Supporting Information for

# **CoPc-Catalyzed Selective Radical Arylation of Anilines with Arylhydrazines for Synthesis of 2-Aminobiaryls**

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#### **General information**

All reactions were carried out in air. Solvents were dried by the standard procedures. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were determined in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> on a Varian-Inova 300MHz or 400 MHz spectrometer and chemical shifts were reported in ppm from internal TMS( $\delta$ ). High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a MicroMass-TOF machine (EI). Column chromatography was performed with 300-400 mesh silica gel using flash column techniques. All of the reagents were used directly as obtained commercially unless otherwise noted.

#### General procedure for reaction between phenylhydrazine and arylamine

To a solution of arylamine (10 mmol) and CoPc (0.1 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL), phenylhydrazine (1 mmol) were added. The mixture was heated in an oil bath at 80°C for 24 h. After removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography afforded the desired product 2-aminobiaryl.

#### General procedure for reaction between *p*-anisidine and arylhydrazine

To a solution of *p*-anisidine (10 mmol) and CoPc (0.1 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL), arylhydrazine hydrochloride (1 mmol) and triethylamine (3 mmol) were added. The mixture was heated in an oil bath at 80°C for 24 h. After removal of solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography afforded the desired product 2-aminobiaryl.

2-Aminobiphenyl (3a)<sup>[1]</sup>

Brown solid; mp 49-50°C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.40-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.89 (m, 2H), 4.08 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  143.0, 139.4, 130.5, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.2, 119.0, 115.9; ESI-MS: Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N 170.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 170.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

5-Fluorobiphenyl-2-amine (3b)<sup>[2]</sup>



Brown oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 1H), 6.78-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.73 (dd, J = 5.6, 9.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.0 (d, J = 237.9 Hz), 138.2, 137.7, 129.0, 128.9, 127.8, 117.6 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 116.8 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 114.9 (d, J = 22.3 Hz). ESI-MS: Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN 188.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 188.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

5-Chlorobiphenyl-2-amine (3c)<sup>[3]</sup>



Brown solid; mp 50-51°C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.40-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.1, 137.2, 128.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.6, 122.1, 115.6. ESI-MS: Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN 204.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 204.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

# 5-Bromobiphenyl-2-amine (3d)<sup>[4]</sup>



Brown solid; mp 57-58°C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.29-7.52 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.6, 138.2, 132.8, 131.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 127.7, 117.1, 110.2. ESI-MS: Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN 248.0 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 248.0 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

# 5-Nitrobiphenyl-2-amine (3e)<sup>[5]</sup>



Yellow solid; mp 125-126°C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.00-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.46 (m, 3H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  149.8, 139.1, 136.9, 129.3, 128.8, 128.3, 126.6, 126.3, 125.1, 114.0. EI-HRMS: Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 215.0821 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 215.0810 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

# 6-Aminobiphenyl-3-carbonitrile (3f) and 5-aminobiphenyl-2-carbonitrile (3f')



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.30-7.60 (m, 13H), 6.69-6.79 (m, 3H), 4.36 (br, s, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  147.7, 147.0, 137.1, 134.4, 133.3, 132.6, 131.9, 129.2, 128.8, 128.2, 127.4, 120.0, 118.7, 118.5, 115.0, 101.0, 100.5. ESI-MS: Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 195.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 195.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

## 5-Methylbiphenyl-2-amine (3g)<sup>[6]</sup>



Brown oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  740-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 1H), 6.95-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  139.7, 139.3, 131.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 116.5, 20.5. ESI-MS: Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N 184.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 184.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

## 4-Amino-3-phenylphenol (3h)<sup>[7]</sup>



Brown solid; mp 117-118°C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.32-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 1H), 6.55-6.66 (m, 3H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 3.44(s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  149.4, 140.3, 137.4, 129.1, 129.0, 127.5, 127.1, 117.3, 116.8, 115.7. ESI-MS: Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO 186.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 186.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

### 5-Methoxybiphenyl-2-amine (3i)<sup>[6]</sup>



#### Brown oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.32-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 1H), 6.66-6.80 (m, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  153.5, 139.1, 135.2, 129.9, 129.1, 128.8, 127.4, 117.9, 115.8, 114.4, 55.8. ESI-MS: Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO 200.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 200.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

## 4-Amino-3-phenyl-4'-amino biphenyl (3j)



Brown solid; mp 105-106°C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.42-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (br, s, 2H), 4.73 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  147.6, 143.6, 140.3, 130.2, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 127.6, 127.2, 126.2, 126.5, 125.9, 116.3, 114.8. EI-HRMS: Anal. calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 260.1313 (M<sup>+</sup>), found 260.1319 (M<sup>+</sup>).

## 2,5-Diamobiphenyl (3k)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.40-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.36 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.69 (m, 1H), 6.55-6.63 (m, 2H), 3.12 (br, s, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  140.1, 139.3, 135.2, 128.6, 127.3, 126.6, 117.0, 116.5, 115.4. CI-HRMS: Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 185.1079 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 185.1082 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

#### 4-Nitrobiphenyl-2-amine (31)<sup>[3]</sup>



Yellow solid; mp 70-72°C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.63 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  148.1, 144.5, 137.4, 133.4, 131.0, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 113.1, 109.6. ESI-MS: Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 215.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 215.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

#### 3-Nitrobiphenyl-4-amine (3n)<sup>[5]</sup>



Yellow solid; mp 125-126°C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H),

7.40-7.42 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.7, 137.0, 136.4, 132.6, 131.2, 129.4, 129.2, 128.5, 125.7, 116.1. ESI-MS: Anal calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 215.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 215.1 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

#### 5-Methoxy-4'-methylbiphenyl-2-amine (30)



Brown oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.63-6.85 (m, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  153.8, 137.2, 136.0, 130.3, 129.5, 129.0, 118.2, 115.8, 114.1, 55.8, 21.2. EI-HRMS: Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO 213.1154 (M<sup>+</sup>), found 213.1155 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### 4'-Chloro-5-methoxybiphenyl-2-amine (3q)



Taupe solid; mp 82-83°C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34-7.46 (m, 4H), 6.78-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5.23 (br, s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  153.1, 137.8, 136.4, 133.3, 130.4, 129.0, 127.8, 117.4, 115.7, 114.7, 55.8. EI-HRMS: Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>CINO 233.0607 (M<sup>+</sup>), found 233.0614 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### 4'-Bromo-5-methoxybiphenyl-2-amine (3r)



Brown oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.52-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 2H), 6.70-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.65-6.70 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.15 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  153.0, 138.2, 136.5, 132.4, 131.2, 128.2, 121.9, 117.8, 116.1, 115.2, 56.3; EI-HRMS: Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrNO 277.0102 (M<sup>+</sup>), found 277.0098 (M<sup>+</sup>).

## 4'-Fluoro-5-methoxybiphenyl-2-amine (3s)



Brown oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H,); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.4, 160.9, 153.1, 136.4, 135.2 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 130.7 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 128.2, 117.3, 115.8 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 115.6, 114.5, 55.8. EI-HRMS: Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNO 217.0890 (M<sup>+</sup>), found 217.0905 (M<sup>+</sup>).

3'-Chloro-5-methoxybiphenyl-2-amine (3v)



Brown oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.46 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 1H), 6.79 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.72-6.76 (m, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  153.0, 141.2, 136.6, 134.6, 130.1, 129.2, 127.5, 127.3, 117.4, 115.5, 115.0, 55.8. ESI-HRMS: Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>CINO 234.0686 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], found 234.0671 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>].

## 3'-Methyl-5-methoxybiphenyl-2-amine (3w)



Brown oil;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.68-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.65-6.67 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  153.4, 139.1, 138.5, 137.0, 129.8, 128.7, 128.2, 126.1, 117.8, 115.7, 114.3, 55.8, 21.5. EI-HRMS: Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO 213.1154 (M<sup>+</sup>), found 213.1157 (M<sup>+</sup>).

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