On the mechanism of the direct acid catalyzed formation of 2,3-disubstituted imidazo[1,2-a]pyridines from 2-aminopyridines and acetophenones. A concurrence between ketimine and Ortoleva-King type reaction intermediated transformations.

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