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Arylation of 2- Substituted pyridines via Pd-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Cross-Coupling Reactions of 2-Picolinic acid

Supporting Information

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Various Ligands Used in Pd-catalyzed Cross-coupling Reactions

Scheme 1 Abbreviation of Various Ligands

General Methods. All reactions were performed in dried glass reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar under argon gas atmosphere. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32-63 µm, standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Solvents were re-distilled prior to use in the reactions. The transformation progress was indicated by GC-MS using Thermo Fisher Scientific DSQ II. Melting point were obtained by XT4A micro Melting-point Measurement Instruments , thermometer was unrevised. The high resolution mass spectrum was

received via Agilent Technologies 6540 UHD Accurate-mass Q-Tof LC/MS, with ESI as ion source. NMR spectra were obtained on Bruker DPX 400 systems using CDCl₃ (3t, 3u using acetone)as solvent, TMS as internal standard substance, with proton and carbon resonances at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively.

Experimental procedures Section. A dried glass reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with PdCl₂ (5.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 5 mol %), BINAP (18.7 mg, 0.03 mmol, 5 mol %), K₂CO₃ (248.0 mg, 1.2 mmol, 3 equiv), Cu₂O (51.4 mg, 0.6 mmol, 0.6 equiv), 3Å molecular sieve (200 mg), 2-picolinic acid (73.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and aryl(heteroaryl, alkyl) bromides (0.9 mmol, 1.5 equiv); anhydrous DMA (3.5 mL) was added and the mixture was charged with argon gas three times. The reaction mixture was then stirred at 150°C under argon gas until 2-picolinic acid were consumed. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, and washed with ethyl acetate after cooling to room temperature. The filtrate was poured into H₂O and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was dried with MgSO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to produce the desired product. The products were characterized by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and GC-MS.

Characterization data of compounds.

4-(pyridin-2-yl)benzonitrile (3a, yield 75%): White solid. m.p. 91-92°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.74(d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.6Hz, 2H), 7.83(td, J = 7.5, 1.7Hz, 1H), 7.77(m, 3H), 7.32(ddd, J = 7.3, 4.9, 1.4Hz, 1H). ¹³C

- 5 NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 155.2(s), 150.0(s), 143.4(s), 137.1(s), 132.6(s), 127.5(s) 123.4(s), 120.9(s), 118.8(s),112.4(s).
 - **2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyridine** (**3b**, yield 47%): White solid. m.p. 53-55°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.65(d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95(d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70(td, J = 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66(d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16(m, 1H), 6.99(d, J = 8.8 Hz,

- 2H), 3.86(s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 160.4(s), 157.1(s), 149.5(s), 136.6(s), 132.0(s), 128.1(s), 121.4(s), 119.8(s), 114.1(s), 55.3(s).
 - **2-phenylpyridine** (**3c**, yield 43%): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.70(d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99(m, 2H), 7.74(m, 2H), 7.48(m, 2H), 7.23(m, 1H), 7.42(m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ

157.5(s), 149.6(s), 139.4(s), 136.7(s), 128.9(s), 128.7(s), 126.9(s), 122.1(s), 120.6(s).

1-(4-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone (3d, yield 27%): White solid. m.p. $83-85^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.73(d, J = 4.8Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J =4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.3(m, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 196.8(s), 155.0(s), 148.9(s), 142.5(s), 136.1(s), 135.9(s),

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phenyl(4-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)methanone (**3e**, yield 47%): White solid. m.p. 89-90°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.73(d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11(d, J = 8.5Hz, 2H), 7.91(d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.81(m, 4H), 7.60(t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49(t, J = 7.5Hz, 2H) ,

- 7.29(m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 196.3(s), 156.2(s), 149.9(s), 143.0(s), 137.6(s), 137.6(s), 136.9(s), 132.5(s), 130.6(s), 130.0(s), 128.3(s), 126.7(s), 122.9(s), 121.0(s).
 - **2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyridine** (**3f**, yield 40%): white solid. m.p. 69-70 $^{\circ}$ C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.72(d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H),

30 7.78(m, 2H) , 7.72(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H) , 7.28(m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 155.8(s), 149.9(s), 142.6(s), 136.9(s), 130.9(s), 130.6(s), 127.1(s), 125.6(s),

125.6(s), 122.9(s), 120.8(s).

126.8(s), 122.8(s), 121.0(s), 52.2(s).

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121.2(s).

methyl 4-(pyridin-2-yl)benzoate (3g, yield 57%): White solid. m.p. 97-98 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.73(d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.11(dd, J = 15.0, 10.1Hz, 4H), 7.79(d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28(q, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.94(s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 166.9(s), 156.2(s), 149.9(s), 143.5(s), 136.9(s),130.3(s),

2-(4-nitrophenyl)pyridine (**3h**, yield 30%): Yellow solid. m.p. 129-131°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.75 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.33(d, J = 8.7Hz, 2H), 8.18(d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.82(m, 2H), 7.34(m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 154.8(s), 150.1(s), 148.1(s), 145.2(s), 137.1(s), 127.6(s), 124.0(s), 123.5(s),

2-p-tolylpyridine (**3i**, yield 50%): Colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.67(d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89(d, J =8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.71(dd, J = 6.1, 2.2Hz, 2H), 7.28(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19(m, 1H), 2.4(s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 157.4(s), 49.6(s), 138.9(s), 136.6(s), 136.6(s),

129.4(s), 126.7(s), 121.8(s), 120.2(s), 21.2(s).

2-o-tolylpyridine (**3j**, yield 48%): Yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.69(d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73(td, J = 7.7, 1.9Hz, 1H), 7.39(d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26(m, 4H), 2.36(s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 160.0(s), 149.2(s), 140.4(s), 136.1(s), 135.7(s), 130.7(s), 129.6(s), 128.2(s), 125.8(s), 124.1(s), 121.6(s), 20.2(s).

2-(3-methoxyphenyl)pyridine (**3l**, yield 64%): Yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.69(d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72(m, 2H), 7.60(s, 1H), 7.55(d, J = 7.7Hz, 1H), 7.38(t, J = 8.2Hz, 1H), 7.22(m, 1H), 6.97(dd, J = 7.7,

2.5 2.4Hz, 1H), 3.89(s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 160.0(s), 157.2(s), 149.6(s), 140.9(s), 136.7(s), 129.7(s), 122.2(s), 120.7(s), 119.3(s), 115.0(s), 112.0(s), 55.3(s).

2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzonitrile (**3m**, yield 42%): Colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.78(d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58(m, 2H), 7.78(m, 30 1H), 7.69(td, J = 7.6, 1.4Hz, 1H), 7.51(td, J = 7.5, 1.1Hz, 1H), 7.36(m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 155.2(s), 149.9(s), 143.5(s), 136.8(s), 134.1(s), 132.8(s),

129.9(s), 128.7(s), 123.3(s), 123.2(s), 118.7(s), 111.0(s).

1-(3-(pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone (3n, yield 36%): Yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.72(d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 8.58(s, 1H), 8.22(d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01(d, J = 7.3Hz, 1H), 7.79(d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58(t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H),

5 7.28(m, 1H), 2.69(s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 198.0(s), 156.4(s), 149.8(s), 139.9(s), 137.6(s), 136.9(s), 131.4(s), 129.0(s), 128.6(s), 126.8(s), 122.6(s), 120.6(s), 26.8(s).

methyl 4-methyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)benzoate (30, yield 46%): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.70(d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09(d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H),

7.96(dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77(td, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42(d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35(d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27(ddd, J = 7.4, 4.9, 1.0Hz, 1H), 3.90(s, 3H), 2.4(s, 3H).

13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 166.9(s), 159.0(s), 149.2(s), 141.5(s), 140.5(s), 136.3(s), 130.9(s), 130.8(s), 129.2(s), 127.9(s), 124.0(s) 122.0(s), 52.0(s), 20.5(s). HRMS (ESI⁺) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄NO₂ (M + H)⁺ 228.1025, found 228.1012.

2-(naphthalen-2-yl)pyridine (**3p**, yield 78%): Yellow solid. m.p. 77-79°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.75(d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.49(s, 1H), 8.14(dd, J = 8.7, 1.9Hz, 1H), 7.95(d, J = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.88(d, J = 7.0Hz, 2H), 7.79(td, J = 7.5, 1.8Hz, 1H), 7.51(q, J = 3.2Hz, 2H), 7.26(m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 157.3(s), 149.8(s), 136.8(s), 136.6(s), 133.6(s), 133.5(s), 128.7(s), 127.6(s), 126.5(s),

20 126.3(s), 126.3(s), 124.5(s), 122.1(s), 120.8(s).

2-(naphthalen-1-yl)pyridine (3q, yield 66%): Yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.80(d, J = 4.0Hz, 1H), 8.01(d, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.92(d, J = 8.2Hz, 2H), 7.82(td, J = 8.0, 1.7Hz, 1H), 7.59(m, 3H), 7.49(m, 2H), 7.33(m, 1H),. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 159.2(s), 149.5 (s), 138.5(s),

25 136.4(s), 133.9(s), 131.1(s), 128.9(s), 128.3(s), 127.4(s), 126.4(s), 125.8(s), 125.6(s), 125.3(s), 125.0(s), 122.0(s).

2,2'-bipyridine (**3r**, yield 46%): White solid. m.p. 68-70°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.67(s, 2H), 8.39(d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.80(td, J = 7.8, 1.7Hz, 2H), 7.29(m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 156.1(s),

30 149.1(s), 136.9(s), 123.7(s), 121.0(s).

2,3'-bipyridine (**3s**, yield 35%): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 9.33(s, 1H), 8.70(m, 2H), 8.46(d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.02(d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.94(td, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53(m, 1H), 7.41(ddd, J = 7.6, 4.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 155.3(s), 150.8(s), 150.6(s), 148.8(s), 138.1(s), 134.8(s), 124.0(s), 121.4(s).

- **2,4'-bipyridine** (**3t**, yield 45%): white solid. m.p. 59-60°C.

 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.75(m, 3H), 8.09(d, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.97(td, J = 7.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48(ddd, J = 7.6, 4.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δδ 154.9(s), 151.1(s), 150.9(s), 147.0(s), 138.3(s), 125.0(s), 121.8(s). **2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline** (**3u**, yield 46%): Yellow solid. m.p. 96-97°C.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.74(d, J = 4.5Hz, 1H), 8.65(d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.56(d, J = 8.7Hz, 1H), 8.28(d, J = 8.6Hz, 1H), 8.18(d, J = 8.4Hz, 1H), 7.87(m, 2H), 7.74(m,1H), 7.55(t, J = 7.3Hz, 1H), 7.36(ddd, J = 7.2, 4.7, 1.0Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 156.3(s), 156.1(s), 149.1(s), 147.9(s), 136.9(s), 136.8(s), 129.8(s), 129.5(s), 128.2(s), 127.6(s), 126.7(s), 124.0(s), 121.8(s), 118.9(s).
- 3-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline (3v, yield 59%): Yellow solid. m.p. 97-99 °C.

 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 9.53(s, 1H), 8.76(s, 2H), 8.14(d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.9(m, 2H), 7.82(td, J = 8.0, 1.7Hz, 1H), 7.73(t, J = 7.89 Hz, 1H), 7.57(t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30(ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.1Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 154.8(s), 150.1(s), 149.2(s), 148.2(s), 137.0(s), 133.8(s), 129.9(s), 129.2(s), 128.5(s), 127.0(s), 122.8(s), 120.8(s).

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The NMR spectra.



























































































