Supporting Information

Organophotocatalytic pyridination of N-arylglycines with

4-cyanopyridines by decarboxylative and decyanative radical-radical

coupling

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1. General Considerations

General Information: Unless otherwise noted, all chemicals were purchased and used without further purification. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature on a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer (101 MHz for ¹³C). NMR experiments are reported in δ units, parts per million (ppm). The coupling constants *J* are given in Hz. Column chromatography was performed using EM Silica gel 60 (300-400 mesh). HRMS were recorded on a TOF LC/MS equipped with electrospray ionization (ESI) probe operating in positive ion mode. Emission intensities were recorded using a FS5 spectrophotometer. Cyclic voltammetry was performed on the CHI-660E electrochemical workstation (Shanghai Chenhua Instrument Co., Ltd., China).

2. General Synthetic Procedures

All substrates are known compounds. *N*-aryl glycine **1b-1r** were synthesized according to the literature.¹ 4-cyanopyridine **2h-2o** were prepared according to the literature.²

General procedure for photoredox-catalyzed decarboxylative pyridination of *N*-aryl glycines with 4-cyanopyridine:



The mixture of *N*-phenyl glycine **1** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), **2** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.), 4CzIPN (2 mol%, 0.004 mmol, 3.2 mg) and DMSO (2 mL, 0.1M) was added to a Schlenk tube. The tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (repeated five times). The reaction mixture was irradiated with 6 W blue LEDs at ambient temperature for 12 h. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with sat. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and extracted by ethyl acetate (10 mL×2). After drying over sodium sulfate, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to obtain the product **3**. The photoreactor is shown in Figure S1.



Figure S1. Photoreactor used in this work.

The Light Source and the Material of the Irradiation Vessel:

The photochemical reaction was carried out under visible light irradiation by a 6W blue LED at room temperature. This blue LED was purchased from taobao (link:

https://m.tb.cn/h.gYNqadS?sm=38a27d?tk=BDtaWH5ZZZP). The blue LED's energy peak wavelength is 476 nm and irradiance@6W is 2.1 mW/cm². The reaction vessel is a borosilicate glass tube. The distance between the tube and lamp is about 1 cm, and no filter is applied.



Figure S2. The spectral distribution of 6W blue LED

1 mmol scale preparation of 3aa

The mixture of *N*-phenyl glycine **1a** (1.5 mmol, 226.5 mg, 1.5 equiv.), **2a** (1 mmol, 104 mg, 1 equiv.), 4CzIPN (2 mol%, 0.02 mmol, 15.8 mg) and DMSO (10 mL, 0.1M) was added to a Schlenk tube. The tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (repeated five times). The reaction mixture was irradiated with 6 W blue LEDs at ambient temperature for 12 h. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with sat. NaHCO₃ (30 mL) and extracted by ethyl acetate (20×2 mL). After drying over sodium sulfate, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) to obtain the product **3aa** (77%, 141.8 mg).

3. Mechanism studies

3.1 Radical inhibition experiment for the reaction of 1a with 2a



The mixture of **1a** (0.15 mmol, 22.7 mg, 1.5 equiv.), **2a** (0.1 mmol, 10.4 mg, 1 equiv.), 4CzIPN (2 mol%, 1.6 mg), radical inhibitor (BHT (0.2 mmol, 44 mg, 2 equiv.), TEMPO (0.2 mmol, 31.2 mg, 2 equiv.), 1,1-Diphenylethylene (0.2 mmol, 36.5 mg, 2 equiv.) or DMPO (0.2 mmol, 22.6 mg, 2 equiv.) and DMSO (1 mL, 0.1M) was added to a Schlenk tube. The tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (repeated five times). The reaction mixture was irradiated with 6 W blue LEDs at ambient temperature for 12 h.



Figure S3. The detection of phenylaminomethyl radical by HRMS

3.2 HRMS analysis of model reaction solution

After **1a** reacted with **2a** under the standard conditions, the reaction mixture was detected by HRMS. The *N*-phenylmethanimine was detected by HRMS.



Figure S4. HRMS analysis of model reaction solution

3.3 Stern–Volmer luminescence-quenching experiments

Fluorescence quenching experiments were measured on an Agilent Cary Eclipse Spectrophotometer. The excitation wavelength of 4CzIPN was fixed at 330 nm with emission spectrum $\lambda_{max} = 550$ nm. The emission spectrum of a 3 × 10⁻⁵ M solution of 4CzIPN in DMSO was collected.

1a: A stock solution of **1a** (0.01 M) was prepared. The emission intensity of 4CzIPN (3×10^{-5} M in DMSO) was collected with the gradient concentration of **1a** and the results were presented.

2a: A stock solution of **2a** (0.01 M) was prepared. The emission intensity of 4CzIPN (3×10^{-5} M in DMSO) was collected with the gradient concentration of **2a** and the results were presented.



Figure S5. Fluorescence quenching of 4CzIPN by 1a or 2a



Figure S6. Luminescence quenching of 4CzIPN by 1a and the Stern-Volmer plots.



Figure S7. Luminescence quenching of 4CzIPN by 1a and 2a

3.4 Cyclic voltammetry study

Cyclic voltammetric investigations were performed on the ChenhuaCHI400C electrochemical workstation with the conventional three-electrode system. The measurements were conducted in 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (TBAPF₆) in CH₃CN. The solutions were kept under positive pressure of nitrogen. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) with the following settings: Scan Rates = 0.1 V/s, Sweep Segments = 10, Sample Interval = 0.001 V, Quiet Time = 2 sec. CV recording is based on the traditional IUPAC (positive anode current and negative cathode current).

Supporting electrolyte: TBAPF₆ was purchased from Energy Chemical and used without further purification. The concentration of electrolyte is 0.1 M.

Solvent: Anhydrous CH₃CN was purchased from Energy Chemical and exhausted via a nitrogen blast for 30 min before using.

Electrodes: The working electrode is a glassy carbon electrode (Φ 3 mm, 7x10⁻⁶ cm²). It was first polished with sandpaper in steps (3000 mesh–2000 mesh–1000 mesh); then with 1.0 µm, 0.3 µm, and 0.05 µm alumina powder until the surface of the

electrode is mirror-like, then, the electrodes are washed with distilled water and acetone before air drying. Saturated calomel electrode (SCE) was used as the reference electrode. Pt column (Φ 1 mm x 5 mm) was used as the counter electrode.



Figure S8. The CV experiment of **1a** $(1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN, plotting based on IUPAC. E_{1/2}^{ox} = +1.11 V SCE for **1a**.



Figure S9. The CV experiment of **2a** (1.0×10^{-3} M) and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN, plotting based on IUPAC. E_{1/2}^{red} = -1.8 V SCE for **2a**.



Figure S10. The CV experiment of **1a** $(1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ with **2a** $(1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN, plotting based on IUPAC. **1a** was firstly oxidized and then **2a** was reduced, $E_{1/2}^{\text{red1}} = -1.8 \text{ V SCE}, E_{1/2}^{\text{red2}} = -1.11 \text{ V SCE}.$



Figure S11. The CV experiment of 2-cyanopyridine **2q** (1.0×10^{-3} M) and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN, plotting based on IUPAC. E_{1/2}^{red} = -2.06 V SCE for **2q**.



Figure S12. The CV experiment of 2-cyanopyridine 2q (1.0×10⁻³ M) and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN in the presence of **1a**, plotting based on IUPAC. No new obvious reductive peak appeared in the CV spectra.



Figure S13. The CV experiment of 3-cyanopyridine $2\mathbf{r}$ (1.0×10^{-3} M) and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN, plotting based on IUPAC. $E_{1/2}^{red} = -2.04$ V SCE for $2\mathbf{r}$.



Figure S14. The CV experiment of 3-cyanopyridine **2r** $(1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN in the presence of **1a**, plotting based on IUPAC. $E_{1/2}^{\text{red1}} = -2.04 \text{ V SCE}$, $E_{1/2}^{\text{red2}} = -1.57 \text{ V SCE}$.



Figure S15. The CV experiment of (4-cyanophenyl)glycine $\mathbf{1v} (1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ with $\mathbf{2a} (1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN, plotting based on IUPAC. $\mathbf{1v}$ was firstly oxidized and then $\mathbf{2a}$ was reduced, $E_{1/2}^{\text{red1}} = -1.81 \text{ V SCE}$, $E_{1/2}^{\text{red2}} = -1.31 \text{ V SCE}$.



Figure S16. The CV experiment of (4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)glycine **1w** (1.0×10^{-3} M) with **2a** (1.0×10^{-3} M) and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN, plotting based on IUPAC. **1w** was firstly oxidized and then **2a** was reduced, $E_{1/2}^{\text{red1}} = -1.8\text{V}$ SCE, $E_{1/2}^{\text{red2}} = -1.28$ V SCE.



Figure S17. The CV experiment of benzylglycine **1x** $(3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ with **2a** $(3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN, plotting based on IUPAC. **1x** was firstly oxidized and then **2a** was reduced, $E_{1/2}^{\text{red1}} = -1.81 \text{ V SCE}$, $E_{1/2}^{\text{red2}} = -1.40 \text{ V SCE}$.



Figure S18. The CV experiment of benzylglycine $1x (3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN, plotting based on IUPAC.



Figure S19. The CV experiment of benzylglycine **1y** $(2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ with **2a** $(2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN, plotting based on IUPAC. **1y** was firstly oxidized and then **2a** was reduced. No reductive peak shift was found.



Figure S20. The CV experiment of proline $\mathbf{1z} (3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ with $\mathbf{2a} (3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ and NBu₄PF₆ (0.1 M) in degassed CH₃CN, plotting based on IUPAC. $\mathbf{1z}$ was firstly oxidized and then $\mathbf{2a}$ was reduced. $E_{1/2}^{\text{red1}} = -1.81 \text{V SCE}$, $E_{1/2}^{\text{red2}} = -1.41 \text{V SCE}$.

3.5 ¹HNMR of the mixture of N-phenyl glycine 1a and 4-cyanopyridine 2a

The mixture of *N*-phenyl glycine **1a** and 4-cyanopyridine **2a** was tested by ¹HNMR. The chemical shift of **1a** has decreased about 0.025 ppm. The chemical shift of **2a** has increased about 0.02 ppm. The N–H signal of **1a** shifted from 6.34 to 7.37 ppm after the addition of **2a**. However, no obvious N-H signal shift was observed in the ¹H NMR spectrum of the mixture (**1a**+**2q**).



Figure S21. The ¹HNMR spectra of the mixture of 1a and 2a or 2q

3.6 Evidence for no 4CzIPN photo-conversion by ¹H NMR Spectra

To a dry NMR tube, 3.2 mg of 4CzIPN added. Then 0.6 mL DMSO-d₆ was added. a) The solution was bubbled 5 minutes with nitrogen at room temperature. The ¹H NMR spectrum was recorded. b) Then *N*-phenyl glycine **1a** (0.1 mmol, 15.1 mg) was added. The solution was bubbled 5 minutes with nitrogen at room temperature. The ¹H NMR spectrum was recorded. c) After the solution (4CzIPN+**1a**+DMSO-d₆) was irradiated with 6 W blue light for 2 hours, the ¹H NMR spectrum was recorded.



Figure S22. Evidence for no 4CzIPN photo-conversion by ¹H NMR measurement

4. Characterization Data for the Products

N-(*pyridin-4-ylmethyl*)*aniline* (**3aa**, 31.3 mg, 85%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 4.28 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 149.0, 147.4, 129.4, 122.1, 118.1, 112.9, 47.1.



4-methyl-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (**3ba**, 28.1 mg, 71%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H),

6.98 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 149.2, 145.1, 129.9, 127.3, 122.1, 112.9, 47.4, 20.4.



4-ethyl-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (3ca, 32.3 mg, 76%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 2.54 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 149.3, 145.4, 133.9, 128.7, 122.1, 112.9, 47.4, 27.9, 15.9.



4-(*tert-butyl*)-*N*-(*pyridin-4-ylmethyl*)aniline (3da, 31.7 mg, 66%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 149.4, 145.2, 140.9, 126.1, 122.2, 112.6, 47.4, 33.9, 31.5.



4-isopropyl-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (3ea, 29.4 mg, 65%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 2.84-2.77 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 149.3, 145.5, 138.6, 127.2, 122.1, 112.9, 47.4, 33.2, 24.2.



4-methoxy-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (**3fa**, 29.8 mg, 70%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s,

4H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4, 149.9, 149.3, 141.6, 122.2, 114.9, 114.1, 55.8, 47.9.



4-fluoro-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (3ga, 22.2 mg, 55%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.52-6.48 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.11 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 236.4$ Hz), 149.9, 148.8, 143.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 1.9$ Hz), 122.1, 115.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.5$ Hz), 113.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.5$ Hz), 47.6. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -127.2.



4-chloro-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (3ha, 29.7 mg, 68%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 148.6, 145.9, 129.2, 127.3, 122.6, 122.0, 113.9, 47.0.



4-bromo-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (3ia, 29.9 mg, 57%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.44 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.0, 148.4, 146.4, 132.0, 121.9, 114.4, 109.6, 46.9.



4-iodo-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (3ja, 31.6 mg, 51%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.1, 148.4, 146.9, 137.9, 121.9, 115.1, 78.8, 46.8.



3-methyl-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (**3ka**, 26.1 mg, 66%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 149.2, 147.5, 139.2, 129.3, 122.1, 119.0, 113.7, 109.9, 47.1, 21.7.



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3-methoxy-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (3la, 24 mg, 56%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1/1, v/v) gave white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 149.9, 148.9, 130.2, 122.1, 105.9, 102.9, 99.0, 55.1, 47.0.



3,4-dimethyl-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (3ma, 25.9 mg, 61%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 149.4, 147.6, 137.5, 126.2, 122.1, 114.7, 110.2, 47.4, 20.1, 18.7.



3,5-dimethyl-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (3na, 27.6 mg, 65%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.22 (s, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 2.22 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101



2,4,6-trimethyl-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (30a, 24.9 mg, 55%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (s, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.94 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 149.4, 142.6, 132.2, 130.2, 129.6, 122.8, 51.7, 20.6, 18.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉N₂ 227.1543; Found 227.1539.

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N-(*pyridin-4-ylmethyl*)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (**3pa**, 30.2 mg, 58%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.69 (m, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 4.25 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 149.1, 144.2, 139.2, 130.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 121.9, 117.7, 110.6, 47.0.



N-(*pyridin-4-ylmethyl*)*naphthalen-1-amine* (**3qa**, 30.9 mg, 66%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.89-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.47-6.42 (m, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.1, 148.6, 142.4, 134.3, 128.8, 126.4, 125.9, 125.1, 123.3, 122.2, 119.8, 118.2, 105.1, 47.2.



N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)quinolin-8-amine (**3ra**, 24.9 mg, 53%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H),

8.08 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 148.8, 147.2, 143.9, 138.1, 136.2, 128.6, 127.6, 122.1, 121.6, 114.9, 105.3, 46.6.



4-fluoro-N-(1-(pyridin-4-yl)ethyl)aniline (3sa, 13.4 mg, 31%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.39-6.35 (m, 2H), 4.38 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 236.5$ Hz), 154.3, 150.1, 142.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 1.9$ Hz), 121.2, 115.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.4$ Hz), 114.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.4$ Hz), 53.3, 24.5. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -127.5.



(CAS: 595548-63-3)

2-(*pyridin-4-yl*)*indoline* (**3ta**, 9.0 mg, 23%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 3.53-3.47 (m, 1H), 2.95-2.89 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.6, 150.6, 150.0, 127.8, 127.3, 124.7, 121.4, 119.3, 109.1, 62.3, 39.2.



(CAS: 1352088-26-6)

4-(1-phenylpyrrolidin-2-yl)pyridine (**3ua**, 12.1 mg, 27%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (s, 2H), 7.18-1.44 (m, 4H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73-3.71 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.39 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.92 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.9, 149.9, 146.8, 129.2, 121.3, 116.5, 112.4, 62.1, 49.2, 35.6, 23.2.



N-((*3-methylpyridin-4-yl)methyl)aniline* (**3ab**, 25 mg, 63%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4/1, v/v) gave white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 4.13 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.6, 147.9, 147.6, 146.4, 130.9, 129.4, 121.5, 118.0, 112.8, 45.1, 15.8.



(CAS: 1477544-73-2)

N-((*3-fluoropyridin-4-yl*)*methyl*)*aniline* (**3ac**, 22.2 mg, 55%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 4.25 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 255.9 Hz), 147.1, 146.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 5.2 Hz), 137.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 23.5 Hz), 135.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 12.1 Hz), 129.4, 123.1 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 1.7 Hz), 118.3, 112.8, 40.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 4.1 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -133.1.



N-((*3-chloropyridin-4-yl*)*methyl*)*aniline* (**3ad**, 24.9 mg, 57%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4/1, v/v) gave white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.29 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.1, 148.1, 147.0, 146.1, 130.8, 129.4, 122.8, 118.3, 112.8, 45.0.

N-((2-chloropyridin-4-yl)methyl)aniline (3ae, 16.6 mg, 38%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5/1, v/v) gave colorless

oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 4.28 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 152.0, 149.8, 147.1, 129.4, 122.4, 120.8, 118.4, 112.9, 46.8.

N-((*2-bromopyridin-4-yl)methyl)aniline* (**3af**, 16.3 mg, 31%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.27 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.5, 150.3, 147.0, 142.7, 138.7, 129.4, 126.2, 121.2, 118.4, 112.9, 46.7.

N-((*2,6-dimethylpyridin-4-yl)methyl)aniline* (**3ag**, 32.7 mg, 77%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4/1, v/v) gave white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.96 (s, 2H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 4.19(s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.0, 149.5, 147.7, 129.3, 118.7, 117.9, 112.9, 47.2, 24.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇N₂ 213.1386; Found 213.1379.

N-((2-*phenylpyridin-4-yl)methyl)aniline* (3ah, 44.8 mg, 86%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 4.32 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 149.9, 147.6, 139.3, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 127.0, 120.7, 118.9, 118.1, 112.9, 47.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂ 261.1386; Found 261.1376.

N-((2-(*p*-tolyl)*pyridin*-4-yl)*methyl*)*aniline* (3ai, 40.1 mg, 73%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 3H), 6.76 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 4.30 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 149.8, 149.7, 147.6, 139.1, 136.5, 129.5, 129.4, 126.9, 120.4, 118.6, 118.1, 112.9, 47.4, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₂ 275.1543; Found 275.1542.

N-((2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyridin-4-yl)methyl)aniline (3aj, 44.1 mg, 76%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 157.4, 149.8, 149.7, 147.6, 131.9, 129.4, 128.3, 120.0, 118.2, 118.1, 114.1, 112.9, 55.4, 47.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O 291.1492; Found 291.1494.

N-((2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyridin-4-yl)methyl)aniline (3ak, 40 mg, 61%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.66 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.71 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 4.30 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 150.3, 150.1, 147.4, 142.6, 142.6, 130.8 (q, J_{C-F} = 32.5 Hz), 129.4, 127.3, 125.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 124.2 (q, J_{C-F} = 273.1 Hz), 121.4, 119.2, 118.3, 112.9, 55.4, 47.4; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₆F₃N₂ 329.1260; Found 329.1233.

N-((2-(*o*-tolyl)*pyridin*-4-yl)*methyl*)*aniline* (**3al**, 27.9 mg, 51%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 149.4, 149.2, 147.5, 140.3, 135.8, 130.8, 129.6, 129.4, 128.3, 125.9, 122.4, 120.1, 118.1, 112.9, 47.2, 20.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₂ 275.1543; Found 275.1540.

N-((2-(*furan-3-yl*)*pyridin-4-yl*)*methyl*)*aniline* (**3am**, 31 mg, 62%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 4.25 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 149.9, 149.7, 147.5, 143.9, 141.4, 129.4, 126.9, 120.3, 118.4, 118.1, 112.9, 108.7, 47.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O 251.1179; Found 251.1172.

N-((6'-methyl-[2,3'-bipyridin]-4-yl)methyl)aniline (3an, 30.8 mg, 56%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1/2, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.06 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 5.0

Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.77 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 155.3, 150.2, 150.1, 147.5, 147.4, 134.8, 132.1, 129.4, 123.3, 121.0, 118.6, 118.1, 112.9, 47.3, 24.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₈N₃ 276.1495; Found 276.1503.

N-((2-(*hex-1-yn-1-yl*)*pyridin-4-yl*)*methyl*)*aniline* (3ao, 42.4 mg, 80%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.74 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (s, 3H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 2.42 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.64-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.42 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 149.3, 147.4, 144.1, 129.4, 124.9, 120.7, 118.1, 112.9, 91.2, 80.4, 46.9, 30.4, 22.1, 19.1, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁N₂ 265.1699; Found 265.1697.

N-(*isoquinolin-1-ylmethyl*)*aniline* (**3ap**, 29.5 mg, 63%). Flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2/1, v/v) gave colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.23 (s, 1H), 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 147.9, 142.8, 134.5, 130.9, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 127.4, 123.0, 118.1, 112.9, 44.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂ 235.1230; Found 235.1225.

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