

Supporting Information

Regioselective Synthesis of Multisubstituted Isoquinolones and Pyridinons via Rh(III)-Catalyzed Annulation Reactions

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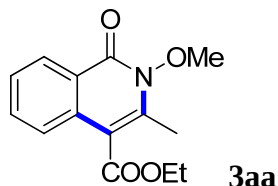
General experimental procedures

All the reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk technique. ^1H NMR (400 MHz), ^{19}F (376 M Hz), and ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) were recorded on a NMR spectrometer with CDCl_3 as solvent. Chemical shifts of ^1H , ^{19}F and ^{13}C NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm). The residual solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale (CDCl_3 : $\delta \text{H} = 7.26$ ppm, $\delta \text{C} = 77.26$ ppm). All coupling constants (J values) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of doublet of doublets (ddd), doublet of triplets (dt), triplet (t), triplet of doublets (td), quartet (q), and multiplet (m). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 200–300 mesh or alumina 200–300 mesh. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates. Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by UV absorbance (254 nm). IR spectra were recorded as KBr disks on a Nicolet 380 FT-IR spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was done on a FTICR-mass spectrometer. $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ was prepared from $\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ following a literature procedure.^[1] The *N*-methoxybenzamide and *N*-methoxymethacrylamide^[2] and diazo compounds^[3–6] were prepared following the literature procedures. Unless otherwise noted below, all other compounds have been reported in the literature or are commercially available without any further purification.

General procedure for synthesis of 2-methoxyisoquinolin-1(2*H*)-ones (3) and 1-methoxypyridin-2(1*H*)-ones (5): A 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with a magnetic stirrer and THF (2.0 mL). *N*-methoxybenzamide or *N*-methoxymethacrylamide (0.2 mmol), diazo compounds (0.24 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (6.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol%), and AgSbF_6 (13.8 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol%) were added to the tube. The tube was sealed, and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h under argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by column

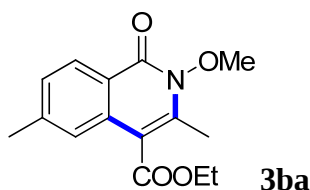
chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as the eluent to give the desired pure products.

Characterization data of compounds 3, 5 and 6



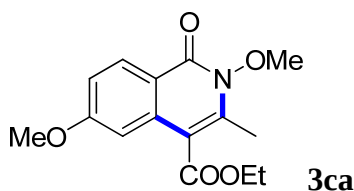
Ethyl 2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3aa):

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.37. Yield 48 mg (92%). Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.41 (d, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 7.64 (t, 2H, J = 6.2 Hz), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 4.45 (q, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.0, 158.4, 140.9, 133.2, 133.1, 128.0, 126.8, 125.5, 124.1, 109.8, 64.1, 61.9, 15.2, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 262.1079, found 262.1080. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2983, 2939, 1610, 1591, 1577, 1555, 1485, 1372, 1311, 1286, 1081, 1069, 989, 904, 875, 782, 745, 692.



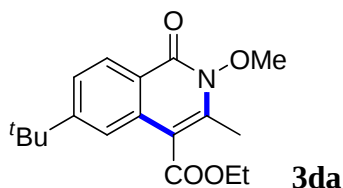
Ethyl 2-methoxy-3,6-dimethyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ba):

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.42. Yield 52 mg (95%). Light yellow solid, mp 58-60 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.31 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 4.48 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.09 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.45 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.1, 158.4, 143.8, 140.7, 133.3, 128.5, 127.9, 123.7, 123.3, 109.6, 64.1, 61.8, 22.3, 15.2, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 276.1236, found 276.1233. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2974, 2934, 2850, 1713, 1682, 1617, 1557, 1487, 1439, 1413, 1368, 12963, 1269, 1191, 1054, 978, 901, 832, 774, 680,



Ethyl 2,6-dimethoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ca):

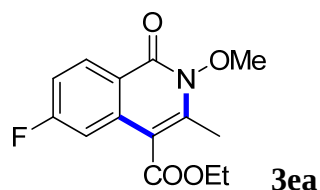
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.29$. Yield 56 mg (96%). White solid, mp 69-71 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.31 (d, 1H, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 7.09 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 4.44 (q, 2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.1, 163.3, 158.1, 141.9, 135.3, 130.0, 119.2, 116.1, 109.1, 105.6, 64.1, 61.8, 55.6, 15.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 292.1185, found 292.1184. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2990, 2941, 2830, 1688, 1609, 1594, 1558, 1454, 1386, 1237, 1199, 1172, 1113, 1074, 1046, 977, 899, 841, 766, 683, 565, 445.



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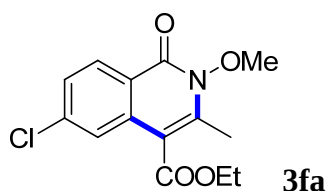
6-tert-butyl-2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate

(3da): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 3:1), $R_f = 0.45$. Yield 61 mg (96%). Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.33 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.52 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.5, 1.6$ Hz), 4.46 (q, 2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.05 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.34 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.2, 158.3, 156.5, 140.8, 133.1, 127.7, 125.0, 123.2, 120.1, 110.0, 64.0, 61.8, 35.6, 31.2, 15.1, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 318.1705, found 318.1706. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2964, 2933, 1717, 1680, 1659, 1598, 1526, 1458, 1368, 1333, 1298, 1264, 1192, 1089, 1054, 1013, 991, 905, 784, 695.



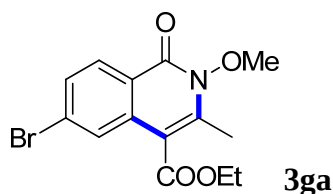
Ethyl 6-fluoro-2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate

(3ea): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.37. Yield 42 mg (75%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.41 (dd, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz), 7.38 (dd, J = 10.7 Hz, J = 2.2 Hz), 7.15 (td, 1H J = 8.5, J = 2.2 Hz), 4.44 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 166.5, 161.1 (d, J = 204.5 Hz), 143.1, 135.6 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 131.17 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 122.0, 115.6 (d, J = 23.6 Hz), 109.8 (d, J = 24.4 Hz), 108.9 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 64.2, 62.0, 15.4, 14.5. ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376 MHz) δ -104.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 280.0985, found 280.0982. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3072, 2982, 2994, 1703, 1689, 1610, 1561, 1487, 1417, 1402, 1360, 1229, 1198, 1117, 1079, 1027, 978, 889, 856, 808, 759, 717, 677, 653.



Ethyl 6-chloro-2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate

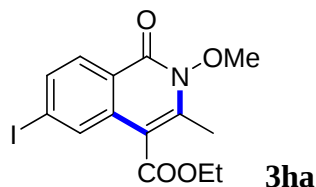
(3fa): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.37. Yield 49 mg (83%). White solid, mp 122-124 °C ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.31 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.38 (dd, 1H, J = 8.6, J = 1.8 Hz), 4.44 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.06 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 166.4, 157.8, 142.9, 139.8, 134.5, 129.7, 127.4, 123.8, 123.7, 108.67, 64.1, 62.0, 15.4, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 296.0690, found 296.0688. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2977, 2939, 1718, 1696, 1603, 1544, 1475, 1404, 1362, 1299, 1207, 1093, 1049, 987, 860, 834, 783, 695, 667, 537.



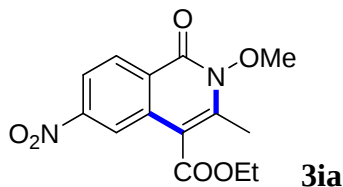
Ethyl 6-bromo-2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate

(3ga): Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (2:1), R_f = 0.39. Yield 57 mg (84%). White solid, mp 131-133 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.24 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.54 (dd, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz, J = 1.7 Hz), 4.45 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s,

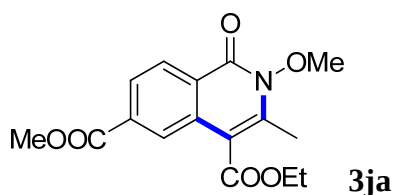
3H), 1.42 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 166.4, 157.9, 142.9, 134.7, 130.1, 129.7, 128.5, 126.9, 124.1, 108.6, 64.2, 62.1, 15.4, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 340.0184, found 340.0178. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2975, 2937, 1718, 1695, 1600, 1543, 1482, 1473, 1359, 1297, 1185, 1081, 1048, 984, 897, 857, 831, 781, 691, 664, 630, 598.



Ethyl 6-iodo-2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ha): Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (2:1), $R_f = 0.41$. Yield 70 mg (91%). White solid, mp 95-97 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.09 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.75 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.5\text{Hz}$, $J = 1.1$ Hz), 4.45 (q, 2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.06 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 166.4, 158.1, 142.7, 135.8, 134.6, 133.2, 129.4, 124.6, 108.4, 101.3, 64.1, 62.1, 15.4, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{INO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 388.0046, found 388.0041. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3099, 2982, 1718, 1688, 1600, 1540, 1468, 1435, 1391, 1361, 1297, 1202, 1080, 1047, 984, 830, 780, 760, 690, 662, 624.



Ethyl 2-methoxy-3-methyl-6-nitro-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ia): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.36$. Yield 48 mg (78%). Yellow solid, mp 161-163 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 8.19 (d, 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 4.51 (q, 2H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 4.11 (s, 3H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 165.9, 157.2, 150.6, 144.8, 134.1, 130.1, 128.9, 120.5, 120.3, 109.2, 64.3, 62.4, 15.5, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 307.0930, found 307.0928. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3087, 2982, 1698, 1679, 1602, 1558, 1534, 1472, 1452, 1304, 1295, 1210, 1172, 1101, 1050, 997, 974, 894, 834, 779, 739, 690.

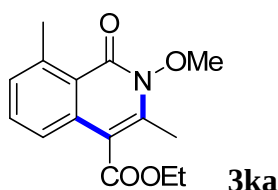


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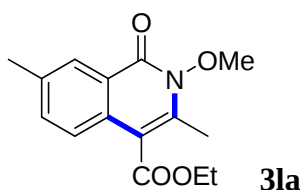
2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4,6-dicarboxylate (3ja):

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.37$. Yield 49 mg (77%). White solid, mp 136-138 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.44 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 8.39 (s, 3H), 8.02 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 4.48 (q, 2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.07 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.44 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 166.5, 166.4, 157.8, 142.4, 133.9, 133.1, 128.3, 128.1, 126.7, 126.3, 109.7, 64.1, 62.1, 52.8, 15.2, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 320.1134, found 320.1130. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3001, 2946, 1699, 1678, 1553, 1434, 1392, 1368, 1340, 1299, 1198, 1111, 1055, 1002, 952, 904, 777, 747, 692.



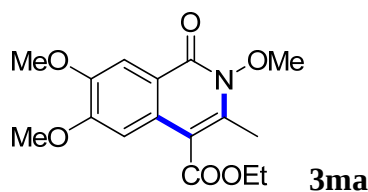
Ethyl 2-methoxy-3,8-dimethyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ka):

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.58$. Yield 41 mg (75%). White solid, mp 74-76 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.47 (t, 1H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 7.39 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.20 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.43 (q, 2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.05 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.6, 159.1, 142.4, 139.9, 134.8, 132.2, 129.9, 123.9, 121.9, 109.9, 63.9, 61.9, 24.1, 15.1, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 276.1236, found 276.1233. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2979, 2922, 1720, 1695, 1613, 1562, 1475, 1427, 1363, 1272, 1238, 1184, 1129, 1056, 1029, 975, 801, 696.

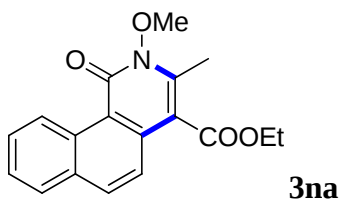


Ethyl 2-methoxy-3,7-dimethyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3la):

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.55. Yield 54 mg (98%). Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 4.42 (q, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 4.04 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.1, 158.3, 139.9, 136.9, 134.5, 130.9, 127.4, 125.4, 124.0, 109.7, 63.9, 61.8, 21.4, 15.1, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 276.1236, found 276.1232. IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 2982, 2937, 1716, 1670, 1615, 1547, 1423, 1369, 1327, 1236, 1192, 1122, 1091, 1089, 1049, 1018, 992, 858, 825.

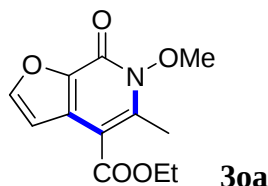


Ethyl 2,6,7-trimethoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ma): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.27. Yield 63 mg (98%). White solid, mp 118-120 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 4.43 (q, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.2, 157.8, 153.8, 149.1, 140.0, 128.7, 119.5, 108.8, 107.5, 104.7, 64.0, 61.7, 56.3, 56.1, 15.2, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 322.1291, found 322.1292. IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 2970, 2925, 2829, 1715, 1674, 1613, 1514, 1455, 1436, 1406, 1380, 1279, 1256, 1208, 1134, 1096, 983, 870, 777, 638.

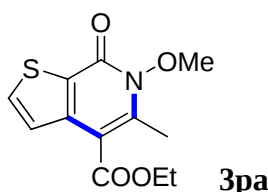


Ethyl 2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydrobenzo[h]isoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3na): Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (2:1), R_f = 0.48. Yield 55 mg (88%). Light yellow solid, mp 76-78 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 10.12 (d, 1H, J = 8.7 Hz), 8.01 (d, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz), 7.88 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.75 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.61 (t, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.50 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.15 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.45 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.5, 158.7, 141.2, 134.82, 134.5, 131.9, 128.9, 128.4,

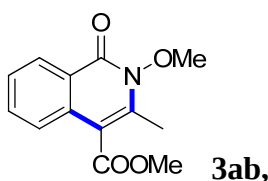
127.3, 126.9, 121.6, 119.1, 110.4, 64.0, 62.1, 15.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}NO_4$ $[M+H]^+$ 312.1236, found 312.1230. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2982, 2936, 1713, 1663, 1596, 1487, 1432, 1414, 1368, 1233, 1179, 1114, 1052, 1012, 825, 755, 499.



Ethyl 6-methoxy-5-methyl-7-oxo-6,7-dihydrofuro[2,3-c]pyridine-4-carboxylate (3a): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.31. Yield 42 mg (84%). Light yellow solid, mp 127-129 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 4.38 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.09 (s, 3H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 165.4, 150.3, 148.9, 148.1, 141.4, 131.6, 109.6, 102.1, 64.5, 61.4, 14.8, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}NO_5$ $[M+H]^+$ 252.0872, found 252.0871. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3133, 2983, 2949, 1727, 1540, 1495, 1436, 1375, 1305, 1259, 1237, 1111, 1051, 986, 902, 801, 672, 587.

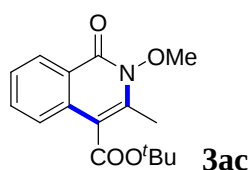


Ethyl 6-methoxy-5-methyl-7-oxo-6,7-dihydrothieno[2,3-c]pyridine-4-carboxylate (3ap): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.46. Yield 48 mg (90%). Light yellow solid, mp 121-123 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.69 (d, 1H, J = 5.3 Hz), 7.57 (d, 1H, J = 5.2 Hz), 4.39 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.0, 154.8, 146.4, 142.2, 133.8, 128.7, 125.6, 106.6, 64.3, 61.6, 15.1, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}NO_4S$ $[M+H]^+$ 268.0644, found 268.0642. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3082, 2976, 2938, 1689, 1557, 1513, 1433, 1397, 1363, 1291, 1267, 1249, 1223, 1165, 1149, 1127, 1087, 1069, 969, 910, 857, 833, 719, 663.



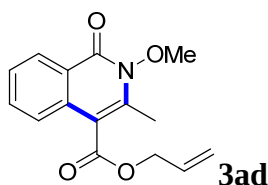
Methyl 2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ab):

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.33. Yield 46 mg (93%). White solid, mp 75-77 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.40 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.64 (d, 2H, J = 3.2 Hz), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.5, 158.4, 141.3, 133.2, 133.1, 127.9, 126.8, 125.4, 124.1, 109.5, 64.1, 52.7, 15.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 248.0923, found 248.0922. IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 3016, 2951, 1716, 1698, 1533, 1450, 1413, 1363, 1313, 1284, 1277, 1219, 1182, 1118, 1079, 1084, 993, 907, 777, 754, 727, 686.



***tert*-Butyl 2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ac):**

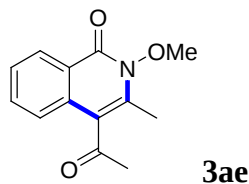
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.45. Yield 52 mg (90%). Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.40 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz, J = 4.3 Hz), 4.06 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 166.1, 158.2, 139.3, 133.2, 132.8, 127.8, 126.5, 125.4, 123.6, 111.3, 82.8, 63.8, 28.4, 14.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 290.1392, found 290.1389. IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 2978, 2936, 1714, 1672, 1612, 1483, 1286, 1257, 1246, 1129, 1113, 1101, 1079, 1056, 1048, 992, 845, 785, 758, 691.



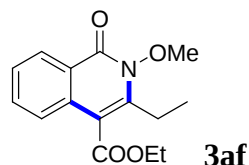
Allyl 2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ad):

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1), R_f = 0.42. Yield 48 mg (88%). Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.41 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 6.6 Hz), 6.05 (dq, 1H, J = 10.7 Hz, J = 5.9 Hz), 5.43 (d, 1H, J = 17.2 Hz), 5.33 (d, 1H, J = 10.4 Hz), 4.87 (d, 2H, J = 5.9 Hz), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 166.7, 158.4, 141.3, 133.2, 133.1, 131.6, 127.9, 126.8, 125.4, 124.1, 119.9, 109.4, 66.5, 64.1, 15.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4$

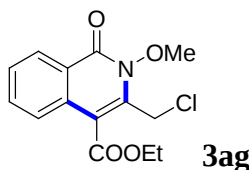
$[M+H]^+$ 274.1079, found 274.1077. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2988, 2940, 1720, 1672, 1610, 1555, 1485, 1436, 1377, 1311, 1284, 1209, 1119, 1079, 1045, 996, 859, 693, 614.



4-Acetyl-2-methoxy-3-methylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ae): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.32. Yield 42 mg (91%). White solid, mp 89-91 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.42 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.69 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.33 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 4.06 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 203.1, 158.2, 136.9, 133.0, 132.7, 128.4, 126.9, 125.8, 123.3, 118.2, 64.0, 33.1, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NO₃ $[M+H]^+$ 232.0974, found 232.0970. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2920, 2898, 1665, 1606, 1551, 1479, 1436, 1384, 1357, 1305, 1280, 1241, 1195, 1119, 977, 768, 695, 656.

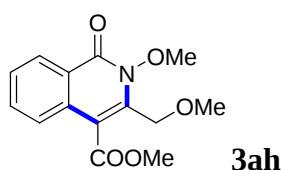


Ethyl 3-ethyl-2-methoxy-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3af): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.51. Yield 53 mg (96%). Light yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.40 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.45 (ddd, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz, J = 2.1 Hz), 4.44 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.09 (s, 3H), 2.80 (q, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz), 1.41 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz), 1.34 (t, 3H, J = 7.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 158.5, 145.5, 133.3, 132.9, 127.9, 126.8, 125.6, 124.1, 109.5, 64.5, 61.9, 23.4, 14.4, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NO₄ $[M+H]^+$ 276.1236, found 276.1235. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 2981, 2939, 1609, 1556, 1485, 1380, 1311, 1286, 1123, 1078, 1019, 991, 782, 695.



Ethyl 3-(chloromethyl)-2-methoxy-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate

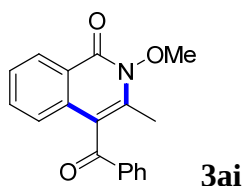
(3ag): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.52. Yield 50 mg (84%). White solid, mp 110-112 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.45 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.77 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.70 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.55 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 4.83 (s, 2H), 4.50 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.26 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 165.8, 158.2, 139.2, 133.3, 132.5, 128.3, 128.1, 126.8, 125.3, 112.3, 65.5, 62.5, 37.2, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 296.0690, found 296.0685. IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 2962, 2941, 2858, 1696, 1606, 1546, 1458, 1376, 1268, 1132, 1085, 1034, 990, 961, 788, 729, 683, 523.



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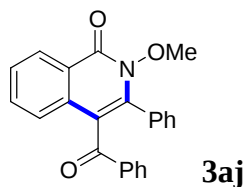
2-methoxy-3-(methoxymethyl)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate

(3ah): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.31. Yield 54 mg (97%). White solid, mp 99-101 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.42 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.70 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50 (t, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.12 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 158.3, 139.1, 133.0, 132.6, 127.9, 127.7, 126.4, 124.6, 111.7, 66.8, 64.9, 58.9, 52.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 278.1028, found 278.1027. IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 2996, 2937, 2814, 1707, 1689, 1488, 1457, 1427, 1393, 1375, 1311, 1292, 1216, 1157, 1105, 1025, 989, 757, 686, 619.

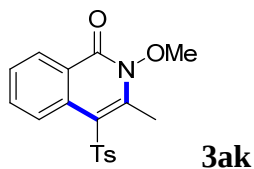


4-Benzoyl-2-methoxy-3-methylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ai): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.33. Yield 54 mg (92%). Light yellow solid, mp 177-178 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.46 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.89 (d, 2H, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.61 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 4.11 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 195.9, 158.5, 138.1, 137.7, 134.5, 134.1, 132.9, 130.0, 129.3, 128.2, 126.8, 125.7, 124.3, 115.1, 64.1, 15.2. HRMS (ESI)

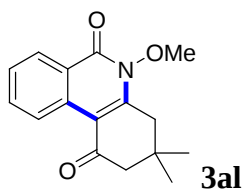
calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}NO_3$ $[M+H]^+$ 294.1130, found 294.1129. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3052, 2937, 1655, 1612, 1499, 1477, 1432, 1402, 1362, 1317, 1282, 1031, 899, 723, 694, 641, 612.



4-Benzoyl-2-methoxy-3-phenylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3aj): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.47. Yield 61 mg (86%). Light yellow solid, mp 157-159 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.58 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.55 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 195.3, 158.3, 140.7, 137.9, 133.9, 133.6, 133.2, 130.6, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 126.4, 124.8, 117.1, 63.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{18}NO_3$ $[M+H]^+$ 356.1287, found 356.1285. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3060, 2930, 1754, 1739, 1508, 1486, 1457, 1363, 1318, 1282, 1232, 1172, 992, 928, 769, 727, 691, 646.

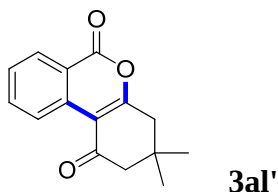


2-Methoxy-3-methyl-4-tosylisoquinolin-1(2H)-one (3ak): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.29. Yield 56 mg (82%). Light yellow solid, mp 139-141 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.57 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 8.43 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.78 (d, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz), 7.65 (t, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.47 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.29 (d, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 158.2, 148.4, 144.3, 140.3, 133.4, 132.1, 130.1, 128.2, 127.3, 126.2, 125.1, 124.9, 114.3, 64.3, 21.8, 15.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}NO_4S$ $[M+H]^+$ 344.0957, found 344.0955. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3036, 2939, 1601, 1572, 1542, 1474, 1396, 1256, 1189, 1152, 1037, 980, 915, 813, 733, 695, 613.

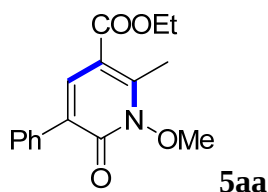


5-Methoxy-4,4-dimethyl-3,4-dihydrophenanthridine-1,6(2H,5H)-dione (3al):

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 5:1), R_f = 0.31. Yield 19 mg (34%). Light yellow solid, mp 125-127 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 9.27 (d, 1H, J = 8.5 Hz), 8.42 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.74 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.51 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 4.10 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 196.6, 158.9, 151.7, 134.0, 133.4, 127.6, 127.3, 126.4, 125.2, 109.1, 64.4, 52.7, 38.6, 32.1, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 272.1287, found 272.1283. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2952, 2874, 1691, 1679, 1604, 1574, 1540, 1476, 1384, 1316, 1203, 1167, 1051, 990, 767, 694, 540.

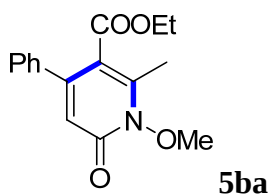


4,4-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-benzo[c]chromene-1,6(2H)-dione (3al'):^[7] Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1), R_f = 0.35. Yield 29 mg (60%). Light yellow solid, mp 138-140 °C (lit.^[7] 143-145 °C). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 9.02 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 8.26 (d, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.77 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.51 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 2.78 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 1.16 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 197.2, 168.2, 160.9, 135.9, 134.0, 129.8, 128.6, 125.9, 119.9, 110.7, 53.0, 42.7, 32.2, 28.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 243.1019, found 243.1021. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3012, 2929, 2866, 1701, 1697, 1635, 1595, 1562, 1483, 1396, 1244, 1195, 1154, 1060, 1033, 692, 643, 533.

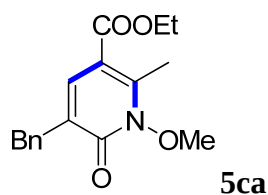


Ethyl 1-methoxy-2-methyl-6-oxo-5-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (5aa): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.48. Yield 54 mg (94%).

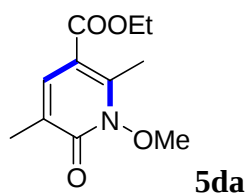
Light yellow solid, mp 75-77 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.41 (t, 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 7.34 (t, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.32 (q, 2H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 4.08 (s, 3H), 2.86 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 165.1, 158.1, 151.9, 137.0, 135.8, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 107.8, 63.9, 61.3, 14.7, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 288.1236, found 288.1239. IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 2989, 2938, 1704, 1662, 1596, 1544, 1448, 1392, 1293, 1238, 1107, 1038, 965, 778, 695, 613, 516.



Ethyl 1-methoxy-2-methyl-6-oxo-4-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (5ba): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.32$. Yield 48 mg (83%). Light yellow solid, mp 49-51 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.39 – 7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 4.11 (s, 3H), 3.93 (q, 2H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 2.57 (s, 3H), 0.82 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 158.2, 151.2, 147.0, 138.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 127.1, 119.1, 112.5, 64.0, 61.7, 14.8, 13.5. $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 288.1236, found 288.1228. IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 2983, 2938, 1694, 1653, 1592, 1520, 1407, 1362, 1120, 1053, 964, 858, 769, 727, 660.

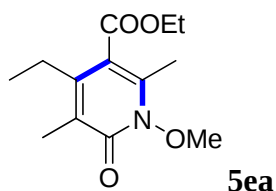


Ethyl 5-benzyl-1-methoxy-2-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (5ca): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.48$. Yield 57 mg (95%). Light yellow solid, mp 79-80 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 4.25 (q, 2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.04 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 165.2, 159.0, 150.6, 139.1, 136.5, 130.3, 129.2, 128.6, 126.5, 107.4, 63.8, 61.1, 36.4, 14.4, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 302.1392, found 302.1390. IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 3051, 2983, 2939, 1710, 1662, 1588, 1467, 1452, 1417, 1363, 1307, 1257, 1180, 1050, 978, 774, 968, 580.



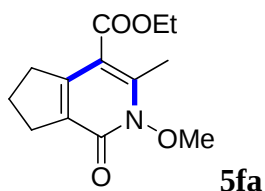
Ethyl 1-methoxy-2,5-dimethyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (5da):

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.43$. Yield 39 mg (87%). Light yellow solid, mp 86-88 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.67 (s, 1H), 4.25 (q, 2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 4.00 (s, 3H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 165.3, 159.5, 150.2, 136.3, 127.0, 107.3, 63.8, 61.1, 16.8, 14.4, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 226.1079, found 226.1080. IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 2979, 2946, 1697, 1678, 1566, 1463, 1376, 1325, 1282, 1202, 1079, 1054, 1013, 975, 916, 775, 750, 490.



Ethyl 4-ethyl-1-methoxy-2,5-dimethyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (5fa):

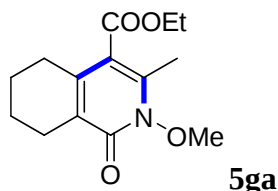
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.31$. Yield 29 mg (57%). Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 4.34 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.02 (s, 3H), 2.47 (q, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.11 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 166.9, 158.2, 151.2, 147.0, 138.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 127.1, 119.1, 112.5, 64.0, 61.7, 14.8, 13.5. $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 254.1392, found 254.1391. IR (cm $^{-1}$): ν 2976, 2938, 2876, 1650, 1540, 1483, 1372, 1257, 1091, 1062, 1048, 972, 937.



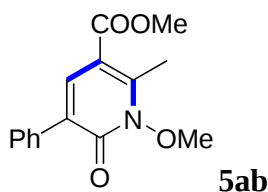
Ethyl 2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-2,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-cyclopenta[c]pyridine-4-carboxylate (5ga):

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.35$. Yield 41 mg (82%). White solid, mp 85-87 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 4.28 (q, 2H, J

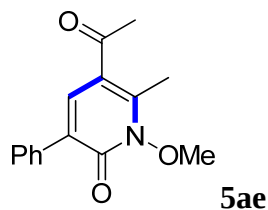
= 7.1 Hz), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.01 (t, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 2.82 (t, 2H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.03 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.34 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 166.3, 156.9, 152.8, 148.6, 131.4, 108.3, 63.9, 61.2, 35.9, 30.3, 23.3, 14.9, 14.4. $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 252.1236, found 252.1235. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2938, 2853, 1703, 1685, 1582, 1451, 1431, 1376, 1307, 1260, 1182, 1108, 1054, 962, 776, 600.



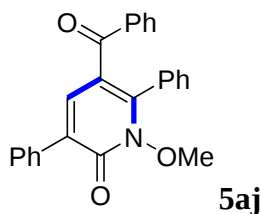
Ethyl 2-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2,5,6,7,8-hexahydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (5ga): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.38$. Yield 45 mg (85%). Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 4.30 (q, 2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 3.99 (s, 3H), 2.56 – 2.44 (m, 4H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.69 – 1.68 (m, 4H), 1.33 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.2, 158.5, 143.3, 141.0, 127.3, 113.1, 63.8, 61.7, 27.5, 24.0, 22.0, 21.6, 14.6, 14.4. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 266.1392, found 266.1392. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2937, 2863, 1720, 1652, 1544, 1473, 1420, 1292, 1235, 1075, 1022, 1075, 1049, 1016, 988, 784.



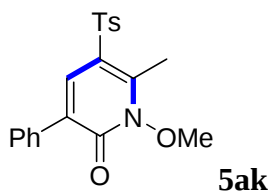
Methyl 1-methoxy-2-methyl-6-oxo-5-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylate (5ab): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.45$. Yield 52 mg (95%). White solid, mp 80-82 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.70 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 7.34 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.4$ Hz, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 4.08 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.86 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 165.6, 158.1, 152.1, 137.0, 135.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 107.5, 63.9, 52.3, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 274.1079, found 274.1077. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3025, 2951, 1712, 1661, 1589, 1515, 1494, 1394, 1293, 1241, 1107, 1037, 959, 798, 689, 614.



5-Acetyl-1-methoxy-6-methyl-3-phenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5ae): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.39$. Yield 49 mg (95%). Light yellow solid, mp 94-96 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, 2H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 7.32 (dt, 3H, $J = 14.2$ Hz, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 196.5, 157.7, 151.3, 136.7, 135.7, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 115.6, 63.9, 29.6, 14.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 258.1130, found 258.1129. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2936, 2872, 1697, 1675, 1577, 1526, 1481, 1370, 1289, 1241, 1155, 1102, 1031, 963, 853, 765, 620, 576.

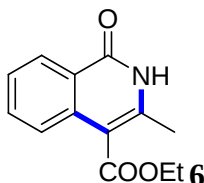


5-Benzoyl-1-methoxy-3,6-diphenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5aj): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.46$. Yield 58 mg (76%). Light yellow solid, mp 96-98 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.82 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 7H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 194.3, 157.8, 148.5, 137.5, 136.6, 135.5, 133.0, 131.5, 130.3, 130.1, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 118.1, 63.8. ESI-MS: $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 382.1443, found 382.1444. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3056, 2978, 2939, 1712, 1672, 1601, 1549, 1447, 1424, 1366, 1394, 1295, 1235, 1107, 958, 762, 690.



1-Methoxy-6-methyl-3-phenyl-5-tosylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5ak): Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), $R_f = 0.27$. Yield 68 mg (92%). Light yellow solid, mp

168-170 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 157.6, 149.5, 144.7, 138.8, 134.9, 134.8, 130.2, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.2, 118.0, 64.1, 21.8, 14.5. $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 370.1113, found 370.1109. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3056, 2944, 1669, 1591 1536, 1491, 1447, 1392, 1301, 1245, 1162, 1129, 1098, 912, 779, 697, 624.



Ethyl 3-methyl-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (6):^[8] Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (v/v, 2:1), R_f = 0.26. Yield 26 mg (55%). White solid, mp 182-184 °C (lit.^[8] 188-189 °C). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 11.49 (br, 1H), 8.41 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.94 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.70 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.48 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 4.46 (q, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.44 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.3, 164.2, 141.2, 136.0, 133.5, 127.6, 126.6, 124.7, 124.2, 109.7, 61.5, 19.2, 14.6. $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 232.0974, found 232.0975. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3176, 3027, 2924, 1613, 1556, 1473, 1344, 1289, 1201, 1161, 1130, 1071, 871, 781, 655.

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The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds 3, 5 and 6

