

Supporting Information

Carbenoid-mediated N-O Bond Insertion and its Application in the Synthesis of Pyridines

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General methods: All reactions were carried out in flame or oven dried glasswares under nitrogen atmosphere with freshly distilled solvents under anhydrous conditions unless otherwise indicated. Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 (230 – 400 mesh). Chromatograms were visualized by fluorescence quenching with UV light at 254 nm or by staining using base solution of potassium permanganate and molybdate. NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature on 400 MHz Bruker DPX 400 and 400 MHz JEOL ECA 400 NMR spectrometers. The residual solvent signals were taken as the reference (0.00 ppm or 7.26 ppm for ^1H NMR spectra and 77.0 ppm for ^{13}C NMR spectra in CDCl_3). Chemical shift (δ) is reported in ppm, coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. The following abbreviations classify the multiplicity: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet, q = quartet and br = broad signal. HRMS (ESI) spectra were recorded on a Waters Q-Tof premierTM mass spectrometer.

Materials: All solvents were distilled under nitrogen from the following drying agents immediately before use: acetonitrile and dichloroethane were distilled from P_2O_5 . Anhydrous pyridine and DBU were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

Preparation of α -halo ketones:

α -Halo ketones were prepared by the literature procedures. References are listed below.

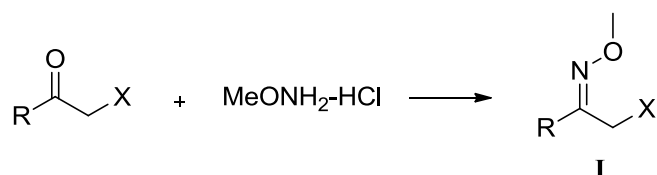
2-bromo-1-(*o*-tolyl)ethanone,¹ 2-chloro-1-(2-chlorophenyl)ethanone,²

2-bromo-1-(3-chlorophenyl)ethanone,¹ 2-chloro-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethanone,³

2-bromo-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethanone,⁴ 2-bromo-1-(furan-2-yl)ethanone,⁵

2-bromo-1-(1-bromocyclohexyl)ethanone.⁶

General procedure for compounds I:



α -Halo ketone (1 eq.) and methoxyamine hydrochloride (1.5 eq.) were dissolved in ethanol containing one drop of concentrated sulfuric acid. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 2-12 h. The solvent was evaporated in *vacuo* to near dryness. The crude material was taken in ether and washed with 1 M aqueous KHSO₄, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and water. The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo* to afford the product as a colorless liquid. The crude material was used directly for the next step without further purification.

References for the known compounds are listed below.

2-chloro-1-phenylethanone *O*-methyl oxime,⁷ 2-bromo-1-(*o*-tolyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime,⁸ 2-chloro-1-(2-chlorophenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime,⁹

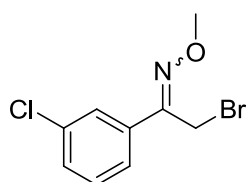
2-bromo-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime,¹⁰

2-bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime,¹⁰

2-chloro-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime,¹¹ 2-bromo-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime,¹² 2-bromo-1-(furan-2-yl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime,¹³

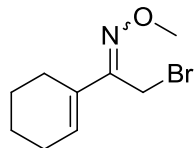
1-chloro-3,3-dimethylbutan-2-one *O*-methyl oxime.¹¹

2-bromo-1-(3-chlorophenyl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime:



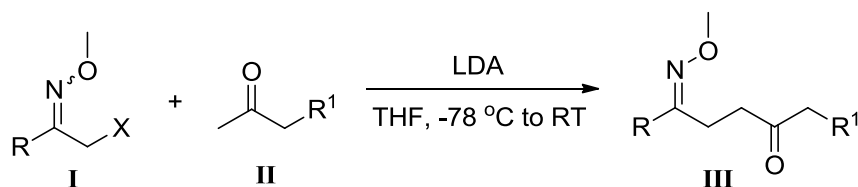
The *cis:trans* ratio was 13:87. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 4.78 & 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.13 & 4.11 (s, 3H).

2-bromo-1-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)ethanone O-methyl oxime:



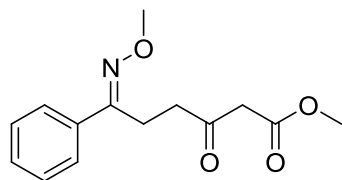
The *cis:trans* ratio was 51:49. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.23-6.22 & 6.13-6.11 (m, 1H), 3.96 & 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.28 (br, 2H), 2.23-.2.21 & 2.17-2.16 (m, 2H), 1.93 (s, 2H), 1.67-1.60 (m, 4H).

General procedure for compounds III:



To a solution of LDA (2.1 eq.) in dry THF at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ was added a solution of **II** (1.0 eq.) in dry THF dropwise under nitrogen, after 30 min a solution of **I** (1.0 eq.) in dry THF was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for a further 30 min. Then rise the temperature to RT and stirred overnight. Upon completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aq. NH_4Cl solution, extracted with ethyl acetate for 3 times, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The crude material was concentrated under vacuo and purified by column chromatography using hexane : ethyl acetate (9 : 1).

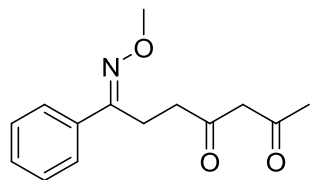
(E)-methyl 6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxo-6-phenylhexanoate:



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as colorless oil (ketone ester : enol form = 93 : 7). Yield: 65%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 3.02-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.81-2.77 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz,

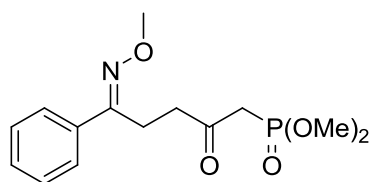
CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 167.4, 156.9, 135.0, 129.3, 128.6, 126.2, 62.0, 52.4, 48.8, 39.3, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4$: 264.1236. Found: 264.1236.

(E)-7-(methoxyimino)-7-phenylheptane-2,4-dione:



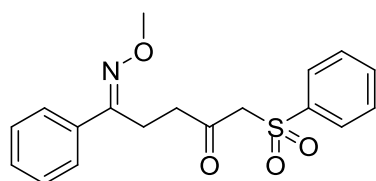
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as colorless oil (ketone ester : enol form = 70: 30). Yield: 58%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.05-2.97 (m, 2H), 2.55-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.3, 190.2, 157.0, 135.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 99.8, 62.0, 57.6, 40.0, 34.9, 30.9, 24.6, 22.6, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$: 248.1287. Found: 248.1287.

(E)-dimethyl 5-(methoxyimino)-2-oxo-5-phenylpentylphosphonate:



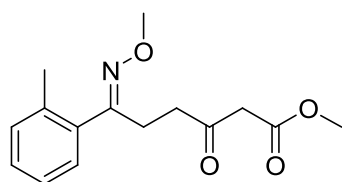
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as pale yellow oil. Yield: 52%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.36 (m, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.12 (s, 1H), 3.06 (s, 1H), 3.01-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.84 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.5, 157.0, 135.1, 129.3, 128.6, 126.2, 62.0, 53.1, 53.0, 41.8, 40.5, 40.4, 40.4, 21.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_5\text{P}$: 314.1157. Found: 314.1159.

(E)-5-(methoxyimino)-5-phenyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)pentan-2-one:



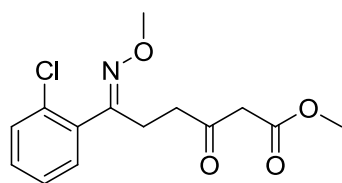
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as pale yellow oil. Yield: 42%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.95 (s, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.8, 156.5, 138.5, 134.9, 134.3, 129.3, 128.6, 128.2, 126.2, 66.7, 62.0, 40.7, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$: 346.1113. Found: 346.1119.

(E)-methyl 6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxo-6-(o-tolyl)hexanoate:



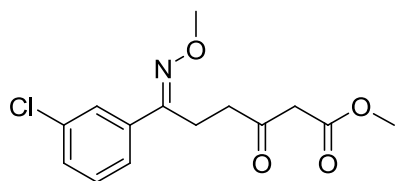
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as colorless oil (ketone ester : enol form = 90 : 10). Yield: 30%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26-7.11 (m, 4H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 2H), 2.94-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.0, 167.4, 158.9, 136.1, 135.6, 130.7, 128.7, 128.6, 125.8, 89.0, 61.8, 52.3, 51.2, 49.4, 48.7, 38.6, 38.2, 26.4, 23.9, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4$: 278.1392. Found: 278.1397.

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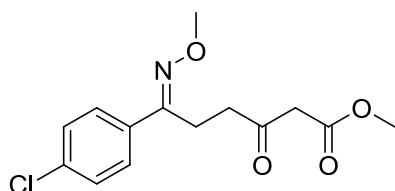
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as colorless oil (ketone ester : enol form = 91 : 9). Yield: 25%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 2.99-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.73 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.0, 167.3, 157.9, 135.3, 132.8, 130.9, 130.1, 129.8, 126.9, 89.0, 62.1, 52.3, 48.7, 38.7, 23.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_4$: 298.0846. Found: 298.0845.

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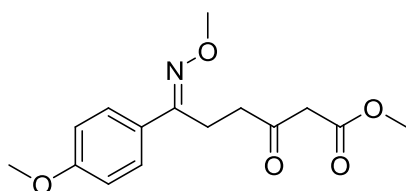
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as colorless oil (ketone ester : enol form = 91 : 9). Yield: 21%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 2.98-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.77 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.1, 167.4, 155.7, 136.9, 134.7, 129.8, 129.3, 126.3, 124.3, 62.3, 52.4, 48.8, 39.2, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_4$: 298.0846. Found: 298.0839.

(E)-methyl 6-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxohexanoate:



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as colorless oil (ketone ester : enol form = 91 : 9). Yield: 41%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 2.99-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.77 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 167.4, 155.9, 135.3, 133.5, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.5, 62.2, 52.4, 48.8, 39.2, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_4$: 298.0846. Found: 298.0858.

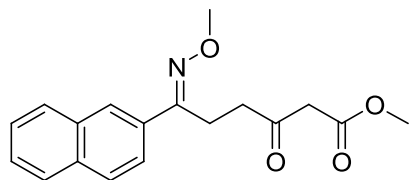
(E)-methyl 6-(methoxyimino)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxohexanoate:



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as colorless oil (ketone ester : enol form = 90 : 10). Yield: 44%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57-7.55 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 3.00-2.96 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.76 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR

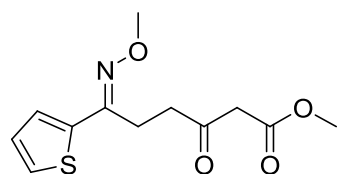
(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.4, 167.5, 160.6, 156.5, 127.6, 127.5, 114.0, 61.9, 55.3, 52.4, 48.8, 39.5, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉NO₅: 294.1341. Found: 294.1350

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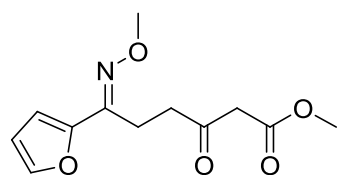
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as colorless oil (ketone ester : enol form = 88 : 12). Yield: 65%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 3.15-3.11 (m, 2H), 2.87-2.83 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.4, 167.5, 156.7, 133.7, 133.1, 132.3, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 126.7, 126.4, 125.8, 123.6, 62.2, 52.4, 48.9, 39.5, 20.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₄: 314.1392. Found: 314.1385.

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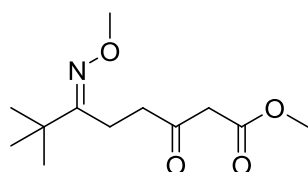
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as pale yellow oil (ketone ester : enol form = 92 : 8). Yield: 65%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 2.98-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.84-2.80 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.2, 167.4, 153.0, 138.9, 127.3, 127.2, 126.5, 89.3, 62.2, 52.4, 51.2, 48.8, 39.5, 31.9, 24.4, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅NO₄S: 270.0800. Found: 270.0799.

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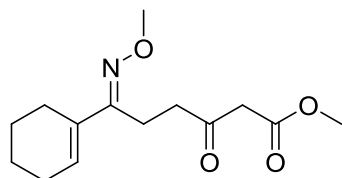
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as pale yellow oil (ketone ester : enol form = 92 : 8). Yield: 15%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45-7.45 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.65 (m, 1H), 6.43-6.42 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 2.89-2.79 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.1, 167.4, 149.3, 149.0, 143.9, 111.4, 110.7, 62.4, 52.4, 48.8, 39.5, 20.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_5$: 254.1028. Found: 254.1030.

(E)-methyl 6-(methoxyimino)-7,7-dimethyl-3-oxooctanoate:



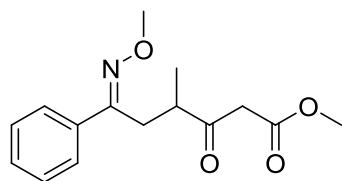
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as colorless oil (ketone ester : enol form = 93 : 7). Yield: 32%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 2.76-2.72 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.46 (m, 2H), 1.09 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.7, 167.6, 165.0, 61.2, 52.4, 48.8, 39.8, 37.3, 27.5, 20.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$: 244.1549. Found: 244.1558.

(E)-methyl 6-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxohexanoate:



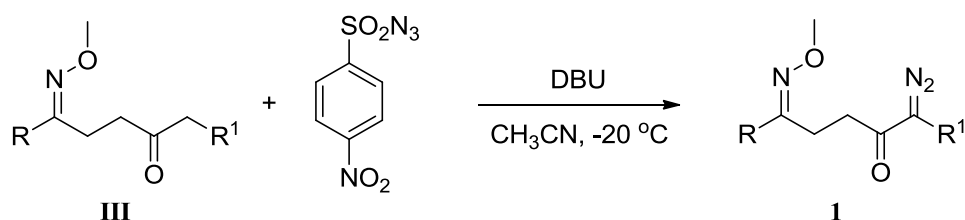
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as colorless oil (ketone ester : enol form = 92 : 8). Yield: 53%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.08-6.06 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 2.72-2.62 (m, 4H), 2.23-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.15-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.56 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.7, 167.5, 158.2, 133.3, 129.3, 62.0, 61.6, 52.3, 51.1, 48.8, 40.0, 38.0, 26.0, 25.2, 24.5, 23.1, 22.3, 22.1, 21.4, 18.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$: 268.1549. Found: 268.1550.

(E)-methyl 6-(methoxyimino)-4-methyl-3-oxo-6-phenylhexanoate:



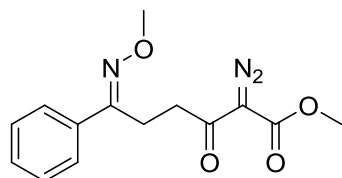
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was mixture with ketone ester and enol form as colorless oil (ketone ester : enol form = 83 : 17). Yield: 65%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.53-3.45 (m, 2H), 3.06-2.97 (m, 2H), 2.92-2.86 (m, 1H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.9, 167.6, 156.3, 135.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 126.4, 87.9, 62.0, 61.9, 52.3, 51.1, 47.5, 43.9, 30.8, 29.1, 16.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4$: 278.1392. Found: 278.1394.

General procedure for compounds **1** (1a-o):



To a solution of **III** (1.0 eq.) and 4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl azide (1.1 eq.) in CH_3CN at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ was added DBU (1.1 eq.) dropwise under nitrogen. The resulting orange color solution was stirred at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ overnight. Upon completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude material was purified by column chromatography using hexane : ethyl acetate (9 : 1).

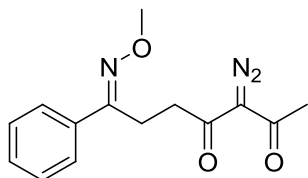
(*E*)-methyl 2-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxo-6-phenylhexanoate (**1a**):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 81%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.10-3.05 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz,

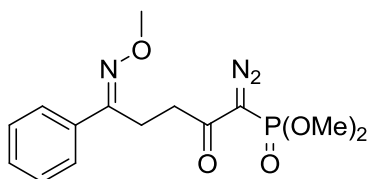
CDCl_3) δ 191.3, 161.7, 157.1, 135.3, 129.2, 128.5, 126.3, 62.0, 52.2, 36.8, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$: 290.1141. Found: 290.1145.

(E)-3-diazo-7-(methoxyimino)-7-phenylheptane-2,4-dione (1b):



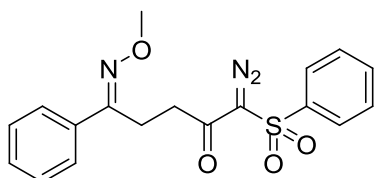
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 76%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.09-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.97-2.93 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.5, 188.4, 156.6, 135.0, 129.3, 128.5, 126.1, 84.0, 62.0, 36.9, 28.5, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$: 274.1192. Found: 274.1194.

(E)-dimethyl 1-diazo-5-(methoxyimino)-2-oxo-5-phenylpentylphosphonate (1c):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 64%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.07-3.03 (m, 2H), 2.81-2.77 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.3, 191.2, 156.8, 135.1, 129.3, 128.6, 126.2, 62.1, 53.7, 53.6, 35.7, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{P}$: 340.1062. Found: 340.1060.

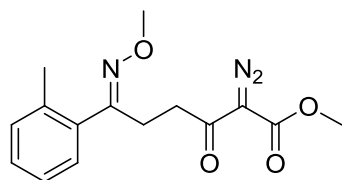
(E)-1-diazo-5-(methoxyimino)-5-phenyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)pentan-2-one (1d):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. mp: 80-81 °C. Yield: 48%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H),

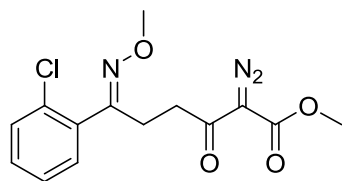
2.99-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.83-2.79 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.0, 156.3, 141.8, 134.8, 134.1, 129.4, 129.3, 128.5, 127.3, 126.1, 62.0, 35.6, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 372.1018. Found: 372.1019.

(E)-methyl 2-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxo-6-(o-tolyl)hexanoate (1e):



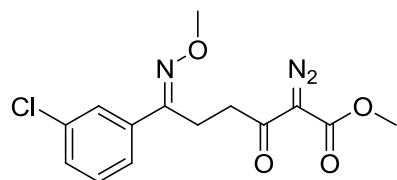
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 78%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.24-7.16 (m, 4H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.98 (s, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.1, 161.6, 159.2, 136.2, 135.7, 130.6, 128.7, 128.6, 125.7, 61.8, 52.1, 35.9, 24.4, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$: 304.1297. Found: 304.1301.

(E)-methyl 6-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxohexanoate (1f):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 76%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.0, 161.6, 158.2, 135.4, 132.9, 131.0, 130.0, 129.8, 126.8, 62.0, 52.2, 36.0, 24.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_4$: 324.0751. Found: 324.0747.

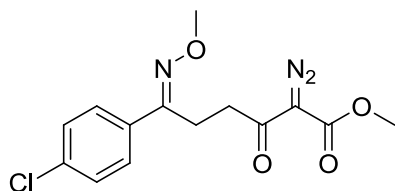
(E)-methyl 6-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxohexanoate (1g):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 50%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.10-3.06 (m, 2H), 3.03-2.99 (m, 2H);

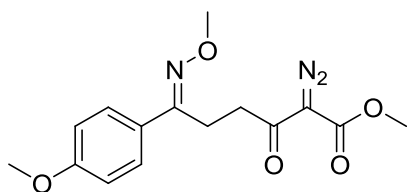
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.1, 161.7, 155.9, 137.1, 134.6, 129.7, 129.2, 126.4, 124.4, 62.2, 52.2, 36.6, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_4$: 324.0751. Found: 324.0760.

(E)-methyl 6-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxohexanoate (1h):



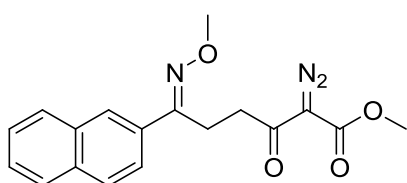
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. mp: 77-79 °C. Yield: 86%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.10-3.06 (m, 2H), 3.03-2.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.0, 161.6, 156.0, 135.1, 133.7, 128.7, 127.6, 75.8, 62.1, 52.2, 36.7, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_4$: 324.0751. Found: 324.0758.

(E)-methyl 2-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxohexanoate (1i):



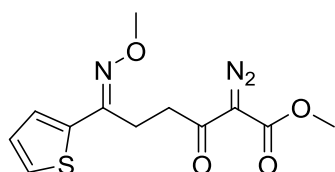
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as pale yellow solid. mp: 85-86 °C Yield: 55%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61-7.57 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.11-3.06 (m, 2H), 3.04-3.00 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.4, 161.7, 160.5, 156.7, 127.8, 127.6, 113.9, 61.9, 55.3, 52.2, 36.9, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$: 320.1246. Found: 320.1243

(E)-methyl 2-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-oxohexanoate (1j):



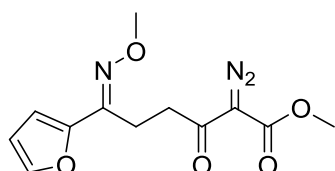
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 91%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.80 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.20-3.13 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.3, 161.7, 156.9, 133.7, 133.2, 132.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.6, 126.6, 126.3, 125.9, 123.7, 62.2, 52.2, 37.0, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$: 340.1297. Found: 340.1305.

(E)-methyl 2-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxo-6-(thiophen-2-yl)hexanoate (1k):



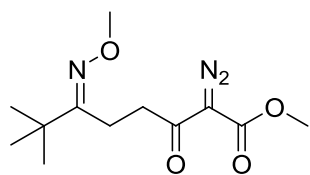
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. mp: 97-98 °C. Yield: 86%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.16-3.09 (m, 2H), 3.06-3.00 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.2, 161.7, 153.1, 139.2, 127.1, 127.1, 126.4, 62.2, 52.3, 37.0, 21.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 296.0705. Found: 296.0704.

(E)-methyl 2-diazo-6-(furan-2-yl)-6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxohexanoate (1l):



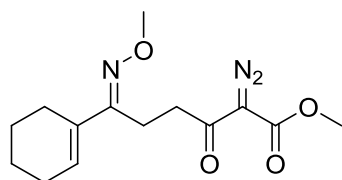
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. mp: 66-68 °C. Yield: 64%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42-7.42 (m, 1H), 6.66-6.65 (m, 1H), 6.40-6.39 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.11-3.07 (m, 2H), 2.91-2.87 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.1, 161.6, 149.4, 149.2, 143.8, 111.4, 110.6, 62.3, 52.2, 37.0, 21.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$: 280.0933. Found: 280.0937.

(E)-methyl 2-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-7,7-dimethyl-3-oxooctanoate (1m):



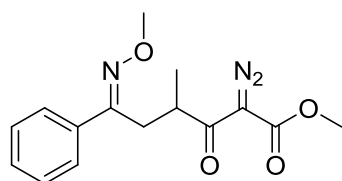
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as pale yellow solid. mp: 59-62 °C. Yield: 95%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.07-3.03 (m, 2H), 2.56-2.52 (m, 2H), 1.11 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.7, 165.0, 161.8, 61.2, 52.2, 37.3, 37.1, 27.6, 20.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$: 270.1454. Found: 270.1460.

(E)-methyl 6-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-2-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-3-oxohexanoate (1n):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 75%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.11-6.09 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.98-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.24 (br, 2H), 2.15-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.56 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.6, 161.8, 158.3, 133.5, 129.1, 61.6, 52.2, 37.4, 26.0, 24.6, 22.4, 22.1, 19.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$: 294.1454. Found: 294.1458.

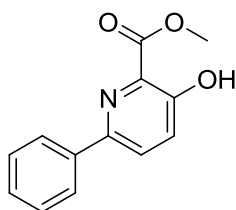
(E)-methyl 2-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-4-methyl-3-oxo-6-phenylhexanoate (1o):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 97%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.92 (q, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.07-2.95 (m, 2H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.8Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.4, 161.3, 156.6, 135.8, 129.1, 128.4, 126.6, 61.9, 52.2, 39.3, 29.4, 17.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$: 304.1297. Found: 304.1300.

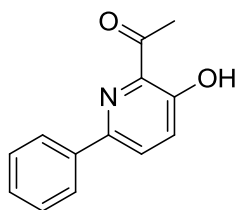
General procedure for pyridines: To a stirred suspension of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{tfacam})_4$ (2 mol%) in dichloroethane was added a solution of diazo compound in dichloroethane under nitrogen, and the reaction mixture was stirred under reflux until the diazo compound was completely consumed (detected by TLC). The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give crude compound which was purified by flash column chromatography using hexane : ethyl acetate (9 : 1) to give desired products.

Methyl 3-hydroxy-6-phenylpicolinate (2a):



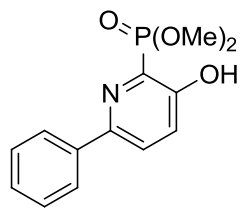
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. mp: 91-93°C. Yield: 92%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.7 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 157.8, 149.5, 138.3, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 127.0, 126.9, 126.6, 53.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3$: 230.0817. Found: 230.0816.

1-(3-hydroxy-6-phenylpyridin-2-yl)ethanone (2b):



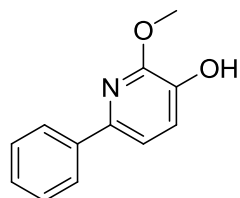
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. mp: 45-47 °C. Yield: 75%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.8 (s, 1H), 8.01-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 2.87 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 207.9, 157.6, 148.2, 138.1, 135.3, 128.8, 128.7, 127.1, 127.0, 126.3, 25.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$: 214.0868. Found: 214.0872.

Dimethyl (3-hydroxy-6-phenylpyridin-2-yl)phosphonate (2c):



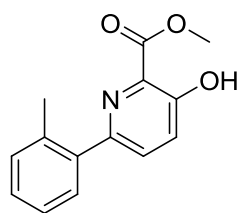
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as pale yellow oil. Yield: 64%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.2 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.5, 159.2, 150.1, 149.9, 138.2, 131.9, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 126.3, 126.1, 126.0, 125.5, 125.5, 54.5, 54.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4\text{P}$: 280.0739. Found: 280.0737.

2-methoxy-6-phenylpyridin-3-ol (2d):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. mp: 92-93 °C. Yield: 65%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.12 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.0, 145.4, 139.6, 138.9, 128.6, 127.9, 126.1, 121.4, 113.9, 53.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$: 202.0868. Found: 202.0862.

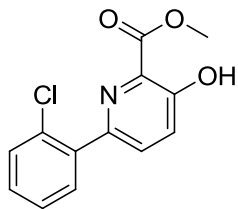
Methyl 3-hydroxy-6-(*o*-tolyl)picolinate (2e):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 91%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.7 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 3H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 157.4, 151.9, 139.3, 136.0, 130.9, 130.4,

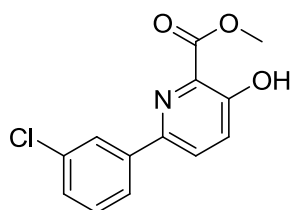
129.6, 129.0, 128.4, 126.4, 126.0, 53.1, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{14}H_{13}NO_3$: 244.0974. Found: 244.0973.

Methyl 6-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxypicolinate (2f):



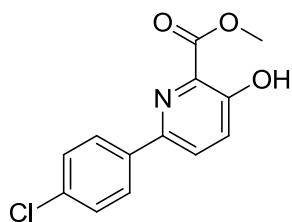
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. mp: 142-144 °C Yield: 83%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.8 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 2H), 4.05 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.1, 158.0, 148.8, 138.2, 132.3, 131.7, 131.2, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 127.2, 126.0, 53.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{13}H_{10}ClNO_3$: 264.0427. Found: 264.0422.

Methyl 6-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxypicolinate (2g):



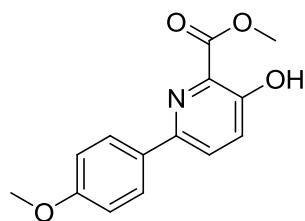
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. mp: 132-134 °C. Yield: 80%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.8 (s, 1H), 7.97-7.96 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 2H), 4.08 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.0, 158.2, 148.0, 140.1, 135.0, 130.1, 129.6, 128.8, 127.2, 126.9, 126.8, 124.7, 53.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{13}H_{10}ClNO_3$: 264.0427. Found: 264.0424.

Methyl 6-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxypicolinate (2h):



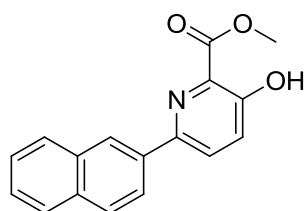
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. mp: 143-145 °C Yield: 87%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.7 (s, 1H), 7.90-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 3H), 4.07 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.1, 158.0, 148.2, 136.8, 134.9, 129.5, 129.0, 127.9, 127.1, 126.6, 53.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClNO}_3$: 264.0427. Found: 264.0427.

Methyl 3-hydroxy-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)picolinate (2i):



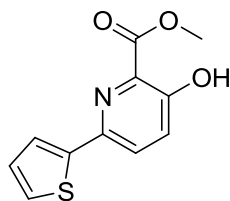
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. mp: 83-85 °C. Yield: 88%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.7 (s, 1H), 7.90-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.7Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.7Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 2H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 160.2, 157.4, 149.3, 131.1, 129.1, 127.8, 127.0, 126.3, 114.2, 55.3, 53.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4$: 260.0923. Found: 260.0921.

Methyl 3-hydroxy-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)picolinate (2j):



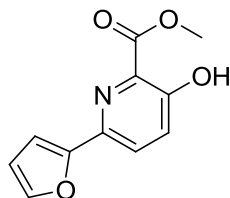
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. mp: 103-105 °C. Yield: 72%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.8 (s, 1H), 8.39-8.39 (m, 1H), 8.14-8.12 (m, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.88-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 3H), 4.11 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 157.9, 149.4, 135.6, 133.5, 133.5, 129.5, 128.6, 128.6, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 126.5, 126.4, 125.8, 124.4, 53.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3$: 280.0974. Found: 280.0968.

Methyl 3-hydroxy-6-(thiophen-2-yl)picolinate (2k):



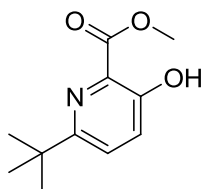
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as pale yellow solid. mp: 135-137 °C. Yield: 63%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.7 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.7Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 157.6, 145.0, 143.6, 129.0, 128.0, 127.2, 127.1, 125.6, 124.3, 53.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₁H₉NO₃S: 236.0381. Found: 236.0382.

Methyl 6-(furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxypicolinate (2l):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as pale yellow solid. mp: 126-128 °C. Yield: 62%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.7 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 9.2Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.8Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.52-6.51 (m, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 157.6, 152.5, 143.2, 141.9, 129.2, 127.0, 125.5, 112.0, 108.1, 53.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₁H₉NO₄: 220.0610. Found: 220.0610.

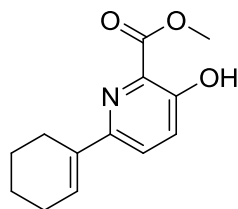
Methyl 6-(*tert*-butyl)-3-hydroxypicolinate (2m):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. mp: 63-65 °C. Yield: 86%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.6 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR

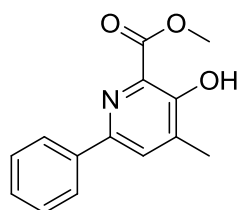
(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 160.7, 156.7, 128.1, 126.2, 126.0, 52.9, 37.1, 30.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅NO₃: 210.1130. Found: 210.1130.

Methyl 6-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-3-hydroxypicolinate (2n):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. mp: 75-77 °C. Yield: 60%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.6 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 6.56-6.54 (m, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 2.52-2.48 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.22 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.64 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 157.3, 151.5, 135.8, 128.4, 128.1, 126.3, 125.7, 53.0, 26.0, 25.8, 22.7, 22.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NO₃: 234.1130. Found: 234.1133.

Methyl 3-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-phenylpicolinate (2o):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. mp: 92-94 °C. Yield: 91%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.9 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 157.1, 148.9, 138.6, 137.5, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 126.6, 53.0, 15.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃NO₃: 244.0974. Found: 244.0972.

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