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TBHP-mediated denitrogenative synthesis of pyridine carboxamides from pyridine carbohydrazides and amines in water

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General considerations

Unless noted otherwise, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. All reactions were performed in a screw-capped vial. All reaction temperatures correspond to oil bath temperatures. The proton (¹H) and carbon (¹³C) NMR spectra were obtained using 400, 500 or 600 MHz and 100, 125, or 150 MHz, respectively, with Me₄Si as an internal standard and are reported in δ units. The coupling constants (*J* values) are reported in hertz (Hz). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (60–120 or 100–200 mesh). HRMS was obtained using the electron spray ionization (ESI) technique and as a time-of-flight mass analyzer. All melting points were taken using a melting point apparatus equipped with a calibrated thermometer. New compounds were characterized by melting point, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS data.

I. Experimental Procedure

General procedure for the synthesis of amides (3a-3an): In an oven-dried screw-cap vial equipped with magnetic stir bar, carbohydrazides (0.5 mmol) and the corresponding amines (1 mmol) were taken and dissolved in water (2 mL). To the reaction mixture, TBHP (2 equiv) and TBAI (10 mol%) were added and it was stirred at 40 °C for 0.5-1 h. After significant consumption of the starting material, monitored through TLC, the reaction mixture was extracted using ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude concentrate was then loaded onto the column, which upon chromatographic separation (100–200 mesh silica, ethyl acetate /hexane = $1:4 \sim 3:2$) afforded the desired product.

General procedure for gram scale synthesis of *N*-phenylisonicotinamide (3a): In an oven-dried screw-cap vial equipped with magnetic stir bar, 4-pyridine carbohydrazide **1a** (7 mmol, 960 mg) and aniline **2a** (14 mmol, 1.3 g) were taken and dissolved in water (20 mL). To the reaction mixture, TBHP (2 equiv, 2.8 mL) and TBAI (10 mol%, 258.6 mg) were added and it was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. After significant consumption of the starting material, monitored through TLC, the reaction mixture was extracted using ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude concentrate was then loaded onto the column, which upon chromatographic separation (100–200 mesh silica, ethyl acetate /hexane = 1:4) afforded the desired product **3a** in 75% yield (1.04 g).

General procedure for the synthesis of TEMPO adducts (4a-4c): In an oven-dried screw-cap vial equipped with magnetic stir bar, carbohydrazides (0.5 mmol), aniline (1 mmol) and TEMPO (8 equiv)

were taken and dissolved in DCE (2 mL). To the reaction mixture, TBHP (2 equiv) and TBAI (10 mol%) were added and it was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. After monitoring the TLC, the reaction mixture was extracted using ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude concentrate was then loaded onto the column, which upon chromatographic separation (100–200 mesh silica, ethyl acetate /hexane = 1:9) afforded the desired product.

General procedure for the synthesis of *tert*-butyloxy esters (5a-5c): In an oven-dried screw-cap vial equipped with magnetic stir bar, carbohydrazides (0.5 mmol), along with TBHP (2 equiv) and TBAI (10 mol%) were taken and dissolved in DCE (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. After monitoring the TLC, the reaction mixture was extracted using ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude concentrate was then loaded onto the column, which upon chromatographic separation (100–200 mesh silica, ethyl acetate /hexane = 1:4) afforded the desired product.

General procedure for the synthesis of isonicotinic acid (6a): In an oven-dried screw-cap vial equipped with magnetic stir bar, 4-pyridine carbohydrazide 1a (0.5 mmol), along with TBHP (2 equiv) and TBAI (10 mol%) were taken and dissolved in water (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 $^{\circ}$ C for 1 h. After monitoring the TLC, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude concentrate was then loaded onto the column, which upon chromatographic separation (100–200 mesh silica, ethyl acetate /hexane = 9:1) afforded the desired product as white solid in 64% yield.

II. Computational Data

Computational Details

Radical philicities were calculated as previously described¹ using the hybrid functional B3LYP² with the triple- ζ basis set 6-311+G(d,p) in the gas phase. The calculations were performed with Gaussian16.³

Determination of Radical Philicities

The global electrophilicity index ω was derived from vertical ionization potentials (IP) and electron affinities (EA) at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory using the following equation:

IP = E(Cation) - E(Radical)	(eq. S1)
EA = E(Radical) - E(Anion)	(eq. S2)
$\mu = -\frac{IP + EA}{2}$	(eq. S3)
$\eta = IP - EA$	(eq. S4)
$\omega = \frac{\mu^2}{2\eta}$	(eq. S5)

2-Pyridine Acyl Radical

E(Radical)	-361.051724303 hartree
E(Cation)	-360.751006942 hartree
E(Anion)	-361.056015961 hartree

Cartesian Coordinates Radical (B3LYP):

0	-3.07043	-0.00710	-0.00013
С	-1.90939	-0.01857	0.00001
С	-0.54470	-0.00246	-0.00002
Ν	0.07758	-1.23516	0.00009
С	1.40043	-1.22046	0.00012
С	2.19195	-0.06268	0.00007
С	1.54395	1.18583	-0.00004
С	0.17081	1.24345	-0.00008
Н	1.87371	-2.19925	0.00021
Н	3.27128	-0.13804	0.00011
Н	2.12032	2.10406	-0.00010
Н	-0.36318	2.18540	-0.00017

3-Pyridine Acyl Radical

E(Radical)	-361.053958876 hartree
E(Cation)	-360.746069982 hartree
E(Anion)	-361.06480069 hartree

Cartesian Coordinates Radical (B3LYP):

O 3.08957 0.00209 0.00002

1.92524	0.03187	0.00001
0.57784	0.03956	0.00001
-0.16392	-1.21223	-0.00003
-1.47083	-1.26262	-0.00005
-2.18264	-0.11244	-0.00002
-1.56822	1.14959	0.00002
-0.19759	1.25756	0.00003
0.37781	-2.15298	-0.00006
-3.26124	-0.21309	-0.00003
-2.17934	2.04475	0.00005
0.29779	2.21946	0.00007
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4-Pyridine Acyl Radical

E(Radical)	-361.051676798 hartree
E(Cation)	-360.738823971 hartree
E(Anion)	-361.066793328 hartree

Cartesian Coordinates Radical (B3LYP):

0	3.09905	-0.00001	-0.00012
С	1.93631	0.00002	-0.00011
С	0.58363	0.00002	-0.00001
С	-0.16861	-1.22686	0.00001
С	-1.54344	-1.14528	0.00006
Ν	-2.25460	-0.00002	0.00008
С	-1.54347	1.14526	0.00007
С	-0.16863	1.22687	0.00002
Η	0.33320	-2.18544	-0.00001
Н	-2.12557	-2.06262	0.00008
Н	-2.12562	2.06258	0.00008
Н	0.33315	2.18547	-0.00000

III. Characterization data of substrates:



N-phenylisonicotinamide $(3a)^4$ was obtained in 77% yield (76.3 mg) as light brown solid. The compound **3a** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.50 (bs, 1H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.87-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.9, 150.7, 142.2, 137.3, 129.3, 125.4, 121.1, 120.6.



N-(2-fluorophenyl)isonicotinamide (3b)⁵ was obtained in 65% yield (70.2 mg) as brown solid. The compound 3b was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.43 (bs, 1H), 8.80 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.35–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 164.5, 157.5, 155.0, 150.8, 141.4, 127.6, 125.6, 125.4, 124.9, 124.8, 122.1, 116.5, 116.3.



N-(2-bromophenyl)isonicotinamide (3c)⁶ was obtained in 62% yield (85.9 mg) as light brown solid. The compound 3c was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (bs, 1H), 8.40 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.97 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 150.8, 141.5, 135.0, 132.3, 128.5, 126.0, 121.9, 120.7, 114.0.



N-(**3-bromophenyl**)**isonicotinamide** (**3d**) was obtained in 65% yield (90.1 mg) as brown solid (m.p. = 184-186 °C). The compound **3d** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:2). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.62 (bs, 1H), 8.80 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.76–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.33 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.7, 150.8, 142.0, 140.6, 131.2, 127.3, 123.2, 122.0, 121.9, 119.6.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{12}H_9BrN_2O [M+H]^+$ 276.9971, found 276.9975.



N-(3-chlorophenyl)isonicotinamide (3e) was obtained in 65% yield (75.6 mg) as light brown solid (m.p. = 155-157 °C). The compound 3e was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 13:7). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.65 (bs, 1H), 8.80 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 7.97–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.1, 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.2, 150.3, 141.5, 140.0, 133.0, 130.4, 123.8, 121.5, 119.8, 118.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₂H₉ClN₂O [M+H]⁺ 233.0476, found 233.0478.



N-(3-nitrophenyl)isonicotinamide (3f)⁷ was obtained in 50% yield (60.8 mg) as brown solid. The compound 3f was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:2). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.92 (bs, 1H), 8.82 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 8.78–8.77 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 164.9, 150.8, 148.3, 141.7, 140.2, 130.6, 126.7, 122.0, 119.1, 114.9.



N-(2-bromo-4-methylphenyl)isonicotinamide (3g) was obtained in 68% yield (98.9 mg) as white solid (m.p. = 101-103 °C). The compound 3g was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.82 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2 H), 8.41 (bs, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 150.8, 141.6, 136.2, 132.6, 132.4, 129.2, 121.8, 120.7, 113.9, 20.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₁BrN₂O [M+H]⁺ 291.0128, found 291.0126.



N-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)isonicotinamide (3h)⁸ was obtained in 70% yield (79.2 mg) as light brown solid. The compound 3h was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 13:7). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (bs, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 150.7, 142.2, 138.9, 137.0, 127.0, 120.9, 118.2, 21.4.



N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)isonicotinamide (3i)⁹ was obtained in 70% yield (79.2 mg) as light brown solid. The compound 3i was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 13:7). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.06 (bs, 1H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16–7.12 (m, 3H), 2.19 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.4, 150.3, 141.3, 135.4, 134.6, 127.8, 126.9, 121.4, 17.9.



N-benzylisonicotinamide (3j)¹⁰ was obtained in 72% yield (76.4 mg) as white solid. The compound 3j was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.31 (m, 1H), 6.59 (bs, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 137.2, 133.3, 130.5, 127.8, 127.5, 126.9, 126.6, 125.9, 43.1.



N-(4-methoxybenzyl)isonicotinamide (3k)¹¹ was obtained in 87% yield (105.4 mg) as white solid. The compound 3k was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.24 (bs, 1H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.5, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.5, 2H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 5.9, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 165.0, 158.8, 150.7, 141.8, 131.5, 129.2, 121.7, 114.2, 55.5,42.7.



N-phenethylisonicotinamide (31)¹² was obtained in 91% yield (102.9 mg) as light yellow solid. The compound 31 was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:3). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.83 (bs, 1H), 8.68-8.66 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.15 (m, 5H), 3.47-3.46 (m, 2H), 2.83-2.80 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 165.1, 150.7, 141.9, 139.8, 129.2, 128.8, 126.7, 121.7, 41.4, 35.4.



N-propylisonicotinamide $(3m)^{13}$ was obtained in 85% yield (69.8 mg) as white solid. The compound **3m** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.74 (bs, 1H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.52-1.47 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 165.0, 150.7, 142.1, 121.7, 41.5, 22.7, 11.9.



N-(t-butyl)isonicotinamide (3n)¹⁴ was obtained in 89% yield (79.3 mg) as white solid. The compound 3n was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.64-8.63 (m, 2H), 8.02 (bs, 1H), 7.66-7.65 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 165.2, 150.4, 143.2, 121.9, 51.6, 28.9.



N,*N*-dimethylisonicotinamide (3o)¹⁵ was obtained in 92% yield (69.0 mg) as white solid. The compound **30** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:4). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 2.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 168.4, 150.4, 144.5, 121.7, 39.1, 35.0.



Pyridin-4-yl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (3p)¹⁶ was obtained in 90% yield (79.3 mg) as yellow oil. The compound **3p** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:4). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.92-1.82 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 150.0, 144.6, 121.2, 49.2, 46.2, 26.3, 24.3.



Piperidin-1-yl(pyridin-4-yl)methanone (3q)¹⁷ was obtained in 93% yield (88.4 mg) as yellow oil. The compound **3q** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:3). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.60 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.55-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.15-3.13 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 167.0, 150.5, 144.5, 121.4, 48.2, 42.6, 26.3, 25.6, 24.4.



N-(quinolin-8-yl)isonicotinamide (3r)¹⁸ was obtained in 63% yield (78.5 mg) as light orange solid. The compound 3r was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.72 (s, 1H), 8.95-8.94 (m, 1H), 8.83 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.1, 150.6, 149.2, 141.3, 138.4, 136.6, 133.5, 127.8, 126.8, 123.0, 122.3, 120.9, 117.4.



N-phenylnicotinamide $(3u)^{19}$ was obtained in 72% yield (71.3 mg) as brown solid. The compound **3u** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:2). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO*d*₆) δ 10.40 (s, 1H), 9.07 (s, 1H), 8.73 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.26-8.24 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.5, 152.6, 149.2, 139.3, 135.9, 131.1, 129.2, 124.5, 124.0, 120.8.



N-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)nicotinamide (3v) was obtained in 69% yield (94.6 mg) as white solid (m.p. = 170-172 °C). The compound 3v was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 13:7). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.08 (s, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 7H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 164.8, 152.5, 149.0, 139.6, 138.9, 135.7, 134.9, 130.8, 130.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 124.0.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O [M+H]⁺ 275.1179, found 275.1188.



N-(4-methoxybenzyl)nicotinamide $(3w)^{20}$ was obtained in 56% yield (67.8 mg) as white solid. The compound **3w** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.14 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 165.1, 158.7, 152.4, 148.9, 135.5, 131.7, 130.3, 129.1, 123.9, 114.2, 55.5, 42.6.



N-propylnicotinamide $(3x)^{21}$ was obtained in 68% yield (55.8 mg) as white solid. The compound 3x was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 2:3). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO*d*₆) δ 8.95 (s, 1H), 8.65-8.61 (m, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 1H), 3.19 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.52-1.47 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 165.1, 152.2, 148.8, 135.3, 130.6, 123.9, 41.5, 22.8, 11.9.



Pyridin-3-yl(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (3y)²² was obtained in 85% yield (74.8 mg) as yellow oil. The compound **3y** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:4). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1H), 3.44-3.42 (m, 2H), 3.36-3.34 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.76 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 166.5, 151.0, 148.3, 135.2, 133.4, 123.8, 49.2, 46.5, 26.4, 24.4.



N,*N*-dimethylnicotinamide $(3z)^{23}$ was obtained in 90% yield (67.5 mg) as yellow oil. The compound 3z was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:4). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO*d*₆) δ 8.59-8.57 (m, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1H), 2.96-2.93 (m, 3H), 2.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 168.4, 150.7, 148.1, 135.2, 132.7, 123.9, 35.3, 29.5.



N-(4-methoxyphenyl)picolinamide (3aa)²⁴ was obtained in 62% yield (70.7 mg) as off-white solid. The compound 3aa was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 19:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.50 (s, 1H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.5, 156.2, 150.5, 148.8, 138.5, 132.0, 127.2, 122.7, 122.2, 114.3, 55.6.



N-benzylpicolinamide $(3ab)^{24}$ was obtained in 78% yield (82.7 mg) as off-white solid. The compound **3ab** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.4, 150.5, 148.9, 140.0, 138.3, 128.7, 127.8, 127.2, 127.0, 122.5, 42.9.



N,*N*-dimethylpicolinamide $(3ac)^{15}$ was obtained in 83% yield (62.3 mg) as yellow oil. The compound **3ac** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 3.08 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 154.4, 148.2, 137.0, 124.3, 123.5, 39.0, 35.7.



Picolinamide $(3ad)^{25}$ was obtained in 88% yield (53.7 mg) as white solid. The compound **3ad** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:2). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.58-8.57 (m, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 8.01-7.99 (m, 1H), 7.94-7.91 (m, 1H), 7.64 (s. 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 166.5, 150.7, 148.9, 138.1, 126.9, 122.4.



N-phenylbenzamide (3ae)¹⁰ was obtained in 72% yield (71.0 mg) as white solid. The compound 3ae was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (bs, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 138.0, 135.0, 131.9, 129.1, 128.8, 127.1, 124.6, 120.3.



N-benzylbenzamide (**3af**)¹⁰ was obtained in 75% yield (79.2 mg) as light-yellow solid. The compound **3af** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.86-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 166.7, 140.2, 134.8, 131.7, 128.8, 128.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 43.1.



N-(4-methoxybenzyl)benzamide (3ag)¹⁰ was obtained in 87% yield (104.9 mg) as white solid. The compound 3ag was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.43 (bs, 1H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6, 154.4, 129.7, 126.8, 125.5, 124.6, 123.8, 122.2, 109.4, 50.6, 38.9.



N-phenethylbenzamide (3ah)²⁶ was obtained in 91% yield (79.2 mg) as off-white solid. The compound 3ah was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 17:3). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 166.6, 140.0, 135.1, 131.5, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 126.6, 41.4, 35.6.



N-propylbenzamide (3ai)¹⁹ was obtained in 85% yield (69.3 mg) as white solid. The compound 3ai was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 6.59 (bs, 1H), 3.36-3.35 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.56 (m, 2H), 0.94-0.91 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 134.9, 131.3, 128.5, 126.9, 41.8, 22.9, 11.5.



Morpholino(phenyl)methanone $(3aj)^{10}$ was obtained in 93% yield (88.9 mg) as colorless oil. The compound **3aj** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.34 (m, 5H), 3.71-3.56 (m, 6H), 3.38 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 135.3, 129.9, 128.6, 127.1, 66.9, 48.3, 42.6.



N,*N*-dimethylbenzamide $(3ak)^{27}$ was obtained in 92% yield (68.6 mg) as white solid. The compound **3ak** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (s, 5H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 2.93 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 136.2, 129.5, 128.3, 127.0, 39.5, 35.3.



Benzamide (**3al**)¹⁹ was obtained in 82% yield (49.6 mg) as white solid. The compound **3al** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 7:3). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (bs, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 133.4, 132.1, 128.7, 127.4.



Nicotinamide (**3am**)²⁸ was obtained in 78% yield (47.6 mg) as white solid. The compound **3am** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:4). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.17-8.14 (m, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 166.9, 152.4, 149.2, 135.6, 130.1, 123.9.



N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)picolinamide (3an)²⁴ was obtained in 65% yield (73.5 mg) as white solid. The compound 3an was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 19:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.12 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.4, 149.8, 148.2, 137.6, 135.4, 133.8, 128.2, 127.2, 126.5, 122.6, 18.7.



2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl picolinate (**4a**)²⁹ was obtained in 60% yield (78.7 mg) as white solid. The compound **4a** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.78-8.77 (m, 1H), 8.05 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.65 (m, 3H), 1.58-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.8, 150.1, 147.8, 136.7, 126.6, 124.6, 60.4, 38.9, 31.8, 20.7, 16.8.



2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl nicotinate (4b) was obtained in 72% yield (94.4 mg) as white solid (m.p. = 89-91 °C). The compound **4b** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.78-8.77 (m, 1H), 8.32-8.30 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.65 (m, 3H), 1.58-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.43 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 6H), 1.09 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 153.4, 150.5, 137.2, 125.6, 123.4, 60.5, 39.0, 31.9, 20.8, 16.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₂₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 263.1760, found 263.1764.



2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl isonicotinate (**4c**)³⁰ was obtained in 80% yield (104.4 mg) as colorless solid. The compound **4c** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.76-1.65 (m, 3H), 1.58-156 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 6H), 1.07 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 150.5, 136.9, 122.8, 60.6, 39.0, 31.8, 20.7, 16.8.



tert-butyl picolinate $(5a)^{31}$ was obtained in 76% yield (68 mg) as colorless oil. The compound **5a** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.76 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.49 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 150.0, 146.6, 137.0, 127.2, 125.0, 84.4, 26.2.



tert-butyl nicotinate (5b)³² was obtained in 78% yield (69.8 mg) as colorless oil. The compound 5b was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.1 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.38 (m, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 153.7, 149.9, 136.6, 123.9, 123.5, 84.4, 26.1.



tert-butyl isonicotinate $(5c)^{33}$ was obtained in 80% yield (71.6 mg) as yellow oil. The compound 5c was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 150.7, 134.9, 122.3, 84.6, 26.1.



Isonicotinic acid (**6a**)³⁴ was obtained in 64% yield (39.3 mg) as white solid. The compound **6a** was purified with chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1:9). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.63 (bs, 1H), 8.74 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 166.6, 151.0, 138.6, 123.2.

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V. Copies of NMR spectra of substrates

3a ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



23

3a ¹³C {1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





25



3c ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)



27



3c ¹³C {1H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)

3d ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



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31

3e ¹³C {1H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





3f ¹³C {1H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





35


3g ¹³C {1H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)









3i ¹³C {1H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

















31 ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





3m ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



3n ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



3n ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





30 ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)







3p ¹³C {1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)









3r ¹³C {1H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



3u ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



3u ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



3v ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



3v ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





3w ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)











3y ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



3z ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



3z ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)




3aa 13C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d6)





3ab ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)











3ad ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



3ae ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



3ae ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





3af ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

3af ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





3ag ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





3ah ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





3ai ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





3aj ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





3ak ¹³C {1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)





3al ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





3am ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)





3an ¹³C {1H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





4a ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)



4a ¹³C {1H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)
























5c ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)





5c ¹³C {1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)



110



6a ¹³C {1H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



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