## Supplementary Information

# Application of diacetoxyiodobenzene in the desulfurization of arylthioureas

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- 1. Experimental

Melting points were taken in open capillaries and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer IR spectrophotometer. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 300 MHz instrument. Elemental analyses were carried out in Perkin-Elmer 2400 instrument. Most of the common chemicals were obtained from commercial suppliers. DIB used in present study was prepared according to literature procedure.<sup>1,2</sup>

**Typical procedure:** Aqueous ammonia (25%, 2 mL) was added to a stirred solution of phenylthiourea 1 (1eq.) in acetonitrile (5 mL). DIB (1eq.) was added portion-wise over a period of 15 min. A lightyellow precipitate of sulfur started to separate out during this period. After the complete addition of DIB, it was kept stirring for 15 min and conversion to the corresponding 1-phenylcyanamide was confirmed by TLC. The conversion of the 1-phenylthiourea to phenylcyanamide (**1a**) was observed within 10 min of the complete addition of DIB. The reaction mixture was allowed to stand, and the precipitated sulfur was filtered. The organic layer was concentrated and admixed with ethyl acetate (15 mL). The ethyl acetate layer was washed with water (25 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure. The oily liquid so obtained was characterized as cyanamide by spectral data.

### 2. Spectroscopic data, Yield, m.p.

Spectroscopic data of phenyl cyanamides 1a-1j

Phenylcyanamide<sup>3</sup>(**1a**): 80% yield; oily liquid;IR (KBr): 3171, 2222, 1597, 1497, 1250, 748, 687cm<sup>-1</sup>;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.02-7.58 (m, 5H), 6.88 (br, s, 1H)

2-Methylphenylcyanamide<sup>4</sup> (**1b**): 84% yield; m.p. 77-78 °C; IR (KBr): 3052, 2270, 1549, 1498, 1198, 832, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.19 (s, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.89-7.04 (m, 4H).

4-Methylphenylcyanamide<sup>3,5</sup> (**1c**): 86% yield; IR(KBr): 3063, 2214, 1597, 1512, 1466, 1250, 810, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.26 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.90-7.14 (m, 4H)

2, 6-Dimethylphenyl cyanamide<sup>4</sup> (**1d**) :54% yield; m.p. 143-146°C; IR(KBr): 3080, 2225, 1601, 1503, 1250, 1042, 876 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.12 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.93-7.11 (m, 3H), 6.73 (br, s, 1H, NH)

4-Methoxyphenyl cyanamide<sup>4</sup> (**1e**): 74% yield; m.p. 87-88°C; IR(KBr): 2924, 2854, 2222, 1605, 1504, 1458, 1296, 1234, 1173, 1026, 825 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.85-7.20 (m, 4H).

4-Chlorophenyl cyanamide<sup>3</sup> (**1f**): 97%yield;m.p. 95-96°C; IR (KBr): 3152, 2222, 1620, 1511, 1461, 1302, 1065 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> δ): 6.58 (br, s, 1H), 6.95-7.32 (m, 4H)

4-Bromophenylcyanamide<sup>4</sup> (**1g**):93% yield; m.p. 111-113°C; IR(KBr): 3148, 3063,2924, 2854, 2230, 1597, 1481,1250, 1072, 1011, 810 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.83 - 6.86 (d, J= 9 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.45 (d, J= 9 Hz, 2H), 5.14 (br, s, 1H, NH)

3-Nitrophenyl cyanamid<sup>3,6</sup> (**1h**): 74% Yield: m.p. 133-135°C; IR (KBr): 3145, 2928, 2238, 1624, 1365, 1266, 1082 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ DMSO): δ 7.41-7.85 (m, 4H)

4-Nitrophenyl cyanamide<sup>4,6</sup> (**1i**) 70%yield;m.p. 186-187°C; IR (KBr): 3217, 2152, 1589,1474, 1296, 1111, 841, 748, 625 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+ DMSO): δ7.52 - 7.87 (m, 4H)

4-carboxyethylphenylcyanamide<sup>4</sup> (**1j**): 15%yield; m.p. 150-152°C; IR (KBr): 3156, 2901, 1729, 1578, 1378, 898cm<sup>-1</sup>;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ1.34 (t, 3H), 4.32 (q, 2H), 7.65 – 6.8.7 (m, 4H), 12.11 (br, s, 1H, COOH)

# 3. IR, NMR spectra



FigureS1: FTIR of 1a



**FigureS2**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1a



FigureS3: FTIR of 1c



FigureS4: FTIR of 1e



FigureS5: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1f



**FigureS6**: FTIR of 1g



FigureS7: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1g





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