

Supporting Information

A novel and one-pot method for the synthesis of substituted furopyridines: I₂-mediated oxidative reaction of enamines via tandem cyclization under metal-free conditions

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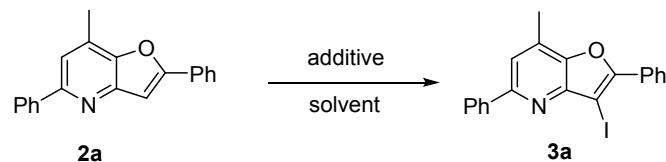
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General remark

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on 400MHz and 100MHz in CDCl₃. All chemical shifts are given as δ value (ppm) with reference to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. All compounds were further characterized by HRMS; copies of their ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra are provided. Products were purified by flash chromatography on 100–200 mesh silica gels. All melting points were determined without correction. Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents and solvents were used without further purification.

Table 2. Optimization of Reaction Condition ^a



entry	Additive-equiv	Acid	solvent	yield ^b
1	I ₂ (1.2)	HOAc	DMSO	40
2	I ₂ (1.2)	TsOH	DMSO	55
3	I ₂ (1.2)	CF ₃ SO ₃ H	DMSO	52
4	I ₂ (1.2)	CF ₃ COOH	DMSO	43
5	NIS (2.0)	CF ₃ SO ₃ H	DMSO	60
6	NIS (2.0)	TsOH	DMSO	68
7	NIS (2.0)	TsOH	DMF	56
8	NIS (2.0)	TsOH	THF	36
9	NIS (2.0)	TsOH	DCE	42

^a Reaction conditions: **2a** (0.3 mmol), acid (0.3 mmol), solvent (2 mL), 120 °C. ^b Yields of isolated products.

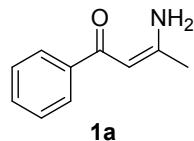
Experimental Section

The substrate **1** was prepared according to following literatures1-3:

A mixture of 1-phenyl-1,3-butanedione **1a** (6.0 mmol), NH₄OAc (30.0 mmol) and MeOH (10 mL) was heated at 70 °C for 2 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature. The solid was filtered and washed with water then MeOH to give the title product as a white solid.

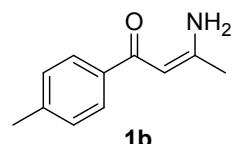
- (1) X. Fan, Y. He, L. Cui, S. Guo, J. Wang, X. Zhang. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2012**, 4, 673–677.
- (2) Y. K. Ramtohul, A. Chartrand. *Org. Lett.*, **2007**, 9, 1029.
- (3) X. Sun, Y. Lyu, D. Zhang-Negrerie, Y. Du, K. Zhao. *Org. Lett.*, **2013**, 15, 6222.

Characterization data of 1 .



(Z)-3-amino-1-phenylbut-2-en-1-one(1a)¹

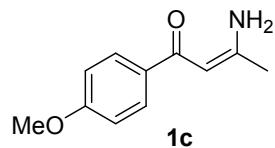
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 10.13 (s, 1 H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2 H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 3 H), 5.66 (s, 1 H), 5.22 (s, 1 H), 1.97 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 189.48, 162.97, 140.17, 130.77, 128.17, 127.06, 92.28, 22.83. HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₂NO [M+H]⁺ 162.0913; found: 162.0911



(Z)-3-amino-1-(p-tolyl)but-2-en-1-one(1b)

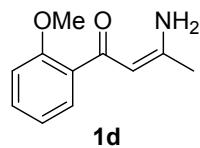
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 10.18 (s, 1 H), 7.80-7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz , 2 H), 7.23-7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz , 2 H), 5.73 (s, 1 H), 5.28 (s, 1 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 2.04 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 189.28, 162.58, 141.10, 137.46, 128.86, 127.11, 92.08, 22.81,

21.38. HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₄NO [M+H]⁺ 176.1069; found: 176.1065.



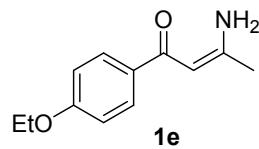
(Z)-3-amino-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-en-1-one(1c)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 10.11 (s, 1 H), 7.87-7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.91-6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.69 (s, 1 H), 5.29 (s, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 2.02 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 188.48, 162.31, 161.78, 132.84, 128.91, 113.34, 91.71, 55.24, 22.77. HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 192.1018; found: 191.1016.



(Z)-3-amino-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)but-2-en-1-one(1d)

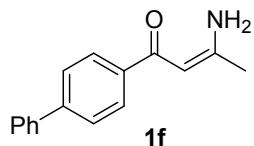
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(Z)-3-amino-1-(4-ethoxyphenyl)but-2-en-1-one(1e)

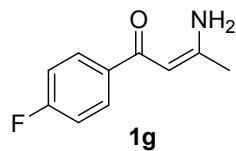
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 10.10 (s, 1 H), 7.85-7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.89-6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.68 (s, 1 H), 5.27 (s, 1 H), 4.08-4.03 (m, 2 H), 2.01 (s, 3 H), 1.42-1.39 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 188.53, 162.22, 161.20, 132.64, 128.91, 113.82, 91.71, 63.45, 22.78, 14.68. HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₆NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 206.1175;

found: 206.1179.



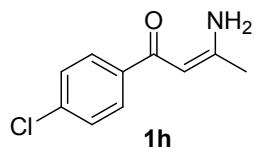
(Z)-1-((1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)-3-aminobut-2-en-1-one(1f)

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(Z)-3-amino-1-(4-fluorophenyl)but-2-en-1-one (1g)

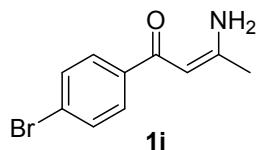
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(Z)-3-amino-1-(4-chlorophenyl)but-2-en-1-one(1h)

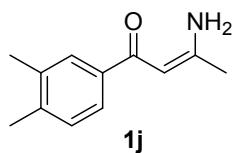
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 10.21 (brs, 1 H), 7.82-7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.38-7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.68 (s, 1 H), 5.30 (brs, 1 H), 2.06 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 187.98, 163.38, 138.52, 136.91, 128.54, 128.43, 92.01, 22.92. HRMS calcd

for C₁₀H₁₁ClNO [M+H]⁺ 196.0523; found: 196.0521.



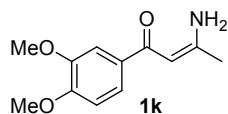
(Z)-3-amino-1-(4-bromophenyl)but-2-en-1-one (1i)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 10.21 (brs, 1 H), 7.74-7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.54-7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.67 (s, 1 H), 5.34 (brs, 1 H), 2.05 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 188.00, 163.42, 138.95, 131.36, 128.71, 125.41, 91.93, 22.84. HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₁BrNO [M+H]⁺ 240.0018; found: 240.0015.



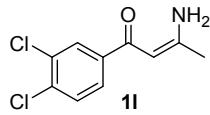
(Z)-3-amino-1-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)but-2-en-1-one (1j)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 10.15 (brs, 1 H), 7.66 (s, 1 H), 7.62-7.59(m, 1 H), 7.17 -7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.72 (s, 1 H), 5.21 (brs, 1 H) 2.30 (s, 3 H), 2.29 (s, 3 H), 2.04 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 189.58, 162.43, 139.83, 137.87, 136.34, 129.44, 128.34, 124.64, 92.19, 22.82, 19.77, 19.75. HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₆NO [M+H]⁺ 190.1226; found: 190.1221.



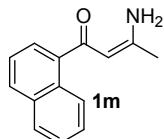
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 10.12 (brs, 1 H), 7.511-7.506 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.48- 7.45 (m, 1 H), 6.86-6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.70 (s, 1 H), 5.16 (brs, 1 H), 3.94 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 2.04 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 188.45, 162.26, 151.42, 148.73, 133.09, 120.51, 110.05, 109.98, 91.76, 55.91, 55.86, 22.89. HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₆NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 222.1124; found: 222.1123.



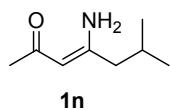
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 10.16 (brs, 1 H), 7.89-7.88 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.62-7.61 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.42-7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.58 (s, 1 H), 5.35 (brs, 1 H), 2.01 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 186.34, 164.00, 139.96, 134.85, 132.55, 130.21, 129.18, 126.24, 91.79, 22.85. HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₀Cl₂NO [M+H]⁺ 230.0133; found: 230.0137.



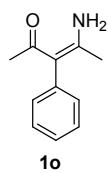
(Z)-3-amino-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)but-2-en-1-one (1m)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 10.30 (brs, 1 H), 8.40 (s, 1 H), 8.02-8.00 (m, 1 H), 7.96 -7.93 (m, 1 H), 7.89-7.85 (m, 2 H), 7.532-7.525 (d, *J*=2.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.91 (s, 1 H), 5.24 (brs, 1 H), 2.12 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 189.34, 162.84, 137.48, 134.65, 132.85, 129.19, 127.89, 127.62, 127.51, 127.18, 126.21, 124.18, 92.57, 22.95. HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₄NO [M+H]⁺ 212.1069; found: 212.1066.



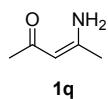
(Z)-4-amino-6-methylhept-3-en-2-one (1n)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 9.70 (brs, 1 H), 5.40 (brs, 1 H), 4.93 (s, 1 H), 2.06-2.05 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.96-1.95 (m, 1 H), 1.91-1.80 (m, 3 H), 0.88-0.83 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 196.65, 164.12, 95.91, 95.76, 51.68, 45.73, 29.26, 27.73, 22.28. HRMS calcd for C₈H₁₆NO [M+H]⁺ 142.1226; found: 142.1225.



(Z)-4-amino-3-phenylpent-3-en-2-one (1o)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 10.54 (brs, 1 H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1 H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 2 H), 5.15 (brs, 1 H), 1.84 (s, 3 H), 1.70 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 196.76, 159.52, 140.45, 131.85, 128.45, 126.58, 110.14, 29.28, 22.15. HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₄NO [M+H]⁺ 176.1069; found: 176.1065.



(Z)-4-aminopent-3-en-2-one (1q)

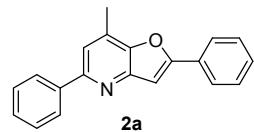
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 9.63 (brs, 1 H), 5.21 (brs, 1 H), 4.95 (s, 1 H), 1.95 (s, 3 H), 1.84 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 196.53, 161.12, 95.57, 29.08, 22.09. HRMS calcd for C₅H₁₀NO [M+H]⁺ 100.0756; found: 100.0754.

General procedure for the synthesis of the desired furaopyridines 2.

An oven-dried tube was charged with **1** (0.3 mmol), I₂ (0.36 mmol) and 2 mL CH₃CN. Then the reaction was stirred at 80 °C under air and the reaction time was monitored by TLC. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was diluted with 20 ml of CH₂Cl₂ and washed with 10 ml of saturated solution of NaHCO₃, 10 ml of saturated solution of Na₂S₂O₃ successively, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, the residues were purified by column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc to afford the desired substituted furopyridines.

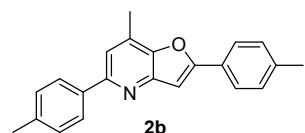
General procedure for the synthesis of the desired furaopyridines 3.

An oven-dried tube was charged with **2** (0.3 mmol), NIS (0.6 mmol), (0.3 mmol) TsOH and 2 mL DMSO. Then the reaction was stirred at 120 °C under air and the reaction time was monitored by TLC. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was diluted with 30 ml of CH₂Cl₂, washed with 15 ml H₂O, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, the residues were purified by column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc to afford the desired products.



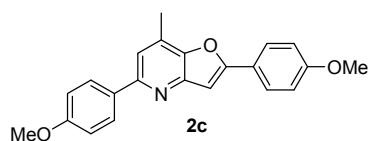
7-methyl-2,5-diphenylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2a)

Yellow solid, melting point: 133-135 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.47-7.44(m, 5 H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.63 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 159.32, 154.56, 148.32, 147.26, 140.10, 129.99, 129.72, 129.32, 128.85, 128.64, 128.31, 127.17, 125.20, 118.31, 102.82, 14.95. HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NO [M+H]⁺ 286.1226; found: 286.1233.



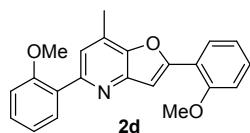
7-methyl-2,5-diphenylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2b)

Yellow solid, melting point: 166-168 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (s, 1 H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 4 H), 7.17(s, 1 H), 2.59 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 159.47, 154.36, 148.32, 146.98, 139.43, 138.10, 137.27, 129.51, 129.49, 129.33, 127.27, 126.97, 125.09, 117.80, 102.03, 21.42, 21.19, 14.92. HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺ 314.1539, found: 314.1543.



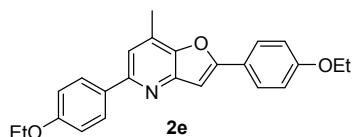
2,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2c)

Yellow solid, melting point: 169-171 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.94$ (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (s, 1 H), 7.09 (s, 1 H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 4 H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 160.54$, 159.93, 159.36, 154.05, 148.52, 146.76, 132.89, 129.31, 128.32, 126.72, 122.89, 117.23, 114.31, 114.00, 101.17, 55.38, 55.33, 14.94. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 346.1437; found: 346.1440.



2,5-bis(2-methoxyphenyl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2d)

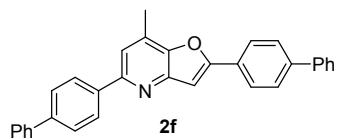
Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 8.11$ -8.09 (m, 1 H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 1 H), 7.60 (s, 1 H), 7.47 (s, 1 H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2 H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 2 H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 2 H), 3.98 (s, 3 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 2.62 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 156.83$, 156.68, 155.07, 152.64, 148.49, 145.74, 131.41, 130.06, 129.95, 129.28, 128.21, 126.71, 122.07, 120.92, 120.60, 119.00, 111.25, 111.12, 107.88, 55.63, 55.45, 14.95. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 346.1437; found: 346.1434.



2,5-bis(4-ethoxyphenyl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2e)

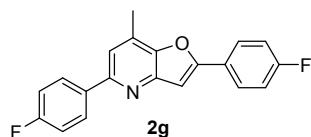
Yellow solid, melting point: 169-171 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.92$ (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.34 (s, 1 H), 7.07 (s, 1 H), 6.99-6.96 (m, 4 H), 4.11-4.05 (m, 4 H), 2.59 (s, 3 H), 1.46-1.42 (m, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta =$

159.90, 159.39, 159.27, 154.05, 148.50, 146.69, 132.69, 129.26, 128.28, 126.68, 122.67, 117.16, 114.77, 114.53, 101.04, 63.57, 63.46, 14.92, 14.82, 14.74. HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₄NO₃ [M+H]⁺374.1750; found: 374.1755.



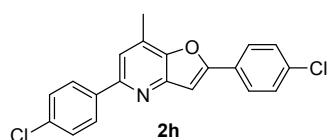
2,5-di([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2f)

Yellow solid, melting point: 201-202 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 8.09-8.07 (m, 2 H), 7.99-7.96 (m, 2 H), 7.72-7.63 (m, 8 H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 5 H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.29 (s, 1 H), 2.65 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 159.16, 154.10, 148.43, 147.40, 142.06, 141.08, 140.72, 140.27, 138.99, 129.74, 128.93, 128.88, 128.81, 127.77, 127.54, 127.40, 127.38, 127.09, 127.03, 125.65, 118.25, 102.89, 15.02. HRMS calcd for C₃₂H₂₄NO [M+H]⁺438.1852; found: 438.1857.



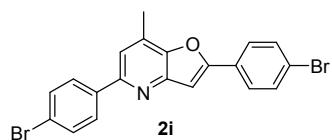
2,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2g)

Yellow solid, melting point: 157-159 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.99-7.95 (m, 2 H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 2 H), 7.40 (s, 1 H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 5 H), 2.63 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 164.66-162.17 (d, *J* = 249 Hz, 1 C), 164.46-162.00 (d, *J* = 246 Hz, 1 C), 158.60, 153.64, 148.30, 147.19, 136.20-136.17 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1 C), 129.88, 128.95-128.86 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2 C), 127.23-127.15 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 C), 126.31-126.28 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1 C), 118.03, 116.19-115.97 (d, *J* = 22 Hz, 2 C), 115.65-115.43 (d, *J* = 22 Hz, 2 C), 102.48, 14.95. HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₁₄F₂NO [M+H]⁺322.1037; found: 322.1040.



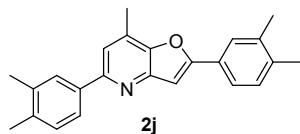
2,5-bis(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2h)

Yellow solid, melting point: 204-206 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.94$ (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 5 H), 7.22 (s, 1 H), 2.63 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 158.45, 153.42, 148.20, 147.41, 138.34, 135.39, 134.59, 130.04, 129.20, 128.84, 128.43, 128.39, 126.46, 118.28, 103.12, 14.97$. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 354.0446; found: 354.0449.



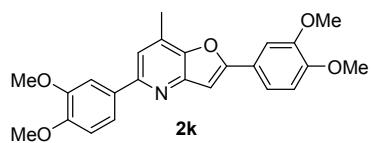
2,5-bis(4-bromophenyl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine(2i)

Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.87$ (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 4 H), 7.43 (s, 1 H), 7.22 (s, 1 H), 2.63 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 158.40, 153.45, 148.20, 147.40, 138.81, 132.11, 131.77, 130.01, 128.77, 128.70, 126.63, 123.59, 122.84, 118.27, 103.18, 14.98$. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{Br}_2\text{NO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 441.9436; found: 441.9439.



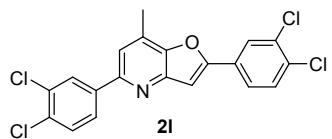
2,5-bis(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2j)

Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.81$ (s, 1 H), 7.70-7.63 (m, 3 H), 7.40 (s, 1 H), 7.22 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.17 (s, 1 H), 2.62 (s, 3 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 159.58, 154.52, 148.36, 146.96, 138.19, 137.75, 137.11, 136.78, 130.08, 129.89, 129.40, 128.29, 128.10, 127.67, 126.22, 124.48, 122.72, 117.81, 101.97, 19.90, 19.85, 19.77, 19.54, 14.96$. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 342.1852; found: 342.1856



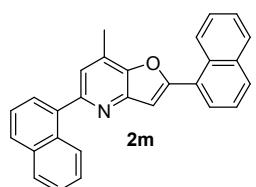
2,5-bis(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2k)

Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.66$ (d, $J = 1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.11 (s, 1 H), 6.97-6.94 (m, 2 H), 4.03 (s, 3 H), 4.00 (s, 3 H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.62 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 159.30$, 153.96, 150.17, 149.39, 149.19, 149.10, 148.34, 146.81, 133.08, 129.35, 122.96, 119.43, 118.43, 117.37, 111.29, 110.98, 110.22, 108.10, 101.41, 56.01, 55.95, 55.92, 55.90, 14.96. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 406.1648; found: 406.1660.



2,5-bis(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2l)

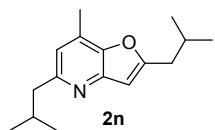
Yellow solid, melting point: 204-206 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 8.12$ (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.97 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.84-7.81 (m, 1 H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 1 H), 7.55-7.51(m, 2 H), 7.43 (s, 1 H), 7.22 (s, 1 H), 2.64 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 157.22$, 152.29, 148.05, 147.69, 139.73, 133.54, 133.44, 132.98, 132.70, 131.01, 130.61, 130.37, 129.71, 129.01, 126.84, 126.22, 124.37, 118.55, 104.00, 15.02. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_4\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 421.9667; found: 421.9669.



7-methyl-2,5-di(naphthalen-1-yl)furo[3,2-b]pyridine (2m)

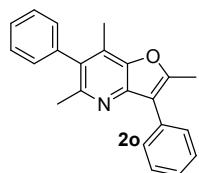
Yellow solid, melting point: 201-203 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 8.46$ (s, 1 H), 8.38 (s, 1 H), 8.18-8.16 (m, 1 H), 7.96-7.82 (m, 7 H), 7.57 (s, 1 H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 4 H), 7.37 (s, 1 H), 2.67 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 159.40$, 154.35, 148.46,

147.46, 137.36, 133.62, 133.57, 133.34, 133.26, 129.76, 128.65, 128.61, 128.53, 128.30, 127.83, 127.63, 127.21, 126.84, 126.75, 126.19, 126.15, 125.11, 124.31, 122.76, 118.65, 103.34, 103.31, 15.00. HRMS calcd for C₂₈H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺ 386.1539; found: 386.1554.



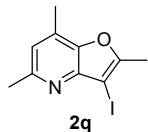
2,5-diisopropyl-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2n)

Yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 6.79 (s, 1 H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 2.70-2.66 (m, 4 H), 2.48 (s, 3 H), 2.15-2.08 (m, 2 H), 1.01 (s, 3 H), 1.00 (s, 3 H), 0.95 (s, 3 H), 0.94 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 162.92, 156.56, 147.05, 146.18, 129.44, 119.59, 103.96, 46.90, 38.02, 29.69, 27.63, 22.40, 22.43, 14.75. HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₂₄NO [M+H]⁺ 246.1852; found: 246.1855.



2,5,7-trimethyl-3,6-diphenylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine(2o)

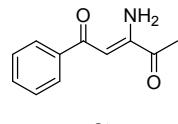
Yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.80-7.77 (s, 2 H), 7.51-7.44 (s, 4 H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2 H), 2.64 (s, 3 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.22 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 154.81, 152.31, 145.60, 144.84, 139.02, 132.29, 131.60, 131.06, 129.59, 129.10, 128.58, 127.20, 127.16, 126.95, 117.12, 24.41, 13.87, 12.71. HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺ 314.1539; found: 314.1531.



6-iodo-2,5,7-trimethylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine (2q)

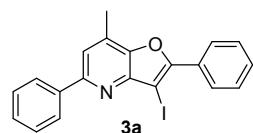
Yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 6.89 (s, 1 H), 2.63 (s, 3 H), 2.58 (s, 3 H),

2.46 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 158.74, 154.83, 147.18, 145.59, 129.45, 120.77, 65.52, 24.25, 14.55, 14.24$. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{INO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 287.9879; found: 287.9884.



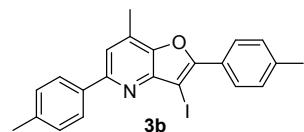
(Z)-3-amino-1-phenylpent-2-ene-1,4-dione(2t)

Yellow solid, melting point: 75-78 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.94\text{-}7.91$ (m, 2 H), 7.52-7.44 (m, 3 H), 6.48 (s, 1 H), 2.53 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 195.79, 192.32, 151.13, 139.33, 131.90, 128.50, 127.26, 93.94, 24.97$. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 190.0862; found: 190.0865



3-iodo-7-methyl-2,5-diphenylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine(3a)

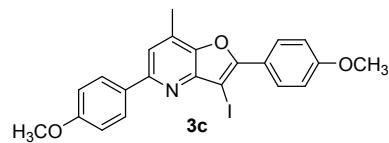
Yellow solid, melting point: 188-200 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 8.26$ (d, $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$, 2 H), 8.11 (d, $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$, 2 H), 7.56-7.46 (m, 6 H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1 H), 2.64 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 155.95, 154.75, 148.56, 146.15, 139.54, 130.16, 129.85, 129.79, 128.76, 128.58, 127.62, 127.26, 119.34, 65.15, 14.65$. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{INO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 412.0192; found: 412.0198.



3-iodo-7-methyl-2,5-di-p-tolylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine(3b)

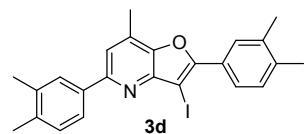
Yellow solid, melting point: 185-189 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 8.14$ (d, $J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$, 2 H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$, 2 H), 7.51 (d, $J = 0.4\text{ Hz}$, 1 H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$, 2 H),

7.29-7.25 (m, 2 H), 2.61 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 156.13, 154.66, 148.54, 145.92, 140.01, 138.41, 136.81, 129.91, 129.36, 129.26, 127.54, 127.09, 118.84, 64.40, 21.52, 21.25, 14.62. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{INO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 440.0505; found: 440.0508.



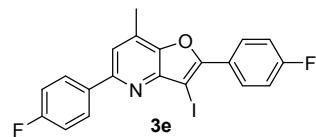
3-iodo-2,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine(3c)

Yellow solid, melting point: 179-180 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.19 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.44 (s, 1 H), 7.03-6.98 (m, 4 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 2.59 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 160.71, 160.13, 155.91, 154.20, 148.54, 145.60, 132.33, 129.71, 129.14, 128.40, 122.48, 118.20, 114.00, 113.97, 63.34, 55.38, 55.33, 14.60. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{INO}_3[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 508.0403; found: 508.0399.



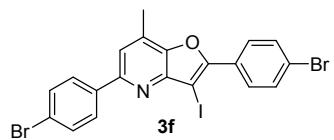
2,5-bis(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-3-iodo-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine(3d)

Yellow solid, melting point: 165-169 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.98 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.88 (s, 1 H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (s, 1 H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2 H), 2.60 (s, 3 H), 2.36 (s, 6 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 156.10, 154.70, 148.45, 145.82, 138.69, 137.19, 137.02, 136.82, 136.71, 129.88, 129.77, 129.74, 128.48, 128.34, 127.41, 125.19, 124.57, 118.79, 64.27, 19.97, 19.90, 19.82, 19.58, 14.63. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{INO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 468.0818; found: 468.0822.



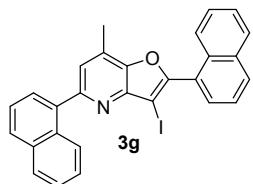
2,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-3-iodo-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine(3e)

Yellow solid, melting point: 210-212 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.24-8.22 (m, 2 H), 8.09-8.05 (m, 2 H), 7.48 (s, 1 H), 7.25-7.13 (m, 5 H), 2.62 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 164.73-162.23 (d, J = 250 Hz, 1 C), 164.61-162.15 (d, J = 246 Hz, 1 C), 155.24, 153.76, 148.48, 146.00, 135.62-135.59 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1 C), 130.25, 129.72-129.64 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 C), 129.01-128.93 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 C), 126.03-126.00 (d, J = 3 Hz, 1 C), 118.99, 115.88-115.65 (d, J = 23 Hz, 2 C), 115.65-115.43 (d, J = 22 Hz, 2 C), 64.81, 14.64. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_2\text{INO}$ [M+H] $^+$ 448.0004; found: 448.0008.



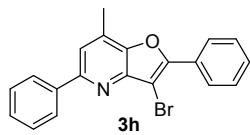
2,5-bis(4-bromophenyl)-3-iodo-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine(3f)

Yellow solid, melting point: 208-210 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.54 (s, 1 H), 2.64 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 155.11, 153.65, 148.56, 146.26, 138.28, 131.87, 131.80, 130.44, 128.95, 128.79, 128.64, 124.25, 123.14, 119.24, 65.62, 14.65. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{Br}_2\text{INO}$ [M+H] $^+$ 567.8402; found: 567.8405.



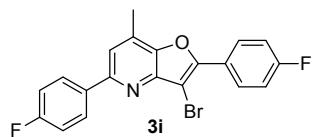
3-iodo-7-methyl-2,5-di(naphthalen-1-yl)furo[3,2-b]pyridine(3g)

Yellow solid, melting point: 214-216 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.80 (s, 1 H), 8.55 (s, 1 H), 8.37-8.31 (m, 2 H), 8.01-7.95 (m, 4 H), 7.90-7.87 (m, 2 H), 7.73 (d, J = 0.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 4 H), 2.72 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 156.04, 154.62, 148.78, 146.35, 136.89, 133.68, 133.56, 133.52, 132.94, 130.24, 128.76, 128.69, 128.35, 128.29, 127.79, 127.71, 127.66, 127.30, 127.20, 126.74, 126.30, 126.15, 125.19, 124.40, 119.65, 65.56, 14.76. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{19}\text{INO}$ [M+H] $^+$ 512.0505; found: 512.0509.



3-bromo-7-methyl-2,5-diphenylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine(3h)

Yellow solid, melting point: 207-209 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 8.25\text{-}8.23$ (m, 2 H), 8.09-8.07 (m, 2 H), 7.53-7.44 (m, 6 H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1 H), 2.63 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 155.05, 153.59, 146.05, 145.81, 139.56, 130.30, 129.67, 129.34, 128.67, 128.59, 127.29, 126.93, 119.37, 95.90, 14.65$. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 364.0331; found: 364.0335.



3-bromo-2,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-7-methylfuro[3,2-b]pyridine(3i)

Yellow solid, melting point: 178-180 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 8.24\text{-}8.21$ (m, 2 H), 8.07-8.03 (m, 2 H), 7.47 (s, 1 H), 7.25-7.13 (m, 5 H), 2.62 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 164.64\text{-}162.14$ (d, $J = 250$ Hz, 1 C), 164.64-162.18 (d, $J = 246$ Hz, 1 C), 154.07, 152.89, 145.97, 145.67, 135.65-135.62 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 1 C), 130.41, 129.06-128.97 (d, $J = 9$ Hz, 4 C), 125.55-125.51 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 1 C), 119.04, 116.00-115.78 (d, $J = 22$ Hz, 2 C), 115.67-115.45 (d, $J = 22$ Hz, 2 C), 95.51, 14.64. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrF}_2\text{NO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 400.0142; found: 400.0146.

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