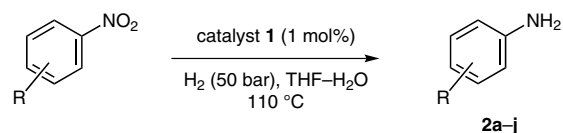
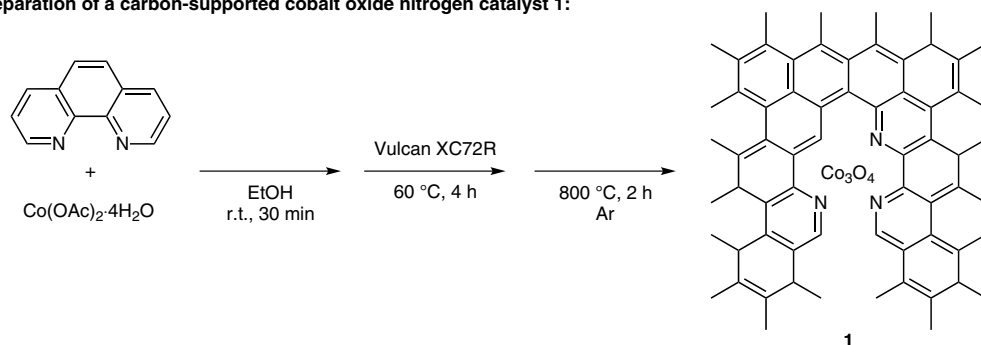


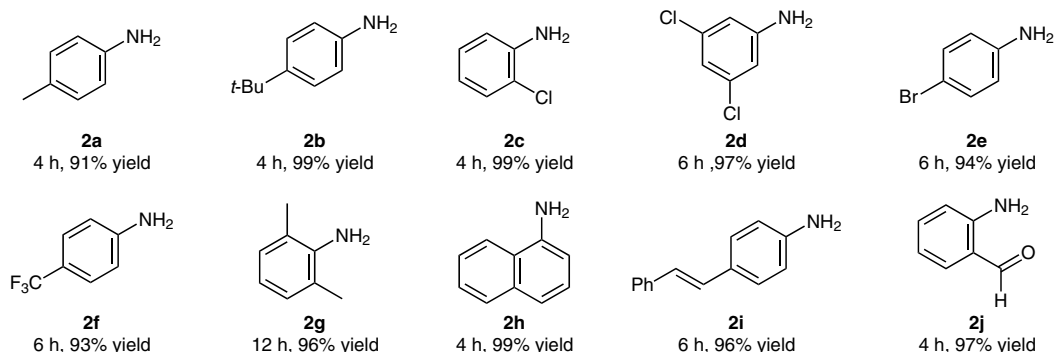
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## Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Nitrogen Complex for Hydrogenation of Nitroarenes

Preparation of a carbon-supported cobalt oxide nitrogen catalyst **1**:



Results:



**Significance:** A carbon-supported cobalt oxide-nitrogen catalyst **1** was prepared by pyrolysis (800 °C) of Co(phen)<sub>2</sub>(OAc)<sub>2</sub> on Vulcan XC72R (an activated carbon). The hydrogenation of nitroarenes was carried out with **1** (1 mol% copper) in THF-H<sub>2</sub>O under 50 bar of H<sub>2</sub> to give the corresponding anilines **2a-j** in up to 99% yield.

**Comment:** The catalyst was reused nine times in the reaction of nitrobenzene where catalytic activity gradually decreased. The catalyst was characterized with TEM, energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX), XPS, and electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR).

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