Synthesis of Materials and Unnatural Products

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Domino Aromatizing Cyclization

$$\frac{n\text{-BuLi, THF, }-78\text{ °C, 2 h}}{\text{then }-20\text{ °C, 20 min, }96\% \text{ yield}}$$

$$\Phi_{\text{F}} = 0.63$$

$$\frac{n\text{-BuLi, THF, }-78\text{ °C, }2\text{ h}}{\text{then }-20\text{ °C, }20\text{ min, }64\%\text{ yield}}$$

Significance: Fused-ring monoaza-acenes where synthesized in high yield through a nucleophile-initiated cascade cyclization to generate fully aromatic products. The nucleophilic attack appears to be regioselective and all products were emissive.

Comment: All of the cyclized products form multipoint hydrogen-bonding interactions in the solid state.