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Supporting Information

Photoredox/copper cocatalyzed domino cyclization of oxime esters

with TMSCN: access to antifungal active tetrasubstituted pyrazines

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1. General information.

All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 MHz and 500 MHz NMR spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported in ppm, and coupling constants (J) were given in Hertz (Hz). Data were reported as s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, hept = heptet, m = multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an AB SCIEX Triple TOF 5600+ mass spectrometer. Melting points were uncorrected. Substrates **1a–1t** and **1ai** were prepared according to the literature procedure.¹ Oxime ester substrates **1u–1aa** were synthesized following the literature methods.² Substrates **1ab-1ah** were prepared following the literature methods.⁴ Substrates **1ak** was prepared following the literature methods.⁶ Compound **13** was prepared following the reported methods.⁷

2. Optimization of reaction conditions





Entry	CN source	Photocatalyst	[Cu]	Additive	Solvent	Yield $(\%)^b$
1	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	_	DMSO	49
2	TMSCN	[Ir]-1	Cu(OTf) ₂	_	DMSO	0
3	TMSCN	[Ir]-2	Cu(OTf) ₂	_	DMSO	0
4	TMSCN	Ru(bpy) ₃ Cl ₂	Cu(OTf) ₂	_	DMSO	0
5	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N	DMSO	28
6	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	AcOH	DMSO	68
7	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	TFA	DMSO	34
8	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	citric acid	DMSO	50
9	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	NH ₄ Cl	DMSO	55
10	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	NH ₄ F	DMSO	30
11	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	85
12	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HBr	DMSO	73
13	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Py HCl	DMSO	68
14	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	$CuCl_2$	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	70
15	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	CuBr ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	73
16	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OAc) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	64
17	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(acac) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	59
18	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	CuSO ₄	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	65
19	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	$Cu(NO_3)_2$	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	73
20	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	CuCl	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	58
21	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	CuBr	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	65
22	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	CuI	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	58
23	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	CuOAc	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	53
24	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	CuOTf	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	63
25	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	65
26	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	CuBr SMe ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	60
27	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	CuTC	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	54
28	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	CuSCN	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	71
29	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMF	62

30	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMA	58
31	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	MeCN	38
32	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	THF	0
33	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	EtOAc	0
34	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DCE	0
35	Zn(CN) ₂	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	0
36	$K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	0
37 ^c	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	64
38 ^{<i>d</i>}	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	0
39 ^e	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	48
40 ^f	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	77
41 ^{<i>g</i>}	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	65
42^{h}	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	52
43	TMSCN	_	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	0
44	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	_	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	0
45 ^{<i>i</i>}	TMSCN	Ir(ppy) ₃	Cu(OTf) ₂	Et ₃ N HCl	DMSO	0

^{*a*}All reactions were carried out with **1a** (76.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), TMSCN (59.4 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), photocatalyst (0.0020 mmol), copper catalyst (0.020 mmol), additive (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), and 4Å MS (200 mg) in solvent (2.0 mL) at room temperature under N₂ for 24 h under irradiation with a 12 W blue LED lamp unless otherwise stated. ^{*b*}Isolated yield based on **1a**. ^{*c*}Without 4Å MS. ^{*d*}**1a'** (R = Ph) was used instead of **1a**. ^{*e*}**1a''** (R = pentafluorophenyl) was used instead of **1a**. ^{*f*}Et₃N HCl (1.5 equiv.) was used. ^{*g*}Et₃N HCl (1.0 equiv.) was used. ^{*b*}Et₃N HCl (0.50 equiv.) was used. ^{*i*}The reaction was conducted in the dark. TMSCN = trimethylsilyl cyanide. TFA = trifluoroacetic acid. Py = pyridine. Cu(acac)₂ = cupric acetylacetonate. CuTC = copper(I) thiophene-2-carboxylate. DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane.

We started our investigation with oxime ester **1a** and TMSCN as model substrates to optimize various reaction parameters (Table S1). To our delight, the desired pyrazine product **2a** was obtained in 49% yield by the treatment of **1a** (0.20 mmol) with TMSCN (0.60 mmol), $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1 mol%), $Cu(OTf)_2$ (10 mol%), and 4Å MS (200 mg) in DMSO (2.0 mL) under irradiation with a 12 W blue LED lamp at room temperature for 24 h (Table S1, entry 1). Other photocatalysts such as $Ir(dFCF_3ppy)_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (**Ir-1**), $Ir(ppy)_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ (**Ir-2**), and $Ru(bpy)_3Cl_2$ gave no product formation (Table S1, entries 2-4). It was found that basic and acidic additives had a significant effect on the yield of product 2a. Basic Et₃N resulted in a lower yield of 28% (Table S1, entry 5 vs entry 1). Next, various acidic additives, including AcOH, TFA, citric acid, NH₄Cl, NH₄F, Et₃N HCl, Et₃N HBr, and Py HCl were examined (Table S1, entries 6-13). Among the acidic additives tested, Et₃N HCl was found to be the best for this transformation, giving product 2a in 85% yield (Table S1, entry 11). The catalytic efficiency of different copper salts was also checked. Among the examined Cu salts (Table S1, entry 11 and entries 14-28), Cu(OTf)₂ gave the highest product yield of 85% (Table S1, entry 11). The screening of solvents showed that DMSO was superior to other solvents such as DMF, DMA, MeCN, THF, EtOAc, and DCE (Table S1, entries 29-34). Other CN sources such as $Zn(CN)_2$ and $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ resulted in no product formation (Table S1, entries 35 and 36). This reaction could still proceed without the addition of 4Å MS, albeit in a lower yield of 64% (Table S1, entry 37). The effect of acyloxy leaving groups of oxime esters on the reactivity and the product yield was also investigated. It was found that oxime esters 1a' (R = Ph) and 1a'' (R = pentafluorophenyl) gave inferior results than that of **1a** (R = p-CF₃C₆H₄) (Table S1, entries 38 and 39). Decreasing the amount of Et₃N HCl from 2.0 equiv. to 1.5 equiv., 1.0 equiv., or 0.50 equiv. resulted in diminished yields (Table S1, entries 40-42), which showed enough amounts of the acidic Et₃N HCl would more efficiently facilitate the protodemetalation of intermediate G (depicted in Scheme 5) and the product formation. No product was observed in the absence of Ir(ppy)₃, Cu(OTf)₂, or light source (Table S1, entries 43-45).

3. General procedure for the synthesis of pyrazines

General procedure for the synthesis of pyrazines 2 from oxime esters and TMSCN (Scheme 2). To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added oxime ester 1 (0.20 mmol), TMSCN (59.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.3 mg, 0.0020 mmol), $Cu(OTf)_2$ (7.24 mg, 0.020 mmol), Et_3N HCl (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4Å MS (200 mg), and anhydrous DMSO (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated with a 12 W blue LED lamp and stirred at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere

for 24 h. After that, the mixture was diluted with water (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL×3). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = $20:1 \sim 10:1$) to give product **2**.



4. Further transformations of product 2a (Scheme 3)

The procedure for the synthesis of compound 3 from 2a.



To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **2a** (54.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (2.8 mg, 0.020 mmol), and DMSO (2.0 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 0.5 h, H_2O_2 (2.0 mL, 30 wt% in water) was added. The reaction mixture was then allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 h, quenched with H_2O (15.0 mL), and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL×3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give compound **3** (42.4 mg, 73%) as a yellow solid.

The procedure for the synthesis of compound 4 from 2a.



To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **2a** (54.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), NaOH aqueous solution (3.0 mL, 10 wt%), and 1,4-dioxane (3.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 48 h, cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with 3 M HCl (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL×3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 1:1) to give compound **4** (47.8 mg, 82%) as a yellow solid.

The procedure for the synthesis of compound 5 from 2a.



To a reaction tube equipped with a stirring bar, and LiAlH₄ (1.0 mL, 1.0 M in THF).

The solution of **2a** (54.5 mg, 0.20 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was added dropwise to the suspension at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred under room temperature for 24 h. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, then H₂O (36 mg, 0.20 mmol), NaOH (2M, aq, 1.0 equiv) and H₂O (180 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added dropwise successively, and stirred 1 h. Then the mixture was diluted with H₂O (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL×3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: dichloromethane/methanol = 20:1) to give compound **5** (35.6 mg, 64%) as a yellow solid.

The procedure for the synthesis of compound 6 from 2a.



To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **2a** (54.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), NH₄Cl (21.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), NaN₃ (26.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), and DMA (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 h and cooled to rt. The residue was dissolved in 10 mL water, neutralized with 10% HCl and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL×3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 1:1) to give compound **6** (54.5 mg, 86%) as a yellow solid.

5. Mechanistic studies

5.1 Control experiments

The experiment in the absence of Ir(ppy)₃ (Scheme 4a)



To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added oxime ester **1a** (76.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), TMSCN (59.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (7.24 mg, 0.020 mmol), Et₃N HCl (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4Å MS (200 mg), and anhydrous DMSO (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated with a 12 W blue LED lamp and stirred at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) indicated that the oxime ester **1a** was kept intact, and the formation of product **2a** was not observed. After that, the mixture was diluted with water (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL×3). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford the recovered oxime ester **1a** (74.5 mg, 97% recovered). Such results are not contradictory with previous reports about copper-mediated/catalyzed N-O bond cleavage reactions of oxime esters, which need to be conducted under heating conditions.

The experiment of the addition of radical scavenger TEMPO (Scheme 4b)



To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added oxime ester **1a** (76.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), TMSCN (59.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.3 mg, 0.0020 mmol), $Cu(OTf)_2$ (7.24 mg, 0.020 mmol), Et_3N HCl (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), TEMPO (125.0 mg, 0.80 mmol), 4Å MS (200 mg), and anhydrous DMSO (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated with a 12 W blue LED lamp and stirred at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis indicated that the formation of product **2a** was not observed. After that, a trace amount of the crude reaction mixture was subjected to the HRMS analysis.



The experiment of the addition of radical scavenger 1,1-diphenylethylene (Scheme 4b)



To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added oxime ester 1a (76.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), TMSCN (59.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.0020 mmol), 0.020 mmol), Et₃N HCl (55.2 Cu(OTf)₂ (7.24 mg, mg, 0.40 mmol). 1,1-diphenylethylene (144.2 mg, 0.80 mmol), 4Å MS (200 mg), and anhydrous DMSO (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated with a 12 W blue LED lamp and stirred at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. After that, a trace amount of the crude reaction mixture was subjected to the HRMS analysis. Afterwards, the mixture was diluted with water (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL \times 3). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1) to give product **2a** (20.1 mg, 37%) as a white solid.



Spectrum from 18.wiff (sample 1) - Sample018, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (50 - 1000) from 0.078 min

Spectrum from 18.wiff (sample 1) - Sample018, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (50 - 1000) from 0.078 min



Intermediates trapping experiments (Scheme 4c)



To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added TMSCN (59.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), $Cu(OTf)_2$ (7.24 mg, 0.020 mmol), and anhydrous DMSO (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 12 h. After that, a trace amount of the crude reaction mixture was subjected to the HRMS analysis, which indicated that the intermediate **11**could be formed *in situ*.

Spectrum from 20.wiff (sample 1) - Sample020, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (50 - 1000) from 0.082 min



The possible reaction between 2-phenylacetophenone (12) and TMSCN (Scheme



To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added **12** (38.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), TMSCN (59.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.3 mg, 0.0020 mmol), $Cu(OTf)_2$ (7.24 mg, 0.020 mmol), Et_3N HCl (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4Å MS (200 mg), and anhydrous DMSO (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated with a 12 W blue LED lamp and stirred at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis indicated that no reaction took place and the formation of product **2a** was not observed. The results suggested that 2-phenylacetophenone (**12**) was not likely to be the intermediate in the transformation of oxime ester **1a** to the pyrazine product **2a**.

The possible reaction between 2,3-diphenyl-2*H*-azirine (13) and TMSCN (Scheme 4f)



Reaction conditions 1 (standard conditions): To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added azirine **13** (38.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), TMSCN (59.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.3 mg, 0.0020 mmol), $Cu(OTf)_2$ (7.24 mg, 0.020 mmol), Et_3N HCl (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4Å MS (200 mg), and anhydrous DMSO (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated with a 12 W blue LED lamp and stirred at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis indicated that the formation of product **2a** was not observed.

Reaction conditions 2 (without Ir(ppy)₃): To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added azirine **13** (38.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), TMSCN (59.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), Cu(OTf)₂ (7.24 mg, 0.020 mmol), Et₃N HCl (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4Å MS (200 mg), and anhydrous DMSO (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated with a 12 W blue LED lamp and stirred at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis indicated that the formation of product **2a** was not observed.

Reaction conditions 3 (without Cu(OTf)_2): To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added azirine 13 (38.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), TMSCN (59.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.3 mg, 0.0020 mmol), Et_3N HCl (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4Å MS (200 mg), and anhydrous DMSO (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated with a 12 W blue LED lamp and stirred at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere for 24 h. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis indicated that the formation of product 2a was not observed. The results suggested that the azirine was not likely to be the intermediate to the formation of the pyrazine product.

5.2 Light On/Off experiments

To a reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added oxime ester **1a** (0.20 mmol), TMSCN (59.5 mg, 0.60 mmol), $Ir(ppy)_3$ (1.3 mg, 0.0020 mmol), $Cu(OTf)_2$ (7.24 mg, 0.02 mmol), Et_3N HCl (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4Å MS (200 mg), and anhydrous DMSO (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere with the light turned on and off at intervals and the yields were determined by ¹H NMR with 1,2-dibromoethane as the internal standard. The light on/off profile over time illustrated that the product generation could only be observed under blue light irradiation. The results indicated that the radical chain reaction might not be involved in the mechanism.





Figure S1 Light on-off experiments

5.3 Fluorescence quenching experiments

The luminescence quenching experiment was taken using a FluoroMax-4 Spectrophotometer. The experiments were carried out with the 3 x 10^{-5} mol/L of Ir(ppy)₃ in DMSO at 25 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. The concentrations of quencher (**1a**, TMSCN, Et₃N HCl, Cu(OTf)₂) in DMSO were 0.15 mmol/L, 0.3 mmol/L, 0.45 mmol/L, 0.6 mmol/L. The excitation wavelength was 384 nm and the emission intensity was collected at 523 nm. The ratio of I₀/I was plotted as a function of the quencher concentration (I₀ = emission intensity of the photocatalyst in isolation at the specified wavelength; I = observed emission intensity of the photocatalyst with added quencher). The Stern-Volmer plots exhibited that the **1a** was a much better quencher than TMSCN, Cu(OTf)₂ or Et₃N HCl, indicating that the reaction was likely initiated from oxidative quenching of the excited Ir(III) photocatalyst.





Figure S2. Ir(ppy)₃ Emission Quenching by 1a, TMSCN, Et₃N HCl, and Cu(OTf)₂

5.4 Cyclic voltammetry experiments

Cyclic Voltammetry was performed on a CHI 660E electrochemical analyzer. The CV measurement of the sample (0.001 M) was carried out in 0.10 M of $Bu_4NPF_6/MeCN$ at a scan rate of 50 mV/s with the protection of N₂, using a glassy carbon as the working electrode, a Pt wire as the counter electrode, and Ag/AgCl (3.5 M KCl) as the reference electrode.

Reductive potential of substrate



Figure S3. Cyclic voltammogram of 1a

 $E_{1/2}^{\text{Red}}$ (1a) = -1.78 V vs. SCE

Reductive potential of Cu(OTf)₂





 $E_{1/2}^{\text{Red}}$ (Cu(OTf)₂) = 0.94 V vs. SCE

6. Characterization data

3-Amino-5,6-diphenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2a)

Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: N NH₂ Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (0.20 mmol scale, 46.2 mg, 85%; 5.0 mmol scale, 1.09 g, 81%); mp 166-167 ^oC; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 7H), 5.35 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 154.0, 144.5, 137.32, 137.28, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.4, 128.30, 128.26, 115.5, 110.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₃N₄ 273.1135, found 273.1138.

3-Amino-5-phenyl-6-(p-tolyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2b)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (37.8 mg, 66%); mp 212-213 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22

(d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.4, 153.8, 144.6, 138.3, 137.5, 134.4, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3, 115.6, 110.6, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₄ 287.1291, found 287.1285.

3-Amino-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2c)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1), yellow solid (38.6 mg, 64%); mp 204-205 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m,

2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 154.2, 153.7, 144.3, 137.6, 130.6, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.3, 115.6, 113.7, 110.5, 55.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₄O 303.1240, found 303.1246.

6-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-amino-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2d)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1), yellow solid (54.3 mg, 78%); mp 218-219 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.37 (m,

6H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 5.33 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 153.9, 144.1, 141.0, 140.3, 137.4, 136.2, 129.74, 129.71, 129.6, 128.8, 128.4, 127.6, 127.0, 126.9, 115.5, 110.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₁₇N₄ 349.1448, found 349.1458.

3-Amino-6-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2e)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (34.8 mg, 60%); mp 161-162 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H),

5.36 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7 (d, J = 248.7 Hz), 154.4, 154.0, 143.3, 137.2, 133.3 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 129.8, 129.5, 128.4, 115.4, 115.3 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 110.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₂FN₄ 291.1041, found 291.1042.

3-Amino-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2f)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (44.7 mg, 73%); mp 195-196 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 5.38

(s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 154.0, 143.1, 137.1, 135.7, 134.5, 130.6, 129.9, 129.5, 128.5, 115.4, 110.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₂ClN₄ 307.0745, found 307.0755.

3-Amino-6-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2g)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (54.1 mg, 77%); mp 174-175 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H),

5.36 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 154.0, 143.1, 137.1, 136.2, 131.4, 130.9, 129.9, 129.5, 128.5, 122.8, 115.3, 110.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₂BrN₄ 351.0240, found 351.0251.

3-Amino-5-phenyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2h)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), white solid (48.2 mg, 71%); mp 192-193 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.37

(m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 5.44 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.8, 154.2, 142.6, 140.8, 136.8, 130.2 (q, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.6, 125.2 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.9 (q, *J* = 270.5 Hz), 115.2, 110.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₂F₃N₄ 341.1009, found 341.1013.

3-Amino-5-phenyl-6-(m-tolyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2i)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (39.5 mg, 69%); mp 148-150 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24 (s,

1H), 7.16 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 5.34 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 153.9, 144.6, 138.1, 137.4, 137.2, 129.9, 129.62, 129.56, 129.1, 128.2, 128.0, 126.5, 115.5, 110.5, 21.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₄ 287.1291, found 287.1299.

3-Amino-6-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2j)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (45.3 mg, 74%); mp 157-158 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H). ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.6, 154.1, 142.8, 139.0, 136.9, 134.3, 130.0, 129.5, 129.33, 129.30, 128.5, 127.5, 115.3, 110.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₂ClN₄ 307.0745, found 307.0756.

3-Amino-5-phenyl-6-(o-tolyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2k)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (43.5 mg, 76%); mp 147-148 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.19 –

7.11 (m, 3H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.6, 154.4, 144.6, 137.1, 136.8, 136.1, 130.5, 130.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.1, 126.0, 115.5, 110.4, 19.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₄ 287.1291, found 287.1282.

3-Amino-6-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (21)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (38.0 mg, 62%); mp 161-162 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 5.45 (s,

2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.3, 154.7, 142.3, 136.74, 136.69, 133.2, 131.6, 130.0, 129.8, 129.1, 128.1, 127.1, 115.3, 110.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₂ClN₄ 307.0745, found 307.0756.

3-Amino-6-phenyl-5-(m-tolyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2m)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (49.8 mg, 87%); mp 145-146 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 - 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.20 - 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 - 7.08 (m, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100)

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.7, 154.0, 144.4, 138.1, 137.3, 137.2, 130.4, 130.1, 129.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 126.7, 115.5, 110.5, 21.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₄ 287.1291, found 287.1285.

3-Amino-6-phenyl-5-(o-tolyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2n)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: NH_2 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (37.2 mg, 65%); mp 143-144 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.17 (m, 8H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 153.9, 144.7, 137.4, 136.7, 135.5, 130.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 126.1, 115.4, 111.4, 19.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₄ 287.1291, found 287.1283.

3-Amino-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (20)



CI

Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (47.2 mg, 77%); mp 145-147 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 7H), 5.34 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR

 $(100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 153.9, 153.1, 144.3, 137.0, 136.0, 135.7, 131.0, 129.3, 128.6,$ 128.4, 115.4, 110.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₂ClN₄ 307.0745, found 307.0742.

3-Amino-5-(3-chlorophenyl)-6-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2p)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (43.5 mg, 71%); mp 187-188 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.37 - 7.23 (m, 6H), 7.22 - 7.14 (m, 2H), 5.32 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.9, 152.8, 144.4, 139.1, 136.8, 134.5, 129.72, 129.67, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 115.3, 111.2; HRMS

(ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{12}ClN_4$ 307.0745, found 307.0752.

3-Amino-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-6-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2q)

CI Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: NH_2 petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (46.6 mg, 76%); mp 184-185 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – CN N 2q 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 -7.19 (m, 3H), 5.42 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.8, 153.0, 145.0, 136.9, 136.5, 132.4, 130.8, 130.5, 130.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.0, 115.2, 112.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{12}ClN_4$ 307.0745, found 307.0754.

3-Amino-6-phenyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2r)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1), yellow solid (47.1 mg, 69%); mp 201-202 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.42 (s, 2H). ¹³C

NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.0, 152.7, 144.4, 140.8, 136.7, 131.3 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 130.0, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 125.2 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.7 (q, J = 272.2 Hz), 115.2, 111.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{12}F_3N_4$ 341.1009, found 341.1007.

3-Amino-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(p-tolyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2s)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: ² petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1), yellow solid (41.1 mg, 65%); mp 213-214 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d,

J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 153.9, 153.8, 144.3, 138.2, 134.8, 131.3, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 115.8, 113.7, 109.8, 55.3, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₄O 317.1397, found 317.1392.

3-Amino-5,6-di-p-tolylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2t)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (46.8 mg, 78%); mp 166-167 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.04 (m, 4H),

5.31 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.4, 153.9, 144.4, 139.9, 138.2, 134.61, 134.56, 129.5, 129.1, 128.98, 128.95, 115.7, 110.1, 21.4, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₄ 301.1448, found 301.1452.

3-Amino-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-(p-tolyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2u)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: ² petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (53.5 mg, 88%); mp 174-175 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz,

2H), 6.99 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.5 (d, J = 250.9 Hz), 153.8, 153.1, 144.4, 138.5, 134.3, 133.5 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 131.7 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 129.11, 129.09, 115.5, 115.4 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 110.6, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₄FN₄ 305.1197, found 305.1189.

3-Amino-5-methyl-6-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2v)

Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: NH₂ Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (23.5 mg, 56%); mp 117-118 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.1, 154.1, 145.6, 137.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 115.5, 109.9, 23.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₁N₄ 211.0978, found 211.0983.

3-Amino-6-phenethyl-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2w)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (40.2 mg, 67%); mp 121-122 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m,

2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.03 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 3.11 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.94 (dd, J = 9.2, 5.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9, 153.8, 145.2, 141.0, 137.2, 129.5, 128.50, 128.47, 128.39, 128.36, 126.0, 115.7, 110.9, 35.5, 34.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₄ 301.1448, found 301.1451.

3-Amino-6-phenethyl-5-(p-tolyl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2x)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: ¹/₂ petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (41.5 ¹/₄ mg, 66%); mp 123-124 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 6.9

Hz, 2H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 3.06 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9, 153.8, 145.2, 141.1, 139.7, 134.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.0, 115.8, 110.5, 35.6, 34.8, 21.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₉N₄ 315.1604, found 315.1609.

3-Amino-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-phenethylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2y)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: ² petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (32.4 mg, 51%); mp 120-121 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.0

Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 3.10 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 3.00 – 2.92 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.3 (d, J = 250.2 Hz), 154.8, 153.8, 145.0, 140.8, 133.3 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 130.6 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 128.40, 128.38, 126.1, 115.60 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 115.56, 111.0, 35.5, 34.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₆FN₄ 319.1354, found 319.1361.

3-Amino-6-phenethyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2z)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1), yellow solid (36.7 mg, 60%); mp 125-126 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 –

7.26 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.35 – 3.26 (m, 2H), 3.13 – 3.06 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.3, 148.1, 143.2, 141.2, 141.1, 130.8, 129.6, 128.50, 128.45, 128.4, 126.2, 115.8, 109.5, 36.6, 33.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₅N₄S 307.1012, found 307.1007.

3-Amino-6-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2aa)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1), yellow solid (44.9 mg, 68%); mp 142-144 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m,

2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.03 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 155.8, 153.8, 145.2, 137.2, 133.0, 129.4, 129.3, 128.47, 128.46, 115.7, 113.7, 110.9, 55.2, 35.8, 34.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₉N₄O 331.1553, found 331.1558.

3-Amino-6-(4-bromophenethyl)-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2ab)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (53.8 mg, 71%); mp 132-133 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m,

2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 3.04 (dd, J = 9.2, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (dd, J = 9.2, 6.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9, 153.8, 144.6, 139.9, 137.1, 131.4, 130.1, 129.5, 128.52, 128.45, 119.8, 115.6, 110.9, 35.2, 34.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for C₁₉H₁₆BrN₄ 379.0553, found 379.0564.

3-Amino-6-isobutyl-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2ac)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (32.8 mg, 65%); mp 131-132 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 – 7.40 (s, 5H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 2.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.06 - 1.94 (m, 1H), 0.78 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 153.6, 145.9,

137.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 115.7, 110.9, 42.3, 28.4, 22.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N₄ 253.1448, found 253.1452.

3-Amino-6-cyclopropyl-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2ad)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (35.4 mg, 75%); mp 124-125 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.12 – 2.04 (m,

1H), 1.11 - 1.05 (m, 2H), 0.94 - 0.87 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9, 153.3, 146.8, 137.2, 129.6, 129.2, 128.4, 115.9, 110.5, 13.8, 10.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₄ 237.1135, found 237.1141.

3-Amino-6-(methoxymethyl)-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2-2ae)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (23.5 mg, 49%); mp 133-134 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 5.34 (s, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H),

3.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 154.7, 141.0, 136.6, 130.1, 129.0, 128.5, 115.3, 110.9, 72.4, 58.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₃N₄O 241.1084, found 241.1089.

Methyl 3-(5-amino-6-cyano-3-phenylpyrazin-2-yl)propanoate (2af)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1), yellow solid (34.4 mg, 61%); mp 136-137 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.08 (t, *J* =

7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4, 155.8, 154.0, 143.7, 137.0, 129.7, 128.63, 128.59, 115.6, 110.4, 51.7, 31.6, 28.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₄O₂ 283.1190, found 283.1186.

3-Amino-6-(but-3-en-1-yl)-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2ag)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: ^{H2} petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (39.9 mg, ^N 80%); mp 121-122 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (s, 5H), 5.78 – 5.66 (m, 1H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 5.02 – 4.83 (m, 2H),

3.04 - 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.51 - 2.29 (m, 2H).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 153.8, 145.2, 137.2, 137.1, 129.5, 128.54, 128.50, 115.6, 115.3, 110.9, 32.9, 32.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₄ 251.1291, found 251.1295.

3-Amino-6-(pent-4-yn-1-yl)-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2ah)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1), yellow solid (35.1 mg, 67%); mp 117-118 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 2.88 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.24 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.84 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.8, 153.8, 145.2, 137.2, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 115.6, 110.8, 83.6, 68.8, 32.5, 27.4, 17.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₄ 263.1291, found 263.1297.

6-((1*H*-Pyrazol-1-yl)methyl)-3-amino-5-phenylpyrazine-2-carbonitrile (2ai)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: ² petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1), yellow solid (37.6 mg, 68%); mp 194-195 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d, J = 2.3 Hz,

1H), 6.23 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 4H, overlap). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3, 154.6, 139.8, 139.5, 136.2, 131.1, 130.1, 128.9, 128.8, 115.1, 111.4, 105.8, 53.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₆ 277.1196, found 277.1192.

3-Amino-5,6-diphenylpyrazine-2-carboxamide (3)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1), yellow solid (42.4 mg, 73%); mp 200-202 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.69 (s, 3H, overlap), 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 7H), 7.28 – 7.21

(m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.9, 154.0, 153.5, 139.1, 138.9, 138.7, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 123.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₅N₄O 291.1240, found 291.1239.

3-Amino-5,6-diphenylpyrazine-2-carboxylic acid (4)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl = 1:1), yellow solid (47.8 mg, 82%); mp 190-191 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.86 (s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.40 – 7.23 (m, 10H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

DMSO- d_6) δ 168.3, 154.8, 154.4, 140.4, 138.8, 138.6, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 121.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₃O₂ 292.1081, found 292.1088.

3-(Aminomethyl)-5,6-diphenylpyrazin-2-amine (5)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: MeOH/DCM = 1:20), yellow solid (35.6 mg, 64%); mp 177-178 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 6.74 (s, 2H),

4.09 (s, 2H).¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*D*₆) δ 151.3, 148.9, 139.4, 139.3, 138.5, 133.0, 129.92, 129.89, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 45.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C17H17N4 277.1448, found 277.1445.

5,6-Diphenyl-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)pyrazin-2-amine (6)



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 1:1), yellow solid (54.5 mg, 86%); mp 198-199 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.63 (s, 2H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.35

(m, 1H), 7.35 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.28 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- D_6) δ 154.0, 153.1, 151.6, 140.8, 138.8, 138.7, 130.02, 130.00, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 119.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₇ 316.1305, found 316.1300.

7. Biological Assays

The antifungal activities of pyrazine products **2** were tested against six phytopathogenic fungi (*Rhizoctorzia solani, Gibberella zeae, Alternaria solani, Botrytis cinerea, Colletotrichun orbiculare, Alternaria alternate*) at the concentration of 50 µg/mL using mycelia growth inhibitory rate methods on PDA, with Boscalid used as the positive control (**Table S2**). The compounds were dissolved in 10 mL DMF to generate a 50 µg/mL stock solution. The EC₅₀ values of compounds possessing good activity (inhibitory rate >60%) were further evaluated using different concentration by diluting the above solution (**Table S3**). DMF served as the negative control.

Commune 1	inhibitory rate η (%) ^c					
Compound	RHI	GIB	ALT	BOT	COL	ALA
Boscalid	95.8	35.5	57.3	36.9	7.9	90.9
2a	45.3	40.0	15.6	49.3	59.6	32.0
2b		23.2	4.4	15.3	45.7	
2c		24.6	3.8		20.0	
2d	9.0	26.0	6.2	2.1	14.5	
2e	59.0	43.1	13.6	58.6	<u>89.4</u>	33.9
2f	6.3	23.0	7.4	14.2	<u>77.1</u>	13.8
2g	30.2	25.1	5.3	17.2	<u>100.0</u>	18.5
2h	35.4	20.4	6.2	5.5	29.6	0.3
2i	53.8	40.0	19.8	54.4	<u>60.6</u>	49.0
2j	50.0	28.3	20.6	12.1	<u>68.8</u>	30.9
2k	51.6	50.8	26.3	36.7	35.5	34.4
21	52.0	52.2	30.4	48.8	46.1	39.4
2m	12.2	25.1		10.8	15.1	—
2n	53.4	35.8	14.5	15.6	38.4	36.9
20	<u>66.2</u>	46.1	53.1	<u>88.9</u>	8.3	
2p		25.3	3.2	<u>79.4</u>	23.4	
2q	45.7	38.6	23.8	30.9	42.9	36.4
2 r	30.1	22.6	10.2	8.7	33.6	
2s		23.9	3.8	31.2	35.8	22.3
2t	—	29.3	8.6	53.7	44.7	11.6
2u		24.8	17.1	19.1	<u>61.6</u>	10.2
2 v	12.2	24.1	10.0	5.0	9.1	0.8
$2\mathbf{w}$	45.9	32.6	5.9	20.9	28.6	20.4
2x	0	18.5	3.2	7.1	22.9	6.3
2y	9.5	23.9	7.4	10.0	28.8	30.6
2z		22.7	4.1	6.3	13.8	5.5
2 aa	10.4	29.7	9.4	8.2	8.6	5.8
2ab	—	15.2	3.2	5.8	8.6	—
2ac	57.2	37.5	12.7	<u>90.8</u>	<u>95.1</u>	28.9
2ad	<u>77.5</u>	52.2	34.8	<u>73.6</u>	<u>93.0</u>	43.8
2ae		9.4		32.7	8.3	12.4
2af	8.3	21.5		10.3	5.5	2.8
2ag	54.5	51.1	26.3	<u>91.8</u>	<u>100.0</u>	9.9
2ah	19.6	34.7	3.8	<u>97.6</u>	<u>100.0</u>	9.1
2ai	2.7	12.2		3.7	1.0	

Table S2. Antifungal activity of pyrazines derivatives (inhibitory rate, %)^{a, b}

^{*a*}RHI: *Rhizoctorzia solani*; GIB: *Gibberella zeae*; ALT: *Alternaria solani*; BOT: *Botrytis cinerea*; COL: *Colletotrichun orbiculare*; ALA: *Alternaria alternate*. ^{*b*}All the data was the average value of three replications

pathog	compound	toxic regression	R	EC ₅₀	95 % confidence
en	compound	toxic regression	K	(µg/mL)	interval
	2p	Y=0.6103x+4.4029	0.9618	9.5171	6.8587-13.2057
RHI	2ad	Y=2.3245x+2.2381	0.8706	15.4245	8.1251-29.2815
	Boscalid	Y=0.7616X+5.0446	0.9912	0.8739	0.7467-1.0227
	2p	Y=1.5693x+3.4075	0.9878	10.3464	8.6588-12.3628
	2q	Y=1.3104x+3.1421	0.8636	26.1676	11.6314-58.8704
	2ac	Y=2.0027x+2.7246	0.9772	13.6824	10.7417-17.4283
BOT	2ad	Y=1.4353x+2.9888	0.9408	25.1919	15.4108-41.1809
	2ag	Y=1.2699x+4.1755	0.9962	4.4591	3.8722-5.1349
	2ah	Y=1.8200x+4.0383	0.9828	3.3761	2.6499-4.3012
	Boscalid	Y=1.3068x+5.3296	0.9870	0.5595	0.4429-0.7068
	2e	Y=2.0577x+2.8770	0.9947	10.7571	9.5808-12.0779
	2f	Y=0.5993x+4.8172	0.8545	2.0189	0.7177-5.6789
	2g	Y=0.5432x+5.1354	0.8817	0.5633	0.1620-1.9587
	2i	Y=1.3159x+3.3746	0.9507	17.1874	11.7493-25.1426
	2j	Y=1.7896x+2.6226	0.9868	21.3022	17.3103-26.2146
COL	2u	Y=1.7821x+4.4551	0.9588	2.0220	1.4679-2.7854
	2ac	Y=3.5404x+2.3609	0.9946	5.5645	4.9466-6.2595
	2ad	Y=2.3648x+2.5810	0.9546	10.5421	7.4199-14.9779
	2ag	Y=2.7287x+4.2592	0.8968	1.8685	0.8436-4.1386
	2ah	Y=2.7542x+4.5182	0.9579	1.4960	0.9434-2.3723
	Boscalid	Y=2.9242+1.351X	0.9673	34.393	18.9576-62.3960

 Table S3. EC50 determination of pyrazines derivatives^{a, b}

^{*a*}RHI: *Rhizoctorzia solani*; BOT: *Botrytis cinerea*; COL: *Colletotrichun orbiculare*. ^{*b*}The EC₅₀ value was the average value of three replications.

8. X-ray structure of product 2w

X-ray structure of 2w with thermal ellipsoids shown at the 50% probability level

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Crystal data and structure refinement for product 2w

Identification code	2w	
Empirical formula	$C_{19}H_{16}N_4$	
Formula weight	300.36	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 6.3310(9) Å	$\alpha = 80.485(4)$ °.
	b = 9.7410(13) Å	$\beta = 88.980(5)$ °.
	c = 13.1586(19) Å	$\gamma = 82.009(5)$ °.
Volume	792.55(19) Å ³	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.259 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.077 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	316	
Crystal size	0.200 x 0.180 x 0.050 r	nm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.437 to 24.999 °.	

Index ranges	-7<=h<=7, -11<=k<=11, -15<=l<=15
Reflections collected	10488
Independent reflections	2766 [R(int) = 0.0368]
Completeness to theta = 24.999 $^{\circ}$	98.9 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6905
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
Data / restraints / parameters	2766 / 0 / 208
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.027
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0499, wR2 = 0.1184
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0886, wR2 = 0.1374
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	$0.153 \text{ and } -0.148 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-3}$

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10. NMR spectra















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¹³C NMR, CDCl₃, 100 MHz



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 $^{\rm 13}{\rm C}$ NMR, ${\rm CDCI}_{\rm 3}$, 100 MHz



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¹³C NMR, CDCl₃, 100 MHz



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¹H NMR, CDCI₃, 400 MHz















































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¹³C NMR, CDCl₃, 100 MHz











¹³C NMR, CDCl₃, 100 MHz





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¹H NMR, CDCl₃, 400 MHz



































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¹H NMR, DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz






