

Supporting Information

Metal-free Synthesis of Substituted Pyridines from aldehydes and NH₄OAc under Air

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General remark

^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on 400MHz and 100MHz in CDCl_3 . All chemical shifts are given as δ value (ppm) with reference to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. All compounds were further characterized by HRMS; copies of their ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra are provided. Products were purified by flash chromatography on 200–300 mesh silica gels. All melting points were determined without correction. Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents and solvents were used without further purification.

Experimental Section

General procedure for the synthesis of the desired pyridines **3** and **4**.

An oven-dried tube was charged with 0.3 mmol of aldehydes **1**(**1''**), 0.9 mmol of NH_4OAc **2**, NaHCO_3 (0.3 mmol) and 1 mL 1, 4-dioxane. Then the reaction was stirred at 90 °C under air and the reaction time was monitored by TLC. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was diluted with 20 ml of ethyl acetate, washed with 10 ml of brine, and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, the residues were purified by column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc to afford the desired pyridines.

The detail experiment information of **3p**.

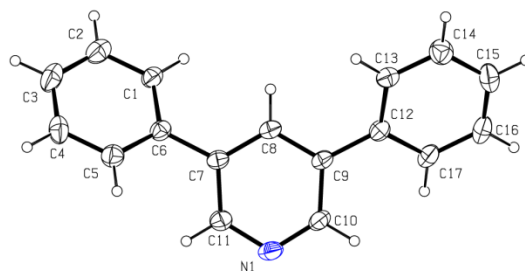
An oven-dried tube was charged with 0.3 mmol (40.2 mg) of 2-(p-tolyl)acetaldehyde **1b**, 0.3 mmol (45.0 mg) of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetaldehyde **1g**, 0.9 mmol (69.3 mg) of NH_4OAc **2**, 0.3 mmol NaHCO_3 (25.2 mg) and 2 mL 1, 4-dioxane. Then the reaction was stirred at 90 °C under air and the reaction time was monitored by TLC. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was diluted with 20 ml of ethyl acetate, washed with 10 ml of brine, and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Then the

solvent was evaporated in vacuo, the residues were purified by column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc to afford **3p** of 18.5 mg (34% yield), **3b** of 10.1 mg (26% yield) and **3g** of 13.8mg (32% yield).

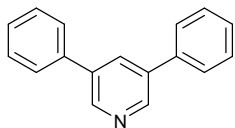
The detail experiment information of **3q**.

An oven-dried tube was charged with 0.3 mmol (40.2 mg) of 2-(p-tolyl)acetaldehyde **1b**, 2-(3, 4-dimethoxyphenyl) acetaldehyde **1i**, 0.9 mmol (69.3 mg) of NH₄OAc **2**, 0.3 mmol NaHCO₃ (25.2 mg) and 2 mL 1, 4-dioxane. Then the reaction was stirred at 90 °C under air and the reaction time was monitored by TLC. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was diluted with 20 ml of ethyl acetate, washed with 10 ml of brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo, the residues were purified by column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc to afford **3q** of 21.9 mg (36% yield), **3b** of 8.2 mg (21% yield) and **3g** of 16.4 mg (38% yield).

X-ray data for **3a**:

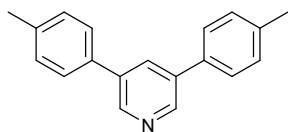


3,5-diphenylpyridine(3a)^[1]



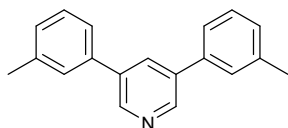
Yellow solid, melting point: 120-122 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.84 (s, 2H), 8.06 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.42 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.86, 137.74, 136.72, 133.01, 129.13, 128.25, 127.27. HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N [M+H]⁺ 232.1121, found 232.1126.

3,5-di-p-tolylpyridine(3b)^[2]



Yellow solid, melting point: 175-177 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.78 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 2.42 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.62, 138.11, 136.47, 134.94, 132.42, 129.81, 127.07, 21.16. HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N [M+H]⁺ 260.1434, found 260.1436.

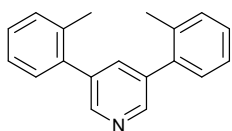
3,5-di-m-tolylpyridine(3c)^[3]



Yellow solid, melting point: 136-138 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.79 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

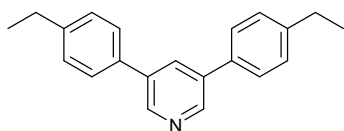
CDCl_3) δ 146.92, 138.79, 137.79, 136.67, 132.88, 129.00, 128.92, 127.99, 124.35, 21.51. **HRMS**
calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 260.1434, **found** 260.1437.

3,5-di-*o*-tolylpyridine(3d)^[2]



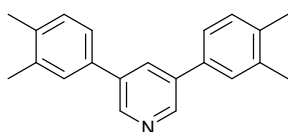
Yellow oil. **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.58 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 8H), 2.33 (s, 6H). **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 148.20, 137.89, 136.99, 136.71, 135.59, 130.59, 129.90, 128.13, 126.10, 20.42. **HRMS calcd for** $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 260.1434, **found** 260.1436.

3,5-bis(4-ethylphenyl)pyridine(3e)



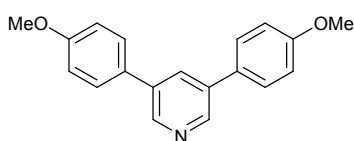
Yellow solid, melting point: 131-133 °C. **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.78 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.02 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 2.72 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 6H). **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 146.63, 144.45, 136.50, 135.20, 132.49, 128.63, 127.16, 28.56, 15.51. **HRMS calcd for** $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 288.1747, **found** 288.1744.

3,5-bis(3,4-dimethylphenyl)pyridine(3f)



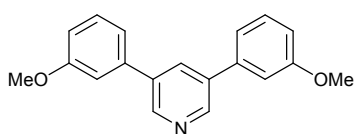
Yellow solid, melting point: 144-146 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 2.36-2.33 (d, 12H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 146.54, 137.34, 136.72, 136.52, 135.43, 132.43, 130.34, 128.41, 124.57, 19.90, 19.47. **HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₂N [M+H]⁺ 288.1747, found 288.1749.**

3,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)pyridine(3g)^[4]



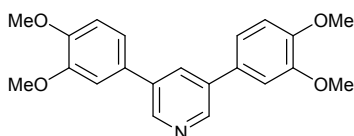
Yellow solid, melting point: 60-62 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.73 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 4H), 3.87 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 159.82, 146.08, 136.15, 131.92, 130.27, 128.31, 114.57, 55.34. **HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 292.1332, found 292.1337.**

3,5-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)pyridine(3h)^[4]



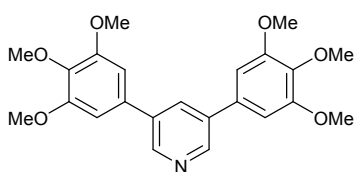
Yellow solid, melting point: 108-110 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.16 (m, 4H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.15, 147.12, 139.17, 136.47, 132.95, 130.16, 119.67, 113.54, 113.03, 55.37. **HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 292.1332, found 292.1335.**

3,5-bis(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)pyridine(3i)



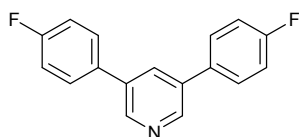
Yellow solid, melting point: 141-143 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.97-3.95 (d, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.45, 149.32, 146.34, 136.39, 132.16, 130.63, 119.70, 111.67, 110.38, 56.02, 55.97. HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 352.1544, found 352.1547.

3,5-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)pyridine(3j)



Yellow solid, melting point: 228-230 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 4H), 3.95 (s, 12H), 3.92 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.77, 146.90, 138.41, 136.84, 133.52, 132.78, 104.66, 60.94, 56.30. HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₂₆NO₄ [M+H]⁺ 412.1755, found 412.1757.

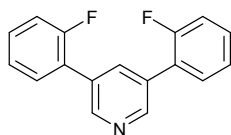
3,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)pyridine(3k)



Yellow solid, melting point: 174-176 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 4H),. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.02 (d, *J* = 247 Hz), 146.84, 135.73, 133.75 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 132.58, 128.92 (d, *J* = 9 Hz), 116.15 (d,

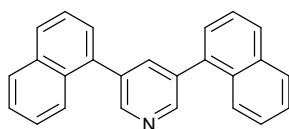
$J = 21$ Hz). **HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_{12}F_2N$ $[M+H]^+$ 268.0933, found 268.0931.**

3,5-bis(2-fluorophenyl)pyridine(3l)



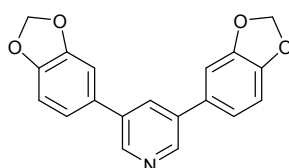
Yellow solid, melting point: 88-90 °C. **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 8.79 (t, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.06 (t, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.19 (m, 4H). **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 159.92 (d, $J = 247$ Hz), 148.58 (d, $J = 3$ Hz), 136.58 (d, $J = 3$ Hz), 131.35, 130.58 (d, $J = 3$ Hz), 130.10 (d, $J = 9$ Hz), 125.40 (d, $J = 13$ Hz), 124.72 (d, $J = 3$ Hz), 116.34 (d, $J = 23$ Hz). **HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_{12}F_2N$ $[M+H]^+$ 268.0933, found 268.0930.**

3,5-di(naphthalen-1-yl)pyridine(3m)



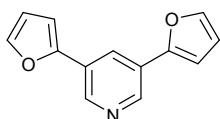
Yellow oil. **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 8.84 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.99-7.91 (m, 7H), 7.59-7.47 (m, 8H). **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 149.36, 138.62, 136.07, 135.91, 133.85, 131.46, 128.64, 128.53, 127.56, 126.64, 126.13, 125.42, 125.26. **HRMS calcd for $C_{25}H_{18}N$ $[M+H]^+$ 332.1434, found 332.1437.**

3,5-bis(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)pyridine(3n)



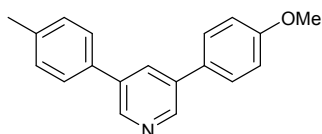
Yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.71 (s, 2H), 7.89 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 4H), 6.94-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.03 (s, 4H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.46, 147.87, 146.34, 132.25, 131.87, 120.95, 108.91, 107.59, 101.38. **HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 320.0918, found 320.0922.**

3,5-di(furan-2-yl)pyridine(3o)



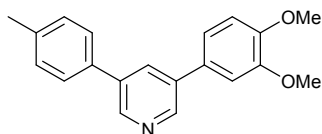
Yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.80 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.18 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dd, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1.6 Hz, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.83, 143.75, 143.14, 126.73, 125.38, 111.89, 106.80. **HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 212.0706, found 212.0710.**

3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)pyridine(3p)



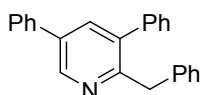
Yellow solid, melting point: 167-169 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.75 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.98 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 2H) 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.81, 146.37, 146.26, 138.09, 136.45, 136.15, 134.94, 132.16, 130.22, 129.80, 128.30, 127.05, 114.56, 53.37, 21.14. **HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 276.1383, found 276.1385.**

3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)pyridine(3q)



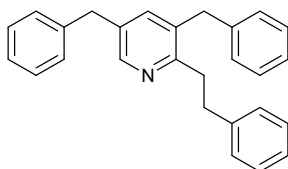
Yellow solid, melting point: 179-181 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 149.53, 149.38, 146.51, 146.46, 138.16, 136.52, 136.44, 134.95, 132.34, 130.72, 129.83, 127.10, 119.73, 111.77, 110.45, 56.07, 56.04, 21.15. **HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₂₀NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 306.1489, found 306.1493.**

2-benzyl-3,5-diphenylpyridine (3aa).



Yellow oil. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.84-8.83 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.74 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 156.6, 146.7, 140.0, 139.5, 137.5, 137.3, 136.1, 134.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 125.9, 41.3. **HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₀N [M+H]⁺ 322.1590, found 322.1596.**

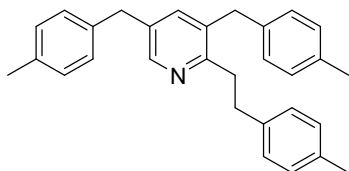
3,5-dibenzyl-2-phenethylpyridine(4a)



Yellow oil. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.01 (m, 16H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 3.02-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.91-2.86 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 157.62, 147.68, 141.97, 140.12, 139.57, 138.40, 133.97, 133.49, 128.74, 128.62, 128.59, 128.56, 128.45,

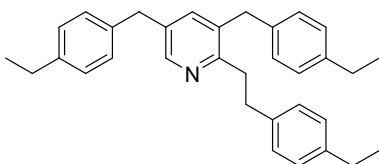
128.30, 126.33, 125.85, 38.60, 38.28, 36.82, 35.46. **HRMS calcd for** C₂₇H₂₆N [M+H]⁺ 364.2060, **found** 364.2064.

3,5-bis(4-methylbenzyl)-2-(4-methylphenethyl)pyridine (4b).



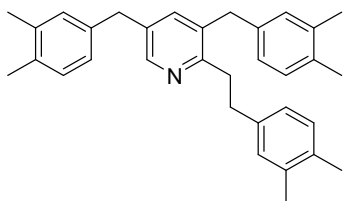
Yellow oil (20.2 mg, 50%). ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34-8.33 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.16 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11-6.99 (m, 10 H), 6.91-6.89 (m, 2 H), 3.88 (s, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 2.99-2.95 (m, 2 H), 2.86-2.82 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (s, 6 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.6, 147.6, 139.0, 138.3, 137.1, 136.5, 135.83, 135.79, 135.3, 134.1, 133.7, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 38.2, 37.9, 37.0, 35.1, 21.0. **HRMS calcd for** C₃₀H₃₂N[M+H]⁺ 406.2530, **found** 406.2534.

3,5-bis(4-ethylbenzyl)-2-(4-ethylphenethyl)pyridine(4c).



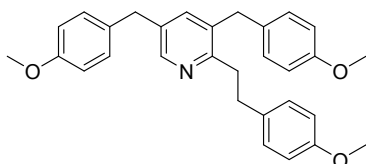
Yellow oil (24.1 mg, 54%). ¹H NMR(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35-8.34 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.18 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.06 (m, 8 H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 2 H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 2 H) 3.89 (s, 2 H), 3.84 (s, 2 H), 3.00-2.96 (m, 2 H), 2.86-2.82 (m, 2H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 6 H), 1.24-1.19 (m, 9 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 147.6, 142.2, 141.7, 139.2, 138.4, 137.4, 136.8, 134.1, 133.6, 128.65, 128.57, 128.4, 128.06, 128.01, 127.8, 38.2, 37.9, 37.0, 35.1, 28.4, 15.63, 15.61. **HRMS calcd for** C₃₃H₃₈N[M+H]⁺ 448.2999, **found** 448.2996.

3,5-bis(3,4-dimethylbenzyl)-2-(3,4-dimethylphenethyl)pyridine(4d).



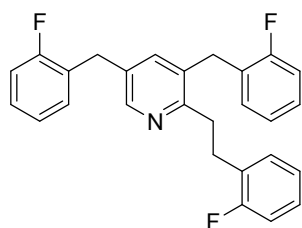
Yellow oil (22.8 mg, 51%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35-8.34 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.19 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 3 H), 6.93-6.73 (m, 6 H), 3.85 (s, 2 H), 3.82 (s, 2 H), 3.00-2.95 (m, 2 H), 2.81-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.19 (m, 18 H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.7, 147.5, 139.5, 138.4, 137.7, 137.1, 136.7, 136.6, 136.3, 134.43, 134.39, 134.2, 133.9, 133.7, 130.02, 129.97, 129.85, 129.79, 129.75, 129.6, 126.06, 126.04, 125.8, 38.2, 37.9, 37.2, 35.1, 19.72, 19.68, 19.3. **HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 448.2999, found 448.2994.**

3,5-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenethyl)pyridine(4e).



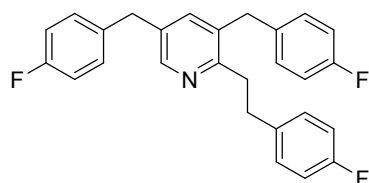
Yellow oil (23.6 mg, 52%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33-8.32 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.14 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.01 (m, 4 H), 6.94-6.91 (m, 2 H), 6.84-6.78 (m, 6 H) 3.86 (s, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 3.77 (s, 6 H), 2.99-2.95 (m, 2 H), 2.85-2.81 (m, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.11, 158.07, 157.8, 157.5, 147.5, 138.1, 134.3, 134.1, 133.8, 132.3, 131.6, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 113.99, 113.95, 113.7, 55.25, 55.23, 37.7, 37.4, 37.0, 34.6. **HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_3[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 454.2377, found 454.2371.**

3,5-bis(2-fluorobenzyl)-2-(2-fluorophenethyl)pyridine(4f).



Yellow oil (24.2 mg, 58%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36-8.35 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-6.97 (m, 12H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 1 H), 3.93-3.91 (m, 4 H) 3.08-2.98 (m, 4 H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.4, 162.12, 162.08, 160.0, 159.7, 159.6, 157.3, 147.6, 137.9, 132.9, 132.4, 130.8, 130.73, 130.68, 130.54, 130.50, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.25, 128.22, 128.17, 127.7, 127.6, 127.1, 127.0, 126.4, 126.3, 124.19, 124.15, 124.11, 123.93, 123.90, 115.5, 115.4, 115.3, 115.2, 115.1, 35.1, 31.72, 31.69, 30.93, 30.90, 28.72, 28.69. **HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{N}[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 418.1777, found 418.1780.**

3,5-bis(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-(4-fluorophenethyl)pyridine (4g).



Yellow oil (25.8 mg, 62%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.34-8.33 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.11 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 3 H), 7.04-6.89 (m, 10 H), 3.90 (s, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 2 H), 2.96-2.94 (m, 2 H), 2.90-2.88 (m, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.77, 162.71, 162.5, 160.34, 160.28, 160.1, 157.4, 147.7, 138.1, 137.42, 137.39, 135.67, 135.64, 135.05, 135.01, 134.0, 133.4, 130.2, 130.1, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 115.5, 115.3, 115.1, 114.9, 37.7, 37.4, 36.7, 34.4. **HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{N}[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 418.1777, found 418.1773.**

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