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Electrochemical synthesis of CN-substituted imidazo[1,5-a]pyridines via cascade

process using NH₄SCN as both electrolyte and non-trivial cyanating agent

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General materials and methods

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE II 300 spectrometer (300.13 and 75.48 MHz, respectively) in CDCl₃, DMSO-*d*₆, and CD₃CN. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: ¹H (CDCl₃ δ =7.26 ppm), ¹³C (CDCl₃ δ =77.16 ppm); ¹H (DMSO-*d*₆ δ =2.50 ppm), ¹³C (DMSO-*d*₆ δ =39.52 ppm); ¹H (CD₃CN δ =1.94 ppm), ¹³C (CD₃CN δ =1.32 ppm). Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), sept (septet), m (multiplet).

High resolution mass spectra (HR-MS) were measured on a Bruker micrOTOF II instrument using electrospray ionization (ESI). The measurements were performed in a positive ion mode (interface capillary voltage - 4500 V); mass range from m/z 50 to m/z 3000 Da; external calibration with Electrospray Calibrant Solution (Fluka). A syringe injection was used for all acetonitrile solutions (flow rate 3 μ L/min). Nitrogen was applied as a dry gas; interface temperature was set at 180 °C.

The TLC analysis was carried out on standard silica gel chromatography plates (DC-Fertigfolien ALUGRAM^R Xtra SIL G/UV₂₅₄). Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (0.040-0.060 mm, 60 A).

DMSO was distilled according to a standard procedure under CaH₂. NH₄SCN was dried under reduced pressure at 60 °C. DMF, DMA, CH₃CN, *p*-TsOH·H₂O, pyridine, KI, Cs₂CO₃, NaHCO₃, DMAP, DBU, 2,6-lutidine, 2-pycoline, pyrazine, NH₄OAc·H₂O, KSCN, NaSCN were purchased from commercial sources and were used as is.

Synthesis of starting compounds

Aldehydes **1a-d** and amines **2a-2r** were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine **7**¹ and *N*-benzyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)methanimine **8**² were prepared according to the literature procedures.

Electrochemical cell

Glassy carbon and platinum plates from Russian commercial suppliers were used as electrodes (glassy carbon: SU-2000: TU 1916-027-27208846-01; platinum grade: AISI 304): The reactions were performed in a common chemical tube.

Before all electrochemical reactions, the electrodes were put into 5 M solution of KOH and this mixture was electrolyzed for 10 minutes at $j = 200 \text{ mA/cm}^2$. After that, the polarity of electrodes was changed and the mixture was electrolyzed under these conditions again. Then the electrodes were washed with running water and then with acetone. All these procedures help to clean the electrodes from the impurities from the previous electrolysis.

The detailed electrochemical equipment was presented in our previous study.³

Determination of water content in distilled DMSO using Volumetric Karl Fischer titration.

Determination of water content in dimethyl sulfoxide (volumetric titration) was carried out accordance with the Pharmacopoeia of the Eurasian Economic Union, OFS.2.1.5.12 "Water: determination by a semi-micro method. Method A.

<u>Reagents</u>: solvent based on methanol ("Aqua M®-Solvent", TU2638-001-33699038-115-09 or of similar quality), K. Fischer titration reagent "HYDRANAL®-Titrant 2" ("Fluka" 34811 or of similar quality), hydranal Water Standart 10.0 for titration ("Fluka" 34849 or similar quality).

<u>Titer setting (T)</u>: A methanol-based solvent was placed in the titration vessel and 1.0 ml of Hydranal Water Standart 10.0 was taken using disposable syringe. The syringe with water was weighted and injected into the titration cell. Then the syringe was weighted again and the mass of a sample Hydranal Water Standart was calculated based on the difference in the measuring results. Titration was carried out to the end point of titration. Based on results of titration and mass of a sample Hydranal Water Standart, the value of titre (T, mg/ml) was calculated according to the formula:

$$T = \frac{a_1 \times c_0}{V_1}$$

in which V_1 is the volume of titrant used for titration, mL;

a₁ is the mass of a sample of Hydranal Water Standart, in g;

co is the water content in a sample of Hydranal Water Standart mg/g.

The value of titre was determined as the average value of at least three parallel determinations.

<u>The test solution</u>. Using a disposable syringe 0.5 mL of dimethyl sulfoxide was placed in titration vessels. Titration was carried out to the end point of titration.

Determination of water content in a sample, in percent, was calculated by the formula:

$$W = \frac{V \times T \times 100}{a \times 1000}$$

in which V is the volume of titrant used for titration, mL;

 a_1 is the volume of sample, mL;

T is a titer, mg/mL.

According to the described procedure, at least three determinations were carried out. The average values of at least three parallel determinations were taken as the result of the analysis.

Sample weight, g	Water content in substance, %	Average water content in the substance, %	S^2	S	RSD,%
0,6250	0,0210		2 22F		
0,6225	0,0200	0,020	3,33E- 07	0,0006	2,84
0,7232	0,0200		01		

distilled DMSO according standard procedure under CaH₂

Experimental Procedures for Scheme 3

a) An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of (*E*)-*N*-benzyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)methanimine (1.0 mmol, 196 mg, 1.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 µL, 0.5 eq.) without additives or with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.) in a 10 mL of DMSO was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 214 min. with I = 60 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layer were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1).

b) An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 eq.), benzylamine **2a** (2.0 mmol, 214 mg, 2.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 µL, 0.5 eq.) in a 10 mL DMSO with 3 Å MS (1.0 g); without additives or with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.), (5.0 mmol, 90 µL, 1.0 eq.) or (50.0 mmol, 900 µL, 50.0 eq.) was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 214 min. with I = 60 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1).

Experimental Procedures for Table 1

Experimental Procedure for Table 1, entry 1-3

An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 eq.), benzylamine **2a** (2.0 mmol, 214 mg, 2.0 eq.), NaSCN, KSCN or NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.) in 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.) was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 214 min. with I = 60 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1).

Experimental Procedure for Table 1, entries 4-6

An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 eq.), benzylamine **2a** (2.0 mmol, 214 mg, 2.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.), and Cs₂CO₃, DBU or pyridine (1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.) was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 214 min. with I = 60 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1).

Experimental Procedure for Table 1, entry 7-11

An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 eq.), benzylamine **2a** (2.0 mmol, 214 mg, 2.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 µL, 0.5 eq.) in a 10 mL DMSO, CH₃CN, DMF, PhCl or *n*-BuOH with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.) (in the case of PhCl n-Bu₄NClO₄ (3 eq., 3.0 mmol) was added) was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 214 min. with I = 60 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1).

Experimental Procedure for Table 1, entry 12

An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) . The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 eq.), benzylamine **2a** (2.0 mmol, 214 mg, 2.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 µL, 0.5 eq.) in a 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.) was stirred for 214 min. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was not detected.

Experimental Procedure for Table 1, entries 13-17

An undivided cell was equipped with platinum electrodes (3 cm^2) for each electrode (entry 13); a graphite plate anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) (entry 14); a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a nickel foam cathode (3 cm^2) (entry 15); a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a copper plate cathode (3 cm^2) (entry 16) or a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and stainless steel plate cathode (3 cm^2) (entry 17) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of

pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 eq.), benzylamine **2a** (2.0 mmol, 214 mg, 2.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 μ L, 0.5 eq.) in a 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 μ L, 1.0 eq.) was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 214 min. with I = 60 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1).

Experimental Procedure for Table 1, entry 18

An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 eq.), benzylamine **2a** (2.0 mmol, 214 mg, 2.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 µL, 0.5 eq.) in a 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.) was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 214 min. with I = 60 mA under an argon atmosphere. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 ml) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1).

Table S1. Detailed optimization of cyanide-functionalized imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine 3asynthesis from 1a and 2a using thiocyanate salts as the cyanating agent.

	/	~		[SCN]		CN		
	Í		NH ₂ U	ndivided cell, C(-	·)/A(+)	\searrow		
	Ľ.	v	+ <	CCE	> 📐	_N/N		
		н́	Ph			3a Ph		
		1a	2a			Ja		
		Molar				Current	Current	
		ratio of	_	Additive		density.	passed	Yield
Nº	C(-)/A(+)	1a:2a:	Electrolyte	(eq.)	Solvent	mA/cm ²	per	3a,
		[SCN]		× 17			1a, E/mol	%
				H₂O (1), KI			17110	
1 ^b	Pt/GC	1:2:4	NH₄SCN	(2)	DMSO	20	6	30
2 ^b	Pt/GC	1:2:4	NH₄SCN	$H_2O(1)$	DMSO	20	6	25
3	Pt/GC	1:2:4	NH ₄ SCN	H ₂ O (1)	DMSO	20	6	38
4 ^c	Pt/GC	1:2:4	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1)	DMSO	20	6	26
5 ^d	Pt/GC	1:2:4	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1)	DMSO	20	6	11
6	Pt/GC	1:2:4	NH ₄ SCN	H ₂ O (1)	DMSO	30	6	35
7	Pt/GC	1:2:4	NH₄SCN	$H_2O(1)$	DMSO	10	6	26
8	Pt/GC	1:2:4	NH ₄ SCN	$H_2O(1)$	DMSO	20	8	47
9	Pt/GC	1:2:4	NH4SCN	$H_2O(1)$	DMSO	20	9	38
10	Pt/GC	1:2:2		$H_2O(1)$	DMSO	20	8	55
12	Pl/GC	1:2:1		$\Pi_2 O(1)$		20	8	41
12	Pt/GC	1.2.2	NaSCN	$\Pi_2 O(1)$		20	0 8	10
15	1000	1.2.2	Nasch		DIVISO	20	0	15
14	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	(2), H ₂ O (1)	DMSO	20	8	16
15	Pt/GC	1:1:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1)	DMSO	20	8	46
16	Pt/GC	1:3:2	NH ₄ SCN	H ₂ O (1)	DMSO	20	8	48
19	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1)	DMSO	20	8	9
20	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	$H_2O(1),$	DMSO	20	8	23
				$H_2O(1)$				
21	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	Py (1)	DMSO	20	8	63
22	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), DMAP (1)	DMSO	20	8	52
	DU/OO	100		H ₂ O (1),	51400			
23	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH ₄ SCN	6-lutidine (1)	DMSO	20	8	38
04		1.0.0		$H_2O(1),$		20	0	64
24	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH4SCN	2-picoline (1)	DMSO	20	8	61
25	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	$H_2O(1),$	DMSO	20	8	42
26	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	Pyrazine	DMSO	20	8	37
				(1)				
27	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH ₄ SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	DMSO	20	8	63
28	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH ₄ SCN	Py (0.5)	DMSO	20	8	54
29	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH ₄ SCN	H ₂ O (1),	DMSO	20	8	63

				Py (0.5)				
30	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H₂O (5) , Py (0.5)	DMSO	20	8	57
31	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (50), Py (1)	DMSO	20	8	42
32	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	CH₃CN	20	8	23
33	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	DMF	20	8	26
34	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5), n-Bu ₄ NClO ₄ (3)	PhCl	20	8	trace s
35	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	<i>n</i> -BuOH	20	8	27
36 ^e	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	DMSO	-	-	-
37	Pt/GC	2:1:1	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	DMSO	20	8	24
38	Pt/Pt	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	DMSO	20	8	61
39	Pt/C	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	DMSO	20	8	49
40	Ni(f)/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	DMSO	20	8	43
41	Cu/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	DMSO	20	8	27
42	SS/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	DMSO	20	8	53
43 ^f	Pt/GC	1:2:2	NH₄SCN	H ₂ O (1), Py (0.5)	DMSO	20	8	48

^a **General reaction conditions:** undivided cell, plate anode / plate cathode (3 cm²), constant current, **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107.0 mg), **2a** (2 mmol, 214.4 mg), **3a** (4 mmol), solvent (10.0 mL), 70 °C, air atmosphere. ^b 100 °C, ^c 50 °C, ^d 20-25 °C, ^e without electricity, ^f under Ar.

General Experimental Procedure for Scheme 4.

An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehydes **1a-d** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.), amine **2a-r** (2.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 µL, 0.5 eq.) in a 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.) was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 214 min. with I = 60 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Products **3a-q, 3s-u** were isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1). Product **3r** was not detected.

3-Phenylimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3a 4



Yield 63% (138 mg, 0.63 mmol). White solid. mp = 133-134 $^{\circ}$ C (lit. ⁴ mp = 132-133 $^{\circ}$ C). PE/EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.18 (PE/EtOAc = 5:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.34 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.60 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 140.1, 137.7, 130.1, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 124.7, 123.1, 117.4, 115.5, 115.0, 103.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺. Calcd for [C₁₄H₁₀N₃]⁺: 220.0869. Found: 220.0873.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3b 4



Yield 62% (157 mg, 0.62 mmol). White solid. mp = 205-206 $^{\circ}$ C (lit. ⁴ mp = 204-205 $^{\circ}$ C). PE/EtOAc = from 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.58 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ): 8.62 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 – 7.77 (m, 3H), 7.76 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 6.85 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 138.6, 137.6, 134.5, 130.3, 129.2, 127.0, 126.2, 124.3, 116.5, 115.6, 115.5, 101.6.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3c⁴



Yield 56% (132 mg, 0.56 mmol). White solid. mp = 193-194 $^{\circ}$ C (lit. ⁴ mp = 191-193 $^{\circ}$ C).

PE/EtOAc = from 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, $R_f = 0.36$ (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ): 8.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.80 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.02 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 164.4 (d, J = 247.8 Hz), 138.8, 137.5, 131.0 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 126.1, 124.6 (J = 3.3 Hz), 124.2, 116.4, 116.2 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 115.6, 115.4, 101.4.

3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3d ⁴



Yield 55% (137 mg, 0.55 mmol). White solid. mp = 131-133 $^{\circ}$ C (lit. ⁴ mp = 129-131 $^{\circ}$ C). PE/EtOAc = from 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.42 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ): 8.54 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, J = 9.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 160.3, 139.7, 137.3, 130.0, 125.8, 124.1, 120.4, 116.4, 115.8, 115.2, 114.5, 101.1, 55.4.

3-(3-Bromophenyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3e⁴



Yield 44% (131 mg, 0.44 mmol). White solid. mp = 200-201 $^{\circ}$ C (lit. ⁴ mp = 198-200 $^{\circ}$ C). PE/EtOAc = from 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.30 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.34 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79 - 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 138.5, 137.9, 133.2, 131.5, 130.9, 130.4, 127.0, 124.9, 123.5, 122.9, 117.7, 115.4, 115.2, 104.1.

3-(3-Chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3f



Yield 56% (142 mg, 0.56 mmol). White solid. mp = 202-203 $^{\circ}$ C. PE/EtOAc = from 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.32 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 8.65 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 138.2, 137.7, 133.8, 131.0, 130.1, 129.7, 128.2, 127.1, 126.4, 124.4, 116.4, 115.6, 115.5, 101.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+H]^+$. Calcd for $[C_{14}H_9CIN_3]^+$: 254.0480. Found: 254.0487.

3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3g



Yield 57% (142 mg, 0.57 mmol). White solid. mp = 158-160 $^{\circ}$ C. PE/EtOAc = from 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.36 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ): 8.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ): 159.6, 139.5, 137.6, 130.3, 129.3, 126.1, 124.3, 120.6, 116.4, 115.9, 115.7, 115.4, 113.6, 101.4, 55.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺. Calcd for [C₁₅H₁₂N₃O]⁺: 250.0975. Found: 250.0982.

3-(2-Chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3h



Yield 58% (147 mg, 0.58 mmol). Yellow solid. mp = 165-167 °C. PE/EtOAc = from 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, $R_f = 0.42$ (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 137.5, 137.2, 134.2, 133.2, 131.9, 130.2, 127.6, 127.4, 125.0, 123.8, 117.0, 115.3, 114.6, 103.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺. Calcd for [C₁₄H₉ClN₃]⁺: 254.0480. Found: 254.0484.

3-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3i



Yield 49% (141 mg, 0.49 mmol). White solid. mp = 165-167 $^{\circ}$ C. PE/EtOAc = from 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.32 (PE/EtOAc = 5:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ): 8.14 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, J = 9.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 137.0, 136.3, 136.1, 134.7, 134.5, 129.7, 128.1, 126.5, 126.1, 124.6, 116.3, 115.4, 115.4, 101.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺. Calcd for [C₁₄H₈Cl₂N₃]⁺: 288.0090. Found: 288.0086.

3-(Furan-2-yl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3j⁴



Yield 34% (71 mg, 0.34 mmol). White solid. mp = 145-146 $^{\circ}$ C. (lit. ⁴ mp = 146-147 $^{\circ}$ C). PE/EtOAc = from 3:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.14 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.23 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 144.8, 143.2, 137.3, 132.1, 124.8, 124.7, 117.3, 115.4, 115.1, 112.2, 111.0, 103.9.

3-(Pyridin-3-yl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3k



Yield 40% (88 mg, 0.40 mmol). White solid. mp = 207-208 $^{\circ}$ C. PE/EtOAc = from 3:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.27 (EtOAc).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CD₃CN, δ): 9.00 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CD₃CN, δ): 151.5, 150.2, 139.1, 138.5, 136.8, 126.7, 126.1, 124.8, 118.3, 117.7, 116.2, 109.1, 103.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+H]^+$. Calcd for $[C_{13}H_9N_4]^+$: 221.0822. Found: 221.0821.

3-(Pyridin-2-yl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3I



Yield 54% (119 mg, 0.54 mmol). White solid. mp = 201-203 $^{\circ}$ C. PE/EtOAc = from 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.5 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 10.13 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 149.8, 148.4, 138.6, 137.1, 136.9, 127.9, 125.6, 123.3, 122.8, 116.8, 115.5, 115.2, 103.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+H]^+$. Calcd for $[C_{13}H_9N_4]^+$: 221.0822. Found: 221.0830.

3-(Quinolin-8-yl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3m



Yield 48% (130 mg, 0.48 mmol). White solid. mp = 262-263 $^{\circ}$ C (decomp.). PE/EtOAc 1:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.11 (EtOAc).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ): 8.88 – 8.80 (m, 1H), 8.57 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.34 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 8.08 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 151.2, 145.4, 139.2, 137.3, 137.0, 131.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.1, 126.6, 126.1, 125.8, 122.2, 116.0, 115.9, 114.2, 101.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺. Calcd for [C₁₇H₁₁N₄]⁺: 271.0978. Found: 271.0988.

3-(Quinolin-6-yl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3n



Yield 44% (119 mg, 0.44 mmol). White solid. mp = 243-245 $^{\circ}$ C (decomp.). PE/EtOAc 1:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.13 (EtOAc).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 9.02 – 8.95 (m, 1H), 8.88 – 8.79 (m, 1H), 8.56 – 8.46 (m, 2H), 8.22 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 151.7, 147.7, 139.0, 137.8, 136.7, 134.6, 129.8, 129.3, 127.9, 127.8, 126.3, 126.0, 124.5, 122.3, 116.5, 115.6, 101.9.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺. Calcd for [C₁₇H₁₁N₄]⁺: 271.0978. Found: 271.0980.

3-(1-Phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 30



Yield 54% (154 mg, 0.54 mmol). White solid. mp = 168-170 $^{\circ}$ C. PE/EtOAc 3:1 to 1:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.20 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ): 8.26 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 140.8, 139.3, 137.1, 129.9, 129.3, 129.1, 127.9, 126.8, 124.3, 123.7, 116.2, 115.7, 115.2, 111.1, 101.8.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺. Calcd for [C₁₇H₁₂N₅]⁺: 286.1087. Found: 286.1084.

3-(3-(3,5-Dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3p



Yield 57% (179 mg, 0.57 mmol). White solid. mp = 187-188 °C. PE/EtOAc 2:1 to 1:1 as eluent, $R_f = 0.10$ (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ): δ 8.64 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd, J = 9.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 148.3, 140.3, 139.5, 138.9, 137.7, 130.0, 129.0, 126.6, 126.3, 124.9, 124.3, 123.6, 116.5, 115.6, 115.6, 107.7, 101.6, 13.3, 12.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺. Calcd for [C₁₉H₁₆N₅]⁺: 314.1400. Found: 314.1393.

3-(2-((1H-Pyrazol-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3q



Yield 66% (198 mg, 0.66 mmol). White solid. mp = 157-158 °C. PE/EtOAc 2:1 to 1:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.10 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ): 8.01 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.93 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ): 139.0, 138.1, 137.7, 137.0, 130.5, 130.3, 130.1, 129.4, 128.2, 126.5, 126.2, 124.0, 116.1, 115.9, 115.0, 105.1, 100.9, 52.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺. Calcd for [C₁₈H₁₄N₅]⁺: 300.1244. Found: 300.1244.

5-Methyl-3-phenylimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3s ⁴



Yield 48% (112 mg, 0.48 mmol). White solid. mp = 143-144 $^{\circ}$ C (lit. ⁴ mp = 141-143 $^{\circ}$ C). PE/EtOAc 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.44 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.54 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 140.7, 138.9, 135.3, 131.9, 130.9, 129.9, 127.7, 125.0, 115.7, 115.5, 114.9, 102.5, 21.7.

8-Methyl-3-phenylimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3t



Yield 47% (109 mg, 0.47 mmol). White solid. mp = 190-192 $^{\circ}$ C. PE/EtOAc 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.4 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H).

 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$ NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 140.3, 137.6, 130.0, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 124.0, 120.9, 117.0, 115.1, 103.1, 18.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+H]^+$. Calcd for $[C_{15}H_{12}N_3]^+$: 234.1026. Found: 234.1035.

6-Bromo-3-phenylimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3u⁴



Yield 43% (198 mg, 0.43 mmol). White solid. mp = 176-177 $^{\circ}$ C (lit. ⁴ mp = 177-179 $^{\circ}$ C). PE/EtOAc 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent, R_f = 0.24 (PE/EtOAc = 5:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.78 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 140.2, 135.9, 130.5, 129.6, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 122.9, 118.1, 114.8, 110.6, 105.0.

2-(Benzylamino)-2-phenylacetonitrile, 4 5

Yield 15% (34 mg, 0.15 mmol). Yellow oil. PE/EtOAc 10:1 to 5:1 as eluent, $R_f = 0.23$ (n-pentane/EtOAc = 20:1).

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.55 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.27 (m, 8H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (br. s, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 138.3, 134.9, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 118.9, 53.6, 51.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺. Calcd for [C₁₅H₁₅N₂]⁺: 223.1230. Found: 223.1222.

Experimental Procedure for Scale-Up Electrosynthesis.

Gram scale synthesis was carried out in a sandwich-type cell. An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (15 cm²) (total surface area was 30 cm²) and two platinum plate cathode (5 cm²) (total surface area was 10 cm²) and connected to a DC regulated power supply (cathodes were wired in parallel). The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (9.3 mmol, 1.0 g, 1.0 eq.), amine **2a** (18.6 mmol, 2.0 g, 2.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (18.6 mmol, 1.41 g, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (4.6 mmol, 363 mg, 0.5 eq.) in a 90 mL of DMSO with H₂O (9.3 mmol, 167.0 µL, 1.0 eq.) was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 3 h 20 min with I = 600 mA (j_{anode} = 20 mA/cm²). After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (250 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×250 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** 53% (1080 mg, 4.93 mmol) was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1).



Figure S1. Equipment employed for gram-scale synthesis in the present work a) a sandwich-type cell; b) the model reaction for gram-scale synthesis.

Experimental Procedures for Scheme 5.

a) To generate thiocyanogen, bromine (2.0 mmol, 319 mg, 103 μ L) was added to the solution of sodium thiocyanate (4.0 mmol, 324 mg) in DMSO (3 mL) at 20-25 °C under stirring. The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 eq.), benzylamine **2a** (2.0 mmol, 214 mg, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 μ L, 0.5 eq.) in a 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 μ L, 1.0 eq.) was added to the resulting solution of thiocyanogen at 20-25 °C under stirring. The reaction mixture was stirring for 214 min. at 70 °C. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL).

Combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Products **5** and **6** were isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 4:1 to 2:1). Product **3a** was not detected.

b) An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of 3-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine **7** (1.0 mmol, 194 mg, 1.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 µL, 0.5 eq.) in a 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.) was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 214 min. with I = 60 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **5** was isolated as a white solid. mp = 107-108 °C. (lit. ⁵ mp = 105-106 °C). The isolated yield of **5** was 42% (106 mg, 0.42 mmol, PE:EtOAc = from 4:1 to 2:1 as an eluent). R_f = 0.26 (PE/EtOAc = 5:1).

3-Phenyl-1-thiocyanatoimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine, 5 5



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.61 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 140.3, 135.4, 129.8, 129.3, 128.8, 128.4, 123.4, 122.8, 117.4, 114.5, 110.6, 108.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M+H]⁺. Calcd for [C₁₄H₁₀N₃S]⁺: 252.0590. Found: 252.0600.

c) An oven-dried reaction vessel was charged with *N*-benzyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)methanimine **8** (1.0 mmol, 196 mg, 1.0 eq.) in 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 μ L, 1.0 eq.). TMSCN (2.0 mmol, 259 μ L, 2.0 eq.) was added, and the mixture was further stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion of the reaction (TLC), the reaction mixture was quenched with water (30 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2×30 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **9** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ PE/EtOAc 5:1 to 2:1) as an yellow oil. The isolated yield of **9** was 60% (134 mg, 0.60 mmol).

2-(Benzylamino)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)acetonitrile, 9⁴

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¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 8.63 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.27 (m, 7H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (br. s, 1 H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 153.9, 150.0, 138.1, 137.5, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 124.0, 122.2, 118.3, 55.1, 51.6.

d) An oven-dried reaction vessel was charged with **9** (0.5 mmol, 112 mg, 1.0 eq) in DMSO (10 mL) with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 μ L, 1.0 eq.), and the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 3.5 h. After completion of the reaction (TLC), the reaction mixture was quenched with water (30 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2×30 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Products **3a** and **10** were isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ PE/EtOAc 5:1 to 2:1). The isolated yield **3a** was 60% (134 mg, 0.60 mmol). Product **10** was isolated as an yellow oil. The isolated yield **10** was 50% (53 mg, 0.25 mmol). (R_f = 0.33 (PE/EtOAc = 2:1).

N-benzylpicolinamide, 10⁶



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): δ 8.57 – 8.48 (m, 1H), 8.37 (br.s, 1H), 8.29 – 8.19 (m, 1H), 7.86 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 4H), 7-33-7.27 (m, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 164.4, 150.0, 148.2, 138.4, 137.5, 128.9, 128.0, 127.6, 126.4, 122.5, 43.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+H]^+$. Calcd for $[C_{13}H_{13}N_2O]^+$: 213.1022. Found: 213.1029.

An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of 2-(benzylamino)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)acetonitrile, **9** (0.5 mmol, 112 mg, 1.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (0.5 mmol, 38 mg, 1.0 eq.) and pyridine (0.25 mmol, 19 mg, 20.0 µL, 0.5 eq.) in 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.) was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 60 min. with I = 60 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1).

Experimental Procedures for Scheme 6.

a) A divided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. Anodic space: The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 eq.), benzylamine **2a** (2.0 mmol, 214 mg, 2.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.), pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 µL, 0.5 eq.), and supporting electrolyte *n*-Bu₄NBF₄ (1.0 mmol, 329 mg) in 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.). Cathodic space: NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.) and supporting electrolyte *n*-Bu₄NBF₄ (1.0 mmol, 329 mg) in 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.). Cathodic space: NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.) and supporting electrolyte *n*-Bu₄NBF₄ (1.0 mmol, 329 mg) in 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.). The solutions were electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 20-25 °C under magnetic stirring for 322 min. with I = 40 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1).

An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 eq.), benzylamine **2a** (2.0 mmol, 214 mg, 2.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (2.0 mmol, 152 mg, 2.0 eq.), pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 µL, 0.5 eq.), and supporting electrolyte *n*-Bu₄NBF₄ (1.0 mmol, 329 mg) in 10 mL of with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.), was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 20-25 °C under magnetic stirring for 322 min. with I = 40 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 8:1 to 2:1).

b) An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of 3-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile **3a** (0.5 mmol, 109 mg, 1.0 eq.), NH₄SCN (1.0 mmol, 76 mg, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (0.25 mmol, 19 mg, 20.0 µL, 0.5 eq.) in 5 mL of DMSO with H₂O (0.5 mmol, 9.0 µL, 1.0 eq.) was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 107 min. with I = 60 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (15 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×15 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **11** was isolated by chromatography on SiO₂ (PE:EtOAc = from 5:1 to 2:1).

3-Phenyl-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 11



56% (124 mg, 0.28 mmol, PE/EtOAc 5:1 to 2:1 as eluent). $R_f = 0.16$ (PE/EtOAc = 4:1). White solid. mp = 154-155 °C.

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.71 – 7.56 (m, 2H, *H13*, 17), 7.54 – 7.39 (m, 3H, *H14-16*), 6.13 – 5.99 (m, 1H, *H6*), 5.97 – 5.84 (m, 1H, *H1*), 4.72 – 4.53 (m, 2H, *H2*), 3.67 – 3.49 (m, 2H, *H5*). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 147.47 (C7), 136.68 (C4), 129.78 (C15), 129.21 (C12), 128.94 (C14-16), 128.68 (C13, 17), 121.28 (C6), 115.24 (C10), 109.77 (C9), 44.72 (C2), 22.12

(C5).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M+H]^+$. Calcd for $[C_{14}H_{12}N_3]^+$: 222.1026. Found: 222.1035.

Experimental procedures for electrolysis of the starting substrates under optimal conditions with NH_4OAc or $(NH_4)_2CO_3$.



An undivided cell was equipped with a glassy carbon anode (3 cm^2) and a platinum plate cathode (3 cm^2) and connected to a DC regulated power supply. The solution of pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde **1a** (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 1.0 eq.), benzylamine **2a** (2.0 mmol, 214 mg, 2.0 eq.), NH₄OAc·H₂O (2.0 mmol, 154 mg, 2.0 eq.) or (NH₄)₂CO₃ (2.0 mmol, 192 mg, 2.0 eq.), and pyridine (0.5 mmol, 39 mg, 40.0 µL, 0.5 eq.) in 10 mL of DMSO with H₂O (1.0 mmol, 18.0 µL, 1.0 eq.), was electrolyzed using constant current conditions at 70 °C under magnetic stirring for 214 min. with I = 60 mA. After that, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and washed with mixture of PE and ethyl acetate (1:1) (2×30 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (15-20 mmHg), (bath temperature, ca. 30–40 °C). Product **3a** was not detected.

CV-study

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) was implemented on an IPC-Pro M computer-assisted potentiostat manufactured by «Econix» (scan rate error 1.0%, potential setting 0.25 mV; scan rate 50-250 mV s⁻¹). Analyzed solutions were prepared in 5 ml DMSO with 0.1 M H₂O and contained *n*-Bu₄NClO₄ (0.1 M) as the supporting electrolyte and analyte (0.1 M). The experiments were performed in a 10 mL fiveneck glass conic electrochemical cell with a water jacket for thermostatting. CV curves were recorded using a three-electrode scheme. In a typical case, 10 mL of a solution was utilized. The working electrode was a disc glassy-carbon electrode (d= 3 mm, surface area ≈0.07 cm²). A platinum wire served as an auxiliary electrode. An Ag/AgNO₃ electrode was used as the reference electrode and was linked to the solution by a porous glass diaphragm. The solutions were kept under thermally controlled conditions at 15±0.5 °C and deaerated by argon bubbling. Electrochemical experiments were performed under an argon atmosphere. The working electrode was polished with figure-eight motions on a synthetic chamois leather pad using a Cr₂O₃- based polishing paste (≈5 µm particle size) down to the mirror-like surface, and rinsed with acetonitrile. Polishing was carried before each recording of CV curve.



Figure S2. CV curves for the corresponding solutions on a working glassy-carbon electrode (d = 3 mm) under a scan rate of 0.1 V/s at 20 °C. (a) 0.1 M *n*-Bu₄NClO₄ solution (b) 0.2 M solution of NH₄SCN; (c) 0.1 M solution of aldehyde **1a** and 0.2 M solution of amine **2a**; (d) 0.1 M solution of aldehyde **1a**, 0.2 M solution of amine **2a** and 0.2 M solution of NH₄SCN in 0.1 M *n*-Bu₄NClO₄ solution in DMSO with 0.1 M H₂O.



CV-study of reaction mixture with different scanning rates

Figure S3. CV curves for the reaction mixture on a working glassy-carbon electrode (d = 3 mm) under different scan rates from 50 mV/s to 250 mV/s at 20 °C. Reaction mixture contains 0.1 M solution of aldehyde **1a**, 0.2 M solution of amine **2a** and 0.2 M solution of NH₄SCN in 0.1 M *n*-Bu₄NClO₄ solution in DMSO with 0.1 M H₂O.

Bioassay of fungicidal activity

The antifungal activities were tested according to the conventional procedure ⁷⁻⁹ with six phytopathogenic fungi from different taxonomic classes: S. *sclerotiorum* (S.s.), *F. oxysporum* (*F.o.*), *F. moniliforme* (*F.m.*), *B. sorokiniana* (*B.s.*), *R. solani* (*R.s.*), and *V. inaequalis* (*V.i.*). The effect of the chemicals on mycelial radial growth was determined by dissolving concentration 3 mg×mL⁻¹ in acetone and suspending aliquots in potato-saccharose agar at 50 °C to give the concentration 30 µg×mL⁻¹. The final acetone concentration of both fungicide-containing and control samples was 10 mL×L⁻¹. Petri dishes containing 15 mL of the agar medium were inoculated by placing 2-mm micelial agar discs on the agar surface. Plates were incubated at 25 °C and radial growth was measured after 72 h. The mixed medium without sample was used as the blank control. Three replicates of each test were carried out. The mycelium elongation diameter (mm) of fungi settlements was measured after 72 h of culture. The growth inhibition rates (%), DC is the control settlement diameter (mm), and DT is the treatment group fungi settlement diameter (mm). The results are summarized in Table 2.

X-ray study

X-ray diffraction data were collected at 100K on a four-circle Rigaku Synergy S diffractometer equipped with a HyPix6000HE area-detector (kappa geometry, shutterless ω -scan technique), using monochromatized Cu K_a-radiation. The intensity data were integrated and corrected for absorption and decay by the CrysAlisPro program¹⁰. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXT¹¹ and refined on *F*¹¹ using SHELXL-2018¹² in the OLEX2 program.¹³ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with individual anisotropic displacement parameters. Locations of hydrogen atoms (H4A, H4B, H7A and H7B) were found from the electron density-difference map; these hydrogen atoms were refined with individual isotropic displacement parameters. All other hydrogen atoms were placed in ideal calculated positions and refined as riding atoms with relative isotropic displacement parameters.

CCDC 2290138 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for **11**. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures.

Sample preparation: compound **11** was dissolved in EtOAc and crystallized by vapor diffusion of petroleum ether.



Figure S4. Molecular structure of 11 presented in thermal ellipsoids (P = 50%).

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11 0441144 ND	
C14 H11 N3	
221.26	
100.0(3) K	
1.54184 A	
Monoclinic	
	000
a = 5.76010(10) A	a= 90°.
b = 16.48/2(3) A	$b = 102.0990(10)^{\circ}$.
c = 11.6145(2) A	$g = 90^{\circ}$.
1078.50(3) Å ³	
4	
1.363 g/cm ³	
0.662 mm ⁻¹	
464	
0.12 x 0.05 x 0.03 mm ³	
5.366 to 77.086°.	
-4<=h<=7, -20<=k<=20, -	14<=l<=14
5838	
1451 [R(int) = 0.0305]	
1435	
99.9 %	
Semi-empirical from equiv	/alents
1.00000 and 0.51018	
Full-matrix least-squares	on F ²
1451 / 2 / 170	
1.057	
R1 = 0.0328, wR2 = 0.08	57
R1 = 0.0330, wR2 = 0.08	59
-0.4(5)	
0.242 and -0.164 e.Å ⁻³	
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Table S3. Atomic coordinates $(x10^4)$ and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $(Å^2x10^3)$ for compound (**11**). U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

	х	у	Z	U(eq)	
 N(1)	7196(3)	2842(1)	5002(1)	17(1)	
N(2)	3955(3)	3600(1)	4439(2)	18(1)	
N(3)	-143(3)	2504(1)	2356(2)	26(1)	
C(1)	6095(3)	3564(1)	5124(2)	17(1)	
C(2)	3692(4)	2860(1)	3862(2)	18(1)	
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C(3)	5667(4)	2379(1)	4210(2)	18(1)
C(4)	6203(4)	1528(1)	3927(2)	24(1)
C(5)	8449(4)	1229(1)	4689(2)	24(1)
C(6)	9910(4)	1694(1)	5457(2)	24(1)
C(7)	9506(4)	2565(1)	5671(2)	21(1)
C(8)	1571(4)	2662(1)	3029(2)	20(1)
C(9)	7128(3)	4200(1)	5978(2)	18(1)
C(10)	9287(4)	4579(1)	5954(2)	21(1)
C(11)	10150(4)	5184(1)	6778(2)	23(1)
C(12)	8881(4)	5402(1)	7622(2)	22(1)
C(13)	6726(4)	5030(1)	7642(2)	22(1)
C(14)	5846(4)	4433(1)	6822(2)	19(1)

 Table S4. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for compound (11).

N(1)-C(1)	1.370(2)	
N(1)-C(3)	1.365(3)	
N(1)-C(7)	1.466(3)	
N(2)-C(1)	1.321(2)	
N(2)-C(2)	1.385(3)	
N(3)-C(8)	1.153(3)	
C(1)-C(9)	1.480(3)	
C(2)-C(3)	1.375(3)	
C(2)-C(8)	1.428(3)	
C(3)-C(4)	1.488(3)	
C(4)-H(4A)	0.99(4)	
C(4)-H(4B)	1.01(4)	
C(4)-C(5)	1.491(3)	
C(5)-H(5)	0.9500	
C(5)-C(6)	1.333(3)	
C(6)-H(6)	0.9500	
C(6)-C(7)	1.484(3)	
C(7)-H(7A)	1.03(3)	
C(7)-H(7B)	0.97(3)	
C(9)-C(10)	1.397(3)	
C(9)-C(14)	1.399(3)	
C(10)-H(10)	0.9500	
C(10)-C(11)	1.399(3)	
C(11)-H(11)	0.9500	
C(11)-C(12)	1.388(3)	
C(12)-H(12)	0.9500	
C(12)-C(13)	1.389(3)	

C(13)-H(13)	0.9500
C(13)-C(14)	1.389(3)
C(14)-H(14)	0.9500
C(1)-N(1)-C(7)	127.16(17)
C(3)-N(1)-C(1)	107.94(16)
C(3)-N(1)-C(7)	124.66(18)
C(1)-N(2)-C(2)	104.17(16)
N(1)-C(1)-C(9)	123.72(17)
N(2)-C(1)-N(1)	111.76(17)
N(2)-C(1)-C(9)	124.41(17)
N(2)-C(2)-C(8)	121.30(19)
C(3)-C(2)-N(2)	111.45(18)
C(3)-C(2)-C(8)	127.25(18)
N(1)-C(3)-C(2)	104.66(17)
N(1)-C(3)-C(4)	122.77(18)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	132.47(19)
C(3)-C(4)-H(4A)	110(2)
C(3)-C(4)-H(4B)	109(2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	112.09(18)
H(4A)-C(4)-H(4B)	110(3)
C(5)-C(4)-H(4A)	107(2)
C(5)-C(4)-H(4B)	108(2)
C(4)-C(5)-H(5)	118.2
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	123.6(2)
C(6)-C(5)-H(5)	118.2
C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	117.6
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	124.7(2)
C(7)-C(6)-H(6)	117.6
N(1)-C(7)-C(6)	111.68(18)
N(1)-C(7)-H(7A)	113.2(18)
N(1)-C(7)-H(7B)	111.6(18)
C(6)-C(7)-H(7A)	108.2(18)
C(6)-C(7)-H(7B)	109.9(17)
H(7A)-C(7)-H(7B)	102(3)
N(3)-C(8)-C(2)	179.9(3)
C(10)-C(9)-C(1)	122.60(17)
C(10)-C(9)-C(14)	119.55(18)
C(14)-C(9)-C(1)	117.84(17)
C(9)-C(10)-H(10)	120.1

C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	119.73(19)
C(11)-C(10)-H(10)	120.1
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	119.9
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	120.25(19)
C(12)-C(11)-H(11)	119.9
C(11)-C(12)-H(12)	119.9
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	120.13(18)
C(13)-C(12)-H(12)	119.9
C(12)-C(13)-H(13)	120.0
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	120.03(19)
C(14)-C(13)-H(13)	120.0
C(9)-C(14)-H(14)	119.8
C(13)-C(14)-C(9)	120.30(19)
C(13)-C(14)-H(14)	119.8

Table S5. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($Å^2x \ 10^3$) for compound (**11**). The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[h^2 \ a^{*2}U^{11} + ... + 2h \ k \ a^* \ b^* \ U^{12}]$

	U ¹¹	U ²²	U33	U ²³	U13	U12	
N(1)	16(1)	19(1)	16(1)	-2(1)	1(1)	1(1)	
N(2)	19(1)	19(1)	18(1)	0(1)	3(1)	0(1)	
N(3)	23(1)	24(1)	27(1)	-4(1)	-2(1)	2(1)	
C(1)	18(1)	18(1)	15(1)	1(1)	5(1)	0(1)	
C(2)	18(1)	21(1)	16(1)	-1(1)	3(1)	-1(1)	
C(3)	19(1)	22(1)	14(1)	-1(1)	4(1)	0(1)	
C(4)	24(1)	22(1)	24(1)	-4(1)	-1(1)	4(1)	
C(5)	28(1)	21(1)	25(1)	2(1)	5(1)	7(1)	
C(6)	23(1)	25(1)	22(1)	4(1)	2(1)	6(1)	
C(7)	17(1)	28(1)	18(1)	1(1)	1(1)	4(1)	
C(8)	21(1)	17(1)	21(1)	-2(1)	4(1)	2(1)	
C(9)	19(1)	17(1)	17(1)	1(1)	1(1)	2(1)	
C(10)	21(1)	22(1)	20(1)	1(1)	4(1)	-1(1)	
C(11)	21(1)	20(1)	25(1)	2(1)	2(1)	-4(1)	
C(12)	29(1)	15(1)	20(1)	-1(1)	0(1)	0(1)	
C(13)	26(1)	18(1)	21(1)	0(1)	5(1)	2(1)	
C(14)	21(1)	17(1)	20(1)	1(1)	5(1)	0(1)	
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	х	У	Z	U(eq)
H(4A)	4910(60)	1160(20)	4060(30)	37(8)
H(4B)	6360(70)	1490(20)	3080(40)	54(10)
H(5)	8863	675	4624	29
H(6)	11310	1450	5900	28
H(7A)	10910(60)	2890(19)	5490(30)	33(8)
H(7B)	9670(50)	2662(17)	6510(30)	26(7)
H(10)	10165	4427	5381	25
H(11)	11610	5446	6759	27
H(12)	9488	5806	8188	26
H(13)	5854	5183	8217	26
H(14)	4366	4182	6834	23

Table S6. Hydrogen coordinates (x10⁴) and isotropic displacement parameters ($Å^2x10^3$) for compound (**11**).

Table S7. Torsion angles [°] for compound (11).

N(1)-C(1)-C(9)-C(10)	60.5(3)
N(1)-C(1)-C(9)-C(14)	-120.7(2)
N(1)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	5.7(3)
N(2)-C(1)-C(9)-C(10)	-123.7(2)
N(2)-C(1)-C(9)-C(14)	55.1(2)
N(2)-C(2)-C(3)-N(1)	-1.2(2)
N(2)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	175.0(2)
C(1)-N(1)-C(3)-C(2)	1.4(2)
C(1)-N(1)-C(3)-C(4)	-175.32(18)
C(1)-N(1)-C(7)-C(6)	169.06(18)
C(1)-N(2)-C(2)-C(3)	0.5(2)
C(1)-N(2)-C(2)-C(8)	179.99(18)
C(1)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	179.15(17)
C(1)-C(9)-C(14)-C(13)	-179.71(17)
C(2)-N(2)-C(1)-N(1)	0.4(2)
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C(2)-N(2)-C(1)-C(9)	-175.88(17)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	-169.9(2)
C(3)-N(1)-C(1)-N(2)	-1.2(2)
C(3)-N(1)-C(1)-C(9)	175.15(17)
C(3)-N(1)-C(7)-C(6)	-4.7(3)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	-5.8(3)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	0.6(4)
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)-N(1)	4.7(3)
C(7)-N(1)-C(1)-N(2)	-175.73(18)
C(7)-N(1)-C(1)-C(9)	0.6(3)
C(7)-N(1)-C(3)-C(2)	176.11(18)
C(7)-N(1)-C(3)-C(4)	-0.6(3)
C(8)-C(2)-C(3)-N(1)	179.4(2)
C(8)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	-4.4(4)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	0.6(3)
C(10)-C(9)-C(14)-C(13)	-0.9(3)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	-1.1(3)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	0.6(3)
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)-C(9)	0.4(3)
C(14)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	0.4(3)

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NMR spectra of the synthesized compounds

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3a





¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3a



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3b



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3b


¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(4-fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3c



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(4-fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3c



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3d



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3d



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-(3-bromophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3e



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-(3-bromophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3e

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¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(3-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3f



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(3-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3f



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(3-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3g



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(3-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3g

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCI₃) of 3-(2-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3h



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCI₃) of 3-(2-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3h





¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3i



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3i



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-(furan-2-yl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3j



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-(furan-2-yl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3j

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CD₃CN) of 3-(pyridin-3-yl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3k





¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CD₃CN) of 3-(pyridin-3-yl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3k



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-(pyridin-2-yl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3I



¹³C NMR of (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-(pyridin-2-yl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3I

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¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(quinolin-8-yl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3m



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(quinolin-8-yl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3m



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(quinolin-6-yl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3n



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(quinolin-6-yl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3n



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 30



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-d₆) of 3-(1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 30





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¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(2-((1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3q



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) of 3-(2-((1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3q



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCI₃) of 5-methyl-3-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3s

¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃) of 5-methyl-3-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3s





¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) of 8-methyl-3-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3t

129.97 129.27 129.22 128.71 128.56 128.56 123.98 120.88 117.02 140.27 137.63 -1600000 -1500000 N /// -1400000 CH_3 -1300000 λN -1200000 -1100000 -1000000 -900000 -800000 -700000 -600000 -500000 -400000 -300000 200000 -100000 وأباجيه ويدانيهم -0 -100000 100 f1 (мд) 90 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0

¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃) of 8-methyl-3-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3t

CDCI3 -70000 8.46 7.77 7.77 7.61 7.58 7.58 7.58 7.58 7.18 7.18 -65000 N/// -60000 -55000 ZΝ Br -50000 -45000 -40000 -35000 -30000 -25000 -20000 -15000 -10000 -5000 -0 2. 4 9. 4 1. 09 0.98 II <u>1</u>−66.0 --5000 6.0 5.5 f1 (мд) 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCI₃) of 6-bromo-3-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3u



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃) of, 6-bromo-3-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3u
CDCB ₹4.10 4.05 3.95 3.95 -4.76 .1.88 -130 N -120 -110 `NH -100 11 ſ / -90 -80 -70 -60 -50 -40 -30 -20 -10 -0 2.19-T 1.13 1.04 1.04 1.04 0.75-1 0.92 ---10 6.0 5.5 f1 (мд) 0.0 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCI₃) of 2-(benzylamino)-2-phenylacetonitrile, 4



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(benzylamino)-2-phenylacetonitrile, 4

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¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-phenyl-1-thiocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine, 5





¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-phenyl-1-thiocyanatoimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine, 5



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCI₃) of 2-(benzylamino)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)acetonitrile, 9



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-(benzylamino)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)acetonitrile, 9

¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCI₃) of N-benzylpicolinamide, 10



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCI₃) of N-benzylpicolinamide, 10





¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCI₃) of 3-phenyl-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 11



¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-phenyl-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 11 with correlations



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCI₃) of 3-phenyl-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 11



¹³C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCI₃) of 3-phenyl-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 11 with correlations

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{¹H-¹H} COSY of 3-phenyl-5,8-dihydroimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 11

f1 (мд)





f1 (мд)



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HRMS spectra of the synthesized compounds HRMS of 3-phenylimidazo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3a Display Report









HRMS of 3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 3i











HRMS of 3-(1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-1-carbonitrile, 30















