

# **Palladium-catalyzed *ortho*-acylation of 2-aryl pyridine derivatives using benzylamines as new acyl sources**

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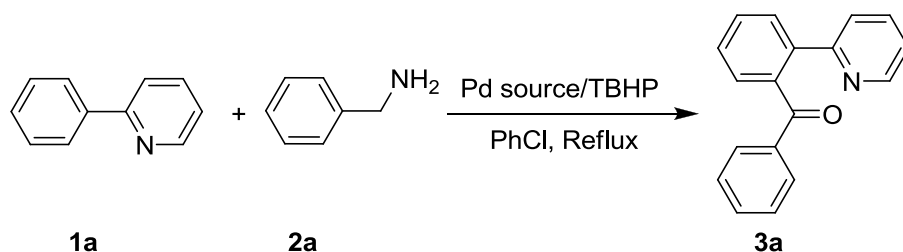
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### Optimization process data in detail

Table 1. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Palladium source	<b>1a:2a</b>	T (°C)	t (h)	Additive (mol%)	Oxidant (equiv)	Solvent	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	-	O <sub>2</sub>	chlorobenzene	<5
2	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	-	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (3.5)	chlorobenzene	<5
3	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	-	DDQ (3.5)	chlorobenzene	<5
4	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	-	Ag <sub>2</sub> O (3.5)	chlorobenzene	<5
5	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	-	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3.5)	chlorobenzene	<5
6	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	47
7	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	140	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	xylene	21
8	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	140	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	N,N-dimethyl aniline	<5
9	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	140	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	DMSO	<5
10	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	140	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	DMF	<5
11	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	140	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	DME	<5
12	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	140	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	NMP	17
13	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	140	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	nitrobenzene	<5
14	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	140	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	--	40
15	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	bromobenzene	37
16	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	1,4-dioxane	<5
17	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	TsOH (1equiv)	TBHP (3.5)	toluene	7
18	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	HOAc (1 equiv)	TBHP (3.5)	toluene	<5
19	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	toluene	16
20	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	PPh <sub>3</sub> (10)	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	40
21	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	Dppf (5)	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	35
22	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	1,10-Phenanthroline monohydrate (5)	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	21
23	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	DMEDA (5)	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	20
24	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	AgOAc (10)	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	20

25	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	CuBr (10)	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	15
26	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	16
27	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	AlCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	<5
28	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (5)	1:2	reflux	8	HOAc (10)	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	<5
29	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	50
30	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:2	reflux	4	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	38
31	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:2	reflux	6	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	47
32	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:2	reflux	10	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	52
33	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (1)	chlorobenzene	<5
34	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (2.5)	chlorobenzene	24
35	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	56
36	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (5)	chlorobenzene	58
37	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (7)	chlorobenzene	31
38	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:1.1	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	46
39	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:1.2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	56 (46)
40	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:1.4	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	69 (57)
41	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:1.6	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	54
42	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:2	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	50
43	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:3	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	37
44 <sup>c</sup>	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:1.4	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	76
45 <sup>d</sup>	<b>PdCl<sub>2</sub>(10)</b>	<b>1:1.4</b>	<b>reflux</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>TBHP (3.5)</b>	<b>chlorobenzene</b>	<b>81 (68)</b>
46 <sup>e</sup>	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:1.4	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	35
47 <sup>d</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:1.4	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	47
48 <sup>d</sup>	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> (5)	1:1.4	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	55
49 <sup>d</sup>	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (10)	1:1.4	reflux	8	-	TBHP (3.5)	chlorobenzene	40

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), benzylamine, palladium catalyst, TBHP in 2 mL solvent at refluxing temperature for 8 h. <sup>b</sup> GC yield. <sup>c</sup> 1 mL solvent. <sup>d</sup> Under nitrogen atmosphere and 1 mL solvent. <sup>e</sup> At 110 °C, under nitrogen atmosphere and 1 mL solvent.

## Experimental Section

### General details

<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent and TMS as an internal standard. Melting points were measured by using a WC-1 microscopic apparatus. GC analysis was performed on Agilent 4890D gas chromatograph. Mass spectra were measured on an LC-MSD-Trap-XCT instrument. High resolution mass spectra were

measured on a UHPLC Q-TOF HR-MS. The single crystal X-ray diffraction study was measured on a Xcalibur, Eos, Gemini diffractometer. Dichloromethane, ethyl acetate and hexane were used for column chromatography without further purification, and other solvents were purified according to the standard methods. The chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and used as-received unless otherwise noted.

#### General procedure for the palladium-catalyzed acylation of 2-arylpyridines

To a solution of 2-arylpyridines (0.2 mmol) in chlorobenzene (1 mL), arylmethyl amines (0.28 mmol), PdCl<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%) and TBHP (0.7 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was heated at refluxing temperature for 8 h. After the reaction was complete, the mixture was added into H<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) to afford the pure product.

#### 2-[(2-benzoyl)phenyl]pyridine (**3a**)<sup>1</sup>

Light yellow solid, mp 101–103 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.01 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.63 (m, 5H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.52 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.64 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 4.08 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 121.9, 122.7, 128.0, 128.5, 128.8, 129.1, 129.5, 130.2, 132.3, 136.3, 137.9, 139.5, 139.7, 149.0, 156.8, 198.2; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO (*M*+H<sup>+</sup>): 260.1070, found 260.1076.

#### 2-[[2-benzoyl-4-(*tert*-butyl)]phenyl]pyridine (**3b**)

Light yellow solid, mp 74–76 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.37 (s, 9H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 5.86 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.76 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.16 Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.72 (m, 3H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 4.16 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 31.2, 34.9, 121.7, 122.5, 126.1, 127.3, 128.0, 128.4, 129.5, 132.2, 136.2, 136.8, 138.0, 139.1, 149.0, 151.9, 156.7, 198.7; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO (*M*+H<sup>+</sup>): 316.1696, found 316.1700.

#### 2-[[2-benzoyl-4-(*tert*-butyl)]phenyl]-3-methylpyridine (**3c**)

Light yellow solid, mp 73–75 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.37 (s, 9H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 7.50 Hz, 4.80 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.59–7.67 (m, 4H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 4.28 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 31.3, 34.8, 44.0, 122.0, 126.6, 127.5, 127.8, 128.5, 129.6, 129.7, 131.5, 132.3, 137.7, 137.9, 138.8, 146.4, 150.8, 157.7, 198.2; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO (*M*+H<sup>+</sup>): 330.1852, found 330.1857.

#### 2-[(2-benzoyl-4-methyl)phenyl]pyridine (**3d**)<sup>1</sup>

Light yellow solid, mp 131–133 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 6.64 Hz, 5.04 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.84 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.70 (m, 3H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 4.28 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.2, 121.7, 122.4, 128.0, 128.6, 129.4, 129.6, 130.9, 132.2, 136.2, 136.8, 138.0, 138.7, 139.4, 149.0, 156.7, 198.5; HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO (*M*+H<sup>+</sup>): 274.1226, found 274.1231.

#### 2-[(2-benzoyl-5-methyl)phenyl]-4-methylpyridine (**3e**)

Light yellow solid, mp 134–136 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H),

6.80 (d,  $J = 4.96$  Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 7.72$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.63-7.67 (m, 2H), 8.22 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.0, 21.5, 122.9, 124.1, 128.0, 129.0, 129.4, 129.5, 129.6, 132.2, 136.6, 138.2, 140.1, 140.6, 147.2, 148.9, 156.9, 198.4; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 288.1383, found 288.1389.

2-[(2-benzoyl-5-methyl)phenyl]-5-methylpyridine (**3f**)

White solid, mp 150–152 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.20 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 7.23-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.35-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.68$  Hz, 2H), 8.21 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  18.1, 21.5, 122.4, 128.0, 128.8, 129.2, 129.5, 129.6, 131.4, 132.2, 136.5, 136.7, 138.1, 139.9, 140.5, 149.5, 154.3, 198.4; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 288.1383, found 288.1387.

2-[(2-benzoyl-5-methyl)phenyl]-3-methylpyridine (**3g**)

Yellow liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.18 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 6.98 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 7.56$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 7.44$  Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d,  $J = 3.76$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  19.5, 21.5, 122.1, 127.9, 128.3, 129.8, 130.0, 130.7, 131.5, 132.3, 136.0, 137.6, 137.9, 141.0, 141.2, 146.4, 158.1, 197.5; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 288.1383, found 288.1390.

2-[(2-benzoyl-4-methoxy)phenyl]pyridine (**3h**)<sup>1</sup>

Light yellow solid, mp 113–115 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.87 (s, 3H), 6.94 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 1.84$  Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.74 (m, 3H), 8.29 (d,  $J = 4.24$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  55.6, 114.0, 116.1, 121.4, 122.0, 128.0, 129.4, 129.9, 132.0, 132.3, 136.2, 137.8, 140.8, 148.8, 156.3, 159.9, 197.9; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 290.1176, found 290.1180.

2-[(2-benzoyl-6-methoxy)phenyl]pyridine (**3i**)

Light yellow liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.85 (s, 3H), 6.94-6.99 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J = 7.96$  Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.68 (m, 2H), 8.34 (d,  $J = 4.72$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  56.0, 113.0, 121.2, 121.7, 126.0, 127.9, 128.7, 129.4, 129.6, 132.3, 135.4, 137.8, 141.9, 148.7, 154.3, 156.7, 197.2; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 290.1176, found 290.1181.

2-[(2-benzoyl-5-methoxy)phenyl]pyridine (**3j**)

Light yellow solid, mp 101–104 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.92 (s, 3H), 6.98-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 7.52$  Hz, 2H), 8.40 (d,  $J = 4.16$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  55.6, 113.8, 114.6, 122.0, 123.3, 128.0, 130.0, 131.5, 131.8, 132.1, 136.2, 138.3, 142.3, 149.1, 157.1, 161.2, 197.5; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 290.1176, found 290.1180.

2-[(2-benzoyl-5-methoxy)phenyl]-3-methylpyridine (**3k**)

Light yellow solid, mp 89–91 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.18 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 6.97-7.03 (m, 3H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.14$  Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.67 (m, 3H), 8.32 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  19.4, 55.6, 113.0, 115.5, 127.9, 129.3, 129.8, 131.1,

131.4, 132.1, 132.4, 137.6, 138.2, 143.3, 146.4, 158.0, 161.5, 196.8; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{20}H_{18}NO$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 304.1332, found 304.1338.

2-(2-benzoylphenyl)-3-methylpyridine (**3l**)

Yellow solid, mp 93–96 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.21 (s, 3H), 6.97 (dd,  $J = 7.04$  Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 7.52$  Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d,  $J = 3.96$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  19.5, 122.2, 127.7, 127.9, 129.5, 129.7, 129.9, 130.4, 131.5, 132.5, 137.7, 137.8, 139.1, 140.7, 146.4, 157.7, 197.7; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}NO$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 274.1226, found 274.1230.

2-[(2-benzoyl-4-bromo)phenyl]pyridine (**3m**)<sup>1</sup>

Yellow solid, mp 106–108 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.02 (dd,  $J = 6.72$  Hz, 5.16 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t,  $J = 7.36$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t,  $J = 7.36$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 7.88$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td,  $J = 7.74$  Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.75 (m, 5H), 8.33 (d,  $J = 4.52$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  122.3, 122.4, 122.9, 128.2, 129.4, 130.2, 131.8, 132.7, 133.1, 136.5, 137.3, 138.4, 141.2, 149.1, 155.6, 196.5; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{18}H_{13}BrNO$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 338.0181, found 338.0180.

2-[(2-benzoyl-4-bromo)phenyl]-3-methylpyridine (**3n**)

Light yellow solid, mp 57–59 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.21 (s, 3H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 7.26–7.37 (m, 5H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 6.72$  Hz, 2H), 7.69–7.75 (m, 2H), 8.24 (s, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  19.5, 122.5, 127.0, 128.1, 129.6, 131.5, 131.6, 132.2, 132.8, 133.2, 137.1, 138.0, 139.4, 141.1, 146.5, 156.4, 195.9; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{19}H_{15}BrNO$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 352.0337, found 352.0335.

2-[(2-benzoyl-5-ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]pyridine (**3o**)

White solid, mp 111–113 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.44 (t,  $J = 7.12$  Hz, 3H), 4.45 (dd,  $J = 14.24$  Hz, 7.12 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd,  $J = 8.78$  Hz, 4.40 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t,  $J = 6.96$  Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t,  $J = 7.36$  Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.70 (m, 5H), 8.19 (dd,  $J = 7.90$  Hz, 1.16 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d,  $J = 4.72$  Hz, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.4, 61.5, 122.4, 122.5, 128.2, 129.1, 129.3, 129.5, 129.7, 132.0, 132.6, 136.6, 137.4, 139.6, 143.5, 149.9, 155.7, 165.8, 197.4; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{21}H_{18}NO_3$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 332.1281, found 332.1286.

2-[(2-benzoyl-5-ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]-5-methylpyridine (**3p**)

Light yellow solid, mp 95–97 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.44 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 4.45 (dd,  $J = 14.18$  Hz, 7.04 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 8.20$  Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t,  $J = 8.24$  Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 7.56$  Hz, 2H), 8.14–8.18 (m, 2H), 8.45 (s, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.4, 18.1, 61.4, 121.8, 128.2, 128.9, 129.2, 129.3, 129.5, 131.9, 132.0, 132.6, 137.1, 137.5, 139.6, 143.4, 149.4, 152.8, 165.9, 197.5; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{22}H_{20}NO_3$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 346.1438, found 346.1442.

2-[(2-benzoyl-4-fluoro)phenyl]pyridine (**3q**)

Light yellow solid, mp 150–152 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.02 (dd,  $J = 7.02$  Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.37–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.69 (m, 3H), 7.77 (dd,  $J = 8.52$  Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d,  $J = 4.52$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  116.2 (d,  $J = 22.9$  Hz), 117.1 (d,  $J = 21.4$  Hz),

122.0, 122.4, 128.2, 129.4, 130.7 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 132.7, 135.7 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 136.5, 137.3, 141.5 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz), 149.0, 155.7, 162.6 (d,  $J = 249.3$  Hz), 196.6; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{18}H_{13}FNO$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 278.0981, found 278.0981.

2-[2-(3-benzoyl)thienyl]pyridine (**3r**)

Light yellow liquid;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.07 (t,  $J = 5.86$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 7.52$  Hz, 2H), 8.47 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  122.4, 122.5, 126.6, 128.4, 129.9, 130.0, 133.1, 136.3, 137.5, 137.8, 145.8, 149.4, 151.3, 193.8; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{16}H_{12}NOS$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 266.0634, found 266.0639.

2-[2-(3-benzoyl)thienyl]-5-methylpyridine (**3s**)

Yellow liquid;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.24 (s, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 5.16$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 7.32-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.36$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 7.44$  Hz, 2H), 8.31 (s, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  18.2, 122.1, 126.1, 128.4, 129.9, 130.0, 132.2, 133.1, 136.8, 137.3, 137.6, 146.1, 148.6, 149.8, 193.8; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{17}H_{14}NOS$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 280.0791, found 280.0795.

10-benzoylbenzo[h]quinoline (**3t**)<sup>1</sup>

Yellow solid, mp 145–147 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.27-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.73-7.83 (m, 4H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.04-8.12 (m, 2H), 8.52 (dd,  $J = 4.36$  Hz, 1.56 Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  121.7, 126.2, 126.4, 126.6, 127.0, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.5, 128.7, 129.0, 131.8, 133.8, 135.3, 138.9, 139.3, 144.6, 147.1; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{20}H_{14}NO$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 284.1070, found 284.1074.

2-[2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzoyl)phenyl]-3-methylpyridine (**3u**)

Light yellow solid, mp 124–126 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.14 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.36$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd,  $J = 6.94$  Hz, 4.80 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.52 (m, 2H), 8.21 (d,  $J = 4.12$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  19.6, 55.9, 56.0, 109.5, 111.3, 122.2, 125.7, 127.5, 129.3, 129.9, 130.1, 130.5, 131.7, 137.7, 139.2, 140.5, 146.4, 148.6, 152.9, 157.9, 196.2; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{21}H_{20}NO_3$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 334.1438, found 334.1442.

3-methyl-2-[2-(4-methylbenzoyl)phenyl]pyridine (**3v**)

Light yellow solid, mp 82–84 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.21 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 7.0 (dd,  $J = 7.68$  Hz, 4.80 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 8.08$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 7.72$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.61 (m, 4H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  19.6, 21.7, 122.2, 127.6, 128.7, 129.5, 130.0, 130.1, 130.3, 131.6, 135.1, 137.8, 139.3, 140.7, 143.4, 146.5, 157.9, 197.3; HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): calcd for  $C_{20}H_{18}NO$  ( $M+H^+$ ): 288.1383, found 288.1388.

2-[2-(3,4-dichlorobenzoyl)phenyl]-3-methylpyridine (**3w**)

Light yellow liquid;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.26 (s, 3H), 7.0 (dd,  $J = 7.20$  Hz, 4.84 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.24$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 7.36$  Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.59-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d,  $J = 3.72$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  19.5, 122.4, 128.0, 128.6,

129.5, 130.0, 130.1, 130.8, 131.3, 131.6, 132.4, 136.8, 137.4, 138.1, 138.3, 140.6, 146.5, 157.0, 195.4; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 342.0452, found 342.0450.

2-[2-(4-bromobenzoyl)phenyl]-3-methylpyridine (**3x**)

Light yellow solid, mp 118–120 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.13 (s, 3H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 6.98 Hz, 4.96 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.37–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.48–7.54 (m, 2H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 3.72 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 19.5, 122.3, 127.6, 127.8, 129.3, 130.0, 130.6, 131.2, 131.3, 131.6, 136.5, 137.9, 138.7, 140.6, 146.5, 157.4, 196.7; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrNO (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 352.0337, found 352.0333.

3-methyl-2-[2-(4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)phenyl]pyridine (**3y**)

Light yellow solid, mp 65–67 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.25 (s, 3H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 4.94 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 6.40 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.52 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 19.5, 122.2, 122.4, 124.9 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 127.9, 128.0, 128.0 (q, *J* = 200.0 Hz), 129.7, 130.0, 130.9, 133.5 (q, *J* = 32.5 Hz), 138.0, 138.5, 140.8, 140.8, 146.5, 157.2, 196.8; HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 342.1106, found 342.1104.

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