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Abstract: We report the chemoselective amination of bromoiodobenzenes with diarylamines by palladium/Xantphos or a ligand-free copper catalyst. The reactions by these two types of catalysts proceeded with a high chemoselectivity and afforded monobrominated triarylamines in good yields. These products are useful intermediates for the synthesis of unsymmetrical bistriarylamines.

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1. Introduction

The transition-metal-catalyzed amination of arylhalides is one of the most powerful carbon-nitrogen bond forming reactions,¹ and this reaction is widely used for preparing arylamines in the field of material and pharmaceutical research. For example, triarylamine is an important unit of organic electroactive materials² and the preparation of such compounds was

attained by the Buchwald-Hartwig amination reaction (palladium catalysts)³ or the Ullmann type C-N coupling reaction (copper catalysts)⁴⁻⁶ of arylhalides with diarylamines, and bistriarylamines were also prepared by the reaction of dihalogenated arenes with diarylamines. As shown in scheme 1, symmetrical bistriarylamines were easily obtained by the reaction of dihalogenated arenes with diarylamines, and this reaction is useful for preparing the symmetrical bistriarylamines (Scheme 1, i-a). The synthesis of unsymmetrical bistriarylamines requires the chemoselective monoamination reaction of dihalogenated arenes with diarylamines at first step and subsequent second amination reaction (Scheme 1, i-b). Therefore, to obtain the unsymmetrical bistriarylamine, the chemoselective monoamination reaction is essential, but the selective formation of the monoaminated triarylamine from dihalogenated arenes, which possess the same two halogen atoms on the aromatic group, is a difficult process because the reaction of dibromo- or diiodoarenes usually provides a mixture of monoaminated and bisaminated products with a low selectivity (Scheme 1, ii).⁷ On the other hand, the bromoiodoarene or bromochloroarene, which have two different halogen atoms on the aromatic rings, can potentially provide the monoaminated product by undergoing the chemoselective reactions. Actually, the realization of the chemoselective amination of bromochloroarenes is an easy process because there is a significant difference in the reactivity between the boromoarenes and chloroarenes (Scheme 1, iii).8 However, the reaction using chlorinated arenes is not suitable for industrial purposes because these reactions potentially produce PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and related compounds, which are highly toxic and prohibited to produce any amount as a byproduct. Based on these reasons, for the industrial purpose, bromoiodoarene is the only usable commercially available dihalogenated arens to realize the formation of a monoaminated product by a chemoselective process, but the reactivities of the bromoarene and iodoarene are not so different compare to the reactivities of bromoarene and chloroarene, and difficult to obtain the monoaminated product with a high chemoselectivity (Scheme 1, iv).⁹ To the best of our knowledge, there are some examples of the chemoselective Buchwald-Hartwig reactions of bromoiodoarenes, but those reports are limited to the reaction with aliphatic amines,¹⁰ while there are no reports about the reaction of bromoiodoarene with diarylamines. On the other hand, there are also some reports about the chemoselective amination of bromoiodoarenes with diarylamines using a copper catalyst, but these reactions required a relatively high temperature (>100 °C) and appropriate ligand.^{5a,11} Based on this background, we now report the selective formation of monobrominated triarylamines by the palladium-catalyzed chemoselective amination of bromoiodobenzene with

diarylamines, and the ligand-free copper catalyzed reaction under mild reaction conditions.



Scheme 1. Amination of dihalogenated arenes with diarylamines.

2. Results an discussion

2.1. Palladium Catalysts

To realize the chemoselective amination of dihalogenated arenes with diarylamines by a palladium catalyst, we first examined the reaction of 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (1a) with diphenylamine (2a) using several palladium catalysts. As shown in Table 1, the reactions by $Pd(OAc)_2$ with monophosphine ligands, such as PPh_3 or $P'Bu_3$, exhibited a low chemoselectivity and gave a mixture of mono- and bisaminated products (**3aa** and **4aa**) (Table 1, entries 1 and 2). On the other hand, we observed that the bisphosphine ligands, such as DPPE or DPPF, selectively provided the monoaminated product **3aa**, but the yields of these reactions were not satisfactory (entries 3 and 4). Based on these observations, we confirmed that bisphosphine ligands play an important role to realize the chemoselective amination reaction. Therefore, we further screened other bisphosphine ligands, such as BINAP or Xantphos, and succeeded in obtaining **3aa** in an acceptable yield with a high chemoselectivity using Xantphos as the ligand (Table 1, entries 6 and 7). We also demonstrated the reaction in dioxane, and confirmed that the reaction by 1 mol% of catalyst provided better results (89% yield, >99% chemoselectivity) than the reaction by 5 mol% (71% yield, 96% chemoselectivity) (Table 1, entries 8 and 9). We further examined the reaction of **1a** with **2a** using other palladium precatalysts, but lower yields were observed in all cases (Table 1, entries 10-13). Based on these results, we concluded that the optimized reaction conditions, which realize the intended chemoselective amination reaction of **1a**, is using the Pd(OAc)₂/Xanthphos catalyst in dioxane at 100 $^{\circ}$ C.¹¹

With the optimized reaction conditions in hand, we investigated the chemoselective monoamination of bromoiodobenzenes **1a-c** with some commercially available diarylamines **2a-h**. As shown in Table 2, all reactions proceeded with a high chemoselectivity and afforded the monoaminated products in good yields. For example, the reactions of 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (**1a**) with diarylamines **2b**, **2c** and **2g** provided the desired monobrominated triarylamines **3ab**, **3ac**, and **3ag** in 87%, 95%, and 93% isolated yields, respectively (Table 2, entries 1-3). The Pd(OAc)₂/Xantphos catalyzed chemoselective reactions of 1-bromo-3-iodobenzene (**1b**) with diarylamines also smoothly proceeded and gave the intended aminated products in the range of 71-97% yields (entries 4-11). Although the reaction of 1-bromo-2-iodobenzene (**1c**) with **2a** resulted in a slightly lower yield (58%), an acceptable yield (75%) was obtained by increasing the catalyst amount from 1 mol% to 5 mol% (entries 12 and 13).

			Br	-NPh ₂
Br—〈	I + HNPh ₂ – 1a 2a	cat. [Pd/L] NaO [/] Bu toluene, 100 °C P	3aa (monoan and/or h ₂ N	ninated) —NPh ₂
	Xantphos:	Me Me O PPh ₂ PPh ₂	4aa (bisami	nated)
entry	[Pd] (mol%)	L (mol%)	yield ^{b,c}	$3aa:4aa^d$
1	$Pd(OAc)_2(5)$	PPh ₃ (20)	51%	71:29
2	$Pd(OAc)_2(5)$	$P^{t}Bu_{3}(5)$	79%	59:41
3	$Pd(OAc)_2(5)$	DPPE (5)	33%	<mark>>99 : 1</mark>
4	$Pd(OAc)_2(5)$	DPPF (5)	74%	<mark>>99 : 1</mark>
5	$Pd(OAc)_2(5)$	BNAP (5)	74%	84 : 16
6	$Pd(OAc)_2(5)$	Xantphos (5)	86%	97:3
7	$Pd(OAc)_2(1)$	Xantphos (1)	86%	92:8
8 ^e	$Pd(OAc)_2(5)$	Xantphos (5)	<mark>71%</mark>	<mark>96 : 4</mark>
<mark>9</mark> e	$Pd(OAc)_2(1)$	Xantphos (1)	89%	<mark>>99 : 1</mark>
10^{e}	$Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.5)	Xantphos (5)	60%	93 : 7
11^e	$[PdCl(C_{3}H_{5})]_{2}$ (2.5)	Xantphos (5)	66%	94 : 6
12^{e}	$[Pd(C_3H_5)(cod)]BF_4$	(5) Xantphos (5)	62%	92:8
13 ^e	$PdCl_2(PhCN)_2(5)$	Xantphos (5)	60%	93:7

Table 1. Palladium Catalysts for the Chemoselective Amination of 1-Bromo-4-iodobenzene(1a) with Diphenylamine $(2a)^a$

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.36 mmol), **2a** (0.43 mmol), NaO'Bu (0.53 mmol), palladium, and ligand in toluene (0.5 mL) for 12 h at 100 °C under nitrogen. ^{*b*} The yields were determined by HPLC analysis of the crude materials. ^{*c*} Yields of **3aa** and **4aa**. ^{*d*} The ratios were determined by HPLC analysis of the crude materials. ^{*e*} Dioxane was used as the solvent.



Table 2. Palladium-catalyzed Chemoselective Amination of 1a-c with 2a-h^a



97% (**3bg**)



^{*a*} Reaction conditions: **1** (0.36 mmol), **2** (0.43 mmol), NaO'Bu (0.53 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.0036 mmol), and Xantphos (0.0036 mmol) in toluene (0.5 mL) for 12 h at 100 °C under nitrogen. ^{*b*} Isolated yields. ^{*c*} The ratios were determined by HPLC analysis of the crude materials. ^{*d*} Conditions: 5 mol% Pd(OAc)₂ and Xantphos were used.

2.2. Copper Catalysts

To develop an alternative chemoselective amination of bromoiodobenzenes with diarylamines, we further investigated the copper-catalyzed reaction. There are some reports about the chemoselective amination of bromoiodobenzenes with diarylamines by a copper catalyst,^{5a,12} but those reactions generally required a relatively high reaction temperature (>100 °C) and an appropriate ligand. Based on such information, we initiated a study to realize the intended chemoselective amination reaction by a copper catalyst system under milder conditions.

For our objective of discovering an effective copper catalyst, we again selected the reaction of 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (1a) with diphenylamine (2a) as the standard reaction system. As we expected, the reaction by 2 mol% of CuCl/1,10-phen in the presence of KOH (powder) at 125 °C, which is a reported reaction condition,^{12a,b} provided the intended monoaminated product **3aa** in 87% yield with a high chemoselectivity (Table 3, entry 1). We further confirmed that CuBr and CuI also exhibited the same reactivity and chemoselectivity under the same reaction conditions (entries 2 and 3). Based on these initial results, we further tried to find the milder conditions by copper catalyst. When the reaction was conducted under

lower temperature (80 °C), the copper catalysts did not exhibit any catalytic activities, resulting in no reaction (entries 4 and 5). To our delight, changing the base from KOH to NaO'Bu^{12c,13} was an effective way to allow the amination reaction, and the CuI/1,10-phen catalyst gave an acceptable result (75% yield, 97% chemoselectivity) at 80 °C (entry 7). To attain the perfect chemoselectivity under milder reaction conditions, we further examined the reaction at 60 °C. On the other hand, the reactions catalyzed by CuI with several ligands, such as 1,10-phen, pybox or TMHD, resulted in a low yield (entries 8-10). To our delight, we revealed that the reaction catalyzed by CuI¹⁴ without a ligand exhibited higher yields (entry 11), and the increased amount of catalyst from 2 mol% to 10 mol% realized a high yield with a high chemoselectivity (entries 12 and 13). The best yield was obtained by the less use of base (2.5 equiv.) (entry 14).

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Br—〈	1a	+ HNPh ₂ _ 2a	cat. [Cu] cat. L base, THF	(mon → (bis	3aa loaminate and/or 4aa aminated	d)	K.
$\left. \right\rangle$		N 1,10-	N= iF	O → Pr <i>ip</i> -p) /iPr	
ontry	[Cu]	I (mol%)	base (equiv.)	tomn	viold ^b	3 · A ^c	
entry	(mol%)	L (11101%)	Dase (equiv.)	(°C)	yleiu	3.4	
1 ^{<i>d</i>}	CuCl(2)	1 10 - nhen	KOH (5)	125	87%	$99 \cdot 1$	
2^d	$\operatorname{CuBr}(2)$	1,10-phen	KOH (5)	125	81%	$\sim 00 \cdot 1$	
$\frac{2}{2^d}$	CuDI(2)	1,10-phon	КОП (J) КОЦ (5)	125	8170 870/	$> 00 \cdot 1$	
5 Ad	$\operatorname{Cur}(2)$	1,10-pileii	KOIL (5)	125	07%	<mark>≥99.1</mark>	
4" = d	CuCI(2)	1,10-pnen	KOH (5)	y80	<2%	nd	
5"	Cul (2)	1,10-phen	KOH (5)	80	<2%	nd	
6	CuCl (2)	1,10-phen	$NaO^{t}Bu$ (5)	80	28%	90:10	
7	CuI (2)	1,10-phen	$NaO^{t}Bu(5)$	80	75%	97:3	
8	CuI (2)	1,10-phen	NaO'Bu (5)	60	25%	96:4	
9	CuI (2)	pybox	NaO ^t Bu (5)	60	26%	<mark>>99 : 1</mark>	
10	CuI (2)	TMHD	$NaO^{t}Bu$ (5)	60	49%	96:4	
11	CuI (2)		$NaO^{t}Bu$ (5)	60	56%	<mark>>99 : 1</mark>	
12	CuI (4)	$\underline{\checkmark}$	NaO ^t Bu (5)	60	75%	<mark>>99 : 1</mark>	
13	CuI (10)		NaO ^t Bu (5)	60	94%	<mark>>99 : 1</mark>	
14	CuI (10)		NaO ^t Bu (2.5)	60	98%	<mark>>99 : 1</mark>	

Table 3. Copper Catalysts for the Chemoselective Amination of 1a with $2a^a$

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.36 mmol), **2a** (0.43 mmol), base, copper, and ligand in THF (0.5 mL) for 12 h under nitrogen. ^{*b*} The yields were determined by HPLC analysis of the crude materials. ^{*c*} The ratios were determined by HPLC analysis of the crude materials. ^{*d*} Dioxane was used as the solvent.

Br—〈	1a	-l + HN - 2a-l	^{Ar} 10 m Ar' N n TH	mol% Cul JaO [/] Bu IF, 60 °C	Br Ar Ar' 3 (monoaminated)	+ 4
2b : Ar, Ar' = $4 - MeC_6H_4$ 2c : Ar, Ar' = $3 - MeC_6H_4$ 2g : Ar = Ph, Ar' = $1 - naphthyl$ 2h : Ar = Ph, Ar' = $2 - naphthyl$						
entry	2	yield ^{b,c}	$3:4^{d}$			
1	2b	84%	97:3			
2	2c	92%	<mark>>99 : 1</mark>			
3	2g	46%	97:3			
4 ^{<i>e</i>}	2g	92%	94:6	,		
5	2h	95%	94:6			

Table 4. Copper-catalyzed Chemoselective Amination of 1a with 2^a

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.36 mmol), **2** (0.43 mmol), NaO^{*t*}Bu (0.90 mmol), CuI (0.036 mmol), and THF (0.5 mL) for 12 h at 60 °C under nitrogen. ^{*b*} The yields were determined by HPLC analysis of the crude materials. ^{*c*} Yields of **3** and **4**. ^{*d*} The ratios were determined by HPLC analysis of the crude materials. ^{*e*} The reaction was conducted at 100 °C.

The optimized copper catalyst condition also effectively worked for the reaction of **1a** with other diarylamines. For example, the reactions with **2b** or **2c** provided the intended products **4ab** and **4ac** in good yields with high chemoselctivities (Table 4, entries 1 and 2). The reaction of **1a** with **2g** resulted in a low yield (46%), but elevated reaction temperature realized a high yield (92%) with a good chemoselectivity (94%) (entries 3 and 4). The reaction of **1a** with **2h** also smoothly proceeded at 60 °C and provided the desired product **4ah** in 95% yield with a 94% chemoselectivity (entry 5).

We further demonstrated the synthesis of the unsymmetrical bistriarylamine through the monobrominated triarylamines, which was obtained by the chemoselective amination reaction (eq 1). As listed in Table 3, the monobrominated triarylamine **3aa**, which was prepared by the reaction of ligand-free copper catalyzed chemoselective amination of **1a** with **2a**, and **3aa**, was easily converted to the unsymmetrical bistriarylamine **5** under the standard conditions of the Buchwald-Hartwig reaction.



Scheme 2. Synthesis of 5 by copper and palladium-catalysts.

3. Conclusions

In conclusion, we developed the chemoselective amination of bromoiodobenzenes with diarylamines using the palladium/Xantphos or ligand-free copper catalyst. The reaction proceeded with a high chemoselectivity and afforded the monobrominated triarylamines in good yields. We further demonstrated the transformation of the monobrominated triarylamines to unsymmetrical bistriarylamines by the Buchwald-Hartwig reaction.

4. Experimental section

4.1. General

All manipulations were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL EX-270 spectrometer (270 MHz for ¹H with C₆D₆, and 67 MHz for ¹³C with C₆D₆), JEOL JNM LA-400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H with CDCl₃, C₆D₆ or acetone- d_6 , and 100 MHz for ¹³C with CDCl₃, C₆D₆ or acetone- d_6), or JEOL JNM ECP-500 spectrometer (500 MHz for ¹H with C₆D₆ or acetone- d_6 , and 125 MHz for ¹³C with C₆D₆ or acetone- d_6). Chemical shifts are reported in δ ppm referenced to an internal SiMe₄ standard, residual acetone (δ 2.09) or residual benzene (δ 7.15) for ¹H NMR, and residual chloroform (δ 77.4), residual acetone (δ 30.6) or residual benzene (δ 128.6) were used as internal reference for ¹³C NMR. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C. The chemoselectivity was determined by ¹H NMR spectra and/or HPLC analysis using Inertsil ODS-3V (CH₃CN, flow: 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm). All chemical including palladium salts, copper salts, phosphine ligands, dihalogenated arenes and amines were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.

4.2. General procedure for the palladium-catalyzed reaction

A solution of Pd(OAc)₂ (0.8 mg, 0.0036 mmol), Xantphos (2.1 mg, 0.0036 mmol), NaO'Bu (51 mg, 0.53 mmol), 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (**1a**) (100 mg, 0.35 mmol), and *N*,*N*-diphenylamine (**2a**) (72 mg, 0.43 mmol) in toluene (0.5 mL) was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with H₂O, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 3 mL). The chemoselectivity (**3aa/4aa** = 92/8) was measured by HPLC analysis using Inertsil ODS-3V. The pure monoaminated product **3aa** (99 mg, 86%) was obtained by flash chromatography (hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 97/3) as a white solid.

4.3. General procedure for the copper-catalyzed reaction

A solution of CuI (6.7 mg, 0.035 mmol), NaO'Bu (85 mg, 0.88 mmol), 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (1a) (100 mg, 0.35 mmol), and *N*,*N*-diphenylamine (2a) (90 mg, 0.53 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with H₂O, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 4 mL). The chemoselectivity (3aa/4aa = >98/2) was measured by HPLC analysis using Inertsil ODS-3V. The pure monoaminated product 3aa (113 mg, 98%) was obtained by flash chromatography (hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 97/3) as a white solid. The minor product (bisaminated product) 4aa was also obtained by following flash chromatography (hexane/CH₂Cl₂/Et₃N = 90/5/5) as a white solid with containing unknown impurities and triethylamine.

4.4. Characterization data of products

4.4.1. 4-Bromo-N,N-diphenylaniline (**3aa**).^{7a,15} White solid (99 mg, 86%). Mp 106–111 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 6.92–6.94 (m, 2H), 7.02–7.07 (m, 6H), 7.28–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.38–7.41 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 114.08, 123.48, 124.48, 124.80, 129.29, 129.50, 132.12, 147.33. HPLC analysis: $t_{\rm R} = 5.78$ min.

4.4.2. 4-Bromo-N,N-di-p-tolylaniline (**3ab**).^{7b} White solid (108 mg, 87%). Mp 100–104 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 2.30 (s, 6H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 20.21, 113.14, 123.70, 125.01, 130.29, 132.11, 133.29, 145.10, 147.92. HPLC analysis: $t_R =$ 7.48 min.

4.4.3. N-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-methyl-N-(m-tolyl)aniline (3ac). White solid (118 mg, 95%).

Mp 93–95 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 2.25 (s, 6H), 6.85 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 6.88–6.93 (m, 6H), 7.19 (t, J = 8.28 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 23.10, 116.27, 124.40, 126.92, 127.15, 127.80, 131.90, 134.61, 141.82, 149.99, 150.13. IR (KBr) 593, 765, 829, 1185, 1474, 2934 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₂₀H₁₉BrN⁺ (M+H⁺) 352.0701, found 352.0715. HPLC analysis: $t_R = 7.15$ min.

4.4.4. *N*-(4-Bromophenyl)-*N*-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (**3ag**).^{7a} White solid (123 mg, 93%). Mp 95–97 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 6.35 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62–6.67 (m, 4H), 6.69–6.88 (m, 6H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 114.18, 122.62, 123.45, 124.48, 125.83, 126.52, 126.60, 126.82, 127.32, 128.30, 128.77, 129.55, 131.43, 132.37, 135.78, 143.64, 147.93, 148.40. HPLC analysis: *t*_R = 6.15 min.

4.4.5. *3-Bromo-N,N-diphenylaniline* (**3ba**).^{7c} White solid (107 mg, 93%). Mp 91–96 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.95–7.09 (m, 8H), 7.19–7.29 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 121.5, 122.7, 123.5, 124.7, 124.9, 125.7, 129.4, 130.3, 147.1, 149.3. IR (KBr) 2956 cm⁻¹. HPLC analysis: *t*_R = 5.48 min.

4.4.6. 3-Bromo-N,N-di-p-tolylaniline (**3bb**). White solid (118 mg, 95%). Mp 97–101 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 3.04 (s, 6H), 7.62–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.72–7.78 (m, 6H), 7.86–7.90 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 20.8, 120.4, 122.9, 124.0, 124.1, 125.9, 130.8, 131.2, 134.2, 145.2, 150.7. IR (KBr) 988, 1068, 1324, 1475, 2956 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₂₀H₁₉BrN⁺ (M+H⁺) 352.0701, found 352.0691. HPLC analysis: $t_R = 6.88$ min.

4.4.7. 3-Bromo-N,N-di-m-tolylaniline (**3bc**). Pale yellow solid (102 mg, 82%). Mp 95–99 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 3.03 (s, 6H), 7.60–7.67 (m, 7H), 7.80–7.96 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 21.2, 79.0, 121.6, 124.9, 125.2, 125.4, 126.1, 126.3, 130.0, 131.4, 140.0, 147.8, 150.6. IR (KBr) 775, 1318, 1472, 1581, 2920 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₂₀H₁₉BrN⁺ (M+H⁺) 352.0701, found 352.0692. HPLC analysis: $t_{\rm R} = 6.57$ mi.

4.4.8. *3-Bromo-N,N-bis*(4-methoxyphenyl)aniline (**3bd**).^{6e} Brown solid (97 mg, 71%). Mp 82–86 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 3.78 (s, 6H), 6.89–6.93 (m, 6H), 7.03–7.09 (m,

6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 55.7, 115.5, 116.0, 118.2, 121.8, 122.9, 128.2, 131.3, 140.6, 151.5, 157.7. IR (KBr) 1474, 2840, 2933 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₂₀H₁₉BrNO₂ (M+H⁺) 384.0599, found 384.0591. HPLC analysis: $t_{\rm R} = 4.77$ min.

4.4.9. 3-Bromo-N-phenyl-N-(p-tolyl)aniline (**3be**). Semi-solid (102 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 3.68 (s, 3H), 8.30–8.67 (m, 13H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 20.6, 121.1, 122.9, 124.2, 124.7, 124.8, 125.2, 126.2, 130.1, 130.9, 131.3, 134.5, 145.1, 147.8, 150.5. IR (KBr) 695, 1068, 1278, 1474, 1583, 2955 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₁₉H₁₇BrN⁺ (M+H⁺) 338.0544, found 338.0538. HPLC analysis: $t_R = 6.14$ min.

4.4.10. 3-Bromo-N-phenyl-N-(*m*-tolyl)aniline (**3bf**). Black oil (94 mg, 79%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 2.22–2.26 (m 3H), 6.73–6.74 (m, 1H), 6.74–6.91 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.15 (m, 5H), 7.21–7.30 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 21.6, 116.1, 118.6, 118.7, 118.8, 119.2, 119.3, 119.4, 122.8, 123.8, 129.8, 129.9, 139.4, 139.5, 144.3, 144.4, 144.5. IR (KBr) 690, 1299, 1493, 1584, 2915 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₉H₁₇BrN⁺ (M+H⁺) 338.0544, found 338.0534. HPLC analysis: *t*_R = 5.99 min.

4.4.11. *N*-(*3*-Bromophenyl)-*N*-phenylnaphthalen-1-amine (**3bg**).¹⁶ Reddish brown oil (128 mg, 97%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 6.87–6.89 (m, 1H), 7.01–7.17 (m, 6H), 7.28–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.92–8.03 (m, 3H), 7.53–7.61 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 122.0, 122.5, 123.2, 124.8, 125.1, 125.2, 125.8, 126.0, 126.1, 126.4, 127.3, 127.8, 128.4, 130.1, 130.4, 131.4, 131.7, 145.5, 147.9, 150.4. IR (KBr) 1473, 3060 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₂₂H₁₇BrN⁺ (M+H⁺) 374.0544, found 374.0535. HPLC analysis: $t_{\rm R} = 6.34$ min.

4.4.12. *N*-(*3*-Bromophenyl)-*N*-phenylnaphthalen-2-amine (**3bh**). Reddish brown oil (112 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 6.70–7.32 (m, 12H), 7.52-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ 119.8, 123.2, 123.4, 123.8, 124.0, 124.4, 127.2, 127.3, 127.5, 128.0, 128.3, 129.4, 130.1, 130.5, 131.5, 131.9, 136.2, 143.4, 148.2, 151.0. IR (KBr) 774, 1392, 1473, 1583, 3060 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₂₂H₁₇BrN⁺ (M+H⁺) 374.0544, found 374.0537. HPLC analysis: *t*_R = 5.72 min.

4.4.13. 2-Bromo-N,N-diphenylaniline (3ca). Yellow oil (86 mg, 75%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

 C_6D_6) δ 6.59–6.62 (m, 1H), 6.80–6.84 (m, 4H), 6.97–7.06 (m, 4H), 7.19–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.41 (m, 2H), 8.07–8.09 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 123.2, 128.0, 128.2, 129.4, 130.3, 130.4, 132.7, 135.6, 147.0, 148.4. IR (KBr) 697, 1277, 1472, 1580, 3451 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for $C_{18}H_{15}BrN^+$ (M+H⁺) 324.0388, found 324.0407. HPLC analysis: $t_R = 4.68$ min.

4.4.14. N^{l}, N^{d}, N^{4} -Tetraphenylbenzene-1,4-diamine (**4aa**).¹⁷ White solid. Mp 200–204 °C. The product contains inseparable impurities and triethylamine after silicagel column chromatography and/or recrystallization. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 6.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 6.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 8H), 6.70–6.75 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 121.21, 122.68, 124.29, 128.00, 141.86, 146.85. HPLC analysis: $t_{\rm R} = 7.48$ min.

4.4.15. N^{l} , N^{4} -Di(naphthalen-2-yl)- N^{l} , N^{4} -diphenylbenzene-1,4-diamine (**4ab**).¹⁸ White solid. Mp 196–200 °C. The product contains inseparable impurities and triethylamine after silicagel column chromatography and/or recrystallization. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 6.89 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 5H), 7.04-7.20 (m, 11H), 7. 33(dd, *J* = 8.9, 1.6 Hz, 4H), 7.48-7.57 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆): δ □120,7 123.1, 124.5, 124.7, 124.8, 126.5, 127.3, 129.4, 129.7, 130.6 135.1 143.5 145.9, 148.4. HPLC analysis: *t*_R = 11.50 min.

4.4.16. $N^{l}, N^{l}, N^{4}, N^{4}$ -Tetra-p-tolylbenzene-1,4-diamine (**4ah**).¹⁹ White solid. Mp 209–214 °C. The product contains inseparable impurities and triethylamine after silicagel column chromatography and/or recrystallization. ¹H NMR (270 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 2.09 (s, 12H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 8H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 8H), 7.13 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (67 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 20.8, 123.5, 124.9, 130.2, 132.3, 146.1, 148.9. HPLC analysis: $t_{\rm R} = 7.88$ min.

4.4.17. N^{1} , N^{4} -Di(naphthalen-1-yl)- N^{1} , N^{4} -diphenylbenzene-1,4-diamine (**4ag**).¹⁸ Pale yellow solid. Mp 197–205 °C. The product contains inseparable impurities and triethylamine after silicagel column chromatography and/or recrystallization. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 6.29 (d, J = 8.70 Hz 4H), 6.35 (t, J = 7.35 Hz 2H), 6.49–6.57 (m, 2H), 6.62 (t, J = 7.80 Hz, 4H), 6.68–6.74 (m, 8H), 6.80 (t, J = 6.90 Hz 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 6.85 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.25 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 116.62, 117.65, 120.60, 121.19,

122.61, 123.35, 125.63, 125.70, 128.19, 128.29, 128.50, 128.73, 129.52, 135.26, 139.38, 145.37. HPLC analysis: $t_{\rm R} = 9.10$ min.

4.4.18. N^{l} -(naphthalen-2-yl)- N^{l} , N^{4} , N^{4} -triphenylbenzene-1,4-diamine (5).¹⁹ Semi-solid (117 mg, 73%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz CDCl₃) δ 6.78 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 6.89–6.90 (m, 4H), 7.02–7.15 (m, 4H), 7.26 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 120.88, 121.01, 122.20, 123.41, 123.51, 124.30, 125.63, 126.09, 126.29, 126.33, 126.36, 127.09, 128.38, 129.00, 129.10, 129.32, 131.25, 135.28, 141.98, 143.52, 143.75, 147.90, 148.61.

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