# Reductive thiolation and oxidative dehydroaromatization of cyclohexanones with primary amines and sodium sulfinates to access o-sulfanylanilines

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# **General Information**

All other reagents were purchased from TCI, Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Acros, and Meryer and used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) and <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz) spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO-D6 solutions using a Burker AVANCE 500 spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on an ESI-Q-TOF mass spectrometer. Analysis of crude reaction mixture was done on the Varian 4000 GC/MS and 1200 LC. All reactions were conducted using standard Schlenk techniques. Column chromatography was performed using EM silica gel 60 (300–400 m).

## **General Experimental Procedures**

General Procedure of thioamination of cyclic ketones with primary amines and sulfinates:



A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with substituted cyclic ketones (0.2 mmol), primary amines (0.4 mmol), sulfinates (0.4 mmol), HI (0.6 mmol, 55-57 wt.% solution in  $H_2O$ ), TBAI (0.6 mmol) and  $H_2O$  (2.0 mL). The tube was fitted with a rubber septum, and then it was evacuated and refilled with  $O_2$  three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. After cooling down, the reaction mixture was diluted with 10 mL of ethyl ether and  $H_2O$ , after the workup of extraction, dry with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to provide the corresponding product.

### Gram-scale reaction:



A 250 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with substituted cyclohexanone (20 mmol), 4-chloroaniline (40 mmol), sodium benzene sulfinate (40 mmol), HI (60 mmol, 55-57 wt.% solution in H<sub>2</sub>O), TBAI (60 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (200 mL). The tube was fitted with a rubber septum, and then it was evacuated and refilled with O<sub>2</sub> three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. After cooling down, the reaction mixture was diluted with 100 mL of ethyl ether and H<sub>2</sub>O, after the workup of extraction, dry with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to provide the corresponding product (**4c**, 80%).

### **Mechanistic Studies**



A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with cyclohexanone (0.2 mmol), aniline (0.4 mmol), HI (0.6 mmol, 55-57 wt.% solution in H<sub>2</sub>O), TBAI (0.6 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL). The tube was fitted with a rubber septum, and then it was evacuated and refilled with O<sub>2</sub> three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110  $^{\circ}$ C for 24 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the reaction was filtered through a pad of Celite and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), none of **8a** and **8b** were detected by GC-MS.

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ HI (3.0 equiv) \\ + PhSO_2Na \end{array} \xrightarrow{TBAI (3.0 equiv)}{H_2O, O_2, 110 °C, 24 h} \end{array} \xrightarrow{O} SPh \\ + PhSSPh \\ 8d, trace \\ 8c, 69\% \end{array}$$

A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with cyclohexanone (0.2 mmol), benzene sulfinic acid sodium salt (0.4 mmol), HI (0.6 mmol, 55-57 wt.% solution in H<sub>2</sub>O), TBAI (0.6 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL). The tube was fitted with a rubber septum, and then it was evacuated and refilled with O<sub>2</sub> three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the reaction was filtered through a pad of Celite and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL),  $\alpha$  -thiolated product **8c** was isolated in 69% yield, and only a trace of disulfide **8d** was detected.

2-(phenylthio)cyclohexan-1-one

The NMR of **8c** is accorded with the known reference (A. F. Vaquer, A. Frongia, F. Secci and E. Tuveria, *RSC Adv.*, 2015, **5**, 96695.)





A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with diphenylamine (0.2 mmol), benzene sulfinic acid sodium salt (0.4 mmol), HI (0.6 mmol, 55-57 wt.% solution in H<sub>2</sub>O), TBAI (0.6 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL). The tube was fitted with a rubber septum, and then it was evacuated and refilled with O<sub>2</sub> three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the reaction was filtered through a pad of Celite and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), none of **4a** were detected by GC-MS.



A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with N-phenylcyclohexanimine (0.2 mmol), benzene sulfinic acid sodium salt (0.4 mmol), HI (0.6 mmol, 55-57 wt.% solution in H<sub>2</sub>O), TBAI (0.6 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL). The tube was fitted with a rubber septum, and then it was evacuated and refilled with O<sub>2</sub> three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the reaction was filtered through a

pad of Celite and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), none of 4a were detected by GC-MS.



A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with **8c** (0.2 mmol), aniline (0.4 mmol), HI (0.6 mmol, 55-57 wt.% solution in H<sub>2</sub>O), TBAI (0.6 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL). The tube was fitted with a rubber septum, and then it was evacuated and refilled with O<sub>2</sub> three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the reaction was filtered through a pad of Celite and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), **4a** was isolated in 58%.

HI (3.0 equiv)  
TBAI (3.0 equiv)  

$$+$$
 PhNH<sub>2</sub> + PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na  $\xrightarrow{\text{TEMPO (1.0 equiv)}}{H_2O, O_2, 110 \,^{\circ}\text{C}, 24 \,\text{h}}$  (eq. 6)  
4a, 0%

A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with cyclohexanone (0.2 mmol), aniline (0.4 mmol), benzene sulfinic acid sodium salt (0.4 mmol), HI (0.6 mmol, 55-57 wt.% solution in H<sub>2</sub>O), TBAI (0.6 mmol), TEMPO (0.2 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL). The tube was fitted with a rubber septum, and then it was evacuated and refilled with O<sub>2</sub> three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the reaction was filtered through a pad of Celite and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), none of **4a** were detected by GC-MS.



After the reaction acetone iodization experiment

A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with 1,1-diphenylethylene (0.2 mmol), benzene sulfinic acid sodium salt (0.4 mmol), HI (0.6 mmol, 55-57 wt.% solution in H<sub>2</sub>O), TBAI (0.6 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL). The tube was fitted with a rubber septum, and then it was evacuated and refilled with O<sub>2</sub> three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the reaction was filtered through a

pad of Celite and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), **8e** was isolated in 95%. These results indicate that a thiyl radical was involved during the reaction process. The resulting  $I_2$  was confirmed by the acetone iodization experiment, which indicates sodium sulfinate could oxidize the HI to  $I_2$ .

(2,2-diphenylvinyl)(phenyl)sulfane

The NMR of **8e** is accorded with the known reference (B.-W. Wang, K. Jiang, J.-X. Li, S.-H. Luo, Z.-Y. Wang and H.-F. Jiang, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2020, **59**, 2338.)







# **Characterization of Products in Details :**

N-phenyl-2-(phenylthio)aniline<sup>1,2</sup>



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow solid (50.4 mg, 91% yield), Mp = 83-84°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.59 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.26(m, 7H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.90 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (brs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.93, 141.77, 137.51, 136.59, 130.80, 129.40, 129.21, 127.06, 125.87, 122.78, 120.81, 120.03, 117.42, 114.55. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 278.1003, found 278.1016.

N-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (48.4 mg, 82% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.60 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.89 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (brs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  159.14 (d, *J* = 242.0 Hz), 146.73, 137.63, 136.58, 130.96, 130.93, 129.20, 126.89, 125.85, 123.76 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 119.74, 116.65, 116.08 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 113.76. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -119.50 (1F); HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NSF [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 296.0909, found 296.0919.

N-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)aniline





Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (52.2 mg, 84% yield). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.37, 140.51, 137.43, 136.35, 130.78, 129.39, 129.24, 127.44, 127.15, 126.00, 121.68, 120.58, 118.13, 114.89. **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NSCl [M - H]<sup>+</sup> 310.0457, found 310.0456.

N-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (57.5 mg, 81% yield). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.61 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (td,

*J* = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.15, 141.08, 137.42, 136.34, 132.34, 130.78, 129.29, 127.24, 126.07, 121.83, 120.78, 118.43, 115.13, 114.73. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NSBr [M - H]<sup>+</sup> 353.9952, found 353.9963.

N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(phenylthio)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (59.6 mg, 97% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.60 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.84 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  156.46, 147.89, 137.73, 136.87, 134.42, 131.08, 129.19, 126.74, 125.71, 125.00, 118.88, 115.43, 114.75, 113.14, 55.61. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NOS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 308.1109, found 308.1122.

2-(phenylthio)-N-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (61.4 mg, 85% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.60 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.94 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.28, 144.10, 140.72, 137.45, 136.32, 130.81, 129.27, 127.17, 126.04, 122.31, 121.22, 120.76, 120.63 (q, *J* = 255.0 Hz), 118.27, 114.99. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -58.18 (3F); HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOF<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 362.0826, found 362.0833.

2-(phenylthio)-N-(4-((trifluoromethyl)thio)phenyl)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (65.6 mg, 87% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.62 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (td, *J* = 8.2, 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 3H), 7.04 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.19, 143.35, 138.08, 136.92, 135.93, 130.45, 129.74 (q, *J* = 307.0 Hz), 129.35, 127.80, 126.37, 122.26, 121.07, 118.37, 117.41, 114.91. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -43.76 (3F); HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NF<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 378.0598, found 378.0611.

N-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-2-(phenylthio)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow solid (69.4 mg, 94% yield), Mp = 88-89 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 4H), 6.87 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.87, 152.84, 146.76, 137.63, 137.18, 136.65, 130.95, 129.77, 129.19, 126.87, 125.79, 123.51, 122.99, 120.25, 119.58, 118.34, 116.50, 113.80. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NOS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 370.1266, found 370.1270.

1-(4-((2-(phenylthio)phenyl)amino)phenyl)ethan-1-one



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a

yellow liquid (55.5 mg, 87% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.89 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, J = 8.3, 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  196.47, 147.05, 142.76, 136.66, 135.75, 130.46, 130.28, 130.24, 129.34, 127.98, 126.43, 122.68, 121.88, 118.17, 116.29, 26.25. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NOS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 320.1109, found 320.1122.

2-(phenylthio)-N-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (54.5 mg, 79% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.59 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.51, 143.50, 136.94, 135.93, 130.45, 129.33, 127.75, 126.69 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 126.34, 124.60 (q, *J* = 252.0 Hz), 123.09 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz), 122.15, 120.87, 117.60, 117.13. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -61.66 (3F); HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NSF<sub>3</sub> [M - H]<sup>+</sup> 344.0721, found 344.0730.

2-methyl-N-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (52.4 mg, 90% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.63 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 146.63,

139.62, 137.67, 136.61, 131.83, 131.09, 131.01, 129.20, 126.86, 126.80, 125.82, 124.04, 122.60, 119.10, 116.09, 113.71, 17.69. **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for  $C_{19}H_{18}NS$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 292.1160, found 292.1169.

2,4-dimethyl-N-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (53.7 mg, 88% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  147.49, 137.77, 136.89, 136.83, 134.26, 132.87, 131.86, 131.15, 129.22, 127.48, 126.88, 125.79, 124.15, 118.59, 115.36, 113.17, 21.01, 17.71. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 306.1316, found 306.1318.

2-(phenylthio)-N-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (46.7 mg, 65% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.59-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.77 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  148.73, 143.35, 137.83, 136.77, 131.51, 129.09, 127.11, 126.63, 125.66, 125.57 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 121.49(q, *J* = 280.0 Hz), 117.65, 114.42, 110.88, 47.13. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.41 (3F); HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NF<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 360.1034, found 360.1040.

N-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)pyridin-3-amine





Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (37.8 mg, 68% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.40 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, *J* = 7.7, 7.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.16 (m, 7H), 6.97 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.62, 143.49, 142.41, 138.58, 137.39, 136.08, 130.78, 129.29, 127.31, 126.37 (d, *J* = 41.9 Hz), 123.78, 121.29, 119.06, 115.08. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 279.0956, found 279.0959.

## N-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)naphthalen-1-amine



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow solid (58.9 mg, 90% yield), Mp = 92-93 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.88 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.20 (m, 7H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.87 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  147.44, 137.67, 137.26, 136.73, 134.78, 131.07, 129.39, 129.32, 128.46, 127.10, 126.26, 126.06, 125.95, 125.91, 124.76, 122.29, 119.74, 119.28, 116.20, 114.11. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 328.1160, found 328.1158.

2,6-diisopropyl-N-(2-(phenylthio)phenyl)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (34.7 mg, 48% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.61 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.15 (m, 9H), 6.75 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.27-6.21 (m, 2H), 2.93 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  149.40, 147.79, 137.85, 137.02, 134.59, 131.35, 129.01, 127.63, 126.71, 125.62, 123.85, 117.34, 113.23, 111.71, 28.28, 24.39, 23.07. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 362.1942, found 362.1950.

4-methyl-N-phenyl-2-(phenylthio)aniline





Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (53.5 mg, 92% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.47(m, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.27, 142.49, 137.60, 136.82, 131.47, 129.89, 129.40, 129.24, 127.15, 125.86, 122.12, 119.85, 118.05, 115.52, 20.49. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 292.1160, found 292.1167.

4-ethyl-N-phenyl-2-(phenylthio)aniline



5b

Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (55.5 mg, 91% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.45 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 0H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 4H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.01 (tt, *J* = 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 2.64 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.44, 142.37, 136.79, 136.49, 136.35, 130.27, 129.34, 129.18, 126.95, 125.75, 122.10, 119.88, 117.71, 115.35, 27.92, 15.76. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 306.1316, found 306.1321.

N-phenyl-2-(phenylthio)-4-propylaniline



5c

Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (58.7 mg, 92% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.42 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (h, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.45, 142.35, 137.13, 136.84, 134.79, 130.85, 129.34, 129.17, 126.92, 125.73, 122.10, 119.91, 117.55, 115.21, 37.04, 24.68, 13.82. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 320.1473, found 320.1485.

4-(tert-butyl)-N-phenyl-2-(phenylthio)aniline



5d

Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (49.9 mg, 75% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.61 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H),

7.39-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.29, 142.27, 136.86, 134.25, 129.31, 129.15, 127.82, 126.78, 125.67, 122.16, 120.04, 117.08, 114.81, 34.20, 31.45. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 334.1629, found 334.1638.

N-phenyl-5-(phenylthio)benzo[b]thiophen-4-amine



5e

Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (40.6 mg, 61% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.12 (m, 7H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.93 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  144.53, 142.80, 140.25, 137.10, 133.26, 131.98, 129.17, 129.03, 127.72, 125.99, 125.57, 123.66, 121.42, 118.61, 118.35, 117.62. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NS<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 334.0724, found 334.0726.

N-phenyl-3-(phenylthio)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-amine



5f

Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (62.1 mg, 88% yield). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.89 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.17, 141.57, 140.07, 136.44, 135.91, 132.88, 129.47, 129.41, 129.28, 128.90, 127.01, 126.84, 126.42, 125.95, 122.93, 120.92, 117.66, 114.67. **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 354.1316, found 354.1316.

ethyl 4-(phenylamino)-3-(phenylthio)benzoate



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (52.3 mg, 75% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.34 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.14 (m, 10H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.01, 150.11, 140.01, 139.78, 135.84, 132.89, 129.60, 129.33, 126.82, 126.11, 124.54, 122.77, 121.10, 115.60, 112.09, 60.71, 14.50. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 350.1215, found 350.1227.

N-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyl-2-(phenylthio)aniline





Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (49.4 mg, 80% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.41 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19-6.98 (m, 9H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.73 (d, *J* = 241.6 Hz), 144.06, 138.30, 137.71, 136.73, 131.59, 129.50, 129.18, 126.87, 125.77, 122.70 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 117.03, 115.98 (d, *J* = 22.6 Hz), 114.52, 20.37. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -120.53 (1F); HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NSF [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 310.1066, found 310.1073.

N-phenyl-2-(p-tolylthio)aniline<sup>3</sup>





Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow solid (52.4 mg, 90% yield), Mp = 40-41 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.54 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 6H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.88 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.48, 141.88, 136.96, 135.99, 132.66,

130.39, 130.01, 129.37, 127.72, 122.57, 120.55, 120.05, 118.54, 114.62, 21.01. **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for  $C_{19}H_{18}NS$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 292.1160, found 292.1168.

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-N-phenylaniline

Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (58.3 mg, 95% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.48 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.89-6.84 (m, 3H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.81, 144.73, 142.09, 138.20, 135.83, 130.67, 129.81, 129.39, 126.31, 122.41, 120.65, 120.25, 115.06, 115.03, 55.43. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NOS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 308.1109, found 308.1096.

2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylthio)-N-phenylaniline



6c

Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (64.3 mg, 91% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.64 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.00, 141.77, 140.49, 138.93, 137.54, 135.72, 130.90, 129.44, 128.90, 127.91, 127.42, 127.39, 126.96, 122.84, 120.85, 120.11, 117.35, 114.64. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 354.1316, found 354.1322.

N-phenyl-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)aniline





Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow solid (60.0 mg, 87% yield), Mp = 73-74°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.62 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.51, 142.21, 141.33, 138.11, 131.73, 129.53, 127.67 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 126.04, 125.96 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 124.22 (q, *J* = 270.0 Hz), 123.27, 121.21, 120.17, 114.94, 114.51. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.32 (3F); HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NSF<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 346.0877, found 346.0878.

N-phenyl-2-((4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)thio)aniline





Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (61.4 mg, 85% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.14 (m, 6H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  147.42, 146.14, 141.56, 137.67, 135.61, 131.28, 129.50, 128.07, 123.09, 121.90, 121.01, 120.55 (d, *J* = 258.5 Hz), 120.18, 116.70, 114.69. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -57.94 (3F); HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOSF<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 362.0826, found 362.0823.

2-((4-fluorophenyl)thio)-N-phenylaniline



6f

Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (49.6 mg, 84% yield). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 1H), 7.01-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.63 (d, *J* = 386.2 Hz), 136.97, 131.04, 130.70, 129.42, 129.34, 129.15, 128.76, 122.86 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 120.67, 120.14, 118.25, 116.32 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 114.78. <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -116.37 (1F); **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NSF [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 296.0909, found 296.0915.

2-((2-chlorophenyl)thio)-N-phenylaniline



6g

Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow solid (51.0 mg, 82% yield), Mp = 94-95 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.61 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.95-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.82-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.61, 141.46, 138.16, 135.95, 131.54, 131.51, 129.71, 129.43, 127.37, 126.83, 126.47, 123.10, 121.21, 120.12, 115.30, 114.42. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NSCl [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 312.0614, found 312.0623.

2-((3,5-dichlorophenyl)thio)-N-phenylaniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a

yellow liquid (60.7 mg, 88% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.59 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.01-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.43, 141.29, 140.75, 138.02, 135.55, 131.94, 129.54, 125.78, 124.17, 123.34, 121.28, 120.29, 114.83, 114.58. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NSCl<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 346.0224, found 346.0225.

N-phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-ylthio)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (37.4 mg, 66% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.47 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.87 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.72, 142.18, 134.13, 133.57, 132.62, 129.65, 129.45, 129.32, 127.71, 123.09, 122.32, 120.70, 119.91, 115.87. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NS<sub>2</sub> [M - H]<sup>+</sup> 282.0411, found 282.0406.

2-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)-N-phenylaniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (59.5 mg, 91% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.82-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.77 (brs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.95, 141.76, 137.43, 133.92, 131.82, 130.84, 129.40, 128.88, 127.81, 127.15, 126.68, 125.68, 125.50, 125.15, 122.78, 120.78, 120.15, 117.50, 114.73. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 328.1160, found 328.1163.

2-(benzylthio)-N-phenylaniline

### 6k

Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (57.1 mg, 98% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.44 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.20 (m, 9H), 7.13-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.82 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.53, 142.18, 138.23, 136.74, 129.85, 129.39, 128.90, 128.55, 127.26, 122.23, 120.42, 119.97, 119.89, 114.42, 40.59. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 292.1160, found 292.1167.

2-(ethylthio)-N-phenylaniline



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Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (43.5 mg, 95% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.91 (m, 2H), 2.89 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.09, 142.46, 135.88, 129.55, 129.36, 122.23, 121.17, 120.04, 119.87, 114.70, 29.48, 15.00. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NS [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 230.1003, found 230.1014.

N-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(phenylsulfinyl)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (52.3 mg, 80% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.96 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.26, 143.35, 139.85, 133.11,

130.41, 129.29, 129.14, 128.96, 127.44, 127.17, 124.63, 120.92, 119.55, 117.20. **HRMS** (ESI): calcd for  $C_{18}H_{15}NOSCI [M + H]^+$  328.0563, found 328.0571.

N-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)aniline



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow solid (63.1 mg, 92% yield), Mp = 74-75 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.03 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.97-7.92 (m, 3H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.96 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.55, 141.42, 139.18, 135.06, 133.36, 130.45, 129.65, 129.18, 128.55, 127.12, 125.45, 122.55, 119.83, 116.57. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SCl [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 344.0512, found 344.0524.

ethyl 4-((2-(phenylthio)phenyl)amino)benzoate



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow liquid (56.5 mg, 81% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, *J* = 8.2, 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.01 (m, 3H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.42, 146.65, 143.19, 136.80, 135.90, 131.34, 130.37, 129.32, 127.84, 126.36, 122.95, 122.31, 121.26, 117.68, 116.63, 60.62, 14.48. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 350.1215, found 350.1226.

4-((2-(phenylthio)phenyl)amino)benzenesulfonamide



Following the general procedure, using (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9 : 1) as the eluant afforded a yellow solid (49.1 mg, 69% yield), Mp = 120-121 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, *J* = 8.2, 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.88, 142.33, 136.49, 135.55, 133.06, 130.25, 129.39, 128.41, 128.16, 126.58, 123.15, 122.61, 118.56, 116.49. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 357.0731, found 357.0740.

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# <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of products



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