

Supplementary Data

Solvent-Free N-Arylation of Amines with Arylboronic Acids under Ball Milling Conditions

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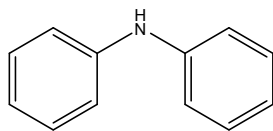
1. General methods

The arylboronic acids, amines, bases, and organo catalysts were all purchased from commercial sources. All reactions were carried out in an AGO-2 planetary-centrifugal mill (volume of one drum: 150 mL; diameter of stainless steel ball: 8 mm, 9mm and 4mm; weight of balls: 175 g) and monitored by TLC. The milling cycle was with a rotational speed of 1290 rpm for 15 min cooling down by water and followed by a 10 min pause for 6 times. Reaction products were purified by silica gel chromatography (300–400 mesh). ^1H -NMR and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian Mercury plus-400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ^1H and 100 MHz for ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy) by using CDCl_3 as the solvent and TMS as the internal standard. Chemical shifts for ^1H and ^{13}C NMR were referred to internal TMS (0 ppm) and J-values were shown in Hz. Mass spectra were measured with MS instrument using ESI or EI ionization.

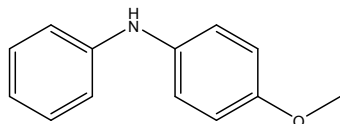
2. General Procedure for Preparation of 4-methyl-*N*-phenylaniline (3aa).

A mixture of substrate arylboronic acid (5 mmol), *p*-methylaniline (7 mmol), $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1 equiv), K_2CO_3 (2.5 equiv) and silica gel (2.5 g) were added to the screw-capped stainless steel vial, along with nearly 50 big stainless steel balls (8 mm and 9mm) and 60 small steel balls (4 mm) up to 175g. Then, the vial was placed in the AGO-2 planetary-centrifugal mill, and the contents were ball milled. At the end of the experiment, all of the reaction mixture was scratched off the vessel, dissolved in ethyl ether, followed by washing with brine and the organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 30:1) to provide the desired product **3aa**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 7.20 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.01-6.94 (m, 4H), 6.85 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): 143.7, 140.1, 130.6, 129.1, 120.1, 118.7, 116.7, 20.7.

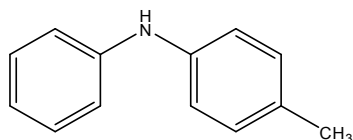
3. ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and Mass Spectral data



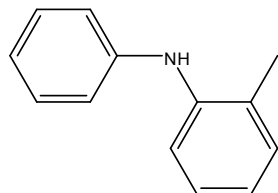
Diphenylamine (3aa). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.25 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 6.92 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 142.9, 129.1, 120.8, 117.6; MS (ESI): $m/z = 168$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$).



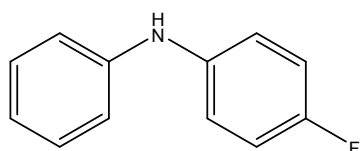
4-methoxy-*N*-phenylaniline (3ab)¹. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.19 (dd, $J = 8.4, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 – 6.77 (m, 3H), 5.49 (br s, 1H, NH), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.2, 145.0, 135.7, 129.2, 122.1, 119.5, 115.7, 114.6, 55.7; MS (ESI): $m/z = 199$ ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$).



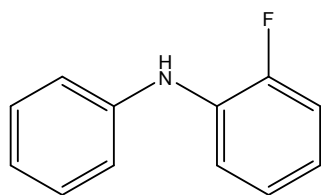
4-methyl-*N*-phenylaniline (3ac). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.20 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.01–6.94 (m, 4H), 5.56 (br s, 1H, NH), 6.85 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 143.7, 140.1, 130.6, 129.1, 120.1, 118.7, 116.7, 20.7; MS (ESI): $m/z = 184$ ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$).



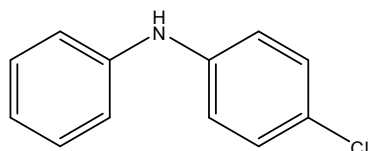
2-methyl-*N*-phenylaniline (3ad)¹. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.8, 141.0, 130.7, 129.1, 128.2, 126.6, 121.9, 120.3, 118.8, 117.2, 18.0; MS (ESI): $m/z = 184$ ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$).



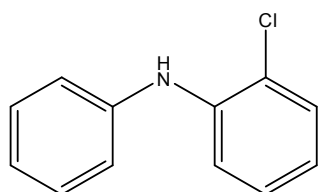
4-fluoro-*N*-phenylaniline (3ae). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.23 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), δ 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 4H), 6.88 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.56 (br s, 1H, NH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 157.8, 143.8, 138.8, 129.2, 120.5, 116.8, 115.8; MS (ESI): $m/z = 188$ ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$).



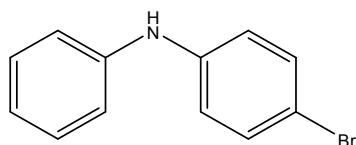
2-fluoro-*N*-phenylaniline (3af). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.09 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 6.92 (m, 3H), 6.86 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 5.76 (br s, 1H, NH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 152.8, 141.9, 131.6, 129.2, 124.1, 121.7, 120.4, 118.6, 117.1, 115.3; MS (ESI): m/z = 188 (M^+ + H).



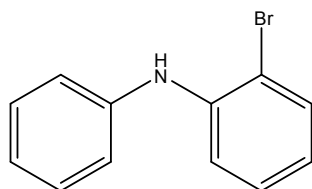
4-chloro-*N*-phenylaniline (3ag). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 142.5, 141.7, 129.2, 129.1, 125.3, 121.4, 118.7, 118.0; MS (ESI): m/z = 204 (M^+ + H).



2-chloro-*N*-phenylaniline (3ah). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 10.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 141.4, 140.2, 129.6, 129.3, 127.3, 122.5, 121.4, 120.2, 120.1, 115.5; MS (ESI): m/z = 204 (M^+ + H).

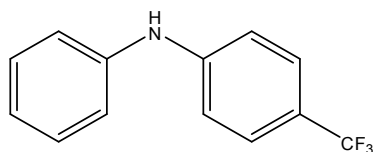


4-bromo-*N*-phenylaniline (3ai). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 142.3, 132.0, 129.3, 121.5, 118.2, 112.5; MS (ESI): m/z = 248, 250 (M^+).

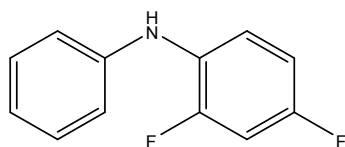


2-bromo-*N*-phenylaniline (3aj). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.50 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): ^{13}C NMR

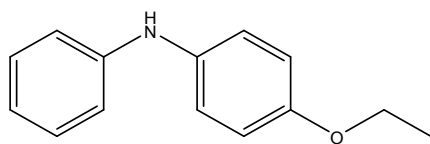
(101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.4, 141.3, 132.8, 129.3, 127.9, 122.6, 120.8, 120.2, 115.7, 112.1. MS (ESI): m/z = 248, 250 (M^+).



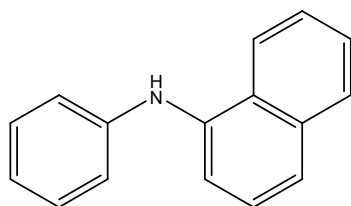
***N*-phenyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (3ak)**². ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 146.6, 141.0, 129.4, 126.5, 122.8, 119.9, 115.2; MS (ESI): m/z = 236 (M^+ - H).



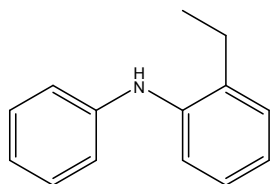
2,4-difluoro-*N*-phenylaniline (3al)³. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.99 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (tt, J = 7.3, 1.1, 1H), 6.86 (ddd, J = 11.1, 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dddd, J = 9.0, 8.0, 2.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 156.1, 153.7, 142.5, 129.3, 127.5, 121.3, 119.3, 117.5, 110.7, 104.1; MS (ESI): m/z = 204 (M^+ - H).



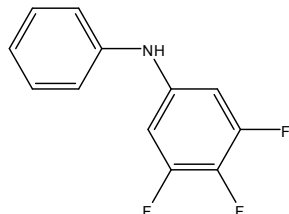
4-ethoxy-*N*-phenylaniline (3am). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (s, br, 2H), 6.89 (s, br, 2H), 6.86 – 6.80 (m, 3H), 4.00 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.4, 145.0, 135.5, 129.1, 122.0, 119.4, 115.5, 115.2, 63.8, 15.0; MS (ESI): m/z = 214 (M^+ + H).



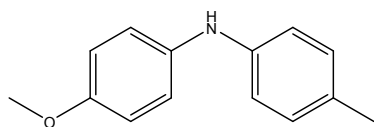
***N*-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (3an)**⁴. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 – 7.98 (m, 1H), 7.87 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (tt, J = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 144.7, 138.7, 134.6, 129.2, 128.4, 127.7, 125.9, 125.5, 122.9, 121.7, 120.4, 117.3, 115.9; MS (ESI): m/z = 220 (M^+ + H).



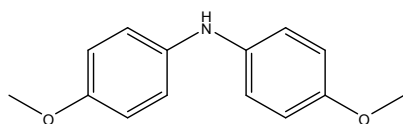
2-ethyl-*N*-phenylaniline (3ao). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.16 (td, $J = 7.7$, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (td, $J = 7.4$, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 8.6$, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (tt, $J = 7.3$ Hz, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.44 (br s, 1H, NH), 2.65 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 144.3, 140.3, 134.6, 129.1, 128.8, 126.5, 122.5, 120.0, 120.0, 116.92, 24.38, 14.00.



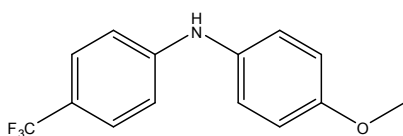
3,4,5-trifluoro-*N*-phenylaniline (3ap)⁵. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.30 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.03–6.97 (m, 1H), 6.58 (dd, $J = 9.9$, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 5.61 (br s, 1H, NH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.6, 141.1, 139.6, 133.9, 129.5, 122.8, 119.5, 100.4; MS (ESI): $m/z = 223$ ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$).



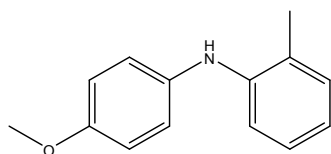
4-methoxy-*N*-p-tolylaniline (3bb). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.12 – 6.91 (m, 4H), 6.92–6.69 (m, 4H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 154.60, 142.3, 136.5, 129.6, 129.2, 121.0, 116.50, 114.6, 55.6, 20.7; MS (ESI): $m/z = 212$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$).



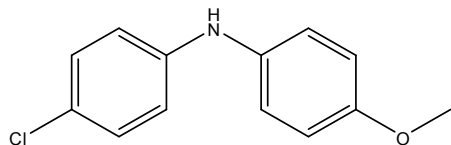
bis(4-methoxyphenyl)amine (3cb)⁶. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.75–7.10 (s, br, 4H), 6.80 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 4H), 3.77 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 154.0, 119.4, 114.6, 55.6; MS (ESI): $m/z = 230$ ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$).



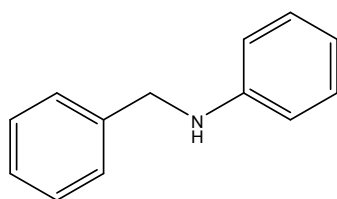
4-methoxy-*N*-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)aniline (3db)⁷. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.39 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.3, 148.5, 133.6, 126.5, 124.1, 120.2, 114.7, 113.7, 55.6; MS (ESI): $m/z = 266$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$).



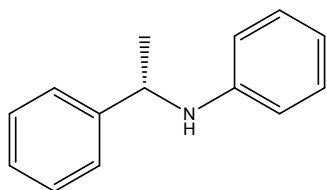
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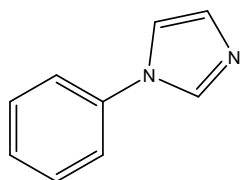
4-chloro-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)aniline (3fb)⁸. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.12 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.5, 143.8, 135.1, 129.0, 123.9, 122.5, 116.6, 114.7, 55.6.



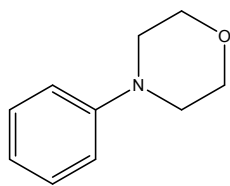
***N*-benzylaniline (3aq)**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.26 (dt, $J = 5.3, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (tt, $J = 7.9$ Hz, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.71 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, $J = 8.5, 0.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 147.9, 139.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.3, 127.1, 117.4, 112.7, 48.4.



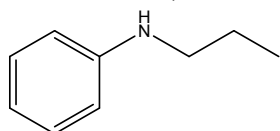
(*S*)-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)aniline (3ar)⁹. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 8.2, 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, $J = 8.5, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.62 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.47 (q, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (br s, 1H, NH), 1.51 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.0, 144.9, 128.9, 128.4, 126.6, 125.6, 117.0, 113.1, 53.4, 25.1.



1-phenyl-1*H*-imidazole (3as)¹⁰. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.0, 135.3, 130.1, 129.6, 127.2, 121.2, 118.1.



4-phenylmorpholine (3at)². ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.05-6.76 (t, 3H), 3.86 (m, *J* = 4.5, 4H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 4.8, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.1, 129.0, 120.0, 115.6, 67.0, 49.5.



N-propylaniline (3au). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (br s, NH), 3.07 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.70 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 129.0, 116.9, 112.5, 45.8, 22.8, 11.8.

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