

Supporting Information

Copper–Catalyzed Transformation of Ketones to Amides via C(CO)–C(alkyl) Bond Cleavage Directed by Picolinamide

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Experimental Section

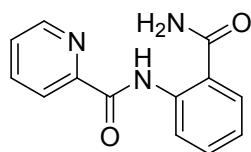
General experimental details

¹H-NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to DMSO ($\delta = 2.50$ ppm) in DMSO as an internal standard. ¹³C-NMR spectra were obtained at 100 MHz and were calibrated with DMSO ($\delta = 39.50$ ppm). The high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an FT-ICR mass spectrometer using electrospray ionization (ESI). Products were purified by flash chromatography on 200–300 mesh silica gels. Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents and solvents were used without further purification. All melting points were determined without correction.

Typical procedure for the preparation of N-(2-carbamoylphenyl)picolinamide (2a)

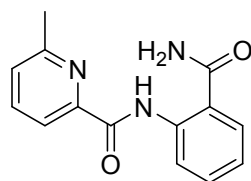
A test tube was charged with **1a** (0.2mmol), NaN₃ (0.6 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (20 mol %), AcOH (4 equiv) in DMSO (1 mL). The reaction tube was evacuated and back-filled with O₂ (3 times, balloon). Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (oil bath temperature) under O₂ atmosphere. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was extracted with ethyl acetate and washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, the residues were purified by column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether / ethyl acetate to afford pure **2a**.

Analytical data for products



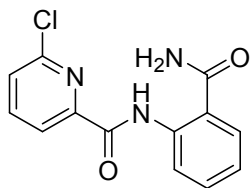
N-(2-carbamoylphenyl)picolinamide (2a).

White solid (41.0 mg, yield 85%), m.p. 219–221 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.08 (s, 1H), 8.73 (m, 2H), 8.30 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 8.17 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (m, 1H), 7.80 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.19 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.3, 162.6, 149.8, 148.7, 138.5, 138.1, 131.9, 128.6, 127.0, 122.9, 122.3, 121.6, 120.3. HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 242.0924, found 242.0927.



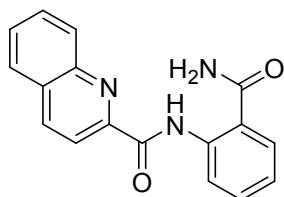
N-(2-carbamoylphenyl)-6-methylpicolinamide (2b).

White solid (41.8 mg, 82%), m.p. 239–241 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.23 (s, 1H), 8.77 (dd, $J = 8.3, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, $J = 22.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (m, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.4, 162.8, 157.2, 149.1, 138.8, 138.1, 132.0, 128.6, 126.4, 122.8, 121.3, 120.2, 119.4, 23.8. HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 256.1081, found 256.1082.



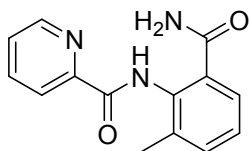
N-(2-carbamoylphenyl)-6-chloropicolinamide (2c).

White solid (28.6 mg, 52%), m.p. 243-245 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.23 (s, 1H), 8.75 (dd, J = 8.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 25.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.20 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.4, 161.2, 150.5, 149.2, 141.6, 138.6, 132.1, 128.6, 127.6, 123.1, 121.6, 120.9, 120.2. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 276.0535, found 276.0539.



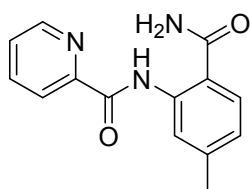
N-(2-carbamoylphenyl)quinoline-2-carboxamide (2d).

White solid (44.2 mg, 76%), m.p. 266-268 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.52 (s, 1H), 8.82 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.66 – 8.60 (m, 1H), 8.34 – 8.22 (m, 2H), 8.15 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.94 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.5, 162.7, 149.9, 145.8, 138.8, 138.2, 132.1, 130.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 122.9, 121.2, 120.2, 118.6. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 292.1081, found 292.1080.



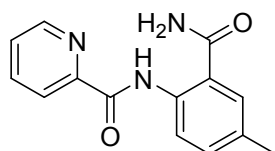
N-(2-carbamoyl-6-methylphenyl)picolinamide (2e).

White solid (27.0 mg, 53%), m.p. 171-173 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.01 (s, 1H), 8.74 (m, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (m, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 13.5, 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.7, 161.9, 149.4, 148.7, 138.0, 135.4, 133.9, 132.4, 132.0, 127.0, 125.7, 125.6, 122.2, 18.8. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 256.1081, found 256.1083.



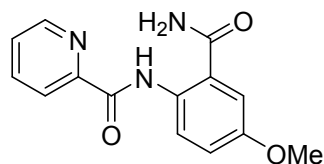
N-(2-carbamoyl-5-methylphenyl)picolinamide (2f).

White solid (38.8 mg, 76%), m.p. 246-248 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.20 (s, 1H), 8.74 – 8.68 (m, 1H), 8.62 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.3, 162.6, 149.9, 148.6, 142.0, 138.8, 138.0, 128.6, 126.9, 123.5, 122.3, 120.7, 118.5, 21.4. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 256.1081, found 256.1079.



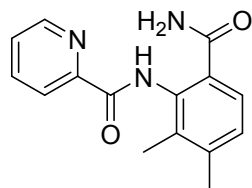
N-(2-carbamoyl-4-methylphenyl)picolinamide (2g).

White solid (42.3 mg, 83%), m.p. 245-247 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.96 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.22 – 8.13 (m, 2H), 8.05 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.3, 162.4, 149.9, 148.6, 138.0, 136.1, 132.3, 132.0, 128.9, 126.9, 122.2, 121.5, 120.3, 20.4. HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 256.1081, found 256.1084.



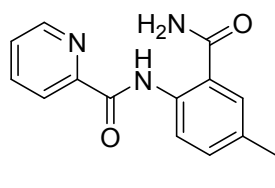
N-(2-carbamoyl-4-methoxyphenyl)picolinamide (2h).

White solid (41.7 mg, 77%), m.p. 246-248 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.80 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.67 – 8.62 (m, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.9, 162.1, 154.5, 150.0, 148.6, 138.0, 131.7, 126.8, 122.9, 122.2, 121.9, 117.3, 113.6, 55.5. HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 272.1030, found 272.1032.



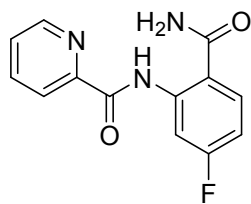
N-(6-carbamoyl-2,3-dimethylphenyl)picolinamide (2i).

White solid (29.6 mg, 55%), m.p. 206-208 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.11 (s, 1H), 8.76 – 8.71 (m, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.8, 162.1, 149.5, 148.7, 139.8, 138.0, 134.0, 133.9, 129.3, 126.9, 125.1, 122.2, 20.3, 15.4. HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 270.1237, found 270.1238.



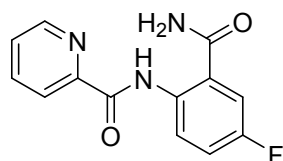
N-(2-carbamoyl-4-ethylphenyl)picolinamide (2j).

White solid (44.7 mg, 83%), m.p. 243-245 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.98 (s, 1H), 8.76 – 8.67 (m, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.27 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 8.05 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.39 (m, 1H), 2.62 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.4, 162.4, 149.9, 148.6, 138.3, 138.0, 136.3, 131.1, 127.8, 126.9, 122.2, 121.6, 120.4, 27.6, 15.4. HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 270.1237, found 270.1240.



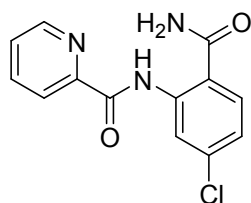
N-(2-carbamoyl-5-fluorophenyl)picolinamide (2k).

White solid (44 mg, 85%), m.p. 210-212 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.40 (s, 1H), 8.72 (m, 1H), 8.61 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.20 – 8.14 (m, 1H), 8.06 (m, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 6.99 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.5, 163.6 (d, *J* = 245 Hz), 163.1, 149.4, 148.7, 140.9 (d, *J* = 12 Hz), 138.1, 131.0 (d, *J* = 10 Hz), 127.2, 122.5, 117.5 (d, *J* = 2 Hz), 109.6 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 107.9 (d, *J* = 28 Hz). HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₁FN₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 260.0830, found 260.0832.



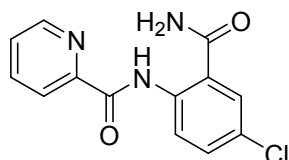
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White solid (47.7 mg, 92%), m.p. 276-278 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.96 (s, 1H), 8.76 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (m, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.20 – 8.14 (m, 1H), 8.06 (m, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.69 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.0 (d, *J* = 1 Hz), 162.5, 157.0 (d, *J* = 240 Hz), 149.6, 148.7, 138.1, 135.0 (d, *J* = 2 Hz), 127.0, 123.1 (d, *J* = 6 Hz), 122.3, 122.2, 118.6 (d, *J* = 21 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J* = 24 Hz). HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₁FN₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 260.0830, found 260.0834.



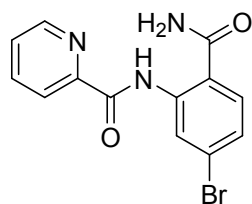
N-(2-carbamoyl-5-chlorophenyl)picolinamide (2m).

White solid (41.8 mg, 76%), m.p. 270-272 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.27 (s, 1H), 8.86 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.4, 162.9, 149.3, 148.7, 139.9, 138.1, 136.4, 130.3, 127.2, 122.6, 122.5, 119.8, 119.6. HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₁ClN₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 276.0535, found 276.0533.



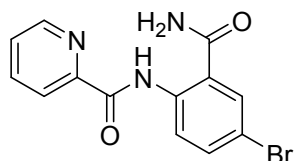
N-(2-carbamoyl-4-chlorophenyl)picolinamide (2n).

White solid (44.0 mg, 80%), m.p. 273-275 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.04 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.74 – 8.69 (m, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (m, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.9, 162.7, 149.5, 148.7, 138.1, 137.4, 131.6, 128.2, 127.1, 126.7, 123.1, 122.4, 122.0. HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₁ClN₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 276.0535, found 276.0532.



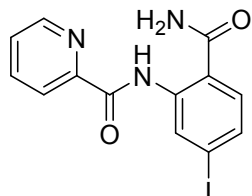
N-(5-bromo-2-carbamoylphenyl)picolinamide (2o).

White solid (35.7 mg, 56%), m.p. 274-276 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.23 (s, 1H), 9.01 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (m, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.5, 162.9, 149.3, 148.7, 139.9, 138.2, 130.4, 127.2, 125.6, 125.2, 122.6, 122.5, 120.2. HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₁BrN₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 320.0029, found 320.0027.



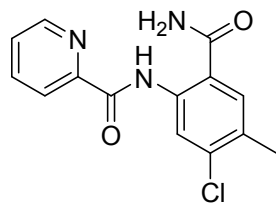
N-(4-bromo-2-carbamoylphenyl)picolinamide (2p).

White solid (41.5 mg, 65%), m.p. 269-271 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.04 (s, 1H), 8.76 – 8.67 (m, 2H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (m, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.8, 162.7, 149.5, 148.7, 138.1, 137.8, 134.5, 131.0, 127.1, 123.4, 122.4, 122.2, 114.6. HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₁BrN₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 320.0029, found 320.0025.



N-(2-carbamoyl-5-iodophenyl)picolinamide (2q).

White solid (36.7 mg, 50%), m.p. 259-261 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.15 (s, 1H), 9.19 (s, 1H), 8.72 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.78 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.7, 162.8, 149.4, 148.7, 139.5, 138.2, 131.5, 130.2, 128.5, 127.2, 122.4, 120.6, 99.2. HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₁IN₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 367.9891, found 367.9894.



N-(2-carbamoyl-5-chloro-4-methylphenyl)picolinamide (2r).

White solid (40.5 mg, 70%), m.p. 271-273 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.13 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.72 (m, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.18 – 8.14 (m, 1H), 8.06 (m, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.4, 162.7, 149.5, 148.7, 138.1, 137.6, 136.3, 131.0, 129.7, 127.1, 122.4, 120.0, 119.9, 19.0. HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₃ClN₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 290.0691, found 290.0692.

NMR spectra of all compounds

