

## Supporting Information

Direct synthesis of 2-methylpyridines via I<sub>2</sub>-triggered [3 + 2 + 1] annulation of aryl methyl ketoxime acetates with triethylamine as the carbon source

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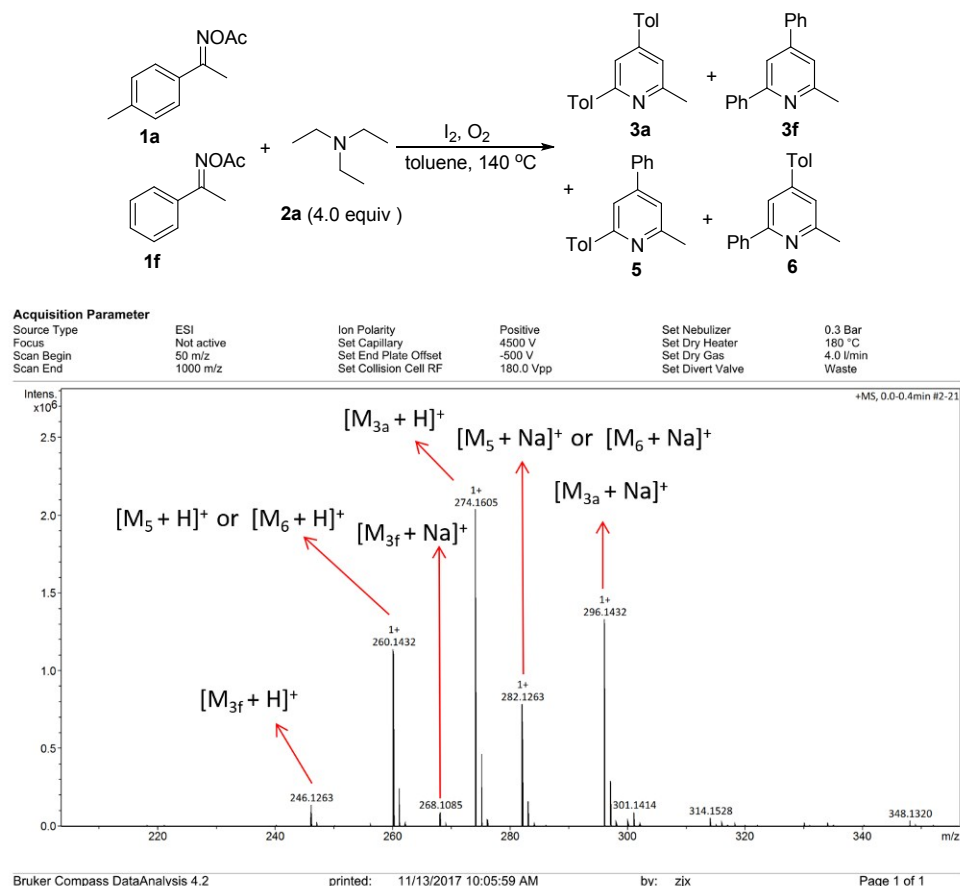
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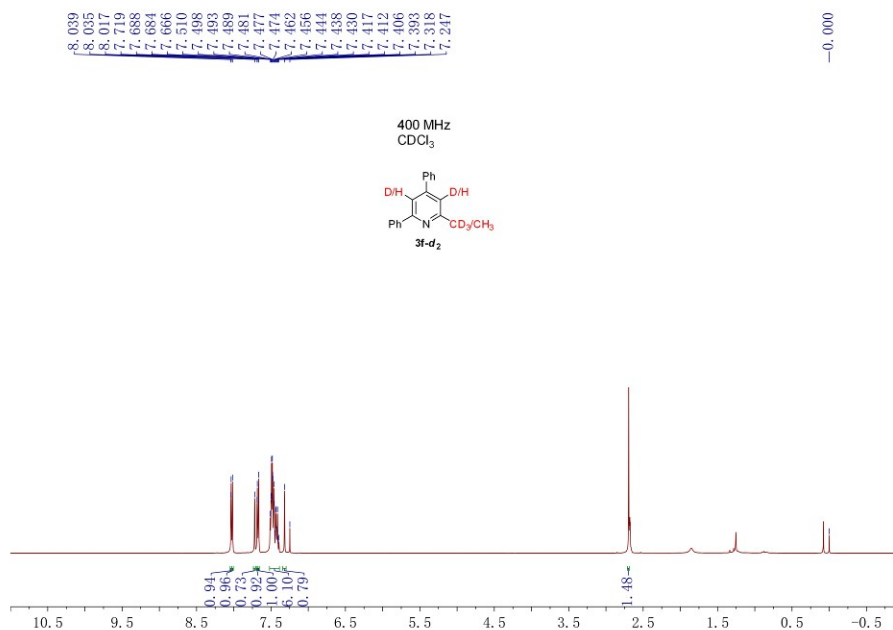
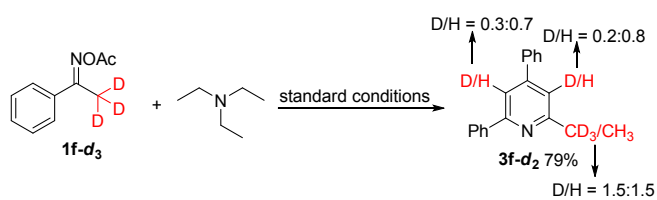
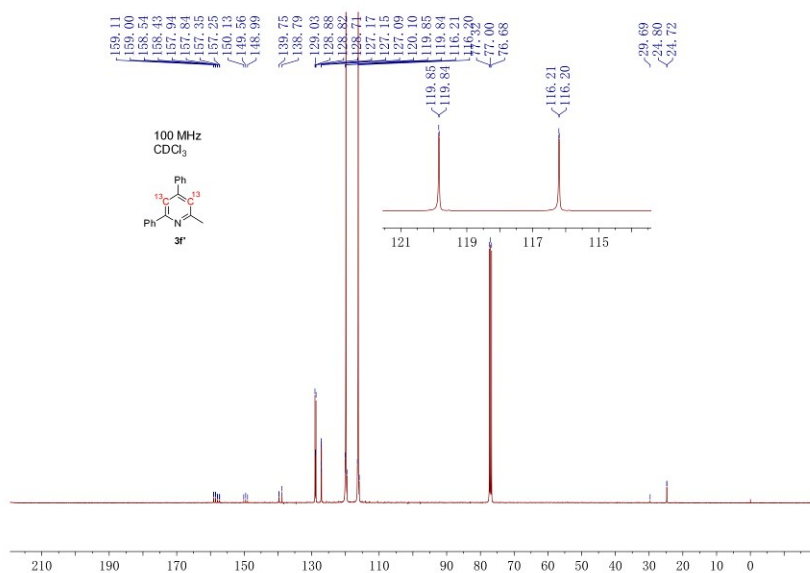
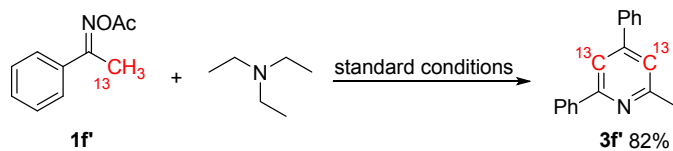
## 1. The cross-coupling reaction and the spectrogram of HRMS

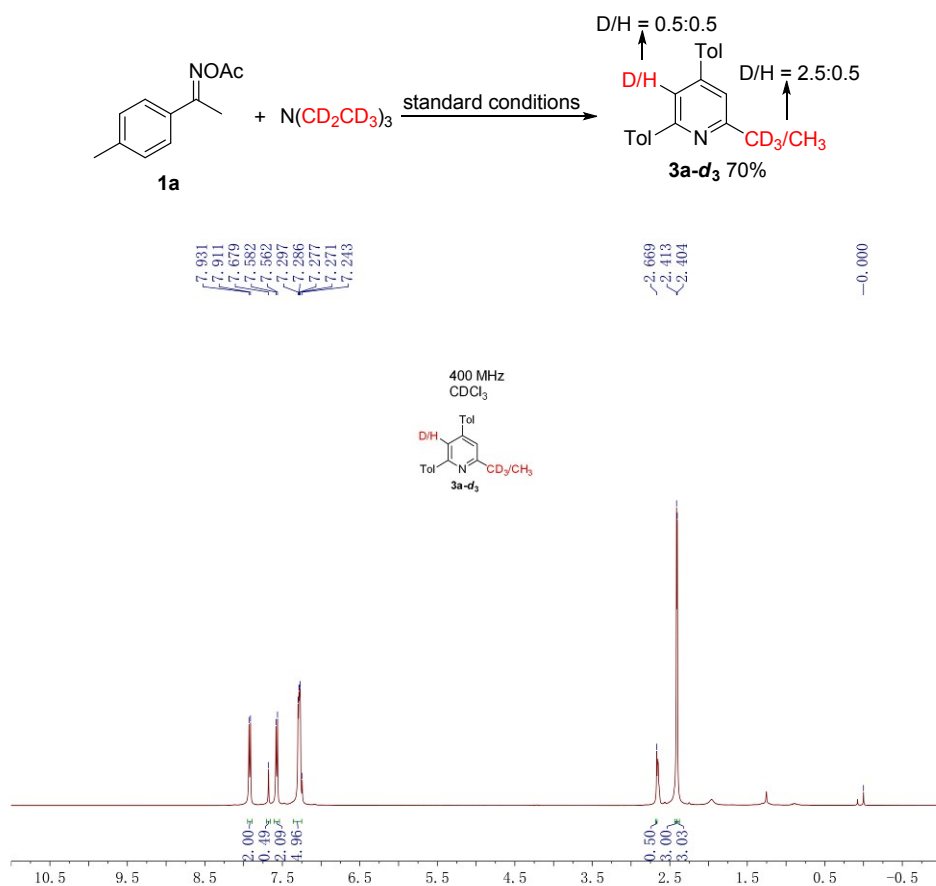
In order to further confirm our proposed mechanism, we investigated the cross-coupling reaction between two representative substrates 4-methylacetophenone oxime acetate (**1a**) and acetophenone oxime acetate (**1f**) under standard conditions. Fortunately, all the products were successfully identified by HRMS analysis of the crude reaction extract.



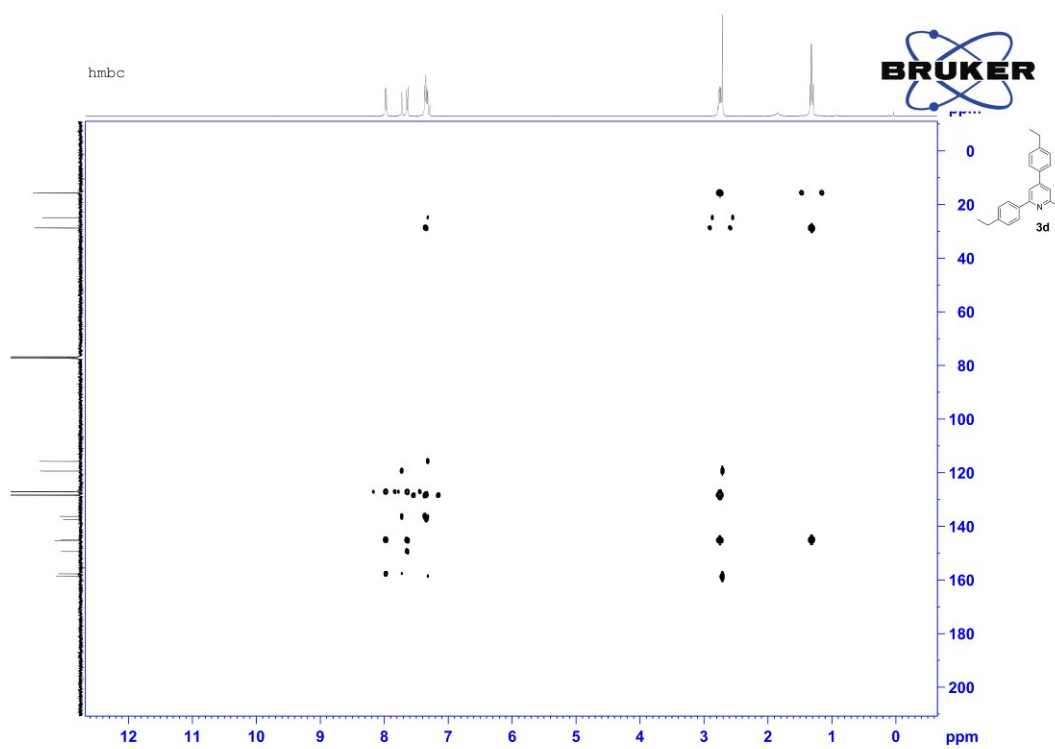
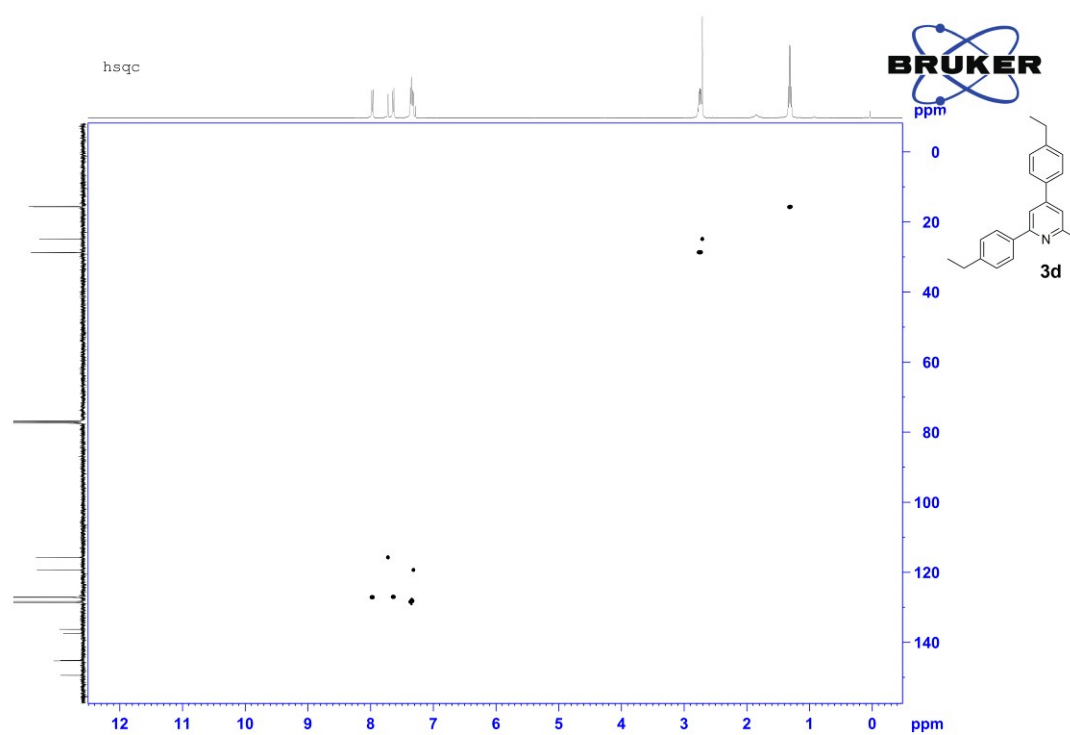
## 2. The <sup>13</sup>C-labeling and D-labeling experiments and the spectrogram

We further experimented to develop a better understanding of the reaction mechanism by performing <sup>13</sup>C-labeling and D-labeling experiments under the optimized conditions using acetophenone-β,β,β-d<sub>3</sub> oxime acetate and acetophenone-β-<sup>13</sup>C oxime acetate, respectively, as substrates. The corresponding desired products **3f'** and **3f-d<sub>2</sub>** were obtained in 82% and 79% yields, respectively (Scheme 4a and 4b). These experimental results strongly suggested that methyl ketone *O*-acetyloximes provided four carbons to form the pyridine ring. Then, the speculation that the α-C of TEA was integrated into the final pyridines has been demonstrated when TEA-d<sub>15</sub> was used in this reaction system (Scheme 4c). Both of this deuterated experimental evidences are in agreement with the observation of internal D/H exchange in the 2-methylpyridines.





### 3. The HSQC and HMBC of 3d



#### 4. $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra of compounds 3

