Supporting Information for:

Direct Access to 2-(Hetero)arylated Pyridines from 6-Substituted 2-Bromopyridines *via* Phosphine-Free Palladium-Catalyzed C–H Bond Arylations: The Importance of the C6 Substituent

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General information: All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere with standard Schlenk techniques. DMA was purchased from Acros Organics and was not purified before use. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker GPX (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported in parts per million relative to residual chloroform (7.26 ppm for ¹H; 77.0 ppm for ¹³C), constants were reported in Hertz. ¹H NMR assignment abbreviations were the following: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of triplets (dt), and multiplet (m). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz on the same spectrometer and reported in ppm. All reagents were weighed and handled in air.

General Procedure A: As a typical experiment, the reaction of 2,6-dibromopyridine (355 mg, 1.5 mmol), (hetero)arene derivative (1 mmol), CF_3CO_2K (2 equiv. 304 mg) at 150 °C during 5 h in DMA (4 mL) in the presence of Pd(OAc)₂ (1 mol%) (see tables or schemes) under argon affords the desired product after evaporation of the solvent and purification by silica column chromatography.

General Procedure B: As a typical experiment, the reaction of 2,5-dibromopyridine (237 mg, 1 mmol), (hetero)arene derivative (2.5 mmol), KOAc (2 equiv., 196 mg) at 150 °C during 16 h in DMA (4 mL) in the presence of Pd(OAc)₂ (1 mol%) (see tables or schemes) under argon affords the desired product after evaporation of the solvent and purification by silica column chromatography.

General Procedure C: As a typical experiment, the reaction of the 6-substituted 2-bromopyridine (1 mmol), (hetero)arene derivative (1.5 mmol), KOAc (2 equiv., 196 mg) at 150 °C during 16 h in DMA (4 mL) in the

presence of Pd(OAc)₂ (1 mol%) (see tables or schemes) under argon affords the desired product after evaporation of the solvent and purification by silica column chromatography.



5-(6-Bromopyridin-2-yl)-2-ethyl-4-methylthiazole (2): Following the general procedure A using 2,6-dibromopyridine (355 mg, 1.5 mmol) and 2-ethyl-4methylthiazole (127 mg, 1 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound 2 (249 mg, 88%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.51 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 1.0 and 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 1.0 and 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 172.6, 152.8, 150.2, 141.5, 138.7, 130.1, 125.6, 120.2, 27.0, 17.5, 14.1. Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₁H₁₁BrN₂S for (283.18): C 46.66, H 3.92; found: C 46.97, H 3.51.



2,6-Bis(2-ethyl-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)pyridine (3): Following the general procedure **B** using 2,6-dibromopyridine (237 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-ethyl-4methylthiazole (318 mg, 2.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound 3 (300 mg,

91%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.54 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 172.4, 150.8, 141.5, 138.7, 125.6, 120.2, 26.9, 15.8, 14.1

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₇H₁₉N₃S₂ for (329.48): C 61.97, H 5.81; found: C 62.08, H 5.46.



5-(6-Bromopyridin-2-yl)-4-methylthiazole (4): Following the general procedure A using 2,6-dibromopyridine (355 mg, 1.5 mmol) and 4-methylthiazole (99 mg, 1 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **4** (117 mg, 46%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.72 (s, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 152.5, 151.4, 141.7, 138.9, 131.3, 126.2, 120.6, 17.6.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₉H₇BrN₂S for (255.13): C 42.37, H 2.77; found: C 42.54, H 3.09.



5-(6-Bromopyridin-2-yl)-2-isobutylthiazole (5): Following the general procedure A using 2,6-dibromopyridine (355 mg, 1.5 mmol) and 2isobutylthiazole (141 mg, 1 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound 5 (232 mg, 78%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd, J = 3.1 and 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.15-2.11(m, 1H), 1.01 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 173.0, 151.8, 141.9, 140.3, 138.9, 137.6, 126.4, 118.2, 42.7, 29.9, 22.3.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₂H₁₃BrN₂S for (297.21): C 48.49, H 4.41; found: C 48.62, H 4.76.



Methyl 5-(6-bromopyridin-2-yl)furan-2-carboxylate (6): Following the general procedure **A** using 2,6-dibromopyridine (355 mg, 1.5 mmol) and methyl furan-2-carboxylate (126 mg, 1 mmol), the residue was purified by

flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **6** (169 mg, 60%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.86 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 154.2, 150.5, 144.3, 140.1, 137.4, 134.3, 122.8, 115.1, 113.4, 106.6, 47.3.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₁H₈BrNO₃ for (282.09): C 46.84, H 2.86; found: C 46.98, H 3.02.

2-(Benzofuran-2-yl)-6-bromopyridine (7): Following the general procedure **A** using 2,6-dibromopyridine (355 mg, 1.5 mmol) and benzofuran (118 mg, 1 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on



silica gel to afford the desired compound 7 (233 mg, 85%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.90-7.84 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dt, J = 1.0 and 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 155.4, 153.6, 150.2, 142.2, 138.9, 128.3, 127.1, 125.6, 123.3, 121.9, 118.2, 111.5, 106.3.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₃H₈BrNO for (274.12): C 56.96, H 2.94; found: C 57.18, H 3.06.



2-(Benzo[*b***]thiophen-2-yl)-6-bromopyridine** (8): Following the general procedure **A** using 2,6-dibromopyridine (355 mg, 1.5 mmol) and benzo[*b*]thiophene (134 mg, 1 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **8** (151 mg, 52%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.84 (m, 1H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 3.5 and 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 153.6, 142.6, 142.0, 140.8, 140.2, 138.8, 126.7, 125.4, 124.7, 124.8, 122.6, 122.5, 118.4.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₃H₈BrNS for (290.18): C 53.81, H 2.78; found: C 54.06, H 2.56.



2-Bromo-6-(1-phenylpyrrol-2-yl)pyridine (9): Following the general procedure **A** using 2,6-dibromopyridine (355 mg, 1.5 mmol) and 1-phenylpyrrole (143 mg, 1 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired

compound 9 (215 mg, 72%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 1.8 and 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 1.8 and 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 2.8 and 3.7 Hz, 1H).

 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 152.2, 141.2, 140.7, 137.9, 131.6, 129.0, 127.1, 127.0, 126.0, 124.5, 120.0, 113.9, 109.7.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₅H₁₁BrN₂ for (299.17): C 60.22, H 3.71; found: C 60.53, H 2.74.



2-Bromo-6-(5-chloro-1,3-dimethylpyrazol-4-yl)pyridine (10): Following the general procedure **A** using 2,6-dibromopyridine (355 mg, 1.5 mmol) and 5-chloro-1,3-dimethylpyrazole (131 mg, 1 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **10** (80 mg, 28%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 1.1 and 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 1.1 and 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 152.5, 148.0, 141.5, 138.4, 126.3, 125.3, 121.0, 115.2, 36.2, 14.1. Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₀H₉BrClN₃ for (286.56): C 41.91, H 3.17; found: C 42.05, H 3.35.



2-Bromo-6-(perfluorophenyl)pyridine (11): Following the general procedure **A** using 2,6-dibromopyridine (355 mg, 1.5 mmol) and 1,2,3,4,5-pentafluorobenzene (168 mg, 1 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **11** (188 mg, 58%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ (ppm) 7.91 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.8 Hz,

1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ (ppm) 147.9, 144.1 (md, J = 246.0 Hz), 141.0, 140.3, 138.6 (md, J = 243.2 Hz), 138.3 (md, J = 243.2 Hz), 128.1, 125.6, 107.3 (t, J = 16.8 Hz).

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₁H₃BrF₅N for (324.05): C 40.77, H 0.93; found: C 41.02, H 1.07.



2,6-Bis(2-isobutylthiazol-5-yl)pyridine (12): Following the general procedure **B** using 2,6-dibromopyridine (237 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-isobutylthiazole (353 mg, 2.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **12** (222 mg, 62%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.09 (s, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.20-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 12H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 172.6, 150.8, 139.5, 139.1, 137.4, 117.6, 42.7, 29.9, 22.3.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₉H₂₃N₃S₂ for (357.53): C 63.83, H 6.48; found: C 64.05, H 6.59.



2,6-Di(benzofuran-2-yl)pyridine (13): Following the general procedure **B** using 2,6-dibromopyridine (237 mg, 1 mmol) and benzofuran (295 mg, 2.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **13** (193 mg, 62%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.89-7.86 (m, 4H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (s, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 155.4, 155.1, 149.3, 137.5, 128.9, 125.2, 123.2, 121.8, 118.8, 111.5, 105.3.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₂₁H₁₃NO₂ for (311.34): C 81.01, H 4.21; found: C 81.26, H 4.49.



2,6-Bis(benzo[*b***]thiophen-2-yl)pyridine (14):** Following the general procedure **B** using 2,6-dibromopyridine (237 mg, 1 mmol) and benzo[*b*]thiophene (336 mg, 2.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **14** (192 mg,

56%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.92 (s, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 152.3, 144.7, 141.0, 140.5, 137.3, 125.1, 124.5, 124.2, 122.6, 121.4, 118.1.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₂₁H₁₃NS₂ for (343.46): C 73.44, H 3.82; found: C 73.59, H 4.06.



2-Ethyl-4-methyl-5-(6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)thiazole (15): Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (272 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-ethyl-4-methylthiazole (191 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **15** (250

mg, 92%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 172.7, 152.5, 151.0, 148.0 (q, *J* = 34.8 Hz), 137.9, 130.0, 124.1, 121.3 (q, *J* = 276.5 Hz), 117.6 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 27.0, 17.6, 14.1.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₂H₁₁F₃N₂S for (272.29): C 52.93, H 4.07; found: C 53.12, H 4.29.



4-Methyl-5-(6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)thiazole (16): Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (272 mg, 1 mmol) and 4-methylthiazole (150 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **16** (220 mg, 90%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.73 (s, 1H), 7.90 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 152.5, 152.2, 152.1, 148.2 (q, J = 35.0 Hz), 138.2, 131.1, 124.4, 121.3 (q, J = 276.5 Hz), 118.2 (q, J = 2.7 Hz), 17.6.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₀H₇F₃N₂S for (244.24): C 49.18, H 2.89; found: C 49.35, H 3.12.



2-IsobutyI-5-(6-(trifluoromethyI)pyridin-2-yI)thiazole (17): Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-(trifluoromethyI)pyridine (272 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-isobutyIthiazole (212 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by

flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound 17 (269 mg, 94%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.15-2.08 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 173.4, 151.4, 148.2 (q, *J* = 34.8 Hz), 140.5, 138.1, 137.9, 121.9, 121.2 (q, *J* = 276.2 Hz), 118.5 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 42.6, 30.3, 22.2.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₃H₁₃F₃N₂S for (286.32): C 54.54, H 4.58; found: C 54.76, H 4.86.



2-(Benzo[*b***]thiophen-2-yl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (18):** Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (272 mg, 1 mmol) and benzo[*b*]thiophene (201 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **18** (190 mg, 68%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.81 (m, 4H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 2.2 and 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 153.1, 148.2 (q, J = 34.8 Hz), 143.0, 141.0, 140.2, 138.0, 125.8, 124.7, 124.5, 122.8, 122.6, 122.0, 121.3 (d, J = 276.6 Hz), 118.8 (q, J = 2.8 Hz).

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₄H₈F₃NS for (279.28): C 60.21, H 2.89; found: C 60.47, H 3.09.



2-(Benzofuran-2-yl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (19): Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (272 mg, 1 mmol) and benzofuran (177 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **19** (155 mg, 59%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 0.8 and 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (ddd, J = 1.4, 7.3 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 155.5, 153.8, 149.7, 148.5 (q, J = 34.9 Hz), 138.2, 128.7, 125.7, 123.42, 122.0, 121.8, 121.4 (q, J = 270.8 Hz), 119.1 (q, J = 2.7 Hz), 111.5, 106.6.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₄H₈F₃NO for (263.22): C 63.88, H 3.06; found: C 64.03, H 3.21.



2-(5-Butylfuran-2-yl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (20): Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (272 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-butylfuran (186 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **20** (240 mg,

89%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.84-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 1.2 and 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.43 (quint., *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 158.8, 150.8, 150.1, 148.0 (q, *J* = 34.5 Hz), 137.7, 122.9, 121.5 (q, *J* = 275.1 Hz), 117.4 (q, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 111.5, 107.9, 30.1, 28.0, 22.3, 13.8.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₄H₁₄F₃NO for (269.26): C 62.45, H 5.24; found: C 62.58, H 5.37.



Methyl 5-(6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)furan-2-carboxylate (21): Following the general procedure C using 2-bromo-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (272 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-butylfuran (189 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired

compound **21** (192 mg, 71%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 158.9, 155.4, 148.6, 148.6 (q, *J* = 34.5 Hz), 145.0, 138.3, 121.8, 121.3 (q, *J* = 269.4 Hz), 119.9, 119.5 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 111.8, 52.1.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₂H₈F₃NO₃ for (271.20): C 53.15, H 2.97; found: C 53.32, H 3.19.



2-(5-Chloro-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine(22):Following the general procedure C using 2-bromo-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (272mg, 1 mmol) and 5-chloro-1,3-dimethylpyrazole (196 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residuewas purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound

22 (234 mg, 85%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.88 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 152.2, 148.5, 147.9 (q, *J* = 34.6 Hz), 137.5, 126.4, 124.6, 121.6 (q, *J* = 276.3 Hz), 117.4 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 115.3, 36.2, 14.3.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₁H₉ClF₃N₃ for (275.66): C 47.93, H 3.29; found: C 47.81, H 3.08.



2,5-Diphenyl-4-(6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)oxazole (23): Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (272 mg, 1 mmol) and 2,5-diphenyloxazole (332 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **23** (311 mg, 85%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (dd, *J* = 1.8 and 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.23-8.19 (m, 2H), 7.98 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.43 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 159.8, 152.5, 149.6, 147.2 (q, J = 34.9 Hz), 137.9, 134.9, 130.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.0, 126.6, 125.3, 121.6 (q, J = 273.5 Hz), 118.9 (q, J = 2.7 Hz).

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) $C_{21}H_{13}F_3N_2O$ for (366.34): C 68.85, H 3.58; found: C 68.65, H 3.91.



2-(Perfluorophenyl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (24): Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (272 mg, 1 mmol) and 1,2,3,4,5-pentafluorobenzene (252 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **24** (266 mg, 85%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ (ppm) 7.98 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ (ppm) 148.5, 147.2 (q, J = 34.5 Hz), 144.7 (dm, J = 245.8 Hz), 140.1, 138.6 (tdd, J = 5.3, 12.7 and 238.9 Hz), 138.1 (tt, J = 4.8 and 13.8 Hz), 129.9, 121.8 (q, J = 270.0 Hz), 121.0, 107.9 (t, J = 16.3 Hz).

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₂H₃F₈N for (313.15): C 46.03, H 0.97; found: C 46.29, H 0.58.



2-Ethyl-5-(6-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-4-methylthiazole (25): Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-methoxypyridine (188 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-ethyl-4-methylthiazole (191 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **25** (124 mg, 53%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.99 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 171.4, 163.4, 149.2, 149.1, 139.0, 131.7, 114.2, 108.7, 53.4, 27.0, 17.7, 14.2.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₂H₁₄N₂OS for (234.32): C 61.51, H 6.02; found: C 62.84, H 6.29.



2-IsobutyI-5-(6-methoxypyridin-2-yI)thiazole (26): Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-methoxypyridine (188 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-isobutyIthiazole (212 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **26** (154 mg,

62%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.17-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 171.7, 163.7, 148.2, 139.4, 139.1, 112.1, 109.5, 53.4, 42.7, 29.9, 22.3. Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₃H₁₆N₂OS for (248.34): C 62.87, H 6.49; found: C 62.91, H 6.59.



2-Methoxy-6-(perfluorophenyl)pyridine (27): Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-methoxypyridine (188 mg, 1 mmol) and 1,2,3,4,5-pentafluorobenzene (252 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **27** (88 mg, 32%).

⁺ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ (ppm) 7.84 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ (ppm) 163.3, 144.5, 144.2 (md, J = 241.5 Hz), 139.7, 138.2 (md, J = 239.7 Hz), 138.0 (md, J = 239.7 Hz), 119.1, 110.6, 108.6 (t, J = 18.7 Hz), 53.2.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₂H₆F₅NO for (275.18): C 52.38, H 2.20; found: C 52.49, H 2.49.



2-IsobutyI-5-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)thiazole (28): Following the general procedure **C** using 2-bromo-6-methylpyridine (172 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-isobutylthiazole (212 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **28** (84 mg, 36%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.6 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.24-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 171.9, 158.8, 150.2, 139.7, 139.0, 136.9, 121.9, 116.6, 42.7, 29.9, 24.5, 22.4.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₃H₁₆N₂S for (232.34): C 67.20, H 6.94; found: C 67.49, H 7.18.



6-(4-Methylthiazol-5-yl)picolinaldehyde (29): Following the general procedure **C** using 6-bromopicolinaldehyde (186 mg, 1 mmol) and 4-methylthiazole (150 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **29** (86 mg, 42%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.11 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 1H), 7.97 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 193.2, 152.8, 152.7, 152.6, 152.3, 151.4, 137.9, 125.8, 119.4, 17.7. Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₀H₈N₂OS for (204.25): C 58.81, H 3.95; found: C 58.54, H 4.24.



4-(6-(2-Ethyl-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)pyridin-2-yl)morpholine (30): Following the general procedure **C** using 4-(6-bromopyridin-2-yl)morpholine (243 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-ethyl-4-methylthiazole (191 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound

30 (255 mg, 88%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.5 and 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 4.6 and 5.5 Hz, 4H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 4.1 and 5.6 Hz, 4H), 2.97 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 171.4, 158.9, 149.9, 148.6, 138.2, 132.9, 111.4, 104.8, 66.8, 45.5, 27.1, 17.9, 14.4.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₅H₁₉N₃OS for (289.40): C 62.26, H 6.62; found: C 62.37, H 6.20.



4-(6-(2-IsobutyIthiazoI-5-yI)pyridin-2-yI)morpholine (31): Following the general procedure **C** using 4-(6-bromopyridin-2-yI)morpholine (243 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-isobutyIthiazole (212 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **31**

(264 mg, 87%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.5 and 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 5.3 Hz, 4H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 4.0 and 5.3 Hz, 4H), 2.86 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.23-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 171.7, 159.1, 148.9, 140.5, 138.8, 138.3, 109.2, 105.4, 66.9, 45.4, 42.8, 30.0, 22.4.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₆H₂₁N₃OS for (303.42): C 63.34, H 6.98; found: C 63.54, H 7.18.



4-(6-(5-Butylfuran-2-yl)pyridin-2-yl)morpholine (32): Following the general procedure **C** using 4-(6-bromopyridin-2-yl)morpholine (243 mg, 1 mmol) and 2-butylfuran (186 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **32** (218

mg, 76%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.53 (dd, *J* = 7.6 and 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 4.3 and 5.6 Hz, 4H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 4.3 and 5.6 Hz, 4H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (quint., *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.49-1.41 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 170.9, 159.2, 152.8, 148.0, 138.2, 125.8, 115.8, 108.4, 105.0, 67.0, 45.8, 30.4, 28.2, 22.5, 14.0.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₇H₂₂N₂O₂ for (286.38): C 71.30, H 7.74; found: C 71.56, H 7.58.



4-(6-(Perfluorophenyl)pyridin-2-yl)morpholine (33): Following the general procedure **C** using 4-(6-bromopyridin-2-yl)morpholine (243 mg, 1 mmol) and 1,2,3,4,5-pentafluorobenzene (252 mg, 1.5 mmol), the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound **33** (211 mg, 64%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.32 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 4.3 and 5.6 Hz, 4H), 3.52 (dd, J = 4.3 and 5.6 Hz, 4H),

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 171.6, 159.3, 144.9 (dm, J = 250.1 Hz), 138.2 (dm, J = 249.8 Hz), 127.8 (dm, J = 248.9 Hz), 138.0, 115.6, 107.1, 102.0 (t, J = 25.0 Hz), 66.6, 45.3.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₅H₁₁F₅N₂O for (330.25): C 54.55, H 3.36; found: C 54.20, H 3.43.



2-Ethyl-4-methyl-5-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)thiazole (34): The reaction of 2-bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (226 mg, 1 mmol), 2-ethyl-4-methylthiazole (191 mg, 1.5 mmol), KOAc (196 mg, 2 equiv.) at 150 °C during 16 h in DMA (4 mL) in the presence of PdCl(C_3H_5)(dppb) (12 mg, 2 mol%) under argon affords after evaporation of the solvent and purification by silica column

chromatography the desired product 34 (142 mg, 52%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.78 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dd, J = 2.4 and 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 173.7, 155.5, 151.1, 146.7 (q, J = 4.1 Hz), 134.0 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 131.0, 124.2 (q, J = 28.6 Hz), 123.7 (q, J = 273.5 Hz), 120.9, 27.3, 18.0, 14.3.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₂H₁₁F₃N₂S for (272.28): C 52.93, H 4.07; found: C 53.17, H 4.01.



2-(6-(2-Ethyl-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)pyridin-2-yl)benzoxazole (38): The reaction of 5-(6-bromopyridin-2-yl)-2-ethyl-4-methylthiazole (**2**) (283 mg, 1 mmol), benzoxazole (179 mg, 1.5 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (650 mg, 2 equiv.) at

150 °C during 16 h in DMF (4 mL) in the presence of $PdCl(C_3H_5)(dppb)^1$ (12 mg, 2 mol%) under argon affords after evaporation of the solvent and purification by silica column chromatography the desired product **38** (238 mg, 74%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 2.1 and 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.36 (m, 2H), 3.06 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 172.7, 161.3, 152.6, 151.2, 150.1, 146.1, 141.8, 137.7, 131.0, 126.1, 124.9, 123.6, 121.3, 120.7, 111.4, 27.1, 17.4, 14.3.

Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₈H₁₅N₃OS for (321.39): C 67.27, H 4.70; found: C 67.39, H 4.55.



2-Ethyl-4-methyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)thiazole (1): Autoclave was charged with 5-(6-bromopyridin-2-yl)-2-ethyl-4-methylthiazole (2) (283 mg, 1 mmol), Et₃N (270 μ L; 2 mmol), Pd/C (29 mg, 10% of the weight of the 2-bromopyridine derivative) and MeOH (5 mL) and pressurized with hydrogen (3-5 bar). The crude mixture was stirred at 20

^oC during 16 h, and then the reaction was cooled down and filtered in the pad of Celite. After evaporation of the solvent and purification on silica gel **1** was isolated in 96% (0.196 g) yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.51 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 1.9, 7.5 and 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 4.9 and 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 172.1, 152.0, 149.8, 148.9, 136.6, 132.1, 121.6, 121.6, 27.1, 17.5, 14.3. Elemental analysis: calcd (%) C₁₁H₁₂N₂S for (204.29): C 64.67, H 5.92; found: C 64.98, H 6.27.

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