Supplementary Figures



160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)

Supplementary Figure 2. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3a



Supplementary Figure 3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3b



Supplementary Figure 4. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3b



Supplementary Figure 5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3c



Supplementary Figure 6. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3c







Supplementary Figure 7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3d



Supplementary Figure 8. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3d



Supplementary Figure 9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3e



Supplementary Figure 10. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3e



Supplementary Figure 11. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3f



Supplementary Figure 12. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3f



Supplementary Figure 13. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3g



Supplementary Figure 14. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3g



Supplementary Figure 15. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3h



Supplementary Figure 16. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3h



Supplementary Figure 17. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3i



Supplementary Figure 18. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3i



Supplementary Figure 19. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3j



Supplementary Figure 20. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3j



Supplementary Figure 21. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3k



Supplementary Figure 22. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3k



Supplementary Figure 23. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3m



Supplementary Figure 24. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3m



Supplementary Figure 25. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3n₁



Supplementary Figure 26. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3n₁



Supplementary Figure 27. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3n₂



Supplementary Figure 28. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3n₂



Supplementary Figure 29. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 30



Supplementary Figure 30. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 30



Supplementary Figure 31. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3p



Supplementary Figure 32. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3p



Supplementary Figure 33. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3q



Supplementary Figure 34. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3q



Supplementary Figure 35. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3r



Supplementary Figure 36. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3r



Supplementary Figure 37. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3s



Supplementary Figure 38. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3s



Supplementary Figure 39. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3t



Supplementary Figure 40. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 3t



Supplementary Figure 41. $^1\!\mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3u



Supplementary Figure 42. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3u



Supplementary Figure 43. $^1\!\mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3v



Supplementary Figure 44. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 3v



Supplementary Figure 45. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 5a



Supplementary Figure 46. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 5a



Supplementary Figure 47. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 5b



Supplementary Figure 48. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 5b



Supplementary Figure 49. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 5c



Supplementary Figure 50. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 5c



Supplementary Figure 51. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 5d



Supplementary Figure 52. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 5d



Supplementary Figure 49. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 5e



Supplementary Figure 54. ¹³C NMR (101MHz, DMSO) spectrum of 5e



Supplementary Figure 55. The comparison of equivalents of aromatic hydrocarbons. (a) Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol of *p*-xylene. (b) Reaction was proceeded with 0.3 mmol of *p*-xylene.



Supplementary Figure 56. ¹H NMR spectrum of desired product from KIE experiment

Supplementary Tables

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	+	Y mol ^o 8 mol ^o CH ₃ Cľ	% Acr ⁺ -Mes CIO_4^- % Co(dmgH) ₂ Cl ₂ N, N ₂ , blue LEDs, 25 °C, 24 h	$+$ H_2
1a, X e.q.	2a, 0.3 mmol			3a
Entry	х	Y	CH ₃ CN (mL)	GC yield (%)
1	1	3	4.0	17
2	2	3	4.0	23
3	3	3	4.0	28
4	4	3	4.0	31
5	4	5	4.0	36
6	4	7	4.0	44
7	4	7	1.0	30
8	4	7	2.0	36
9	4	7	3.0	43
10	4	7	5.0	65

Supplementary Methods

General information: All manipulations were carried out by standard Schlenk techniques. Unless otherwise stated, analytical grade solvents and commercially available reagents were used to conduct the reactions. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) employed glass 0.25 mm silica gel plates. Flash chromatography columns were packed with 200-300 mesh silica gel in petroleum ether (bp. 60–90 °C). Gradient flash chromatography was conducted eluting with a continuous gradient from petroleum ether to the ethyl acetate. All new compounds were characterized by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS. The known compounds were characterized by ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured with a Waters Micromass GCT instrument and accurate masses were reported for the molecular ion + Hydrogen (M+H). Hydrogen gas content was analyzed by gas chromatography (7890-II, Tianmei, China, TCD, nitrogen as a carrier gas and 5 Å molecular sieve column, a thermal conductivity detector).

Conditions Screening: A solution of *p*-xylene **1a** (X equiv), 1*H*-pyrazole **2a** (0.3 mmol), photocatalyst (Y mol%) and Co^{III}(dmgH)₂Cl₂ (8 mol%) in degassed dry CH₃CN were stirred under nitrogen atmosphere and irradiated by 3W blue LEDs at 25 °C for 24 h. After completion of the reaction, the yield of desired product **3a** was determined by GC with naphthalene as the internal standard. The results were summarized in Supplementary Table 1.

Reaction conditions for Substrate Scope: A solution of arenes **1** (1.2 mmol or 2.0 mL), azoles **2** (0.3 mmol), photocatalyst (7 mol%) and $Co^{III}(dmgH)_2Cl_2$ (8 mol%) in degassed dry CH₃CN (5.0 mL or 3.0 mL) were stirred under nitrogen atmosphere and irradiated by 3W blue LEDs at 25 °C for 24 h. After completion of the reaction, H₂ was detected by GC-TCD. The aqueous solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL) and the combined extracts were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure by rotary evaporation. Then, the pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1).

Procedure for Kinetic Isotope Effect (KIE) Experiment: A solution of biphenyl (0.6 mmol) and 1,1'-biphenyl-d₁₀ (0.6 mmol), 1*H*-pyrazole **2a** (0.3 mmol), Acr⁺-Mes ClO₄⁻ (7 mol%) and Co^{III}(dmgH)₂Cl₂ (8 mol%) in degassed dry CH₃CN (5.0 mL) were stirred under nitrogen atmosphere and irradiated by 3W blue LEDs at 25 °C for 1h. After completion of the reaction, H₂ was detected by GC-TCD. The aqueous solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL) and the combined extracts were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure by rotary evaporation. Then, the pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate= 25:1) to afford 15% combined amination products. The ratio was K_H: K_D =1.04 determined by ¹H NMR spectrum. (See Supplementary Fig. 56).

Procedure for Kinetic Order in biphenyl substrate: The order in substrate arene was determined

by studying the initial rate of reaction with different concentrations of arene. Under nitrogen atmosphere, biphenyl ($0.3 \sim 1.8 \text{ mmol}$, 0.3 mmol, 0.6 mmol, 1.2 mmol, 1.5 mmol, 1.8 mmol), 1Hpyrazole **2a** (0.3 mmol), Acr⁺-Mes ClO₄⁻ (0.021 mmol, 7 mol %), Co^{III}(dmgH)₂Cl₂ (8 mol%) and degassed dry CH₃CN (5.0 mL) were added to the reaction vessel one by one. The reaction was carried out under irradiation by a commercially available blue LEDs at 25 °C for 1 h. The GC yields were determined using naphthalene as an internal standard. Finally, the initial rate for different concentration of biphenyl vs relative concentrations could be obtained.

Analytical Data of Compounds



Amination of *p***-xylene with pyrazole¹:** Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol *p*-xylene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3a**. 36.2 mg colorless liquid (yield: 70%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.44 – 6.41 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.24, 139.81, 136.50, 131.15, 130.59, 130.34, 129.15, 126.81, 106.17, 20.86, 17.74. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 173.1073, found 173.1072.



Amination of *m*-xylene with pyrazole²: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol *m*-xylene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3b** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:13 ($C_A:C_B$) as determined by ¹H NMR. 50.1 mg colorless liquid (yield: 97%, 0.3 mmol scale). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 0.08H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.91H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 0.92H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.08H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45 – 6.43 (m, 0.08H), 6.42 – 6.40 (m, 0.92H), 2.36 (s, 2.88H), 2.18 (s, 2.88H), 2.00 (s, 0.44H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.14, 140.10, 138.31, 137.64, 136.28, 133.51, 131.87, 130.75, 130.63, 129.01, 128.17, 127.16, 126.05, 106.06, 105.93, 21.13, 17.97, 17.37. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 173.1073, found 173.1068.



3c

Amination of *o***-xylene with pyrazole:** Reaction was proceeded with 2.0 mL *o*-xylene and 3.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3c**. 36.4 mg colorless liquid (yield: 71%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.41 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.51 – 6.49 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 140.50, 137.78, 137.53, 134.21, 130.27, 127.42, 119.46, 115.72, 107.50, 19.58, 18.85. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 173.1073, found 173.1067.



Amination of 1-(*tert*-**butyl**)-4-methylbenzene with pyrazole: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-methylbenzene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3d** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 19:1 ($C_A:C_B$) determined by ¹H NMR. 61.1 mg colorless liquid (yield: 95%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.08 – 7.98 (m, 0.95H), 7.90 – 7.83 (m, 0.06H), 7.80 – 7.61 (m, 0.95H), 7.65 – 7.63 (m, 0.05H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 0.08H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 1.92H), 6.49 – 6.44 (m, 0.94H), 6.45 – 6.40 (m, 0.05H), 2.28 (s, 0.22H), 2.14 (s, 2.78H), 1.28 (s, 8.50H), 1.07 (s, 0.50H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ

149.43, 139.89, 139.39, 131.33, 130.91, 129.62, 125.07, 122.52, 106.21, 34.22, 31.04, 17.38. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{14}H_{19}N_{2^+}$, $[M+H]^+$, 215.1543, found 215.1538.



Amination of toluene with pyrazole^{1,3}: Reaction was proceeded with 2.0 mL toluene and 3.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3e** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:14 (*ortho:para*) as determined by ¹H NMR. 38.0 mg pale yellow liquid (yield: 81%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 0.10H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 0.90H), 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.54 – 6.49 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 0.20H), 2.33 (s, 2.80H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 140.67, 137.59, 135.50, 129.94, 127.55, 118.36, 107.66, 20.49.



Amination of *n*-butylbenzene with pyrazole: Reaction was proceeded with 2.0 mL of *n*-butylbenzene and 3.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3f** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:8.6 (*ortho:para*) as determined by ¹H NMR. 42.1 mg colorless liquid (yield: 70%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.43 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 0.10H), 8.38 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 0.86H), 7.91 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 0.27H), 7.73 – 7.63 (m, 2,88H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 0.62H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.48 – 6.40 (m, 1H), 2.64 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.30 – 1.20 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2.58H), 0.69 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.77H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 140.66, 140.39, 139.94, 139.46, 138.06, 137.75, 131.50, 130.42, 129.26, 128.50, 127.54, 126.67, 126.40, 126.19, 118.38, 107.62, 106.30, 34.84, 34.20, 33.13, 33.06, 32.10, 30.55, 21.92, 21.74, 13.83, 13.64. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₇N_{2⁺}, [M+H]⁺, 201.1386, found 201.1382.



Amination of cumene with pyrazole⁴: Reaction was proceeded with 2.0 mL cumene and 3.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3h** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:6.1 (*ortho:para*) as determined by ¹H NMR. 40.7 mg colorless liquid (yield: 73%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.14H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.86H), 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 2.78H), 7.69 – 7.61 (m, 0.22H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.55 – 6.50 (m, 1H), 2.93 (hept, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.33 – 1.11 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 146.44, 140.67, 137.82, 127.59, 127.30, 118.49, 107.72, 107.61, 32.95, 23.89, 23.81. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 187.1230, found 187.1227.



Amination of isobutylbenzene with pyrazole: Reaction was proceeded with 2.0 mL isobutylbenzene and 3.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3g** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:8.1 (*ortho:para*) as determined by ¹H NMR. 29.4 mg colorless liquid (yield: 49%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.48 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 0.11H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.89H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 2.82H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 0.18H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1.87H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 0.1H), 6.55 – 6.49 (m, 1H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 140.69, 139.19, 137.80, 129.92,

127.56, 118.24, 107.64, 43.92, 29.69, 22.18, 22.14. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{13}H_{17}N_2^+$, $[M+H]^+$, 201.1386, found 201.1383.



Amination of *tert*-butylbenzene with pyrazole: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol *tert*-butylbenzene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3i** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:4.6 (*ortho:para*) as determined by ¹H NMR. 57.1 mg colorless liquid (yield: 95%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.18H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.82H), 7.83 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 0.21H), 7.77 – 7.69 (m, 2.58H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 0.29H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 0.06H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 1.55H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 0.21H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 0.22H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 0.07H), 6.55 – 6.50 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 1.80H), 1.30 (s, 7.20H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 152.38, 148.67, 140.77, 140.69, 137.48, 129.20, 127.85, 127.59, 126.20, 123.14, 118.17, 115.77, 115.51, 107.69, 107.61, 34.71, 34.27, 31.14, 31.07. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₇N₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 201.1386, found 201.1382.



Amination of mesitylene with pyrazole²: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol mesitylene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3j**. 51.4 mg colorless liquid (yield: 92%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 6.94 (s, 2H), 6.43 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.02, 138.80, 136.96, 135.92, 130.91, 128.81, 105.82, 21.17, 17.28. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 187.1230, found 187.1232.



Amination of 1,3,5-triethylbenzene with pyrazole: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol 1,3,5-triethylbenzene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3k**. 67.6 mg colorless liquid (yield: 99%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 6.42 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31 – 2.13 (m, 4H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.56, 142.00, 139.78, 136.01, 131.59, 126.02, 105.62, 28.86, 24.31, 15.72, 15.44. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₂₁N_{2⁺}, [M+H]⁺, 229.1699, found 229.1694.



Amination of *m***-xylene with 3-methyl-1***H***-pyrazole:** Reaction was proceeded with 2.0 mL *m*-xylene and 3.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3l** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:11 (C_A:C_B) as determined by ¹H NMR. 49.2 mg colorless liquid (yield: 88%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.91H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0.09H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 0.13H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 0.88H), 6.25 – 6.23 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 2.75H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 2.75H), 1.94 (s, 0.50H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 148.20, 148.00, 137.51, 137.12, 135.54, 132.23, 132.20, 131.88, 131.61, 128.62, 127.98, 127.04, 125.53, 105.90, 105.44, 20.55, 17.89, 17.07, 13.41. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C_{12H15N2⁺}, [M+H]+, 187.1230, found 187.1225.



Amination of *m*-xylene with 3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazole: Reaction was proceeded with 2.0 mL *m*-xylene and 3.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the N isomerous products **3n**₁ 56.6 mg colorless liquid (yield: 76%, 0.3 mmol scale) and **3n**₂ 17.1 mg colorless liquid (yield: 23%, 0.3 mmol scale). The *ortho:para* ratio of the **3n**₁ was 1:8 (C_A:C_B) and the *ortho:para* ratio of the **3n**₂ was 1:11.5 (C_A:C_B) as determined by ¹H NMR.

3n₁: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.89H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 0.11H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 0.10H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.90H), 2.37 (s, 2.75H), 2.26 (s, 2.75H), 2.08 (s, 0.60H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.16, 138.40, 137.72, 136.34, 133.57, 133.46, 132.30, 132.07, 132.00, 129.14, 128.70, 128.34, 127.85, 127.27, 126.07, 125.82, 103.46, 103.33, 21.19, 18.18, 17.57. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 249.1386, found 249.1381. **3n**₂: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.79 (s, 0.08H), 7.72 (s, 0.92H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 3H), 7.22 – 6.99 (m, 5H), 6.77 (s, 0.08H), 6.69 (s, 0.92H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 143.45,

139.83, 138.48, 136.92, 134.71, 131.39, 129.93, 128.59, 128.13, 127.85, 127.61, 127.24, 126.77, 106.04, 20.71, 17.16, 16.97. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 249.1386, found 249.1379.



Amination of *m***-xylene with 4-methyl-1***H***-pyrazole:** Reaction was proceeded with 2.0 mL *m*-xylene and 3.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3o** as an inseparable mixture. The *ortho:para* ratio of the mixture was 1:14 (C_A:C_B) as determined by ¹H NMR. 50.3mg colorless liquid (yield: 90%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.69 (s, 0.93H), 7.57 (s, 0.07H), 7.51 (s, 0.08H), 7.49 (s, 0.87H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 2.80H), 2.16 (s, 2.80H), 2.11 – 2.07 (m, 3H), 1.93 (s, 0.40H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 140.38, 140.20, 139.51, 137.57, 137.16, 135.47, 132.23, 131.66, 129.93, 129.64, 128.64, 128.00, 127.04, 125.38, 115.85, 115.44, 20.52, 17.91, 17.03, 8.66. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 187.1230, found 187.1226.



Amination of *m*-xylene with 4-chloro-1*H*-pyrazole: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol *m*-xylene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product 3p as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:15.7 (C_A:C_B) as determined by ¹H NMR. 58.9 mg colorless liquid (yield: 95%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.26 (s, 0.94H), 8.19 (s, 0.06H), 7.83 (s, 0.14H), 7.79 (s, 1.86H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 2.74H), 2.14 (s, 2.73H), 1.95 (s, 0.43H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 138.23, 138.21, 136.97, 135.43, 132.61, 131.71, 129.92, 129.52, 129.29, 128.19, 127.20, 125.68, 109.37, 109.07, 20.57, 17.58, 16.91. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₂ClN₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 207.0684, found 207.0680.



Amination of *m***-xylene with 4-bromo-1***H***-pyrazole:** Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol *m*-xylene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3q** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:15.7 ($C_A:C_B$) as determined by ¹H NMR. 73.8 mg colorless liquid (yield: 98%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 0.94H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 0.06H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 0.10H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 0.90H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 2.83H), 2.14 (s, 2.82H), 1.95 (s, 0.38H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 140.26, 138.22, 136.91, 135.40, 132.60, 131.89, 131.69, 131.49, 129.28, 128.18, 127.19, 125.68, 93.14, 92.77, 20.58, 17.59, 16.93. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₂BrN₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 251.0178, found 251.0172.



Amination of *m*-xylene with 3,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazole: Reaction was proceeded with 2.0 mL *m*-xylene and 3.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3r** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:7.6 (C_A:C_B) as determined by ¹H NMR. 58.9 mg colrless liquid (yield: 98%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 0.17H), 7.15 – 7.01 (m, 2.81H), 5.97 (s, 0.11H), 5.95 (s, 0.84H), 2.36 (s, 2.67H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2.88H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2.78H), 2.00 (s, 2.62H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 0.71H), 1.86 (s, 0.49H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.43, 140.38, 138.85, 136.96, 136.31, 135.97, 131.51, 128.94, 128.10, 127.75, 127.15, 104.88, 104.63, 21.29, 17.38, 17.25, 13.82, 13.74, 11.42, 10.97. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₇N_{2⁺}, [M+H]⁺, 201.1386, found 201.1379.



Amination of *m*-xylene with 1*H*-indazole: Reaction was proceeded with 2.0 mL *m*-xylene and 3.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product 3s as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:11.5 ($C_A:C_B$) as determined by ¹H NMR. 54.0 mg pale yellow liquid (yield: 81%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 – 8.06 (m, 0.92H), 8.00 – 7.97 (m, 0.08H), 7.83 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 2.40 (s, 2.81H), 2.20 (s, 2.81H), 1.99 (s, 0.38H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.27, 139.23, 138.02, 135.66, 133.63, 131.92, 129.49, 128.25, 127.26, 126.48, 126.38, 124.57, 124.51, 122.14, 122.00, 120.51, 120.38, 118.19, 117.98, 21.28, 17.89, 17.34. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N_{2⁺}, [M+H]⁺, 223.1230, found 223.1227.



Amination of *m*-xylene with 1*H*-1,2,3-triazole: Reaction was proceeded with 2.0 mL *m*-xylene and 3.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product 3t as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:9 (C_A:C_B) as determined by ¹H NMR of the isolated product. 27.2 mg pale yellow liquid (yield: 53%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 0.10H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 0.90H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 0.90H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 0.10H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 2.89H), 2.15 (s, 2.89H), 1.98 (s, 1.22H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.02, 135.53, 134.07, 133.75, 133.58, 133.45, 132.08, 130.07, 128.50, 127.45, 125.87, 125.35, 125.24, 21.21, 17.75, 17.37. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₃⁺, [M+H]⁺, 174.1026, found 174.1019.



Amination of *m*-xylene with 1*H*-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol *m*-xylene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **3u** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:12 ($C_A:C_B$) as determined by ¹H NMR. 54.3 mg colorless liquid (yield: 81%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.22 – 8.15 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 0.10H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.90H), 2.39 (s, 2.77H), 1.96 (s, 2.77H), 1.81 (s, 0.46H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 144.87, 144.78, 139.95, 135.89, 134.24, 133.51, 132.23, 132.08, 130.42, 128.78, 128.68, 128.43, 127.78, 126.81, 124.42, 124.36, 119.70, 119.53, 110.40, 109.91, 20.76, 17.10, 16.91. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N_{3⁺}, [M+H]⁺, 224.1182, found 224.1179.



Amination of *m***-xylene with 5-Methyl-1***H***-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol** *m***-xylene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product 3t** as an inseparable mixture. The ratio of the mixture was 1:11 (C_A:C_B) as determined by ¹H NMR. 47.0 mg pale yellow liquid (yield: 66%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.03 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 2.41 (s, 1.81H), 2.37 (s, 1.25H), 2.33 (s, 2.75H), 1.89 (s, 2.75H), 1.74 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 0.50H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 145.44, 143.48, 139.87, 139.84, 138.79, 135.93, 135.86, 134.32, 134.16, 133.99, 132.35, 132.31, 132.06, 132.03, 130.39, 128.74, 127.76, 126.85, 126.72, 126.47, 118.99, 118.28, 109.95, 109.34, 17.11, 16.94, 16.90. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₃⁺, [M+H]⁺, 238.1339, found 238.1334.



Amination of biphenyl with pyrazole³: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol 1,1'-biphenyl and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford product **5a**. 62.8 mg white solid (yield: 95%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.69 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.26, 140.15, 139.43, 139.37, 128.97, 128.13, 127.58, 127.04, 126.79, 119.50, 107.81.



Amination of 9,9-dimethyl-9*H***-fluorene with pyrazole:** Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol 9,9-dimethyl-9*H*-fluorene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **5b**. 49.8 mg milky liquid (yield: 64%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 – 7.93 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.48 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.26, 153.81, 141.08, 139.56, 138.40, 137.75, 127.44, 127.23, 127.09, 122.76, 120.75, 120.10, 118.17, 114.33, 107.66, 47.27, 27.20. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂⁺, [M+H]⁺, 261.1386, found 261.1382.



Amination of oxydibenzene with pyrazole²: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol oxydibenzene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **5c** as an inseparable mixture The ratio of the mixture was 1:7.3 (C_A:C_B) as determined by ¹H NMR. 45.4 mg pale yellow solid (yield: 64%, 0.3 mmol scale).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.88H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 0.12H), 7.88 – 7.82 (m, 1.78H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 0.15H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.86H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0.14H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.52 (dd, *J* = 2.3, 1.9 Hz, 0.87H), 6.44 (dd, *J* = 2.3, 1.9 Hz, 0.13H).¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 156.71, 156.26, 154.71, 147.47, 140.82, 140.43, 135.63, 131.32, 130.14, 130.09, 130.06, 128.47, 127.70, 125.47, 124.74, 123.60, 123.44, 120.68, 120.24, 119.59, 118.63, 118.56, 117.86, 107.75, 107.07. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₂O⁺, [M+H]⁺, 237.1022, found 237.1019.



Amination of 1-chloro-2-methoxybenzene with pyrazole²: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol 1-chloro-2methoxybenzene and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **5d**. 25.7 mg pale yellow liquid (yield: 41%, 0.3 mmol scale). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.74, 141.15, 134.24, 126.90, 123.27, 121.83, 121.02, 118.69, 114.61, 112.45, 107.76, 56.58. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₀ClN₂O⁺, [M+H]⁺, 209.0476, found 209.0474.



Amination of chroman-2-one with pyrazole²: Reaction was proceeded with 1.2 mmol chroman-2-one and 5.0 mL CH₃CN. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **5e**. 28.3 mg pale yellow liquid (yield: 44%, 0.3 mmol scale). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.5

Hz, 1H), 6.53 - 6.50 (m, 1H)., 3.04 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ

168.17, 149.73, 140.91, 135.97, 127.75, 124.69, 118.36, 117.87, 117.22, 107.86, 28.37, 22.96.

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