Supplementary Material

Smiles rearrangement for the synthesis of diarylamines

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1. General remarks

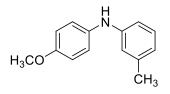
¹H NMR and. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ (300 MHz for ¹H NMR and 75 MHz for. ¹³C NMR, respectively) with tetramethylsilane as the internal reference on Bruker Advance 300 FT spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million. Mass spectra (MS) were measured by ESI. CDCl₃ were used as delivered from Sigma-Aldrich. Silica gel (70-230 mesh) was used for flash column chromatography. All the reactions were monitored by TLC using 0.25 mm silica gel plates (Merck 60F254) with UV indicator. The microwave-assisted reaction time is the hold time at the final temperature. Unless otherwise noted, other reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

2. General Procedure for the Smiles Rearrangement for the Synthesis

of Diarylamines (3)

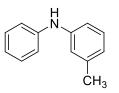
To a magnetically stirred solution of the appropriate arylamine 2 (1.0 mmol) and Cs_2CO_3 (3.2 mmol) in dry DMF cooled by ice bath were added chloroacetyl chloride (1.2 mmol) and substituted phenol 1 (1.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred for 30 min at room temperature and placed into microwave oven (600W, 150 °C) and irradiated for 30-80 min. The solvent was removed under vacuum and water (20 mL) was added into the residue. The mixture was then extracted by ethyl acetate (4 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under vacuum to give the crude product. Pure product was obtained by column chromatography on silica gel.

3. Synthesis and analytical data of (3a-u)



Scheme S1. N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methylbenzenamine 3a.¹

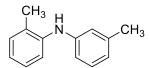
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a gray solid. Mp 72-75 °C (lit.¹ 75-76 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.28 (s, 3H; CH₃), 3.80 (s, 3H; OCH₃), 5.45 (s, br, 1H; NH), 6.64-7.24 (m, 8H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5 (CH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 112.8 (CH), 114.2 (CH), 114.6 (CH), 116.3 (CH), 120.5 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 135.9 (C), 139.1 (C), 145.1 (C), 155.2 (C) ppm.



Scheme S2. 3-Methyl-*N*-phenylbenzenamine 3b.²

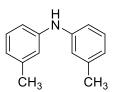
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel

column using petroleum ether to give a yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.29 (s, 3H; CH₃), 5.58 (s, 1H; NH), 6.85-7.28 (m, 9H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.7 (CH₃), 116.8 (CH), 117.8 (CH), 118.9 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 130.9 (CH), 140.2 (C), 143.9 (C) ppm.



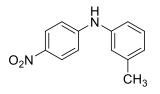
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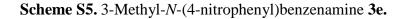
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.22 (s, 3H; CH₃), 2.28 (s, 3H; CH₃), 5.29 (s, br, 1H; NH), 6.69-7.23 (m, 9H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 17.8 (CH₃), 21.45 (CH₃), 114.5 (CH), 118.1 (CH), 118.8 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 121.8 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 128.1 (C), 129.1 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 139.1 (C), 141.2 (C), 143.8 (C) ppm.



Scheme S4. dim-Tolylamine 3d.⁴

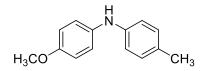
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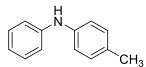
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a brown solid. Mp 130-133 °C. ¹H NMR (300

MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.37 (s, 3H; CH₃), 6.29 (s, br, 1H; NH), 6.92 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H; ArH), 6.97-7.02 (m, 3H; ArH), 7.25-7.27 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.11 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H; ArH) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.4 (CH₃), 113.6 (CH), 119.0 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 129.5 (C), 139.4 (C), 139.6 (C), 139.7 (C), 150.3 (C) ppm. MS (ESI, m/z)(%): 229 (8) [M+1], 212 (57), 182 (74), 167 (100).



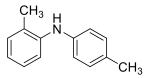
Scheme S6. N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-methylbenzenamine 3f.⁵

Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a gray solid. Mp 80-82 °C (lit.⁵ 82 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.27 (s, 3H; CH₃), 3.78 (s, 3H; OCH₃), 5.38 (s, br, 1H; NH), 6.83-6.85 (m, 4H; Ar*H*), 7.00-7.04 (m, 4H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.5 (CH₃), 55.6 (OCH₃), 114.6 (CH), 116.5 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 129.3 (C), 129.8 (CH), 136.6 (C), 142.4 (C), 154.7 (C) ppm.



Scheme S7. 4-Methyl-*N*-phenylbenzenamine 3g.⁶

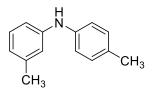
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a white solid. Mp 85-87 °C (lit.⁶ 87 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.24 (s, 3H; CH₃), 5.49 (s, br, 1H; NH), 6.54-7.22 (m, 9H; Ar*H*) ppm.



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Scheme S8. 4-Methyl-N-o-tolylbenzenamine 3h.<sup>7</sup>
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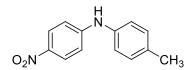
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a yellow viscous oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.25 (s, 3H; CH₃), 2.30 (s, 3H; CH₃), 5.29 (s, br, 1H; NH), 6.85-6.95 (m, 3H; Ar*H*), 7.06-7.24 (m, 5H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 17.8 (CH₃),

20.6 (CH₃), 117.2 (CH), 118.6 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.9 (C), 129.8 (CH), 130.4 (C), 130.8 (CH), 141.0 (C), 142.0 (C) ppm.



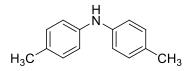
Scheme S8. 4-Methyl-*N*-*m*-tolylbenzenamine 3i.⁸

Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a yellow viscous oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.27 (d, 6H; CH₃), 5.49 (s, br, 1H; NH), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H; Ar*H*), 6.80 -7.21 (m, 7H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.6 (CH₃), 21.5 (CH₃), 113.9 (CH), 117.5 (CH), 118.8 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 130.7 (C), 139.1 (C), 140.3 (C), 143.8 (C) ppm.



Scheme S9. 4-Methyl-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl)benzenamine 3j.⁹

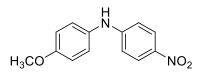
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a brown solid. Mp 132-135 °C (lit.⁹ 137 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.36 (s, 6H; CH₃), 6.29 (s, br, 1H; NH), 6.86 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 8.08 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.9 (CH₃), 113.1 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 134.8 (C), 136.6 (C), 139.2 (C), 150.8 (C) ppm.



Scheme S10. dip-Tolylamine 3k.¹⁰

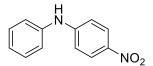
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a light yellow solid. Mp 74-77 °C (lit.¹⁰ 73-75 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.28 (s, 6H; CH₃), 5.49 (s, br, 1H; NH), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H; Ar*H*), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):

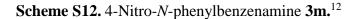
δ 20.6 (CH₃), 117.9 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 130.1 (C), 141.1 (C) ppm.



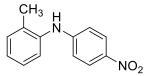
Scheme S11. N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-nitrobenzenamine 31.¹¹

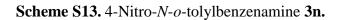
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a brown solid. Mp 149-152 °C (lit.¹¹ 152-153 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.84 (s, 3H; OCH₃), 6.16 (s, 1H; NH), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 55.5 (OCH₃), 112.6 (CH), 114.9 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 131.9 (C), 139.0 (C), 151.7 (C), 157.4 (C) ppm.





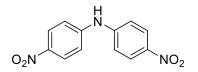
4Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a brown solid. Mp 131-133 °C (lit.¹² 131 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.40 (s, 1H; NH), 6.94 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.14-7.42 (m, 5H; Ar*H*), 8.11 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 113.6 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 124.6 (C), 126.2 (CH), 139.4 (C), 139.6 (C), 150.2 (C) ppm.





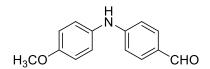
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a brown solid. Mp 130-133 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.25 (s, 3H; CH₃), 6.10 (s, 1H; NH), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.18-7.31 (m, 4H; Ar*H*), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 17.8 (CH₃), 113.0 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 127.1 (CH),

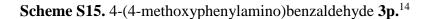
131.4 (CH), 133.2 (C), 137.5 (C), 139.1 (C), 151.3 (C) ppm. MS (ESI, *m/z*)(%): 229 (9) [M+1], 212 (100), 182 (77), 168 (94).



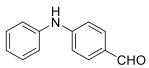
Scheme S14. 3-methyl-*N*-(3-nitrophenyl)benzenamine 30.¹³

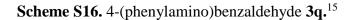
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a yellow solid. Mp 145-147 °C (lit.¹³ 146 °C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.36 (s, br, 1H; NH), 6.63 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.21-7.26 (m, 3H; Ar*H*), 8.1 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H; Ar*H*), 8.2 (d, J=8.9 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 113.2 (CH), 117.2 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 126.2 (C) ppm.





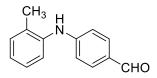
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a brown solid. Mp 108-111 °C (lit.¹⁴ 113 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.83 (s, 3H; OCH₃), 6.08 (s, 1H; NH), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 9.75 (s, 1H; CHO) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 55.5 (OCH₃), 113.4 (CH), 114.8 (CH), 125.1 (CH), 127.8 (C), 132.2 (CH), 132.6 (C), 151.4 (C), 157.0 (C), 190.2 (CHO) ppm.





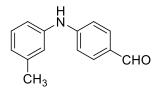
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a brown solid. Mp 94-97 °C (lit.¹⁵ 95-97 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.38 (s, 1H; NH), 7.02 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H; ArH), 7.09-7.39 (m, 5H; ArH), 7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H; ArH), 9.78 (s, 1H; CHO) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 114.4 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 128.4 (C), 129.5

(CH), 132.1 (CH), 140.0 (C), 149.8 (C), 190.4 (CHO) ppm.



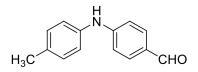
Scheme S17. 4-(*o*-toluidino)benzaldehyde 3r.

Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a brown solid. Mp 85-87 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.25 (s, 3H; CH₃), 6.00 (s, 1H; NH), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.13-7.27 (m, 4H; Ar*H*), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 9.76 (s, 1H; CHO) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 17.9 (CH₃), 113.8 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 127.9 (C), 131.3 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 132.6 (C), 138.0 (C), 151.0 (C), 190.3 (CHO) ppm. MS (ESI, *m*/*z*)(%): 212 (28) [M+1], 184 (12), 183 (9), 182 (14), 169 (52), 168 (24), 103 (48), 88 (100), 75 (11), 60 (10).



Scheme S18. 4-(*m*-toluidino)benzaldehyde 3s.

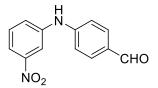
Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a brown solid. Mp 117-119 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.34 (s, 3H; CH₃), 6.37 (s, 1H; NH), 6.92-7.24 (m, 6H; Ar*H*), 7.71-7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 9.77 (s, 1H; CHO) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.4 (CH₃), 114.4 (CH), 118.3 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 128.2 (C), 129.3 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 139.5 (C), 139.9 (C), 150.0 (C), 190.4 (CHO) ppm. MS (ESI, m/z)(%): 212 (33) [M+1], 183 (21), 169 (69), 103 (81), 88 (100), 75 (34), 73 (6), 60 (21).



Scheme S19. 4-(*p*-toluidino)benzaldehyde 3t.

Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel

column using petroleum ether to give a brown solid. Mp 85-88 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.35 (s, 3H; CH₃), 6.20 (s, 1H; NH), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 9.77 (s, 1H; CHO) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.8 (CH₃), 113.9 (CH), 122.1 (CH), 128.1 (C), 130.1 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 134.0 (C), 137.2 (C), 150.5 (C), 190.3 (CHO) ppm.



Scheme S20. 4-(3-nitrophenylamino)benzaldehyde 3u.

Following the general procedure, the crude product was purified over a silica gel column using petroleum ether to give a yellow solid. Mp 152-155 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.35 (s, 1H; NH), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.49-7.52 (m, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar*H*), 7.87-8.04 (m, 2H; Ar*H*), 9.87 (s, 1H; CHO) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 114.1 (CH), 116.1 (CH), 117.6 (CH), 122.3 (C), 125.2 (C), 130.4 (C), 132.1 (CH), 142.1 (C), 147.6 (C), 148.5 (C), 190.3 (CHO) ppm. MS (ESI, *m/z*)(%): 243 (16) [M+1], 197 (42), 168 (80), 167 (100).

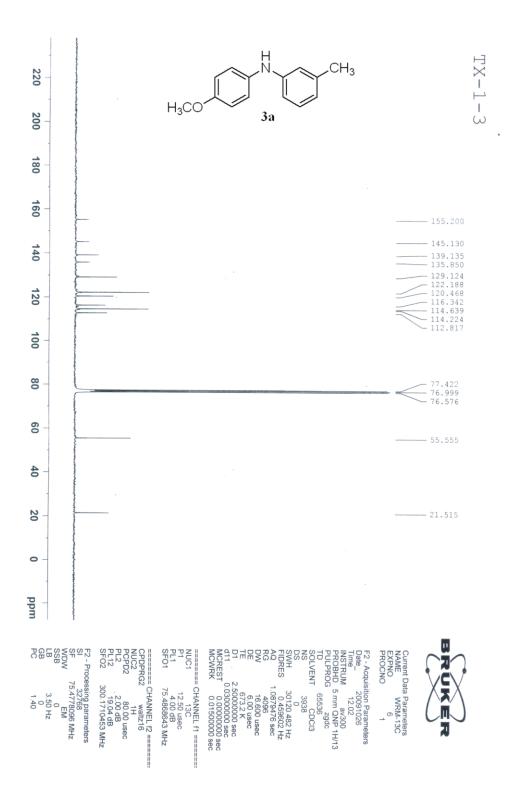
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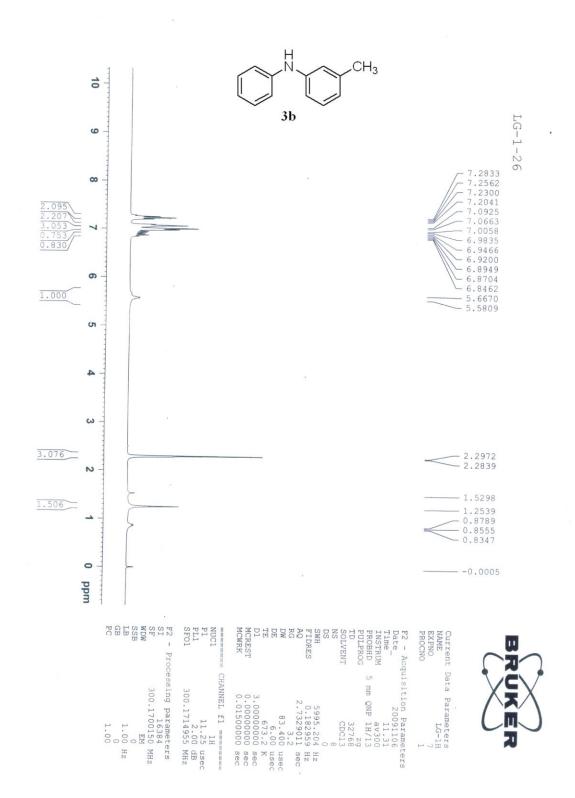
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5. Copies of NMR and MS spectra for compounds





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