Proton-Catalyzed Hydroamination and Hydroarylation Reactions of Anilines and Alkenes. A Dramatic Effect of Counteranions on Reaction Efficiency.

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# **Supporting Information**

### I. Experimental Details

General Information. Syntheses of anilinium salts and 3 were carried out in an inert atmosphere (N<sub>2</sub>) glovebox at 10 °C or using standard Schlenk and high vacuum techniques. All glassware used in these catalyst syntheses was dried in an oven at 150 °C for at least 12 h prior to use or was flame dried under reduced pressure. All of the catalysts shown in Table 1 were stored in an inert atmosphere (N<sub>2</sub>) glovebox at 10 °C to prevent prolonged exposure to moisture. Catalytic reactions were set up both inside an inert atmosphere (N2) glovebox at 10 °C and on the benchtop at 25 °C. Larger scale reactions (~1 mmol of substrate) were run in teflon-sealed Kontes reaction vessels and smaller scale reactions (~0.3 mmol of substrate) were run in flame-sealed NMR tubes. Oil baths were calibrated using analytical mercury thermometers purchased from VWR that are calibrated from 0-500°C. Although some catalytic reactions were set-up under an inert atmosphere and some were set up on the benchtop, no difference in reactivity was observed. Sealed NMR tubes were prepared by attaching the NMR tube directly to a Kontes high-vacuum stopcock via a cajon ultra-torr reducing union, then flame-sealing on a vacuum line. NMR tube reactions were monitored with sealed capillary tube external standards that were filled with a mixture of C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Dodecane was used as an internal standard for reactions that were monitored by GC-MS. Flash chromatography was carried out on Merck 60 silica gel (32-63 µm) and fractions were analyzed on Whatman aluminum-backed, 250 µm, silica gel TLC plates with ceric

ammonium molybdate stain.  $^{1}$ H and  $^{13}$ C  $\{^{1}$ H $\}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVQ-400 (400 MHz), AV-400 (400 MHz), and DRX-500 (500 MHz) spectrometers as indicated.  $^{19}$ F spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVQ-400 (400 MHz) spectrometer and  $^{11}$ B spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-500 (500 MHz) spectrometer.  $^{1}$ H NMR chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to residual protiated solvent ( $C_6D_6$ , 7.15;  $C_6D_5Cl$ , 6.99 (o-CH)) or an external standard of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in  $C_6D_6$  (4.27). Data are reported as follows: (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet; coupling constant(s) in Hz; integration; assignment). Chemical shifts were assigned with the aid of DEPT 45, 90 and 135 experiments where necessary. Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectroscopy (GC-MS) data were obtained using an Agilent Technologies Instrument 6890N GC (column #HP-5MS, 30.0m x 250 $\mu$ m x 0.25  $\mu$ m calibrated) and 5973N MS. Gas chromatography data were obtained using an Agilent Technologies Instrument 6850 with an HP-1 column. Elemental analyses were performed at the UC-Berkeley Microanalytical Facility with a Perkin Elmer 2400 Series II CHNO/S Analyzer. High resolution mass spectra were obtained at the UC-Berkeley Mass Spectrometry Facility with a VG ProSpec Mass Spectrometer using electron impact ionization at 70 eV.

**Materials.** The diethylether and methylene chloride (Fisher) used for the syntheses of the anilinium salts and **3** were dried and purified by passage through a column of activated alumina under  $N_2$  pressure, sparging with  $N_2$ , and storage over 4Å sieves. Benzene was used as received from the vendor (Fisher) or purified by passage through a column of activated alumina under  $N_2$  pressure, sparging with  $N_2$ , and storage over 4Å sieves. Chlorobenzene was used as received from the vendor (Aldrich) or dried over  $CaH_2$ , vacuum transferred, and degassed with 4 freeze-evacuation-thaw cycles. Benzene- $d_6$  (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories) was used as received or vacuum transferred from a purple solution of sodium/benzophenone. Chlorobenzene- $d_5$  (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories) was used as received or vacuum transferred from  $CaH_2$  and degassed with 4 freeze-evacuation-thaw cycles. No difference in

reactivity was observed for catalytic reactions run in dried and degassed solvent or solvent used as received from the vendor. The 1M solution of HCl in diethylether, HOTf, HNTf<sub>2</sub>, NaBPh<sub>4</sub>, 1,3-cyclohexadiene, p-methoxystyrene and p-chlorostyrene were purchased from Aldrich and used as received. Norbornene (Aldrich) was vacuum transferred. Aniline, 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)aniline, 3-chloroaniline, N-methylaniline, and 2,6-dimethylaniline (Aldrich) were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>, degassed with 4 freeze-evacuation-thaw cycles, and stored in the glovebox. Anisidine (Aldrich) was sublimed and stored in the glovebox. p-Chloroaniline (Aldrich) was crystallized from hot hexanes and stored in the glovebox. Cis-cyclooctene and cyclopentene (Aldrich) were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>, degassed with 4 freeze-evacuation-thaw cycles and stored in the glovebox. Dodecane was also distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. The hexane and ethylacetate that were used for chromatography were used as received from the vendor (VWR). Ph<sub>3</sub>CB(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> and LiB(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>•(Et<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2.5</sub> were synthesized according to literature procedures.

**Preparation of [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>][OTf].** In the glovebox, a Schlenk tube was charged with 3.42 g (36.7 mmol) of aniline and 60 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The Schlenk tube was then sealed, taken out of the glovebox, flushed onto a Schlenk line, and cooled to 0 °C with an ice/water bath. While stirring, 3.30 mL (36.7 mmol) of HOTf were added via syringe. A white precipitate appeared immediately. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. The volatile materials were then removed under reduced pressure to give a white solid. The Schlenk tube was taken back into the glovebox under vacuum. The white solid was isolated 7.09 g (80 % yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (THF- $d_8$ , 400 MHz) δ 9.529 (s, 3H, NH<sub>3</sub>); 7.67-7.30 (m, 5H, ArH). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (THF- $d_8$ , 500 MHz) δ 131.9, 130.7, 129.7, 124.2, 119.1 (q,  $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 317.5 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (THF- $d_8$ , 376 MHz) δ -79.4. Anal. Calcd. C, 34.57; H, 3.32; N, 5.76. Found C, 34.58; H, 3.22; N, 5.76.

**Preparation of [H(Et<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2.5</sub>][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>].** In the glovebox, a Schlenk tube was charged with 1.09 g (1.25 mmol) of LiB(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·2.5 Et<sub>2</sub>O and approximately 60 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O. The schlenk tube was then sealed, taken out of the box and flushed onto a line. The LiB(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> solution was then cooled to 0  $^{\circ}$ C with

an ice/water bath and 1.25 mL (1.25 mmol) of a 1.0 M solution of HCl in Et<sub>2</sub>O was added via syringe. The reaction mixture was then allowed to stir and warm to room temperature for 4 h. Volatile materials from the reaction mixture were then removed under reduced pressure to give a white solid. The reaction flask was then taken into the glovebox. The white solid was washed with ether and quickly filtered to separate the LiCl byproduct. The filtrate was then placed in the -40 °C freezer overnight. Clear, needle-like crystals formed. The bulk of the solvent was carefully removed via pipet and the remaining volatile materials were removed under reduced pressure to give 510 mg (47% yield) of the white solid,  $[H(Et_2O)_2][B(C_6F_5)_4]. \, ^1H \, NMR \, (C_6D_5Cl, 500 \, MHz) \, \delta \, 3.21 \, (q, J=7.0 \, Hz, 10H, CH_2), \, 0.88 \, (t, J=7.0 \, Hz, 15H, CH_3). \, ^{13}C\{^1H\} \, NMR \, (C_6D_5Cl, 500 \, MHz) \, \delta \, 150.6 \, (m, Ar_FC), \, 147.0 \, (m, Ar_FC), \, 139.8 \, (m, ipso-Ar_FC), \, 138.2 \, (m, Ar_FC), \, 135.3 \, (m, Ar_FC), \, 55.1, \, 14.1. \, ^{19}F \, NMR \, (C_6D_5Cl, 376 \, MHz) \, \delta \, -131.7, \, -162.3, \, -166.2. \, ^{11}B \, NMR \, (C_6D_5Cl, \, 160 \, MHz) \, \delta \, -16.6. \, Anal. \, Calcd. \, C, \, 47.19; \, H, \, 3.03. \, Found \, C, \, 47.29; \, H, \, 3.01.$ 

Preparation of [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]·Et<sub>2</sub>O. In the glovebox, a vial was charged with 318 mg (1.31 mmol) of anilinium triflate, 1.14 g (1.31 mmol) of LiB(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·2.5 Et<sub>2</sub>O, and 10 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was allowed to stir for 8 h at 10 °C. The reaction mixture was then allowed to settle. The supernatant was decanted via pipet and filtered through a glass fiber filter pipet plug in order to separate the insoluble LiOTf. Volatile materials were then removed under reduced pressure to give a clear oil that was washed with 2 x 5 mL of pentane to give the desired product as a white powder (982 mg, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>Cl, 400 MHz) δ 7.41 (s, 3H, N*H*<sub>3</sub>), 7.11 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 6.73 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 3.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H, C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 0.82 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H, C*H*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>Cl, 100 MHz) δ 149.8 (m, Ar<sub>F</sub>C, 147.4 (m, Ar<sub>F</sub>C), 139.8 (m, *ipso*-Ar<sub>F</sub>C), 138.0 (m, Ar<sub>F</sub>C), 135.5 (m, Ar<sub>F</sub>C), 130.7, 130.1, 121.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>Cl, 376 MHz) δ -131.9, -161.2, -165.4. <sup>11</sup>B (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>Cl, 164.5 MHz) δ -16.6. Anal. Calcd. C, 48.20; H, 2.14; N, 1.65. Found C, 48.34; H, 2.09; N, 1.66.

**Preparation of [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>][BPh<sub>4</sub>].** This reagent was prepared by an analogous salt metathesis method to a previously reported preparation.<sup>3</sup> In the glovebox, a vial was charged with 311 mg of anilinium triflate, 437 mg of NaBPh<sub>4</sub>, and 10 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was allowed to stir for 8 h at 10 °C in a vial covered with foil to keep out light. The reaction mixture was then allowed to settle. The reaction mixture was filtered through a frit in a dark glovebox. The filtrate was pumped down to give a white solid. (341 mg, 64%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.31 (m, 3H, N*H*<sub>3</sub>), 7.26 (m, 6H, Ar*H*), 7.24-6.99 (m, 12H, Ar*H*), 6.73 (m, 2H, Ar*H*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR resonances match literature values.<sup>3</sup>

General experimental procedure for the experiments in Table 1. A vial was charged with an accurately weighed amount of norbornene that was ~25 mg (~0.27 mmol) for each reaction. The norbornene was dissolved in ~0.5 mL of benzene. The resulting solution was mixed with 5 equivalents of aniline, 4 1 equivalent of dodecane and 5 mol% of catalyst in the order given. The reaction mixture was then transferred to an NMR tube and flame-sealed. The NMR tube was placed in an oil bath calibrated to 135 °C for 27 h. The NMR tube was then opened and the contents mixed with ~3 mL of ether before analysis by GC/MS.

General experimental procedure for the experiments in Table 2. A vial was charged with an accurately weighed amount of norbornene that was ~80 mg (~0.86 mmol) for each reaction. The norbornene was dissolved in 4-5 mL of benzene. The resulting solution was mixed with 5 equivalents<sup>4</sup> of the aniline and 5 mol% of 4. The reaction mixture was transferred to a reaction vessel, sealed with a Kontes teflon stopper and placed in an oil bath calibrated to 135 °C for 48 h. The reaction mixture was then transferred to a vial and volatile materials were removed by rotary evaporation to give an oil. The oil was purified by flash chromatography.

#### NMR reference structures for compounds in Table 2.

**Table 2, entry 1:** Flash chromatography conditions: Gradient from 5% ethylacetate/hexane to 10% ethylacetate/hexane. Combined yield of **6** and **7**: 144 mg (83.7%). Ratio of **6**:**7**, 1:1.

Table 2, entry 1, 6: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, m-ArH), 6.77 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, p-ArH), 6.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, o-ArH), 3.09 (bs, 1H, NH), 2.99 (m, 1H,  $H_a$ ), 2.07 (bs, 1H,  $H_f$ ), 2.00 (bs, 1H,  $H_c$ ), 1.48 (m, 1H, exo- $H_b$ ), 1.28 (m, 2H, endo- $H_b$ , exo- $H_e$ ), 1.21 (m, 1H, exo- $H_g$ ), 0.92 (m, 3H, endo- $H_e$ ,  $H_d$ ), 0.86 (m, 1H, exo- $H_g$ ). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 147.8, 129.2, 117.0, 113.3, 56.4, 41.1, 40.7, 35.6, 35.2, 28.5, 26.2. Anal. Calcd. C, 83.37; H, 9.15; N, 7.48. Found. C, 83.76; H, 9.50; N, 7.43. Yield: 68.6 mg (40.0%).

**Table 2, entry 1, 7:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.80 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.98 (bs, 1H, NH), 2.33 (m, 2H,  $H_a$ ,  $H_f$ ), 2.15 (bs, 1H,  $H_c$ ), 1.52-1.43 (m, 5H, exo- $H_b$ , endo- $H_b$ , exo- $H_d$ , exo- $H_e$ , exo- $H_g$ ), 1.11 (m, 2H, endo- $H_d$ , endo- $H_e$ ), 1.04 (d, 1H, exo-

Neat reaction for Table 2, entry 1: If aniline is used as a solvent, identical products are obtained in lower yield. Yield of 6 from neat reaction: 41.1 mg (22.5%). Yield of 7 from neat reaction: 43.7 mg (23.9%). Combined yield of 6 and 7 from neat reaction: 84.8 mg (46.4%). Ratio of 6:7 from neat reaction; 1:1.

**Table 2, entry 2, 6:** Flash chromatography conditions: 5% ethylacetate/hexane.  $^{1}$ H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.12 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.14 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 2.96 (bs, 1H, NH), 2.78 (m, 1H,

 $H_a$ ), 1.98 (bs, 1H,  $H_f$ ), 1.93 (bs, 1H,  $H_c$ ), 1.39 (m, 1H,  $exo-H_b$ ), 1.26 (m, 2H,  $endo-H_b$ ,  $exo-H_e$ ), 1.13 (m, 1H,  $exo-H_g$ ), 0.89 (m, 3H,  $endo-H_e$ ,  $H_d$ ), 0.76 (m, 1H,  $exo-H_b$ ), 1.26 (m, 2H,  $endo-H_b$ ,  $exo-H_e$ ), 1.13 (m, 1H,  $exo-H_g$ ), 0.89 (m, 3H,  $endo-H_e$ ,  $H_d$ ), 0.76 (m, 1H,  $exo-H_b$ ), 1.26 (m, 2H,  $endo-H_b$ ,  $exo-H_e$ ), 1.13 (m, 1H,  $exo-H_g$ ), 1.26 (m, 2H,  $endo-H_b$ ,  $exo-H_e$ ), 1.13 (m, 1H,  $exo-H_g$ ), 0.89 (m, 2H,  $endo-H_b$ ), 1.26 (m, 2H,  $endo-H_b$ ), 1.26 (m, 2H,  $endo-H_b$ ), 1.27 (m, 2H,  $endo-H_b$ ), 1.28 (m, 2H,  $endo-H_b$ ), 1.29 (m, 2H,  $endo-H_b$ ), 1.20 (m, 2H, endo

Reaction catalyzed by 5 for Table 2, entry 2, 6: The same product was obtained when 5 was used as a catalyst. The reaction catalyzed by 5 was left in the 135 °C bath for 72 h. Yield: 111 mg (55.2%).<sup>5</sup>

**Table 2, entry 3:** Flash chromatography conditions: 10% ethylacetate/hexane. Combined yield of 6 and 7: 66.6 mg (33.7%). Ratio of 6:7, 1:2.

**Table 2, entry 3, 6:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 6.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 3.52 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.00 (m, 1H, Ha), 2.90 (bs, 1H, NH), 2.11 (bs, 1H, Hf), 2.04 (bs, 1H, Hc), 1.51 (m, 1H, exo-Hb), 1.36-1.27 (m, 3H, endo-Hb, exo-He, exo-He, exo-Hg), 1.09-0.88 (m, 4H, endo-He, Hd, exo-Hg). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 152.7, 142.5, 115.4, 114.8, 57.6, 55.5, 41.6, 41.2, 38.1, 35.6, 29.0, 26.7. Anal. Calcd. C, 77.38; H, 8.81; N, 6.45. Found C, 77.55; H, 9.19; N, 6.38. Yield: 17.0 mg (8.6%)

Table 2, entry 3, 7: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 6.94 (s, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.63 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.36 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 3.45 (s, 3H, O*Me*), 2.80 (bs, 1H, N*H*), 2.40 (m, 1H,  $H_a$ ), 2.31 (bs, 1H,  $H_f$ ), 2.13 (bs, 1H,  $H_c$ ), 1.55-1.38 (m, 5H, exo- $H_b$ , endo- $H_b$ , exo- $H_d$ , exo- $H_e$ , syn- $H_g$ ), 1.13 (m, 2H, endo- $H_d$ , endo- $H_e$ ), 1.04 (d, 1H, anti- $H_g$ ). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 153.4, 138.6, 133.4, 116.6, 113.1, 111.2, 55.5, 42.6, 41.0, 38.2, 37.3, 36.6, 30.5, 29.7. Anal. Calcd. C, 77.38; H, 8.81; N, 6.45. Found C, 77.22; H, 8.74; N, 6.73. Yield: 49.6 mg (25.1%).

**Table 2, entry 4:** Under a variety of chromatography conditions, both products of this reaction coeluted with excess aniline from the reaction mixture. Therefore, **6** and **7** were not separated and isolated

from the reaction mixture. A combined yield of 50% (14% 6 and 36% 7) was determined by GC/MS with a dodecane internal standard.

Table 2, entry 5, 6 and 7: This reaction was run for 72 h with catalyst 5 to avoid contamination by aniline derived side products.<sup>5</sup> Flash chromatography (5% ethylacetate/hexane) separated 6 and 7 from the excess *N*-methylaniline in the reaction mixture. However, 6 and 7 co-eluted and chromatography conditions were not determined for their separation. A preparative HPLC separation will probably be necessary. The product was characterized as a mixture of 6 and 7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 6 (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.26-7.12 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.85 (m. 1H, Ar*H*), 6.61 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 3.17 (m, 1H,  $H_a$ ), 2.62 (s, 3H, *N*-*Me*), 2.18 (bs, 1H,  $H_f$ ), 2.04 (bs, 1H,  $H_c$ ), 1.53-1.33 (m, 5H, *exo-H<sub>b</sub>*, *endo-H<sub>b</sub>*, *exo-H<sub>d</sub>*, *exo-H<sub>e</sub>*, *syn-H<sub>g</sub>*), 1.14-0.89 (m, 3H, *endo-H<sub>d</sub>*, *endo-H<sub>e</sub>*, *anti-H<sub>g</sub>*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 7 (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.26-7.12 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.85 (m. 2H, Ar*H*), 3.26 (bs, 1H, N*H*), 2.56 (s, 3H, N-Me) 2.37 (bs, 1H,  $H_f$ ), 2.27 (m, 1H,  $H_a$ ), 2.15 (bs, 1H,  $H_c$ ), 1.53-1.33 (m, 5H, *exo-H<sub>b</sub>*, *endo-H<sub>b</sub>*, *exo-H<sub>d</sub>*, *exo-H<sub>g</sub>*, *syn-H<sub>g</sub>*), 1.14-0.89 (m, 3H, *endo-H<sub>d</sub>*, *endo-H<sub>d</sub>*, *endo-H<sub>e</sub>*, *anti-H<sub>g</sub>*). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of 6 (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 147.5, 129.2, 118.8, 117.4, 63.4, 40.2, 39.2, 36.4, 36.2, 30.6, 28.9. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of 7 (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 146.9, 131.0, 126.9, 125.0, 118.8, 110.0, 41.9, 40.6, 38.2, 37.2, 36.5, 30.4, 29.7. Mixture of 6 and 7: Anal. Calcd. C, 83.53; H, 9.51; N, 6.96. Found C, 83.29; H, 9.78; N, 7.16. GC/MS showed that the ratio of 6:7 is 1:4. Yield: 112 mg (55.1%).

Table 2, entry 6, 6: Flash chromatography conditions: 5% ethylacetate/hexane.  $^{1}$ H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.24 (s, 1H, p-Ar*H*), 6.50 (s, 2H, o-Ar*H*), 3.08 (bs, 1H, N*H*), 2.61 (m, 1H,  $H_a$ ), 1.95 (bs, 1H,  $H_f$ ), 1.78 (bs, 1H,  $H_c$ ), 1.32 (m, 1H,  $exo-H_b$ ), 1.21 (m, 2H,  $endo-H_b$ , exo- $H_e$ ), 1.06 (m, 1H,  $syn-H_g$ ), 0.81 (m, 3H,  $endo-H_e$ ,  $H_d$ ), 0.71 (m, 1H,  $exo-H_b$ ).  $^{13}$ C{ $^{1}$ H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 148.2, 132.5 (q,  $^{1}$ J<sub>C-F</sub> = 32 Hz), 123.1, 112.2, 109.5, 56.1, 41.3, 40.4, 35.8, 35.5, 28.4, 26.1. Anal. Calcd. C, 55.73; H, 4.68; N, 4.33. Found C, 58.06; H, 4.96; N, 4.29. HRMS(EI) calcd. for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NF<sub>6</sub>] $^{+}$ : m/z 323.1109, found 323.1103. A scanned image of the  $^{1}$ H NMR spectrum is included at the end of this section. Yield: 212 mg (79.6%).

General experimental procedure for the NMR tube experiments in Table 3. A vial was charged with an accurately weighed amount of the styrene that was  $\sim$ 35 mg ( $\sim$ 0.26 mmol) for each reaction. The styrene was dissolved in  $\sim$ 0.5 mL of  $C_6D_6$ . The resulting solution was mixed with 2 equivalents of the aniline<sup>4</sup> and 5 mol% of 4. The reaction mixture was then transferred to an NMR tube and charged with a  $CH_2Cl_2/C_6D_6$  capillary tube external standard. The tube was then flame-sealed. An initial time point was taken to determine the ratio of  $CH_2Cl_2$  to starting material before the reaction was placed in an oil bath that was previously equilibrated to the desired temperature. Yields are reported according to the ratio of the integration of the product  $CH_3$  resonance to  $CH_2Cl_2$ .

General experimental procedure for the larger scale experiments in Table 3. A vial was charged with an accurately weighed amount of the styrene that was ~80 mg (~0.60 mmol) for each reaction. The styrene was dissolved in 4-5 mL of benzene. The resulting solution was mixed with 2 equivalents<sup>4</sup> of the aniline and 5 mol% of 4. The reaction mixture was then transferred to a Kontes flask and sealed with a teflon stopper before being placed in an oil bath that was previously equilibrated to the desired temperature. After heating for the appropriate amount of time, the reaction mixture was then transferred to a vial and the volatile materials were removed by rotary evaporation to give an oil. The oil was then purified by flash chromatography.

**Table 3, entry 3:** Flash chromatography conditions: 10% ethylacetate/hexane. Combined yield of N, O, and P: 121 mg (72.4%). Ratio of **8**:9:**10**, 25:10:65.

**Table 3, entry 3, 8:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.09 (m, 4H, Ar*H*), 6.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.69 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 4.22 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, C*H*), 3.54 (bs, 1H, N*H*), 3.28 (s, 3H, O*Me*), 1.14 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, C*H*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 159.1, 147.8, 137.5, 129.3, 127.1, 117.5, 114.3, 113.8, 54.7, 52.9, 24.9. Anal. Calcd. C, 79.26; H, 7.54; N, 6.16. Found C, 79.46; H, 7.59; N, 6.45. Yield: 28.8 mg (17.2%)

**Table 3, entry 3, 9:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.08 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.87 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.69 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.90 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.28 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.91 (bs, 2H, NH), 1.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, C $H_3$ ). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 158.9, 145.3, 138.2, 130.5, 129.0, 127.7, 119.0, 116.6, 114.7, 55.0, 40.0, 22.1. Anal. Calcd. C, 79.26; H, 7.54; N, 6.16. Found C, 79.06; H, 7.91; N, 5.97. Yield: 14.6 mg (8.7%)

Table 3, entry 3, 10: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 3.94 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.31 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.74 (bs, 1H, NH), 1.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH3). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 158.4, 145.2, 139.6, 136.7, 128.8, 128.6, 115.1, 114.0, 54.7, 43.5, 22.6. Anal. Calcd. C, 79.26; H, 7.54; N, 6.16. Found C, 79.49; H, 7.75; N, 6.10. Yield: 77.9 mg (46.6%)

**Table 3, entry 5:** Flash chromatography conditions: 10% ethylacetate/hexane.

**Table 3, entry 5, 8:** The proton NMR spectrum of the product of Table 3, entry 5, 8 matches the proton NMR spectrum of the product of Table 3, entry 6, 8. Yield: 139 mg (74.1%).

**Table 3, entry 5, 9:** The proton NMR spectrum of the product of Table 3, entry 5, **9** matches the proton NMR spectrum of the product of Table 3, entry 6, **9**. Yield: 15.2 mg (8.1%).

**Table 3, entry 6:** Flash chromatography conditions: 10% ethylacetate/hexane. Combined yield of **8** and **9**: 136.8 mg (85.0%). Ratio of **8:9**, 20:80.

**Table 3, entry 6, 8:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.16 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.75 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.45 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.23 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.37 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.34 (bs, 1H, NH), 3.32 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.22 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 159.1, 152.6, 142.0, 137.8, 128.3, 127.2, 115.0, 114.3, 55.2, 54.7, 53.7, 25.1. Anal. Calcd. C, 74.68; H, 7.44; N, 5.44. Found C, 74.73; H, 7.49; N, 5.44. Yield: 58.1 mg (36.1%).

**Table 3, entry 6, 9:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.05 (s,1H, Ar*H*), 7.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.69 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 6.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 3.96 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, C*H*), 3.46 (s, 3H, O*Me*), 3.28 (s, 3H, O*Me*), 2.81 (bs, 2H, N*H*), 1.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, C*H*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 158.6, 153.6, 138.7, 137.8, 132.2, 128.8, 128.6, 117.3, 114.4, 112.1, 55.3, 54.7, 39.9, 22.2, 21.8. Anal. Calcd. C, 74.68; H, 7.44; N, 5.44. Found C, 74.39; H, 7.66; N, 5.83. Yield: 78.7 mg (48.9%).

**Table 3, entries 7 and 8:** The yields for entries 7 and 8, in Table 3 are given as NMR yields. The isolated yields of **8** and **9** for this reaction are low due to co-elution with excess aniline. The isolated yields and characterization data for this reaction are given below. The larger scale reaction was run for 4 h at 105°C. Flash chromatography conditions: 5% ethylacetate/hexane.

Table 3, entries 7 and 8, 8: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.99 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.02 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 3.84 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.26 (bs, 1H, NH), 0.90 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  145.4, 143.2, 132.6, 129.0, 128.7, 127.1, 122.2, 114.4, 52.5, 24.2. Anal. Calcd. C, 63.18; H, 4.92; N, 5.26. Found C, 63.49; H, 4.95; N, 5.08. Yield: 49.2 mg (27.4%).

Table 3, entries 7 and 8, 9: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.20 (s, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.99 (m, 3H, Ar*H*), 6.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 5.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 3.49 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, C*H*), 2.64 (bs, 2H, N*H*), 1.11 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, C*H*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 143.3, 132.2, 130.6, 128.8, 128.7, 127.3, 127.2, 123.4, 117.2, 39.4, 20.9. Anal. Calcd. C, 63.18; H, 4.92; N, 5.26. Found C, 63.36; H, 4.92; N, 4.98. Yield: 69.8 mg (35.1%)

**Table 3, entry 10, 8:** Flash chromatography conditions: 5% ethylacetate/hexane.  $^{1}$ H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.15 (s, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.44 (s, 2H, Ar*H*), 3.69 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H, C*H*), 3.39 (bs, 1H, N*H*), 0.88 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, C*H*<sub>3</sub>).  $^{13}$ C{ $^{1}$ H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 147.6, 141.9, 133.4, 132.1 (q, J = X), 129.2, 127.2, 112.6, 110.3, 52.3, 23.5. Anal.

Calcd. C, 52.26; H, 3.29; N, 3.81. Found C, 53.23; H, 3.55; N, 3.79. HRMS(EI) calcd. for  $[C_{16}H_{12}NClF_6]^+$ : m/z 367.0562, found 367.0554. A scanned image of the  $^1H$  NMR spectrum is included at the end of this section. Yield: 184 mg (62.8%).

**Table 3, entry 11, 8 and 9:** Flash chromatography conditions: 10% ethylacetate/hexane. Combined yield of **8** and **9**: 165 mg (81.5%). Ratio of **8**:**9**, 40:60.

**Table 3, entry 11, 8:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 6.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.74 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.46 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.05 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.88 (bs, 1H, NH), 3.27 (s, 3H, OMe), 1.06 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, CH3). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 158.9, 148.5, 136.4, 134.9, 126.7, 117.0, 114.1, 113.4, 111.3, 54.4, 52.3, 24.3. Anal. Calcd. C, 68.83; H, 6.16; N, 5.35. Found C, 69.11; H, 6.43; N, 5.21. Yield: 54.2 mg (32.9%).

**Table 3, entry 11, 9:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.89 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.39 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.09 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.62 (q, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.31 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.64 (bs, 2H, NH), 1.48 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 158.23, 145.9, 137.9, 134.6, 133.4, 129.0, 128.7, 115.5, 113.9, 113.6, 54.5, 39.6, 21.5. Anal. Calcd. C, 68.83; H, 6.16; N, 5.35. Found C, 69.18; H, 6.47; N, 4.98. Yield: 80.2 mg (48.6%).

**Table 3, entry 12, 9:** The proton NMR spectrum of this compound matches the proton NMR spectrum of the compound associated with Table 3, entry 11, 9. Yield: 127 mg (70.6%).

General experimental procedure for the reactions in entries 1 and 2 in Table 4. Reactions were done on an NMR scale for Table 4, entries 1 and 2. A vial was charged with an accurately weighed amount of alkene that was  $\sim$ 30 mg ( $\sim$ 0.261 mmol) for each reaction. The alkene was then dissolved in  $\sim$ 0.5 mL of C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>Cl. The resulting solution was mixed with 1 equivalent of aniline<sup>4</sup> and 5 mol% of 4. The reaction mixture was then transferred to an NMR tube and charged with a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> capillary tube as an external standard. The tube was flame-sealed. An initial time point was taken to determine the

ratio of  $CH_2Cl_2$  to starting material before the reaction mixture was placed in an oil bath that was previously calibrated to  $135^{\circ}C$ . Yields are reported according to the ratio of the integration of the product CH to the external standard,  $CH_2Cl_2$ .

In order to characterize the compounds in entries 1 and 2 of Table 4, these reactions were done on a larger scale. Unfortunately, low isolated yields resulted from co-elution with remaining aniline and contamination from dialkylation products.<sup>4</sup> A vial was charged with an accurately weighed amount of alkene that was ~ 80 mg (~1 mmol) for each reaction. The alkene was dissolved in ~3 mL of chlorobenzene. The resulting solution was mixed with 1 equivalent of aniline<sup>4</sup> and 5 mol% of 4. The reaction mixture was transferred to a reaction vessel and sealed with a Kontes stopper. The reaction mixture was then placed in an oil bath set at 135°C for 7 d. The reaction mixture was then transferred to a vial and volatile materials were removed by rotary evaporation to give an oil. The oil was purified by flash chromatography (5% ethylacetate/hexane).

**Table 4, entry 1, 14:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.81 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.7 (bs, 2H, NH), 2.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.85-1.79 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.54-1.62 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.51-1.38 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 144.8, 130.0, 126.8, 126.2, 118.8, 115.8, 40.2, 32.3, 25.4. Anal. Calcd. C, 81.94; H, 9.38; N, 8.69. Found C, 79.58; H, 9.24; N, 8.11. Yield: 9.7 mg (9.3%).

Table 4, entry 2, 13: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.75 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.47 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.29 (bs, 1H, NH), 2.71 (m, 1H, CH), 1.86-0.88 (m, 14H, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 147.8, 129.6, 117.1, 113.6, 52.4, 33.2, 27.3, 26.6, 24.2. Yield 3.3 mg.

**Table 4, entry 2, 14:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.83 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.44 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 2.94 (bs, 2H, NH), 2.58 (m, 1H, CH), 1.78-1.42 (m, 14H, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  143.5, 134.0, 127.0, 126.6, 119.0,

116.1, 38.4, 32.8, 27.3, 26.6, 26.4. Anal. Calcd. C, 82.70; H, 10.41; N, 6.89. Found C, 80.70; H, 10.56; N, 6.89. Yield 23.1 mg (18.4%).

General experimental procedure for entries 3 and 4 in Table 4. A vial was charged with an accurately weighed amount of cyclohexadiene that was ~80 mg (~1 mmol) for each reaction. The diene was dissolved in 3-4 mL of benzene. The resulting solution was mixed with 2 equivalents of the aniline<sup>4</sup> and 5 mol% of 4. The reaction mixture was transferred to a reaction vessel and sealed with a Kontes stopper. The reaction mixture was then placed in an oil bath set at the appropriate temperature for the appropriate amount of time. The reaction mixture was then transferred to a vial and volatile materials were removed by rotary evaporation to give an oil. The oil was purified by flash chromatography (5% ethylacetate/hexane).

Table 4, entry 3, 14: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.14 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.03 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.79 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.40 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.79 (m, 1H, CH), 5.69 (dd, J = 10 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.21 (m, 1H, CH), 3.09 (bs, 2H, NH), 1.89 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.77 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.68 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.57 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.41 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>). (m, 1H, CH). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 144.6, 130.4, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 127.4, 118.7, 116.2. Anal. Calcd. C, 83.19; H, 8.73; N, 8.08. Found C, 83.16; H, 8.68; N, 8.21. Yield 86.2 mg (52.2%).

**Table 4, entry 4, 13:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.20 (s, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.49 (s, 2H, Ar*H*), 5.59 (dd, J = 10 Hz, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H, C*H*), 5.33 (dd, J = 10 Hz, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H, C*H*), 3.38 (bs, 1H, N*H*), 3.23 (m, 1H, C*H*), 1.69 (m, 2H, C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.38-1.12 (m, 4H, C*H*<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 148.0, 132.5 (q, J = 41 Hz). HRMS(EI) calcd. for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 309.0948, found 309.0952. Yield: 47.8 mg (19.7%). The yield of this reaction is low due to contamination of the product mixture by double alkylation products. A scanned <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum is given at the end of this section.

### **II. Supporting Mechanistic Discussion**

### A. Use of 2,6-Di-t-butyl-4-methylpyridine as a Proton-Trapping Reagent:

As described in the manuscript, a mixture of norbornene (1 equiv), aniline (5 equiv), and 4 (5 mol%) provides a 60% yield of 2 and 3 in a 1:1 ratio. If 5 mol% NEt<sub>3</sub> is added to this mixture no reaction is observed. This observation is consistent with the difference in pK<sub>a</sub> values between anilinium  $(4.6)^6$  and HNEt<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>  $(10.6)^6$  and suggests that the reaction is a proton-catalyzed process.

The Lewis base, 2,6-di-t-butyl-4-methylpyridine (2,6-di-t-butyl-pyridinium pK<sub>a</sub> = 4.95), is also commonly used as a proton-trapping reagent. The bulky *ortho*-substitution of 2,6-di-t-butyl-4-methylpyridine makes this compound highly unlikely to coordinate to a metal center and thus it should be selective for proton association.<sup>7</sup> The addition 5 mol% 2,6-di-t-butyl-4-methylpyridine did not effect the yield or product ratio of the reaction shown in Scheme S1A; however, when 25 mol% 2,6-di-t-butyl-4-methylpyridine were added to the reaction mixture no reaction was observed after 24 h at 135 °C (Scheme S1B).

The difference in effectiveness of NEt<sub>3</sub> and 2,6-di-*t*-butyl-4-methylpyridine as proton-trapping reagents agrees with the difference between the respective pK<sub>a</sub> values of these compounds. The significantly higher basicity of NEt<sub>3</sub> results in preferential formation of HNEt<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> over PhNH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> and prevents the desired hydroamination/hydroarylation reaction from proceeding. The similar acidities of 2,6-di-*t*-butylpyridinium and PhNH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> suggest that the equilibrium constant between protonated aniline and protonated di-*t*-butyl-4-methylpyridine is close to 1 and that there is a significant amount of competition

between these two reagents for the reactive proton. When additional equivalents of pyridine are added to the reaction mixture, the equilibrium is shifted towards pyridine protonation, shutting down the hydroamination/hydroarylation reaction.

The observation that five equivalents of 2,6-di-*t*-butyl-4-methylpyridine inhibits the hydroamination/hydroarylation reaction of aniline and norbornene catalyzed by **4**, provides evidence that this reaction is proton-catalyzed and does not involve trace amounts of metal reagents.

#### B. Clarification of Yields Given in Tables 1, 2, and 3.

The yields given in Tables 1, 2, and 3 are combined yields of the isomeric products. These yields are based on the mass of the norbornene used for the reaction and the amount of product observed or isolated.

#### C. Proposed mechanism for proton-catalyzed hydroamination and hydroarylation of styrenes.

The substituent trends and exclusively Markovnikov regioselectivity that are observed for the styrene hydroamination/hydroarylation reactions illustrated in Table 3 suggest that these transformations are proceeding through cationic intermediates and reaction mechanisms analogous to acid-catalyzed hydration. A proposed mechanism for the proton-catalyzed hydroamination and hydroarylation of styrene substrates is shown in Scheme S2. In this proposed mechanism, protonation of the styrene by an anilinium salt produces a carbocationic intermediate that can then be attacked by either the nitrogen or the aryl nucleophilic sites of aniline. The nucleophilic attack produces anilinium or arenium intermediates that can then be deprotonated by aniline to reform the anilinium catalyst and give the observed hydroamination and hydroarylation products.

## D. Proposed mechanism for proton-catalyzed hydroamination and hydroarylation of norbornene.

The hydroamination and hydroarylation reactions of norbornene and the other cyclic alkenes shown in Table 4 may also be proceeding through a carbocationic mechanism similar to that proposed for the styrene substrates (Scheme S3). The positively charged intermediates of these reactions, however, are higher in energy than their styrene analogues. This coincides with the higher temperatures required to perform these reactions.

#### Scheme S3

$$H_{2} \xrightarrow{-X} - [PhNH_{3}][X]$$

$$H_{2}NPh$$

$$X = B(C_{6}F_{5})_{4}$$

$$H_{2}NPh$$

The presence of charged intermediates in a nonpolar solvent such as benzene is likely to cause aggregation. Aggregation may be particularly important for the reactions of norbornene and other cyclic alkenes in order to stabilize the higher energy carbocationic intermediates associated with these

transformations. Additionally, aggregation may explain the *ortho*-selectivity of these reactions.<sup>8</sup> Further details of these mechanisms will need to be determined by careful mechanistic studies.

#### E. The Role of the $B(C_6F_5)_4$ Anion in Promoting Alkene Protonation:

As discussed above, proton-catalyzed hydroamination and hydroarylation requires protonation of the alkene with an anilinium salt. The equilibrium constant for this process is small and protonation of aniline will occur preferentially under the reaction conditions. The dramatic anilinium counterion effect observed for the hydroamination/hydroarylation reaction discussed in this communication suggests that the weakly-coordinating  $B(C_6F_5)_4^-$  anion increases the effective acidity of the anilinium salt to allow for sufficient alkene protonation to lead to further reactivity.

#### F. Prevention of Alkene Polymerization:

The protonated alkene intermediate proposed for the hydroamination/hydroarylation reactions can potentially react with another molecule of alkene in order to form oligomers or polymers. This type of reactivity is observed if the aniline to alkene ratio is 1:1. The 2:1 or 5:1 ratio of aniline:alkene prevents this type of undesirable side reaction and provides the observed hydroamination and hydroarylation products.

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- (4) Five equivalents of the aniline were used in the catalytic hydroamination/hydroarylation reactions with norbornene. This prevented contamination of the desired products with products resulting from the addition of two equivalents of styrene to a single aniline. In the reactions of styrene and other cyclic alkenes, however, excess aniline confounded product isolation due to co-elution during chromatography. In order to facilitate isolation and characterization of these products only two equivalents of the aniline were used for the styrene and cyclohexadiene reactions and only a stoichiometric amount of an aniline was

- used for the reactions of cyclopentene and cyclooctene. This decrease in the aniline: styrene ratio led to increased amounts of double alkylation products in some cases.
- (5) The use of PhNH<sub>3</sub>B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub> as a catalyst introduces 5 mol% aniline into a reaction mixture which can independently react with the substrate. In the reaction of *N*-methylaniline with norbornene the side products derived from aniline were inseparable from the desired product. Therefore, **5** was used as a catalyst to prevent this contamination. Because **5** is a less efficient catalyst than **4**, the reaction was run for 72 h. As a control experiment, the reaction of *p*-chloroaniline with norbornene was also catalyzed by **5** giving an almost identical isolated yield to when **4** was used as a catalyst for this reaction.
- (6) The  $pK_a$  values that are given are aqueous values. These values will change in nonpolar solvents but we are assuming that the trends will be the same.
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- (8) For other examples of *ortho-* and *para-*selective Friedel-Crafts reactions see: Pearson, D. E.; Buehler, C. A. *Synthesis* **1971**, 455.

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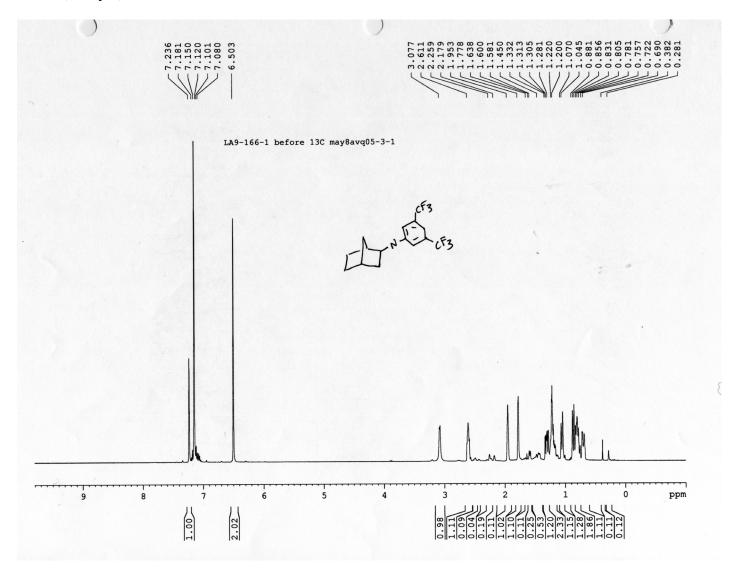


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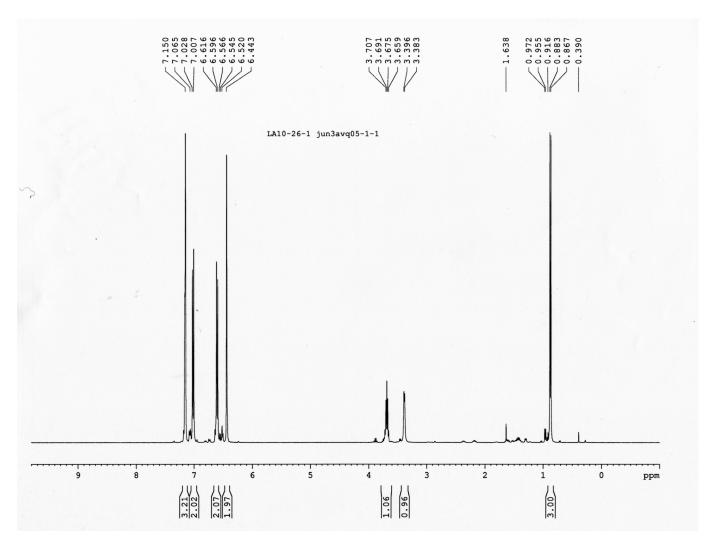


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