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General information

The reactions were carried out in commercial solvents without degassing them prior to the reactions. All the reagents were commercially available and were used as received without further purification. The aryl allyl acetates were prepared according to the procedures available in the literature. The compounds were purified by flash chromatography using Biotage Selekt autocolumn on a pre-packed pre-packed 25-gram KP-Sil BiotageO SNAP. All the compounds were characterized by HRMS, ¹HNMR and ¹³CNMR. Melting points were measured with a Polmon AUTO-MELT MP98 apparatus and are uncorrected. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was done using Silica Gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates (0.25 mm thick), purchased from Merck. LC-MS data was recorded on an Agilent Technologies 1200 LC system coupled with Agilent Technologies 5975C mass spectrometer using HP-column (4.6 mm × 50 mm, 5 μ) purchased from Agilent Technologies. HPLC analyses were carried out in Shimadzu Prominence systems using Chiralpak IG 250mm*4.6mm, 5 μ columns. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained in CDCl₃ or DMSO-d6 using 300 MHz and 400 MHz Bruker NMR spectrometer. All the chemical shift values reported in the 1H NMR spectra are in parts per million (ppm) on the δ scale from an internal standard of residual CDCl₃ (7.26 ppm) or the central peak of DMSO-*d*⁶ (2.50 ppm).

The data are reported as follows:

Chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quin = quintet), integration, and coupling constant in Hertz (Hz). Chemical shifts in ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in ppm on the δ scale from the central peak of residual CDCl₃ (77.16 ppm) or the central peak of DMSO- d^6 (39.52 ppm).

Procedure for synthesis of aryl allylacetates:

All the manipulations were carried out in oven-dried glassware under air. To a sealed tube containing aryl boronic acid in DMSO: AcOH (10V, 1:1), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%) and 1,4-benzoquinone (2.5 mmol), 40 mmol (20 Equiv) of vinyl acetate was added. The reaction mixture was heated 60 °C for 12 h. The completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

On Completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched by a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (2 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 * 5 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 45 °C. The crude product was then purified using a flash column using silica gel (230-400 mesh).

General Procedure for Selective Mono- ethylation

To a solution of 250mg of the aniline/ nitro substrate (2.25mmol) in 2 wt% Triton- x- 100 (10 mL) taken in an autoclave vessel, 5 wt% of 10% Pd/ C, 2.25 mmol (1 equiv) vinyl acetate and 10 wt% Novozym- 435 beads were added. The reaction mixture was hydrogenated under a 2 Kg/ Cm^2 hydrogen pressure at 25 °C for 12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

On completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and the crude product was extracted using ethyl acetate (2 * 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 45 °C. The crude product was then purified using a flash column using silica gel (230-400 mesh).

General Procedure for Selective di- ethylation

To a solution of 250mg of the aniline/ nitro substrate (2.25mmol) in 2 wt% Triton- x- 100 (10 mL) taken in an autoclave vessel, 5 wt% of 10% Pd/ C, 4.5 mmol (2 equiv) vinyl acetate and 10 wt% Novozym- 435 beads were added. The reaction mixture was hydrogenated under a 2 Kg/ Cm^2 hydrogen pressure at 25 °C for 12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

On completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and the crude product was extracted using ethyl acetate (2 * 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 45 °C. The crude product was then purified using a flash column using silica gel (230-400 mesh).

General Procedure for Selective isopropenylation

To a solution of 250mg of the aniline/ nitro substrate (2.25mmol) in 2 wt% Triton- x- 100 (10 mL) taken in an autoclave vessel, 5 wt% of 10% Pd/ C, 4.5 mmol (2 equiv) vinyl acetate and 10 wt% Novozym- 435 beads were added. The reaction mixture was hydrogenated under a 2 Kg/ Cm^2 hydrogen pressure at 50 °C for 12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

On completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and the crude product was extracted using ethyl acetate (2 * 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 45 °C. The crude product was then purified using a flash column using silica gel (230-400 mesh).

General Procedure for Selective N- alkylations and arylations:

To a solution of **6** (2.25mmol) in 2 wt% Triton- x- 100 (10 mL) taken in an autoclave vessel, 5 wt% of 10% Pd/ C, 2.5 mmol (1.1 equiv) **7** and 10 wt% Novozym- 435 beads were added. The reaction mixture was hydrogenated under a 2 Kg/ Cm^2 hydrogen pressure at 25 °C for 12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

On completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and the crude product was extracted using ethyl acetate (2 * 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 45 °C. The crude product was then purified using a flash column using silica gel (230-400 mesh).

Scale-up reaction

To a solution of 2g of 1(18.01 mmol) in 2 wt% Triton- x- 100 (80 mL) taken in an autoclave vessel, 5 wt% of 10% Pd/ C, 36.02 mmol (2 equiv) vinyl acetate and 10 wt% Novozym- 435 beads were added. The reaction mixture was hydrogenated under a 2 Kg/ Cm² hydrogen pressure at 25 °C for 12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

On completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and the crude product was extracted using ethyl acetate (2 * 100 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 45 °C. The crude product was then purified using a flash column using silica gel (230-400 mesh).

E- factor studies

1st Cycle:

To a solution of 2g of **1** (18.01 mmol) in 2 wt% Triton- x- 100 (80 mL) taken in an autoclave vessel, 5 wt% of 10% Pd/ C, 36.02 mmol (2 equiv) vinyl acetate and 10 wt% Novozym- 435 beads were added. The reaction mixture was hydrogenated under a 2 Kg/ Cm^2 hydrogen pressure at 25 °C for 12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

On completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and the crude product was extracted using ethyl acetate (2 * 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 45 °C. The crude product was then purified using a flash column using silica gel (230-400 mesh).

Yield: 2.1g, 85%

2nd Cycle:

To a solution of 2g of **1** (18.01 mmol) in 2 wt% Triton- x- 100 (80 mL) taken from the previous reaction mixture taken in an autoclave vessel, 5 wt% of 10% Pd/ C, 36.02 mmol (2 equiv) vinyl acetate and 10 wt% Novozym- 435 beads were added. The reaction mixture was hydrogenated under a 2 Kg/ Cm^2 hydrogen pressure at 25 °C for 12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

On completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and the crude product was extracted using ethyl acetate (2 * 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 45 °C. The crude product was then purified using a flash column using silica gel (230-400 mesh).

Yield: 2.0g, 81%

3rd Cycle:

To a solution of 2g of **1** (18.01 mmol) in 2 wt% Triton- x- 100 (80 mL) taken from the previous reaction mixture taken in an autoclave vessel, 5 wt% of 10% Pd/ C, 36.02 mmol (2 equiv) vinyl acetate and 10 wt% Novozym- 435 beads were added. The reaction mixture was hydrogenated under a 2 Kg/ Cm^2 hydrogen pressure at 25 °C for 12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

On completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and the crude product was extracted using ethyl acetate (2 * 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 45 °C. The crude product was then purified using a flash column using silica gel (230-400 mesh).

Yield: 1.8g, 75%

4th Cycle:

To a solution of 2g of **1** (18.01 mmol) in 2 wt% Triton- x- 100 (80 mL) taken from the previous reaction mixture taken in an autoclave vessel, 5 wt% of 10% Pd/ C, 36.02 mmol (2 equiv) vinyl acetate and 10 wt% Novozym- 435 beads were added. The reaction mixture was hydrogenated under a 2 Kg/ Cm^2 hydrogen pressure at 25 °C for 12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

On completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and the crude product was extracted using ethyl acetate (2 * 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 45 °C. The crude product was then purified using a flash column using silica gel (230-400 mesh).

Yield: 1.6g, 65%

5th Cycle:

To a solution of 2g of **1** (18.01 mmol) in 2 wt% Triton- x- 100 (80 mL) taken from the previous reaction mixture taken in an autoclave vessel, 5 wt% of 10% Pd/ C, 36.02 mmol (2 equiv) vinyl acetate and 10 wt% Novozym- 435 beads were added. The reaction mixture was hydrogenated under a 2 Kg/ Cm^2 hydrogen pressure at 25 °C for 12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

On completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and the crude product was extracted using ethyl acetate (2 * 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 45 °C. The crude product was then purified using a flash column using silica gel (230-400 mesh).

Yield: 0.14g, 58%



Yellow Liquid; (Yield = **3a**-85%, **5a**-80%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.9-6.8 (m, 2H), 6.5 (m, 2H), 3.4 (s, 1H), 3.1 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.0 and 154.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 236 Hz), 144.9, 115.7 and 115.7 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22 Hz), 113.6 and 113.6 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.6 Hz), 39.2, 14.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₈H₁₀FN)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 140.0831, found 140.0831.

N-ethyl-3-fluoroaniline (3b, 5b)



Yellow Liquid; (Yield = **3b**-82%, **5b**-82%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.11- 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.39-6.36 (m, 2H), 6.3 (d, *J* = 4Hz, 1H), 3.7 (s, 1H), 3. 1(d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 1.2 (t, *J* = 8Hz, 3H).¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.9 and 162.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240 Hz), 130.4 and 130.3 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 10.5 Hz), 108.7, 103.6, 99.5 and 99.1 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 25.5 Hz), 38.5, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₈H₁₀FN)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 140.0831, found 140.0831.

N-ethyl-2-fluoroaniline (**3c**, **5c**)



Yellow Liquid; (Yield = 3c- 75%, 5c-73%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28- 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.66 (m, 1H), 3.8 (s, 1H), 3.2 (q, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.2 and 150.0 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240 Hz), 137.1 and 136.9(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15 Hz), 124.7 and 124.6 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7 Hz), 116.5 and 116.4 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 7 Hz), 114.5 and 114.2 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 18 Hz),112.1, 38.2, 14.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₈H₁₀FN)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 140.0831, found 140.0831.

N-ethyl-4-methylaniline (**3d**, **5d**)



Yellow Liquid; (Yield = **3d**- 77%, **5d**-74%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.9 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.5 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 3.4 (s, 1H), 3.14 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):146.3, 129.8, 126.5, 113.1, 38.9, 20.5,15.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₉H₁₃N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 136.1082, found 136.1082.

N-ethyl-3-methylaniline (**3e**, **5e**)



 Yellow liquid; (Yield = 3e- 71%, 5e-70%), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.0 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H),

 6.5 (d, J = 0.4 Hz, 1H), 6.5 (s, 2H), 3.5 (s, 1H), 3.1 (q, J = 4 Hz, 2H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 1.2 (t, J = 4 Hz,

 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.6, 139.1, 129.2, 118.3, 113.7, 110.0, 38.63, 21.8, 15.0.

 HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₉H₁₃N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 136.1082, found 136.1082.

N-ethyl-2-methylaniline (**3f**, **5f**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = **3f**- 63%, **5f**-60%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.11 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (d, , *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.4 (s, 1H), 3.2 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.1 (s, 3H), (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.5, 130.1, 127.2, 121.8, 116.8, 109.8, 38.5, 17.5, 15.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₉H₁₃N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 136.1082, found 136.1082.

4-fluoro-*N*-(propan-2-yl)aniline (**3g**, **5g**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = **3g**- 78%, **5g**- 75%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.8 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.54-6.49 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.52 (m, 1H), 1.7 (d, J = 8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.8 and 154.5(d, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 230$ Hz), 143.9, 115.8 and 115.6 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 20$ Hz), 114.3 and 114.2(d, ² $J_{C-F} = 40$ Hz), 45.0, 23.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₉H₁₂FN)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 154.0987, found 154.0987.

3-fluoro-*N*-(propan-2-yl)aniline (3h, 5h)



Yellow Liquid; (Yield = **3h**- 65%, **5h**- 60%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.02 (q, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 6.36- 6.24 (m, 3H), 3.62- 3.54 (m, 1H), 1.2 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.9 and 162.8 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 232 Hz), 130.4, 109.1, 103.5, 103.4 and 103.2 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15 Hz), 99.7 and 99.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 16 Hz), 44.4, 23.0.HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₉H₁₂FN)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 154.0987, found 154.0987.

4-methyl-*N*-(propan-2-yl)aniline (3i, 5i)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = **3i**- 70%, **5i**- 68%), ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.0 (d, , *J* = 9 Hz, 2H), 6.5 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H), 3.66-3.57 (m, 1H), 3.4 (s, 1H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 1.21 (d, , *J* = 6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.9, 130.0, 124.9, 112.7, 44.6, 20.2, 12.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₀H₁₅N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 150.1238, found 150.1240.

3-methyl-*N*-(propan-2-yl)aniline (**3j**, **5j**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = **3j**- 68%, **5j**- 65%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.0 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.5 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.4 (s, 2H), 3.65-3.58 (m, 1H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 1.2 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.6, 139.1, 129.2, 118.0, 114.1, 110.5, 44.3, 23.2, 21.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₀H₁₅N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 150.1238, found 150.1240.

2-methyl-*N*-(propan-2-yl)aniline (3k, 5k)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = 3k- 59%, 5k- 56%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.1 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 7.0 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 3.71-3.64 (m, 1H), 3.3 (s, 1H), 2.1 (s, 3H), 1.2 (d, J = 4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.5, 130.3, 127.2, 121.8, 116.4, 110.3, 44.1, 23.3, 17.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₀H₁₅N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 150.1238, found 150.1240.

N,*N*-diethyl-4-fluoroaniline (**3l**, **5l**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = **3**I- 79%, **5**I- 75%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.9 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 6.6 (m, 2H), 3.3 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 4H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.7 and 153.6 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 232 Hz), 144.8, 115.7 and 115.5(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15 Hz), 113.8, 113.7 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz), 45.0, 12.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₀H₁₅FN)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 169.1222, found 169.1222.

N,*N*-diethyl-3-fluoroaniline (**3m**, **5m**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = **3m**- 68%, **5m**- 66%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.1 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.3 (m, 2H), 3.3 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 1.1 (t, 4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.7 and 163.3(d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240 Hz), 149.6 and 149.5(d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 10 Hz), 130.3 and 130.2(d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 10 Hz), 107.3, 107.2, 101.8 and 101.5(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 30 Hz), 98.6 and 98.4(d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 20 Hz), 44.5, 12.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₀H₁₅FN)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 169.1222, found 169.1222.

N,*N*-diethyl-2-fluoroaniline (**3n**, **5n**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = **3n**- 60%, **5n**- 60%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.02- 6.83 (m, 4H), 3.2 (q, J = 8 Hz, 4H), 1.08 (t, J = 8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.5 and 155.0 (d, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 100$ Hz), 138.3 and 138.2 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 10$ Hz), 124.1 and 124.0 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 10$ Hz), 121.3, 116.4 and 116.2 (d, ² $J_{C-F} = 20$ Hz), 46.3, 12.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₀H₁₅FN)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 169.1222, found 169.1222.

N,*N*-diethyl-4-methylaniline (**30**, **50**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = **30**- 75%, **50**- 74%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.0 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 6.6 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 3.3 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 1.2 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.1, 129.8, 126.1, 113.5, 48.5, 29.8, 29.3,21.5, 20.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₁H₁₈N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 165.1473, found 165.1474.

N,*N*-diethyl-3-methylaniline (**3p**, **5p**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = **3p**- 67%, **5p**- 65%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.1 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.53-6.46 (m, 3H), 3.3 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 1.2 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.9, 139.0, 129.2, 116.4, 112.7, 109.2, 44.4, 22.1, 12.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₁H₁₈N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 165.1473, found 165.1474.

N,*N*-diethyl-2-methylaniline (**3q**, **5q**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = **3q**- 56%, **5q**- 54%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26- 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07- 6.95 (m, 1H), 3.0 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 1.0 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 6H).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.0, 135.5, 130.9, 126.1, 123.3, 122.3, 47.7, 18.4, 12.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₁H₁₈N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 165.1473, found 165.1474.

N,N-diethylaniline (**3r**, **5r**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = **3r**- 56%, **5r**- 53%),¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26- 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.62 (m, 2H), 3.4 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 8H), 1.2 (t, *J* = 8Hz, 6H).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.4, 128.7, 114.9, 111.4, 43.8, 12.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₀H₁₅N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 150.1238, found 150.1238.

4-fluoro-*N*-[2-(4-methylphenyl)ethyl]aniline (8a)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = 50%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.1 (s, 4H), 6.8 (t, *J* = 2 Hz, 2H), 6.55-6.52 (m, 2H), 3.3 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.8 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 2.3 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.5 and 154.4 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 232 Hz), 114.5, 139.3, 128.9 and 128.7(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15 Hz), 126.6, 115.9, 155.6, 113.9 and 113.8 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz), 65.0, 45.8, 35.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₅H₁₆FN)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 230.1300, found 230.1300.

4-fluoro-*N*-(2-phenylethyl)aniline (**8b**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = 57%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 3H), 6.9 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 6.89-6.55 (m, 2H), 3.8 (s, 1H), 3.3 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.9 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.1 and 154.8(d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 230 Hz), 144.5 and 144.5 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 1.5 Hz), 129.4, 128.7, 115.9 and 115.7 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 20 Hz), 113.9 and 113.9(d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7 Hz), 45.8, 35.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₄H₁₄FN)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 216.1144, found 216.1145.



Yellow liquid; (Yield = 45%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.9 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 3H), 6.56-6.53 (m, 2H), 3.3 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.9 ((t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.9 and 161.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240 Hz), 164.8 and 161.5, (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240 Hz), 147.7, 143.5 and 143.5(d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz) 139.3, 111.8, 111.7, 111.6, 111.5,102.0, (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 30 Hz), 44.7, 35.5,. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₅H₁₂F₂N₂)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 259.1036, found 259.1036.

2-fluoro-5-[2-(4-fluoroanilino)ethyl]benzonitrile (8d)



Brown liquid; (Yield = 45%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46- 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.2 (s, 1H), 7.1 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.89- 6.52 (m, 2H), 2.2 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.9 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.8 and 160.3(d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 262 Hz), 157.8 and 154.6(d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240 Hz), 143.8, 136.6, 135.6, 135.5 and 133.4(d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8 Hz), 116.8 and 116.6(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15 Hz), 116.1,115.8,

114.0 and 113.9 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$), 101.7 and 101.5 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 15 \text{ Hz}$), 45.5, 34.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₅H₁₂F₂N₂)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 259.1002, found 259.1002.





Yellow solid; (Yield = 50%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.9 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.79 (m, 1H), 6.56-6.51 (m, 1H), 3.3 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 2.8 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.3 and 154.9(d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240 Hz), 152.6 and 150.0 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 260 Hz), 139.8 and 137.3 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 250 Hz), 143.9 and 143.9 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 1.6 Hz), 139.8, 137.3, 135.7, 135.7, 135.6, 135.6 and 135.5(d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 10 Hz), 116.0 and 115.8(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 20 Hz), 113.9, 112.8 and 112.6(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 20 Hz), 45.3, 34.9.HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₄H₁₁F₄N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 270.0861, found 270.0862. mp- 38.3- 56.5 °C

N-[2-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)ethyl]-4-fluoroaniline (8f)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = 54%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.2 (s, 1H), 7.0 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.56- 6.52 (m, 2H), 3.3 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.9 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 1.3 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.1 and 154.8(d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 230 Hz), 151.6, 144.5, 144.5, 138.9, 126.0 and 125.8(d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 12 Hz), 123.6, 115.9 and 115.6 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22 Hz), 114.0, 113, 45.9, 35.8, 34.7, 31.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₇H₁₉FN)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 257.1535, found 257.1535.

4-fluoro-*N*-[2-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]aniline (8g)



Brown liquid; (Yield = 42%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.1 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91- 6.83 (m, 4H), 6.56- 6.51 (m, 2H), 4.8 (s, 3H), 3.3 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.8 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.4, 157.5 and 154.4(d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 232 Hz), 144.5, 131.2, 129.9 ,129.9, 129.8, 115.9 and 115.6(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz), 114.1 and 114.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8 Hz), 113.9, 55.4, 46.0, 34.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₅H₁₆FNO)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 246.1249, found 246.1250.





Yellow liquid; (Yield = 42%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.1 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.76-6.66 (m, 3H), 6.43-6.33 (m, 3H), 3.4 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.9 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.9 and 162.7(d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240 Hz), 165.0 and 161.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 247.5 Hz), 164.8 and 161.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 247.5 Hz), 149.6 and 149.5 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz), 143.0 and 142.9 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz), 130.6 and 130.5(d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8 Hz), 111.8 and 111.5(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz), 108.9, 104.4 and 104.1(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz), 102.2, 101.8, 99.8 and 99.5(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz), 44.5, 35.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₄H₁₂F₃N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 252.0955 found 252.0955.

N-[2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]-4-methylaniline (8i)

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Yellow liquid; (Yield = 42%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.0 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.76- 6.66 (m, 3H), 6.5 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 3.4 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.9 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 2.2 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.9 and 161.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240 Hz), 145.4, 143.5(t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz), 130.0, 127.2, 113.4, 111.8 and 111.6 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15 Hz), 102.0(t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz), 45.0, 35.5, 20.5.HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₅H₁₅F₂N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 248.1026 found 248.1026.

N-[2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]-3-methylaniline (8j)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = 38%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.1 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 6.7 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.6 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.4 (s, 2H), 3.4 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.9 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.3 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.5 and 160.2(d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 247.5 Hz), 146.3, 141.9 (t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 15 Hz), 137.8, 127.9, 117.4, 112.5, 110.4 and 110.1(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz), 110.3 and 110.0(d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz), 100.9 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.5 Hz), 43.2, 34.0, 20.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₅H₁₅F₂N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 248.1026 found 248.1026.

N-[2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]-2-methylaniline (8k)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = 35%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.2 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 7.1 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 6.6 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 3H), 3.4 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.9 (t, 4 Hz, 2H), 2.0 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.0 and 161.7(d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 247.5 Hz), 145.5, 143.5(t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz), 130.4, 127.3, 122.2, 117.4, 111.8 and 111.6 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15 Hz), 109.9, 102.0 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz), 44.5, 35.8,s 17.4.HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₅H₁₅F₂N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 248.1026 found 248.1026.

N-[2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]aniline (81)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = 48%) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.76- 6.64 (m, 4H), 6.6 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.4 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.9 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 164.8 and 161.4 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 255 Hz), 147.5, 143.3, (t, ³*J* = 7.5 Hz), 129.4, 117.8, 113.0, 111.7 and 111.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz), 101.9 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz), 44.5, 35.3.HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₄H₁₃F₂N)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 234.1050 found 234.1051.

N-ethyl-2-methyl-1,3-benzoxazol-6-amine (10a)



Brown solid; (Yield = 50%, 120mg) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.4 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (s, 1H), 6.6 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.2 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.6 (s, 3H), 1.3 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.2, 152.7, 146.8, 132.7, 119.4, 112.3, 93.2, 39.0, 14.8, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₀H₁₂N₂O)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 176.0950 found 176.0950. mp- 45.6- 63.3 °C

N-ethyl-4-fluoropyridin-2-amine (**10b**)



Yellow solid; (Yield = 45%, 110mg) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02-7.98 (m, 1H), 6.34-6.30 (m, 1H), 6.04-6.01 (m, 1H), 4.7 (s, 1H), 3.2 (m, 2H), 1.2 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 172.1 and 168.7 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 255 Hz), 161.4 and 161.3 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz), 150.7 and 150.6

(d, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 7.5Hz$), 101.6 and 101.3 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz$), 92.6 and 92.3 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.5 Hz$), 37.1, 29.8, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₇H₉FN₂)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 141.0783 found 141.0784.

N,*N*-diethyl-2-methyl-1,3-benzoxazol-6-amine (**10c**)



Brown liquid; (Yield = 40%, 115mg).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.4 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.27-6.24 (m,1H), 6.12-6.06 (m, 1H), 3.4 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 4H), 2.5 (s, 3H), 1.1 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 172.1, 168.7, 161.4, 161.3, 150.7, 150.6, 101.6, 101.3, 92.6, 92.3, 37.1, 29.8, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₂H₁₆N₂O)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 205.1296 found 205.1296.

N,*N*-diethyl-4-fluoropyridin-2-amine (**10d**)



Yellow liquid; (Yield = 20%, 60mg).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09-8.05 (m, 1H), 6.2 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 6.1 (dd, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 3.5 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 1.3 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 176.9, 172.7 and 169.3 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 255 Hz), 160.9 and 160.7 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 15 Hz), 148.0 and 147.9 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.5 Hz), 101.1 and 100.9 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 15 Hz), 92.4, 92.1, 72.6, 71.6, 70.5, 70.2, 37.1, 21.9, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for (C₁₂H₁₆FN₂)⁺ (M+H)⁺ 169.0196 found 169.0196.

N-ethyl-4-fluoroaniline (**3a**, **5a**)



¹³C NMR



N-ethyl-3-fluoroaniline (**3b**, **5b**)



¹³C NMR



N-ethyl-2-fluoroaniline (**3c, 5c**)



¹³C NMR



N-ethyl-4-methylaniline (**3d**, **5d**)







N-ethyl-3-methylaniline (**3e, 5e**)



¹³C NMR



N-ethyl-2-methylaniline (**3f**, **5f**)



¹³C NMR



4-fluoro-*N*-(propan-2-yl)aniline (**3g**, **5g**)





3-fluoro-*N*-(propan-2-yl)aniline (**3h**, **5h**)





4-methyl-*N*-(propan-2-yl)aniline (**3i, 5i**) ¹H NMR




3-methyl-*N*-(propan-2-yl)aniline (**3j**, **5j**)





2-methyl-*N*-(propan-2-yl)aniline (**3k**, **5**k)

¹H NMR



2-methyl-*N*-(propan-2-yl)aniline (**3k**, **5k**)





N,*N*-diethyl-4-fluoroaniline (**3l**, **5l**) ¹H NMR







N,*N*-diethyl-3-fluoroaniline (**3m**, **5m**)







N,*N*-diethyl-2-fluoroaniline (**3n**, **5n**)



¹³C NMR



N,*N*-diethyl-4-methylaniline (**30, 50**)





N,*N*-diethyl-3-methylaniline (**3p**, **5p**)



¹³C NMR



N,*N*-diethyl-2-methylaniline (**3q**, **5q**)



¹³C NMR



N,*N*-diethylaniline (**3r**, **5r**)



¹³C NMR



4-fluoro-*N*-[2-(4-methylphenyl)ethyl]aniline (8a)











¹³C NMR



N-[2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]-4-fluoroaniline (8c)





2-fluoro-5-[2-(4-fluoroanilino)ethyl]benzonitrile (8d)



¹³C NMR



4-fluoro-*N*-[2-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)ethyl]aniline (8e)







N-[2-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)ethyl]-4-fluoroaniline (8f)



¹³C NMR



4-fluoro-*N*-[2-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]aniline (8g)





N-[2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]-3-fluoroaniline (8h)



¹³C NMR



N-[2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]-4-methylaniline (8i)


¹³C NMR



N-[2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]-3-methylaniline (**8j**)





N-[2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]-2-methylaniline (8k)







N-[2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethyl]aniline (81)







N-ethyl-2-methyl-1,3-benzoxazol-6-amine (10a)







N-ethyl-4-fluoropyridin-2-amine (**10b**)







N,*N*-diethyl-2-methyl-1,3-benzoxazol-6-amine (**10c**)





N,*N*-diethyl-4-fluoropyridin-2-amine (**10d**) ¹H NMR





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