

## Supporting Information

# Oxidative Cross-Coupling Reaction by Scandium Catalysis for Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Alkyl $\alpha$ - Amino Acid Esters Derivatives

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### General

All reactions involving air- or moisture-sensitive reagents were carried out under an argon atmosphere. All solvents were distilled under Ar before use. All chemicals were purchased from Aldrich and J&K Chemical and used without further purification. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using 60 mesh silica gel plates

visualized with short-wavelength UV light (254 nm). Silica gel 60 (230 - 400 mesh) was used for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solvent on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer at 298 K. The chemical shift is given in dimensionless  $\delta$  values and is frequency referenced relative to TMS in  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy.

## Experimental Section

### 1. Synthesis of Ethyl *N*-Aryl Glycine Esters **1a**<sup>1</sup>

To the solution of ethyl bromoacetate (20.0 mmol) in anhydrous ethanol (3.0 mL) was added substituted benzenamine (20.0 mmol) and anhydrous NaOAc (20.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 6-10 h under  $\text{N}_2$ . Then, the mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was cooled at ice bath to precipitate. The precipitation was recrystallized from ethanol-hexane, giving the desired ethyl *N*-aryl glycine ester **1a**.

### 2. Synthesis of **4a**<sup>2</sup>

2-Bromoacetyl bromide (2.4 g, 1.2 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL) was added dropwise to a mixture of  $\text{MeNH}_2$  (1.0 g, 30 wt% in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 1.0 mmol) and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.66 g, 1.2 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (30 mL/10 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was then allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 6 h. Then, the organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3\*5 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was removed in vacuo. Subsequently, EtOH (5 mL), *p*-anisidine (1.23 g, 1 mmol), and NaOAc (0.84 g, 1 mmol) were added to the residue. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 6 h and was filtered. The solvent of the filtrate was removed in vacuo. Recrystallization ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /hexanes) gave the pure product 2-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-*N*-methylacetamide.

$\text{SOCl}_2$  (3.6 g, 30 mmol) was added slowly to EtOH (30 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at this temperature for 10 min, glycine (0.75 g, 10 mmol) was added to the solution. Then, the reaction was stirred at 70 °C for 3 h. EtOH was removed in vacuo. The resulting solid was then mixed with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (30 mL) and  $\text{NEt}_3$  (2.2 g, 22 mmol). The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C, and  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{COBr}$  (2.0 g, 10 mmol) was added dropwise to the solution at this temperature. The solution was allowed to warm up to

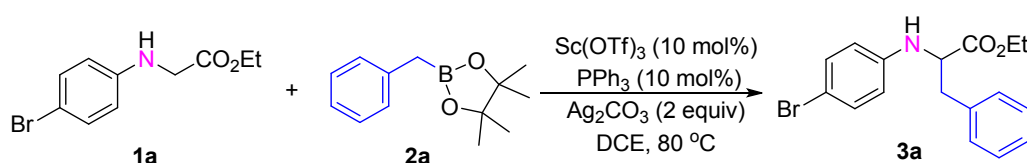
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room temperature and the stirring was continued for 6 h. After that, the solution was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was removed in vacuo to afford BrCH<sub>2</sub>CONHCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et (1.8 g, 81%). NaOAc (0.50 g, 6 mmol), *p*-anisole (0.74 g, 6 mmol), and BrCH<sub>2</sub>CONHCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et (1.1 g, 5 mmol) were successively added to EtOH (4 mL). The reaction tube was heated at 80 °C for 6 h. EtOH was removed in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was removed in vacuo. Flash column chromatography on silica gel by using ethyl acetate/hexanes (1:1) furnished the final product *N*-(*N*-*p*-methoxyphenylglycyl)-glycine ethyl ester.

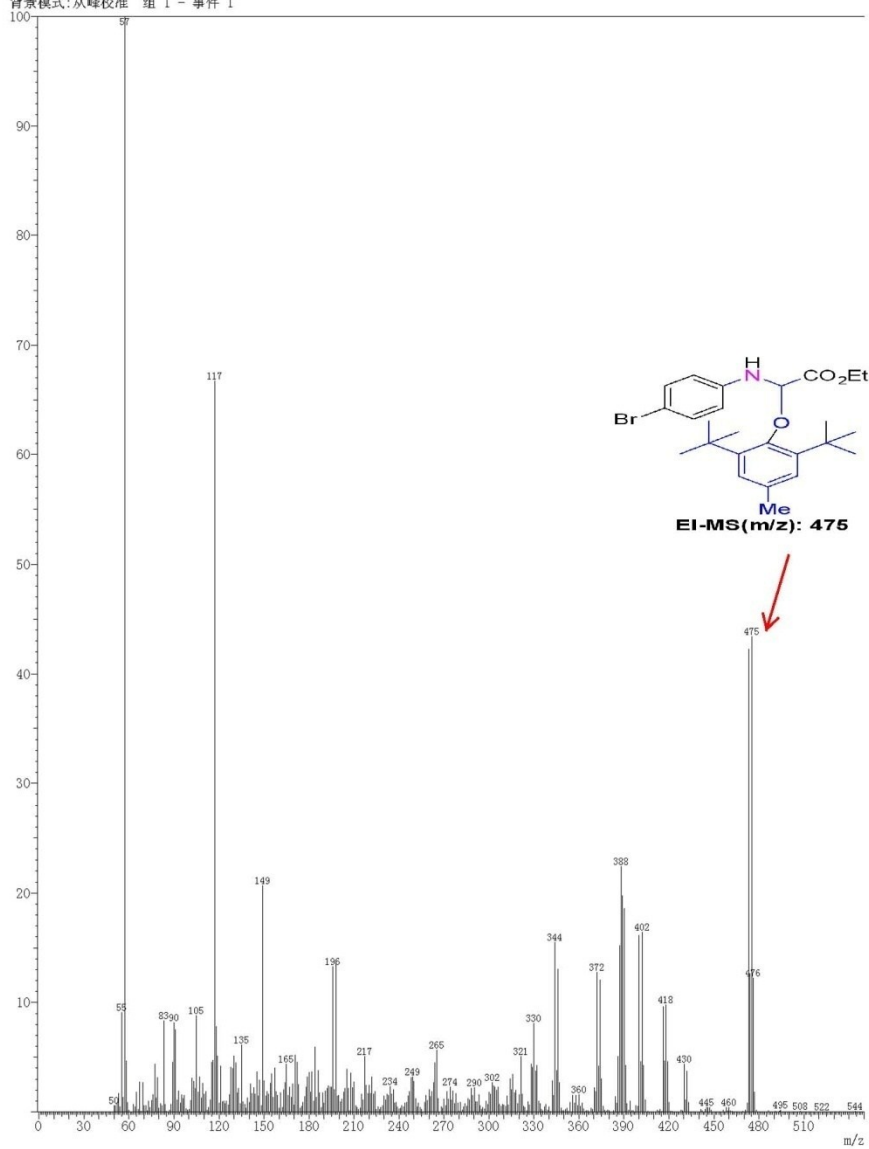
### 3. General procedure for synthesis of 3a-3p, and 4aa



An oven-dried 10 mL screw-capped vial containing *N*-aryl  $\alpha$ -imino ester **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv), benzylboronic acid pinacol ester **2a** (0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and purged with Ar three times. Then, DCE (2.50 mL) was added *via* syringe, and heated to 80°C in an oil bath until the starting material has disappeared for 20 hours (monitored by TLC). And then the solvent was removed in vacuo and residue was purified on a silica gel column using EA/PE as eluent to afford the desired product **3aa**.

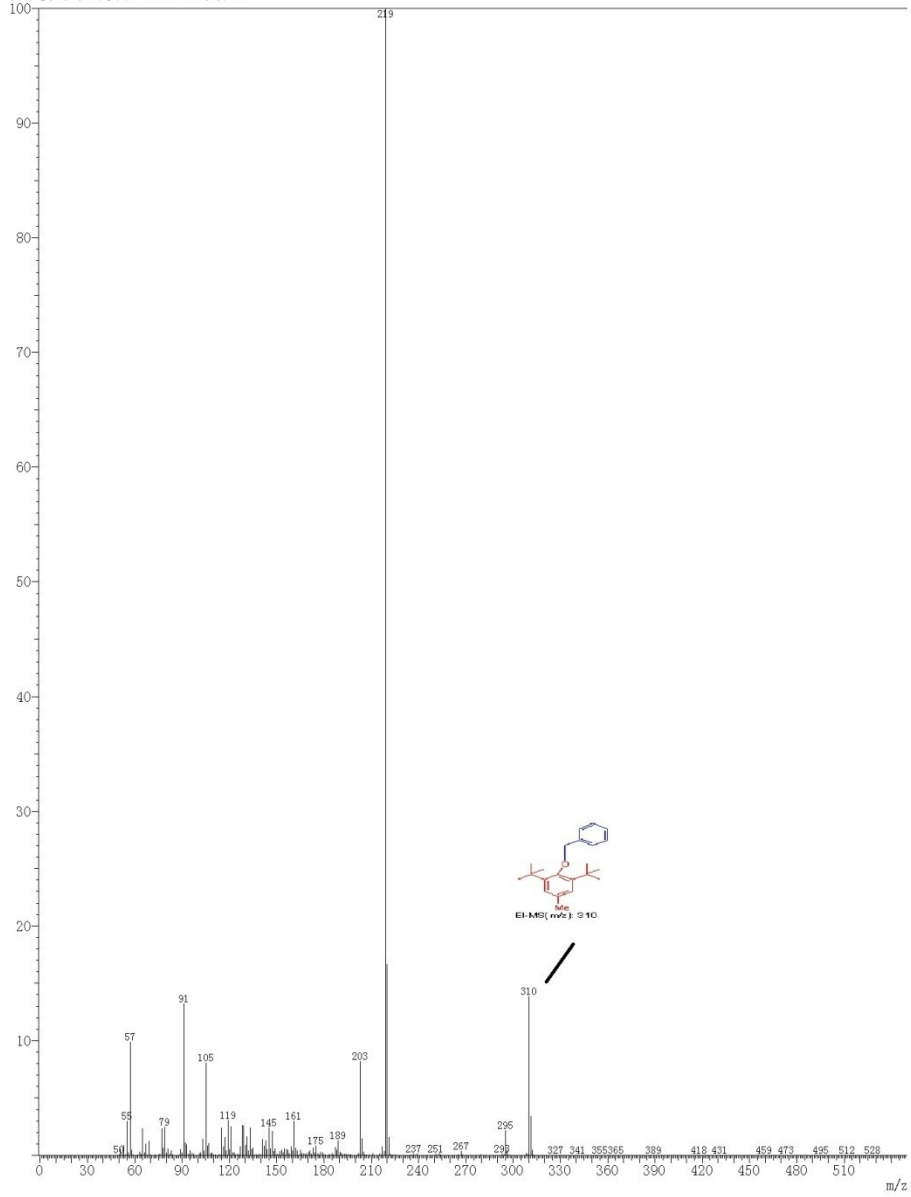
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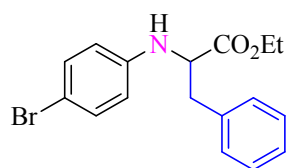


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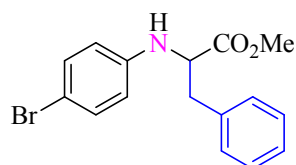


## 5. Analytical Data of Products



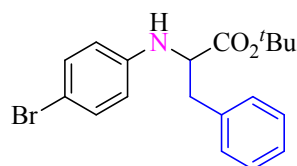
**3a**

Ethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-3-phenylpropanoate.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.33 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.34 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 4.16 – 4.03 (m, 2H), 3.19 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.67, 145.35, 136.01, 131.94, 129.19, 128.43, 126.97, 115.03, 109.89, 61.16, 57.54, 38.34, 14.05. **MS (ESI)**: found  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  348.2.



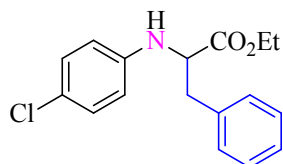
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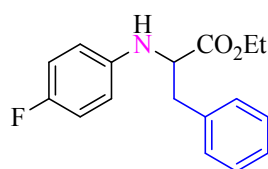
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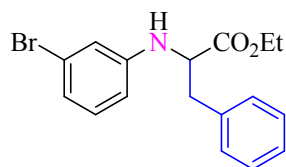
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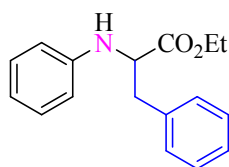
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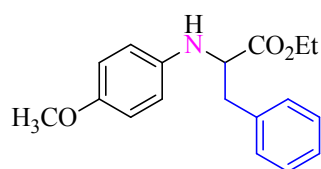
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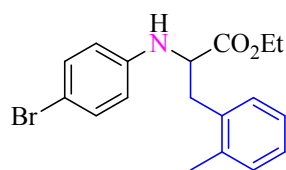
**3g**

Ethyl 3-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)propanoate. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.26 – 3.95 (m, 3H), 3.16 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.11, 146.32, 136.31, 129.30, 129.28, 128.45, 126.93, 118.31, 113.52, 61.09, 57.66, 38.59, 14.10. **MS (ESI):** found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 269.8.



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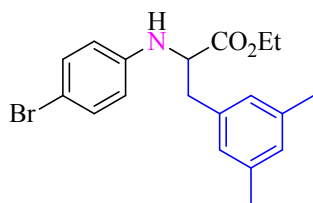
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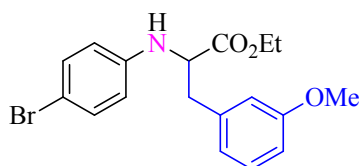
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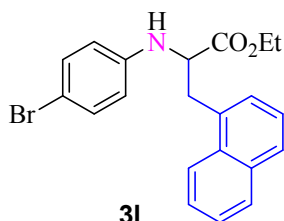
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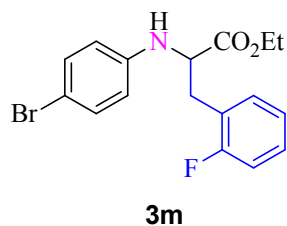
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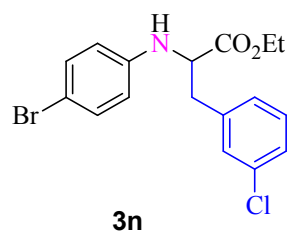
**3l**

Ethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)propanoate. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.46 – 6.34 (m, 2H), 4.42 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (s, 1H), 4.11 – 3.91 (m, 2H), 3.63–3.48 (m, 2H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.17, 145.50, 133.87, 132.40, 131.95, 128.96, 127.94, 127.58, 126.28, 125.73, 125.30, 123.26,

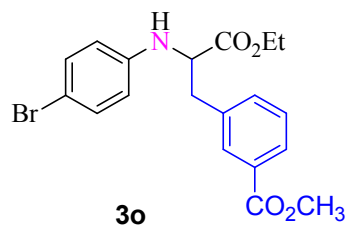
115.09, 110.11, 61.26, 57.45, 36.10, 13.95. **MS (ESI):** found  $[M+H]^+$  398.2.



Ethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-3-(2-fluorophenyl)propanoate.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.26 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.14 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.34 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 4.15 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.24 – 3.04 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.72, 145.35, 132.03, 131.57, 131.52, 128.94 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 124.11 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 123.35 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz), 115.35 (d,  $J = 22.1$  Hz), 115.07, 110.04, 61.35, 56.72, 32.30, 14.00.  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.68, 161.22 (d,  $J = 245.2$  Hz), 145.22, 131.93, 131.49 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz), 128.87 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 124.04 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 123.21 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz), 115.26 (d,  $J = 22.1$  Hz), 114.93, 109.88, 61.30, 56.51, 32.14, 13.95. **MS (ESI):** found  $[M+H]^+$  366.1.

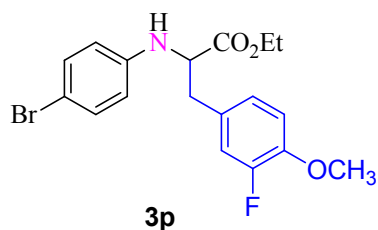


Ethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-3-(3-chlorophenyl)propanoate.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.35 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 4.14 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.15 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.37, 145.12, 138.11, 134.21, 132.08, 129.70, 129.40, 127.46, 127.22, 115.13, 110.19, 61.43, 57.37, 37.94, 14.11. **MS (ESI):** found  $[M+H]^+$  382.9.

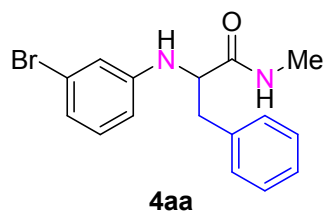


Methyl 3-(2-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-3-ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)benzoate.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.33 – 4.23 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.21 – 3.10 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.40, 166.82, 145.17, 136.51, 133.87, 132.03, 130.36, 130.29, 128.51, 128.25, 115.14, 110.11, 61.40, 57.46, 52.12, 38.07, 14.07. **MS (ESI)**: found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 406.2.



Ethyl 2-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-3-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (t,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.19-4.11 (m, 3H), 3.87 (s, 1H), 3.10-2.99 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.49, 151.95 (d,  $J$  = 245.8 Hz), 146.53 (d,  $J$  = 10.6 Hz), 145.14, 132.01, 128.74 (d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz), 124.98 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz), 116.87 (d,  $J$  = 18.2 Hz), 115.03, 113.07, 113.05, 110.00, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, 61.37, 57.34, 56.10, 37.16, 14.15. **MS (ESI)**: found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 396.2.



2-((3-bromophenyl)amino)-N-methyl-3-phenylpropanamide. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.1, 1H), 4.03 – 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.33 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.79 (d,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz, 3H), 1.31 – 1.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.64, 147.79, 136.26, 130.65, 128.96, 128.94, 127.29, 123.22, 122.09, 116.69, 112.23, 59.71, 38.73, 26.09. **MS (ESI)**: found [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 333.0.

## **<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of Products**

