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# Copper Catalyzed *N*-Arylation of 5-Aminopyrazoles: A Simple Route to Pyrazolo[3, 4-*b*]indoles

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Table S1. Synthesis of 5-amino-4-(2-bromoaryl)pyrazoles 2.ª

<sup>a</sup>lsolated yields



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1a

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Figure S3. GCMS Analysis of crude reaction mixture of 2z



Figure S4. Assignment of Dehalogenated products from controlled experiments

# **General Information**

All reactions were performed by using a standard vial technique with a rubber septum. All solids were weighed in air. Dioxane, DMF, DMSO, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and KO'Bu, PTSA were purchased from Aldrich, Acros, Merck, Spectrochem, or Alfa-Aesar and used as received. CuI, CuBr, CuCl, and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>:H<sub>2</sub>O were purchased from Aldrich. Aryl hydrazines and 1,10-Phenanthroline were purchased from Spectrochem and Aldrich respectively. All other reagents were purchased from standard suppliers and used without further purification. Flash chromatography was performed using Merck Silica gel(230-400 mesh). Fractions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography on precoated silica gel 60F<sub>254</sub> plates (Merck & co.) and were

visualized by UV. NMR data were recorded on Bruker ARX 400 & 700 and Jeol 400 spectrometers. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and <sup>19</sup>F spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> referenced according to signals of deuterated solvents. ESI HR-MS measurements were performed on Bruker micro TOF-Q-II mass-spectro.

# General Procedure for the Synthesis $\beta$ -Ketonitriles 3a-j:<sup>1</sup>

To a stirred solution of 2-bromobenzyl cyanide (1 eqiuv, 5 mmol) in EtOAc (20 mL) sodium metal (1.5 equiv) was added by portion at room temperature. When sodium metal was completely dissolved in the reaction mixture, then the reaction mixture was refluxed. The reaction was monitored by TLC. Then it was quenched with ice cooled water and followed by neutralization with 3N HCl. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was washed brine solution, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified through column chromatography using ethyl acetate and hexane as eluent.

**2-(2-Bomophenyl)-3-oxobutanenitrile (3a)**:<sup>2</sup> Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 88% (1.04 g); Keto:enol tautomer(4:1); Orange color gel;  $R_f = 0.15$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; IR (KBr, v m<sup>Me</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3437, 2206, 1731, 1644, 1615, 1470, 1433, 1386, 1050, 1027, 755; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 8.4, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H) , 2.32(s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  195.5, 133.5, 130.8, 130.14, 130.10, 128.5, 123.7, 115.4, 50.6, 27.8.; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>BrNO: 237.9862 & 239.9842; Found: 237.9853 & 239.9866.

**2-(2-Bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-3-oxobutanenitrile (3b):** Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 82% (1.11 g); Keto:enol tautomer(4:1); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.13$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 125 °C; IR

(KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3431, 2205, 1645, 1457, 1339, 1270, 1096, 1019, 815; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

Keto isomer) 
$$\delta$$
 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H),  
<sup>CI</sup>  $\longrightarrow$  <sup>Me</sup> 5.17 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  194.4,  
134.9, 134.6, 131.9, 131.2, 130.3, 121.8, 115.1, 50.4, 28.4.; HRMS (ESI –

TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrClNO: 271.9472 & 273.945; Found: 271.9480 & 273.9457.

# 2-(2-Bromo-5-methylphenyl)-3-oxobutanenitrile (3d): Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 81% (1.02 g);

Keto:enol tautomer(4.7:1); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.16$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 121°C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3437, 2204, 1732, 1646, 1506,1475, 1358, 1165,1025,813; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.1 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  195.5, 139.2, 133.4, 132.0, 130.7, 129.9, 120.6, 115.8, 50.7, 28.1, 21.0; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrNO: 252.0019 & 253.9998; Found: 252.0042 & 254.0055. **2-(2-Bromo-4, 5-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-oxobutanenitrile (3f):** Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 80% (1.19 g); Keto:enol tautomer(1.5:1); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.17$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 115 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3437, 2202, 1730, 1643, 1503, 1440, 1380, 1261, 1210, 1169, 1024, 860; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  7.05 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  195.9, 150.4, 149.4, 121.7, 115.8, 115.7, 114.3, 111.5, 56.4, 56.3, 50.5, 27.9; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>: 298.0073 & 300.0053; Found: 298.0061 & 300.0041.

2-(2-Bromo-3, 4, 5-trimethoxyphenyl)-3-oxobutanenitrile (3g): Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 80% (1.31 g); Keto:enol tautomer(10:1); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.17$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 118 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3437, 2940, 2206, 1730, 1642, 1484, 1428, 1392, 1338, 1246, 1106, 1005, 926; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer) δ 6.79 (s, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer) δ 195.5, 153.8, 151.7, 144.0, 125.3, 115.8, 111.1,

108.3, 61.3, 61.3, 56.5, 50.8, 28.1.; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m /z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>: 349.9998 & 351.9979; Found: 349.9970 & 351.9949.

2-(2-Bromo-4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxobutanenitrile (3h): Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 78% (1.06 g);

Keto:enol tautomer(3:1); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.13$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 137 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3406, 2227, 1603, 1517, 1392, 1370, 1059, 1022, 845, 757; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  7.67 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  194.6, 136.4, 133.3, 131.0, 129.1, 128.9, 124.4, 115.3, 50.1, 28.3.; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrClNO: 271.9472 & 273.9451; Found: 271.9491 & 273.9495.

**2-(2-Bromo-4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxobutanenitrile (3i):** Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 75% (0.960 g); Keto:enol tautomer(10:1); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.13$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 136 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3421, 2220, 1634, 1573, 1465, 1332, 1280, 1259, 1195, 959, 876; 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  7.49 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (td, J = 8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  194.9, 163.4 (d, J = 252), 131.4 (d, J = 8.75), 126.5 (d, J = 3.5), 124.4 (d, J = 10.5), 121.2 (d, J = 24.5), 116.2 (d, J = 21), 115.5, 49.9, 28.2; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrFNO: 255.9768 & 257.9748; Found: 255.9747 & 257.9753.

**2-(2-Bromo-3,5-di-tert-butylphenyl)-3-oxobutanenitrile (3j):** Reaction time : 3 h; Yield: 80% (1.4 g); Keto:enol tautomer(10:1); white color solid;  $R_f = 0.26$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 128 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3441, 2966, 1733, 1652, 1634, 1539, 1363, 1265, 1017, 739; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, keto isomer)  $\delta$  7.55

(d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 9H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer) δ 196.19, 151.26, 149.29, 131.96, 126.79, 125.51, 121.53, 116.31, 52.44, 37.84, 35.10, 31.27, 30.16, 28.17.; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNO: 350.1095 & 352.1075; Found: 350.1114 & 352.1094.

**2-(2-Iodophenyl)-3-oxobutanenitrile (3k):** Reaction time: 3 h ; Yield: 52% (0.741 g); Keto:enol tautomer(2:1); Orange viscous liquid ;  $R_f = 0.13$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2920, 2205, 1730, 1646, 1465, 1277, 1014, 918, 757; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.13 (m,1H) 5.23 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  195.6, 140.5, 133.6, 132.0, 131.0, 129.6, 129.4, 115.7, 55.1, 28.4.; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>INO: 285.9723; Found: 285.9704.

**2-Phenyl-3-oxobutanenitrile (31);** Reaction time: 3h ; Yield: 65% (0.517 g); Keto:enol tautomer(4.2:1); Pale yellow colour solid ;  $R_f = 0.1$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 112 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3536, 2372, 2217, 1869, 1635, 754, 688; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (d, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.7, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  196.6, 129.8, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 119.8, 51.6, 27.0; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO: 182.0576; Found: 182.0580.

**2-(3-Methylphenyl)-3-oxobutanenitrile (3m):** Reaction time: 5 h ; Yield: 53% (0.461 g); Keto:enol tautomer(10:1); Pale yellow colour solid;  $R_f = 0.17$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 110 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3567, 2364, 2205, 1729, 1635, 1343, 1278, 1199, 785; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  196.7, 130.2, 129.6, 129.6, 128.6, 116.4, 51.6, 27.0; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z  $[M + Na]^+$  Cal for  $C_{11}H_{11}NO$ : 196.0733; Found: 196.0735.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-oxobutanenitrile (3n): Reaction time: 4 h ; Yield: 65% (0.627 g);

Keto:enol tautomer(4:1); Yellow colour solid;  $R_f = 0.07$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 118 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3567, 3109, 2368, 2221, 1700, 1653, 1491, 1353, 1271, 1008, 827, 780; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 (d, J =8.4 Hz , 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Keto isomer)  $\delta$  195.9, 135.7, 129.9, 129.6, 129.3, 115.9, 50.7, 27.1; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO: 216.0187; Found: 216.0192.

# General Procedure for the Synthesis of 5-Amino-4-arylpyrazoles 2a-x & 2aa-ac:

A round bottom flask was charged with  $\beta$ -ketonitrile (1 equiv, 1 mmol), aryl hydrazine (1.1 equiv, 1.1 mmol) and PTSA (cat.) in water, which was heated at 105 °C for 3-6 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After disappearance of the starting material, the reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and was extracted with ethyl acetate trice. The combined organic layer was washed with brine solution (25 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified through flash column chromatography using 20% ethyl acetate in hexane as eluent.



7.49-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 4.93 (s, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ

146.3, 143.7, 139.2, 133.9, 133.2, 132.7, 129.0, 128.9, 127.7, 125.9, 125.3, 122.6, 104.2, 12.9; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>: 328.0444 & 330.0424; Found: 328.0438 & 330.0417.

### 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (2b): Reaction time: 3

h; Yield: 87 % (0.362 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.33$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 138 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3437, 1621, 1596, 1515, 1453, 1397, 1318, 1264, 1093, 1012, 810; 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.6, 142.3, 138.6, 135.7, 134.3, 133.5, 132.7, 129.6, 129.1, 127.4, 124.0, 123.4, 104.3, 13.0; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrClN<sub>3</sub>: 362.0054 & 364.0033; Found: 362.0046 & 364.0025.

# 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-5-fluorophenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (2c): Reaction time: 3

h; Yield: 72% (0.249 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.31$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 98 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3437, 2064, 1634, 1515, 1455, 1404, 1256, 1185, 1018 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 9.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (td, J = 8.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.9 (d, J = 246.7 Hz), 147.6, 146.9, 142.3, 138.6, 135.9 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 134.4 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 129.6, 127.4, 124.0, 119.8 (d, J = 28 Hz), 119.6 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 116.3 (d, J = 28 Hz), 104.5, 13.0; <sup>19</sup>F (376 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -115.6; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrFN<sub>3</sub>: 346.0350 & 348.0330; Found: 346.0361 & 348.0343.

**5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-5-methylphenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-***1H***-pyrazole (2d):** Reaction time: 3 h ; Yield: 95 % (0.325 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.26$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 135 °C; IR

(KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3437, 1634, 1558, 1455, 1398, 1017, 667; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63 (d, J

 $Me = 7.6 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}, 7.55 \text{ (d, } J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.48 \text{ (t, } J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 7.33 \text{ (t, } J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.15 \text{ (s, } 1\text{H}), 7.02 \text{ (d, } J = 8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.72 \text{ (s, } 2\text{H}), 2.34 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H}), 2.17 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H}); ^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (175 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 147.8, 142.2, 138.9, 137.6, 133.7, 133.6, 132.9, 130.0, 129.5, 127.2, 123.8, 122.1, 105.5, 21.0, 13.0; \text{HRMS} (\text{ESI} - \text{TOF}), \text{m/z} \text{ [M + H]}^+ \text{ Cal for } C_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrN}_3$ : 342.0600 & 344.0580; Found: 342.0619 & 344.0600.

# 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (2e): Reaction time:

 $\begin{array}{l} \underset{N_{P_{h}}}{\overset{\mathsf{OMe}}{\underset{P_{h}}} 3 \text{ h} ; \text{Yield: 95\% (0.340 g)}; \text{ White color solid; } R_{f} = 0.26 \text{ in 20\% EtOAc in hexane; m.p} = 148 °C; IR (KBr, v cm^{-1}): 3422, 1618, 1570, 1513, 1434, 1323, 1282, 1221, 1178, 1028, 1010, 817, 762; ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) \delta 7.61 (d, J = 7.6, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.84 (brs, 2H) 2.17 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) \delta 159.0, 147.6, 142.3, 138.6, 134.6, 133.7, 129.5, 127.2, 123.8, 118.0, 115.8, 115.1, 105.3, 55.6, 12.9; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]^+ Cal for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O: 358.0550 & 360.0530; Found: 358.0512 & 360.0494. \end{array}$ 

### 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (2f): Reaction

time: 3 h; Yield: 98 % (0.380 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.16$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 162-164 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3430, 2304, 1618, 1507, 1463, 1264, 1208, 1174, 1064, 896, 785; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.1, 148.5, 147.9, 142.3, 138.9, 129.6, 127.1, 125.7, 123.8, 115.7, 115.6, 115.1, 105.3, 56.3, 56.2, 13.0; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m /z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for  $C_{18}H_{18}BrN_3O_2$ : 388.0655 & 390.0635; Found: 388.0677 & 390.0656.

### 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (2g): Reaction

time: 3 h; Yield: 95% (0.389 g); pale brown color solid;  $R_f = 0.16$  in 20%  $M_{P_h} = 0.16$  in hexane; m.p = 128 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3422, 1638, 1513, 1452, 1379, 1342, 1243, 1105, 1008, 758; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  7.62 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.81 (brs, 6H), 1.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.8, 151.5, 147.7, 142.6, 142.2, 138.8, 129.6, 129.4, 127.2, 123.8, 111.8, 111.3, 105.4, 61.2, 61.1, 56.3, 13.1; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 418.0761 & 420.0741; Found: 418.0769 & 420.0750.

5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (2h): Reaction time: 6

h; Yield: 95% (0.392 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.3$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 139 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3053, 2986, 1617, 1597, 1546, 1513, 1421, 1265, 1055, 1005, 895, 739 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, J = 2.4

Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.6, 142.3, 138.6, 134.0, 133.6, 132.9, 132.5, 129.6, 128.1, 127.4, 125.8, 123.9, 104.2, 12.9; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrClN<sub>3</sub>: 362.0054, 364.0033; Found: 362.0025, 364.0022.

5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-4-fluorophenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (2i): Reaction time: 3

Me N N N N H2 Fh h; Yield: 67% (0.236 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.33$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 106 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3424, 1616, 1652, 1575, 1539, 15151, 1453, 1256, 1199, 1071, 870, 762; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61

(d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 2H),

7.10 (td, J = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.62 (d, J = 250.2), 147.89, 142.43, 138.77, 133.94 (d, J = 8.7), 130.08 (d, J = 3.5), 129.65, 127.36, 125.86 (d, J = 8.7), 123.92, 120.51 (d, J = 22.7), 115.1 (d, J = 21), 104.3, 12.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  -114.7. HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrFN<sub>3</sub>: 346.0350 & 348.0330; Found: 346.0349 & 348.0331.

### 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-3,5-di-tert-butylphenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (2j): Reaction



time: 3 h; Yield: 78 % (0.343 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.3$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 209 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3437, 2064, 1622, 1515, 1455, 1393, 1362, 1264, 1013, 737; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20

(d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 9H), 1.33 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.8, 148.2, 148.0, 142.1, 139.0, 135.6, 129.5, 128.0, 127.0, 124.8, 123.7, 123.0, 108.2, 37.6, 34.9, 31.4, 30.3, 13.0, 1.1; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>: 440.1696 & 442.1677; Found: 440.1658 & 442.1633.

5-Amino-4-(2-bromophenyl)-1-phenyl-*1H*-pyrazole (2k): Reaction time: 6 h; Yield: 90 % (0.314 g); Pale yellow color solid;  $R_f = 0.3$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 125 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3429, 1686, 1656, 1619, 1555, 1497, 1410, 1376, 1023, 1013, 939, 762. ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H),7.44 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.9, 140.5, 138.6, 133.7, 133.5, 131.7, 129.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 124.1, 123.9, 105.6.; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m /z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>: 314.0287 &

316.0267; Found: 314.0288 & 316.0270.

5-Amino-4-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-1-(4-tolyl)-1H-pyrazole (21): Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 93% (0.318 g); Pale pink color solid;  $R_f = 0.28$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 119 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3438, 1655, 1619, 1571, 1519, 1393, 1059, 1019, NH 821,755; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 - 7.24(m, 3H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 146.0, 143.6, 136.8, 135.2, 134.0, 133.2, 132.7, 129.5, 128.9, 127.8, 125.3, 122.7, 104.0, 20.6, 12.9; HRMS (ESI -TOF), m /z  $[M + H]^+$  Cal for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>: 342.0600 & 344.0580; Found: 342.0580 & 344.0557.

5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1-(4-tolyl)-1H-pyrazole (2m): Reaction



123.9, 115.8, 115.1, 105.2, 55.6, 21.2, 13.0; HRMS (ESI - TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O: 372.0706 & 374.0686; Found: 372.0722 & 374.0703.

#### 5-Amino-4-(5-amino-4-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)benzonitrile (2n):



Reaction time: 2 h; Yield: 92% (0.324 g); Pale yellow color solid;  $R_f = 0.26$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 130 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3422, 2070, 1627, 1517, 1413, 1391, 1059, 1003, 755; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.92 (brs, 4H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.29 (m, 2H), 5.25 (s, 2H),1.98 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.5, 142.8, 142.6, 133.5, 133.4, 133.0, 132.9, 129.5, 127.9, 125.5, 122.6, 118.6, 109.6, 107.4, 13.0; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>: 353.0396 & 355.0376; Found: 353.0415 & 355.0393.

# 5-Amino-4-(2-bromophenyl)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole (20): Reaction time: 5



C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: 405.9549, 407.9529 & 409.9509; Found: 405.9560, 407.9494 & 409.9523.

# 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-*1H*-pyrazole (2p):



134.4, 133.8, 132.6, 125.1, 120.6, 118.1, 115.8, 115.3, 106.0, 55.6, 13.0. HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z  $[M + H]^+$  Cal for  $C_{17}H_{15}Br_2N_3O$ : 435.9655, 437.9635 & 439.9614; Found: 435.9662, 437.9613 &

439.9624.



# 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-

**methyl-***1H***-pyrazole (2q):** Reaction time: 3 h ; Yield: 98% (0.457 g); white color solid;  $R_f = 0.25$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 128-130 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3415, 1624, 1621, 1591, 1510, 1503, 1396, 1234, 1208, 1173, 832;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 - 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.2, 148.6, 148.4, 142.3, 138.0, 132.6, 125.4, 125.0, 120.5, 115.8, 115.6, 115.0, 105.9, 56.3, 56.2, 13.0; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 465.9760, 467.9741 & 469.9720; Found: 465.9769, 467.9722 & 469.9735.

# 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-*1H*-pyrazole (2r):



Reaction time: 4 h; Yield: 94% (0.415 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.63$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 122 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3431, 2054, 1616, 1569, 1506, 1456, 1403, 1264, 1010, 832, 738; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73

 $\int_{Br} (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 148.1, 142.3, 137.7, 134.3, 133.6, 132.9, 132.7, 132.2, 128.1, 125.8, 125.1, 120.7, 104.7, 12.9; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>: 439.9159, 441.9138 & 443.9118; Found: 439.9156, 441.9132 & 443.9112.$ 

5-Amino-1, 4-bis(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole (2s): Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 84%



(0.341 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.2$  in 20% EtOAc in Hexane; m.p = 120-122 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3355, 1617, 1515, 1390, 1318, 1264, 1028, 1005, 737, 448; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.05 (m, 4H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.0,

143.5, 137.5, 133.9, 133.6, 133.1, 133.0, 130.8, 130.6, 129.0, 128.6, 127.6, 125.4, 122.4, 104.9, 13.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF), m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: 405.9549, 407.9529 & 409.9509. Found: 405.9576, 407.9567 & 409.9546.

5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole (2t):



Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 76% (0.332 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.16$  in 20% EtOAc in Hexane; m.p = 106 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3307, 2062, 1630, 1536, 1461, 1384, 1283, 1219, 1027, 704; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.15 -7.28 (m, 5H), 7.19 - 6.52 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(175 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.1, 148.1, 143.5, 137.7, 134.8, 133.8, 133.7, 130.9, 130.7, 128.7, 122.5, 118.2, 115.9, 115.1, 105.1, 55.7, 13.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF), m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: 435.9655, 437.9635 & 439.9614; Found: 435.9711, 437.9695 & 439.9673.

#### 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-1-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole (2u):



Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 75% (0.331 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.3$  in 20% EtOAc in Hexane; m.p = 135-137 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3436, 1617, 1585, 1517, 1442, 1311, 1264, 1094, 1012, 737; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73(d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) § 148.0, 143.5, 137.5, 135.8, 134.2, 133.7, 133.5, 132.8, 131.0, 130.7, 129.1, 128.8, 123.5, 122.5, 103.9, 13.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF), m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>: 439.9159, 441.9138 & 443.9118; Found: 439.9186, 441.9175 & 443.9148.

#### 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-5-fluorophenyl)-1-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole (2v):



Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 73% (0.310 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.26$  in 20% EtOAc in Hexane; m.p = 115 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3202, 2067, 1619, 1513, 1312, 1186, 1055, 1016, 765; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

161.9 (d, J = 246.6 Hz), 147.9, 143.5, 137.5, 135.7 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 134.3 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 133.7, 130.9, 130.6, 128.8, 122.4, 119.8 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 119.6 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 116.2 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 13.1; <sup>19</sup>F (376 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -115.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF), m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>: 423.9455, 425.9435 & 427.9414; Found: 423.9469, 425.9455, 427.9428.

# 5-Amino-4-(2-bromo-5-methylphenyl)-1-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole (2w):

Me N N N NH<sub>2</sub> Br Br

Reaction time: 6 h; Yield: 70% (0.294 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.25$  in 20% EtOAc in Hexane; m.p = 188 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3402, 3267, 2074, 1621, 1528, 1316, 1265, 1026, 828, 755; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 (d, J = 8.0

Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.9, 143.5, 141.4, 135.0, 134.1, 134.0, 133.2, 133.1, 130.2, 129.4, 128.9, 127.6, 125.5, 122.1, 104.8, 21.1, 13.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF), m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: 419.9705, 421.9686 & 423.9665; Found: 419.9681, 421.9646 & 423.9637.

# 5-Amino-1-(2-bromo-4-fluorophenyl)-4-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-*1H*-pyrazole (2x):



Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 72% (0.306 g); White color solid;  $R_f = 0.3$  in 20% EtOAc in Hexane; m.p = 170-172 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3053, 2986, 2303, 1517, 1421, 1265, 1204, 895, 739, 705; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.6 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.28

(m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.5 (d, J = 252.3 Hz), 148.3, 143.6, 134.1 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 133.8, 133.2, 133.0, 131.8 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 129.1, 127.7, 125.5, 123.4 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 120.8 (d, J = 25.3 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 105.1, 13.1; <sup>19</sup>F (376 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  -111.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF), m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>: 423.9455, 425.9435 & 427.9414; Found: 423.9444, 425.9413 & 427.9404.

5-Amino-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole (2y): Reaction time: 4



h; Yield: 40% (0.181 g); Orange viscous liquid;  $R_f = 0.11$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2924, 2194, 1731, 1494, 1390, 1264, 1005, 756; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 - 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44 -7.32 (m, 4H), 7.24 - 7.15 (m, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.3, 143.7, 136.0, 133.8, 133.2, 133.1, 132.2, 130.5(2C), 130.4, 129.0, 128.1, 127.7, 125.4, 104.9, 13.1.; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrClN<sub>3</sub>:362.0054, 364.0033; Found: 362.0044, 364.0021.

5-Amino-1-(2-bromophenyl)-4-(2-iodophenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole (2z): Reaction time: 5

h; Yield: 80% (1.82 g); Pale yellow colour solid ;  $R_f = 0.1$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 150 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2920, 2668, 1615, 1516, 1491, 1389, 1250, 1002, 755; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 147.9, 143.2, 139.5, 137.9, 137.4, 133.7, 132.4, 131.0, 130.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 122.4, 108.7, 102.8, 13.1.; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrIN<sub>3</sub>: 453.9410, 455.9390;

Found: 453.9400, 455.9375.

**5-Amino-1-(2-bromophenyl)-4-phenyl-3-methyl-***1H***-pyrazole (2aa):** Reaction time: 3 h; Yield: 70% (1.15 g); Pale yellow colour solid ;  $R_f = 0.1$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 218 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3056, 2923, 1576, 1437, 1320, 1265, 1027, 759; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.71 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.32 (td, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.21

(m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.6, 143.4, 133.7, 133.4,

130.9, 130.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 126.1, 122.3, 104.3, 13.3; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Br: 328.0444, 330.0424; Found: 328.0439, 330.0421.

5-Amino-1-(2-bromophenyl)-4-(3-methylphenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole (2ab): Reaction time:

4 h ; Yield: 67% (1.15 g); Pale yellow colour solid ;  $R_f = 0.1$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; m.p = 186 °C; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2624, 1844, 1267, 764,; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 - 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.6

Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.6, 143.5, 138.7, 133.8(2C), 133.2, 131.0, 130.7, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 127.1, 125.8, 122.4, 104.5, 21.7, 13.3.; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Br: 342.0600, 344.0580; Found: 342.0596, 344.0576.

**5-Amino-1-(2-bromophenyl)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-***1H***-pyrazole (2ac):** Reaction time: 3 h ; Yield: 72% (1.30 g) ; Yellow viscous liquid;  $R_f = 0.13$  in 20% EtOAc in hexane; IR (KBr, v cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3433, 3350, 3190, 3059, 1616, 1442, 1394, 1264, 1006, 822, 765; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 -7.44 (m, 2H), 7.43 -7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37 -7.30 (m, 3H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.5, 143.5, 137.2, 133.8, 132.0, 131.9, 131.1, 130.6, 129.9, 129.3, 128.9, 122.3, 103.3, 13.2.; HRMS (ESI – TOF), m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Cal for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>BrCl: 362.0054, 364.0033; Found: 362.0033, 364.0012

# Procedure for Optimization of the N-Arylation 5-Amino-4-arylpyrazole 2a:

An oven dried 8 mL reaction vial was charged with copper-salt (5 mol %), ligand (10 mol %) and base (3 equiv), the respective 5-amino-4-(2-bromophenyl)pyrazole **2a** (0.5 mmol) in

solvent (2.0 mL) was stirred at rt-120 °C for 3 - 24 h. The reaction mixture was monitored by TLC. After the starting material had been completely consumed, the reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using hexane and EtOAc as eluent.

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**Crystal Data** for **5s** C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub> (M=326.20 g/mol): monoclinic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>/n (no. 14), a = 7.1264(10) Å, b = 19.8670(19) Å, c = 19.419(3) Å,  $\beta$  = 94.326(14)°, V = 2741.5(6) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 8, T = 293(2) K,  $\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) = 2.991 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *Dcalc* = 1.581 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 27049 reflections measured (6.582° ≤ 2 $\Theta$  ≤ 49.998°), 4819 unique ( $R_{int}$  = 0.2166,  $R_{sigma}$  = 0.1452) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0994 (I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)) and  $wR_2$  was 0.2384 (all data).



Figure S3. Molecular structure of compound 5s at 30% probability of thermal ellipsoids.

# <sup>1</sup>H & <sup>13</sup>C NMR of $\beta$ -Ketonitriles (**3a-n**):



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **3a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **3b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **3c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)











<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **3e** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz)



ESI-31



ESI-32



ESI-33



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **3i** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)



ESI-35






ESI-37



ESI-38



ESI-39

## <sup>1</sup>H & <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 5-Aminopyrazoles (2a-x):



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz)

ESI-40



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)

ESI-41



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)





<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2d** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2e** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz)

ESI-45



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2f** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2g** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2h** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)

ESI-48



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2i** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)





<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2j** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz)

ESI-51



ESI-52



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2l** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2m** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2n** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **20** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2p** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2q** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2r** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (175 MHz)









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 $^{19}\mathrm{F}$  Spectra of Compound 2v in DMSO-d\_6 (377MHz)









ESI-68



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **2z** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz)

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<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **1a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **1b** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)









<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **1d** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **1e** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **1f** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **1g** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **1h** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)

ESI-81



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **1i** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)



<sup>19</sup>F Spectra of Compound in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (376 MHz)



 $^{\rm 13}\text{C}$  Spectra of compound 1j in  $\text{CDCI}_3\left(175\ MHz\right)$ 

ESI-84



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound 1k in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **11** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **1m** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)



 $^{13}$ C Spectra of compound **1n** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>(175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **10** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (175 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **1p** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **1q** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)

ESI-91



 $^{13}$ C Spectra of compound 1r in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)

ESI-92



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **5s** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)



ESI-94



<sup>1</sup>H Spectra of compound 5u in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (400 MHz)



ESI-95



 $^{13}\text{C}$  Spectra of compound 5v in DMSO-d\_6(100 MHz)

ESI-96





<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **5w** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>(100 MHz)

**ESI-98** 



<sup>13</sup>C Spectra of compound **5**x in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)





 $^{13}$ C Spectra of compound **6a** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (100 MHz)

ESI-101



ESI-102



ESI-103



ESI-104



ESI-105



ESI-106



ESI-107



ESI-108


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