

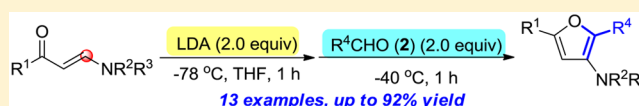
# LDA-Promoted Synthesis of 3-Amino Furans by Selective Lithiation of Enaminones

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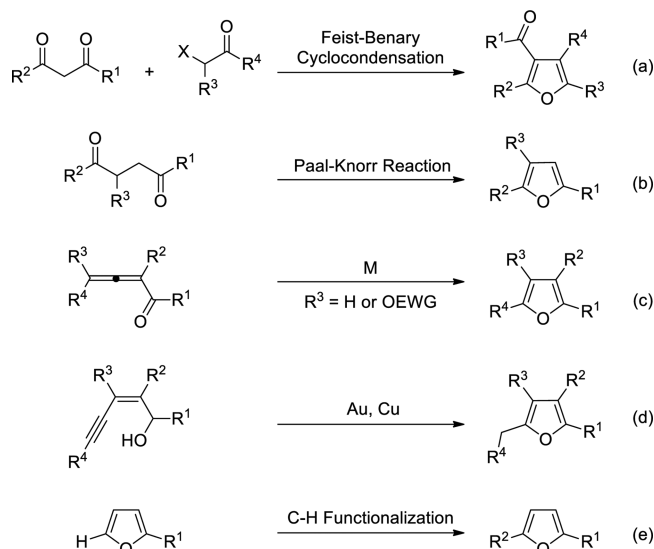
## Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** An efficient cascade  $\beta$ -metalation/addition/cyclization reaction promoted by LDA is described in which 3-amino furans were constructed from enaminones and aldehydes. A broad range of substituents on the starting compounds was tolerated, and the polysubstituted furans were gained with moderate to excellent yields within 2 h.



Highly functionalized furans play a significant role in organic chemistry, since they, as fundamental heterocyclic motifs, are widely found in biologically active natural products, pharmaceuticals, and materials.<sup>1</sup> Moreover, they have also frequently been used as basic building blocks in synthetic chemistry.<sup>2</sup> Thus, substantial interest has been attracted toward the development of efficient methods to prepare multiply substituted furans.<sup>3</sup> Traditional approaches for the synthesis of furans include Feist–Bénary cyclocondensation<sup>4</sup> from 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds and haloketones (Scheme 1a), Paal–

### Scheme 1. Synthesis of Highly Substituted Furan



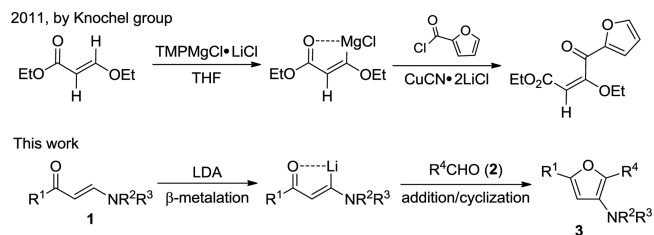
Knorr cyclocondensation<sup>5</sup> from 1,4-dicarbonyl compounds (Scheme 1b), and so on. Transition-metal-catalyzed methods have also been developed for the assembly of various multisubstituted furans, such as the cyclization of allenyl ketones (Scheme 1c),<sup>6</sup> Au-catalyzed cyclization of (Z)-enynols

(Scheme 1d),<sup>7</sup> and Pd-catalyzed arylation of furans via C–H activation<sup>8</sup> (Scheme 1e).

Another process to construct polysubstituted furan derivatives is ring transformation.<sup>9</sup> Functionalization at the 2- and 5-positions of furans is readily permitted in chemical transformations, but similar operations at the 3- or 4-position are difficult to achieve. Electron-rich furan derivatives like 3-amino furans are easy to modify by Friedel–Crafts acylation and are exceptionally useful dienes for use in Diels–Alder reactions, whereas there are only a few reports of the synthesis of substituted 3-amino furans.<sup>10</sup>

The functionalization of aromatic molecules and heterocyclic compounds has often been achieved by metalation using various bases.<sup>11</sup> However, the deprotonation of functionalized nonaromatic and olefinic systems is more difficult and sensitive compared with that of aromatic and heteroaromatic systems.<sup>12</sup> Excellent work by Knochel's group described the magnesiation or zincation of highly functionalized alkenes and cycloalkenes using 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl base (Scheme 2).<sup>12a</sup> During the course of our continued work on the preparation of heterocycles from enaminones,<sup>13</sup> we developed an efficient cascade addition/cyclization reaction to synthesize 3-amino-2,5-aryl (or alkyl) furans promoted by LDA, from enaminones and aldehydes, inspired by the  $\beta$ -metalation of unsaturated olefins facilitated by the orientation effect on the carbonyl

### Scheme 2. $\beta$ -Metalation as the Key Step



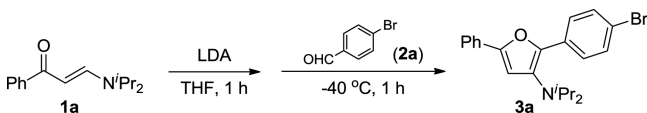
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group. To our delight, only the desired products of the  $\beta$ -metalation process were obtained and no  $\alpha$ -metalation products were observed in this system.

We began our investigation with enaminone **1a** and 1.4 equiv of LDA (lithium diisopropylamide) using a lithiation temperature of  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  under a  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere, followed by adding 1.5 equiv of 4-bromobenzaldehyde **2a**. 3-Amino furan **3a** was efficiently obtained in 80% isolated yield (Table 1, entry 1). To

Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>



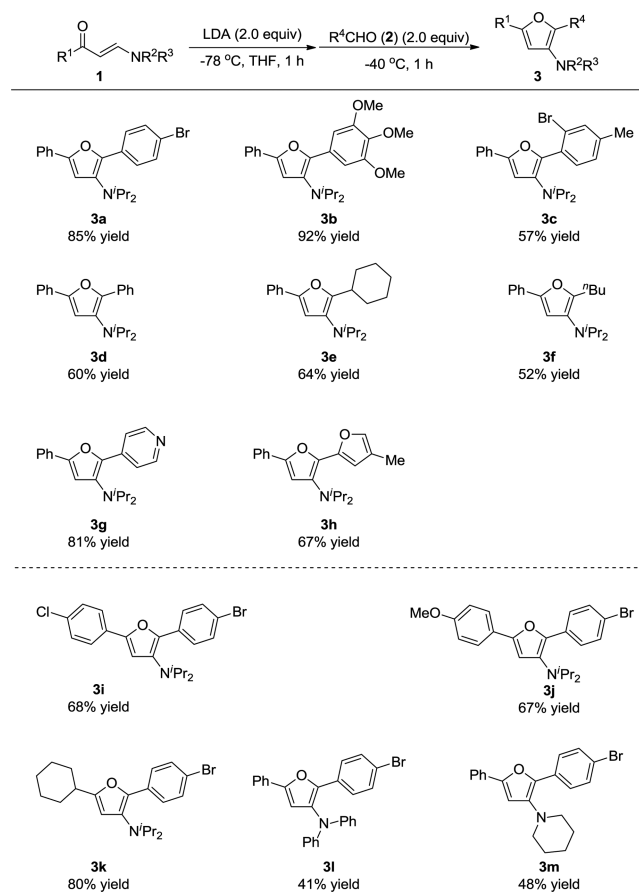
entry	LDA (equiv)	lithiation temp.	2a (equiv)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	1.4	$-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	1.5	80
2	1.4 <sup>c</sup>	$-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	1.5	79
3	1.4 <sup>c</sup>	$-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	1.5	66
4	1.2	$-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	1.5	24
5	2.0	$-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	1.5	54
6	2.0	$-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	2.0	85
7	1.5	$-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	2.0	78

<sup>a</sup>Unless otherwise noted, the reactions were carried out under a  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere on a 0.5 mmol scale. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup>LDA in situ.

our delight, no  $\alpha$ -lithiation byproduct was detected. This result encouraged us to optimize the reaction conditions with **1a** and **2a** as model substrates (Table 1). First, LDA was tested in situ, and almost no difference in product yields was observed (entries 1 and 2). Because LDA is commercially available, we chose to use LDA as the organolithium reagent. When the lithiation temperature was increased to  $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , the yield of desired product **3a** decreased to 66% (entry 3). Next, the lithiation temperature was fixed at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and the amounts of LDA and 4-bromobenzaldehyde **2a** were screened, revealing that 2.0 equiv of LDA and **2a** was essential to this system, with 85% isolated yield of 3-amino furan **3a** (entries 4–7).

With the optimized reaction conditions (Table 1, entry 6) in hand, the substrate scope of the reaction was explored by employing a variety of enaminones **1** and aldehydes **2** (Scheme 3). High chemoselectivities and high efficiency were observed in all cases, and a series of polysubstituted 3-amino furans was gained in moderate to good yields within 2 h. The reaction tolerated aldehydes **2** with aromatic substituents with different electronic properties (**2a–d**), alkyl substituents (**2e–f**), or heteroaromatic substituents (**2g–h**), giving corresponding products **3** in good to excellent yields (52–92%). Among them, 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzaldehyde (**2b**), with a highly electron-donating group as substituent  $\text{R}^4$ , gave the best result in producing 3-amino furan **3b** (92% isolated yield). The data also illustrated that benzaldehyde (**2d**) offered product **3d** in a lower yield (60% yield) compared with that using aldehydes with either an electron-withdrawing (**2a**) or electron-donating (**2b**) group as substituent  $\text{R}^4$ . However, when sterically hindered aldehydes **2c** ( $\text{R}^4 = 2\text{-bromo-4-methylphenyl}$ ) with an *ortho*-substituent on the benzene ring was employed, the yield of product **3c** dropped dramatically (57% yield). Alkyl aldehydes such as **2e** and **2f** yielded 3-amino furans **3** with good results (**3e**, 64% yield; **3f**, 52% yield). Furthermore, the reaction with heteroaromatic aldehydes **2g** and **2h** also went smoothly, resulting in desired products **3g** and **3h** in 81 and 67% yields, respectively. In addition, the structure of 3-amino furan **3c** was

Scheme 3. Synthesis of 3-Amino Furans **3**<sup>a,b</sup>



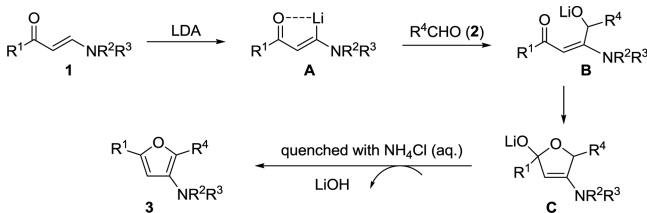
<sup>a</sup>All reactions were carried out under a  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere on a 0.5 mmol scale. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield.

characterized by X-ray crystallography (see Supporting Information, including a CIF file).

Next, we proceeded to extend the reaction scope to different kinds of enaminones **1**.  $\text{R}^1$  substituents with either an electron-withdrawing (**1i**,  $\text{R}^1 = 4\text{-chlorophenyl}$ ) or electron-donating (**1j**,  $\text{R}^1 = 4\text{-methoxyphenyl}$ ) group on the benzene ring led to a decline in the yields of the corresponding furan products (**3i**, 68% yield; **3j**, 67% yield) with respect to that using enaminone **1a** with a phenyl group as the  $\text{R}^1$  substituent (**3a**, 85% yield). Notably, the scope of the enaminones could be extended to simple aliphatic enaminones, such as **1k**, affording the corresponding furan **3k** in good yield (80%). Then, efforts were made to examine the N-substituents,  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$ , finding that isopropyl is sterically and electrically fit for this system. Other N-substituents like a phenyl group (**1l**) and piperidin-1-yl-substituted enaminone (**1m**) sharply impacted the yields of the desired products, resulting in **3l** in 41% yield and **3m** in 48% yield.

On the basis of the reported work,<sup>12a,14</sup> a plausible mechanism for this reaction is proposed in Scheme 4. The process begins with the  $\beta$ -metalation of enaminone **1** by LDA, which is aided by help from the orientation effect on the carbonyl group to form lithium compound **A**. Then, attack by aldehyde **2** gives intermediate **B**. The cyclization of **B** generates 2,5-dihydrofuran ring intermediate **C**. After quenching by a saturated solution of ammonium chloride, the desired 3-amino furan **3** was finally obtained by aromatization.

## Scheme 4. Plausible Mechanisms



In conclusion, we have developed an efficient procedure for the synthesis of 3-amino furans promoted by LDA, starting with ready-in-hand reagents. This system tolerated a broad range of enaminones and aldehydes and achieved moderate to excellent yields within 2 h. It provides a new, efficient approach to prepare polysubstituted furans.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Remarks.** Unless otherwise mentioned, all commercial reagents and solvents were used as purchased without further purification. THF was distilled from sodium/benzophenone. Column chromatographic purification of products was carried out using silica gel (200–300 mesh). NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) and 100 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) respectively, referenced to tetramethylsilane ( $\delta = 0.00$  ppm) and the residual solvent peak ( $\delta = 77.00$  ppm) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (containing 0.03% TMS) solutions. *J* values are in hertz. High-resolution mass spectra were performed on a mass spectrometer with a TOF (for EI or ESI) or FT-ICR (for MALDI) analyzer.

**General Procedure for the Preparation of (E)-Enaminone 1.**<sup>13e</sup> To a solution of ynone (5.0 mmol) in toluene or methanol (5 mL) in a Schlenk tube was added secondary amine (6.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until the full conversion of ynone was observed, as monitored by thin-layer chromatography. The resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded desired compound 1.<sup>15</sup> The data of new compounds 1 are given below.

**(E)-1-Cyclohexyl-3-(diisopropylamino)prop-2-en-1-one.** Yellow liquid, obtained in 12 h and purified by chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1); yield: 0.75 g (63%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.10–1.30 (m, 15H), 1.37–1.47 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.76–1.83 (m, 4H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (br, 2H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  18.9, 22.9, 25.4, 25.5, 25.6, 29.2, 47.8, 49.9, 93.1, 146.9, 201.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO, 238.2165; found, 238.2176.

**(E)-3-(Diisopropylamino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one.** Yellow solid, obtained in 25 min and purified by chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); yield: 1.27 g (97%); mp 77–78 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.26–1.28 (m, 12H), 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.40 (m, 1H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  19.3, 23.3, 55.1, 91.2, 113.3, 129.5, 133.7, 148.7, 162.0, 187.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, 262.1802; found, 262.1807.

**General Procedure for the Preparation of 3-Amino Furans 3.** To a solution of enaminone 1 (0.5 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) in a Schlenk tube was added a 2.0 M solution of LDA in THF (1.0 mmol, 0.5 mL) dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at –78 °C for 1 h under nitrogen. Then, aldehyde 2 (1.0 mmol) was added at –78 °C, and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to –40 °C and kept at the temperature until the full conversion of enaminone 1 was observed, as monitored by thin-layer chromatography. The resulting mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated

under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) afforded desired compound 3.

**2-(4-Bromophenyl)-N,N-diisopropyl-5-phenylfuran-3-amine (3a).** Colorless liquid, 170 mg (85% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.03 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 12H), 3.37–3.43 (m, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.69–7.72 (m, 2H), 8.22–8.25 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.6, 20.6, 49.8, 108.8, 120.1, 123.5, 126.3, 127.4, 128.6, 130.5, 130.7, 131.0, 131.9, 147.4, 150.9. HRMS (EI-TOF) *m/z*: M<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NOBr, 397.1041; found, 397.1038.

**N,N-Diisopropyl-5-phenyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)furan-3-amine (3b).** Colorless liquid, 188 mg (92% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.08 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 12H), 3.41–3.48 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 6H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 7.22–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.71–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.76 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.7, 49.5, 55.8, 55.8, 60.7, 102.0, 108.8, 123.3, 127.0, 127.1, 128.5, 130.6, 130.7, 136.7, 148.0, 150.2, 152.7. HRMS (EI-TOF) *m/z*: M<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>, 409.2253; found, 409.2252.

**2-(2-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)-N,N-diisopropyl-5-phenylfuran-3-amine (3c).** White solid, 117 mg (57% yield); mp 133–134 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.99 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 12H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 3.30–3.36 (m, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 7.08–7.10 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.75 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.9, 21.0, 49.6, 107.1, 122.4, 123.5, 127.2, 127.4, 128.6, 129.5, 131.1, 131.5, 131.9, 134.0, 139.2, 147.2, 151.0. HRMS (EI-TOF) *m/z*: M<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NOBr, 411.1198; found, 411.1201.

**N,N-Diisopropyl-2,5-diphenylfuran-3-amine (3d).** Colorless liquid, 95 mg (60% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.06 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 12H), 3.40–3.46 (m, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 7.18–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.72–7.74 (m, 2H), 8.34–8.36 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.7, 49.8, 108.9, 123.5, 124.8, 126.5, 127.2, 127.9, 128.6, 131.0, 131.3, 131.7, 148.4, 150.5. HRMS (EI-TOF) *m/z*: M<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO, 319.1936; found, 319.1932.

**2-Cyclohexyl-N,N-diisopropyl-5-phenylfuran-3-amine (3e).** Colorless liquid, 104 mg (64% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.98 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 12H), 1.26–1.38 (m, 4H), 1.62–1.83 (m, 6H), 2.84–2.88 (m, 1H), 3.24–3.31 (m, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 7.14–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.63 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.2, 26.1, 26.5, 31.5, 34.3, 49.6, 106.9, 123.0, 125.9, 126.4, 128.5, 131.6, 149.3, 157.4. HRMS (EI-TOF) *m/z*: M<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO, 325.2406; found, 325.2410.

**2-Butyl-N,N-diisopropyl-5-phenylfuran-3-amine (3f).** Colorless liquid, 78 mg (52% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.95 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 12H), 1.39–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.68 (m, 2H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.27–3.30 (m, 2H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 7.17–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.63 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.0, 21.2, 22.8, 25.2, 30.2, 49.8, 107.2, 123.0, 126.4, 127.4, 128.5, 131.6, 149.6, 153.8. HRMS (EI-TOF) *m/z*: M<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO, 299.2249; found, 299.2247.

**N,N-Diisopropyl-5-phenyl-2-(pyridin-4-yl)furan-3-amine (3g).** Yellow liquid, 130 mg (81% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.06 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 12H), 3.42–3.48 (m, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 7.27–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.76 (m, 2H), 8.17–8.19 (m, 2H), 8.57–8.59 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.5, 49.8, 109.0, 118.3, 123.7, 127.9, 128.6, 130.1, 135.7, 137.9, 145.7, 149.5, 152.5. HRMS (EI-TOF) *m/z*: M<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 320.1889; found, 320.1890.

**N,N-Diisopropyl-4'-methyl-5-phenyl-[2,2'-bifuran]-3-amine (3h).** Yellow liquid, 109 mg (67% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.029 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 6H), 1.034 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 3.36–3.39 (m, 2H), 6.03–6.04 (m, 1H), 6.63–6.64 (m, 1H), 6.85–6.86 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.71–7.74 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.6, 20.9, 49.8, 107.3, 108.1, 108.6, 123.4, 127.0, 128.6, 129.2, 130.8, 143.4, 144.4, 150.6. HRMS (EI-TOF) *m/z*: M<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, 323.1885; found, 323.1891.

**2-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-N,N-diisopropylfuran-3-amine (3i).** Colorless liquid, 148 mg (68% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.95 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 12H), 3.32–3.35 (m, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* =

8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.4, 49.8, 109.6, 120.6, 125.0, 126.6, 129.1, 129.5, 130.6, 131.4, 132.3, 133.3, 148.2, 150.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrClNO}$ , 432.0730; found, 432.0737.

**2-(4-Bromophenyl)-N,N-diisopropyl-5-(4-ethoxyphenyl)furan-3-amine (3j)**. Yellow liquid, 144 mg (67% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.03 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 12H), 3.39–3.42 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.6, 49.8, 55.2, 107.3, 114.1, 119.7, 123.8, 125.0, 126.1, 130.6, 131.0, 132.0, 146.8, 151.0, 159.1. HRMS (EI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{M}^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{BrNO}_2$ , 427.1147; found, 427.1151.

**2-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-cyclohexyl-N,N-diisopropylfuran-3-amine (3k)**. Colorless liquid, 162 mg (80% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.99 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 12H), 1.23–1.45 (m, 5H), 1.68–1.71 (m, 1H), 1.77–1.80 (m, 2H), 2.04–2.06 (m, 2H), 2.59–2.63 (m, 1H), 3.32–3.38 (m, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 7.39–7.42 (m, 2H), 8.09–8.12 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.7, 25.9, 26.1, 31.4, 37.4, 49.7, 106.6, 119.2, 125.9, 130.5, 130.9, 131.1, 145.5, 158.6. HRMS (EI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{M}^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{BrNO}$ , 403.1511; found, 403.1506.

**2-(4-Bromophenyl)-N,N-triphenylfuran-3-amine (3l)**. Colorless liquid, 96 mg (41% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.64 (s, 1H), 6.92–6.95 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.14 (m, 4H), 7.18–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.33–7.38 (m, 4H), 7.61–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.69 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  108.4, 121.0, 121.1, 122.3, 123.7, 125.5, 127.9, 128.3, 128.7, 129.2, 130.0, 130.6, 131.5, 145.2, 146.1, 152.5. HRMS (EI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{M}^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNO}$ , 465.0728; found, 465.0725.

**1-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-phenylfuran-3-yl)piperidine (3m)**. Colorless liquid, 92 mg (48% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.53–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.73 (m, 4H), 2.83–2.86 (m, 4H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 7.20–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.83–7.85 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  24.0, 26.2, 53.5, 102.2, 119.3, 123.5, 125.3, 127.4, 128.6, 130.4, 130.6, 131.4, 139.9, 140.4, 151.3. HRMS (EI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{M}^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNO}$ , 381.0728; found, 381.0724.

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