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A Bioinspired Catalytic Aerobic Oxidative C—H Functionalization of Primary Aliphatic Amines: Synthesis of 1,2-Disubstituted Benzimidazoles

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I. General considerations

¹H NMR and 1D proton decoupled ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ on a Brucker AC-300 spectrometer operating at 300 MHz and 75 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts δ are given in ppm relative to TMS and coupling constants *J*, in Hertz. The measurements were carried out using the standard pulse-sequences. The carbon type (methyl, methylene, methine, or quaternary) was determined by DEPT experiments. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were performed on a Bruker maXis mass spectrometer operating in the positive ion mode. Chemicals were commercial products of the highest available purity and were used as supplied.

The following compounds are known with analytical data reported in the literature: benzimidazole $4a^{[1-3]}$; benzimidazole $4b^{[2]}$; benzimidazole $4d^{[2]}$; benzimidazole $4g^{[2]}$; benzimidazole $4h^{[2]}$; benzimidazole $4k^{[3]}$; benzimidazole $4q^{[4]}$; benzimidazole $4s^{[5]}$; benzimidazole $4t^{[6]}$; benzimidazole $4u^{[3]}$; benzimidazole $4v^{[7]}$

II. Analytical data for known compounds for which NMR data are not reported

Benzimidazole 4c.^[8] ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 1.35 (s, 9H, CH₃), 7.28 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.35-7.40 (m, 5H, Ar), 7.55-7.58 (m, 5H, Ar), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 31.2 (3 x CH₃), 34.8 (Cq), 110.4 (CH, Ar), 119.7 (CH, Ar), 122.9 (CH, Ar), 123.2 (CH, Ar), 125.3 (2 x CH, Ar), 126.9 (Cq), 127.6 (2 x CH, Ar), 128.6 (CH, Ar), 129.1 (2 x CH, Ar), 129.9 (2 x CH, Ar), 137.2 (Cq), 137.3 (Cq), 143.0 (Cq), 152.4 (Cq), 152.7 (Cq); HRMS (ESI+) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₂₂N₂ [M+H]⁺ 327.1856, Found 327.1856.

Benzimidazole 4e.^{[9] 1}H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): $\delta = 3.66$ (s, 6H, 2 x CH₃), 6.49 (m, 1H, Ar), 6.78 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.26-7.28 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.33-7.36 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.50-7.53 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.95 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): $\delta = 55.3$ (2 x CH₃), 102.7 (CH, Ar), 107.2 (2 x CH, Ar), 110.5 (CH, Ar), 119.9 (CH, Ar), 123.1 (CH, Ar), 123.5 (CH, Ar), 127.5 (2 x CH, Ar), 128.6 (CH, Ar), 129.9 (2 x CH, Ar), 131.5, (Cq), 137.1 (Cq), 137.3 (Cq), 142.8 (Cq), 152.1 (Cq), 160.5 (2 x Cq); HRMS (ESI+) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 331.1441, Found 331.1441.

Benzimidazole 4f.^[10] ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 3.65 (m, 2H, NH, D₂O exchanged), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.55 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.25-7.43 (m, 7H, Ar), 7.53-7.56 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar) ; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 110.5 (CH, Ar), 115.4 (CH, Ar), 115.7 (CH, Ar), 119.8 (CH, Ar), 123.2 (CH, Ar), 123.5 (CH, Ar), 126. 09 (CH, Ar), 126.13 (CH, Ar), 127.4 (CH, Ar), 128.8 (CH, Ar), 130.0 (CH, Ar), 131.4 (CH, Ar), 131.5 (CH, Ar), 136.8 (Cq), 137.2 (Cq), 142.8 (Cq), 151.4

(Cq), 161.8 (Cq), 165.1 (Cq); HRMS (ESI+) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₃ [M+H]⁺ 286.1344, Found 286.1347.

Benzimidazole 4j.^{[9] 1}H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_{3}$, 25°C, TMS): $\delta = 7.23-7.55$ (m, 12H, Ar), 7.89-7.94 (m, 2H, Ar), 8.05 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.18 (m, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_{3}$, 25°C, TMS): $\delta = 110.7$ (CH, Ar), 120.2 (CH, Ar), 123.1 (CH, Ar), 123.5 (CH, Ar), 124.6 (CH, Ar), 125.9 (CH, Ar), 126.3 (CH, Ar), 126.5 (2 x CH, Ar), 126.7 (CH, Ar), 127.7 (Cq), 128.1 (CH, Ar), 128.3 (CH, Ar), 129.5 (3 x CH, Ar), 130.0 (CH, Ar), 132.2 (Cq), 133.6 (Cq), 136.1 (Cq), 136.4 (Cq), 143.2 (Cq), 151.9 (Cq); HRMS (ESI+) m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{16}N_2$ [M+H]⁺ 321.1386, Found 321.1387.

Benzimidazole 4I.^[11] ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): $\delta = 6.21$ (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H, furyl), 6.4 (m, 1H, furyl), 7.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, furyl), 7.25-7.40 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.44-7.47 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.52-7.53 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.62-7.63 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): $\delta = 110.2$ (CH, Ar), 111.5 (CH, Ar), 112.2 (CH, Ar), 119.9 (CH, Ar), 123.1 (CH, Ar), 123.6 (CH, Ar), 128.0 (2 x CH, Ar), 129.5 (CH, Ar), 130.0 (2 x CH, Ar), 136.4 (Cq), 137.2 (Cq), 142.9 (Cq), 144.2 (2 x CH, Ar), 144.5 (Cq); HRMS (ESI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₂N₂O [M+H]⁺ 261.1028, Found 261.1035.

Benzimidazole 4m.^{[12] 1}H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 1.22-1.97 (m, 10H, cyclohexyl), 2.73-2.78 (m, 1H, cyclohexyl), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.22 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H, CH, Ar), 7.40 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.61-7.64 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 25.7 (CH₂), 26.2 (2 x CH₂), 32.0 (2 x CH₂), 36.2 (CH), 110.1 (CH, Ar), 119.1 (CH, Ar), 122.4 (CH, Ar), 122.5 (CH, Ar), 127.6 (2 x CH, Ar), 129.0 (CH, Ar), 130.0 (2 x CH, Ar), 136.0 (Cq), 136.4 (Cq), 142.3 (Cq), 159.3 (Cq); HRMS (ESI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₀N₂ [M+H]⁺ 277.1705, Found 277.1693.

Benzimidazole 4n.^{[13] 1}H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 1.05-1.10 (m, 2H, cyclopropyl), 1.37-1.40 (m, 2H, cyclopropyl), 1.90 (m, 1H, cyclopropyl), 7.18-7.20 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.25-7.29 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.50-7.54 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.60-7.62 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 8.3 (CH), 9.6 (2 x CH₂), 109.7 (CH, Ar), 118.8 (CH, Ar), 122.2 (CH, Ar), 122.4 (CH, Ar), 127.4 (2 x CH, Ar), 128.7 (CH, Ar), 129.9 (2 x CH, Ar), 136.0 (Cq), 136.5 (Cq), 142.4 (Cq), 156.9 (Cq); HRMS (ESI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₂ [M+H]⁺ 235.1235, Found 235.1228.

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IV. Analytical data for new compounds

Benzimidazole 4i. Colorless crystal (recrystallized from petroleum ether) m.p. 120-124°C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 7.28-7.35 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.41-7.53 (m, 8H, Ar), 7.98 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H, Ar) ; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 110.7 (CH, Ar), 120.3 (CH, Ar), 123.2 (CH, Ar), 123.9 (CH, Ar), 126.6 (2 x CH, Ar), 127.2 (CH, Ar), 128.4 (CH, Ar), 128.8 (CH, Ar), 129.6 (2 x CH, Ar), 129.8 (CH, Ar), 133.3 (Cq), 135.0 (Cq), 135.8 (Cq), 135.9 (Cq), 136.5 (Cq), 142.8 (Cq), 149.4 (Cq); HRMS (ESI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₂Cl₂N₂ [M+H]⁺ 339.0450. Found 339.0450.

Benzimidazole 4o. Colorless crystal (recrystallized from petroleum ether): m.p. 80-84°C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 3.10-3.30 (m, 4H, 2 x CH₂), 7.13-7.36 (m, 10H, Ar), 7.57 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 29.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (CH₂), 110.2 (CH, Ar), 119.1 (CH, Ar), 122.6 (CH, Ar), 122.8 (CH, Ar), 126.3 (CH, Ar), 127.4 (2 x CH, Ar), 128.4 (2 x CH, Ar), 128.5 (2 x CH, Ar), 129.0 (CH, Ar), 129.9 (2 x CH, Ar), 135.7 (Cq), 136.4 (Cq), 140.8 (Cq), 142.2 (Cq), 154.3 (Cq); HRMS (ESI+) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₂ [M+H]⁺ 299.1548. Found 299.1548.

Benzimidazole 4p. Pale yellow oil: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 0.85-0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, *n*-octyl), 1.25-1.40 (m, 8H, *n*-octyl), 1.76-7.86 (m, 2H, *n*-octyl), 2.78-2.83 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, *n*-octyl), 7.10 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.3 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.36 (d, J = 7 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.57 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.82 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, Ar) ; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 14.1 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₂), 27.7 (CH₂), 27.8 (CH₂), 28.9 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 31.6 (CH₂), 109.9 (CH, Ar), 119.1 (CH, Ar), 122.3 (CH, Ar), 122.5 (CH, Ar), 127.4 (2 x CH, Ar), 128.9 (CH, Ar), 129.9 (2 x CH, Ar), 136.1 (Cq), 136.5 (Cq), 142.6 (Cq), 155.4 (Cq); HRMS (ESI+) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₂₄N₂ [M+H]⁺ 293.2018. Found 293.2018.

Benzimidazole 4r. Colorless crystal (recrystallized from petroleum ether) : m.p. 120-124°C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H, isobutyl), 2.20-2.29 (m, 1H, isobutyl), 2.73-2.76 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H, isobutyl), 7.15 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H, CH, Ar), 7.35 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.4 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.58-7.64 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.85 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar) ; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): $\delta = 22.5$ (2 x CH₃), 28.0 (CH, isobutyl), 36.4 (CH₂), 110.1 (CH, Ar), 119.0 (CH, Ar), 122.5 (CH, Ar), 122.7 (CH, Ar), 127.6 (2 x CH, Ar), 129.0 (CH, Ar), 130.0 (2 x CH, Ar), 136.0 (Cq), 136.4 (Cq), 142.1 (Cq), 154.6 (Cq); HRMS (ESI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂ [M+H]⁺ 251.1548. Found 251.1560.

Benzimidazole 4w. Colorless crystal (recrystallized from petroleum ether) : mp 92-96°C ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 1.04-1.10 (m, 2H, cyclopropyl), 1.34-1.39 (m, 2H, cyclopropyl), 1.85 (m, 1H, cyclopropyl), 7.12-7.30 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar) ; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, 25°C, TMS): δ = 8.3 (CH), 9.7 (2 x CH₂), 109.4 (CH, Ar), 119.0 (CH, Ar), 122.5 (CH, Ar), 122.7 (CH, Ar), 128.6 (2 x CH, Ar), 130.1 (2 x CH, Ar), 134.52 (Cq), 134.55 (Cq), 136.3 (Cq),142.4 (Cq), 156.6 (Cq); HRMS (ESI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₃ClN₂ [M+H]⁺ 269.0846. Found 269.0841.

V.High field ¹H NMR spectra and 1D proton-decoupled ¹³C NMR spectra for all compounds 4a-w (see next page)







































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