Metal-free Michael Addition Initiated Multicomponent Oxidative Cyclodehydration Route to Polysubstituted Pyridines from 1,3 Dicarbonyls

Supporting Information

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General Information : Melting points (mp) were determined with a Büchi Melting-point B-450 apparatus and were not corrected. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in solution respectively at 300.13 MHz and 75.47 MHz on a Bruker AC 300 spectrometer. NMR data were collected at ambient temperature, and chemical shifts were given in ppm referenced to the appropriate solvent peak. Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quadruplet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 1600 Series FTIR spectrometer. Low and high-resolution mass spectra were recorded on an API 111 Plus Triple Quadrupole spectrometer (Sciex), and on a Bruker-Daltonics MALDI-ToF Autoflex spectrometer. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed using 0.20 mm silica gel 60 (Merck).

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Typical Procedure : To a 50 mL two-necked round bottomed flask, equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a reflux condenser, were added toluene freshly distilled over CaH_2 (25 mL), 4Å MS (6 g), substrate 1 (200 mg, 1.0 equiv.), freshly distilled acrolein 2 (1.5 equiv.), and ammonium acetate 3 (2.0 equiv.). The heterogeneous mixture was stirred at reflux for 24h. The solution was filtered through a short pad of Celite, which was thoroughly washed with toluene. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford crude compound 4 with acceptable chemical purity. Pure product was isolated by flash chromatography over silica gel.

Description of pyridines



1-(2-Methyl-pyridin-3-yl)-ethanone 4a

Yellow gum, 52% yield; $R_f = 0.42$ (AcOEt); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 3051, 2957, 2926, 1691, 1583, 1435, 1357, 1277; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative intensities (%)) :

136 $[M+H]^+$ (100), 153 $[M+NH_4]^+$ (22), 158 $[M+Na]^+$ (6); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 2.53 (3H₂, s), 2.68 (3H₇, s), 7.17 (1H₅, dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 7.90 (1H₄, dd, *J* = 8 Hz, *J* = 1.6 Hz)), 8.52 (1H₆, dd, *J* = 5 Hz, *J* = 1.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 24.6 (C₇), 29.2 (C₂), 120.7 (C₅), 132.7 (C₃), 136.6 (C₄), 151.1 (C₆), 157.9 (C₂), 200.3 (C₁).



1-(2,5-Dimethyl-pyridin-3-yl)-ethanone 4b

Orange oil, 65% yield; $R_f = 0.29$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/1); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹): 2973, 2929, 1688, 1556, 1455, 1354, 1293, 1197; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative

intensities (%)): 150 [M+H]⁺ (100), 167 [M+NH₄]⁺ (29), 172 [M+Na]⁺ (7); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃,

300.13 MHz) : 2.32 (3H₇, s), 2.54 (3H₈, s), 2.65 (3H₂, s), 7.71 (1H₄, d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 8.37 (1H₆, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 17.8 (C₇), 24.0 (C₈), 29.3 (C₂), 130.2 (C₅), 132.3 (C₃), 137.1 (C₄), 151.5 (C₆), 154.8 (C₂), 200.6 (C₁).



1-(2,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-3-yl)-ethanone 4c

Beige gum; 62% yield; $R_f = 0.45$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/1); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹): 2915, 1686, 1588, 1561, 1433, 1256; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative

intensities(%)) : 150 $[M+H]^+$ (100), 167 $[M+NH_4]^+$ (20), 172 $[M+Na]^+$ (5); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 2.57 (3H₇+3H₈, s), 2.73 (3H₂, s), 7.07 (1H₅, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.88 (1H₄, d, J = 7.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 24.3 (C₈), 24.5 (C₇), 28.9 (C₂), 120.1 (C₅), 129.6 (C₃), 137.2 (C₄), 157.6 (C₆), 160.5 (C₂), 199.7 (C₁).



2-Methyl-nicotinic acid methyl ester 4d

Yellow oil; 56% yield; $R_f = 0.39$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/1); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 2953, 1724, 1435, 1281, 1258, 1088; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative intensity (%)) :

152 $[M+H]^+$ (100), 174 $[M+Na]^+$ (69), 190 $[M+K]^+$ (4); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 2.83

 $(3H_7, s)$, 3.91 $(3H_9, s)$, 7.20 $(1H_5, dd, J = 8.1 Hz, J = 4.8 Hz)$, 8.18 $(1H_4, dd, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 1.8 Hz)$ Hz), 8.60 (1H₆, dd, J = 4.8 Hz, J = 1.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 24.6 (C₇), 52.0 (C₉), 120.7 (C₅), 125.1 (C₃), 138.2 (C₄), 151.6 (C₆), 159.7 (C₂), 166.7 (C₈).



2,5-Dimethyl-nicotinic acid methyl ester 4e

Yellow oil; 44% yield; $R_f = 0.42$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/1); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹): 2952, 1723, 1459, 1436, 1297, 1256, 1205, 1089; MS (ESI) m/z (relative intensities (%)): 166 $[M+H]^+$ (100), 188 $[M+Na]^+$ (74), 204 $[M+K]^+$ (7); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃,

300.13 MHz) : 2.21 (3H₇, s), 2.65 (3H₈, s), 3.78 (3H₁₀, s), 7.86 (1H₄, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 8.30 (1H₆, d, J = 1.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 17.4 (C₇), 23.9 (C₈), 51.8 (C₁₀), 124.4 (C₃), 130.0 (C₅), 138.4 (C₄), 151.9 (C₆), 156.5 (C₂), 166.7 (C₉).



2,6-Dimethyl-nicotinic acid methyl ester 4f

Yellow oil; 65% yield; $R_f = 0.34$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/3); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 3052, 2952, 1724, 1669, 1593, 1435, 1278, 1264, 1086; MS (ESI) m/z

(relative intensities (%)): 166 $[M+H]^+$ (100), 188 $[M+Na]^+$ (62), 204 $[M+K]^+$ (9); ¹H NMR

 $(CDCl_3, 300.13 \text{ MHz}) : 2.49 (3H_7, s), 2.73 (3H_8, s), 3.82 (3H_{10}, s), 6.97 (1H_5, d, <math>J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}), 8.01$ (1H₄, d, $J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}); {}^{13}C$ NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 24.5 (C₇), 24.7 (C₈), 51.9 (C₁₀), 120.3 (C₅), 122.2 (C₃), 138.6 (C₄), 159.4 (C₆), 161.2 (C₂), 166.9 (C₉).



2-trifluoromethyl-5-methyl-nicotinic acid ethyl ester 4g

Yellow oil; 70% yield; $R_f = 0.21$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/3); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3029, 2964, 2285, 1576, 1411, 1346, 1255, 1068, 1031; **MS** (ESI)

m/z (relative intensities (%)) : 256 [M+Na]⁺ (100), 234 [M+H]⁺ (1); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 1.35 (3H₁₁, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 2.41 (3H₇, s), 4.36 (2H₁₀, q, J = 7.1 Hz), 7.85 (1H₄, s), 8.55 (1H₆, s); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 13.7 (C₁₁), 18.0 (C₇), 62.4 (C₁₀), 121.2 (C₈, q, J = 273 Hz), 127.5 (C₃), 136.6 (C₅), 138.3 (C₄), 142.8 (C₂, q, J = 35 Hz), 151.0 (C₆), 165.6 (C₉); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 282.40 MHz) : -64.5 (3F₈, s).



2-Methyl-N-phenyl-nicotinamide 4h

Beige solid (Pf = 111-112°C); 61% yield; $R_f = 0.27$ (AcOEt); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 3294, 3054, 2986, 1677, 1599, 1523, 1442, 1265 ; **MS**

(ESI) m/z (relative intensities (%)) : 213 [M+H]⁺ (100), 230 [M+NH₄]⁺ (68), 235 [M+Na]⁺ (39),

251 $[M+K]^+$ (17); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 2.66 (3H₇, s), 7.12-7.19 (2H_{13and5}, m), 7.36 (2H_{12and14}, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.60 (2H_{11and15}, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.71 (1H₄, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 7.97 (1H₉, br s), 8.52 (1H₆, dd, *J* = 4.8 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 22.9 (C₇), 120.0 (C₅), 120.8 (2C_{12and14}), 124.9 (C₁₃), 129.1 (2C_{11and15}), 131.9 (C₃), 134.6 (C₄), 137.6 (C₁₀), 150.3 (C₆), 156.2 (C₂), 166.6 (C₈).



2,6-Dimethyl-N-phenyl-nicotinamide 4i

Beige gum; 42% yield; $R_f = 0.39$ (AcOEt); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 3295, 3054, 2963, 2927, 1656, 1596, 1441, 1322; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative

intensities (%)) : 227 $[M+H]^+$ (100), 244 $[M+NH_4]^+$ (65), 249 $[M+Na]^+$ (31), 265 $[M+K]^+$ (14); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 2.55 (3H₈, s), 2.68 (3H₇, s), 7.03 (1H₅, d, 7.8 Hz), 7.16 (1H₁₄, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.36 (2H_{13and15}, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.59-7.67 (4H, m); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 23.0 (C₈), 24.5 (C₇), 120.0 (C₅), 120.3 (2C_{13and15}), 124.8 (C₁₄), 128.9 (C₃), 129.1 (2C_{12and16}), 135.1 (C₄), 137.7 (C₁₁), 155.7 (2C_{2and6}), 159.7 (C₉).



2-Phenyl-nicotinic acid ethyl ester 4j

Yellow oil; 48% yield; $R_f = 0.36$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/3); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 3061, 2981, 2937, 1723, 1582, 1561, 1430, 1282; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative

intensities(%)) : 228 [M+H]⁺, 245 [M+NH₄]⁺, 250 [M+Na]⁺, 266 [M+K]⁺; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 1.03 (3H₁₅, t, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.14 (2H₁₄, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.33 (1H₅, dd, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 4.8 Hz), 7.40-7.54 (5H_{8to12}, m), , 8.09 (1H₄, dd, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 2 Hz), 8.76 (1H₆, dd, J = 4.8 Hz, J = 1.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 13.5 (C₁₅), 61.4 (C₁₄), 121.5 (C₅), 127.3 (C₃), 128.0 (C_{9and11}), 128.4 (C_{8and12}), 128.5 (C₁₀), 137.8 (C₄), 140.1 (C₇), 151.1 (C₆), 158.8 (C₂), 168.1 (C₁₃).



7,7-Dimethyl-7,8-dihydro-6H-quinolin-5-one 4k

Orange oil; 51% yield; $R_f = 0.22$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/3); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 3053, 2957, 2871, 1691, 1583, 1459, 1432, 1425, 1302, 1284; **MS** (ESI)

m/z (relative intensities(%)) : 176 $[M+H]^+$ (100), 193 $[M+NH_4]^+$ (23), 198 $[M+Na]^+$ (16); ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 1.09 (6H₉, s), 2.53 (2H₆, s), 3.02 (2H₈, s), 7.26 (1H₃, dd, J = 4.3Hz, J = 7.6 Hz), 8.23 (1H₄, dd, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz), 8.67 (1H₂, dd, J = 4.8 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 28.0 (2C₉), 32.7 (C₇), 46.1 (C₈), 51.8 (C₆), 122.0 (C₃), 127.0 (C_{4a}), 134.3 (C₄), 153.6 (C₂), 162.0 (C_{8a}),197.8 (C₅).



3,7,7-Trimethyl-7,8-dihydro-6H-quinolin-5-one 4l

Yellow oil; 44% yield; $R_f = 0.20$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/3); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) :

2958, 2868, 1690, 1647, 1465, 1302, 1283, 1217, 1195; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative intensities(%)) : 190 $[M+H]^+$ (100), 207 $[M+NH_4]^+$ (27), 212 $[M+Na]^+$ (12), 228 $[M+K]^+$ (4); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 1.06 (6H₉, s), 2.33 (3H₁₀, s), 2.48 (2H₆, s), 2.95 (2H₈, s), 8.01 (1H₄, d, *J* = 1.6Hz), 8.48 (1H₂, d, *J* = 1.6Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 17.9 (C₁₀), 28.1 (2C₉), 32.9 (C₇), 45.8 (C₈), 52.0 (C₆), 126.5 (C₃), 131.7 (C_{4a}), 134.5 (C₄), 154.3 (C₂), 159.2 (C_{8a}), 198.3 (C₅).



Indeno[1,2-b]pyridin-5-one 4m

Red solid (Pf = 128-130°C, *litt* 132-136°C); 50% yield; $R_f = 0.5$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/1); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 3051, 2917, 2844, 1710, 1591,

1569, 1403; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative intensities (%)) : 182 $[M+H]^+$ (100), 199 $[M+NH_4]^+$ (38), 204 $[M+Na]^+$ (24), 220 $[M+K]^+$ (12); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 7.21 (1H₃, t, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 7.44 (1H₇, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.61 (1H₈, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.73 (1H₄, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.84-7.91 (2H_{6and9}, m), 8.61 (1H₂, d, *J* = 5.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 121.0 (C₉), 123.3 (C₃), 124.2 (C₆), 128.4 (C_{4a}), 131.0 (C₄), 131.4 (C₇), 134.8 (C_{5a}), 135.4 (C₈), 143.5 (C_{9a}), 154.0 (C₂), 165.1 (C_{9b}), 191.8 (C₅).



3-methyl-indeno[1,2-b]pyridin-5-one 4n

Orange solid (Pf = 122-124°C); 72% yield; $R_f = 0.32$ (AcOEt/Hexanes

1/3); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3054, 2926, 2841, 1711, 1587, 1569, 1405; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative intensities (%)): 196 [M+H]⁺ (100), 213 [M+NH₄]⁺ (44), 218 [M+Na]⁺ (29), 234 [M+K]⁺ (11); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz): 2.37 (3H₁₀, s), 7.38 (1H₇, dt, J = 7.5 Hz, J = 0.9 Hz), 7.55 (1H₈, dd, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz), 7.59 (1H₄, d, J = 1.2 Hz), 7.68 (1H₆, d, J = 6.3 Hz), 7.79 (1H₉, d, 7.5 Hz), 8.42 (1H₂, d, J = 1.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 18.5 (C₁₀), 120.4 (C₇), 123.9 (C₉), 128.1 (C₃), 130.4 (C₆), 131.8 (C_{4a}), 133.2 (C₈), 134.8 (C_{5a}), 135.2 (C₄), 143.5 (C_{9a}), 154.1 (C₂), 162.5 (C_{9b}),191.9 (C₅).



2,7,7-Trimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-[1]pyrindine-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester 40

Colorless oil; 83% yield; $R_{\rm f} = 0.6$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/5); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 2957, 2864, 1723, 1604, 1562, 1265, 1237; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative intensities(%)) : 234 [M+H]⁺ (100), 251 [M+NH₄]⁺ (74), 256 [M+Na]⁺ (54), 272 [M+K]⁺ (32); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 1.28 (6H₈, s), 1.38 (3H₁₂, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.97 (2H₆, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.79 (3H₉, s), 2.84 (2H₅, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.34 (2H₁₁, q, J = 6.9 Hz), 7.94 (1H₄, s); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 14.3 (C₁₂), 24.8 (C₉), 26.8 (2C₈), 39.7 (C_{5and6}), 44.1 (C₇), 60.9 (C₁₁), 123.2 (C₃), 132.7 (C_{4a}), 134.2 (C₄), 158.4 (C₂), 167.3 (C_{7a}), 174.0 (C₁₀).



8-Methoxy-2-methyl-5,6-dihydro-benzo[h]quinoline-3carboxylic acid ethyl ester 4p

White solid (Pf = 119-120°C); 55% yield; $R_{\rm f} = 0.41$

(AcOEt/EP 1/7); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 2980, 2938, 2828, 1705, 1595, 1503, 1440, 1305, 1256, 1233; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative intensities(%)) : 298 [M+H]⁺ (100), 315 [M+NH₄]⁺ (69), 320 [M+Na]⁺ (51), 336 [M+K]⁺ (22); ¹H **NMR** (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 1.41 (3H₁₃, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.86 (3H₁₅, s), 2.92 (4H_{5et6}, s), 3.86 (3H₁₄, s), 4.37 (2H₁₂, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.76 (1H₇, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 6. 90 (1H₉, dd, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.98 (1H₄, s); 8.32 (1H₁₀, d, J = 8.7 Hz); ¹³C **NMR** (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 14.3 (C₁₃), 24.9 (C₁₅), 27.3 (C₆), 28.4 (C₅), 55.3 (C₁₄), 60.9 (C₁₂), 112.7 (C₇), 113.1 (C₉), 122.5 (C_{4a}), 126.9 (C₃), 127.4 (C₄), 127.5 (C_{6a}), 137.6 (C₁₀), 140.7 (C_{10a}), 154.3 (C₈), 158.0 (C₂), 161.0 (C_{10b}), 166.8 (C₁₁).



2-Methyl-5H-indeno[1,2-b]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester 4q

Yellow solid (Pf = 88-90°C); 58% yield; $R_f = 0.32$ (AcOEt/Hexanes 1/3); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 2978, 2926, 1719, 1603, 1394, 1289, 1240, 1100, 1077; **MS** (ESI) m/z (relative intensities(%)) : 254 [M+H]⁺ (100), 271 [M+NH₄]⁺ (44), 276 [M+Na]⁺ (41), 292 [M+K]⁺ (16); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz) : 1.43 (3H₁₃, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.94 (3H₁₀, s), 3.88 (2H₅, s), 4.40 (2H₁₂, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.45-7.47 (2H_{7and8}, m), 7.57-7.60 (1H₆, m), 8.13-8.16 (1H₉, m), 8.32 (1H₄, s); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.47 MHz) : 14.3 (C₁₃), 25.2 (C₁₀), 34.1 (C₅), 61.1 (C₁₂), 121.7 (C₉), 122.8 (C_{4a}), 125.3 (C₆), 127.4 (C₈), 129.5 (C₇), 133.6 (C₃), 134.4 (C₄), 140.2 (C_{5a}), 145.1 (C_{9a}), 159.5 (C₂), 162.6 (C_{9b}), 167.1 (C₁₁).

NMR data

Compound 4a



Compound 4b



Compound 4c



Compound 4d



Compound 4e



Compound 4f



Compound 4g



Compound 4h



Compound 4i



Compound 4j



Compound 4k



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Compound 4m



Compound 4n



Compound 4o



Compound 4p



Compound 4q

