# **Supporting Information**

# Visible Light-Induced Photocatalytic C-H Ethoxycarbonylmethylation of Imidazoheterocycles with Ethyl Diazoacetate

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**1. General Information**: All reagents were bought from commercial sources and used as recieved without further purification. All reactions involving moisture sensitive reactants were executed using oven dried glassware. All commercially available solvents were used after distillation.<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were determined on 400 MHz spectrometer as solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} spectra were recorded at 100 MHz spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in parts per million (ppm) and coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. Chemical shifts are referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta = 7.26$  for <sup>1</sup>H and  $\delta = 77.16$  for <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR) as internal standard. NMR spectra use the following abbreviations to describe the multiplicity: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet) and m (multiplet). The progress of reaction was checked by TLC plates (silica gel coated glass slide) and the spots were visualized under UV light. Melting points (M.p.) were determined after recrystallization of solid compounds from a solution of dichloromethane/petroleum ether (1:3).

Table S1. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>

	F N N F N F	+ N <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Et photocatalys additive solvent Ar, rt, 36 h 34 W blue LE	$ \begin{array}{c} t \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ D \\ EtO_2C \\ 3I \end{array} $	F
Entry	Photocatalyst (0.2 mol %)	Additive (10 mol %)	Solvent	Yield (%)
1	Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	-	MeOH: $H_2O(2:1)$	trace
2	$Ru(bpy)_3Cl_2$	aniline	MeOH:H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1)	42
3	$Ru(bpy)_3Cl_2$	DBU	MeOH:H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1)	11
4	$Ru(bpy)_3Cl_2$	TEA	MeOH:H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1)	38
5	$Ru(bpy)_3Cl_2$	<i>N</i> , <i>N</i> -dimethyl aniline	MeOH:H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1)	78
6	Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	<i>N</i> , <i>N</i> -dimethyl <i>m</i> -toluidine	MeOH:H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1)	92
7	$Ru(bpy)_3Cl_2$	DABCO	MeOH:H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1)	24

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: 0.25 mmol of **11**, 0.5 mmol of **2** in presence of 0.2 mol% of Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 10 mol% of additive in 2.0 mL of MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O (2:1) at room temperature under 34 W blue LED and argon atmosphere for 36 h.

### 2. Reaction setup

The reaction was irradiated with Kessil 34 W blue LED (Model No: H150-Blue). The LED light was positioned 7 cm away from the reaction vessel. The description of this light is given below:



Figure S1. Milligram scale reaction set up

## Description for Kessil (34 W) Blue LED



Figure S2. Kessil H150 Blue LED Figure S3. Emission spectrum of 34 W blue LED

	Specification
Power	34 W
Voltage	1.5 A
Wavelength	~ 450, 495 nm (max)

Figure S4. Description for 34 W blue LED light

For optimizing the reaction conditions, photo-induced reaction was also checked with commercially available 30 W white LED light, which was positioned 7 cm away from the reaction vessel but no desired product was produced. The description of this light is given below. The reaction is not significantly affected by temperature. The fan was used to maintain temperature of the reactor  $(20 \sim 30 \text{ °C})$ . There is no spectral description.

Description for 30 W white LED light



Figure S5. Set up of 30 W white LED

	Specification
Power	30 W
Voltage	130 mA

Figure S6. Description for 30 W white LED

### 3. <u>Structure determination (X-ray crystallographic data for 5c)</u>:

The white crystal of **5c** was obtained by crystallization from a solution in dichloromethane/petroleum ether after purification by column chromatography. Chemical formula  $C_{20}H_{18}N_2O_3S$ .



ORTEP (with 50% probability) diagram for the structure ethyl 2-(7-methoxy-2-phenylbenzo[d]imidazo[2,1-b]thiazol-3-yl)acetate (5c).

Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å	
Formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	
Crystal system	orthorhombic		
Space group	P c a 21		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 7.0148(14)Å	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	
	b = 17.582(4)Å	$\beta = 90^{\circ}$	
	c = 14.402(3)Å	$\gamma = 90$ °	
Volume	1776.2(6)Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	4	4	
R-factor (%)	4.16	4.16	

The crystallographic data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication with a CCDC reference number CCDC **1976157**.

#### 4. Characterization data for the synthesized compounds (1c):

Starting Materials: All the imidazoheterocycles were prepared by our reported method.<sup>13</sup>



**7-Methoxy-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridine** (**1c**):<sup>13</sup> Yellow solid (3.0 mmol, 88%, 592 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.90-7.86 (m, 3H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.48-6.45 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 158.0, 147.2, 145.4, 133.9, 128.7, 127.7, 126.0, 125.8, 107.6, 106.9, 94.7, 55.5.

#### 5. General experimental procedure for the synthesized compounds (3a-5f):

A mixture of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (**1a**, 0.25 mmol, 48.5 mg), ethyl diazoacetate (**2**, 0.5 mmol, 40  $\mu$ L, containing ~15% of toluene as a stabilizer) and 0.2 mol % Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mol %, 0.3 mg) were taken in an oven-dried reaction vessel equipped with a magnetic stir bar under argon atmosphere. Then (2:1) solvent mixture MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL) was added to the reaction. After that the reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of 34 W blue LED (Kessil 34 W) at room temperature for 36 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion, the reaction mixture was evaporated and quenched with 10 mL water/ethyl acetate (1:3). Then the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude residue was obtained after evaporating the solvent in vacuum and was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100-200 mesh) using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as an eluting solvent to afford the pure product.

6. Characterization data for the synthesized compounds (3a-8a):



**Ethyl 2-(2-phenylimidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3a)**:<sup>11c</sup> Yellow solid (62 mg, 89%); M.p. 127-128 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.5, 145.1, 144.7, 134.1, 128.7, 128.0, 124.6, 123.8, 118.0, 117.7, 113.1, 112.5, 61.7, 30.9, 14.2.



Ethyl 2-(8-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3b):<sup>2b</sup> Yellow solid (61 mg, 83%); M.p. 85-86 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.6, 145.5, 144.3, 134.4, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.7, 123.4, 121.6, 113.4, 112.5, 61.7, 31.0, 17.2, 14.3.



**Ethyl 2-(7-methoxy-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3c)**: Yellow gummy mass (67 mg, 87%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59-6.56 (m, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.6, 158.2, 146.4, 143.7, 133.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 124.4, 111.8, 107.6, 94.7, 61.7, 55.7, 30.8, 14.2; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 69.66; H, 5.85; N, 9.03%; Found C, 69.49; H, 5.80; N, 9.10%.



Ethyl 2-(6-fluoro-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3d):<sup>2b</sup> Yellow gummy mass (53 mg, 71%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.10-8.08 (m,1H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.1, 153.4 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 236.0 Hz), 146.0, 142.8, 133.8, 128.7 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.0 Hz), 128.2, 126.1, 118.1 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 116.5 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 26.0 Hz), 114.5, 110.6 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 41.0 Hz), 61.8, 31.0, 14.2.



Ethyl 2-(8-bromo-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3e): Yellow gummy mass (60 mg, 67%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.11-8.09 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.2, 145.5, 143.0, 133.6,

129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.0, 123.2, 114.9, 112.5, 111.8, 61.8, 31.1, 14.2; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 56.84; H, 4.21; N, 7.80%; Found C, 56.70; H, 4.25; N, 7.88%.



**Ethyl 2-(6-iodo-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3f):** Yellow solid (73 mg, 72%); M.p. 98-99 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.42 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.39 (m, 4H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.1, 145.2, 143.7, 133.6, 132.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 126.3, 118.7, 113.1, 61.9, 30.9, 14.3; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 50.26; H, 3.72; N, 6.90%; Found C, 50.43; H, 3.78; N, 6.79%.



**Ethyl 2-(2-phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]<b>pyridin-3-yl)acetate** (**3g**): Yellow solid (78 mg, 90%); M.p. 82-83 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.54 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 2H), 4.24 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.9, 145.7 ( $J_{C-F} = 175.0$  Hz), 133.3, 128.8 ( $J_{C-F} = 12.0$  Hz), 128.5, 125.1, 119.8 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 263.0$  Hz), 123.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 6.0$  Hz), 122.4, 120.4, 118.3, 117.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 34.0$  Hz), 114.5, 62.0, 30.8, 14.1; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 62.07; H, 4.34; N, 8.04%; Found C, 62.22; H, 4.39; N, 7.91%.



**Ethyl 2-(6-cyano-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3h)**: Yellow gummy mass (62 mg, 82%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.62 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 4.26 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.8, 144.3, 132.9, 132.8, 130.3, 129.0, 128.89, 128.81, 124.4, 118.6, 116.9, 114.5, 98.7, 62.2, 30.7, 14.3; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 70.81; H, 4.95; N, 13.76%; Found C, 71.01; H, 5.01; N, 13.66%.



**Ethyl 2-(2-(***p***-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3i**):<sup>2b</sup> Yellow gummy mass (59 mg, 81%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.6, 145.0, 144.7, 137.9, 131.2, 129.5, 128.6, 124.5, 123.8, 117.6, 112.8, 112.4, 61.7, 31.0, 21.4, 14.3.



**Ethyl 2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3j):<sup>2b</sup> Yellow gummy mass (57.5 mg, 74%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): \delta 8.09 (d,** *J* **= 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.75 (m,** 

2H), 7.64-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85-6.81 (m, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.5, 159.6, 144.9, 144.4, 130.3, 129.8, 126.5, 124.5, 123.7, 117.3, 114.1, 112.3, 61.6, 55.3, 30.9, 14.2.



Ethyl 2-(2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (*3k*): Yellow gummy mass (48 mg, 65%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.95 (m, 2H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.2, 157.5, 143.3, 142.4, 129.9, 127.5, 125.4, 123.6, 119.3, 117.6, 117.2, 116.9, 113.2, 112.6, 61.9, 31.2, 14.2; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 68.91; H, 5.44; N, 9.45%; Found: C, 68.67; H, 5.38; N, 9.57%.



**Ethyl 2-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3l)**: Yellow solid (68 mg, 92%); M.p. 92-93 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.85 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.4, 162.8 ( $J_{C-F} = 245.0$  Hz), 145.0, 143.8, 130.3 ( $J_{C-F} = 8.0$  Hz), 130.3, 130.2, 124.7, 123.8, 117.6, 115.6 ( $J_{C-F} = 21.0$  Hz), 112.7 ( $J_{C-F} = 30.0$  Hz), 61.7, 30.8, 14.2; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 68.45; H, 5.07; N, 9.39%; Found C, 68.24; H, 5.10; N, 9.29%.



**Ethyl 2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3m):<sup>2b</sup> Yellow gummy mass (67 mg, 86%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.12 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.86 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.3, 145.1, 143.5, 134.0, 132.6, 129.8, 128.9, 124.8, 123.8, 117.6, 113.1, 112.6, 61.8, 30.9, 14.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 315.0895; Found 315.0894.** 



Ethyl 2-(2-(3-bromophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3n):<sup>11c</sup> Yellow gummy mass (79 mg, 88%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.13 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.2, 145.1, 143.1, 136.2, 131.5, 130.9, 130.2, 127.1, 124.9, 123.8, 122.8, 117.7, 113.4, 112.7, 61.8, 30.8, 14.2.



Ethyl 2-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (30): Yellow solid (59 mg, 68%); M.p. 88-89 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.16 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H),

7.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.89 (m, 1H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.2, 145.3, 143.2, 137.7, 129.4, 128.8, 125.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 4.0$  Hz), 125.1, 124.7, 123.9, 119.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 258.0$  Hz), 117.9, 112.9, 61.9, 30.9, 14.2; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 62.07; H, 4.34; N, 8.04%; Found C, 62.27; H, 4.30; N, 8.13%.



**Ethyl 2-(2-(4-cyanophenyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3p)**: Yellow gummy mass (48 mg, 63%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.16 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.78-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 1H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.0, 145.4, 142.6, 138.8, 132.5, 129.0, 125.4, 123.9, 119.0, 117.9, 114.2, 113.0, 111.4, 62.0, 30.9, 14.2; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 70.81; H, 4.95; N, 13.76%; Found: C, 70.65; H, 4.88; N, 13.84%.



**Ethyl 2-(8-methyl-2-(***p***-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3q): Brown gummy mass (70 mg, 91%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.95 (d,** *J* **= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d,** *J* **= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,** *J* **= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.75 (t,** *J* **= 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q,** *J* **= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t,** *J* **= 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.6, 145.4, 144.2, 137.5, 131.4, 129.3, 128.7, 127.4, 123.2, 121.5, 113.1,** 

112.3, 61.5, 30.9, 21.3, 17.2, 14.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 309.1598; Found 309.1603.



**Ethyl 2-(7-methoxy-2-(***p***-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3<b>r**): Yellow gummy mass (64 mg, 79%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60-6.58 (m, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.6, 158.3, 146.2, 143.5, 137.8, 130.9, 129.4, 128.8, 124.4, 111.6, 107.6, 94.7, 61.7, 55.7, 30.9, 21.4, 14.2; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 70.35; H, 6.21; N, 8.64%; Found: C, 70.56; H, 6.27; N, 8.52%.



**Ethyl 2-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3s)**:<sup>2b</sup> Yellow gummy mass (41.5 mg, 58%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.81 (m, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.1, 145.1, 137.2, 127.9, 126.5, 126.1, 125.4, 124.9, 123.7, 117.5, 112.6, 112.4, 61.8, 30.9, 14.2.



**Ethyl 2-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)imidazo**[1,2-*a*]**pyridin-3-yl)acetate** (**3t**): Yellow gummy mass (66 mg, 80%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 8.02-8.00 (m, 1H), 7.96-7.86 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.5, 145.2, 144.6, 133.5, 133.0, 131.5, 128.45, 128.40, 127.8, 127.7, 126.6, 126.3, 126.2, 124.7, 123.8, 117.6, 113.3, 112.5, 61.8, 31.0, 14.3; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 76.34; H, 5.49; N, 8.48%; Found: C, 76.52; H, 5.43; N, 8.59%.



Ethyl 2-(8-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (3u): Yellow gummy mass (61 mg, 71%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  8.31 (s, 1H), 8.04-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.96-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.89-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.6, 145.8, 144.2, 133.6, 133.0, 131.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.88, 127.84, 127.7, 126.9, 126.2, 126.1, 123.5, 121.7, 113.8, 112.6, 61.7, 31.2, 17.3, 14.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 345.1598; Found 345.1598.



**Ethyl 2-(6-phenylimidazo[2,1-***b***]thiazol-5-yl)acetate** (**5a**):<sup>2b</sup> Yellow gummy mass (47 mg, 66%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.73-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.5, 149.2, 145.5, 134.2, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 118.0, 114.5, 112.3, 61.7, 31.6, 14.2.



**Ethyl 2-(7-methyl-2-phenylbenzo**[*d*]imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazol-3-yl)acetate (5b): Yellow solid (64 mg, 73%); M.p. 137-138 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.73 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 170.1, 147.5, 145.9, 134.8, 134.1, 131.1, 130.6, 128.7, 128.1, 127.7, 127.1, 124.6, 116.8, 112.7, 61.8, 31.9, 21.3, 14.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 351.1162; Found 351.1163.



**Ethyl 2-(7-methoxy-2-phenylbenzo**[*d*]imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazol-3-yl)acetate (5c): White solid (71 mg, 78%); M.p. 140-141 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.95 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{1H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): $\delta$  170.0, 156.9, 146.9, 145.6, 134.1, 131.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 116.7, 113.6, 113.1, 108.8, 61.8, 55.9, 31.7, 14.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H<sup>+</sup>] Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: 367.1110; Found 367.1110.



**Ethyl 2-(7-chloro-2-phenylbenzo**[*d*]imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazol-3-yl)acetate (5d): Yellow solid (65 mg, 71%); M.p. 141-142 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.69 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 2H), 4.26 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.8, 147.3, 146.5, 133.7, 132.1, 131.7, 130.2, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 126.4, 124.2, 117.0, 113.8, 62.0, 31.7, 14.3; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C, 61.54; H, 4.08; N, 7.55%; Found C, 61.36; H, 4.01; N, 7.63%.



Ethyl 2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)benzo[*d*]imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazol-3-yl)acetate (5e): Yellow solid (67 mg, 72%); M.p. 90-91 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.8, 147.7, 145.1, 133.7,

133.1, 132.5, 130.5, 129.3, 128.9, 126.2, 124.8, 124.5, 117.1, 113.1, 62.0, 31.8, 14.2; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C, 61.54; H, 4.08; N, 7.55%; Found C, 61.74; H, 4.04; N, 7.64%.



Ethyl 2-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)benzo[*d*]imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazol-3-yl)acetate (5f): Yellow solid (67 mg, 79%); M.p. 91-92 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 1H), 4.26-4.21 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.5, 147.8, 140.5, 136.9, 133.0, 130.5, 127.7, 126.2, 125.4, 124.9, 124.8, 124.4, 116.3, 113.1, 61.9, 31.9, 14.2; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 59.63; H, 4.12; N, 8.18%; Found C, 59.47; H, 4.15; N, 8.07%.



*N*-Benzyl-2-(8-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)acetamide (6q): Brown gummy (52 mg, 56%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.86 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 4H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.5, 145.4, 144.5, 138.1, 137.8, 130.9, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.66, 127.60, 124.0, 121.2, 113.5, 113.0, 43.8, 32.8, 21.4, 17.2; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: C, 78.02; H, 6.27; N, 11.37%; Found C, 78.21; H, 6.32; N, 11.30%.



**Ethyl 2-(2-(2-(allyloxy)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-3-yl)acetate (8a): Yellow Gummy (29 mg, 35%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.84 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.98-5.88 (m, 1H), 5.29-5.24 (m, 1H), 5.19-5.16 (m, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.7, 155.8, 145.1, 141.4, 133.6, 132.5, 129.5, 140.0, 123.9, 123.6, 121.4, 117.7, 117.4, 115.1, 113.2, 112.1, 69.9, 61.3, 30.9, 14.2; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 71.41; H, 5.99; N, 8.33%; Found C, 71.24; H, 6.03; N, 8.41%.** 

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