# Supporting Information

# Metal free direct formation of various substituted pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amines and their further functionalization

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#### Pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (1a)

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# 9-Chloropyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (1b)

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)





# 9-Bromopyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (1c)

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )





# Methyl 5-aminopyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinoline-9-carboxylate (1d)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )





# 5-Aminopyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinoline-9-carbonitrile (1e)

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)





# 9-Methylpyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (1f)

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )





# 9-Methoxypyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (1g)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )





# 5-Aminopyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinoline-10-carbonitrile (1h)

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )





# <u>10-Methylpyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (1i)</u>

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)





# 9-Chloropyridazino[6',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (1j)

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)





# 1,3-Bis (2-pyridylimino)isoindole (BPI)\* (2a)

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# 1,3-Bis (5-methyl-2-pyridylimino)isoindole (2f)\*

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# 1,3-Bis (4-methyl-2-pyridylimino)isoindole (2i)\*



# 2-(3-tert-Butylamino-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)-benzonitrile (3a)

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





### 2-[3-(*tert*-Butylamino)-6-chloro-imidazo [1, 2-a] pyridin-2-yl] benzonitrile (3b)

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# 2-(6-Bromo-3-(*tert*-butylamino)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-2-yl)benzonitrile (3c)

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# Methyl 3-(tert-butylamino)-2-(2-cyanophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylate (3d)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# <u>3-(*tert*-Butylamino)-2-(2-cyanophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carbonitrile (3e)</u>

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# 2-(3-(*tert*-Butylamino)-6-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)benzonitrile (3f)

#### -3.29 --2.36 0.0 -0.94 40-05-19-pos23-zt333 -7.07 -7.95 -774 -772 --770 --768 -7.47 -7.45 -7.45 -7.43 -8.11 -7.27 $\Pi \Pi$ ſ 8 ŝ 8.2 8.1 . 8.0 7.9 7.8 7.7 7.6 f1 (ppm) 7.5 7.4 7.3 7.2 7.1 . 7.0 CH -CH H<sub>3</sub>C сń ulu 1.02 3.05 🚽 8.55 16 3 1 -2 -3 15 2 14 13 12 -1 11 Ó 10 9 8 7 6 f1 (ppm) 5 4

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# 2-(3-(*tert*-Butylamino)-6-methoxyimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-2-yl)benzonitrile (3g)

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# 2-(3-(*tert*-Butylamino)-7-isocyanoimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-2-yl)benzonitrile (3h)





# 2-(3-(*tert*-Butylamino)-7-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-2-yl)benzonitrile (3i)

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# 2-(3-(*tert*-Butylamino)-6-chloroimidazo[1,2-*b*]pyridazin-2-yl)benzonitrile (3j)

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# 2-[3-(1,1,3,3-Tetramethylbutylamino)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-2-yl]benzonitrile (4a)

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





## 2-[6-chloro-3-(1,1,3,3-Tetramethylbutylamino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2yl]benzonitrile(4b)

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# <u>N-Phenylpyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (5a)</u>



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# <u>N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (5b)</u>

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# *N*-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-*c*]isoquinoline-5-amine (5c)

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)



#### <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d6)



# <sup>19</sup> F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)





# <u>*N*-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-*c*]isoquinoline-5-amine (5e)</u>

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101MHz, DMSO-*d6*)



# <sup>19</sup> F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)



# <u>N-(3-Nitrophenyl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (5f)</u>

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, DMSO-*d6*)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d6)



# <u>N-(2-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinoline-5-amine (5g)</u>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# <sup>19</sup> F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# <u>N-(Pyridin-4-yl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (5h)</u>



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# <u>N-(Pyridin-3-yl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (5i)</u>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





# <u>N-(Pyridin-2-yl)pyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-amine (5j)</u>



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



# 4-((9-Chloropyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-yl)amino)benzonitrile (5m)

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



# $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )



# 4-((9-Bromopyrido[2',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-yl)amino)benzonitrile (5n)

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )





# 4-((9-Chloropyridazino[6',1':2,3]imidazo[4,5-c]isoquinolin-5-yl)amino)benzonitrile (50).



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400.13 MHz DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )



#### Crystallographic data collections and structural determinations.

Crystallographic studies of compound **1e** and **5c** were performed at room temperature (296 K) on a Bruker-Nonius Kappa-CCD diffractometer with Mo K $\alpha$  radiation (0.71073 Å). Only small, twinned and poor quality crystals were obtained, so that no significant reflection could be detected over  $\theta = 19^{\circ}$ . Unit-cell determination and refinement as well as data collection were carried out usinge Collect<sup>1</sup> and Dirax<sup>2</sup> programs. The data reduction data was performed using EvalCCD program<sup>3</sup>.

The structure determination, found by direct methods, and the refinement of atomic parameters, based on full-matrix least-squares on  $F^2$ , were performed using the SHELX-2014 programs<sup>1</sup> within the WINGX package<sup>3</sup>.

Supplementary crystallographic data can be found in the CCDC deposit (CCDC 1046891-1046892), and obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\_request/cif/.

- COLLECT, Bruker AXS BV, 1997-2004.
- Dirax/lsq, Duisenberg & Schreurs, 1989-2000.
- Sheldrick, G. M. *Programs for Crystal Structure Analysis*; University of Göttingen: Göttingen, Germany, 2014
- WinGX, Farrugia, J. Appl. Cryst. 45, 849-854, 2012.

Identification code	Compound 1e	Compound 5c
Empirical formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	$C_{23} H_{14} F_3 N_4 O$
Formula weight /g.mol <sup>-1</sup>	293.29	419.38
Temperature / K	296(2)	296(2)
Wavelength / Å	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P -1	C 2/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 6.8520(10) Å; $\alpha$ = 102.68(4)°	$a = 43.065(3) \text{ Å}; \alpha = 90^{\circ}$
	$b = 9.607(5) \text{ Å}; \beta = 93.21(3)^{\circ}$	$b = 5.4072(11) \text{ Å}; \beta = 91.73(2)^{\circ}$
	$c = 10.857(7) \text{ Å}; \gamma = 92.50(3)^{\circ}$	$c = 17.347(8) \text{ Å}; \gamma = 90^{\circ}$
Volume / Å <sup>3</sup>	695.0(6)	4038(2)
Ζ	2	8
Density (calculated)/ Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.401	1.380
Absorption coefficient / mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.099	0.107
F(000)	304	1720
Crystal size / mm	0.25 x 0.15 x 0.10	0.20 x 0.15 x 0.03
Theta range for data collection	2.982 to 26.690°.	2.349 to 26.370°.
Index ranges	-8<=h<=8, -12<=k<=11, -	-53<=h<=53, -6<=k<=6, 0<=l<=21
	13<=]<=11	
Independent reflections	1872 [R(int) = 0.071]	4120 [R(int) = 0.1316]
Data / restraints / parameters	1872 / 6 / 212	4120 / 15 / 246

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for table1.

Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.067	1.221
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.1313, wR2 = 0.3112	R1 = 0.1407, wR2 = 0.3764
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2353, wR2 = 0.3824	R1 = 0.3147, wR2 = 0.4492
Largest diff. peak and hole / e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.430 / -0.314	0.921 / -0.746
CCDC	1046891	1046892