# **Supporting Information**

# Pyridine C3-arylation of nicotinic acids accessible via multicomponent reaction: An entry to all-substituted-3,4diaryled pyridines

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#### **1.** Dehydrogenative aromatization reactions utilizing different conditions (Table1)



Entry	Reaction conditions <sup>a</sup>	Time (h)	% Yield <sup>b</sup>
11	NaClO <sub>2</sub> (1.5 equiv), EtOH:Water(1:1), conc. HCl (0.2 mL), 20 °C	3	70
22	Mn(OAc) <sub>3</sub> , (2 equiv), AcOH (5 mL), rt	2	90
33	Fe(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (2 mol%), AcOH (5 mL), rt	4	60

<sup>a</sup> Reaction was done at 1 mmol scale, <sup>b</sup>Yield obtained after recrystallization

#### 2. Optimization for mono-hydrolysis of compound 4a (Table 2)<sup>4,5</sup>



Entry	Base (equiv)	Solvent	T (°C)	Yield $(\%)^b$		
				Monoacid	Diacid	Substrate recovered
1	KOH(2)	EtOH:Water (3:1)	80	50	29	20
2	KOH(2)	EtOH:Water (3:1)	65	60	20	20
3	KOH(2)	EtOH:Water (3:1)	50	65	7	26
4	NaOH(2)	EtOH:Water (3:1)	50	67	5	27
5	KOH(2)	EtOH	50	55	25	20
6	KOH(2)	MeOH	50	60	30	10
7	NaOH (2)	THF:Water (1:10)	0-50	0	0	100
8	KOH(2), TBAB(1)	EtOH:Water (3:1)	50	65	10	25

<sup>a</sup> Reactions were performed at 0.5 mmol scale, reaction time 24 h; <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield

3. Inhibition of cell proliferation upon treatment of HeLa cells with 5  $\mu$ M compounds (Table 3)

Diaryled-	% Inhibition
pyriaine	
compounds	
(5μM)	
8a	11±9
8b	64±5
8c	52±5
8d	50±10
8e	3±2
8f	73±5
8g	41±12
8h	45±11
8i	40±11
8j	65±8
8k	8±4
81	60±2
8m	47±15
8n	8±2
80	48±10
8р	64±2
8q	54±12
8r	28±3
8s	18±3
8t	29±19

4. Effects of compounds 8b, 8f, 8j, 8p on the assembly of tubulin in vitro



Figure 1: Effects of compounds 8b, 8f, 8j, 8p on the assembly of tubulin *in vitro*. Tubulin( $12 \mu M$ ) was polymerized in the presence of 1 mM GTP and 10% DMSO without or with 20  $\mu M$  of compound 8b, 8f, 8j, 8p. Three independent sets of experiments were performed for each compound. Here is one of the representative set.

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# 6. NMR spectra of compounds (3a, 4a, 5a, 8a-8t)

# Scheme 1, (3a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR



#### Scheme 1 (3a): <sup>13</sup>C NMR











# Scheme 4, Entry 1 (8a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR











#### Scheme 4, Entry 3 (8c): <sup>13</sup>C NMR







# Scheme 4, Entry 5 (8e): <sup>1</sup>H NMR



























#### Scheme 4, Entry 11 (8k): <sup>13</sup>C NMR







# Scheme 4, Entry 13 (8m): <sup>1</sup>H NMR







# Scheme 4, Entry 14 ( 8n ): <sup>13</sup>C NMR







# Scheme 4, Entry 16 (8p): <sup>1</sup>H NMR













#### Scheme 6, 8s: <sup>1</sup>H NMR







