Supporting Information

Expedient Tandem Dehydrogenative Alkylation and Cyclization Reactions Under Mn(I)-Catalysis

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1. General Information

All catalytic experiments were carried out using standard Schlenk techniques. All solvents were reagent grade or better. Deuterated solvents were used as received. Most of the chemicals used in the catalytic reactions were purified according to standard procedure. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using silica gel 60 F_{254} coated on aluminium sheet purchased from Merck which was visualized with UV light at 254 nm or under iodine. Column chromatography was performed with SiO₂ (Silicycle Silica flash F60 (230-400 mesh). ¹H NMR (400 MHz), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on the NMR spectrometer. Deuterated chloroform was used as the solvent, and chemical shift values (δ) are reported in parts per million relatives to the residual signals of this solvent [δ 7.27 for ¹H (chloroform-d), δ 77.0 for ¹³C (chloroform-d). Abbreviations used in the NMR follow-up experiments: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained by fast atom bombardment (FAB) using a double-focusing magnetic sector mass spectrometer and electron impact (EI) ionization technique (magnetic sector-electric sector double-focusing mass analyzer).

2. Experimental Section

2.1. Optimization conditions

Table S1: Screening of manganese pincer catalysts^a



Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.1 mmol), Mn-catalyst and KO^tBu (50 mol%) using 1 mL of toluene as solvent at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature). ^{*a*}Isolated yield. ^{*b*}GC conversion of benzohydrazides using mesitylene as an internal standard. NR= No reaction.

Table S2: Screening of solvent^a

0 N ^{NH} 2 + H 1a	OH 2a	Mn cat. KO ^t Bu (50 mol%) Solvent, 130 ^o C, 4 h	$\rightarrow R_1 \xrightarrow{N_1 \\ H_2 \\ 3a} + 2 H_2$
Entry		Solvent	Yield of 3a (%)
1		Toluene	91 (>99) ^b
2		DMF	10
3		MeCN	27
4		THF	trace
5		1,4 Dioxane	trace
6		n-octane	43
7		<i>m</i> -xylene	NR
8		-	trace

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.1 mmol), [Mn-1] (3 mol%) and KO^tBu (50 mol%) using 1 mL of solvent at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature). ^{*a*}Isolated yield. ^{*b*}GC conversion of benzohydrazides using mesitylene as an internal standard. NR= No reaction.

Table S3: Screening of base amount^a

$ \begin{array}{c} 0\\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	OH → OH KO ^t Bu Toluene, 130 °C, 4 h	$\xrightarrow{0}_{R_1} \xrightarrow{N_1} \xrightarrow{N_2} N$
Entry	KO ^t Bu(eq)	Yield of 3a (%) ^b
1	30 mol%	68
2	50 mol%	91 (>99) ^b
3	75 mol%	95
4	1 equiv.	85
5	-	trace

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.1 mmol), [Mn-1] (3 mol%), KO^tBu using 1 mL of toluene as solvent at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature). ^{*a*}Isolated yield. ^{*b*}GC conversion of benzohydrazides using mesitylene as an internal standard. NR = No reaction.

 Table S4:
 Screening of temperature^a

O N ^{NH2 +} 1a	ОН 2а	Mn cat. KO¹Bu (50 mol%) Toluene, 4 h, △	$\rightarrow R_1 \qquad N_1 \qquad N_1 \qquad + 2H$ $3a$	2 ² 0
Entry	Ten	perature (°C)	Yield of 3a (%) ^b	
1		RT	NR	
2		40 °C	NR	
3		80 °C	13	
4		110 °C	59	
5		120 °C	71	
6		130 °C	91 (>99) ^b	

Reaction conditions: Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.1 mmol), [Mn-1] (3 mol%), KO^tBu (50 mol%) using 1 mL of toluene as solvent at different (oil-bath) temperatures. ^{*a*}Isolated yield. ^{*b*}GC conversion of benzohydrazides using mesitylene as an internal standard. NR = No reaction.

 Table S5: Screening of base^a

N/ ^{NH} 2 + OF H 2a	H Mn cat. base Toluene, 130 °C, 4 h	$\rightarrow \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ H \\ R_1 \\ H \\ 3a \end{array} + 2$	2 H ₂ C
Entry	Base	Yield of 3a (%) ^b	
1	NaHCO ₃	trace	
2	KO ^t Bu	91 (>99) ^b	
3	КОН	57	
4	NaOH	45	
5	K ₂ CO ₃	25	
6	NaO'Bu	59	
7	KH	NR	
8	-	NR	

Reaction conditions: Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mmol), [Mn-1] (3 mol%), base (50 mol%) using 1 mL of toluene as solvent at at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature). ^{*a*}Isolated yield. ^{*b*}GC conversion of benzohydrazides using mesitylene as an internal standard. NR = No reaction.

 Table S6:
 Screening of primary alcohol amount^a



Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a**, Mn-catalyst (3 mol%) and KO^tBu (50 mol%) using 1 mL of toluene as solvent at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature). ^{*a*}Isolated yield. ^{*b*}GC conversion of benzohydrazides using mesitylene as an internal standard. NR= No reaction.

 Table S7: Screening of catalyst amount^a

O N/NH H 1a	2 +(2a	DH Mn cat. KO ^t Bu (50 mol%) Toluene, 130 ⁰ C, 4 h	$\rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{1} \mathbb{N}_{H} \mathbb{N}_{3a} + 2H$
I	Entry	Catalyst I (mol%)	Yield of 3a (%) ^b
	1	1	62
	2	3	91 (>99) ^b
	3	5	93
	4	10	88

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (1.1 mmol), Mn-catalyst and KO^tBu (50 mol%) using 1 mL of toluene as solvent at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature). ^{*a*}Isolated yield. ^{*b*}GC conversion of benzohydrazides using mesitylene as an internal standard. NR= No reaction.

2.2. 1 mmol Scale Reaction of Symmetrical *N*,*N*-Dialkylation of Benzohydrazide (1a) Using 1-butanol (2a)



In an oven-dried screw cap reaction tube (15 mL), benzohydrazide 1a (1 mmol), 1-butanol (2.2 mmol), [Mn-1] (3 mol%), KO'Bu (50 mol%), and dry toluene (1 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature) for 4 h. After completion of the reaction, the crude mixture was filtered through a celite filter and washed with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL), followed by the solvent was removed under vacuum, and finally, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230- 400 mesh size) using petroleum-ether and ethyl acetate as an eluent to give the *N*,*N*-dialkylated product **3a**. The reaction provided product **3a** in 113mg, 91% isolated yield.

2.3. General procedure for the manganese catalyzed one-pot symmetrical *N*,*N*-dialkylation

In an oven-dried screw cap reaction tube (15 mL), acyl hydrazide (0.5 mmol), alcohol (1.1 mmol), [Mn-1] (3 mol%), KO'Bu (50 mol%), and dry toluene (2 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130 $^{\circ}$ C (oil-bath temperature) for 4 h. After completion of the reaction, the crude mixture was filtered through a celite filter and washed with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL), followed by the solvent was removed under vacuum. Finally, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230- 400 mesh size) using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as an eluent to give the *N*,*N*-dialkylated product. Yields were calculated for isolated pure products

2.4 General Procedure for N,N-Diethylation of Acyl hydrazides Using Ethanol

In an oven-dried screw cap reaction tube (15 mL), acyl hydrazide (0.5 mmol), ethanol (10 equiv.), [Mn-1] (3 mol%), KO'Bu (50 mol%), and dry toluene (2 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130 $^{\circ}$ C (oil-bath temperature) for 4 h. After completion of the reaction, the crude mixture was filtered through a celite filter and washed with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL), followed by the solvent was removed under vacuum, and finally, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230- 400 mesh size) using petroleum-ether and ethyl acetate as an eluent to give the *N*,*N*-diethylated product. Yields were calculated for isolated pure products.

2.5 General Procedure for N,N-Dimethylation of Acyl hydrazides Using Methanol

In an oven-dried screw cap reaction tube (15 mL), acyl hydrazide (0.5 mmol), dry methanol (1 mL), [Mn-1] (3 mol%), KO'Bu (50 mol%), and dry toluene (1 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130 $^{\circ}$ C (oil-bath temperature) for 4 h. After completion of the reaction the crude mixture was filtered through a celite filter and washed with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL), followed by the solvent was removed under vacuum, and finally, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230- 400 mesh size) using petroleum-ether and ethyl acetate as an eluent to give the *N*,*N*-diethylated product. Yields were calculated for isolated pure products.

2.6. General Procedure for Manganese Catalyzed Unsymmetrical *N*,*N*-Dialkylation of Acylhydrazides Using Alcohols

An oven-dried screw cap reaction tube (15 mL) was equipped with a stir bar, [Mn-1] (3 mol%), KO^tBu (0.5 mmol), acylhydrazide (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), alcohol (0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and dry toluene (1 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature) for 4 h. After 4 hours, [Mn-1] (3 mol%), KO^tBu (0.5 mmol), another alcohol (0.55 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and toluene (1 mL) were taken in a separate vial, and the solution was added inside the reaction mixture under argon atmosphere. Further, the reaction continued for another 4 hours, and the completion of the reaction was monitored using TLC analysis. After completion of the reaction, the crude mixture was filtered through a celite filter and washed with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL), followed by the solvent was removed under vacuum, and finally, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230- 400 mesh size) using petroleum-ether and ethyl acetate as an eluent to give the *N*,*N*-diethylated product. Yields were calculated for isolated pure products.

3. Characterization

N',N'-dibutylbenzohydrazide (3a)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (113 mg, 91% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.57 - 7.32 (m, 3 H), 6.69 (br. s, 1 H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4 H), 1.64 - 1.48 (m, 4 H), 1.43 - 1.32 (m, 4 H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.7, 134.1, 131.5, 128.6, 127.0, 58.2, 29.2, 20.4, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₅N₂O 249.1961; Found 249.1959.

N',N'-dipentylbenzohydrazide (3b)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (129 mg, 93% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.29 (br. s, 3 H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 4.09 - 3.99 (m, 4 H), 2.99 (br. s, 4 H), 1.90 (br. s, 8 H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.1, 129.5, 118.7, 118.1, 113.1, 63.7, 55.5, 22.3, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₉N₂O 277.2266; Found 277.2265.

N',N'-dihexylbenzohydrazide (3c)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (143 mg, 94% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.52 - 7.32 (m, 3 H), 6.81 (br. s, 1 H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4 H), 1.66 - 1.44 (m, 4 H), 1.28 (br. s, 12 H), 0.99 - 0.77 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.7, 134.1, 131.4, 128.5, 127.0, 58.4, 31.7, 27.0, 26.9, 22.6, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₃₃N₂O 305.2587; Found 305.2583.

N',N'-diheptylbenzohydrazide (3d)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (158 mg, 95% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.55 - 7.36 (m, 3 H), 6.67 (s, 1 H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4 H), 1.70 - 1.43 (m, 4 H), 1.37 - 1.17 (m, 16 H), 0.94 - 0.77 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.7, 134.1, 131.5, 128.6, 127.0, 58.5, 31.8, 29.2, 27.2, 27.1, 22.6, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₃₇N₂O 333.2900; Found 333.2897.

4-methyl-N',N'-dipentylbenzohydrazide (3e)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (140 mg, 95% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.33 - 7.07 (m, 2 H), 6.54 (br. s, 1 H), 2.81 (br. s, 4 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 1.57 (br. s, 4 H), 1.30 (br. s, 8 H), 0.88 (br. s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.8, 141.9, 131.2, 129.3, 126.9, 58.5, 29.4, 26.7, 22.6, 21.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₃₁N₂O 291.2431; Found 291.2428.

N',N'-bis(3-phenylpropyl)benzohydrazide (3f)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (164 mg, 88% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.45 - 7.31 (m, 1 H), 7.31 - 7.22 (m, 2 H), 7.22 - 7.01 (m, 10 H), 6.68 (br. s, 1 H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 2.68 - 2.48 (m, 4 H), 1.86 - 1.64 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.9, 142.1, 134.0, 131.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.0, 125.9, 57.7, 33.4, 28.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₂₉N₂O 373.2267; Found 373.22.

N',N'-dibutyl-4-methylbenzohydrazide (3g)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (122 mg, 93% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.73 - 7.48 (m, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.28 - 7.11 (m, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.70 (br. s, 1 H), 2.82 (t, *J* =

7.5 Hz, 4 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 1.55 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 4 H), 1.43 - 1.26 (m, 4 H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 166.6$, 141.9, 131.2, 129.2, 127.0, 58.2, 29.2, 21.4, 20.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₇N₂O 263.2114; Found 263.2118.

N',N'-dihexyl-4-methylbenzohydrazide (3h)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (151 mg, 95% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.73 - 7.48 (m, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.25 - 7.06 (m, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.70 (br. s, 1 H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 1.71 - 1.45 (m, 4 H), 1.27 (br. s, 12 H), 0.95 - 0.78 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.6, 141.8, 131.2, 129.2, 127.0, 58.5, 31.7, 27.0, 26.9, 22.6, 21.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₃₅N₂O 319.2744; Found 319.2736.

N',N'-diheptylbenzohydrazide (3i)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (168 mg, 97% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.73 - 7.52 (m, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.34 - 7.08 (m, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.79 (s, 1 H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 1.56 (br. s, 4 H), 1.36 - 1.16 (m, 16 H), 0.94 - 0.77 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.6, 141.8, 131.2, 129.2, 127.0, 58.4, 31.8, 29.2, 27.2, 27.1, 22.6, 21.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₃₉N₂O 347.3057; Found 347.3045.

N',N'-dihexyl-4-methoxybenzohydrazide (3j)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (162 mg, 97% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ =

7.71 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.66 (br. s, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 2.81 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4 H), 1.66 - 1.43 (m, 4 H), 1.38 - 1.10 (m, 12 H), 0.94 - 0.69 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 166.2$, 162.2, 128.7, 126.3, 113.8, 58.5, 55.4, 31.7, 27.0, 27.0, 22.6, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₃₃N₂O 335.2693; Found 335.2690.

N',N'-diheptyl-4-methoxybenzohydrazide (3k)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (180 mg, 99% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.84 - 7.58 (m, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.00 - 6.77 (m, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.57 (br. s, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4 H), 1.56 (br. s, 4 H), 1.39 - 1.21 (m, 16 H), 1.04 - 0.76 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2, 162.2, 128.7, 126.3, 113.8, 58.5, 55.4, 31.8, 29.2, 27.2, 27.1, 22.6, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₃₉N₂O₂N₂ 363.3000; Found 363.3006.

N',N'-diethylbenzohydrazide (31)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (89 mg, 93% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.76 (br. s, 2 H), 7.61 - 7.46 (m, 1 H), 7.46 - 7.21 (m, 2 H), 6.74 (br. s, 1 H), 3.05 - 2.78 (m, 4 H), 1.31 - 1.07 (m, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.1, 134.0, 131.5, 128.6, 127.0, 52.3, 12.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₇N₂O 193.1335; Found 193.1331.

3-ethoxy-N',N'-diethylbenzohydrazide (3m)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (115 mg, 97% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.40 - 7.10 (m, 3 H), 6.98 - 6.85 (m, 1 H), 6.71 (br. s, 1 H), 3.97 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.79 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4 H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.0, 158.1, 134.3, 128.5, 117.7, 117.0, 112.1, 62.6, 51.2, 13.7, 11.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₂₁N₂O₂ 237.1659; Found 237.1657.

N',N'-diethyl-4-methylbenzohydrazide (3n)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (98 mg, 95% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.65 (br. s, 1 H), 2.87 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.0, 141.9, 131.1, 129.2, 127.0, 52.3, 21.4, 12.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₉N₂O 207.1492; Found 207.1487.

N',N'-diethyl-4-methoxybenzohydrazide (30)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (109 mg, 98% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.60 (br. s, 1 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 2.79 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4 H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.6, 162.2, 128.8, 126.1, 113.7, 55.4, 52.3, 12.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₉N₂O₂ 223.1441; Found 223.1440.

N',N'-diethyl-3-methoxybenzohydrazide (3p)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (108 mg, 97% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.51 - 7.22 (m, 3 H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.69 (br. s, 1 H), 3.94 - 3.75 (m, 3 H), 2.88 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4 H), 1.25 - 1.10 (m, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.9, 159.8, 135.4, 129.6, 118.6, 117.7, 112.5, 55.5, 52.2, 12.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₉N₂O₂ 223.1441; Found 223.1441.

2-chloro-N',N'-diethylbenzohydrazide (3q)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (99 mg, 87% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.75 - 7.54 (m, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 - 7.18 (m, 2 H), 6.80 (br. s, 1 H), 2.81 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4 H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.1, 137.7, 132.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 52.1, 12.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂OCl 227.0940; Found 227.0946.

2,4-dichloro-N',N'-diethylbenzohydrazide (3r)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (108 mg, 83% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 - 7.26 (m, 1 H), 6.56 (br. s, 1 H), 2.88 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4 H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.0,

136.8, 133.0, 131.1, 129.9, 127.5, 126.4, 52.1, 12.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅N₂OCl₂ 261.0556; Found 261.0558.

4 -bromo-N',N'-diethylbenzohydrazide (3s)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (111 mg, 82% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.83 (br. s, 1 H), 7.71 - 7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.30 - 7.11 (m, 1 H), 6.90 (br. s, 1 H), 2.82 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4 H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.7, 134.5, 130.1, 125.6, 122.8, 52.1, 12.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂OBr 271.0441; Found 271.0441.

3-bromo-N',N'-diethylbenzohydrazide (3t)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (114 mg, 84% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.65 - 7.50 (m, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.50 - 7.37 (m, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.78 (br. s, 1 H), 2.81 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4 H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2, 132.7, 131.8, 131.1, 130.8, 128.7, 126.1, 52.1, 12.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂OBr 271.0441; Found 271.0440.

3-chloro-N',N'-diethylbenzohydrazide (3u)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (101 mg, 89% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ =

7.75 (br. s, 1 H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.02 - 2.78 (m, 4 H), 1.16 (br. s, 6 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 165.8$, 135.7, 134.8, 131.6, 130.8, 129.9, 127.5, 127.4, 125.1, 77.4, 77.3, 77.1, 76.7, 52.1, 12.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂OCl 227.0946; Found 227.0944.

N',N'-diethyl-4-fluorobenzohydrazide (3v)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (86 mg, 82% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.85 - 7.57 (m, 2 H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.82 (br. s, 1 H), 2.80 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4 H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.9, 163.4, 130.1, 129.3, 115.7, 52.1, 12.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂OF 211.1241; Found 211.1241.

N',N'-diethyl-2-fluorobenzohydrazide (3w)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (86 mg, 80% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.79 (s, 1 H), 7.41 (s, 1 H), 7.24 (s, 1 H), 7.07 (s, 1 H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4 H), 1.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃) δ = 156.7, 141.3, 128.5, 121.3, 119.3, 112.8, 108.8, 43.1, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆N₂OF 211.1241; Found 211.1240.

N',N'-diethylthiophene-2-carbohydrazide (3x)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (84 mg, 80% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.03 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.62 (br. s,

1 H), 2.99 - 2.74 (m, 2 H), 2.60 (dd, J = 6.9, 12.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.12 - 0.99 (m, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 164.8$, 135.3, 133.5, 132.6, 126.0, 52.4, 11.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₉H₁₅N₂OS 199.0900; Found 199.0895.

N',N'-dimethylbenzohydrazide (3y)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (76 mg, 92% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 60:40. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.57 - 7.34 (m, 3 H), 2.71 (br. s, 6 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.78, 133.7, 131.6, 128.6, 127.1, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8, 47.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₉H₁₃N₂O 165.1022; Found 165.1023.

N',N',4-trimethylbenzohydrazide (3z)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (95 mg, 85% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 60:40. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.84 - 7.55 (m, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.28 - 6.98 (m, 2 H), 6.81 (br. s, 1 H), 2.71 (br. s, 6 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) d = 165.7, 142.1, 130.8, 129.2, 127.0, 47.7, 21.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₅N₂O 179.1175; Found 179.1179.

N'-butyl-N'-heptylbenzohydrazide (4a)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.70 - 7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.87 (s, 1 H), 2.79 - 2.65 (m, 4 H), 1.52 - 1.36 (m, 4 H), 1.30 - 1.14 (m, 10 H), 0.82 - 0.74 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.7, 134.1, 131.4,

128.5, 127.5, 127.0, 58.5, 58.1, 31.8, 29.2, 27.2, 22.6, 20.4, 14.1. Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for C₁₈H₃₁N₂O 291.2431; Found 291.2440.

N'-heptyl-N'-hexylbenzohydrazide (4b)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.68 - 7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 - 7.25 (m, 2 H), 6.77 (s, 1 H), 2.86 - 2.63 (m, 4 H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4 H), 1.26 - 1.16 (m, 14 H), 0.81 - 0.75 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.7, 134.1, 131.4, 128.5, 127.0, 58.5, 31.8, 29.2, 27.2, 27.1, 26.9, 22.6, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₃₅N₂O 319.4556; Found 319.4559.

N'-heptyl-N'-pentylbenzohydrazide (4c)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 - 7.25 (m, 2 H), 6.73 (br. s, 1 H), 2.77 - 2.71 (m, 4 H), 1.53 - 1.44 (m, 4 H), 1.26 - 1.15 (m, 12 H), 0.79 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 5 H), 0.82 - 0.75 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz CDCl₃) δ = 166.7, 134.1, 131.4, 129.2, 128.5, 127.5, 127.0, 58.4, 58.4, 31.8, 29.4, 29.2, 27.2, 27.1, 26.7, 22.6, 22.6, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₃₃N₂O 305.2587; Found 305.2598.

N'-hexyl-N'-pentylbenzohydrazide (4d)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.70 - 7.60 (m, 2 H), 7.47 - 7.37 (m, 1 H), 7.37 - 7.25 (m, 2 H), 6.72 (br. s, 1 H), 2.81 - 2.66 (m, 4 H), 1.58 - 1.42 (m, 4 H), 1.27 - 1.17 (m, 10 H), 0.83 - 0.75 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.7, 134.1, 131.4, 128.6, 127.0, 58.5, 31.7, 29.4, 27.0, 26.9, 26.7, 22.6, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₃₁N₂O 291.2431; Found 291.2439.

N'-butyl-N'-hexylbenzohydrazide (4e)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.45 - 7.37 (m, 1 H), 7.37 - 7.28 (m, 2 H), 6.73 (br. s, 1 H), 2.87 - 2.65 (m, 4 H), 1.63 - 1.37 (m, 4 H), 1.33 - 1.17 (m, 8 H), 0.85 - 0.75 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.7, 134.1, 131.5, 128.6, 127.0, 58.5, 31.7, 29.1, 26.9, 22.6, 20.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₉N₂O 277.2274; Found 277.2278.

N'-butyl-N'-pentylbenzohydrazide (4f)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.71 - 7.60 (m, 2 H), 7.47 - 7.40 (m, 1 H), 7.39 - 7.27 (m, 2 H), 6.57 (br. s, 1 H), 2.84 - 2.67 (m, 4 H), 1.59 - 1.41 (m, 4 H), 1.34 - 1.22 (m, 6 H), 0.86 - 0.77 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.7, 134.0, 131.6, 128.7, 127.0, 58.5, 58.2, 29.4, 26.7, 22.6, 20.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₇N₂O 263.2118; Found 263.2108.

N'-ethyl-N'-heptylbenzohydrazide (4g)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.47 - 7.36 (m, 1 H), 7.36 - 7.28 (m, 2 H), 6.76 (br. s, 1 H), 2.80 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.75 - 2.65 (m, 2 H), 1.56 - 1.41 (m, 2 H), 1.27 - 1.15 (m, 8 H), 1.09 - 1.04 (m, 3 H), 0.80 - 0.74 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.9, 134.0, 131.4, 128.5, 127.0, 58.3, 52.4, 31.7, 29.2, 27.2, 27.0, 22.6, 14.0, 12.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₇N₂O 263.2118; Found 263.2109.

N'-ethyl-N'-hexylbenzohydrazide (4h)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.45 - 7.36 (m, 1 H), 7.35 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.78 (br. s, 1 H), 2.80 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.76 - 2.66 (m, 2 H), 1.55 - 1.44 (m, 2 H), 1.28 - 1.16 (m, 6 H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 0.78 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.9, 134.0, 131.5, 128.6, 127.3, 127.0, 58.3, 52.5, 31.7, 27.0, 22.6, 14.0, 12.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₅N₂O 249.1961; Found 249.1953.

N'-ethyl-N'-pentylbenzohydrazide (4i)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.71 - 7.61 (m, 2 H), 7.43 - 7.35 (m, 1 H), 7.35 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.86 (br. s, 1 H), 2.80 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.75 - 2.68 (m, 2 H), 1.54 - 1.42 (m, 2 H), 1.26 - 1.18 (m, 4 H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 0.82 - 0.77 (m, 3 H); ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.9, 134.0, 131.4, 128.5, 127.0, 58.3, 52.4, 29.4, 26.7, 22.6, 14.0, 12.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₃N₂O 235.1805; Found 235.1796.

N'-butyl-N'-ethylbenzohydrazide (4j)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 - 7.28 (m, 2 H), 6.77 (br. s, 1 H), 2.81 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.77 - 2.70 (m, 2 H), 1.53 - 1.42 (m, 2 H), 1.33 - 1.21 (m, 2 H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.9, 134.0, 131.4, 128.5, 127.0, 57.9, 52.4, 29.1, 20.4, 14.0, 12.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₂₁N₂O 221.1654; Found 221.1648.

N'-heptyl-N'-methylbenzohydrazide (4k)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.71 - 7.59 (m, 2 H), 7.44 - 7.35 (m, 1 H), 7.35 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 7.00 (br. s, 1 H), 2.74 - 2.66 (m, 2 H), 2.63 (s, 3 H), 1.48 (quin, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.29 - 1.12 (m, 8 H), 0.82 - 0.74 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2, 133.9, 131.5, 128.5, 127.1, 59.8, 46.1, 31.7, 29.2, 27.2, 27.1, 22.6, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₅N₂O 249.3467; Found 249.3464.

N'-hexyl-N'-methylbenzohydrazide (4l)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.75 - 7.61 (m, 2 H), 7.40 (d, *J* =

7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 - 7.30 (m, 2 H), 6.86 (br. s, 1 H), 2.77 - 2.67 (m, 2 H), 2.64 (s, 3 H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.32 - 1.14 (m, 6 H), 0.79 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 166.2, 133.9, 131.5, 128.5, 127.0, 59.8, 46.2, 31.7, 27.2, 26.9, 22.6, 14.0.$ HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₂N₂O 235.3478; Found 235.3474.

N'-methyl-N'-pentylbenzohydrazide (4m)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.71 - 7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.42 - 7.33 (m, 1 H), 7.33 - 7.25 (m, 2 H), 7.19 (br. s, 1 H), 2.73 - 2.63 (m, 2 H), 2.60 (s, 3 H), 1.54 - 1.38 (m, 2 H), 1.25 - 1.17 (m, 4 H), 0.81 - 0.76 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2, 133.9, 131.4, 128.4, 127.1, 59.7, 46.0, 29.3, 26.9, 22.5, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₂₁N₂O 221.1648; Found 221.1650.

N'-butyl-N'-methylbenzohydrazide (4n)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.73 - 7.61 (m, 2 H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.97 (br. s, 1 H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.63 (s, 3 H), 1.52 - 1.38 (m, 2 H), 1.35 - 1.20 (m, 2 H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2, 133.9, 131.5, 128.5, 127.1, 59.5, 46.2, 29.3, 20.3, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₉N₂O 207.1356; Found 207.1354.

N'-heptyl-N'-(methyl-d3)benzohydrazide (40)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.43 - 7.36 (m, 1 H), 7.35 - 7.27 (m, 2 H), 6.98 (br. s, 1 H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.47 (quin, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.30 - 1.10 (m, 8 H), 0.78 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2, 133.9, 131.5, 128.6, 127.0, 59.8, 31.8, 29.2, 27.2, 27.1, 22.6, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₂²H₃N₂O 252.3987; Found 252.3983.

N'-hexyl-N'-(methyl-d3)benzohydrazide (4p)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz CDCl₃) δ = 7.71 - 7.62 (m, 2 H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 - 7.27 (m, 2 H), 6.91 (br. s, 1 H), 2.77 - 2.65 (m, 2 H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.32 - 1.16 (m, 6 H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2, 133.9, 131.5, 128.5, 127.0, 59.7, 31.7, 27.2, 26.9, 22.6, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₀²H₃N₂O 238.1993; Found 238.1996.

N'-(methyl-d3)-N'-pentylbenzohydrazide (4q)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.71 - 7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.43 - 7.36 (m, 1 H), 7.36 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.90 (br. s, 1 H), 2.76 - 2.65 (m, 2 H), 1.58 - 1.41 (m, 2 H), 1.30 - 1.18 (m, 4 H), 0.84 - 0.75 (m, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2, 133.9, 131.5, 128.6, 127.0, 59.7, 29.3, 26.8, 22.5, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₈²H₃N₂O 224.1873; Found 224.1879.

N'-decyl-N'-(methyl-d3)benzohydrazide (4r)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.70 - 7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.48 - 7.39 (m, 1 H), 7.39 - 7.31 (m, 2 H), 6.61 (br. s, 1 H), 2.77 - 2.67 (m, 2 H), 1.55 - 1.41 (m, 2 H), 1.30 - 1.16 (m, 14 H), 0.85 - 0.75 (m, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.1, 133.6, 131.7, 128.6, 127.1, 59.8, 31.9, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 27.1, 27.0, 22.7, 22.67, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₈²H₃N₂O 294.4773; Found 294.4779.

N'-butyl-N'-(methyl-d3)benzohydrazide (4s)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.71 - 7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.43 - 7.36 (m, 1 H), 7.36 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.90 (br. s, 1 H), 2.76 - 2.65 (m, 2 H), 1.58 - 1.41 (m, 2 H), 1.30 - 1.18 (m, 4 H), 0.84 - 0.75 (m, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2, 133.9, 131.5, 128.6, 127.0, 59.7, 29.3, 26.8, 22.5, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆²H₃N₂O 210.1690; Found 210.1695.

N-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (5a)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 95% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.54 - 7.39 (m, 3 H), 6.99 (br. s, 1 H), 3.01 (br. s, 4 H), 1.90 (br. s, 4 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.3, 133.9, 131.5, 128.5, 127.1, 55.5, 22.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅N₂O 191.1179; Found 191.1178.

4-methyl-N-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (5b)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (98 mg, 96% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.03 (br. s, 1 H), 2.99 (br. s, 4 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 1.89 (br. s, 4 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100mMHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2, 141.8, 131.0, 129.1, 127.0, 55.5, 22.2, 21.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇N₂O 205.1335; Found 205.1332.

4-methoxy-N-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (5c)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (108 mg, 98% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.81 - 7.57 (m, 2 H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.82 (br. s, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 2.99 (br. s, 4 H), 1.90 (br. s, 4 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.8, 162.2, 128.8, 126.1, 113.7, 76.7, 55.6, 55.4, 22.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇N₂O₂ 221.1276; Found 221.1274.

3-methoxy-N-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (5d)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (106 mg, 96% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.38 - 7.12 (m, 3 H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 2.93 (br. s, 4 H), 1.83 (br. s, 4 H)

ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2, 159.8, 135.2, 129.6, 118.8, 117.7, 112.5, 55.5, 30.0, 22.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇N₂O₂ 221.1282; Found 221.1285.

3-ethoxy-N-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (5e)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (110 mg, 94% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.34 - 7.23 (m, 3 H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.99 (br. s, 4 H), 1.90 (br. s, 4 H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.1, 159.1, 135.3, 129.5, 118.7, 118.1, 113.1, 63.7, 55.5, 22.3, 14.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₉N₂O₂ 235.1441; Found 235.1439.

3-bromo-N-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (5f)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (113 mg, 84% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.90 (br. s, 1 H), 7.67 (br. s, 1 H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.00 (br. s, 4 H), 1.89 (br. s, 4 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.9, 135.8, 134.8, 134.4, 130.4, 130.1, 125.8, 122.7, 55.4, 22.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₂OBr 269.0284; Found 269.0285.

4-bromo-N-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (5g)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (116 mg, 86% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ =

7.55 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.90 (br. s, 4 H), 1.78 (br. s, 4 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 165.4$, 132.7, 131.6, 128.8, 126.0, 55.2, 22.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₂OBr 269.0284; Found 269.0285.

2-chloro-N-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (5h)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (100 mg, 89% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.67 - 7.41 (m, 1 H), 7.40 - 7.28 (m, 3 H), 6.96 (br. s, 1 H), 3.01 (br. s, 4 H), 1.90 (br. s, 4 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 171.2, 165.2, 136.2, 134.4, 131.2, 130.0, 130.0, 127.0, 55.3, 22.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₂OCl 225.0787; Found 225.0789.

3-chloro-N-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (5i)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (99 mg, 88% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.67 (br. s, 1 H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.93 (br. s, 4 H), 1.81 (br. s, 4 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.1, 134.6, 133.6, 130.4, 128.8, 126.5, 124.3, 54.3, 21.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₂OCl 225.0789; Found 225.0790.

4-fluoro-N-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (5j)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (85 mg, 82% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (br. s, 2 H), 7.21 - 6.95 (m, 2 H), 2.99 (br. s, 4 H), 1.87 (br. s, 4 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ = 165.9, 165.3, 163.4, 129.4, 115.4, 55.3, 22.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₂OF 209.1086; Found 209.1085.

2,4-dichloro-N-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzamide (5k)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (102 mg, 79% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (s, 1 H), 7.34 - 7.26 (m, 1 H), 6.95 (br. s, 1 H), 3.03 (br. s, 4 H), 1.92 (br. s, 4 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.2, 136.8, 131.7, 131.2, 129.9, 128.3, 127.5, 55.4, 22.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₂OCl₂ 259.0399; Found 259.0399.

N-(piperidin-1-yl)benzamide (5l)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (92 mg, 90% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.51 - 7.29 (m, 3 H), 6.87 (br. s, 1 H), 2.78 (br. s, 4 H), 1.68 (br. s, 4 H), 1.36 (br. s, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.3, 134.1, 131.5, 128.5, 127.1, 57.1, 25.4, 23.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇N₂O 205.1335; Found 205.1332.

4-methyl-N-(piperidin-1-yl)benzamide (5m)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (100 mg, 92% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.08 (br. s, 1 H), 2.84 (br. s, 4 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 1.73 (br. s, 4 H), 1.42 (br. s, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.3, 141.8,

131.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 57.0, 25.4, 23.3, 21.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₉N₂O 219.1492; Found 219.1484.

4-methoxy-N-(piperidin-1-yl)benzamide (5n)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (110 mg, 94% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H and N-H proton, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 2.85 (br. s, 4 H), 1.74 (br. s, 4 H), 1.43 (br. s, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.9, 162.1, 128.8, 126.3, 113.7, 57.2, 55.4, 25.4, 23.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₉N₂O₂ 235.1441; Found 235.1439.

3-ethoxy-N-(piperidin-1-yl)benzamide (50)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (109 mg, 88% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.36 - 7.07 (m, 4 H), 6.90 (br. s, 1 H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.76 (br. s, 4 H), 1.74 - 1.45 (m, 4 H), 1.32 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.2, 159.0, 135.4, 129.5, 118.9, 117.9, 113.1, 63.6, 56.9, 25.3, 23.2, 14.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₁N₂O₂ 249.1598; Found 249.1595.

3-bromo-N-(piperidin-1-yl)benzamide (5p)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (118 mg, 83% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ =

7.82 (br. s, 1 H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.78 (br. s, 4 H), 1.71 - 1.58 (m, 4 H), 1.34 (br. s, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 164.0$, 136.0, 134.3, 130.3, 130.1, 125.8, 122.6, 56.9, 25.3, 23.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₂OBr 283.0441; Found 283.0442.

4-fluoro-N-(piperidin-1-yl)benzamide (5q)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (90 mg, 81% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.06 (dt, *J* = 1.6, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 - 7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.32 - 7.17 (m, 1 H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 11.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.89 (br. s, 4 H), 1.88 - 1.69 (m, 4 H), 1.46 (br. s, 2 H) ppm;¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.1, 133.2, 132.2, 124.9, 116.0, 57.0, 25.4, 25.3, 23.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₂OF 223.1240; Found 223.1241.

4-chloro-N-(piperidin-1-yl)benzamide (5r)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (104 mg, 87% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz CDCl₃) δ = 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.77 (br. s, 4 H), 1.63 (br. s, 4 H), 1.34 (br. s, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.4, 137.6, 132.4, 128.7, 128.6, 56.9, 25.3, 23.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₂OCl 239.0943; Found 239.0946.

N-(piperidin-1-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (5s)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (81 mg, 77% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ =

8.20 - 7.90 (m, 1 H), 7.54 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (br. s, 1 H), 7.17 - 6.91 (m, 1 H), 3.15 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.46 (t, J = 10.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.83 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.78 - 1.61 (m, 4 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 163.5$, 135.0, 133.8, 132.1, 126.2, 57.7, 25.4, 23.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₅N₂OS 211.0900; Found 211.0900.

(E)-N'-butylidenebenzohydrazide (3a')



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (84 mg, 88% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 10.85 (br. s, 1 H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.73 - 7.55 (m, 1 H), 7.43 - 7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.25 - 7.06 (m, 2 H), 2.28 - 2.02 (m, 2 H), 1.48 - 1.22 (m, 2 H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.7, 153.5, 133.1, 131.7, 128.3, 127.6, 34.4, 19.9, 13.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅N₂O 191.1179; Found 191.1178.

(E)-2-benzylidene-1,1-diheptylhydrazine (6a)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a paleyellow liquid (146 mg, 93% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 98:2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 0.75 - 0.86 (m, 6 H), 1.18 - 1.33 (m, 16 H), 1.50 - 1.56 (m, 4 H), 3.07 - 3.31 (m, 4 H), 7.04 - 7.11 (m, 1 H), 7.12 (s, 1 H), 7.17 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 7.45 (d, *J*=7.38 Hz, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 13.07, 21.61, 25.87 26.18, 28.15, 30.83, 52.48, 124.05, 125.46, 127.35, 127.54, 136.67 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₃₇N₂ 316.1239; Found 316.1241.

Methyl benzoate (6b)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a colourless liquid (22 mg, 32% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 99:1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.92 (s, 3 H), 7.34 - 7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.51 - 7.60 (m, 1 H), 7.92 - 8.20 (m, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 52.10, 76.73, 128.36, 129.58, 130.17, 132.91, 167.13 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₈H₉O 137.5459; Found 137.5456.

Benzamide (6c)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and isolated as a white solid (43 mg, 71% yield). Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.35 - 7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.54 (d, *J*=7.38 Hz, 1 H), 7.73 - 7.88 (m, 2 H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 76.71, 127.41, 128.68, 132.20, 133.03, 169.63 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₇H₈ON 122.0597; Found 122.0600.

4. Mechanistic investigations

4.1. Detection of H₂ gas



In an oven-dried screw cap reaction tube (15 mL), benzohydrazide **1a** (1 mmol), 1-butanol **2a** (2.2 mmol), **[Mn-1]** (3 mol%), KO'Bu (50 mol%), and dry toluene (1 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature) for 4 h. After completion of the reaction the crude mixture was cooled to room temperature followed by the sample was submitted to GC as well as gasometer for detection of H₂ gas (Figure S1).



Figure S1. Detection of H_2 gas (a) by GC analysis, (b) Gasometer analysis. (c) Photograph of OmniStarTM Gas Analysis System GSD 320 (Pfeiffer) quadrupole mass spectrometer apparatus used for the analysis of hydrogen gas (Gasometer).

4.2. Deuterium labeling experiments

4.2.1. Synthesis of deuterated heptanol-D₃ (2d-D)

To an oven-dried 10 mL screw-capped vial, Ru-MACHO (3 mol%), 1-heptanol **2d** (0.5 mmol), KOH (0.55 mmol, 1.1 equivalent), and deuterium oxide (1 mL) were added under a gentle stream of argon. The reaction mixture was kept for stirring at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature) for 18 h. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (4 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL). The resultant organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230-400 mesh size) using Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10 as an eluting system to give the deuterated product **2d-D** (92.5% deuterated).



Figure S2. ¹H NMR of 2d-D, 400 MHz, CDCl₃

4.2.2. Synthesis of 3y-D

To an oven-dried 15 mL screw-capped vial, CD₃OD (1 mL), benzohydrazide (0.5 mmol), KO^tBu (50 mol%), [Mn-1] (5 mol%), and toluene (1 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130° C (oil-bath temperature). After completion of the reaction the crude mixture was cooled to room temperature followed by filtered through a celite pad with several washings (3 x 3 mL ethyl acetate) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30) to afford the product **3y-D** in 91% yield.



Figure S3. ¹H NMR of 3y-D, 400 MHz, CDCl₃

4.2.3. Synthesis of 3d-D

To an oven-dried 15 mL screw-capped vial, heptanol-D₃ (1.1 mmol), benzohydrazide (0.5 mmol), KO^tBu (50 mol%), [Mn-1] (5 mol%), and toluene (1 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130° C (oil-bath temperature). After completion of the reaction the crude mixture was cooled to room temperature followed by filtered through a celite pad with several washings (3 x 3 mL ethyl acetate) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30) to afford the product **3d-D** in 90% yield.



Figure S4. ¹H NMR of 3d-D, 400 MHz, CDCl₃

4.2.4. Synthesis of 3I-D

To an oven-dried 15 mL screw-capped vial, C_2D_6O (10 equivalent), benzohydrazide (0.5 mmol), KO^tBu (50 mol%), [Mn-1] (5 mol%), and toluene (1 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130° C (oil-bath temperature). After completion of the reaction the crude mixture was cooled to room temperature followed by filtered through a celite pad with several washings (3 x 3 mL ethyl acetate) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 70:30) to afford the product **3I-D** in 89% yield.



Figure S5. ¹H NMR of 3I-D, 400 MHz, CDCl₃
4.3. Synthesis of intermediate hydrazone

To a solution of the benzohydrazide (1 mmol) and butyraldehyde (1.2 mmol) containing EtOH was reflux in a 50 mL round bottom flask at room temperature for 10 h. After completion of the reaction the crude mixture was cooled to room temperature followed by filtered through a celite pad with several washings (3 x 3 mL ethyl acetate) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 90:10) to afford the product.



Figure S6. ¹H NMR of 3a', 400 MHz, CDCl₃



Figure S7. ¹³C NMR of 3a', 100 MHz, CDCl₃

4.4. Alkylation of intermediate hydrazone with 1-butanol



In an oven dried screw cap reaction tube (15 mL), 1-butanol (0.75 mmol), hydrazone (0.5 mmol), KO^tBu (50 mol%), [Mn-1] (5 mol%), and toluene (1 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature) for 4 h. After completion of the reaction the crude mixture was filtered through celite filter and washed with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL), the residual solvent was removed under vacuum and finally the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230-400 mesh size) using petroleum-ether and ethyl acetate as an eluent. The reaction of hydrazone in the presence of 1-butanol identified *N'*,*N*-dibutylbenzohydrazide as the major product.

4.5. Reaction in presence of Hg and DCT

In an oven dried screw cap reaction tube (15 mL), 1-butanol (1.1 mmol), benzohydrazide (0.5 mmol), KO^tBu (50 mol%), [Mn-1] (5 mol%), Hg (50 equivalent with respect to catalyst) or DCT (5 equivalent) and toluene (1 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature) for 4 h. After completion of the reaction the crude mixture was filtered through celite filter and washed with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL), the residual solvent was removed under vacuum and finally the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230-400 mesh size) using petroleum-ether and ethyl acetate as an eluent.



5. Monitoring the kinetic profile of the reaction

In an oven dried screw cap pressure tube (15 mL), **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1 eq.), **2d** (1.1 mmol, 2.2 eq.), **[Mn-1]** (3 mol%), KO'Bu (50 mol%), n-octane (0.5 mmol, 1 eq.) as an internal standard and dry toluene (2 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature). At regular intervals (5 min, 10 min, 15 min, 20 min, 25 min, 30 min, 35 min, 40 min, 45 min, 50 min) the reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and an aliquot of mixture was taken in a GC vial. The GC sample was diluted with methanol and subjected to gas chromatographic analysis. The concentration of the products was determined with respect to n-octane as internal standard. The data represented was taken from the average of two independent set of experiments. Next, the reaction kinetic profile for the manganese-catalyzed *N*,*N*-dialkylation of benzohydrazide **1a** with 1-heptanol **2d** was conducted (Figure S8). The time dependent product formation data clearly convey that the product **3d** formation increases rapidly at ten minutes.



Figure S8. Kinetic plot for the manganese-catalyzed *N*,*N*-dialkylation of benzohydrazide (1a) with 1-heptanol (2d).

6. Diversification of the N,N-dialkylated product

6a. Lithium aluminium hydride reduction



In an oven dried screw cap reaction tube (15 mL) with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **2d** (0.5 mmol), LAH (0.75 mmol), dry THF (2 mL) followed by pyridine (10 mol %) under nitrogen atmosphere and the reaction tube was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere at 0 °C for 10 minutes. Then, the reaction mixture was transferred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130° C (oilbath temperature) for 12 h. After completion of the reaction the crude mixture was filtered through celite filter and washed with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL), the residual solvent was removed under vacuum and finally the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230-400 mesh size) using petroleum-ether and ethyl acetate as an eluent.

6b. Reaction with methanolic ammonia



In an oven dried screw cap reaction tube (15 mL), **2d** (0.5 mmol) and methanolic ammonia (1 mL) were added in a gentle stream of argon. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred with a magnetic stirring bar at 130 °C (oil-bath temperature) for 12 h. After completion of the reaction the crude mixture was filtered through celite filter and washed with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL), the residual solvent was removed under vacuum and finally the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (230-400 mesh size) using petroleum-ether and ethyl acetate as an eluent.

6c. Hydrogenation with Pd/C



In an oven-dried 10 mL round-bottomed flask with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with **2d** (0.5 mmol), 2.1 mg 5 wt% Pd/C (0.2% of Pd loading), dry methanol (2 mL) followed by pyridine (10 mol %) under nitrogen atmosphere. The round-bottomed flask was fitted to an adapter which is connected to a hydrogen balloon (1 atm.). The N₂ gas from the round-bottomed flask was flushed out by releasing hydrogen gas and then the reaction flask was placed on a magnetic stirrer under hydrogen atmosphere and allowed to stir at room temperature. After 15-30 minutes the color of the reaction mixture disappears which indicates the completion of the reaction (completion of the reaction was confirmed by checking TLC). Then the catalyst was removed by a quick filtration. Then the clear solution was dissolved in dry methanol for HRMS analysis. The solvent of the reaction mixture was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was washed with cold n-hexane (5 mL×3) to afford desired pure product **6c** as colourless solid.

7. Copy of ¹H and ¹³CNMR



Figure S9. ¹H NMR of 3a (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S10. ¹³C NMR of 3a (00 MHz, CDCl₃)









Figure S12. ¹³C NMR of 3b (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S14. ¹³C NMR of 3c (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S15. ¹H NMR of 3d (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S16. ¹³C NMR of 3d (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S17. ¹H NMR of 3e (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S18. ¹³C NMR of 3e (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S19. ¹H NMR of 3f (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S20. ¹³C NMR of **3f** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S21. ¹H NMR of 3g (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S22. ¹³C NMR of 3g (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S23. ¹H NMR of 3h (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S24. ¹³C NMR of 3h (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



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Figure S27. ¹H NMR of 3j (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S28. ¹³C NMR of 3j (100 MHz, CDCl₃)









Figure S30. ¹³C NMR of 3k (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S32. ¹³C NMR of 3l (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S33. ¹H NMR of 3m (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S34. ¹³C NMR of **3m** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S36. ¹³C NMR of 3n (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S37. ¹H NMR of 30 (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S38. ¹³C NMR of 30 (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S39. ¹H NMR of 3p (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S40. ¹³C NMR of 3p (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S41. ¹H NMR of 3q (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S42. ¹³C NMR of **3q** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S43. ¹H NMR of 3r (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S44. ¹³C NMR of 3r (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S45. ¹H NMR of 3s (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S46. ¹³C NMR of 3s (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S47. ¹H NMR of 3t (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S48. ¹³C NMR of 3t (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S49. ¹H NMR of 3u (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S50. ¹³C NMR of 3u (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S52. ¹³C NMR of 3v (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S54. ¹³C NMR of 3w (400 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S56. ¹³C NMR of 3x (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S57. ¹H NMR of 3y (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S58. ¹³C NMR of 3y (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S60. ¹³C NMR of 3z (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S61. ¹H NMR of 4a (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S62. ¹³C NMR of 4a (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S64. ¹³C NMR of 4b (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S65. ¹H NMR of 4c (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S66. ¹³C NMR of **4c** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S67. ¹H NMR of 4d (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S68. ¹³C NMR of 4d (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S69. ¹H NMR of 4e (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S70. ¹³C NMR of **4e** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)


Figure S71. ¹H NMR of 4f (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S72. ¹³C NMR of **4f** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S73. ¹H NMR of 4g (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S74. ¹³C NMR of 4g (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S75. ¹H NMR of 4h (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S76. ¹³C NMR of 4h (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S78. ¹³C NMR of **4i** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S80. ¹³C NMR of 4j (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S81. ¹H NMR of 4k (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S82. ¹³C NMR of 4k (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S83. ¹H NMR of 4l (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S84. ¹³C NMR of 4l (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S85. ¹H NMR of 4m (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S86. ¹³C NMR of 4m (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S87. ¹H NMR of 4n (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S88. ¹³C NMR of 4n (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S89. ¹H NMR of **40** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S90. ¹³C NMR of 40 (100 MHz, CDCl₃)











Figure S94. ¹³C NMR of 4q (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S96. ¹³C NMR of **4r** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S97. ¹H NMR of 4s (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S98. ¹³C NMR of 4s (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S99. ¹H NMR of 5a (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S100. ¹³C NMR of 5a (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S101. ¹H NMR of 5b (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S102. ¹³C NMR of 5b (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S103. ¹H NMR of **5c** (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S104. ¹³C NMR of 5c (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S105. ¹H NMR of 5d (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S106. ¹³C NMR of 5d (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S107. ¹H NMR of 5e (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S108. ¹³C NMR of 5e (100 MHz, CDCl₃)









Figure S110. ¹³C NMR of 5f (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S112. ¹³C NMR of **5g** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S113. ¹H NMR of 5h (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S114. ¹³C NMR of 5h (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S116. ¹³C NMR of **5i** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S117. ¹H NMR of 5j (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S118. ¹³C NMR of 5j (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





Figure S119. ¹H NMR of 5k (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S120. ¹³C NMR of 5k (100 MHz, CDCl₃)







Figure S122. ¹³C NMR of **5**l (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S123. ¹H NMR of 5m (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S124. ¹³C NMR of 5m (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S125. ¹H NMR of 5n (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S126. ¹³C NMR of 5n (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S127. ¹H NMR of 50 (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S128. ¹³C NMR of 50 (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S129. ¹H NMR of 5p (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S130. ¹³C NMR of 5p (100 MHz, CDCl₃



Figure S131. ¹H NMR of 5q (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S132. ¹³C NMR of 5q (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S133. ¹H NMR of 5r (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S134. ¹³C NMR of 5r (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S135. ¹H NMR of 5s (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S136. ¹³C NMR of 5s (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S137. ¹H NMR of 6a (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S138. ¹³C NMR of 6a (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S139. ¹H NMR of 6b (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S140. ¹³C NMR of 6b (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S141. ¹H NMR of 6c (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



Figure S142. ¹³C NMR of **6c** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)


Figure S143. HRMS data of benzamide 6c



Figure S144. HRMS data of diheptylamine 6c'