# Nitrogenous Educts Through Oxidative Amidation of Phenols: The Bimolecular Reaction 

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A. Experimental protocols. Unless otherwise indicated, proton and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded at 300 and 75 MHz , respectively, in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ solutions. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm on the $\delta$ scale. Multiplicities are described as s (singlet), d (doublet), dd, ddd, etc. (doublet of doublets, doublet of doublets of doublets, etc.), t (triplet), q (quartet) m (multiplet), and further qualified as app (apparent) b (broad) c (complex). Coupling constants, J, are reported in Hz. Low- and high-resolution mass spectra ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{e}$ ) were measured in the chemical ionization mode (CI, isobutane as the reagent gas).
B. General procedure for oxidative amidation of phenols. A solution of $\mathrm{PhI}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ ("DIB", $232.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.7 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.2$ equiv.) in $\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CHOH}$ ("HFIP", 0.5 mL ) was added dropwise over 30 sec to a vigorously stirred solution of a phenol ( $0.6 \mathrm{mmol}, 1$ equiv.) in $\mathrm{MeCN}(2.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ and HFIP ( 1.5 mL ) kept at $15{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (bath temperature). The mixture was stirred for 20 min , then it was concentrated. Silica gel chromatography of the residue, first with 1:1 AcOEt / Hexanes (removal of gross contaminants), and then with 5-10 \% MeOH in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, provided the pure product.


Compound 11a: Yield $=56 \%{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.82(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.31(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.19(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.91(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.43(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 185.5,170.3,152.5$, 127.6, 52.5, 26.1, 23.1. HRMS: calc for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{1}\left(\mathrm{MH}^{+}\right)$: 166.0868 ; found: 166.0871.


Compound 11b: Yield $=54 \% .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.77(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.67(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.24(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.96(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.69(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.22(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $0.84(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ : 185.8, 170.0, 151.3, 128.6, 55.9, 40.4, 23.2, 16.4, 13.9. HRMS: calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{1}\left(\mathrm{MH}^{+}\right)$: 194.1181; found: 194.1182


Compound 11c: Yield $=62 \%{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.81(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.31(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.26(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.21(\mathrm{~h}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.91(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0,89$ $(\mathrm{d}, 6 \mathrm{H}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}){ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ : 185.8, 170.1, 149.8, 129.3, 58.9, 34.7, 23.3, 16.9.

HRMS: calc for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{1}\left(\mathrm{MH}^{+}\right)$: 194.1181; found: 194.1181.


Compound 11d: Yield $=58 \% .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.95(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.80(\mathrm{br}$ s, 1H), 6.29 (d, 2H, $J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.76 (s, 2H), 1.97 (s, $3 H) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}: 184.7,170.2,170.1,148.4,128.8,53.2,52.3,42.2,23.5$.


Compound 11e: Yield $=57 \%{ }^{1}{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.84(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.43$ (br s, 1H), 6.28 (d, 2H, $J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), $4.47(\mathrm{q}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), $2.41(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.94(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.83(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$. ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}: 185.4,171.4,170.0,150.0,129.2,60.5(q), 55.6,37.2,32.7,23.4,18.4$.


Compound 11f: Yield $=67 \% .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.89(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.70(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.31(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.26(\mathrm{br}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.91$ (s, 3H). ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}: 184.7$, $170.5,148.0,130.0,118.7,55.0,32.4,23.4,11.9$.


Compound 11g: Yield $=71 \% .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.91(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.82(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=$ $10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.26(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.31(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.97(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.89(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.52(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 185.3,170.2,149.9,129.1,118.8$, 55.3,36.1, 23.2, 19.2, 16.8.


Compound 11h: Yield $=71 \% .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.86(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.60(\mathrm{br}$ $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.26(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.31(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.92(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.87(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.60(\mathrm{q}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.35(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 185.4,170.1$, $150.2,129.0,119.2,55.7,36.9,25.0,23.4,22.4,16.8$.


Compound 11j: Yield $=65 \%{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H} 6.81(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.37(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.30(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.35(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.01(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.96(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.73(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ 185.3, 170.0, 149.9, 129.4, 55.5, 36.4, 32.8, 26.3, 23.5.


Compound 11k: Yield $=72 \%$. ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.84(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.68(\mathrm{br}$ $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.26(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.32(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.91(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.80(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.37(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}: 185.6,170.1,150.6,128.9,55.8,37.0$, 32.9, 32.1, 23.3, 21.7.


Compound 111: Yield $=42 \% .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.82(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.29(\mathrm{~d}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 5.89. (br s, 1H), 3.31 (t, 2H, $J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 1.98 (m, 2H, overlapping a s, 3 H ), $1.47(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 185.4,170.1,150.0,129.2$, 55.6, 50.9, 34.9, 23.4, 22.9.


Compound 11m: Yield $=49 \%{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.79(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.25(\mathrm{br}$ $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.24(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.20(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.91(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.78(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.47$ (quintuplet, $2 \mathrm{H}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), $1.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ : $185.6,170.2,150.7,128.8,55.8,50.8,37.4,28.4,23.2,20.4$.

NHAc Compound 11n: Yield $=53 \% .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 7.62(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.24(\mathrm{~d}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.98(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.84(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=9.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.21(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J$ NHTs $=9.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), $5.83(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.83(\mathrm{brm}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.38(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.03(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.91(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 185.6,170.8,150.4,143.8,136.1,129.8,128.9,126.9,54.8,38.2,37.7$, 23.3, 21.5.


Compound 110: Yield $=67 \% .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.80(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.30$ (d, $2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.21(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.99(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.95(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 1.88(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.53(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.16(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 185.4,178.4$,. 169.9, 150.1, 129.1, 63.3, 55.5, 38.6, 34.2, 27.0, 23.3, 22.6. HRMS: calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{1}$ $\left(\mathrm{MH}^{+}\right): 294.1705$; found 294.1705


Compound 18: Yield $=52 \% .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 6.86(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.37(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.21(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.18(\mathrm{q}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}), 1.45(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H})$, 1.08 (t, $3 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 185.3,173.6,152.3,127.6,52.3,29.3$,
26.2, 9.3.


Compound 20: Yield $=24 \% .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}\left(\mathrm{MeOH}-d_{4}\right)$ : 7.43 ( $\mathrm{s}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.94 ( s , $3 \mathrm{H}), 1.43(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{MeOH}-d_{4}\right): 172.4,171.6,153.9,119.8$, 56.5,23.6, 21.1.


Compound 22: Yield $=31 \% .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ (acetone- $d_{6}$ ): $7.06(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz})$, $6.29(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.15(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.91(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ (acetone- $\left.d_{6}\right): 184.8$, $171.5,147.6,130.3,116.5,54.0,27.0,23.3$.
C. Procedure for the cylization of compounds $\mathbf{1 1 j}$ and $\mathbf{1 1 k}$. A solution of $\mathbf{1 1 j}$ or $\mathbf{1 1 k} \mathbf{( 0 . 2}$ mmol) in dry THF ( 2.0 mL ) was treated with solid NaH ( 1.1 eq .) and stirred at room temperature and under Ar. After $10(\mathbf{1 1 j}) / 60(\mathbf{1 1 k})$ minutes, TLC showed complete conversion. The mixture was quenched with 2 drops of a saturated aqueous solution of $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ and concentrated, and the aqueous residue was extracted with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(3 \times 2 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined extracts were filtered and concentrated to give essentially pure product $\mathbf{2 7}$ and $\mathbf{2 8}$ as slightly yellow oils.


Compound 27: 1:1 ratio of amide rotamers. Yield $=91 \% .{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}: 6.89(\mathrm{~d}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) \& 6.76(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.30(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz})$ $\& 6.23(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.81(\mathrm{app} \mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}) \& 3.72(\mathrm{app} \mathrm{t}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.23(\operatorname{app} \mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}) \& 1.08(\mathrm{~cm}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.07(\mathrm{~s}$, $1.5 \mathrm{H}) \& 1.89(\mathrm{~s}, 1.5 \mathrm{H})$.


Compound 28: Yield $=91 \% .{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}: 7.01(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.19(\mathrm{~d}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.58(\mathrm{appt}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 2.08(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.80(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.63(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 185.3,171.8,152.0,125.9,56.8,38.2,23.9$, 23.2 (two overlapping signals), 19.5.

