# **Supporting Information**

# Chemoselective Reduction of Imines and Azobenzenes Catalyzed by Silver *N*-heterocyclic Carbene Complexes

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#### 1. Materials and methods

**General**. All reactions dealing with air or moisture-sensitive compounds were carried out in a flame-dried, sealed Schlenk reaction tube under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on glass plates coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel containing a fluorescent indicator (Merck). Flash silica gel column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60N (spherical and neutral, 140–325 mesh) as described by Still. <sup>1</sup>NMR spectra were measured on a JNM-ECZ400S (JEOL, Japan) spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO- $d_6$  were referenced internally to tetramethylsilane as a standard, and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz and referenced to the solvent resonance. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on the Exactive Mass Spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, USA) equipped with ESI ionization source.

**Materials**. Unless otherwise noted, materials were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Aldrich Inc., Titan, Adamas-beta., and other commercial suppliers and used as received. Solvents were dried over sodium (for THF) by refluxing for overnight and freshly distilled prior to use.

#### 2. General procedure for the synthesis of Ag complexes

2.1 Preparation of IPrAgCl



In air, to a solution of 2,6-diisopropylaniline (177 g, 1.00 mol, 2.0 equiv) and AcOH (1.00 mL, 17.5 mmol, 0.035 equiv) in MeOH (250 mL) was added a solution of glyoxal (40% in water) (29g, 0.50 mol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (250 mL). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 15 min, then stirred at 23 °C for 10 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered, then the filter cake was washed with MeOH ( $3 \times 200$  mL) and

dried in vacuo to afford 162 g of the title compound as a yellow solid (86% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.03 (s, 2H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 6H), 3.15 – 2.64 (m, 4H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 24H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =163.3, 148.1, 136.8, 125.9, 123.3, 28.2, 23.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[1]</sup>



In air, to a solution of  $N^{l}$ , $N^{2}$ -1,4-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)ethane-1,2-diimine (84.8 g, 225 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and paraformaldehyde (6.96 g, 232 mmol, 1.03 equiv) in EtOAc (2.0 L) was added a solution of TMSCI (29.4 mL, 232 mmol, 1.03 equiv) in EtOAc (30 mL) at 70 °C dropwise over 45 min. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 2 hours, then cooled to 10 °C. The reaction mixture was filtered, then the filter cake was washed with EtOAc (3 × 150 mL) and dried in vacuo to afford 72.5 g of the title compound as a colorless solid (70% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  =10.24 (s, 1H), 8.59 (s, 2H), 7.69 (t, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.40 – 2.29 (m, 4H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 12H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  =145.1, 139.4, 131.9, 130.1, 126.3, 124.7, 28.7, 24.2, 23.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[1]</sup>



A mixture of IPr•HCl (0.3 mmol) and AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mmol) in dichloromethane (15 mL) was stirred for 2 min and then K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (5 mmol) was added. After 3 h, the mixture was filtered through Celite and the solvent was removed in vacuo until 2 mL (c.a.). The product was precipitated with ether (10 mL) and washed (3×5 mL) to give IPrAgCl (85%) as a white solids. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.49 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.21 (s, 2H), 2.53 (sept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 12H),

1.21 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 145.6$ , 134.6, 130.9, 124.5, 123.8, 28.8, 24.9, 24.1. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[2]</sup>

2.2 Preparation of IMesAgCl



In air, to a solution of 2,4,6-Trimethylanyline (135 g, 1.00 mol, 2.0 equiv) and AcOH (1.00 mL, 17.5 mmol, 0.035 equiv) in MeOH (250 mL) was added a solution of glyoxal (40% in water) (28g, 0.50 mol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (250 mL). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 15 min, then stirred at 23 °C for 10 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered, then the filter cake was washed with MeOH ( $3 \times 200$  mL) and dried in vacuo to afford 162 g of the title compound as a yellow solid (86% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.03 (s, 2H), 6.84 (s, 4H), 2.22 (s, 6H), 2.08 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ =162.5, 146.4, 133.6, 128.0, 125.5, 19.8, 17.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[3]</sup>



In air, to a solution of  $N^{l}$ , $N^{2}$ -dimesitylethane-1,2-diimine (65.8 g, 225 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and paraformaldehyde (6.96 g, 232 mmol, 1.03 equiv) in EtOAc (2.0 L) was added a solution of TMSCl (29.4 mL, 232 mmol, 1.03 equiv) in EtOAc (30 mL) at 70 °C dropwise over 45 min. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 2 hours, then cooled to 10 °C. The reaction mixture was filtered, then the filter cake was washed with EtOAc (3 × 150 mL) and dried in vacuo to afford 72.5 g of the title compound as a colorless solid (70% yield).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =10.45 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 2H), 6.95 (s, 4H), 2.27 (s, 6H), 2.09 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =140.3, 138.1, 133.1, 129.6, 128.9, 123.7, 20.2, 16.6. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[4]</sup>



A mixture of IMes•HCl (0.3 mmol) and AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mmol) in dichloromethane (15 mL) was stirred for 2 min and then K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (5 mmol) was added. After 3 h, the mixture was filtered through Celite and the solvent was removed in vacuo until 2 mL (c.a.). The product was precipitated with ether (10 mL) and washed (3×5 mL) to give IMesAgCl as a white solids (90%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.13 (s, 2H), 6.99 (s, 4H), 2.35 (s, 6H), 2.07 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =138.7, 133.6, 128.6, 121.7, 121.7, 20.1, 16.7. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[2]</sup>

# 3. Optimizing reaction parameters

Table S1. Investigation	of the effect of solvent	on hydrogenation	of N-benzylideneaniline. <sup>a</sup>
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Ag-complex [H], Solvent, Temp 1a 2a							
Entry	Catalyst	[Si-H]	Solvent	Temp./°C	Time/h	Yield/%	
1	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	MeOH	rt	24	91	
2	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	EtOH	rt	24	65	
3	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	$CH_2Cl_2$	rt	24	10	
4	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	EtOAc	rt	24	$nd^b$	
5	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	THF	rt	24	$nd^b$	
6	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	rt	24	$nd^b$	
7	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	t-Amyl-OH	rt	24	$nd^b$	
8	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	24	97	

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), IPrAgCl (0.02 mmol), PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (4 equiv), solvent (2.5 mL), at room temperature for 24 h. Isolated yield.<sup>b</sup>Not detected.

Entry	Catalyst	Reductant	Solvent	Temp./°C	Time/h	Yield/%
1	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	<sup><i>i</i></sup> PrOH	rt	24	97
2	IPrAgCl	HBpin	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	24	41
3	IPrAgCl	Ph <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	<sup><i>i</i></sup> PrOH	rt	24	20
4	IPrAgCl	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	24	48
5	IPrAgCl	(EtO) <sub>3</sub> SiH	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	24	53
6	IPrAgCl	PMHS	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	24	24

Table S2. Investigation of the effect of silanes on hydrogenation of N-benzylideneaniline.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), IPrAgCl (0.02 mmol), reductant (4 equiv), solvent (2.5 mL), at room temperature for 24 h. Isolated yield.

Table S3. Investigation of the effect of time on hydrogenation of N-benzylideneaniline.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Catalyst	[Si-H]	Solvent	Temp./°C	Time/h	Yield/%
1	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	2	72
2	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	3	90
3	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	4	97
4	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	12	97
5	IPrAgCl	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	24	97

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), IPrAgCl (0.02 mmol), PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (4 equiv), solvent (2.5 mL), at room temperature. Isolated yield.

Table S4. Investigation of the effect of the amount of Ag-complex on hydrogenation of N-benzylideneaniline.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Catalyst (X mol%)	[Si-H]	Solvent	Temp./°C	Time/h	Yield/%
1	IPrAgCl(1)	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	4	96
2	IPrAgCl (2)	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	4	96
3	IPrAgCl (5)	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	4	97
4	IPrAgCl (10)	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	rt	4	97

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), IPrAgCl, PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (4 equiv), solvent (2.5 mL), at room temperature. Isolated yield.

Table S5. Investigation of the effect of the amount of  $PhSiH_3$  on hydrogenation of *N*-benzylideneaniline.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Cataylst	PhSiH <sub>3</sub> (equiv.)	Solvent	Temp. /°C	Time /h	Yield(%)
1	IPrAgCl	1.0	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	25	4	50
2	IPrAgCl	2.0	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	25	4	89
3	IPrAgCl	2.2	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	25	4	96
4	IPrAgCl	3.0	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	25	4	96
5	IPrAgCl	4.0	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	25	4	97

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), IPrAgCl (0.002 mmol), PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (4 equiv), solvent (2.5 mL), at room temperature. Isolated yield.

## 4. The preparation of substrates

#### 4.1 Preparation of imine compounds



In air, to a solution of aniline (9.3 g, 0.1 mol, 1.0 equiv) and AcOH (0.1 mL, 1.75 mmol, 0.035 equiv) in MeOH (25 mL) was added a solution of benzaldehyde (10.6 g, 0.1 mol, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (25 mL). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 15 min, then stirred at 23 °C for 10 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered, then the filter cake was washed with MeOH ( $3 \times 20$  mL) and dried in vacuo to afford 16.6 g of the title compound as a Pale yellow solid.



To an argon purged round bottom flask were added the carbonyl compound (50 mmol, 1.0 eq), *p*-anisidine (60 mmol, 1.2 eq) and toluene (30 mL) followed by 4Å MS (20g). The reaction was stirred at rt until TLC analysis showed complete conversion of starting material. The reaction mixture was filtered (EtOAc) to remove the molecular sieves then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by recrystallization or by flash column chromatography.<sup>[5]</sup>



# (E)-N,1-diphenylmethanimine (1a)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 95%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.46 (s, 1H), 7.91 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =160.6, 152.2, 136.3, 131.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.9, 126.1, 121.0. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[6]</sup>



# (E)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylmethanimine (1b)

White soild. Yiled: 60%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.41 (s, 1H), 7.84 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =157.4, 157.2, 143.9, 135.4, 130.0, 127.7, 127.6, 121.2, 113.3, 54.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[7]</sup>



# (E)-N-(4-bromophenyl)-1-phenylmethanimine (1c)

White soild. Yiled: 80 %. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J*= 4.1 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 5H), 7.15 – 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =159.8, 150.0 134.9, 131.2, 130.6, 127.9, 127.8, 121.6, 118.3. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[7]</sup>



(E)-N-(3-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylmethanimine (1d)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 79 %. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.10 (dt, J = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =161.6, 151.3, 147.9, 134.4, 131.2, 129.5, 128.2, 127.9, 125.8, 119.5, 114.4. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[8]</sup>



# methyl (*E*)-4-((phenylimino)methyl)benzoate (1e)

White soild. Yiled: 79%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.44 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.19 (m, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =166.6, 159.2, 151.5, 140.0, 133.2, 130.0, 129.3, 128.7, 126.5, 120.9, 52.4. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[9]</sup>



## (E)-N,N-dimethyl-4-((phenylimino)methyl)aniline (1f)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 40%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.35 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =160.5, 153.1, 152.6, 130.6, 129.2, 125.1, 124.5, 121.1, 111.7, 40.3. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[10]</sup>



# (E)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1g)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled :98%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.43 (s, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.08 (m, 6H), 2.38 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

=163.55(d,  $J_{FC}$ =250 Hz), 157.0, 148.152, 134.9, 131.7, 131.6, 129.7(d,  $J_{FC}$ =4.1Hz), 128.8, 119.7, 114.8(d,  $J_{FC}$ =11.6 Hz), 19.99. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -108.27. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[6]</sup>

## (E)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1h)

White soild. Yiled: 96%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.43 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 158.1, 149.1, 137.2, 136.3, 134.9, 130.0, 130.0, 129.2, 120.9, 21.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[11]</sup>



## (E)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-N-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1i)

White soild. Yiled: 80%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =158.2, 149.1, 136.3, 135.4, 132.1, 130.2, 130.0, 125.8, 120.9, 21.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[12]</sup>



# (E)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1j)

White soild. Yiled: 92%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 162.2, 159.1, 149.8, 135.5, 130.5, 129.8, 129.5, 120.9 114.3, 55.5, 21.3. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[6]</sup>



## (E)-4-((p-tolylimino)methyl)phenol (1k)

White soild. Yiled: 98%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  =8.26 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  =160.6, 159.3, 149.4, 134.8, 130.7, 129.8, 127.7, 121.0, 115.8, 20.7. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[6]</sup>



# (E)-N-p-tolyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanimine (11)

Whtie soild. Yiled: 98%<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.52 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 157.8, 148.8, 139.5, 136.8, 132.8, 132.5, 130.0, 129.0, 125.8(d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 121.02, 21.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -62.61. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[6]</sup>



## (E)-N,1-di-p-tolylmethanimine (1m)

White soild. Yiled: 90%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.44 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (d, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =159.8, 149.8, 1418, 135.7, 133.9 129.9 129.6, 128.8, 120.9, 21.8, 21.4. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[6]</sup>



#### (*E*)-1-(3-chlorophenyl)-*N*-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1n)

White solid. Yiled: 82%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.42 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 157.9, 149.0, 138.2, 136.5, 135.1, 131.2, 130.1, 130.0, 128.4, 127.2, 121.0, 21.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[11]</sup>



# (E)-1-(3-bromophenyl)-N-(p-tolyl)methanimine (10)

White soild. Yiled: 90%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.41 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ =157.8, 148.9, 138.4, 136.5, 134.1, 131.3, 130.4, 130.0, 127.6, 123.2, 121.0, 21.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[13]</sup>



#### (*E*)-1-(3-nitrophenyl)-*N*-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1p)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 93%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 156.4, 148.8, 148.3, 138., 137.1, 134., 130.1, 129.9, 125.5, 123.5, 121.1, 21.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[6]</sup>

# (E)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-phenylmethanimine (1q)

Yellow soild. Yiled: 80%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.85 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =156.3, 149.3, 136.5, 136.1, 133.5, 132.1, 130.1, 130.0, 128.6, 127.3, 121.2, 21.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[14]</sup>



# (E)-2-((p-tolylimino)methyl)phenol (1r)

Yellow soild. Yiled: 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ =8.63 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 161.9, 161.2, 146.0, 137.1, 133.1, 132.3, 130.2, 121.4, 119.4, 119.1 117.3, 21.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[15]</sup>



#### (E)-N-p-tolyl-1-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanimine (1s)

White soild. Yiled: 78%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.84 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =155.7, 149.1, 135.61, 136.8, 134.4, 132.2, 130.6, 130.0, 128.5, 125.9, 125.8, 123.0,121.1, 21.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -56.87.



#### (E)-1-(2-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)-N-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1t)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 65%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.79 (s, 1H), 8.25 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 –

7.10 (m, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =164.0 (d, *J* = 256.2 Hz), 157.2, 150.0, 136.6, 131.3 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 130.6 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 129.99, 126.30 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 121.2, 120.4 (d, *J* = 24.6 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 21.20. The

spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[16]</sup>



#### (E)-2,6-dibromo-4-[(p-tolylimino)methyl]phenol (1u)

Pale red soild. Yiled: 70%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.29 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =155.7, 151.7, 148.7, 136.5, 132.4, 131.6, 130.0, 121.0, 110.5, 21.2.



## (E)-N-p-tolyl-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)methanimine (1v)

White soild. Yiled: 88%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.36 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 3.94 (s, 6H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =159.2, 153.6, 149.4, 140.8, 135.9, 132.0, 129.9, 120.9, 105.7, 61.1, 56.3, 21.1. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[17]</sup>



#### (E)-2,6-dimethoxy-4-((p-tolylimino)methyl)phenol (1w)

Yellow Soild. Yiled: 55%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.34 (s, 1H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 6H), 2.37 (s, 3H).13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =159.5, 149.6, 147.4, 137.9, 135.6, 129.9, 128.1, 120.9, 105.6, 56.5, 21.1.



# (*E*)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-*N*-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1x)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 98%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.54 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =159.7, 149.6, 136.0, 135.1, 134.2, 133.2, 131.2, 130.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 126.7, 124.0, 121.0, 21.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[18]</sup>



# (E)-1-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-N-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1y)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 75%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.14 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 159.8, 159.1, 149.7, 136.6, 135.8, 132.2 130.1, 130.5, 129.9, 128.6, 127.6, 124.8, 121.0 119.5, 106.1, 55.2, 21.2.



# (E)-1-(6-bromopyridin-2-yl)-N-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1z)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 80%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.58 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (s, 4H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =158.1, 156.1, 147.8, 141.9, 139.1, 137.5, 130.1, 129.5, 121.4, 120.3, 21.3. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[19]</sup>



(E)-1-(benzofuran-2-yl)-N-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1aa)

Yellow soild. Yiled: 64%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.43 (s, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 2.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =156.0, 153.3, 148.6, 147.5, 136.9, 130.0, 127.9, 127.1, 124.3, 123.7, 122.3, 121.3, 113.1, 112.3, 21.2.



(*E*)-1-(4-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)-*N*-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1ab)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 93%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 159.2, 156.7, 150.0, 149.5, 141.94, 137.0, 136.9, 136.1, 130.0, 129.3, 127.3, 122.7, 121.0, 21.2.



## (E)-N-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)methanimine (1ac)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 88%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.44 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =158.3, 149.6, 149.1 137.3, 135.0, 130.0, 129.2, 126.2, 120.7, 34.7, 31.6.



## (E)-N-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)methanimine (1ad)

White soild. Yiled: 97%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.41 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =162.2, 159.3, 149.8, 148.8,

130.5, 129.5, 126.1, 120.6, 114.3, 55.6, 34.6, 31.6. The spectroscopic data are in

accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[20]</sup>



#### (*E*)-*N*,1-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methanimine (1ae)

White soild. Yiled: 81%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$  =8.40 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =162.1, 158.1, 145.4, 130.4, 129.6, 122.2, 114.5, 114.3, 55.6, 55.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[21]</sup>



# (E)-N-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)methanimine (1af)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 96%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.57 (s, 1H), 8.10 (dd, J = 10.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.90 – 7.77 (m, 3H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =159.9, 149.5, 149.3, 135.1, 134.2, 133.3, 131.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 126.7, 126.2, 124.1, 120.8, 34.7, 31.6.



#### (*E*)-*N*,2-diphenylethan-1-imine (1ag)

Colorless oil. Yiled: 82%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.26 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 162.2, 139.5, 136.3, 131.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 65.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[7]</sup>



# (E)-N-butyl-1-(p-tolyl)methanimine (1ah)

Colorless oil. Yiled: 70%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (td, *J* = 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.68 (m, *J* = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (m, *J* = 14.7, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 160.8, 140.8, 133.9, 129.4, 128.1, 61.6, 33.2, 21.6, 20.6, 14.0.The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[40]</sup>



# (E)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethan-1-imine (1ai)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 93%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.33 (s, 1H), 8.21 (dd, 1H), 7.97 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =165.6, 156.0, 144.8, 137.1, 134.4, 133.0, 128.9, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.1, 126.3, 124.2, 120.8, 114.3, 55.5, 17.33. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[22]</sup>



# (E)-N,1-diphenylethan-1-imine (1aj)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.95 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.78 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =164.5, 150.6, 138.4, 129.4, 127.9, 127.3, 126.1, 122.2, 118.3, 16.6. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[22]</sup>



(E)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylethan-1-imine (1ak)

Yellow soild. Yiled: 42%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.05 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =165.9, 156.1, 144.4, 139.9, 130.5, 128.5, 127.2, 120.9, 114.4, 55.6, 17.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[22]</sup>



#### (1E, 2E)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(p-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-imine (1ai)

Pale yellow soild. Yiled: 62%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 6H), 2.37 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =163.5 (d, *J* = 250.4 Hz), 160.7, 149.1, 142.3 136.3, 132.0, 130.0, 129.3 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 128.6 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 121.0, 116.1 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 21.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =-110.69.



#### 3-phenyl-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-2-one (1am)

Grey soild. Yiled: 50%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.33 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.40 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =152.5, 151.0, 146.6, 134.3, 131.8, 131.6, 131.3, 129.6, 128.6, 125.7, 116.3. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[6]</sup>

#### 4.2 Preparation of unsymmetrical azobenzenes compounds



To a solution of nitrosobenzene (0.5 g, 4.7 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (12.0 mL) and EtOH (3.0 mL), the amine (1.0 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at

40 °C for overnight. Then, the mixture was poured into ice water and filtered to afford azobenzene crude product. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography.

# (E)-1,2-diphenyldiazene (3a)

Orange solid. Yiled: 98%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.94 (dd, 4H), 7.67 – 7.41 (m, 6H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =152.8, 131.2, 129.2, 123.0. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[23]</sup>



## (E)-1-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)diazene (3b)

Orange soild. Yiled: 92%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =152.8, 150.9, 141.7, 130.9, 129.9, 129.2, 123.0, 122.9, 21.7. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[23]</sup>



## (E)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (3c)

Orange soild. Yiled: 89%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 5H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =152.6, 151.1, 137.0, 131.4, 129.5, 129.3, 124.3, 123.1. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[23]</sup>



(E)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (3d)

Orange soild. Yiled: 92%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.91 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =152.6, 151.4, 132.5, 131.5, 129.3, 125.5, 124.5, 123.1. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[23]</sup>



## (E)-1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (3e)

Red Soild. Yiled: 85%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 – 7.83 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 1.39 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =154.7, 152.9, 150.7, 130.8, 129.2, 126.2, 122.9, 122.7, 35.2, 31.4. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[23]</sup>



## (E)-1-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (3f)

Orange soild. Yiled: 58%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.94 – 7.83 (m, 4H), 7.57 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (hept, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =152.9, 152.5, 151.2, 130.8, 129.2, 127.3, 123.1, 122.9, 102.4, 34.3, 24.0. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[24]</sup>



# methyl (E)-4-(phenyldiazenyl)benzoate (3g)

Orange soild. Yiled: 85%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.19 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.63 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.7, 155.2, 152.7, 131.9, 130.8, 129.3, 123.3, 122.8, 52.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[25]</sup>



## (E)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-phenyldiazene (3h)

Orange soild. Yiled: 60%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.36 (s, 2H), 8.03 – 7.93 (m, 3H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =152.9, 152.1, 132.8 (q, J = 35.2 Hz), 132.6, 129.5, 123.9(q, J = 3.9 Hz), 123.6, 123.3 (q, J = 272.5 Hz), 123.1 (d, J = 4.2 Hz).

#### 4.3 Preparation of symmetrical azobenzenes Compounds



Symmetrical azoarenes: A 100 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with corresponding aniline (40 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), CuBr (172 mg, 1.2 mmol, 0.03 equiv.), pyridine (284 mg, 3.6 mmol, 0.09 equiv.) and toluene (50 mL). The mixture was reacting under air at 60 °C using an oil bath for 20 h. After cooling down to room temperature and concentrating in vacuum, the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to give the symmetrical azoarenes products.



#### (E)-1,2-di-p-tolyldiazene (3i)

Orange soild. Yiled: 78%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.44 (s, 6H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =150.9, 141.4, 129.9, 122.9, 21.6. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[23]</sup>

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(E)-1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)diazene (3j)

Orange soild. Yiled: 77%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =150.9, 137.4, 129.6, 124.3.

The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature. <sup>[26]</sup>



#### (E)-1,2-bis(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)diazene(3k)

Orange soild. Yiled: 75%.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.46 (s, 4H), 8.07 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.25, 133.3(q, J = 34.3 Hz), 125.37,

123.59,123.53(q, J = 272.9 Hz). The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[27]</sup>

# 5. General procedure for IPrAgCl-catalyzed hydrogenation of

## imines.

A mixture of Imine derivatives (0.2 mmol) and IPrAgCl (1 mol%) were added to an oven dried high pressure tube under atmosphere of nitrogen. PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (2.2 equiv) and *i*-PrOH (2.5 mL) were added by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 4h. After quenching with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl/H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), the crude product was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum, the crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired hydrogenation compound.



## *N*-benzylaniline (2a)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-benzylaniline (36.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of  $N_2$  at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow oily liquid (35.2 mg, 96% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.44 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.22 (t, 2H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.07 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =148.2, 139.5, 129.4, 128.8, 127.6, 127.3, 117.7, 112.9, 48.4. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[28]</sup>



# *N*-benzyl-4-methoxyaniline (2b)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-benzyl-4-methoxyaniline (42.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow oily liquid (36.7 mg, 86% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.31 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =152.3, 142.6, 139.8, 128.7, 127.7, 127.3, 115.0, 114.2, 55.9, 49.3. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[29]</sup>



# *N*-benzyl-4-bromoaniline (2c)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-benzyl-4-bromoaniline (52.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow oily liquid (50 mg, 96% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.35 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 1.8 Hz, 4H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.53 – 6.46 (m, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 4.08 (brs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =147.2 139.0, 132.1, 128.8, 127.5, 114.5, 109.2, 48.3. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[29]</sup>



#### N-benzyl-3-nitroaniline (2d)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-benzyl-3-nitroaniline (45.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as yellow soild (37.9 mg, 83% yield); Melting point: 106.0-107.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.5Hz, 1H), 4.28 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =149.5, 148.9, 138.2, 129.9, 129.0, 127.8, 127.6, 118.8, 112.2, 106.6, 48.1. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[29]</sup>



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## methyl 4-((phenylamino)methyl)benzoate (2e)

The general procedure was applied to methyl 4-((phenylamino)methyl)benzoate (47.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow oily liquid (41.5 mg, 86% yield); Melting point: 43.1-44.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.02 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (t, 2H), 6.74 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =167.1, 147.8, 145.1, 130.0, 129.4, 129.1, 127.2, 117.9, 113.0, 52.2, 48.0. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[30]</sup>



#### *N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-((phenylamino)methyl)aniline (2f)

The general procedure was applied to *N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-((phenylamino)methyl)aniline (44.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h, IPrAgCl (10 mol%). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow soild (36.2 mg, 80% yield); Melting point: 72.3-74.6°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.16 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.67 – 6.61 (m, 3H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 3.79 (brs, 1H), 2.86 (s, 6H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =150.2, 148.5, 129.3, 128.9, 127.5, 117.4, 112.9, 48.0, 40.9. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[31]</sup>



#### *N*-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (2g)

The general procedure was applied to *N*,*N*-dimethyl-4-((phenylamino)methyl)aniline (42.7 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as yellow oily liquid (32.3 mg, 75% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.82 (brs, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =161.0 (d, *J* = 244.9 Hz), 144.6, 134.3, 128.7, 127.9 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 125.9, 114.4 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 112.0, 46.9, 19.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =-115.65. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[6]</sup>



#### N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (2h)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (45.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the

title compound as pale yellow soild (42.2 mg, 91% yield); Melting point: 49.6-50.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.27 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =145.7, 138.3, 132.8, 129.9, 128.8, 127.1, 113.1, 48.0, 20.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[28]</sup>



# N-(4-bromobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (2i)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-(4-bromobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (54.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as brown soild (52.5 mg, 95% yield); Melting point: 60.5-61.4°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 3.83 (brs, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =145.6, 138.9, 131.2, 129.9, 129.1, 127.1, 120.9, 113.1 48.0, 20.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[28]</sup>



# *N*-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4-methylaniline (2j)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4-methylaniline (45 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow soild (39.1 mg, 86% yield); Melting point: 78.5-80.7°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.72 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H),7.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =158.8, 146.1, 131.2, 129.8, 128.9, 126.8, 114.1,

113.1 55.4, 48.2, 20.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[28]</sup>



#### 4-[(p-tolylamino)methyl]phenol (2k)

The general procedure was applied to 4-[(p-tolylamino)methyl]phenol (42.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow oily liquid (37.1 mg, 87% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.23 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =155.0, 145.9, 131.5, 129.9, 129.1, 127.2, 115.6, 113.5, 48.4, 20.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[6]</sup>



# 4-methyl-*N*-[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]aniline (21)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methyl-*N*-[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]aniline (52.7 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow soild (48.3 mg, 91% yield); Melting point: 75.4-76.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 4.05 (brs, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =145.3, 144.1, 130.0, 127.6, 127.3, 125.7, 125.6, 113.2, 48.2, 20.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = -62.26. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[6]</sup>

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#### 4-methyl-N-(4-methylbenzyl)aniline (2m)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methyl-*N*-(4-methylbenzyl)aniline (41.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h, The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as brown soild (41.8 mg, 99% yield); Melting point: 53.8-54.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.17 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.77 (brs, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =146.1, 133.9, 136.7, 129.9, 129.4, 127.6, 126.8, 113.1, 48.5, 21.2, 20.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[28]</sup>



## *N*-(3-chlorobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (2n)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-(3-chlorobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (45.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h.The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as brown liquid (36.1 mg, 78% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.27 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 3H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.88 (brs, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =145.6, 142.1, 134.6, 130.0, 129.9, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 125.5, 113.1, 48.1, 20.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[32]</sup>



#### *N*-(3-bromobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (20)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-(3-bromobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (54.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h.The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow liquid (47.0 mg, 85% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.44 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.87 (brs, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =145.6, 142.4, 130.5, 130.3, 130.3, 129.9, 127.2, 126.0, 122.9, 113.10, 48.2, 20.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[33]</sup>



## 4-methyl-N-(3-nitrobenzyl)aniline (2p)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methyl-*N*-(3-nitrobenzyl)aniline (48 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=2:1) to afford the title compound as yellow soild (47.5 mg, 98% yield); Melting point: 90.2-91.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.25 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 4.45 (brs, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =148.6, 145.2, 142.4, 133.4, 130.0, 129.6, 127.5, 122.3, 122.2, 113.2, 47.9, 20.5 The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[6]</sup>



#### *N*-(2-chlorobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (2q)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-(2-chlorobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (45.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as yellow soild (20.9 mg, 45% yield); Melting point: 118.2-120.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.59 (s, 1H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =138.2, 134.5, 133.6, 132.3, 131.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.7, 127.3,

118.8, 49.3, 20.9. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[34]</sup>



2-[(p-tolylamino)methyl]phenol (2r)

The general procedure was applied to 2-[(p-tolylamino)methyl]phenol (42.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as white soild (27.2 mg, 85% yield); Melting point: 119.6-121.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.17 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.82 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =157.1, 144.7, 130.5, 130.0, 129.3, 128.7, 123.0, 120.0, 116.8, 116.3, 49.4, 20.7. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[35]</sup>



# 4-methyl-N-(2-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)aniline (2s)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methyl-*N*-(2-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)aniline (52.7 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow oiiy liquid (37.7 mg, 71% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.64 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 4.04 (brs, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =145.5, 138.5, 132.3, 130.0, 128.8, 127.2, 127.1, 126.1, 126.1, 113.1, 44.9, 20.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =-60.23. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 266.1157, found 266.1158.



#### *N*-(2-bromo-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (2t)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-(2-bromo-4-fluorobenzyl)-4-methylaniline (58.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow oily liquid (57.1 mg, 97% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 4.07 (brs, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =161.6 (d, *J* = 249.5 Hz), 145.3, 134.4, 134.3,130.1 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 129.9, 127.3, 123.1 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz),, 120.1 (d, *J* = 24.5 Hz), 114.7 (d, *J* = 20.9 Hz), 112.0, 47.0, 20.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -106.84. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrFN [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 294.0294, found 294.0293.



#### 2,6-dibromo-4-((p-tolylamino)methyl)phenol (2u)

The general procedure was applied to 2,6-dibromo-4-((p-tolylamino)methyl)phenol (73.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h, The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as brown liquid (53.43 mg, 72% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.46 (s, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =148.5, 145.4, 134.7, 130.9, 130.0, 127.4, 113.2, 110.1, 47.3, 20.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 369.9442, found 369.9440.



#### 4-methyl-*N*-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)aniline (2v)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methyl-N-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)aniline (57 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to

afford the title compound as orange oily liquid (50.0 mg, 87 % yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =6.91 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (s, 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 9H), 2.16 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =153.4, 146.0, 137.0, 135.6, 129.8, 127.0, 113.1, 104.3, 60.9, 56.1, 49.2, 20.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[36]</sup>



#### 2,6-dimethoxy-4-((p-tolylamino)methyl)phenol (2w)

The general procedure was applied to 2,6-dimethoxy-4-((p-tolylamino)methyl)phenol (54.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as brown liquid (52.5 mg, 96% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =6.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (s, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 2.17 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =147.2, 146.1, 133.8, 130.8, 129.9, 127.0, 113.2, 104.3, 56.4, 49.3, 20.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 274.1443, found 274.1444.



#### 4-methyl-*N*-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)aniline (2x)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methyl-*N*-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)aniline (49.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as orange yellow soild (48.5 mg, 98% yield); Melting point: 56.5-57.3°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 – 7.81 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.04 (brs, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =146.0, 137.3, 133.6, 132.8, 129.9, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 126.9, 126.2, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 113.2, 48.9, 20.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[37]</sup>



#### N-[(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)methyl]-4-methylaniline (2y)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-[(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)methyl]-4methylaniline (55.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as white soild (45.5 mg, 82% yield); Melting point: 103.9-104.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.76 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ =157.6, 146.1, 134.9, 133.9, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 127.3, 126.8, 126.5, 126.0, 119.0, 113.1, 105.8, 55.4, 48.8, 20.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 278.1545, found 278.1545.



## *N*-[(6-bromopyridin-2-yl)methyl]-4-methylaniline (2z)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-[(6-bromopyridin-2-yl)methyl]-4methylaniline (55.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h.The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow oily liquid(52.7 mg, 95% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.47 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =161.2, 145.2, 141.7, 139.1, 129.9, 127.2, 126.4, 120.3, 113.2, 49.4, 20.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 277.0340, found 277.0343.



(E)-1-(benzofuran-2-yl)-N-(4-methylcyclohexa-2,4-dien-1-yl)methanimine (2aa)

The general procedure was applied to (E)-1-(benzofuran-2-yl)-*N*-(4-methylcyclohexa-2,4-dien-1-yl)methanimine (47.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as yellow soild (38.9 mg, 82% yield); Melting point: 87.4-89.0 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.39 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.94 (brs, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =156.0, 155.0, 145.2, 130.0, 128.5, 127.6, 124.0, 122.8, 120.9, 113.5, 111.2, 103.8, 42.3, 20.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 238.1232, found 238.1234.



# 4-methyl-*N*-[4-(pyridin-2-yl)benzyl]aniline (2ab)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methyl-*N*-[4-(pyridin-2-yl)benzyl]aniline (54.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as brown soild (53.2 mg, 97% yield); Melting point: 93.8-96.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =8.58 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.95 (brs, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =157.2, 149.7, 145.9, 140.7, 138.3, 136.8, 129.8, 127.8, 127.2, 126.8, 122.1, 120.2, 113.1, 48.4, 20.5. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 275.1548, found 275.1547.



4-(tert-butyl)-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)aniline (2ac)

The general procedure was applied to 4-(tert-butyl)-*N*-(4-chlorobenzyl)aniline (54.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h.The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as brown soild (50.4 mg, 92% yield); Melting point: 97.7-98.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.20 (s, 4H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 1.18 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =145.7, 140.7, 138.4, 132.9, 128.9, 128.8, 126.2, 112.7, 48.0, 34.0, 31.5. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[38]</sup>



# 4-(tert-butyl)-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)aniline (2ad)

The general procedure was applied to 4-(tert-butyl)-*N*-(4-methoxybenzyl)aniline (53.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as brown soild (46.3 mg, 86% yield); Melting point: 94.1-95.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.21 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =158.9, 146.0, 140.4, 131.8, 129.0, 126.1, 114.1, 112.7, 55.4, 48.2, 34.0, 31.7. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[38]</sup>



# 4-methoxy-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)aniline (2ai)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methoxy-*N*-(4-methoxybenzyl)aniline (48.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of  $N_2$  at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as white soild (42.8 mg, 88% yield); Melting point:
123.1-124.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.31 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =158.9, 152.2, 142.6, 131.7, 128.9, 114.9, 114.2, 114.0, 55.9, 55.4, 48.8. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[39]</sup>



#### 4-(tert-butyl)-N-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)aniline (2af)

The general procedure was applied to 4-(tert-butyl)-*N*-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)aniline (57.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow soild (49.8 mg, 96% yield); Melting point: 74.8-76.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.76 – 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz,2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 3.93 (brs, 1H), 1.18 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =146.0, 140.5, 137.4, 133.6, 132.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 126.2, 126.2, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 112.8, 48.9, 34.0, 31.7. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[38]</sup>



## **Dibenzylamine (2ag)**

The general procedure was applied to Dibenzylamine (39.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as colorless oily liquid (31.6 mg, 80% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 8H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 4H), 1.61 (brs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 140.4, 128.5, 128.3, 127.1, 53.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[36]</sup>



## *N*-(4-methylbenzyl)butan-1-amine (2ah)

The general procedure was applied to *N*-(4-methylbenzyl)butan-1-amine (35.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow soild (28.7 mg, 81% yield); Melting point: >300 °C;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 2.48 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.26 – 1.12 (m, 2H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =137.2, 136.5, 129.1, 128.2, 53.7, 49.0, 32.1, 21.1, 20.5, 14.0. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[40]</sup>



## 4-methoxy-N-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)aniline (2ai)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methoxy-*N*-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)aniline (55.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as yellow oily liquid (47.2 mg, 85% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.89 – 7.82 (m, 4H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (q, *J* = 7.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =152.0, 143.1, 141.7, 133.7, 132.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 126.1, 125.6, 124.6, 124.4, 114.8, 114.7, 55.8, 54.6, 25.3. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[22]</sup>



4-methyl-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)aniline (2aj)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methyl-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)aniline (39.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow oily liquid (37.2 mg, 88% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.28 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 1H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =147.4, 145.3, 129.2, 128.8, 127.0, 126.0, 117.3, 113.4, 53.5, 25.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[22]</sup>



## 4-methoxy-N-(1-phenylethyl)aniline (2ak)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methoxy-*N*-(1-phenylethyl)aniline (45.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title co8mpound as yellow oily liquid (37.3 mg, 82% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.38 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.0, 145.6, 141.7, 128.7, 126.9, 126.0, 114.8, 114.6, 55.8, 54.3, 25.3. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[22]</sup>



## (E)-N-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)allyl)-4-methylaniline (2ai)

The general procedure was applied to (E)-N-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)allyl)-4-methylaniline (47.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 6 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to

afford the title compound as pale yellow soild (40.5 mg, 84% yield); Melting point: 162.4-164.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.53 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.61 – 6.56 (m, 3H), 6.24 (m, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =162.4 (d, *J* = 245.9 Hz), 145.9, 133.2, 130.3, 129.9, 127.9 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 127.2, 127.1, 115.6 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 113.4, 46.6 20.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = -114.58. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 242.1345, found 242.1346.



## 3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-2-one (2am)

The general procedure was applied to 3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b] [1,4]oxazin-2-one (38.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 45 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as brown soild (38.3 mg, 85 % yield); Melting point: 75.1-76.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.41 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.87 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (brs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =165.4, 141.0, 136.4, 132.5, 129.1, 129.1, 127.6, 125.3, 120.5, 117.1, 115.0, 59.3. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[41]</sup>

## 6. General procedure for IPrAgCl-catalyzed reduction of

#### azobenzenes.

A mixture of ketone derivatives (0.2 mmol) and Ag-complex (5 mol%) were added to an oven dried high pressure tube under atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (2.2 equiv) and <sup>*i*</sup>PrOH (2.5 mL) were added by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25°C for 24 h. After quenching with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl/H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), the crude product was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum, the crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired hydrogenation compound.



#### 1,2-diphenylhydrazine(4a)

The general procedure was applied to 1,2-diphenylhydrazine (36.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as yellow soild (33.9 mg, 92% yield); Melting point: 123.1-126.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.77 – 6.73 (m, 6H), 5.46 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =149.0, 129.5, 120.0, 112.4. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[42]</sup>



#### 1-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)hydrazine (4b)

The general procedure was applied to 1-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)hydrazine (39.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as yellow soild (35.3 mg, 89% yield); Melting point: 83.1-84.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.28-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.89 – 6.81 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.53 (s,1H), 2.27 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =149.2, 146.7, 130.0, 129.5, 129.3, 119.9, 112.6, 112.4, 20.6. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[42]</sup>



## 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenylhydrazine (4c)

The general procedure was applied to 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenylhydrazine (43.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of  $N_2$  at 25 °C for 24 h. he crude product was purified

by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow soild (40.7 mg, 93% yield); Melting point: 67.2-68.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.12 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 682 – 6.64 (m, 5H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =148.5, 147.5, 129.5, 129.3, 124.4, 120.2, 113.6, 112.4. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[42]</sup>



## 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenylhydrazine (4d)

The general procedure was applied to 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenylhydrazine (52.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as yellow soild (47.4mg, 90% yield); Melting point: 69.8-70.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.20 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.82 – 6.67 (m, 3H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.49 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =148.5, 148.0, 132.2, 129.5, 120.3, 114.0, 112.4, 111.6. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[42]</sup>



## 1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-phenylhydrazine(4e)

The general procedure was applied to 1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-phenylhydrazine (47.7 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as yellow soild (38.4mg, 80% yield); Melting point: 38.9-39.6 °C;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.35 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 6.92 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.56 (d, *J*=10.4 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =149.2, 146.6, 142.8, 129.4, 126.2, 119.9, 112.4, 112.2,

31.6. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[42]</sup>



#### 1-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-phenylhydrazine (4f)

The general procedure was applied to 1-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-phenylhydrazine (44.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow liquid (32.1 mg, 71% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.30 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.95 – 6.64 (m, 5H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 2.86 (hept, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =149.2, 147.0, 140.6, 129.5, 127.4, 119.9, 112.6, 112.5, 33.4, 24.3. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[24]</sup>



## methyl 4-(2-phenylhydrazineyl)benzoate (4g)

The general procedure was applied to methyl 4-(2-phenylhydrazineyl)benzoate (48.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as yellow soild (33.9 mg, 70% yield); Melting point: 83.3-85.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.85 – 6.56 (m, 5H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =167.2, 152.9, 148.1, 131.7, 129.5, 121.1, 120.5, 112.4, 111.2, 51.8. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[42]</sup>



#### 1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-phenylhydrazine (4h)

The general procedure was applied to 1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2phenylhydrazine (63.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h, IPrAgCl (10 mol%)The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as pale oily liquid (62.12 mg, 97% yield);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.41 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =150.2, 147.7, 134.5 (q, *J* = 17.8, 9.2 Hz), 133.8 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 129.7, 127.9 (m), 124.9, 122.2, 121.1, 113.0, 112.7, 111.7. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[42]</sup>



#### 1,2-di-p-tolylhydrazine(4i)

The general procedure was applied to 1,2-di-p-tolylhydrazine (42.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as pale yellow soild (28.9 mg, 68% yield); Melting point: 146.6-147.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =146.8, 129.9, 129.2, 112.6, 20.6. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[42]</sup>



1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)hydrazine (4j)

The general procedure was applied to 1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)hydrazine (50.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as white soild (46.6 mg, 92% yield); Melting point: 126.3-127.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.17 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 4H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 4H), 5.62 (s, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =147.1, 129.4, 124.7, 113.6. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[42]</sup>



## 1,2-bis(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hydrazine (4k)

The general procedure was appliedto1,2-bis(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hydrazine (90.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as white soild (86.6 mg, 95% yield); Melting point: 295 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =7.39 (s, 2H), 7.29 (s, 4H), 6.12 (s, 2H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =149.0, 133.2 (q, J = 33.2 Hz), 123.4 (q, J = 272.8 Hz), 114.3, 114.3, 114.2, 112.1, 112.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =-63.08. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[42]</sup>

## 7. General procedure for IPrAgCl-catalyzed hydrogenation of

## aldehyde and ketone.

A mixture of aldehyde or ketone derivatives (0.2 mmol) and IPrAgCl (1 mol%) were added to an oven dried high pressure tube under atmosphere of nitrogen. PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (2.2 equiv) and 'PrOH (2.5 mL) were added by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25°C for 24 h. After quenching with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl/H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), the crude product was extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum, the crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired hydrogenation compound.



#### 2-Naphthalenemethanol (6a)

The general procedure was applied to 2-naphthaldehyde (31.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as white solid (31.0 mg, 98% yield); Melting point: 80.3-81.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.84-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 3H), 5.29 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*D*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 140.2, 132.9, 132.2, 127.6, 127.6, 127.6, 126.1, 125.5, 125.3, 124.3, 63.0. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[43]</sup>



## *p*-Tolylmethanol (6b)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methylbenzaldehyde (24.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25°C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as white solid (17.1mg, 70% yield); Melting point: 61.5-62.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 137.8, 137.3, 129.2, 127.1, 65.1, 21.1 The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[44]</sup>

#### (4-Chlorophenyl)methanol (6c)

The general procedure was applied to 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (28.1 mg, 0.2 mmol)

under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=2:1) to afford the title compound as white solid (26.2 mg, 92% yield); Melting point: 74.2-76.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.26-7.17 (m, 4H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 2.00 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 139.2, 133.3, 128.6, 128.2, 64.4. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[45]</sup>

#### (4-bromophenyl)methanol (6d)

The general procedure was applied to (4-bromophenyl)methanol (37.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as white solid (28.4 mg, 76% yield); Melting point: 76.5-77.0 °C;<sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =7.50-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 2.00 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =139.8, 131.7, 128.7, 121.6, 64.7. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[46]</sup>



## (4-Methoxyphenyl)methanol (6e)

The general procedure was applied to 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (27.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=2:1) to afford the title compound as yellow oily liquid (19.4 mg, 70% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ =159.1, 133.1, 128.6, 113.9, 64.9, 55.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[44]</sup>



#### (6-Methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)methanol (6f)

The general procedure was applied to 6-methoxy-2-naphthaldehyde (37.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=2:1) to afford the title compound as white solid (30.5 mg, 81% yield); Melting point: 113.5-114.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.70 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 157.0, 137.8, 133.5, 129.2, 128.4, 126.6, 125.9, 124.5, 118.6, 105.9, 63.1, 55.2. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[45]</sup>



#### 1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)ethanol (6g)

The general procedure was applied to 1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethanone (34.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as white soild (33.4 mg, 97% yield). Melting point: 71.5-72.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.90-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.56-7.43 (m, 3H), 5.08 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 1H), 1.59 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =143.1, 133.3, 132.9, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 126.2, 125.8, 123.8, 70.5, 25.1. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[45]</sup>



1-(p-tolyl)ethanol (6h)

The general procedure was applied to 1-(*p*-tolyl)ethanone (26.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=5:1) to afford the title compound as oily liquid (19.3 mg, 71% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =7.19 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 1H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =142.8, 137.2, 129.2, 125.3, 70.2, 25.1, 21.1. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[45]</sup>

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#### 1-Nonanol

The general procedure was applied to 1-Nonanal (37.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 25 °C for 24 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the title compound as colorless liquid (11.5 mg, 40% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  =3.63 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (s, 1H), 1.41 – 1.06 (m, 12H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 62.1, 31.8, 30.9, 28.6, 28.4, 28.3, 24.7, 21.7, 13.1. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with those described in the literature.<sup>[47]</sup>

#### 8. Gram-scale hydrogenation of 1h



A mix of substrate **1h** (18 mmol) and IPrAgCl (0.0011 g) were added to an oven dried high pressure tube under atmosphere of nitrogen, PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (2.2 equiv) and *i*-PrOH (225 mL) were added by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 30 h. After quenched with NH<sub>4</sub>Cl/H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3×40 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the compound **2h**.



## 9. Control experiments and Deuteration experiments

A mix of substrate **1h** (0.2 mmol) and IPrAgCl (0.0011 g) were added to an oven dried high pressure tube under atmosphere of nitrogen, PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (2.2 equiv) and *i*-PrOH (2.5 mL) were added by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 24 h. After quenched with NH<sub>4</sub>Cl/H<sub>2</sub>O (4 mL) and extracted with EtOAc ( $3\times5$  mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/EtOAc=10:1) to afford the compound **2h**.

## 10. Preparation of Silver hydride Complexes

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox a vial was charged with IPrAgCl (26.5 mg,0.05 mmol), THF- $d_8$  (2 mL) or C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added followed by PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (6.8µL, 1.1 equiv). The reaction was stirred at rt in the glovebox for 10 min, 10 h and 20 h, respectively. The reaction mixture was transferred to a NMR tube, which was sealed, before removed from the glovebox. The sample was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the silver hydride in THF- $d_8$ 



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the silver hydride in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>

## 11. Studying the reaction profile of hydrogenation of 1h

Kinetic studies were performed by treating **1h** (0.2 mmol) with IPrAgCl (1mol %), PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (2.2 equiv) and *i*-PrOH (2.5 mL) at 25 °C. The yield of **2h** and the recovery of **1h** were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. The data points for reaction profiles were collected by performing multiple batches of the reaction with different reaction times.

Table S7.	Studying	the reaction	profile of h	vdrogenation	of 1h.
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Time (h)	Yield of <b>2h</b> (%)	Recovery of 1h (%)
0	0	1
0.083	0.20	0.75
0.167	0.26	0.65
0.25	0.33	0.61
0.333	0.40	0.54
0.417	0.46	0.50

0.5	0.69	0.25
1	0.91	0.08
1.5	0.91	0.08
2	0.92	0.07
4	0.92	0.05
8	0.92	0
12	0.92	0



Figure S3. Reaction profile (exponential fit) for Ag-catalyzed hydrogenation of 1h

## 12. Kinetic experiments by initial rate measurements for

## hydrogenation of 1h.

## Procedure for determining the order in Substrate 1h

Substrate **1h** (0.1~0.6 mmol), and IPrAgCl (1 mol%) were added to an oven dried high pressure tube under atmosphere of nitrogen. PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (1.5 equiv) and *i*PrOH (2 mL) were added by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 4 min. The

reaction was quenched and 1,3,5-trimethoxy benzene (0.0336 g, 0.20 mmol) was added as an internal standard for NMR analysis. Plots of the initial rate data for **2h** are shown below.

Entry	1h	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	MeOH	<b>1h</b> [M]	Initial rate [M/min]
1	0.1 mmol	0.054 mL	2.5 mL	0.03915	0.00223
2	0.2 mmol	0.054 mL	2.5 mL	0.07831	0.00271
3	0.3 mmol	0.054 mL	2.5 mL	0.1175	0.003
4	0.4 mmol	0.054 mL	2.5 mL	0.1566	0.00333
5	0.5 mmol	0.054 mL	2.5 mL	0.1958	0.00367
6	0.6 mmol	0.054 mL	2.5 mL	0.23492	0.00399

Table S8. Initial rate data obtained by varying the concentration of 1h



Figure S4. Plot of initial rate vs concentration of 1h

#### Procedure for determining the order in IPrAgCl

Substrate **1h** (0.2mmol), and IPrAgCl (1mol%~6mol%) were added to an oven dried high pressure tube under atmosphere of nitrogen. PhSiH<sub>3</sub>(2.2 equiv) and *i*PrOH (2.5 mL) were added by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 4 min. The reaction was quenched and 1,3,5-trimethoxy benzene (0.0336, 0.20 mmol) was added

as an internal standard for NMR analysis. Plots of the initial rate data for **2h** are shown below.

Entry	IPrAgCl (Xmol%)	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	МеОН	IPrAgCl [M]	Initial rate [M/min]
1	0.5	54	2.5 ml	0.000039154	0.003915
2	1	54	2.5 ml	0.0007831	0.005286
3	1.5	54	2.5 ml	0.0011746	0.006264
4	2	54	2.5 ml	0.001566	0.006852
5	2.5	54	2.5 ml	0.001958	0.007818
6	3	54	2.5 ml	0.0023492	0.0086139

Table S9. Initial rate data obtained by varying the concentration of IPrAgCl.



Figure S5. Plot of initial rate vs concentration of IPrAgCl

## Procedure for determining the order in PhSiH<sub>3</sub>

Substrate **1h** (0.2mmol), and IPrAgCl (1 mol%) were added to an oven dried high pressure tube under atmosphere of nitrogen. PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (1eq $\sim$ 3.4 eq) and *i*-PrOH (2.5 mL) were added by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 4 min. The

reaction was quenched and 1,3,5-trimethoxy benzene (0.0336, 0.20 mmol) was added as an internal standard for NMR analysis. Plots of the initial rate data for **2h** are shown below.

Entry	PhSiH <sub>3</sub> (equiv.)	MeOH	V	Si-H [M]	Initial rate [M/min]
1	1	2.5 ml	2.525	0.079207	0.003862
2	1.6	2.5 ml	2.540	0.12598	0.003937
3	2.2	2.5 ml	2.554	0.17227	0.003915
4	2.8	2.5 ml	2.569	0.217983	0.003892
5	3.4	2.5 ml	2.584	0.263157	0.004063
Initial rate [M/min]	$4.8 \times 10^{-3}$ $4.5 \times 10^{-3}$ $4.2 \times 10^{-3}$ $3.9 \times 10^{-3}$ $3.6 \times 10^{-3}$ $3.3 \times 10^{-3}$ $3.0 \times 10^{-3}$ $2.7 \times 10^{-3}$ $0.05$	0.10	0.15 [ <b>PhS</b>	• • 0.20 SiH <sub>3</sub> ] (M)	0.25 0.30

Table S10. Initial rate data obtained by varying the concentration of PhSiH<sub>3</sub>

Figure S6. Plot of initial rate vs concentration of PhSiH<sub>3</sub>

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# 13. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR Spectra



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound N<sup>1</sup>, N<sup>2</sup>-1, 4-Bis(2, 6-diisopropylphenyl) ethane-1, 2-diimine



Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound N<sup>1</sup>, N<sup>2</sup>-1,4-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)ethane-1,2-diimine



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound N,N'-1,4-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imidazolium chloride



**Figure S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound *N*,*N*<sup>\*</sup>-1,4-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imidazolium chloride



Figure 11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound IPrAgCl complex



Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound IPrAgCl complex



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound N<sup>1</sup>, N<sup>2</sup>-dimesitylethane-1, 2-diimine



Figure S14. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound N<sup>1</sup>, N<sup>2</sup>-dimesitylethane-1,2-diimine



Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound N<sup>1</sup>, N<sup>2</sup>-dimesitylethane imidazolium chloride



Figure S16. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound N<sup>1</sup>, N<sup>2</sup>-dimesitylethane imidazolium chloride



Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound IMesAgCl complex



Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound IMesAgCl complex



Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1a



Figure S20. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1a



Figure S21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1b



Figure S22. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1b



Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1c



Figure S24. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1c



Figure S25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1d



Figure S26. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1d



Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1e



Figure S28. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1e



Figure S29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1f



Figure S30. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1f



Figure S31. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1g



Figure S32. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1g


Figure S33. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1g



Figure S34. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1h



Figure S35. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1h



Figure S36. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1i



Figure S37. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1i



Figure S38. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1J



Figure S39. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1J



Figure S40. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 1k



Figure S41. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 1k



Figure S42. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 11



Figure S43. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 11



Figure S44. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 11



Figure S45. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1m



Figure S46. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1m



Figure S47. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1n



Figure S48. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1n



Figure S49. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 10



Figure S50. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 10



Figure S51. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1p



Figure S52. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1p



Figure S53. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1q



Figure S54. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1q



Figure S55. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1r



Figure S56. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1r



Figure S57. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1s



Figure S58. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1s



Figure S59. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 1s



Figure S60. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)spectrum of 1t



Figure S61. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1t



Figure S62. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1t



Figure S63.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1u



Figure S64.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1u



Figure S65. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1v



Figure S66. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1v



Figure S67. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1w



Figure S68. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1w



Figure S69. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1x



Figure 70. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1x



Figure S71. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1y



Figure S72. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1y



Figure S73. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1z



Figure S74. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1z



Figure S75. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1aa



Figure S76. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1aa



Figure S77. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ab



Figure S78. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ab



Figure S79. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ac



Figure S80. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ac



Figure S81. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ad



Figure S82. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ad



Figure S83. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ae



Figure S84. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ae



Figure S85. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1af



Figure S86. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1af



Figure S87. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ag



Figure S88. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ag



Figure S89. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ag



Figure S90. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ag



Figure S91. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ai



Figure S92. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ai



Figure S93. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1aj



Figure S94. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1aj



Figure S95. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ak



Figure S96. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1ak



Figure S97. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1al



Figure S98. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1al



Figure S99. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1al



Figure S100. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1am



## Figure S101. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 1am



Figure S102. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3a






Figure S104. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3b







Figure S106. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3c



## Figure S107. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3c



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Figure S108. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3d



## Figure S109. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3d



Figure S110. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3e





## Figure S111. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3e

Figure S112. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3f







Figure S114. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3g







Figure S116. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **3h** 



Figure S117. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **3h** 



Figure S118. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3h



Figure S119. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3i



Figure S120. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3i



Figure S121. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3J



Figure S122. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3J



Figure S123. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3k



Figure S124. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3k



Figure S125. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 3k



Figure S126. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2a



Figure S127. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2a



Figure S128. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2b



Figure S129. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2b



Figure S130. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2c



Figure S131. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2c



Figure S132. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2d



Figure S133. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2d



Figure S134. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2e



Figure S135. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2e



Figure S136. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2f



Figure S137. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2f



Figure S138. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2g



Figure S139. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2g



Figure S140. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2g



Figure S141. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2h





Figure S143. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2i



Figure S144. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2i



Figure S145. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2J



Figure S146. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2J



Figure S147. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2k



Figure S149. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 21



Figure S150. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 21



Figure S151. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 21



Figure S152. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2m



Figure S153. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2m



Figure S154. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2n



Figure S155. <sup>13</sup>C NMR(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2n



Figure S156. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 20



Figure S157. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 20



Figure S158. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2p



Figure S159. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2p



Figure S160 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2q



Figure S161. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2q



Figure S162. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2r



Figure S163. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2r



Figure S164. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2s



Figure S165. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2s



Figure S166. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2s



Figure S167. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2t



Figure S168. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2t



Figure S169. <sup>19</sup>F NMR(376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2t



Figure S170. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2u



Figure S171. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2u



Figure S172. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2v



Figure S173. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2v



Figure S174. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2w



Figure S175. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2w


Figure S176. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2x



Figure S177. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2x



Figure S178. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2y



Figure S179. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2y



Figure S180. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2z



Figure S181. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2z



Figure S182. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2aa



Figure S183. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2aa



Figure S184. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ab



Figure S185. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ab



Figure S186. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ac



Figure S187. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ac



Figure S188. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ad



Figure S189. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ad



Figure S190. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ae



Figure S191. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ae



Figure S192. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2af



Figure S193. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2af



Figure S194. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ag



Figure S195. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ag



Figure S196. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ah



Figure S197. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ah



Figure S198. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ai



Figure S199. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ai



Figure S200. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2aj



Figure S201. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2aj



Figure S202. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ak



Figure S203. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ak



Figure S204. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ai



Figure S205. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ai



Figure S206. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2ai



Figure S207. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2am



Figure S208. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 2am



Figure S209. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4a



Figure S210. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4a



Figure S211. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4b



Figure S212. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4b



Figure S213. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4c



Figure S214. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4c



Figure S215. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4d



Figure S216. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4d



Figure S217. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4e



Figure S218. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4e



Figure S219. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4f



Figure S220. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4f



Figure S221. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4g



Figure S222. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4g



Figure S223. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4h



Figure S224. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4h



100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -50 -50 -50 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -220 -230 -240 -250 -260 -270 -280 -280 -300 f1 (ppm)





Figure S226. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4i



Figure S227. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4i



Figure S228. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4j



Figure S229. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4j



Figure S230. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4k



Figure S231. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4k



Figure S232. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 4k



Figure S233. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 6a



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Figure S234. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 6a







Figure S238. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 6c







Figure S240. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 6d



Figure S242. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 6e










220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 fl (ppm)

Figure S248. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 6h



Figure S249. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 6i



Figure S250. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of 6i