

***n*Bu₄NI-Catalyzed Unexpected Amide Bond Formation Between Aldehydes and Aromatic Tertiary Amines**

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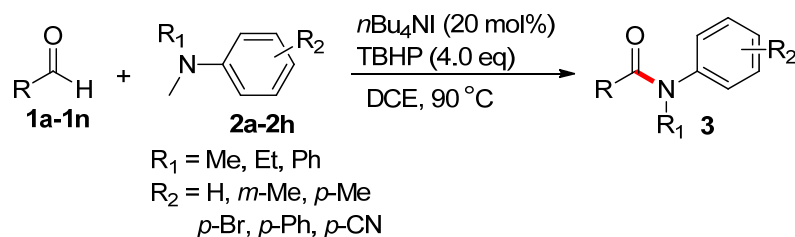
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I. General Information

All experiments were carried out using common flask in Air. Aldehydes, aromatic tertiary amines, $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NI}$ and TBHP (70% in water) were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received unless otherwise noted. All solvents and other commercially available reagents were purchased from Acros or TCI companies and used directly. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) (*Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co. Ltd. Silica gel 60 F254*). Products were detected using a UV/Vis lamp (254 nm). Column chromatography was performed on *Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co. Ltd. Gel 60* (200–300 mesh). The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectras were obtained on a Bruker 400 MHz NMR Fourier transform spectrometer. ^1H NMR data was reported as: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), and integration. ^{13}C NMR data was reported in terms of chemical shift (δ ppm) multiplicity, and coupling constant (Hz). Hertz (Hz). The Spectra are referenced against the internal solvent (CDCl_3 , δ ^1H = 7.26 ppm, ^{13}C = 77.0 ppm; DMSO-d_6 , δ ^1H = 2.50 ppm, ^{13}C = 40.0 ppm). Data is reported as follows: s= singlet, d= doublet, t= triplet, q=quartet and m= multiplet. ESI-MS spectra were recorded on a Bruker Esquire 3000. High resolution mass spectra (HR MS) were obtained on a Waters Micromass Q-Tof MicroTM instrument using the ESI technique.

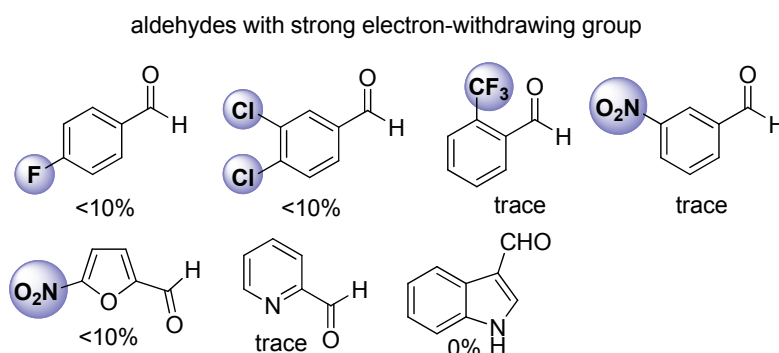
II. Experimental Section

(a) General Procedure:

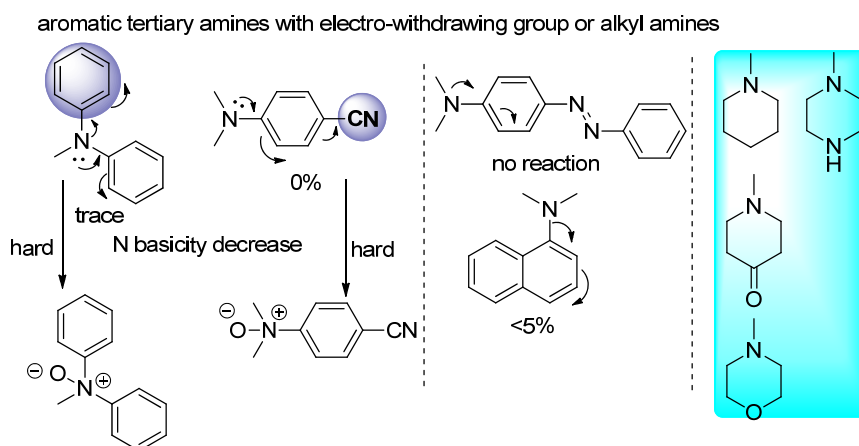


An 50 mL vial was charged with magnetic stir bar, aldehydes (**1**, 2.0 mmol), aromatic tertiary amines (**2**, 1.0 mmol), *n*Bu₄NI (0.2 mmol), TBHP 70 % in water (4.0 mmol), followed by DCE (3 mL). After stirring at 90 °C for 10 h, The reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of Na₂SO₃ (for removal of excess TBHP) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (20mL×2). The combined organic phase was dried by Na₂SO₄ and then evaporated under reduced pressure. The isolated yield was obtained by flash chromatography column on silica gel (gradient eluent of Ethyl acetate in Petroleum: 10 ~ 25%, v/v).

(b) Under the optimized conditions, the following substrates were ineffective in this transformation under current conditions.



For aldehydes, we don't know why they do not work in this reaction until now.

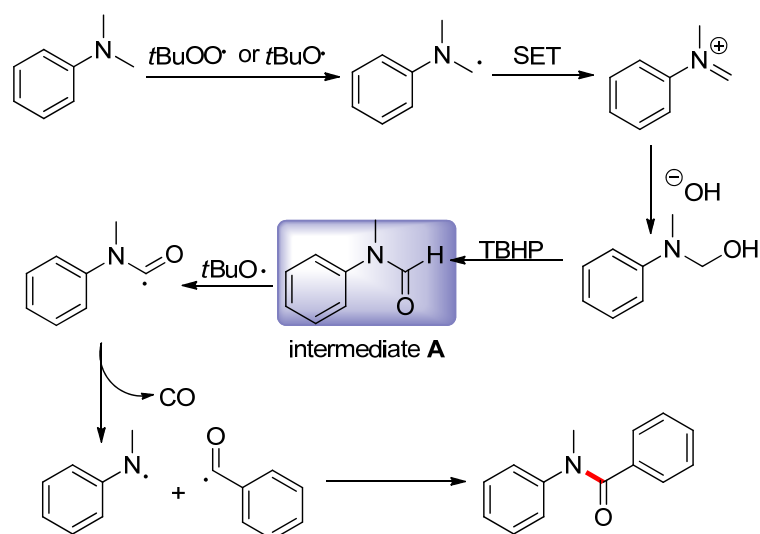


For aromatic tertiary amines, its reactivity is related with N basicity due to the mechanism of previous reports and no reactivity is shown in alkyl amines.

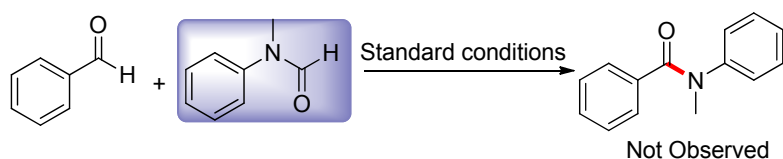
(c) Mechanism studies

To clarify the mechanism of the reaction, we did some controlled experiments to investigate what processes involved in this transformation. At first, we thought aromatic tertiary amine was demethylated *via* CO release by radical due to our previous work (*Chem. Commun.*, 2012, **48**, 10117) and Wan's study (*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2012, **51**, 3231).

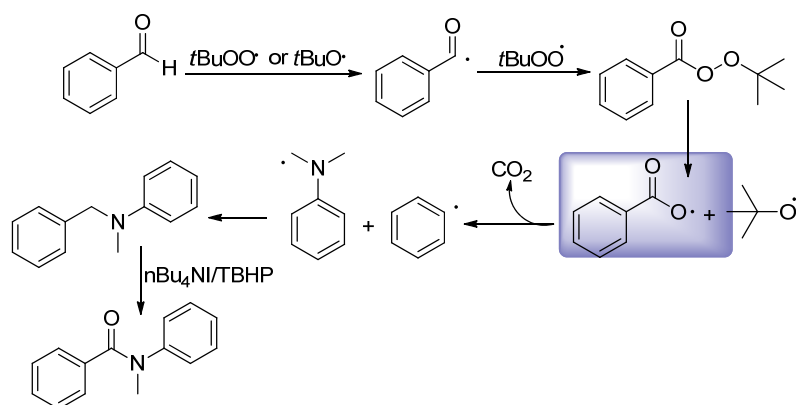
Hypothetical Mechanism I¹:



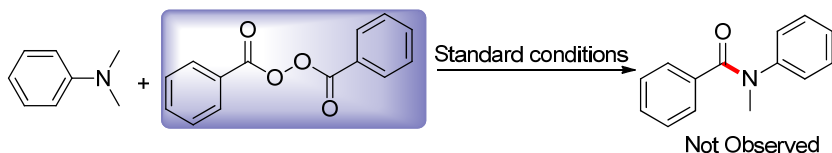
But when we used intermediate **A** in scheme S3 as substrate to react with benzaldehyde, no desired product was observed. So hypothetical mechanism I maybe incorrect.



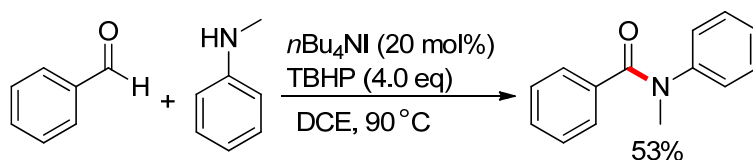
Hypothetical Mechanism II²:



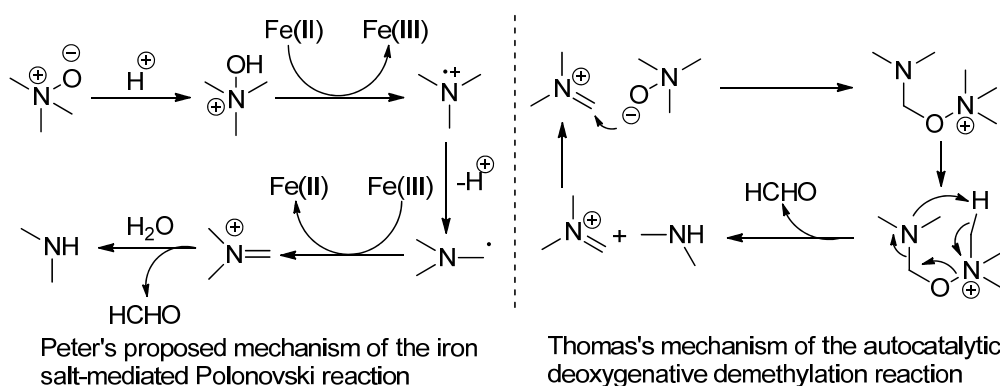
But when we used BPO as substrate to react with *N,N*-dimethylaniline, no desired product was observed. So hypothetical mechanism II maybe incorrect.



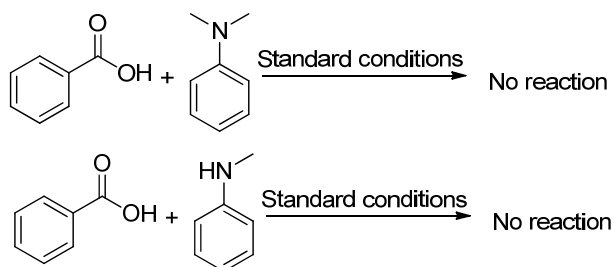
Then we thought demethylation of *N,N*-dimethylaniline in this process has great possibility. So we took *N*-methylaniline as substrate to react with benzaldehyde and obtained the good result.

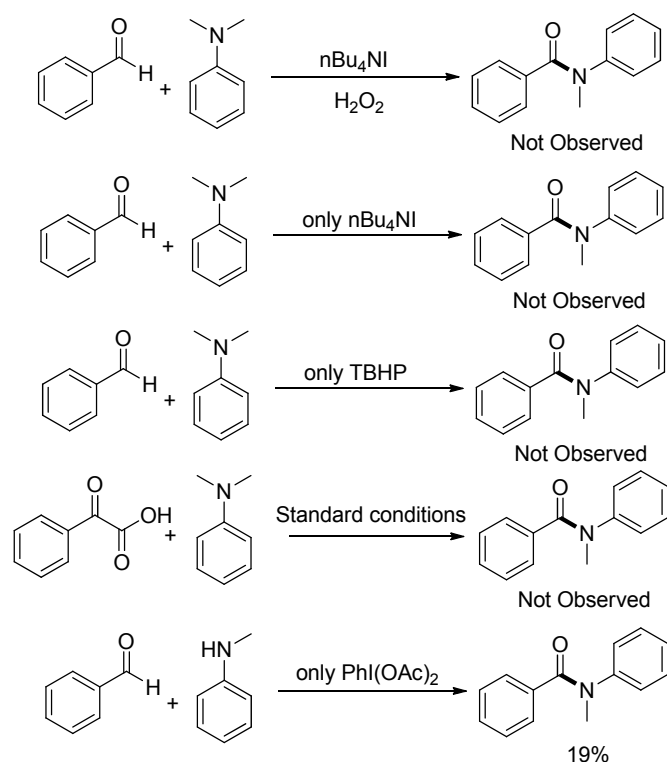


After having consulted papers, we found Thomas and Peter have reported N-demethylation of tertiary amine using the non-classical Polonovski reaction³.

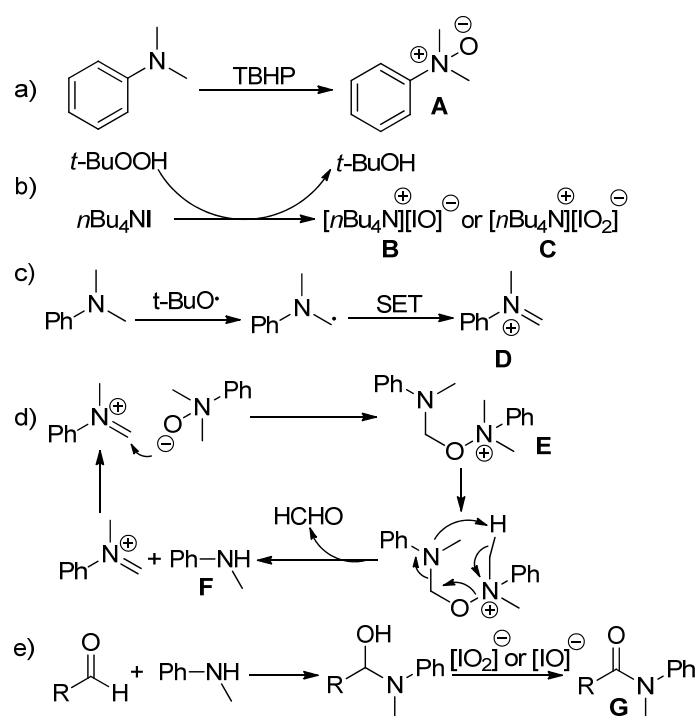


After other controlled experiments as following, we seem to understand this transformation. On the basis of Thomas's and Peter's studies, we provide a proposed mechanism here.





Scheme S5 Investigations into the reaction mechanism.



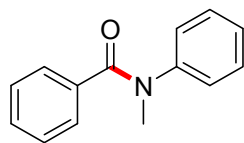
Scheme S6 proposed mechanism

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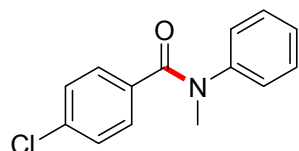
NMR Data of Products

N-Methyl-N-phenyl-benzamide (3aa)^{6,7}



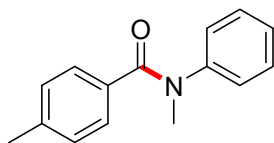
(yellow liquid) ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) 7.27-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.04-7.19 (m, 2H), 3.52 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 170.7, 144.9, 135.9, 129.6, 129.2, 128.7, 127.7, 126.9, 126.5, 38.41

4-Chloro-N-methyl-N-phenyl-benzamide (3ba)⁷



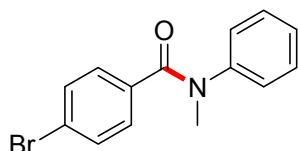
(yellow liquid) ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) 7.24-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.04-7.06 (m, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 169.5, 144.7, 135.7, 134.3, 130.3, 129.4, 128.0, 126.9, 126.8, 38.5

4-methyl-N-methyl-N-phenyl-benzamide (3ca)⁶



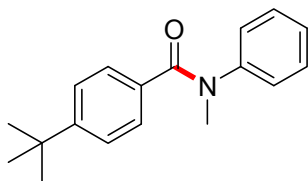
(yellow liquid) ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) 7.14-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.05-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 170.7, 145.2, 139.8, 133.0, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 126.9, 126.3, 38.5, 21.3

4-Bromo-N-methyl-N-phenyl-benzamide (3da)¹⁰



¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) 7.27-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.196 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 169.5, 144.6, 134.8, 131.0, 130.4, 129.4, 126.9, 126.8, 124.1, 38.5

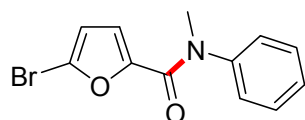
4-tert-Butyl-N-methyl-N-phenyl-benzamide (3ea)



(sticky yellow liquid) ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) 7.24-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H).

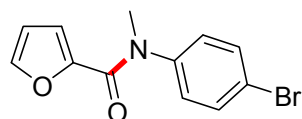
^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 170.6, 152.9, 145.2, 132.8, 129.1, 128.7, 126.8, 126.3, 124.6, 38.6, 34.7, 31.1. **ESI-HRMS:** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}^+$: 290.1521, found: 290.1525

5-Bromo-furan-2-carboxylic acid methyl-phenyl-amide (3fa)



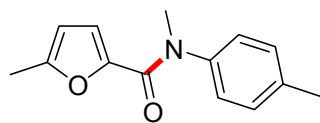
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Furan-2-carboxylic acid (4-bromo-phenyl)-methyl-amide (3gd)



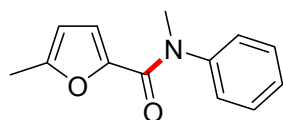
(yellow solid) **^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3)** 7.52-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.29 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3)** 159.2, 144.4, 143.3, 132.7, 128.9, 123.8, 121.3, 116.8, 111.1, 38.4. **ESI-HRMS:** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrNNaO}_2^+$: 301.9793, found: 301.9797

5-Methyl-furan-2-carboxylic acid methyl-p-tolyl-amide (3hc)



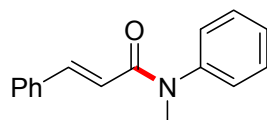
¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 2H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃)** 159.6, 154.8, 145.4, 141.8, 137.8, 130.2, 127.4, 117.7, 107.4, 38.5, 21.1, 13.6. **ESI-HRMS:** [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₅NNaO₂⁺: 252.1000, found: 252.1003

5-Methyl-furan-2-carboxylic acid methyl-phenyl-amide (3ha)



¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) 7.35-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 2H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃)** 159.5, 154.8, 144.4, 129.6, 129.5, 127.8, 127.5, 117.8, 107.5, 38.4, 13.6. **ESI-HRMS:** [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₃NNaO₂⁺: 238.0844, found: 238.0851

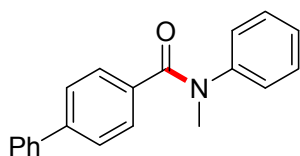
N-Methyl-3,N-diphenyl-acrylamide (3ia)⁸



¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) 7.7 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 2H),

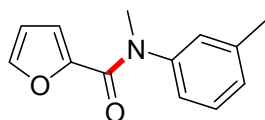
7.37-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 166.2, 143.6, 141.7, 135.2, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 118.8, 37.6

Biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid methyl-phenyl-amide (3ja)⁶



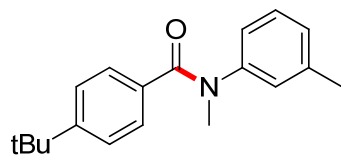
(pale yellow liquid) ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) 7.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 6H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.11 (m, 2H), 3.55 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 170.4, 145.0, 142.3, 140.1, 134.7, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 127.7, 127.1, 126.9, 126.5, 126.4, 38.5

Furan-2-carboxylic acid methyl-m-tolyl-amide (3gb)



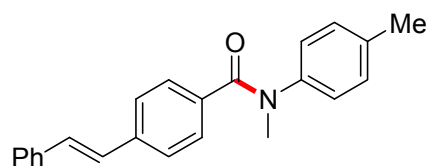
(white solid) ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 159.3, 147.0, 144.2, 144.0, 139.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.0, 124.4, 116.2, 110.9, 38.5, 21.3. ESI-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{NNaO}_2^+$: 238.0844, found: 238.0846

4-tert-Butyl-N-methyl-N-m-tolyl-benzamide (3eb)



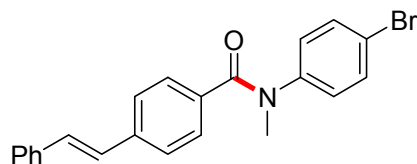
(yellow liquid) ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) 7.25-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 170.6, 152.8, 145.0, 139.0, 132.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.3, 127.1, 124.6, 124.0, 38.6, 34.7, 31.1, 21.2. ESI-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}^+$: 304.1677, found: 304.1675

N-Methyl-4-styryl-N-p-tolyl-benzamide (3kc)



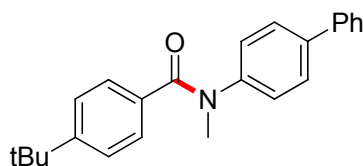
(pale yellow solid) ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) 7.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz 2H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.05 (m, 6H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 170.3, 142.4, 138.4, 137.0, 136.4, 134.9 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 126.7, 126.6, 125.7, 38.6, 21.0. ESI-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}^+$: 350.1521, found: 350.1516

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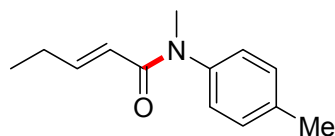
(colorless liquid) ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) 7.57 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.51 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.30-7.32 (m, 1H), 6.94-7.14 (m, 5H), 3.50 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 170.2, 144.1, 138.9, 136.9, 134.3, 132.7, 132.4, 130.3, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 126.7, 126.0, 123.8, 38.4. ESI-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNNaO}^+$: 414.0469, found: 414.0460

N-Biphenyl-4-yl-4-tert-butyl-N-methyl-benzamide (3ee)



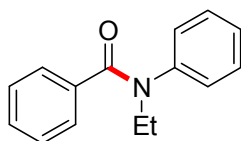
(sticky yellow liquid) ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) 7.57 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dt, $J = 8.8$ Hz, $J' = 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (tt, $J = 1.2$ Hz, $J' = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 2H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 170.7, 153.1, 144.4, 140.0, 139.0, 132.8, 128.9, 128.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.0, 126.9, 124.8, 38.6, 34.7, 31.1. ESI-HRMS: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}^+$: 366.1834, found: 366.1838

Pent-2-enoic acid methyl-p-tolyl-amide (3lc)



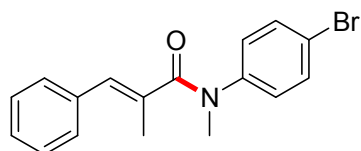
(yellow liquid) **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃)** 7.21-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.98 (m, 1H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.08 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃)** 166.4, 147.2, 141.2, 137.2, 130.1, 130.0, 127.1, 120.5, 37.4, 25.3, 21.0, 12.6. **ESI-HRMS:** [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NNaO⁺: 226.1208, found: 226.1215

N-Ethyl-N-phenyl-benzamide (3af)⁹



¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃)** 170.2, 143.2, 136.3, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 127.7, 126.6, 45.4, 13.0

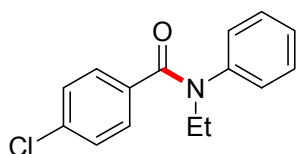
N-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-2,N-dimethyl-3-phenyl-acrylamide (3md)



(yellow liquid) **¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃)** 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz 2H), 7.31

(d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 4H), 6.64 (s, 1 H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 173.1, 143.9, 135.9, 134.1, 133.2, 132.4, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 120.2, 37.8, 16.3. **ESI-HRMS:** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNNaO}^+$: 352.0313, found: 352.0309

4-Chloro-N-ethyl-N-phenyl-benzamide (3bf)⁹



^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3) 7.21-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$, 2H), 4.00 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 169.0, 143.0, 135.5, 134.7, 130.2, 129.3, 128.0, 127.9, 126.9, 45.5, 12.9.

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