9, 112.8, 56.3 ppm.
HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₂O⁺ 213.1028, found 213.1022.



1-(2,6-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene

Synthesized from 2,6-dimethoxyaniline (0.153 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (1:1) → hexanes/dichloromethane (1:2) to afford 1-(2,6-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (0.108 g, 45%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.⁸

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 6H) ppm.
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 153.4, 152.4, 133.9, 130.9, 129.5, 129.0, 122.7, 105.2, 56.5 ppm.
HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₅N₂O₂⁺ 243.1134, found 243.1132.



1-(2-bromophenyl)-2-phenyldiazene

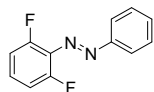
Synthesized from 2-bromoaniline (0.172 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (10:1) →

hexanes/dichloromethane (5:1) to afford 1-(2-bromophenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (0.125 g, 48%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.7, 149.7, 133.8, 132.0, 131.7, 129.3, 128.1, 125.9, 123.5, 117.9 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₀BrN₂⁺ 261.0027, found 261.0027.



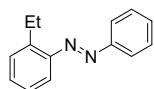
1-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-2-phenyldiazene

Synthesized from 2,6-difluoroaniline (0.129 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (8:1) to afford 1-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (0.027 g, 12%) as an orange oil. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.⁹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.98–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.57–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 155.9 (dd, ¹*J*_{CF} = 257.0 Hz, 4.4 Hz), 153.4, 132.1, 131.6, 130.4 (t, ²*J*_{CF} = 10.3 Hz), 129.3, 128.8, 123.1, 118.9, 112.7 (m), 111.9 ppm. There is mixture of isomers present in this sample and all peaks are reported.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₉F₂N₂⁺ 219.0734, found 219.0731.



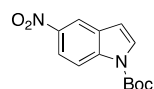
1-(2-ethylphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene

Synthesized from 2-ethylaniline (0.121 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (4:1) to afford 1-(2-ethylphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (0.157 g, 75%) as a red oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.43–7.37 (m, 1H), 3.32 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 153.1, 150.3, 144.3, 131.3, 130.8, 129.9, 129.2, 126.6, 123.1, 115.4, 24.8, 16.6 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₅N₂⁺ 211.1235, found 211.1232.

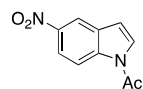


tert-butyl 5-nitro-1H-indole-1-carboxylate

A flask was charged with 5-nitro-1H-indole (1.00 g, 6.17 mmol, 1.00 equiv), di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (2.69 g, 12.3 mmol, 2.00 equiv), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.113 g, 0.925 mmol, 0.150 equiv), and THF (44.0 mL). The solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h. The mixture was diluted in water H₂O (200 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 150 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford *tert*-butyl 5-nitro-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (1.56 g, 96%) as a dark tan solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹⁰

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.37 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.22–8.06 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 9H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 148.9, 143.6, 138.2, 130.3, 128.9, 119.3, 117.1, 115.2, 107.8, 85.2, 28.1 ppm.

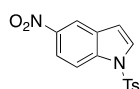


1-(5-nitro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one

Following a literature procedure,¹¹ triethylamine (1.27 mL, 9.13 mmol, 1.48 equiv), acetic anhydride (2.45 g, 24.0 mmol, 3.89 equiv), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.151 g, 1.23 mmol, 0.200 equiv) were added to a stirred solution of 5-nitro-1*H*-indole (1.00 g, 6.17 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in 1,2-dichloroethane (14.2 mL). The flask was equipped with a reflux condenser, placed under N₂ atmosphere, and the solution was stirred at 60°C for 8 h. The solution was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and then washed with saturated NH₄Cl_(aq) (120 mL). The aqueous layer was further extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was suspended in Et₂O (10 mL), filtered, and washed with additional Et₂O (2 x 10 mL) to afford 1-(5-nitro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (1.07 g, 85%) as a brown solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹¹

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.55 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.8, 144.4, 138.6, 130.4, 128.2, 120.5, 117.2, 116.9, 109.7, 24.1 ppm.

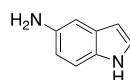


5-nitro-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole

Following a modified procedure,¹² a flask was charged with sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil) (0.369 g, 9.25 mmol, 1.50 equiv), washed with hexanes, and dried under a stream of N₂. Next, THF (12.0 mL) was added, and the mixture was cooled to 0°C. A solution of 5-nitro-1*H*-indole (1.00 g, 6.17 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (6.00 mL) was added slowly before warming to ambient temperature and stirring for 1 h. A solution of tosyl chloride (1.76 g, 9.25 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in THF (6.00 mL) was added slowly, and the solution was stirred 24 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was poured into saturated NaHCO_{3(aq)} (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 100 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (9:1) → hexanes/EtOAc (3:2) to afford 5-nitro-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole (1.84 g, 95%) as a brown solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.46 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 9.4 Hz, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 146.0, 144.2, 137.6, 134.7, 130.6, 130.3, 129.3, 127.0, 119.8, 117.9, 113.7, 109.5, 21.7 ppm.

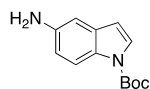


1*H*-indol-5-amine

A flask was sequentially charged with 5-nitro-1*H*-indole (1.00 g, 6.17 mmol, 1.00 equiv), palladium on carbon (10% wt) (0.100 g), and MeOH (30.0 mL). The solution was placed under an H₂ atmosphere and allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 24 h. The mixture was filtered through celite, and the filter cake was washed with MeOH (150 mL). The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (1:1) to afford 1*H*-indol-5-amine (0.493 g, 60%) as a brown solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹⁰

¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD₄) δ = 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 0.6 Hz, 1H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, MeOD₄) δ = 139.6, 133.0, 130.2, 125.9, 114.2, 112.4, 107.5, 101.3 ppm.



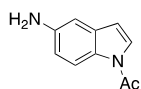
tert-butyl 5-amino-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate

A flask was sequentially charged with *tert*-butyl 5-nitro-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (1.00 g, 3.81 mmol, 1.00 equiv), palladium on carbon (10% wt) (0.100 g), and MeOH (19.0 mL). The solution was placed under an

H₂ atmosphere and allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 14 h. The mixture was filtered through celite, and the filter cake was washed with MeOH (150 mL). The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (4:1) to afford *tert*-butyl 5-amino-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (0.715 g, 80%) as a viscous light brown oil. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹³

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.95 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (br s, 2H), 1.67 (s, 9H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 149.8, 142.1, 131.6, 129.1, 126.2, 115.7, 113.6, 106.8, 105.9, 83.2, 28.2 ppm.



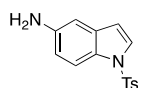
1-(5-amino-1*H*-indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one

A flask was sequentially charged with 1-(5-nitro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (0.600 g, 2.94 mmol, 1.00 equiv), palladium on carbon (10% wt) (0.060 g), and MeOH (14.7 mL). The solution was placed under an H₂ atmosphere and allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 13 h. The mixture was filtered through celite, and the filter cake was washed with MeOH (150 mL). The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with dichloromethane/EtOAc (20:1) to afford 1-(5-amino-1*H*-indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (0.284 g, 56%) as a tan solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.21 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.21 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 2.2, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (br s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.2, 143.0, 131.6, 129.4, 125.7, 117.1, 114.1, 108.2, 105.7, 23.6 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₁N₂O⁺ 175.0865, found 175.0868.

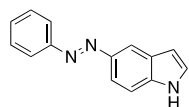


1-tosyl-1*H*-indol-5-amine

Following a modified procedure,¹² a flask was charged with 5-nitro-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole (0.500 g, 1.58 mmol, 1.00 equiv), palladium on carbon (10% wt) (0.050 g), and a MeOH/DMF (5:4) solution (17.2 mL). The solution was placed under an H₂ atmosphere and allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 68 h. The mixture was filtered over celite, and the filter cake was washed with EtOAc (150 mL). The filtrate was added to H₂O (300 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was further extracted with EtOAc (2 x 150 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (2 x 200 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (3:1) → hexanes/EtOAc (3:2) to afford 1-tosyl-1*H*-indol-5-amine (0.322 g, 71%) as a pale yellow semi-solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹²

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (br s, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.8, 142.8, 135.4, 132.2, 129.9, 129.1, 127.1, 126.9, 114.5, 114.2, 109.1, 106.1, 21.7 ppm.



5-(phenyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole

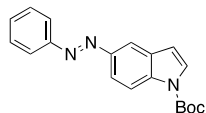
A flask was charged with *tert*-butyl-5-(phenyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (0.100 g, 0.311 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and cooled to 0°C prior to the addition of a dichloromethane/trifluoroacetic acid (1:1) solution (2.00 mL). The solution was slowly warmed to ambient temperature and stirred for 1 h. The solution was added to 1 M NaOH_(aq) (50 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica with hexanes/dichloromethane (4:1) → hexanes/dichloromethane

(2:1) to afford 5-(phenyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole (0.025 g, 36%) as an orange solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹⁴

¹H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD₄) δ = 8.21 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, MeOD₄) δ = 154.3, 148.1, 139.6, 131.1, 130.1, 129.5, 127.4, 123.3, 120.5, 115.4, 112.7, 104.4 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₃⁺ 222.1025, found 222.1029.



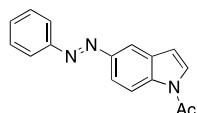
***tert*-butyl-5-(phenyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate**

Synthesized from *tert*-butyl 5-amino-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (0.232g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was chromatographed on silica with hexanes/EtOAc (20:1) to afford *tert*-butyl-6-(phenyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (0.171 g, 53%) as a red oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.45 (m, 3H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 9H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.9, 149.6, 148.8, 136.9, 131.1, 130.6, 129.1, 127.4, 122.8, 119.0, 117.0, 115.6, 108.3, 84.3, 28.3 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₀N₃O₂⁺ 322.1549, found 322.1555.



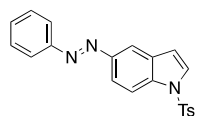
(*E*)-1-(5-(phenyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one

Synthesized from 1-tosyl-1*H*-indol-5-amine (0.286g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes → hexanes/EtOAc (9:1) to afford 1-(5-(phenyldiazenyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one (0.134 g, 51%) as a red solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.02–7.93 (m, 3H), 7.56–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.6, 152.7, 149.2, 137.0, 130.9, 130.7, 129.1, 126.6, 122.8, 119.9, 116.9, 116.4, 109.9, 23.9 ppm.

HRMS (ES⁺): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₃O⁺ 264.1131, found 264.1135.



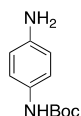
5-(phenyldiazenyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole

Synthesized from 1-tosyl-1*H*-indol-5-amine (0.286 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), nitrosobenzene (0.107 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and acetic acid (2.00 mL) following the general procedure for Baeyer-Mills reactions. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (49:1) → hexanes/EtOAc (9:1) to afford 5-(phenyldiazenyl)-1-tosyl-1*H*-indole (0.134 g, 46%) as a red solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹⁴

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.16–8.11 (m, 2H), 8.00–7.91 (m, 3H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.7, 149.2, 145.4, 136.3, 135.1, 131.3, 130.9, 130.1, 129.2, 127.8, 126.9, 122.8, 119.0, 117.6, 114.0, 109.9, 21.6 ppm.

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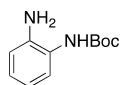


tert-butyl (4-aminophenyl)carbamate

A flask was sequentially charged with 1,4-phenylenediamine (1.00 g, 9.25 mmol, 1.00 equiv), di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (2.02 g, 9.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv), dichloromethane (18.5 mL), and triethylamine (1.29 mL, 9.25 mmol, 1.00 equiv). The solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 18 h. The resulting mixture was added to 1 M NaOH_(aq) (200 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (200 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (4:1) to afford tert-butyl (4-aminophenyl)carbamate (0.987 g, 51%) as an off-white solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹⁵

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (br s, 1H), 3.54 (br s, 2H), 1.49 (s, 9H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 153.5, 142.4, 129.7, 121.0, 115.6, 79.9, 28.4 ppm.



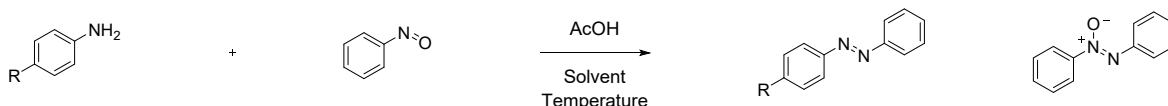
tert-butyl (2-aminophenyl)carbamate

A flask was sequentially charged with 1,2-phenylenediamine (1.00 g, 9.25 mmol, 1.00 equiv), di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (2.02 g, 9.25 mmol, 1.00 equiv), dichloromethane (18.5 mL), and triethylamine (1.29 mL, 9.25 mmol, 1.00 equiv). The solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 18 h. The resulting mixture was added to 1 M NaOH_(aq) (200 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine (200 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/EtOAc (5:1) to afford tert-butyl (2-aminophenyl)carbamate (1.332 g, 69%) as an off-white solid. The spectral data are consistent with existing literature.¹⁶

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.81–6.72 (m, 2H), 6.36 (br s, 1H), 3.74 (br s, 2H), 1.52 (s, 9H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 154.0, 140.1, 126.2, 124.8, 119.6, 117.6, 80.5, 28.4 ppm.

3. Table S1



Entry	R	Solvent	Temperature (°C)	AcOH (equiv)	Azobenzene % Yield ^a	Azoxybenzene % Yield ^a
1	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	AcOH	Ambient	-	19	≤5
2	<i>p</i> -H	AcOH	Ambient	-	≥95	≤5
3	<i>p</i> -NH ₂	AcOH	Ambient	-	28	43
4	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	AcOH	80	-	45	38
5	<i>p</i> -H	AcOH	80	-	93	7
6	<i>p</i> -NH ₂	AcOH	80	-	9	37
7	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	DCM	Ambient	10	7	≤5
8	<i>p</i> -H	DCM	Ambient	10	92	≤5
9	<i>p</i> -NH ₂	DCM	Ambient	10	60	11
10	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	DCM	40	10	25	9
11	<i>p</i> -H	DCM	40	10	90	≤5
12	<i>p</i> -NH ₂	DCM	40	10	79	14
13	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	EtOH	Ambient	10	≤5	9

14	<i>p</i> -H	EtOH	Ambient	10	89	≤5
15	<i>p</i> -NH ₂	EtOH	Ambient	10	74	10
16	<i>p</i> -NO ₂	EtOH	80	10	17	61
17	<i>p</i> -H	EtOH	80	10	88	4
18	<i>p</i> -NH ₂	EtOH	80	10	70	10

Table S1. Reaction of substituted anilines with nitrosobenzene. Reagents and conditions: appropriate aniline (1.0 eq.), nitrosobenzene (1.0 eq.), solvent/AcOH (0.5 M), 24 h. ^aYield determined by ¹H NMR using dibromomethane as an internal standard.

4. Computational Experiments and Table S2

Calculations were performed in Gaussian 16 A.03. A Born-Haber cycle was applied for solvation corrections to the gas phase free energy calculations. All compounds were modeled in their unprotonated state. B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p) was used for all calculations, except in the case of *p*-iodoaniline where LANL2DZ with an effective core potential was used for the iodine and 6-31+G(d,p) was used for the remaining atoms. The default ultrafine integration grid was utilized. Compounds were first optimized to a minimum in the gas phase and the absence of imaginary frequencies was confirmed in each case. For solvation corrections to free energies, gas phase stationary points were submitted to a single point calculation with the addition of an implicit SMD solvation model for acetic acid. Oxidation potentials were then calculated relative to the standard hydrogen electrode according to equation S1, where *n* is the number of electrons transferred (*n*=1 in this work), *F* is Faraday's constant (23.061 kcal V⁻¹ mol⁻¹), and *SHE* is the standard hydrogen electrode potential (4.28 V). Coordinates for the located stationary points for both neutral molecules and radical cations in the gas phase are included in the provided mol2 files.

$$E_{ox} = - \left(\frac{-\Delta G_{rxn}^{\circ}}{nF} - SHE \right) \quad (S1)$$

Compound	Neutral Molecule G _{gas} (Hartree)	Neutral Molecule ΔG _{solv} (kcal/mol)	Radical Cation G _{gas} (Hartree)	Radical Cation ΔG _{solv} (kcal/mol)
aniline	-287.543166	-5.45	-287.268563	-51.45
2-aminoaniline	-342.889673	-6.84	-342.634169	-51.74
3-aminoaniline	-342.890082	-7.82	-342.636473	-49.62
4-aminoaniline	-342.88709	-8.04	-342.649399	-49.64
2-nitroaniline	-492.060279	-3.6	-491.75808	-51.2
3-nitroaniline	-492.055655	-4.07	-491.75604	-55
4-nitroaniline	-492.059645	-5.85	-491.753854	-55.13
tert-butyl (2-aminophenyl)carbamate	-688.631121	-6.63	-688.378494	-42.58
tert-butyl (3-aminophenyl)carbamate	-688.634	-7.49	-688.374735	-45.8
tert-butyl (4-aminophenyl)carbamate	-688.631312	-7.82	-688.385417	-44.96
2,6-difluoroaniline	-486.04106	-4.09	-485.75183	-51.21
2-bromoaniline	-	-	-	-
	2858.682723	-5.68	-2858.403413	-48.59
4-iodoaniline	-298.327988	-5.35	-298.057175	-49.94
4-methylaniline	-326.839371	-5.28	-326.57614	-49.38
2-ethylaniline	-366.126643	-5.85	-365.859987	-49.5
4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline	-624.607488	-6.17	-624.311447	-54.76
4-cyanoylaniline	-379.795717	-7.9	-379.501704	-56.12
4-aminophenol	-362.763185	-7.88	-362.505192	-51.87

2-methoxyaniline	-402.04284	-4.64	-401.785701	-45.96
4-methoxyaniline	-402.040172	-5.52	-401.789032	-46.72
2,6-dimethoxyaniline	-516.297078	-3.95	-516.297078	-41.33
methyl 4-aminobenzoate	-515.401282	-5.92	-515.119971	-49.49
N ¹ ,N ¹ -dimethylbenzene-1,4-diamine	-421.448526	-6.95	-421.223345	-45.33
5-aminoindole	-419.090246	-8.3	-418.842741	-48.45
tert-butyl 5-amino-1H-indole-1-carboxylate	-764.827619	-6.51	-764.578334	-42.79
1-(5-amino-1H-indol-1-yl)ethan-1-one	-571.720384	-7.63	-571.464619	-47.01
1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1H-indol-5-amine	- 1198.644791	-8.94	-1198.392119	-45.08

Table S2. Neutral molecule and radical cation Gibbs free energies and solvation free energies as computed per the computational details above. The values were utilized with the necessary unit conversions in the calculation of oxidation potentials using Equation S1 above.

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6. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra

