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# Bromide-Mediated, C2-Selective, and Oxygenative Alkylation of Pyridinium Salts using Alkenes and Molecular Oxygen<sup>†</sup>

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#### **1. General Procedures**

All the commercial available regents and solvents were used as received. NMR spectra were obtained with Avance TM III 400MHz instruments, the chemical shifts were quoted on the  $\delta$ -scale in ppm. Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet(t), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of triplets (dt), doublet of quartets (dq), triplet of doublets (td), quartet (q), quartet of doublets (qd), and multiplet (m). Couplingconstants (J) are reported in Hz. High resolution mass spectra(HRMS) were measured at a Bruker micrOTOF-QII instruments.

## 2. Synthesis of Pyridinium Salts and Spectra Data

The starting materials of pyridinium salts are listed below. **1a-HBr**,<sup>1</sup> **1b-HBr**,<sup>2</sup> **1c-HBr**,<sup>3</sup> **1d-HBr**,<sup>4</sup> **1f-HBr**,<sup>5</sup> **1g-HBr**<sup>6</sup> and **1j-HBr**<sup>7</sup> were prepared following reported procedures.



#### 1a-HBF<sub>4</sub>: 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate



### 1a-HBF<sub>4</sub>

The procedure for synthesis of compound **1a-HBF**<sub>4</sub>: A solution of 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1ium bromide**1a-HBr** 1.39g, 5mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL) was added dropwise under stirring to a solution of NaBF<sub>4</sub> (1.1g, 10mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 30min until the precipitate was completely formed. Then the insoluble solid were removed by filtration and washed with water to give pure products **1a-HBF**<sub>4</sub> as white powder (928mg, yield=69%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.98 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 8.78 – 8.67 (m, 1H), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 8.14 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.85 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 190.7, 146.4, 146.3, 134.8, 133.5, 129.2, 128.3, 127.9, 66.3.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -148.20.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F NMR Spectra of **1a-HBF**<sub>4</sub>:







### 1a-HPF<sub>6</sub>

The procedure for synthesis of compound **1a-HPF**<sub>6</sub>: A solution of 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1ium bromide **1a-HBr** (1.39g, 5mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL) was added dropwise under stirring to a solution of NH<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (1.63g, 10mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 30min until the precipitate was completely formed. Then the insoluble solid were removed by filtration and washed with water to give pure products **1a-HPF**<sub>6</sub> as white powder (1.58g, yield=92%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.98 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 8.74 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (s, 2H).

- <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 190.7, 146.3, 134.8, 133.5, 129.2, 128.2, 127.9, 66.3.
- <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -69.2, -71.0.
- <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO): δ -130.98, -135.37, -139.76, -144.15, -148.55, -152.94, -157.33.
- <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F, <sup>31</sup>P NMR Spectra of **1a-HPF**<sub>6</sub>:



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The procedure for synthesis of compound **1a-HSbF**<sub>6</sub>:A solution of 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1ium bromide **1a-HBr** (1.39g, 5mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL) was added dropwise under stirring to a solution of NaSbF<sub>6</sub> (2.59g, 10mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 30min until the precipitate was completely formed. Then the insoluble solid were removed by filtration and washed with water to give pure products **1a-HSbF**<sub>6</sub> as white powder (1.67g, yield=77%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.06 – 8.93 (m, 2H), 8.79 – 8.66 (m, 1H), 8.28 (dd, J = 7.7, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 186.7, 142.3, 130.8, 129.5, 125.2, 124.3, 123.8, 62.3.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -105.62-δ-133.83, m.





1b-HPF<sub>6</sub>: 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate



The procedure for synthesis of compound **1b-HPF**<sub>6</sub>: A solution of 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1b-HBr** (1.68g, 5mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL) was added dropwise under stirring to a solution of  $NH_4PF_6$  (1.63g, 10mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 30min until the precipitate was completely formed. Then the insoluble solid were removed by filtration and washed with water to give pure products **1b-HPF**<sub>6</sub> as colorless powder (1.64g, yield=82%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.17 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.66 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.12 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.86 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (s, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 190.3, 162.5, 147.8, 144.5, 134.8, 133.5, 129.2, 128.3, 127.0, 66.7, 53.8.







### 1e-HPF<sub>6</sub>:

\4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxopropyl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate



### 1e-HPF<sub>6</sub>

The procedure for synthesis of compound **1e-HPF<sub>6</sub>**: A solution of 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2oxopropyl)pyridin-1-ium chloride **1e-HCl** (1.15g, 5mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL) was added dropwise under stirring to a solution of  $NH_4PF_6$  (1.63g, 10mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 30min until the precipitate was completely formed. Then the insoluble solid were removed by filtration and washed with water to give pure products **1e-HPF<sub>6</sub>** as white powder (1.16g, yield=68%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.00 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.60 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 198.9, 162.5, 147.4, 144.4, 126.9, 68.7, 53.8, 27.1.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -69.22, -71.11.

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  -131.05, -135.44, -139.83, -144.22, -148.62, -153.01, -157.40. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F, <sup>31</sup>P NMR Spectra of **1e-HPF<sub>6</sub>**:





The procedure for synthesis of compound **1f-HBr**: Methyl isonicotinate (5.5mmol) and ethyl 2bromoacetate (5mmol) were added in 3mL of ethyl acetate and stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. Then the resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate to afford **1f-HBr**, as white solid (745mg, yield=49%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.31 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 8.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (s, 2H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 166.0, 162.4, 147.8, 144.7, 126.9, 62.4, 60.7, 53.9, 13.9. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **1f-HBr:** 



1f-HPF<sub>6</sub>: 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate



The procedure for synthesis of compound **1f-HPF**<sub>6</sub>: A solution of 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1f-HBr** (1.52g, 5mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL) was added dropwise under stirring to a solution of NH<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (1.63g, 10mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 30min until the precipitate was completely formed. Then the insoluble solid were removed by filtration and washed with water to give pure products **1f-HPF**<sub>6</sub> as white powder (1.46g, yield=79%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  9.22 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.63 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 5.74 (s, 2H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 166.1, 162.4, 147.8, 144.9, 127.0, 62.5, 60.7, 53.8, 13.9.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -69.28, -71.17.

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO): δ -131.06, -135.45, -139.84, -144.23, -148.62, -153.01, -157.41.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F, <sup>31</sup>P NMR Spectra of 1f-HPF<sub>6</sub>:













The procedure for synthesis of compound **1h-HBr**: Methyl isonicotinate (5.5mmol) and 3,3-Dimethylallyl bromide (5mmol) were added in 3mL of ethyl acetate and stirred at room temperature for 8 hours. Then the resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate to afford **1h-HBr**, as white solid (959mg, yield=67%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.22 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.50 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 5.57 – 5.51 (m, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 1.83 (dd, J = 17.3, 1.3 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 162.6, 146.0, 143.6, 143.0, 127.1, 116.6, 58.6, 53.8, 25.5, 18.4.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **1h-HBr**:



1h-HPF<sub>6</sub>: 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate



The procedure for synthesis of compound **1h-HPF<sub>6</sub>**: A solution of 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(3methylbut-2-en-1-yl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1h-HBr** (1.43g, 5mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL) was added dropwise under stirring to a solution of  $NH_4PF_6$  (1.63g, 10mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 30min until the precipitate was completely formed. Then the insoluble solid were removed by filtration and washed with water to give pure products **1h-HPF<sub>6</sub>** as white powder (1.25g, yield=71%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.16 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 162.5, 145.8, 143.8, 143.2, 127.2, 116.5, 58.7, 53.7, 25.4, 18.1.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -69.30, -71.19.

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  -131.06, -135.46, -139.85, -144.24, -148.63, -153.03, -157.42. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F, <sup>31</sup>P NMR Spectra of **1h-HPF**<sub>6</sub>:











#### 1i-HBr

The procedure for synthesis of compound **1i-HBr**: Methyl isonicotinate (5.5mmol) and (Bromomethyl)cyclopropane (5mmol) were added in 3mL of ethyl acetate and stirred at 60°C for 12 hours. Then the resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate to afford **1i-HBr**, as white solid (259mg, yield=19%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  9.37 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 1.48 (tt, *J* = 7.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 0.70 – 0.58 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 162.6, 146.0, 143.8, 127.1, 64.8, 53.8, 12.1, 4.1. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **1i-HBr**:





The procedure for synthesis of compound **1j-HPF**<sub>6</sub>: A solution of 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxo-2phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1j-HBr** (1.64g, 5mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL) was added dropwise under stirring to a solution of  $NH_4PF_6$  (1.63g, 10mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5mL). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 30min until the precipitate was completely formed. Then the insoluble solid were removed by filtration and washed with water to give pure products **1j-HPF**<sub>6</sub> as colorless powder (1.67g, yield=85%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.99 (s, 1H), 8.80 – 8.64 (m, 2H), 8.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 6.2, 2.9 Hz, 3H), 7.83 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 190.9, 151.7, 137.5, 137.2, 136.4, 134.8, 133.6, 131.4, 130.6, 129.2, 128.3, 127.4, 126.9, 125.5, 66.1.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, DMSO): δ -69.13, -71.01.

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO): δ -131.00, -135.39, -139.79, -144.18, -148.57, -152.96, -157.35. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F, <sup>31</sup>P NMR Spectra of **1j-HPF<sub>6</sub>**:



2.5 12.0 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 -0.5 -1.0 -1.1 fl (ppm)







1k-HCl

**General procedure:** The procedure for synthesis of compound **1k-HCl**: Methyl isonicotinate (5.5mmol) and 1-(chloromethyl)-4-methoxybenzene (5mmol) were added in 3mL of ethyl acetate and stirred at room temperature for 8 hours. Then the resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate to afford **1k-HCl** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Deuterium Oxide)  $\delta$  8.94 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.34 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (t, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 5.68 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Deuterium Oxide) δ 163.6, 160.1, 145.3, 144.7, 131.2, 127.7, 124.4, 114.9, 64.6, 55.4, 54.1.

1H, 13C NMR Spectra:



4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(4-nitrobenzyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide



**General procedure:** The procedure for synthesis of compound **11-HBr**: Methyl isonicotinate (5.5mmol) and 1-(bromomethyl)-4-nitrobenzene (5mmol) were added in 3mL of ethyl acetate and stirred at room temperature for 8 hours. Then the resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate to afford **11-HBr** as white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Deuterium Oxide):  $\delta$  9.12 – 9.01 (m, 2H), 8.50 – 8.40 (m, 2H), 8.16 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Deuterium Oxide): δ 163.6, 148.3, 146.2, 145.4, 139.2, 130.1, 128.1, 127.6, 124.5, 63.8, 54.2.

1H, 13C NMR Spectra:





**General procedure:** The procedure for synthesis of compound **1m-HBr**: Methyl isonicotinate (5.5mmol) and 1-bromobut-2-yne (5mmol) were added in 3mL of ethyl acetate and stirred at room temperature for 8 hours. Then the resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate to afford **1m-HBr** as gray solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Deuterium Oxide):  $\delta$  9.19-9.04 (m, 2H), 8.45 (q, J = 6.6, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 5.51 – 5.40 (m, 2H), 4.00 – 3.81 (m, 3H), 1.84 (dt, J = 8.2, 2.7 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Deuterium Oxide): δ 163.7, 145.3, 145.1, 127.5, 89.9, 68.5, 54.1, 51.8, 2.9. 1H, 13C NMR Spectra:



**General procedure:** The procedure for synthesis of compound **1n-HBr**: Methyl isonicotinate (5.5mmol) and Allyl bromide (5mmol) were added in 3mL of ethyl acetate and stirred at room temperature for 8 hours. Then the resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate to afford **1n-HBr**, as gray solid (1.032g, yield=80%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.27 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 8.55 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (dd, J = 16.9, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.51 – 5.39 (m, 4H), 4.00 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 162.5, 146.3, 143.8, 131.4, 127.2, 122.4, 62.5, 53.8. 1H, 13C NMR Spectra:



1o-HBr: 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-methylallyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide



#### 1o-HBr

**General procedure:** The procedure for synthesis of compound **10-HBr**: Methyl isonicotinate (5.5mmol) and 3-bromo-2-methylprop-1-ene (5mmol) were added in 3mL of ethyl acetate and stirred at room temperature for 10 hours. Then the resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate to afford **10-HBr**, as white solid (925.3mg, yield=68%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.23 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.57 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.36 (s, 2H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 162.5, 146.5 144.1, 139.3, 127.4, 116.6, 65.5, 53.8, 19.4. 1H, 13C NMR Spectra:









**General procedure:** The procedure for synthesis of compound **1p-HBr**: Methyl isonicotinate (5.5mmol) and 1-bromobut-2-ene (5mmol) were added in 3mL of ethyl acetate and stirred at room temperature for 8 hours. Then the resulting precipitate was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate to afford **1p-HBr**, as white solid (952mg, yield=70%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.24 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.08 (tt, J = 16.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dq, J = 19.8, 12.1, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 0H), 5.30 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 1.84 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 162.6, 146.0, 143.8, 135.2, 133.5, 127.2, 127.2, 123.9, 122.4, 62.4, 53.8, 17.6, 13.3.

1H, 13C NMR Spectra:



**3**aa:

dimethyl 2-(2,3-dioxo-3-phenylpropyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)succinate



#### 3aa

**General procedure:** 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate **1a-HBr** (0.84mmol, 233.6mg, 2.8eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3aa** as brown oil (57.1mg, yield: 52%).

Instead of 1a-HBr, 1a-HPF<sub>6</sub> provided 3aa in < 5% NMR yield (1,3,5- trimethoxybenzene as internal standard) without the addition of tetrabutylammonium bromide.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.07 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (ddd, J = 4.9, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J = 15.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.59 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.31 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 198.4, 190.7, 173.1, 171.3, 158.0, 147.9, 137.1, 133.8, 132.2, 130.7, 128.4, 122.7, 121.2, 55.9, 52.9, 51.8, 40.5, 39.8.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{20}NO_6$ , 370.1285; found, 370.1294.







3ba:

dimethyl 2-(2,3-dioxo-3-phenylpropyl)-2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl)succinate





**General procedure:** 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1b-HBr** (0.66mmol, 221.9mg, 2.2eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*-</sup> Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.6mmol, 100.0µL, 2.0eq.) were added sequentially to 3.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3ba** as brown oil (73.5mg, yield: 57%).

Instead of 1b-HBr, 1b-HPF<sub>6</sub> provided 3ba in 28% yield (35.7mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.29 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 5.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.74 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.52 – 3.33 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 198.8, 190.7, 172.7, 171.0, 165.1, 159.4, 148.9, 138.4, 134.1, 132.0, 130.6, 128.5, 122.0, 120.9, 55.1, 53.1, 52.8, 51.9, 40.8, 40.3.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>8</sub>, 428.1340; found, 428.1348.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3ba:**


dimethyl 2-(4-(tert-butyl)pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2,3-dioxo-3-phenylpropyl)succinate



**General procedure:** 4-(tert-butyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1c-HBr** (0.84mmol, 280.8mg, 2.8eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.6) to afforded **3ca** as brown oil (77.0mg, yield: 60%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.11 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.78 (dd, J = 5.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 5.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, J = 15.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 198.2, 190.7, 173.3, 171.4, 161.4, 157.7, 149.5, 147.5, 133.7, 132.2, 130.7, 128.3, 120.7, 119.9, 117.9, 56.3, 52.8, 51.7, 40.6, 39.5, 34.9, 30.5, 30.4.

 $HRMS(ESI+)m/z: [M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{24}H_{28}NO_6$ , 426.1911; found, 426.1912.







methyl 2-(3,5-dimethylpyridin-2-yl)-2-(2,3-dioxo-3-phenylpropyl)-4-oxohexanoate





**General procedure:** 3,5-dimethyl-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1d-HBr** (0.84mmol, 256.2mg, 2.8eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=0:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.4) to afforded **3da** as brown oil (48.9 mg, yield: 41%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.12 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (td, J = 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 3.84-3.78 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.40 – 3.18 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 190.4, 173.5, 170.9, 144.6, 141.2, 133.5, 132.5, 132.3, 130.9, 128.2, 57.9, 52.8, 51.7, 40.0, 37.8, 18.7, 17.6.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>, 98.1598; found, 398.1600.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3da**:





General procedure: 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxopropyl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate 1e-HPF<sub>6</sub> (0.66mmol, 223.8mg, 2.2eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.9mmol, 290.1mg, 3.0eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.6mmol, 100.0µL, 2.0eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=5:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.3) to afforded **3ea** as yellow oil (58.9mg, yield: 54%).

Without the addition of tetrabutylammonium bromide, 1e-HPF<sub>6</sub> provided 3ea in 30% yield (33.0mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.57 (dd, J = 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.50 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.43 – 3.24 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 197.1, 196.4, 172.8, 171.1, 165.1, 159.5, 148.8, 138.4, 122.0, 120.9, 54.9, 53.0, 52.8, 51.8, 40.0, 38.0, 23.4.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{17}H_{20}NO_8$ , 366.1183; found, 366.1183. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3ea:** 





3fa:

4-ethyl 1,2-dimethyl 2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl)-4-oxobutane-1,2,4-tricarboxylate CO<sub>2</sub>Me





**General procedure:** 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1f-HPF**<sub>6</sub> (0.84mmol, 310.1mg, 2.8eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (1.5mmol, 483.6mg, 5.0eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=5:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.2) to afforded **3fa** as yellow oil (50.9mg, yield: 43%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.58 (dd, J = 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, J = 1.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (qd, J = 7.2, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 4.23 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.72 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.49 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 191.3, 172.5, 171.2, 165.2, 160.9, 159.2, 149.0, 138.4, 121.9, 120.7, 62.4, 54.6, 53.1, 52.8, 51.8, 41.4, 39.5, 14.1.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{18}H_{22}NO_9$ , 396.1289; found, 396.1295.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3fa**:



0<sub>2</sub>0 **3ga** 

**General procedure:** 1-benzyl-4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1g-HBr** (0.84mmol, 258.9mg, 2.8eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>i</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3ga** as brown oil (79.5mg, yield: 66%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.68 (dd, J = 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.98 (m, 3H), 7.74 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 4.43 (d, J = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, J = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.66 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  197.6, 173.2, 171.6, 165.4, 160.6, 149.5, 138.0, 136.8, 133.2, 128.5, 128.1, 121.5, 120.5, 52.8, 52.7, 51.5, 42.8, 38.7.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>, 400.1391; found, 400.1389.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3ga**:







3ha:





3ha

**General procedure:** 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1h-HBr** (0.66mmol, 188.9mg, 2.2eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and *i*-  $Pr_2NEt$  (0.6mmol, 100.0µL, 2.0eq.) were added sequentially to 3.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3ha** as brown oil (49.0 mg, yield: 43%).

Instead of 1h-HBr, 1h-HPF<sub>6</sub> provided 3ha in 11% yield (13.1 mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.67 (dd, J = 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (p, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.75 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.57-3.55 (M, 4H), 3.39 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 197.6, 173.3, 171.7, 165.5, 160.8, 156.1, 149.5, 137.9, 123.7, 121.4, 120.5, 52.7, 52.7, 51.5, 47.9, 38.6, 27.7, 20.8.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{19}H_{24}NO_7$ , 378.1547; found, 378.1546. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3ha**:





**General procedure:** 1-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1i-HPF**<sub>6</sub> (0.84mmol, 283.2mg, 2.8eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (1.5mmol, 483.6mg, 5.0eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.6) to afforded **3ia** as brown oil (41.5mg, yield: 38%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.68 (dd, J = 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.98-3.90 (m, 4H), 3.75 – 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (tt, J = 7.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.03 – 0.90 (m, 2H), 0.90 – 0.83 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 208.1, 173.1, 171.7, 165.4, 160.6, 149.5, 138.0, 121.5, 120.5, 52.8, 52.7, 52.6, 51.6, 47.1, 38.6, 21.2, 10.8, 10.7.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>, 364.1391; found, 364.1391.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3ia**:





3ja: dimethyl 2-(2,3-dioxo-3-phenylpropyl)-2-(isoquinolin-1-yl)malonate





**General procedure:** 2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)isoquinolin-2-ium bromide **1j-HBr** (0.84mmol, 275.7mg, 2.8eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0 $\mu$ L, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=0:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3ja** as yellow oil (65.9mg, yield: 52%).

Instead of 1j-HBr, 1j-HPF<sub>6</sub> provided 3ja in <10% yield.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.14 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dt, J = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 4.10 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.69 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 6H), 3.58 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 196.4, 190.5, 174.4, 170.9, 156.6, 139.3, 137.1, 133.6, 132.4, 131.0, 130.0, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 125.8, 124.1, 121.7, 59.3, 53.1, 51.8, 39.8, 38.8.

 $HRMS(ESI+)m/z; \ [M+H]^+ \ calcd \ for \ C_{24}H_{22}NO_6, \ 420.1442; \ found, \ 420.1441.$ 

1H, 13C NMR Spectra:



 $dimethyl\ 2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl) succinate$ CO<sub>2</sub>Me



**General procedure:** 1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-1-ium chloride **1k-HCl** (0.84mmol, 246.7mg, 2.8eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (1.5mmol, 483.6mg, 5.0eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3ka** as yellow oil (61.5mg, yield: 48%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.68 (dd, J = 5.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.74 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (d, J = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, J = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.66 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 196.0, 173.3, 171.7, 165.4, 163.6, 160.7, 149.5, 137.9, 130.3, 129.8, 121.4, 120.5, 113.6, 55.4, 52.8, 52.7, 51.5, 42.5, 38.6.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z:  $[M+Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{22}H_{23}NNaO_8$ , 452.1316; found, 452.1315. 1H, 13C NMR Spectra:





3la:

dimethyl 2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)succinate CO<sub>2</sub>Me



**General procedure:** 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(4-nitrobenzyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **11-HBr** (0.84mmol, 296.5mg, 2.8eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 15h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3la** as yellow oil (54.3mg, yield: 41%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.65 (dd, J = 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (d, J = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.67 - 3.56 (m, 4H), 3.49 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 196.4, 172.8, 171.5, 165.2, 159.8, 150.2, 149.5, 141.4, 138.2, 129.1, 123.7, 121.7, 120.5, 53.1, 53.0, 52.7, 51.7, 42.9, 38.8.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{21}N_2O_9$ , 445.1242; found, 370.1236. 1H, 13C NMR Spectra:



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3ma: dimethyl 2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-oxopent-3-yn-1-yl)succinate

CO<sub>2</sub>Me Me CO<sub>2</sub>Me 0 MeO<sub>2</sub>C

3ma

**General procedure:** 1-(but-2-yn-1-yl)-4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1m-HBr** (0.66mmol, 178.3mg, 2.2eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.84mmol, 270.8mg, 2.8eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.6mmol, 100.0µL, 2.0eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 15h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>1</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3ma** as yellow oil (18.1mg, yield: 17%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.72 – 8.62 (m, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.79 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 3.92 (m, 4H), 3.72 (m, 4H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 184.5, 172.6, 171.4, 165.4, 159.9, 149.6, 138.0, 121.6, 120.5, 90.4, 80.3, 52.9, 52.7, 52.6, 51.6, 49.1, 38.6, 4.1.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z:  $[M+Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{18}H_{19}NNaO_7$ , 384.1054; found, 384.1053. 1H, 13C NMR Spectra :





3bb:

methyl 2-(1-methoxy-2-methyl-1,4,5-trioxo-5-phenylpentan-2-yl)isonicotinate CO<sub>2</sub>Me



**General procedure:** 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1b-HBr** (0.66mmol, 221.9mg, 2.2eq.), methyl methacrylate **2b** (0.3mmol, 33.0 $\mu$ L, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.6mmol, 100.0 $\mu$ L, 2.0eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=5:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.4) to afforded **3bb** as yellow oil (56.0mg, yield: 51%).

Instead of 1b-HBr, 1b-HPF<sub>6</sub> provided 3bb in 20% yield (22.1mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.21 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 8.08 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.69 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 198.4, 191.0, 174.5, 165.3, 161.5, 148.3, 138.2, 134.1, 132.0,

130.6, 128.5, 121.6, 121.4, 53.6, 52.7, 52.7, 44.8, 24.8.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>, 370.1285; found, 370.1282.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3bb**:





**General procedure:** 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1b-HBr** (0.84mmol, 282.4mg, 2.8eq.), allyl methacrylate **2c** (0.3mmol, 41.0 $\mu$ L, 1.0eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.) and *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0 $\mu$ L, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=5:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3bc** as yellow oil (77.2mg, yield: 65%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.22 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06 – 8.00 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, J = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.98 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.31 – 5.20 (m, 2H), 4.69 (dt, J = 5.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.64 (q, J = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 198.3, 191.1, 173.6, 165.3, 161.4, 148.3, 138.1, 134.0, 132.0, 131.8, 130.6, 128.5, 121.6, 121.4, 118.4, 66.1, 53.6, 52.7, 44.7, 24.8.

 $HRMS(ESI+)m/z; \ [M+H]^+ \ calcd \ for \ C_{22}H_{22}NO_6, \ 396.1442; \ found, \ 396.1444.$ 

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3bc**:







3bd:





**General procedure:** 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1b-HBr** (0.84mmol, 282.4mg, 2.8eq.), Benzyl methacrylate **2d** (0.3mmol, 51.0 $\mu$ L, 1.0eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.) and *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0 $\mu$ L, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=5:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.45) to afforded **3bd** as yellow oil (58.1mg, yield: 43%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.20 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.66 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 5H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.64 (q, J = 16.1 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 198.4, 191.1, 173.8, 165.3, 161.4, 148.3, 138.1, 135.5, 134.0, 132.0, 130.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 121.6, 121.4, 67.3, 53.6, 52.7, 44.7, 24.7.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>, 446.1598; found, 446.1597.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3bd**:



Me N Ph O 3be **General procedure:** 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1b-HBr** (0.84mmol, 282.4mg, 2.8eq.), Phenyl methacrylate **2e** (0.3mmol, 47.0µL, 1.0eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.0eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=5:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.45) to afforded **3be** as brown oil (63.6mg, yield: 49%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.26 (dd, J = 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.71 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.86 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 198.3, 191.1, 172.9, 165.3, 161.0, 150.8, 148.4, 138.3, 134.2, 132.0, 130.7, 129.4, 128.6, 126.0, 121.8, 121.7, 121.4, 53.6, 52.8, 45.1, 25.1.

 $HRMS(ESI+)m/z: [M+H]^+ calcd for C_{25}H_{22}NO_6, 432.1442; found, 432.1437.$ 





3bf:

methyl 2-(1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1,4,5-trioxo-5-phenylpentan-2-yl)isonicotinate CO<sub>2</sub>Me



**General procedure:** 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1b-HBr** (0.66mmol, 221.9mg, 2.2eq.), methacrylic acid isopropyl ester **2f** (0.3mmol, 44.0µL, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*-</sup> Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (1.05mmol, 175.0µL, 3.5eq.) were added sequentially to 3.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=5:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.6) to afforded **3bf** as yellow oil (53.0mg, yield: 45%).

Instead of 1b-HBr, 1b-HPF<sub>6</sub> provided 3bf in 29% yield (34.2mg).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.21 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 8.07 – 7.99 (m, 3H), 7.63 (ddt, J = 16.2, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.14 (dt, J = 12.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.61 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.25 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.5 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 198.5, 191.2, 173.4, 165.4, 161.7, 148.2, 138.0, 134.0, 132.1, 130.6, 128.5, 121.5, 121.4, 69.1, 53.6, 52.7, 44.6, 24.9, 21.6, 21.5.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>, 398.1598; found, 398.1602.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3bf**:





**General procedure:** 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1b-HBr** (0.84mmol, 282.4mg, 2.8eq.), tert-butyl methacrylate **2g** (0.3mmol, 49.0µL, 1.0eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.5 eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxnae. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=5:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.7) to afforded **3bg** as yellow oil (62.4mg, yield: 51%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.20 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dt, J = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.58 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 191.4, 173.0, 165.5, 162.0, 148.2, 137.9, 134.0, 132.2, 130.7, 130.1, 128.5, 121.7, 121.3, 81.9, 54.3, 52.8, 44.6, 27.8, 25.2.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>, 412.1755; found, 412.1752.







3bh:

methyl 2-(3-(2,3-dioxo-3-phenylpropyl)-2-oxotetrahydrofuran-3-yl)isonicotinate CO<sub>2</sub>Me



**General procedure:** 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1b-HBr** (0.84mmol, 282.4mg, 2.8eq.), tulipalin A **2h** (0.3mmol, 27.0 $\mu$ L, 1.0eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0 $\mu$ L, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3bh** as yellow oil (70.0mg, yield: 62%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.51 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 8.03 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.98 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (ddd, J = 9.0, 7.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45 – 4.38 (m, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.33 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.02 – 2.96 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 198.7, 190.6, 177.8, 164.9, 159.0, 149.8, 138.9, 134.6, 131.6, 130.5, 128.7, 122.3, 120.1, 66.3, 52.9, 52.8, 42.9, 33.7.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>, 368.1129; found, 368.1129.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3bh**:



methyl 2-((1S)-2-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoacetyl)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)cyclopentyl)isonicotinate



**General procedure:** 1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1f-PF**<sub>6</sub> (0.84mmol, 310.1mg, 2.8eq.), methyl 1-cyclopentenoate **2i** (0.3mmol, 37.0µL, 1.0eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (1.5mmol, 483.6mg, 5.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3fi** as yellow oil (24.2mg, yield: 22%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.45 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.73 (ddd, J = 12.9, 7.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dt, J = 12.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.99 (ddt, J = 13.2, 9.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.90 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 174.3, 165.2, 162.1, 159.8, 147.1, 122.8, 121.8, 100.0, 67.1, 61.9, 53.0, 52.8, 52.8, 38.6, 27.7, 23.5, 14.1.

 $HRMS(ESI+)m/z; \ [M+H]^+ \ calcd \ for \ C_{18}H_{22}NO_7, \ 364.1391; \ found, \ 364.1394.$ 

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3fi:** 





3aj: N-(4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-methyl-4,5-dioxo-5-phenyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)pentanamide



**General procedure:** 1-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1a-HBr** (0.75mmol, 208.5mg, 1.5eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.75mmol, 241.8mg, 1.5eq.), N-(4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methacrylamide **2j** (0.5mmol, 127.1mg, 1.0eq.) and DABCO (1.25mmol, 140.3mg, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 5.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50°C for 15h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v;  $R_f$ =0.5) to afforded **3aj** as yellow oil (43.3mg, yield: 31%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  10.01 (s, 1H), 8.62 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.33 – 8.22 (m, 3H), 8.03 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 3.18 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 196.1, 174.8, 159.4, 148.0, 142.7, 138.9, 134.8, 134.0, 133.9, 133.0 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 130.5, 128.5, 126.7, 123.3, 122.1 (q, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 121.9 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 121.8, 115.6, 105.8, 95.2, 51.7, 47.8, 23.0.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -62.00.

HRMS(ESI+)m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{25}H_{19}F_3N_3O_3$ , 466.1373; found, 466.1380. 1H, 13C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR Spectra :





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30a:

dimethyl 2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl)-2-(3-methyl-2-oxobut-3-en-1-yl)succinate CO<sub>2</sub>Me

Me CO<sub>2</sub>Me ö MeO<sub>2</sub>C

3oa

**procedure:** 4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(2-methylallyl)pyridin-1-ium General bromide 1o-HBr (0.66mmol, 179.6mg, 2.2eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.84mmol, 270.8mg, 2.8eq.), dimethyl 2methylenesuccinate 2a (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>i-</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0µL, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25°C for 15h under  $O_2$  atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.5) to afforded **30a** as yellow oil (NMR yield: 25%, 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.67 (dd, J = 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 5.80 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.80 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 4H), 3.37 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 199.3, 173.3, 171.7, 165.5, 160.7, 149.5, 144.4, 138.0, 125.2, 121.5, 120.5, 52.9, 52.8, 52.7, 51.6, 41.9, 38.6, 17.5.

1H, 13C NMR Spectra :





dimethyl (E)-2-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl)-2-(2-oxopent-3-en-1-yl)succinate



## 3pa

**General procedure:** 1-(but-2-en-1-yl)-4-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide **1p-HBr** (0.66mmol, 179.6mg, 2.2eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.84mmol, 270.8mg, 2.8eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0 $\mu$ L, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of DCE. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25°C for 15h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then DCE was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO2, hexane/EA=2:1, v/v; Rf=0.5) to afforded **3pa** as yellow oil (NMR yield: 22%, 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.68 (dd, J = 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.12 (dd, J = 15.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 4H), 3.70 (s, 4H), 3.63 – 3.54 (m, 4H), 3.40 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.7 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 197.3, 173.2, 171.7, 165.5, 160.7, 149.5, 143.3, 138.0, 131.8, 121.5, 120.5, 52.8, 52.7, 52.6, 51.6, 44.1, 38.6, 18.3.

1H, 13C NMR Spectra:



## 4. Mechanism Study Synthesis of 4ja:



4ja: methyl 3-benzoyl-1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1,2,3,10b-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-1-carboxylate.(known)<sup>8</sup>



**General procedure:** 2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)isoquinolin-2-ium bromide **1j-HBr** (0.84mmol, 275.7mg, 2.8eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.), dimethyl 2-methylenesuccinate **2a** (0.3mmol, 47.5mg, 1.0eq.) and *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.75mmol, 125.0 $\mu$ L, 2.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 40h under argon atmosphere. 96% NMR yield of **4ja** was obtained with 1,3,5-trimethoxy-benzene as internal standard. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=0:1, v/v; R<sub>i</sub>=0.5) to afforded **4ja** as yellow solid (117.1mg, yield: 96%, not 100% purity because of slow decomposition on silica gel).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*):  $\delta$  8.04 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 8.2, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.29 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, J = 13.4, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (dd, J = 13.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 197.0, 173.8, 171.6, 137.6, 133.6, 132.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 126.8, 126.2, 124.9, 124.0, 97.9, 77.2, 68.9, 67.7, 57.3, 52.1, 51.8, 40.1, 34.4, 29.7. 1H, 13C NMR Spectra:




**General procedure:** methyl 3-benzoyl-1-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-1,2,3,10b-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-1-carboxylate **4ja** (0.3mmol, 121.5mg, 1.0eq.), 2-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)isoquinolin-2ium bromide **1j-HBr** (0.54mmol, 177.2mg, 1.8eq.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.66mmol, 212.8mg, 2.2eq.), and <sup>*i*</sup>-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.45mmol, 75.0µL, 1.5eq.) were added sequentially to 2.0 mL of dioxane. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45°C for 40h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then dioxane was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexane/EA=0:1, v/v; R<sub>f</sub>=0.5) to afforded **3ja** as yellow oil (43.2mg, yield: 49%, based on 70% purity of **4ja**).

**Note:** The purity of **4ja** which used above was determined to be 70% by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (1,3,5-trimethoxy-benzene as internal standard, reactant/internal standard=0.1/0.2, mol/mol):



5. X-ray Information for 3ja and 4ja

Crystals suitable of **3ja** and **4ja** for X-ray analysis could be successfully grown by slow volatilization in ethyl acetate.







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