

*Supporting Information For:*

**Coupling of Enamides with Alkynes or Arynes for Synthesis of Substituted  
Pyridines and Isoquinolines *via* Amide Activation**

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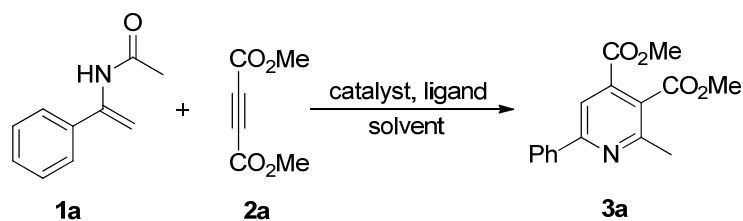
## 1. General Information

Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on 100 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. All new products were further characterized by HRMS; copies of their  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra are provided. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. The ketoximes were in all cases prepared from the corresponding ketones according to following literature:

Zhao, H.; Vandebossche, C. P.; Koenig, S. G.; Singh, S. P.; Bakale, R. P. *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 505-507.

## 2. Optimization of Reaction Conditions

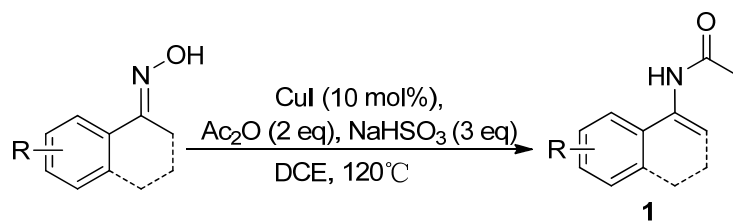
**Table S1.** Optimization of reaction conditions.<sup>a</sup>



entry	catalyst	ligand	solvent	T (°C) <sup>b</sup>	yield (%)
1	CuI		DMSO	120	23
2	CuI		DMF	120	31
3	CuI		DCE	120	40
4	CuI		THF	120	68
5	CuI		1,4-dioxane	120	70
6	CuBr		1,4-dioxane	120	54
7	CuCl		1,4-dioxane	120	38
8	Cu <sub>2</sub> O		1,4-dioxane	120	25
9	CuI		1,4-dioxane	140	76
10	CuI	glycine	1,4-dioxane	140	88
11	CuI	N-methyl glycine	1,4-dioxane	140	70
12	CuI	N,N-dimethyl glycine	1,4-dioxane	140	66
13	CuI	Phenanthroline	1,4-dioxane	140	67
14	CuI	L-proline	1,4-dioxane	140	62
15	CuI	2,2'-dipyridine	1,4-dioxane	140	68

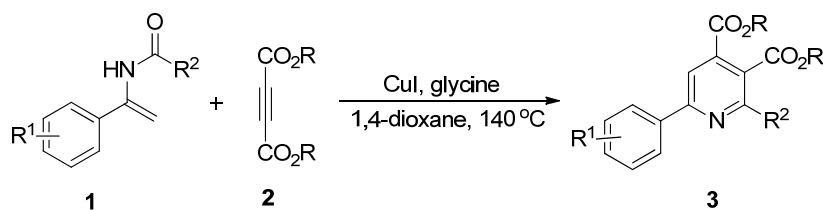
<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), catalysts (10 mol%), and ligand (20 mol%) in solvent (3 mL) for 30 h. Isolated yields. <sup>b</sup> oil bath temperature.

### 3. Typical procedure for preparation of Enamides



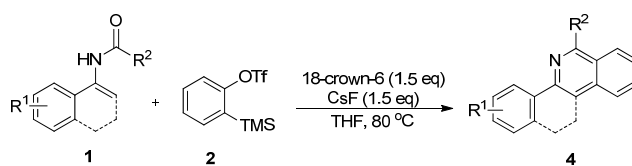
The mixture of ketoxime (5 mmol), acetic anhydride (10 mmol, 1.02 g), NaHSO<sub>3</sub> (1.5 mmol, 780.5 mg) and CuI (10 mol%, 95.5 mg) was stirred in 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE, 20 mL) at 120 °C (oil bath temperature) under Ar. After completion of the reaction (detected by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (30 mL) and washed with NaOH (2N, 20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated in vacuo. The desired enamide **1** was obtained after purification by flash chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ethyl acetate as the eluent.

### 4. Typical procedure for the synthesis of pyridines



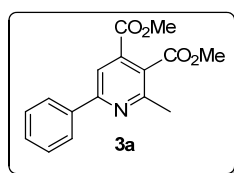
In a 25 mL round bottom flask, the enamide **1** (0.3 mmol), alkyne **2** (0.45 mmol), CuI (10 mol%, 5.7 mg) and glycine (20 mol%, 4.5 mg) was stirred in 1,4-dioxane (3 mL) at 140 °C (oil bath temperature) for 30 h. After completion of the reaction (detected by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and washed with dilute NH<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated in vacuo. The desired pyridine was obtained after purification by flash chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ethyl acetate (10/1) as the eluent.

## 5. Typical procedure for the synthesis of isoquinolines

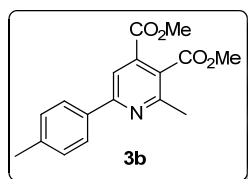


In a 25 mL round bottom flask, the enamide **1** (0.2 mmol), benzyne **2c** (0.3 mmol), CsF (0.3 mmol, 45.6 mg) and 18-crown-6 (0.3 mmol, 79.2 mg) was stirred in THF (3 mL) at 80 °C (oil bath temperature) under argon atmosphere for 24 h. After completion of the reaction (detected by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and washed with brine (20 mL). The organic layers were dried over by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated in vacuo. The desired isoquinoline was obtained after purification by flash chromatography on silica gel with hexane/ethyl acetate (40/1) as the eluent.

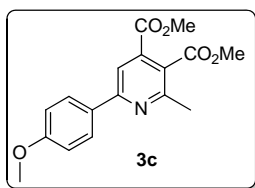
## 6. Spectroscopic data for pyridines and isoquinolines



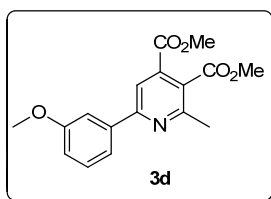
**3a**: yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.7, 165.4, 158.2, 156.4, 137.8, 136.7, 129.8, 128.8, 127.1, 126.4, 116.9, 53.0, 52.8, 22.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI) *m/z* for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 308.0893. Found: 308.0901.



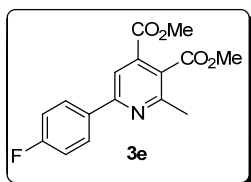
**3b**: pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.8, 165.5, 158.1, 156.3, 140.0, 136.7, 135.0, 129.6, 127.0, 126.0, 116.5, 53.0, 52.8, 22.8, 21.3. HRMS Calcd (ESI) *m/z* for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 322.1050. Found: 322.1053.



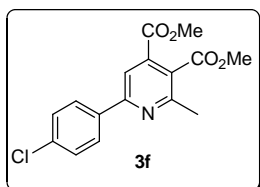
**3c:** yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.8, 165.6, 161.1, 157.8, 156.2, 136.8, 130.4, 128.5, 125.5, 116.0, 114.2, 55.3, 53.0, 52.8, 22.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_5$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  316.1179. Found: 316.1180.



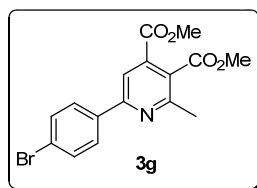
**3d:** yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 1H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.69 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.7, 165.4, 160.1, 157.9, 156.3, 139.3, 136.7, 129.8, 126.5, 119.5, 117.0, 115.6, 112.4, 55.4, 53.0, 52.8, 22.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_5$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  316.1179. Found: 316.1177.



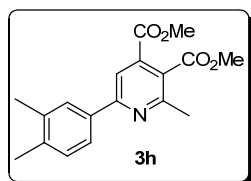
**3e:** white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.6, 165.3, 163.9 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 248.6$  Hz), 157.0, 156.4, 136.8, 134.0, 129.0 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 8.6$  Hz), 126.4, 116.5, 115.8 (d,  $J_{\text{CF}} = 21.9$  Hz), 53.0, 52.8, 22.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{FNNaO}_4$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  326.0799. Found: 326.0792.



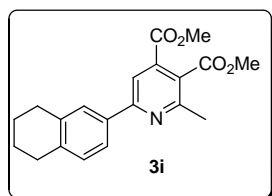
**3f:** white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98-7.96 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.6, 165.2, 156.8, 156.5, 136.8, 136.2, 136.0, 129.0, 128.4, 126.7, 116.6, 53.1, 52.9, 22.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNNaO}_4$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  342.0504. Found: 342.0505.



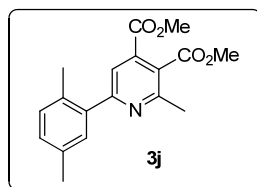
**3g:** white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.97 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.5, 165.2, 156.8, 156.5, 136.8, 136.6, 132.0, 128.6, 126.8, 124.4, 116.5, 53.1, 52.9, 22.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNNaO}_4$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  385.9998. Found: 385.9988.



**3h:** yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.8, 165.6, 158.3, 156.2, 138.7, 137.1, 136.7, 135.4, 130.1, 128.2, 125.9, 124.5, 116.5, 53.0, 52.8, 22.8, 19.9, 19.7. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_4$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  336.1206. Found: 336.1195.

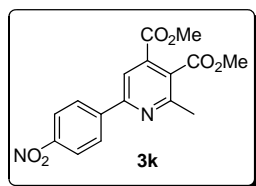


**3i:** yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.85-2.80 (m, 4H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.83-1.81 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.8, 165.6, 158.4, 156.2, 139.3, 137.7, 136.7, 135.0, 129.6, 127.7, 125.9, 124.1, 116.5, 53.0, 52.8, 29.5, 29.3, 23.1, 23.0, 22.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_4$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  362.1363. Found: 362.1364.

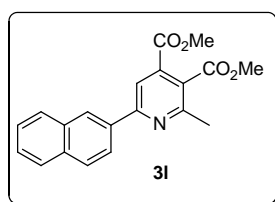


**3j:** brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.8, 165.3, 161.2, 155.8, 138.7, 135.9, 135.5, 132.6, 130.9, 130.1, 129.6, 126.1, 120.5, 53.0, 52.9, 22.6, 20.9, 19.7. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$

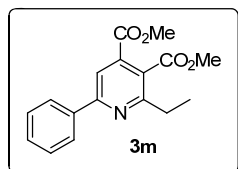
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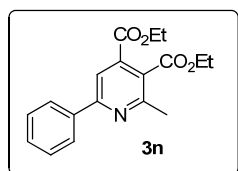
**3k**: yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.2, 164.8, 157.0, 155.3, 148.5, 143.5, 136.9, 128.0, 127.9, 124.0, 117.5, 53.2, 53.0, 22.7. HRMS Calcd (ESI) *m/z* for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 353.0744. Found: 353.0738.



**3l**: yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.18-8.16 (m, 2H), 7.96-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.72 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.7, 165.4, 158.0, 156.5, 136.8, 135.1, 134.0, 133.3, 128.8, 128.6, 127.7, 126.9, 126.9, 126.4, 126.4, 124.3, 117.0, 53.0, 52.8, 22.9. HRMS Calcd (ESI) *m/z* for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 358.1050. Found: 358.1051.

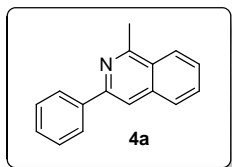


**3m**: yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.08-8.04 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.92-2.90 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.8, 165.4, 160.8, 158.1, 138.0, 136.5, 129.7, 128.8, 127.1, 126.1, 116.7, 53.0, 52.8, 29.3, 13.5. HRMS Calcd (ESI) *m/z* for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 322.1050. Found: 322.1045.

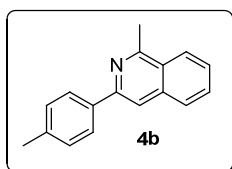


**3n**: yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 3H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 4.46-4.41 (m, 4H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 1.43-1.39 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.2, 165.0, 158.0, 156.2, 137.9, 137.1, 129.6, 128.8, 127.1, 126.6, 116.9,

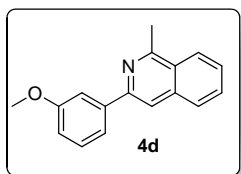
62.1, 61.8, 22.7, 14.0, 14.0. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $C_{18}H_{19}NNaO_4$ :  $[M+Na]^+$  336.1206. Found: 336.1211.



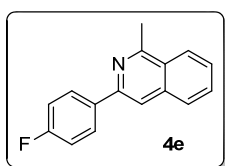
**4a:** pale yellow solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.10 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  158.5, 149.8, 139.7, 136.6, 129.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.5, 126.9, 126.7, 126.4, 125.5, 115.1, 22.6. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $C_{16}H_{14}N$ :  $[M+H]^+$  220.1121. Found: 220.1122.



**4b:** yellow solid.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.09 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  158.4, 149.9, 138.1, 136.9, 136.7, 129.9, 129.4, 127.5, 126.8, 126.5, 126.4, 125.6, 114.7, 22.6, 21.2. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $C_{17}H_{16}N$ :  $[M+H]^+$  234.1277. Found: 234.1276.



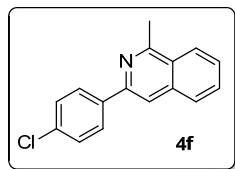
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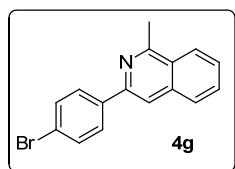
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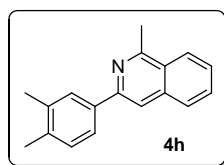
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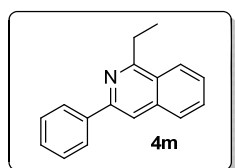
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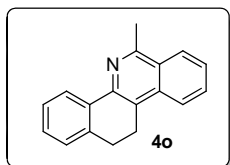
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**4h**: yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.09 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.88-7.81 (m, 3H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.3, 150.1, 137.3, 136.8, 136.7, 130.0, 129.9, 128.1, 127.5, 126.4, 126.4, 125.6, 124.2, 114.7, 22.6, 20.0, 19.6. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  248.1434. Found: 248.1439.

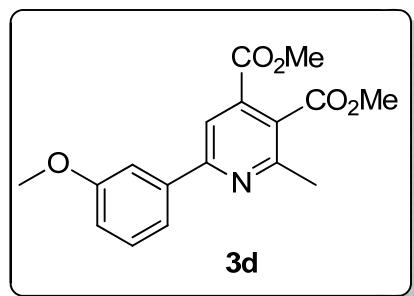


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**4o:** white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.51 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.55 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 2H), 3.32-3.28 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.09-3.06 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.6, 144.2, 136.9, 135.4, 134.6, 129.7, 128.0, 127.3, 127.0, 126.6, 126.2, 125.9, 125.0, 123.1, 123.0, 27.8, 22.7, 22.7. HRMS Calcd (ESI)  $m/z$  for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  246.1277. Found: 246.1284.

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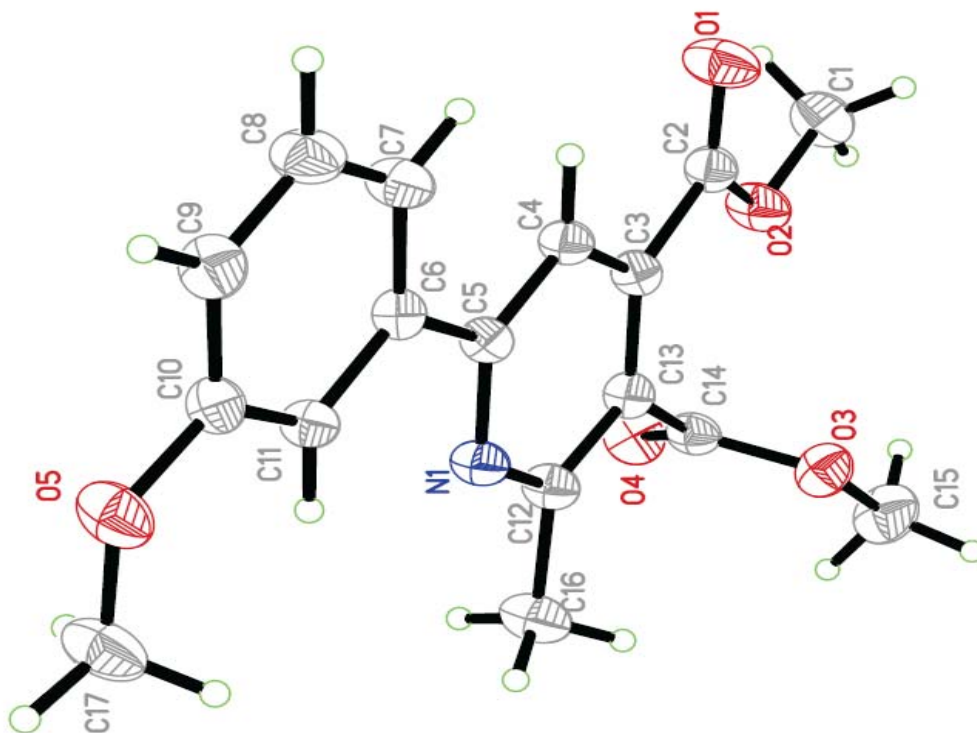
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## 8. Appendix (copies of $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra)

