Supporting Information

# $Na_3PO_4$ -catalyzed aminochlorination reaction of $\beta$ -nitrostyrenes in water

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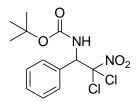
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#### **1.** General information

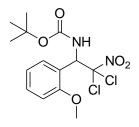
All aminohalogenation reactions were performed in vials at room temperature without protection of inert gases.  $BocNCl_2^{1}$  was prepared according to the reported methods. The other chemicals were used as obtained from commercial sources without further purification. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (200-300 mesh). Thin layer chromatography was carried out on silica gel 60 F-254 TLC plates of 20 cm  $\times$  20 cm. Melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were collected on Bruker Vector 22 in KBr pellets. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (TMS used as internal standard) spectra were recorded with a Bruker ARX 300 spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra for all the new compounds were done by Micromass Q-Tof instrument (ESI).

#### 2. Aminochlorination of β-nitrostyrenes with BocNCl<sub>2</sub>

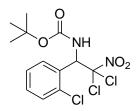
Into a reaction vial were taken  $\beta$ -nitrostyrenes (0.5 mmol), Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol), BocNCl<sub>2</sub> (1.25 mmol), MeCN (1.6 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (3.2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 min, and then the reaction was quenched with saturated Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (3.0 mL). The organic layer was taken and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed to give the crude product, which was purified by TLC plate (hexane/EtOAc, 8:1).



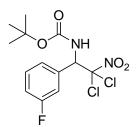
*Tert*-butyl 2,2-dichloro-2-nitro-1-phenylethylcarbamate (**3a**): white solid, yield 88%, mp 105-106 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  = 7.42 (s, 5 H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.56 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.45 (s, 9 H).



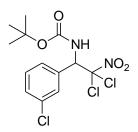
*Tert*-butyl 2,2-dichloro-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**3b**): white solid, yield 97%, mp 152-154 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta = 7.33-7.42$  (m, 2 H), 6.94-7.03 (m, 2 H), 6.28 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.08 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 1.46 (s, 9 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz):  $\delta = 157.7$ , 154.3, 130.9, 130.6, 120.8, 116.5, 112.8, 111.6, 81.0, 61.0, 55.6, 28.2. IR (KBr): v = 3253, 3142, 2978, 1697, 1585, 1365, 1249, 1160, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>Na: 387.0485, found: 387.0490.



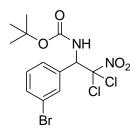
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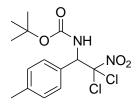
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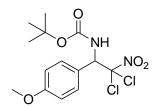
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*Tert*-butyl 1-(3-bromophenyl)-2,2-dichloro-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**3f**): white solid, yield 86%, mp 152-154 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  = 7.55-7.60 (m, 2 H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.57 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.45 (s, 9 H).

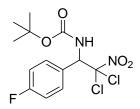


*Tert*-butyl 2,2-dichloro-2-nitro-1-p-tolylethylcarbamate (**3g**): white solid, yield 83%, mp 108-110 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  = 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.95 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 1.45 (s, 9 H).

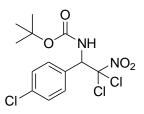


Tert-butyl 2,2-dichloro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (3h): white solid,

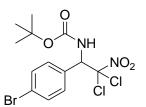
yield 77%, mp 113-114 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ = 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 1.45 (s, 9 H).



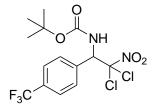
*Tert*-butyl 2,2-dichloro-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**3i**): white solid, yield 85%, mp 109-110 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  = 7.40-7.44 (m, 2 H), 7.08-7.13 (m, 2 H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.55 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.44 (s, 9 H).



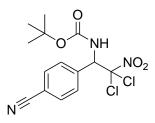
*Tert*-butyl 2,2-dichloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**3j**): white solid, yield 94%, mp 101-102 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  = 7.38 (s, 4 H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.54 (s, 1 H), 1.44 (s, 9 H).



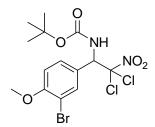
*Tert*-butyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2-dichloro-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**3k**): white solid, yield 78%, mp 106-107 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  = 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.95 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.52 (s, 1 H), 1.44 (s, 9 H).



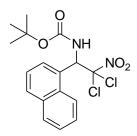
*Tert*-butyl 2,2-dichloro-2-nitro-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethylcarbamate (**3l**): white solid, yield 84%, mp 118-119 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta = 7.70$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 6.06 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.60 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1 H), 1.44 (s, 9 H).



*Tert*-butyl 2,2-dichloro-1-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**3m**): white solid, yield 96%, mp 129-130 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta = 7.74$  (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.60 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2 H), 6.04 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.63 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.43 (s, 9 H).



*Tert*-butyl 1-(3-bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)-2,2-dichloro-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**3n**): white solid, yield 90%, mp 169-171 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta = 7.62$  (s, 1 H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 1.45 (s, 9 H).



*Tert*-butyl 2,2-dichloro-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-nitroethylcarbamate (**30**): white solid, yield 61%, mp 198-199 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  = 8.40 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1 H),

7.97 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.64-7.72 (m, 2 H), 7.52-7.60 (m, 2 H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.42 (s, 9 H).

#### 3. Aminochlorination of β-nitrostyrene with BocNH<sub>2</sub> and NCS

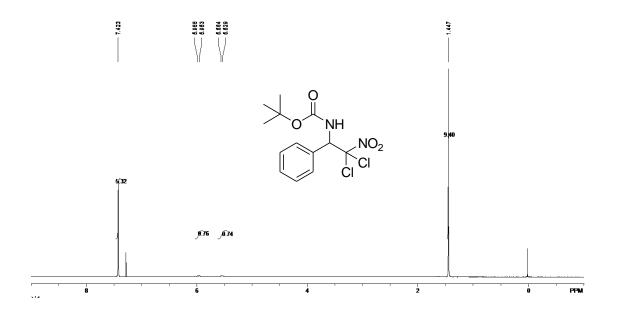
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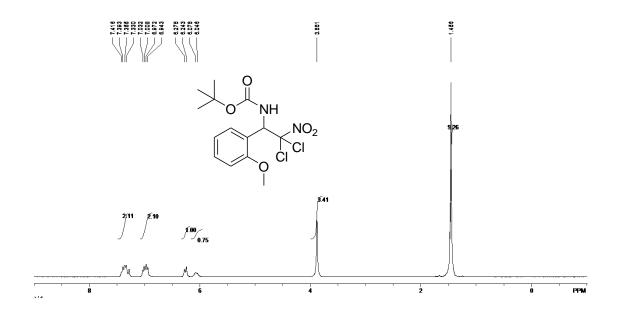
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# 4. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for compound 3

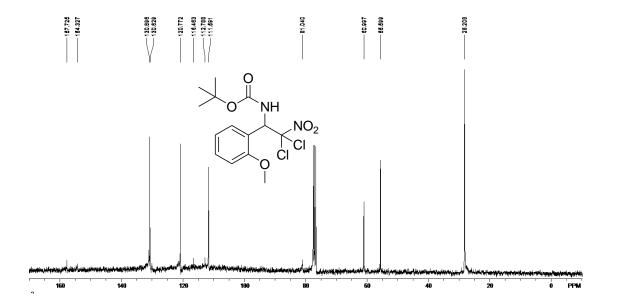
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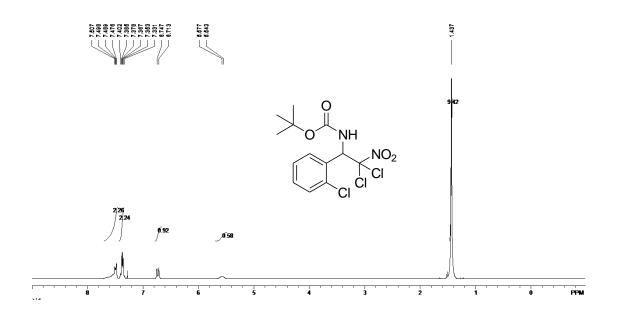
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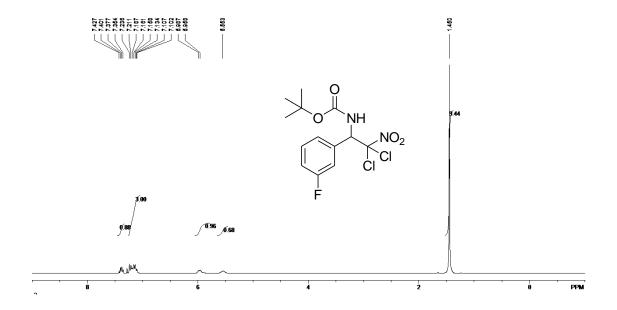
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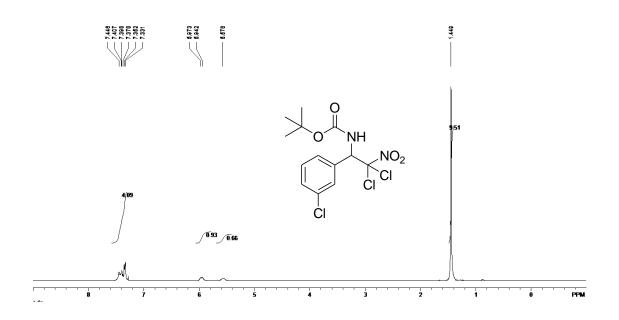
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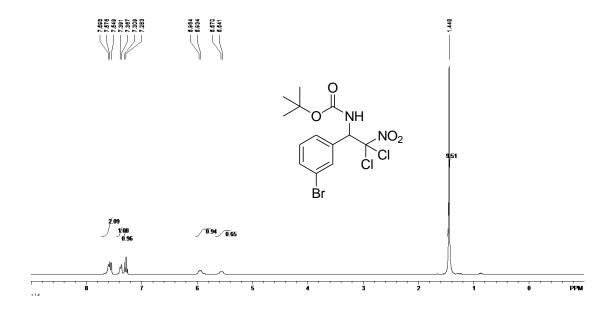
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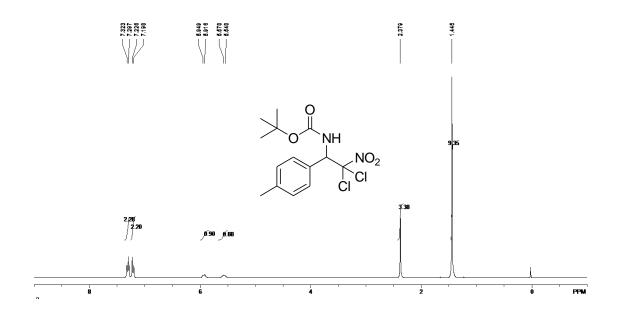




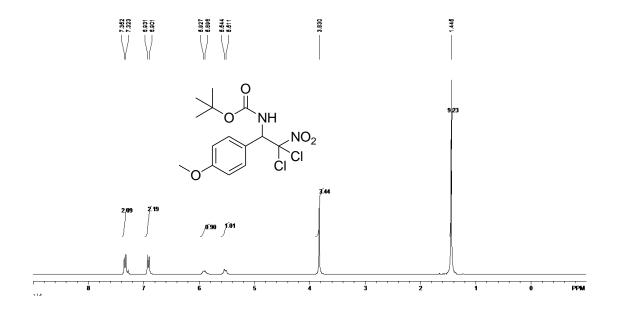
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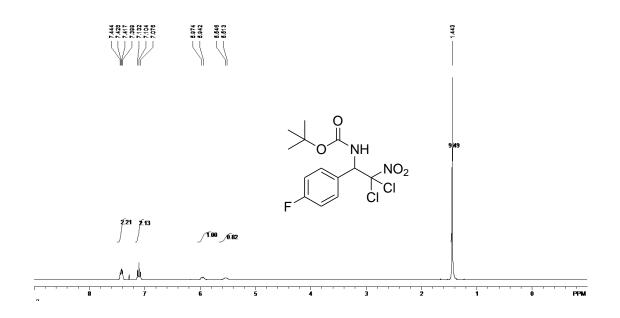
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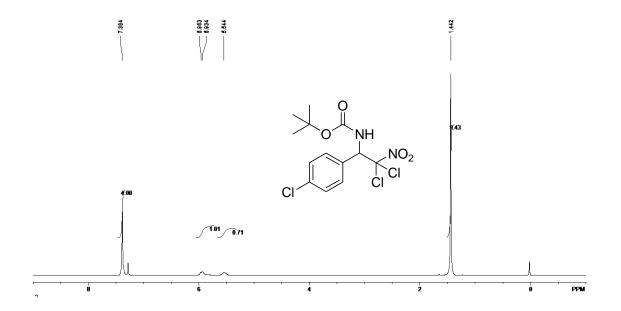
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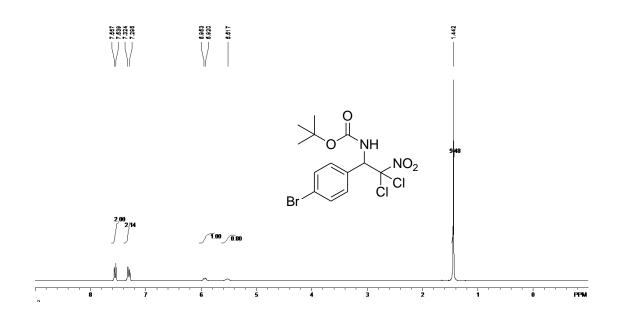
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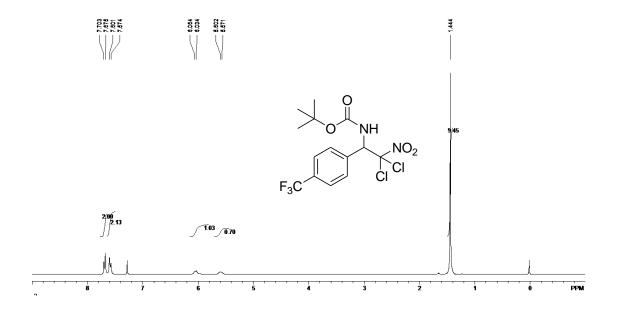
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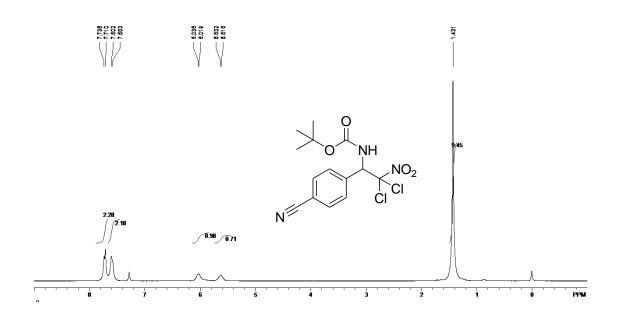
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR of **3**l



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of **3m** 



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of **3n** 

