SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Site-Selective Electrochemical C–H Silylations of Pyridines Enabled by

Temporary Reductive Dearomatization

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General information

All reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere using oven-dried glassware unless otherwise noted. The platinum plate was cleaned with acetone and dried before use, the magnesium plate was polished with 400-mesh sandpaper prior to use. Starting materials that was commercially available were used as received, others were synthesized according to a reported procedure. Calcium granules were purchased from Alfa Aesar (41653, 9 mesh, 98.8% metals basis), and used as supplied. Chlorotrimethylsilane was purchased from Aladdin Chemicals and Energy Chemicals, and was distilled before use. Other chlorosilanes and reagents were purchased from Energy Chemicals, Aladdin Chemicals, Meryer Chemical Technology, and J&K Scientific, and were used as received.

All electrochemical reactions were carried out using an hspy-36-03 DC power supply. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were measured on an Agilent 400-MR (400 MHz), a Bruker Avance Neo 400 (400 MHz), or a Bruker Ascend 600 (600 MHz) spectrometer. Proton chemical shifts were expressed in parts per million δ (ppm) downfield from the residual signal of chloroform (7.26 ppm). Carbon chemical shifts were referenced to the carbon signal of the solvent (CDCl₃) at 77.0 ppm. Fluorine chemical shifts were referenced to the external fluorine signal of trifluoroacetic acid (CF₃CO₂H) at -76.50 ppm. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a PerkinElmer Spectrum Two FT-IR Spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a SHIMADZU GCMS-QP2020 in electron ionization (EI) mode. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific QE plus or an Agilent 6546 LC/Q-TOF in electrospray ionization (ESI) mode. Melting points were taken on a micro melting point XT4A Beijing Keyi electrooptic apparatus and are uncorrected. Cyclic Voltammograms were measured with IKA ElectraSyn 2.0 pro package.

				SiMe ₃ 		
	\sim	↓ + N	1e ₃ SiCl ——	Mg (+) / Pt (-)		
		N	nBu ₄ l co	NBr, solvent, 4.5 F/mol nstant current, temp <i>undivided cell</i>	N	
Entry	Current (mA)	Me ₃ SiCl (equiv.)	Solvents	Solvent volume (mL)/ Concentration (M)	Temperature (°C)	Isolated yield (%)
1	10	3	NMP	5/0.10	rt	41
2	20	3	NMP	5/0.10	rt	44
3	30	3	NMP	5/0.10	rt	57
4	40	3	NMP	5/0.10	rt	46
5	30	2	NMP	5/0.10	rt	26
6	30	4	NMP	5/0.10	rt	60
7	30	5	NMP	5/0.10	rt	<u>73</u>
8	30	6	NMP	5/0.10	rt	72
9	30	4	DMF	5/0.10	rt	trace
10	30	4	DMA	5/0.10	rt	62
11	30	4	DMI	5/0.10	rt	44
12	30	4	THF	5/0.10	rt	28
13	30	4	CH ₃ CN	5/0.10	rt	0
14	30	4	DMSO	5/0.10	rt	0
15	30	4	NMP	10/0.05	rt	47
16	30	4	NMP	3.3/0.15	rt	67
17	30	4	NMP	2.5/0.20	rt	53
18	30	4	NMP	5/0.10	50	67
19	30	4	NMP	5/0.10	0	58
20	30	4	NMP	5/0.10	-10	50

Table S1 Optimizing the conditions for electrochemical silylation of 2-phenylpyridine (1)

Reactions conditions: 2-phenylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), chlorotrimethylsilane (2–6 equiv.), Mg (+) / Pt (-), nBu_4NBr (0.03 M, 0.3 equiv.), 10–40 mA, 4.5 F/mol in solvent (2.5–10 mL), Ar, -10 °C to 50 °C. NMP = *N*-methylpyrrolidone; DMF = *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide; DMA = *N*,*N*-dimethylacetamide; DMI = 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone.

	\land			SiMe ₃
	+ M	Anode (+) /	Cathode (-)	
	N [*] [*] [*]	Electroly 30 mA, 4.9	te, NMP, 5 F/mol, rt	N
		undivia	led cell	
Entry	Electrolyte	Anode (+)	Cathode (-)	Isolated yield (%)
1	<i>n</i> Bu ₄ NBr	Mg	Pt	73
2	<i>n</i> Bu ₄ NI	Mg	Pt	67
3	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Mg	Pt	<u>77</u>
4	nBu ₄ NBF ₄	Mg	Pt	55
5	$n\mathrm{Bu}_4\mathrm{NPF}_6$	Mg	Pt	59
6	<i>n</i> Bu ₄ NOTs	Mg	Pt	21
7	LiBr	Mg	Pt	49
8	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Zn	Pt	42
9	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Fe	Pt	10
10	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Al	Pt	26
11	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Mg	Graphite felt	38
12	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Mg	Stainless steel	66
13	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Mg	Ni	64
14	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Mg	Ni foam	65
15	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Mg	RVC	37
16	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Mg	Graphite	42
17	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Mg	Glassy carbon	33
18	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Mg	Cu	42
19	<i>n</i> Bu ₄ NClO ₄	Mg	Мо	trace
20	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Pt	Pt	nr
21	nBu ₄ NClO ₄	Graphite felt	Graphite felt	nr

 Table S2 Optimizing the conditions for electrochemical silvlation of 2-phenylpyridine (2)

Reactions conditions: 2-phenylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), chlorotrimethylsilane (5 equiv.), Anode (+) / Cathode (-), electrolyte (0.03 M, 0.3 equiv.), 30 mA, 4.5 F/mol, in NMP (5 mL, 0.1 M) at rt, Ar. nr = no reaction.

	\land	Silvie ₃			
	+ MeaSiCl -	Mg (+) / Pt (-)	►		
		<i>n</i> Bu ₄ NClO ₄ , solvent, 30 mA, Q (F/mol), rt <i>undivided cell</i>	N		
Entry	Solvent	Concentration of Electrolyte (M)	Q (mol/F)	Isolated yield (%)	
1	NMP	0.03	4.5	77	
2	THF	0.03	4.5	28	
3	THF	0.30	4.5	77	
4	NMP/THF = 9:1 (v/v)	0.03	4.5	77	
5	NMP/THF = $4:1 (v/v)$	0.03	4.5	82	
6	NMP/THF = $2:1 (v/v)$	0.03	4.5	<u>87</u>	
7	NMP/THF = $1:1 (v/v)$	0.03	4.5	81	
8	NMP/THF = $1:1 (v/v)$	0.03	4.5	74	
9	NMP	0	4.5	70	
10	THF	0	4.5	nr	
11	NMP/THF = $2:1 (v/v)$	0	4.5	81	
12	NMP/THF = $2:1 (v/v)$	0.03	0	nr	
12	NMP/THF = $2:1 (v/v)$	0.03	4.0	77	
13	NMP/THF = $2:1 (v/v)$	0.03	5.0	87	
14	NMP / THF = $2:1 (v/v)$	0.03	6.0	66	

Table S3 Optimizing the conditions for electrochemical silylation of 2-phenylpyridine (3)

Reactions conditions: 2-phenylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), chlorotrimethylsilane (5 equiv.), Mg (+) / Pt (-), nBu_4NClO_4 (0–0.30 M), 30 mA, 0–6.0 F/mol, solvent (5 mL, 0.1 M) at rt, Ar. nr = no reaction.

Note:

In entry 9 and entry 11 of Table S3, the results indicated that when using NMP as solvent, the reaction could proceed without supporting electrolyte. This may be attributed to the formation of a soluble magnesium salt in the solvent, effectively acting as the electrolyte and facilitating a smooth reaction. In contrast, magnesium salt has very low solubility in THF solvent, resulting in no transformation of the starting materials (entry 10). For the cell potential during the reactions in entries 9–11 and the standard conditions (entry 6), refer to the following graph.



Figure S1 Cell potentials of entry 9, entry 10, entry 11 and entry 6

	Ĺ	N + Me	siCl <u>Ca or Mo</u> NMP, rt	SiM	e ₃
Entry	Reductant	Reductant (equiv.)	Me ₃ SiCl (equiv.)	Solvent	Isolated yield (%)
1	Ca	2	5	NMP	35
2	Ca	3	5	NMP	77
3	Ca	4	5	NMP	49
4	Ca	3	4	NMP	66
5	Ca	3	6	NMP	<u>80</u>
6	Ca	3	7	NMP	65
7	Ca	3	6	NMP/THF (2:1)	78
8	Mg	3	6	NMP	41

Table S4 Optimizing the conditions for Ca- or Mg-promoted silylation

Reactions conditions: 2-phenylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), reductant (2–4 equiv.) and chlorotrimethyl-silane (4–7 equiv.) in solvent (5 mL, 0.1 M) at rt, 18 h, Ar.

Full substrate scope



Scheme S1 Full scope of substrates scope and unsuccessful substrates. All substrates, except Sub-23, Sub-25 and Sub-36, are known compounds and were synthesized according to the reported procedures^[1-4] or directly purchased from chemical companies. All chlorosilanes are known compounds and were directly purchased from chemical companies or synthesized according to the reported procedures^[5].



2-(Benzofuran-5-yl)pyridine (Sub-23)

90% yield (527 mg) in 3 mmol scale, synthesized from the Suzuki coupling of 2-bromopyridine with corresponding boronic acid pinacol ester,^[1] colorless oil. Rf = 0.30 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.69 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm):157.5, 155.4, 149.4, 145.5, 136.6, 134.4, 127.8, 123.5, 121.6, 120.4, 119.8, 111.4, 106.9. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3152, 3114, 3050, 2998, 2926, 2854, 1586, 1426, 1130. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₀NO 196.0757, found 196.0756.



2-(Dibenzo[b,d]furan-1-yl)pyridine (Sub-25)

54% yield (400 mg) in 3 mmol scale, synthesized from the Suzuki coupling of 2-bromopyridine with corresponding boronic acid pinacol ester,^[1] white viscous liquid. Rf = 0.30 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.87 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 158.0, 156.6, 156.5, 149.4, 136.8, 136.2, 127.3, 127.0, 124.0, 123.8, 123.4, 123.3, 122.7, 122.3, 121.8, 111.7, 111.4. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3052, 3008, 2927, 2849, 1580, 1449, 1410, 1239, 1195. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₂NO 246.0913, found 246.0915.



2-(4-(((3S,8S,9S,10R,13R,14S,17R)-10,13-dimethyl-17-((R)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11, 12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)phenyl)pyridine (Sub-36) 46% yield (749 mg) in 3 mmol scale, synthesized according to the reported procedure.^[3] White solid, melting point 44-45 °C. Rf = 0.60 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.65 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.71-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 4.22-4.17 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.07-1.99 (m, 3H), 1.94-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.59-1.45 (m, 6H), 1.40-1.26 (m, 4H), 1.21-1.10 (m, 7H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.04-0.96 (m, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 0.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 158.6, 157.1, 149.5, 140.2, 136.6, 131.8, 128.1, 122.4, 121.3, 119.7, 115.9, 77.0, 56.7, 56.1, 50.1, 42.3, 39.7, 39.5, 38.6, 37.1, 36.8, 36.2, 35.8, 31.9, 31.8, 28.21, 28.15, 28.0, 24.3, 23.8, 22.8, 22.6, 21.0, 19.4, 18.7, 11.8. IR (KBr): (cm⁻¹) 3036, 2931, 2901, 2864, 1606, 1585, 1512, 1437, 1269, 1177. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₈H₅₄NO 540.4200, found 540.4198.

Electrochemical silvlation of 2-phenylpyridine using undivided cell



In an oven-dried 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnesium plate $(10 \times 15 \times 0.5 \text{ mm})$ as the anode and a platinum plate $(10 \times 15 \times 0.2 \text{ mm})$ as the cathode under an argon atmosphere, nBu_4NClO_4 (0.03 M, 0.15 mmol, 0.3 equiv.), 2-phenylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), and dry NMP/THF (5 mL in total, v/v =2:1) were added. Then, chlorotrimethylsilane (2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) was added to the mixture, and the reaction mixture was electrolyzed at a constant current of 30 mA at room temperature until 4.5 F/mol of charge had passed. After electrolysis, the reaction mixture was quenched with 50 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL \times 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration and concentration, the crude products were purified by column chromatography (PE/AcOEt, v/v = 5:1).

*For all other pyridine derivatives unless otherwise noted, the electrochemical silvlation reactions were conducted under the above reaction conditions.



Figure S2 Reaction set-up for reaction using undivided cell. (a) Electrodes used in the reaction; (b) Before electrolysis; (c) After electrolysis; (d) Electrode after reaction.

Ca-promoted reductive silvlation of 2-phenylpyridine



Under argon atmosphere, to a 50 mL three-necked flask, 9 mesh calcium granules (1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.), NMP (2.5 mL), chlorotrimethylsilane (3 mmol, 6 equiv.) were added in order. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h, and then to the resulting mixture was added dropwise 2-phenylpyridine (0.5 mmol) in NMP (2.5 mL) within 5 min. After the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until the consumption of starting materials (usually 18 h). The reaction mixture was quenched with 50 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration and concentration, the crude products were purified by column chromatography (PE/AcOEt, v/v = 5:1).

*For all other pyridine derivatives unless otherwise noted, the calcium-promoted silvlation reactions were conducted under the above reaction conditions.



Figure S3 Reaction set-up for Ca-promoted reductive silylation. (a) Before calcium activation; (b) General reaction setup; (c) Commercially available calcium granules; (d) Calcium granules size ~ 2 mm.

Electrochemical silvlation of 2-phenylpyridine using divided cell



In an oven-dried 15 mL divided electrochemical cell equipped with a magnesium plate $(10 \times 15 \times 0.5 \text{ mm})$ as the anode and a platinum plate $(10 \times 15 \times 0.2 \text{ mm})$ as the cathode under an argon atmosphere. *n*Bu₄NClO₄ (0.3 M, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), dry NMP/THF (5 mL in total, v/v = 2:1), and chlorotrimethylsilane (1 mmol, 1 equiv.) were added to the anode chamber in sequence; *n*Bu₄NClO₄ (0.3 M, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2-phenylpyridine (1 mmol, 1 equiv.), dry NMP/THF (5 mL in total, v/v = 2:1) and chlorotrimethylsilane (5 mmol, 5 equiv.) were added to the cathode chamber in sequence. The reaction mixture was electrolyzed at a constant current of 30 mA at room temperature until 4.5 F/mol of charge had passed. After electrolysis, the reaction mixture was quenched with 50 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration and concentration, the crude products were purified by column chromatography (PE/AcOEt, v/v = 5:1).



Figure S4 Reaction set-up for reaction using divided cell. (a) Before electrolysis; (b) After electrolysis.

Gram-scale reaction for electrochemical silvlation of 2-phenylpyridine



In an oven-dried 100 mL Schlenk flask, equipped with a magnesium plate $(20 \times 45 \times 0.5 \text{ mm})$ as the anode and a platinum plate $(20 \times 45 \times 0.1 \text{ mm})$ as the cathode under an argon atmosphere, nBu_4NClO_4 (0.03 M, 3 mmol, 0.3 equiv.), 2-phenylpyridine (10 mmol, 1 equiv.), and dry NMP/THF (100 mL in total, v/v = 2:1) were added. Then, chlorotrimethylsilane (50 mmol, 5 equiv.) was added to the mixture, and the reaction mixture was electrolyzed at a constant current of 150 mA at room temperature until 4.5 F/mol of charge had passed. After electrolysis, the reaction mixture was quenched with 100 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL \times 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration and concentration, the crude products were purified by column chromatography (PE: AcOEt, v/v = 5:1) to give 1.80 g (79%) of product.



Figure S5 Reaction set-up for gram-scale reaction. (a) Electrodes (20×45 mm) and flask (100 mL); (b) Before electrolysis; (c) After electrolysis.



2-Phenyl-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (3)

Known compound.^[6] 87% yield (99 mg) using electroreductive silylation; 80% yield (91 mg) using calcium-promoted silylation, colorless oil. Rf = 0.55 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.68 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 0.35 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.1, 150.8, 148.4, 139.7, 128.6, 128.5, 126.9, 126.4, 124.9, -1.8.



2-(2-Methylphenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (4)

62% yield (75 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.55 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 0.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 158.7, 150.4, 148.0, 140.7, 135.7, 130.6, 129.6, 128.4, 128.1, 125.9, 125.8, 20.2, -1.8. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3064, 3024, 2955, 2923, 2899, 2853, 1583, 1524, 1363, 1249. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NSi 242.1360, found 242.1362.



2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (5)

54% yield (70 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 0.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.8, 154.9, 149.6, 148.2, 131.1, 129.7, 129.51, 129.48, 126.0, 121.0, 111.3, 55.6, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3053, 3030, 3000, 2955, 2902, 2836, 1600, 1524, 1493, 1367, 1244. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NOSi 258.1309, found 258.1311.



2-(2-Fluorophenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (6)

46% yield (56 mg) using electroreductive silvlation; 40% yield (49 mg) using calcium-promoted silvlation, colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.69 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (td, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.26 (td, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 0.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 160.3 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} = 249.4 Hz), 152.2, 150.8, 148.5, 131.1, 130.2 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 8.4 Hz), 128.9 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 8.4 Hz), 127.8

(d, ${}^{2}J_{CF} = 12.1$ Hz), 126.8, 124.4, 116.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF} = 22.9$ Hz), -1.8. ${}^{19}F$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -117.42. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3091, 3040, 2956, 2902, 2850, 1587, 1450, 1370, 1250. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇FNSi 246.1109, found 246.1109.



2-(3-Methylphenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (7)

80% yield (97 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.65 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.66 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 0.34 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.4, 151.0, 148.4, 139.7, 138.3, 129.5, 128.5, 127.7, 126.4, 125.1, 124.1, 21.5, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3053, 3034, 2954, 2922, 2898, 2856, 1580, 1524, 1462, 1357, 1250. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NSi 242.1360, found 242.1360.



2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (8)

75% yield (96 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.65 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 0.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 160.0, 156.0, 151.0, 148.4, 141.3, 129.6, 126.7, 125.1, 119.4, 114.6, 112.2, 55.3, -1.8. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3077, 2998, 2952, 2898, 2835, 1578, 1462, 1358, 1286, 1131. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NOSi 258.1309, found 258.1310.



2-(3-Fluorophenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (9)

51% yield (62 mg) using electroreductive silvlation; 46% yield (56 mg) using calcium-promoted silvlation, colorless oil. Rf = 0.45 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.65 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.78-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.44 (td, J = 8.0 Hz, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 1H), 0.34 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.3 (d, ¹ $_{JCF}$ = 245.3 Hz), 154.9, 151.4, 148.5, 142.1 (d, ³ $_{JCF}$ = 7.4 Hz), 130.1 (d, ³ $_{JCF}$ = 8.2 Hz), 127.1, 125.0, 122.5 (d, ⁴ $_{JCF}$ = 2.8 Hz), 115.6 (d, ² $_{JCF}$ = 21.3 Hz), 114.0 (d, ² $_{JCF}$ = 22.8 Hz), -1.7. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -113.01. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3091, 3040, 2956, 2902, 2850, 1587, 1450, 1370, 1250, 1132. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇FNSi 246.1109, found 246.1110.



2-(4-Methylphenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (10)

84% yield (101 mg) using electroreductive silylation; 61% yield (74 mg) using calcium-promoted silylation, colorless oil. Rf = 0.55 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.64 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 0.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.3, 150.9, 149.1, 138.3, 136.4, 129.9, 126.9, 126.2, 124.8, 23.6, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3056, 3029, 2954, 2922, 2899, 2856, 1587, 1465, 1367. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NSi 242.1360, found 242.1360.



2-(4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (11)

92% yield (130 mg) using electroreductive silvlation; 76% yield (108 mg) using calcium-promoted silvlation, colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.66 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 0.34 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.2, 151.8, 150.8, 148.4, 136.9, 126.7, 126.2, 125.6, 124.9, 34.6, 31.2, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3034, 2956, 2926, 2904, 2869, 1589, 1523, 1370, 1250, 1133. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆NSi 284.1829, found 284.1833.



2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (12)

79% yield (102 mg) using electroreductive silylation; 62% yield (80 mg) using calcium-promoted silylation, colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.61 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 0.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 160.3, 155.9, 150.8, 148.3, 132.4, 128.2, 125.8, 124.3, 114.0, 55.3, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3069, 3031, 3001, 2954, 2929, 2899, 2836, 1607,1587, 1512, 1247. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NOSi 258.1309, found 258.1311.



2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (13)

49% yield (60 mg) using electroreductive silulation; 64% yield (78 mg) using calcium-promoted silulation, colorless oil. Rf = 0.60 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.63 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 7.97 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.4

Hz, 2H), 0.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.4 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} = 248.0 Hz), 155.3, 151.2, 148.5, 135.9 (d, ⁴*J*_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 128.8 (d, ³*J*_{CF} = 8.4 Hz), 126.5, 124.7, 115.6 (d, ²*J*_{CF} = 21.7 Hz), -1.7. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -113.43. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3074, 3054, 3032, 2956, 2898,1602, 1510, 1366. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇FNSi 246.1109, found 246.1109.



2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (14)

52% yield (79 mg), pale yellow oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.71 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 0.37 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 155.8, 151.0, 148.5, 141.5, 140.6, 138.6, 128.8, 127.42, 127.37 (×2), 127.0, 126.6, 124.9, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3061, 3031, 2953, 2896, 1589, 1524, 1470, 1249, 1131. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₂NSi 304.1516, found 304.1518.



N,N-Dimethyl-4-(4-(trimethylsilyl)pyridin-2-yl)aniline (15)

70% yield (95 mg), yellow oil. Rf = 0.45 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.60 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (s, 6H), 0.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.2, 150.9, 150.5, 148.1, 127.7, 127.4, 125.0, 123.7, 112.2, 40.3, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3026, 2956, 2896, 2848, 2799, 1609, 1519, 1465, 1249, 1194. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₃N₂Si 271.1625, found 271.1627.



2-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (16)

61% yield (87 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.45 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.63 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 6H), 0.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 161.0, 155.9, 151.1, 148.3, 142.0, 126.8, 125.3, 105.1, 100.9, 55.5, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3037, 3004, 2953, 2899, 2837, 1595, 1524, 1454, 1366, 1250, 1153. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂Si 288.1414, found 288.1417.



2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (17)

81% yield (110 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.45 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.59 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 0.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 155.7, 151.1, 148.3, 148.24, 148.18, 134.1, 126.1, 124.5, 121.0, 108.4, 107.4, 101.2, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3085, 3029, 2956, 2888, 2780, 1583, 1491, 1469, 1248, 1037. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NO₂Si 272.1101, found 272.1102.



2-(2-Naphthalenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (18)

45% yield (62 mg), pale yellow oil. Rf = 0.55 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.74 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00-7.96 (m, 3H), 7.90-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 0.38 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.1, 151.2, 148.6, 137.0, 133.49, 133.47, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 126.6, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 125.3, 124.7, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3061, 2956, 2926, 2850, 1584, 1524, 1378, 1249, 1134. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₀NSi 278.1360, found 278.1362.



2-(2-Furyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (19)

63% yield (68 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.45 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.53 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 0.31 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 153.7, 151.1, 148.3, 148.0, 143.1, 126.3, 122.8, 112.0, 108.5, -1.8. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3129, 3107, 3064, 2956, 2896, 2853, 1599, 1492, 1354, 1247, 1162. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆NOSi 218.0996, found 218.0996.



2-(2-Thiophenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (20)

70% yield (82 mg) using electroreductive silvlation; 59% yield (69 mg) using calcium-promoted silvlation, colorless oil. Rf = 0.45 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.52 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 0.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 151.3, 151.0,

148.3, 145.1, 127.9, 127.4, 126.4, 124.3, 123.1, -1.8. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3057, 3033, 2955, 2900, 2851, 1493, 1383, 1250. HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{12}H_{16}NSSi$ 234.0767, found 234.0767.

2-(3-Furyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (21)

48% yield (52 mg). yellow oil. Rf = 0.45 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.54 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 0.30 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 151.0, 150.4, 148.3, 143.7, 141.1, 127.1, 126.2, 124.5, 108.6, -1.8. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3029, 2959, 2921, 2902, 2853, 1602, 1493, 1340, 1250, 1162. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆NOSi 218.0996, found 218.0997.



2-(3-Thiophenyl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (22)

58% yield (68 mg), pale yellow oil. Rf = 0.55 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.58 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 5.1 Hz, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 0.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 152.3, 151.0, 148.4, 142.4, 126.27, 126.26, 126.18, 124.7, 123.3, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3110, 3064, 3030, 2954, 2926, 2896, 2853, 1585, 1522, 1249. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆NSSi 234.0767, found 234.0766.



1-Methyl-5-(4-(trimethylsilyl)pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indole (23)

49% yield (69 mg), pale yellow oil. Rf = 0.40 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.66 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 0.35 (s, 9H).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 157.4, 150.9, 148.1, 137.2, 131.2, 129.6, 128.8, 125.5, 125.0, 121.1, 119.8, 109.4, 101.8, 32.9, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3106, 3031, 2957, 2930, 2898, 2854, 1630, 1522, 1384, 1247, 1128. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NSi 281.1469, found 281.1471.



5-(4-(Trimethylsilyl)pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indole (24)

51% yield (68 mg), pale yellow solid, melting point 103-104 °C. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 1:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.95 (s, 1H), 8.69 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 0.36 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 157.7, 150.9, 148.2, 136.4, 131.7, 128.3, 125.6, 125.2 (×2), 121.4, 119.6, 111.4, 103.0, -1.7. IR (KBr): (cm⁻¹) 3179, 3032, 2953, 2854, 1588, 1451, 1376, 1132. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈NSi 267.1312, found 267.1314.



2-(Benzofuran-5-yl)-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (25)

58% yield (77 mg) using electroreductive silvlation; 47% yield (63 mg) using calcium-promoted silvlation, pale yellow oil. Rf = 0.40 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.66 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 0.35 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 155.5, 155.4, 151.0, 148.4, 145.6, 135.0, 127.9, 126.1, 125.1, 123.7, 120.0, 111.4, 107.0, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3034, 2953, 2926, 2848, 1583, 1527, 1465, 1438, 1376, 1250, 1109. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈NOSi 268.1152, found 268.1155.



2-(Dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)pyridine (26)

70% yield (111 mg) using electroreductive silvlation; 69% yield (110 mg) using calcium-promoted silvlation, white solid, melting point 102-103 °C. Rf = 0.30 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.78 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 0.41 (s, 9H).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.0, 153.6, 152.6, 150.9, 148.6, 128.7, 127.3, 127.1, 126.8, 125.0, 124.5, 123.9, 123.2, 122.8, 121.0, 120.6, 111.7, -1.7. IR (KBr): (cm⁻¹) 3018, 2956, 2926, 2850, 1578, 1483, 1451, 1366, 1248, 1190. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₀NOSi 318.1309, found 318.1311.



2-(Dibenzo[b,d]furan-1-yl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)pyridine (27)

69% yield (110 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.40 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.81 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 0.36 (s, 9H).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.63, 156.59, 156.5, 151.2, 148.4, 136.7, 128.4, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 124.1, 123.5, 123.2, 122.2, 121.8, 111.6, 111.5, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3034, 2950, 2926, 2896, 2856, 1583, 1524, 1450, 1367, 1249, 1195. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₀NOSi 318.1309, found 318.1311.



2-Phenyl-4-trimethylsilylquinoline (28)

Known compound.^[7] 95% yield (132 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.23 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 0.54 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.0, 149.5, 147.5, 140.0, 130.8, 130.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 127.7, 127.6, 125.9, 125.5, -0.2.



2-Methyl-6-phenyl-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (29)

Known compound.^[8] 33% yield (40 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.60 (PE/AcOEt = 6:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 0.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 157.0, 155.9, 151.0, 140.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.1, 126.1, 122.2, 24.6, -1.7.



5-Methyl-2-phenyl-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (30)

71% yield (86 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.40 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 153.8, 149.7, 148.6, 139.7, 136.4, 128.6, 128.4, 126.7, 125.3, 19.4, -0.9. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3063, 3028, 2957, 2925, 2898, 2854, 1588, 1469, 1339, 1250, 1083. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NSi 242.1360, found 242.1361.



3-Methyl-2-phenyl-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (31)

61% yield (74 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.40 (PE/AcOEt = 6:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.48 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 1H), 0.38 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 158.4, 149.6, 145.7, 141.3, 135.5, 129.0, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 20.5, -0.5. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3063, 2953, 2930, 2897, 2859, 1521, 1432, 1247. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NSi 242.1360, found 241.1361. SiMe₃

2-Methyl-3-phenyl-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (32)

39% yield (47 mg), yellow oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.46 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), -0.07 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 155.3, 148.7, 146.7, 142.5, 140.8, 129.6, 128.1, 127.5, 126.3, 23.6, -0.3. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3061, 3031, 2953, 2926, 2899, 2853, 1567, 1387, 1248, 1180. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NSi 242.1360, found 242.1361.



2,3-Diphenyl-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (33)

23% yield (35 mg), yellow oil. Rf = 0.60 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.8, 150.2, 147.1, 141.8, 140.6, 140.5, 130.8, 129.7, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 0.0. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3061, 3031, 2954, 2923, 2896, 2850, 1620, 1383, 1251, 1038. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₂NSi 304.1516, found 304.1518.



2,5-Diphenyl-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (34)

54% yield (82 mg) using electroreductive silvlation; 39% yield (59 mg) using calcium-promoted silvlation, yellow oil. Rf = 0.60 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 2H), 0.11 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 154.9, 149.0, 148.9, 142.4, 140.6, 139.5, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 127.8, 127.0, 125.7, -0.1. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3056, 3023, 2956, 2926, 2853, 1573, 1466, 1382, 1337, 1249, 1103. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₂NSi 304.1516, found 304.1517.



2-Ehyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)pyridine (35)

40% yield (36 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE : AcOEt = 1:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.47 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.27 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 162.1, 150.6, 148.0, 126.5, 125.3, 31.3, 14.0, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3050, 2941, 2892, 2865, 1578, 1463, 1253, 1081, 1052, 882, 734. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₈NSi 180.1203, found 180.1214.



2-Benzyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)pyridine (36)

47% yield (57 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.40 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.48 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 0.22 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 159.4, 150.9, 148.2, 139.7, 129.0, 128.5, 127.5, 126.2, 125.6, 44.6, -1.8. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3067, 3046, 3032, 2955, 2920, 2857, 1586, 1428, 1111, 838. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NSi 242.1360, found 242.1377.



(8*R*,9*S*,13*S*,14*S*)-13-Methyl-3-(4-(trimethylsilyl)pyridin-2-yl)-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16-decahydro-17*H*-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one (37)

64% yield (129 mg), white solid, melting point 142-143 °C. Rf = 0.60 (PE/AcOEt = 1:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.63 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.02-2.97 (m, 2H), 2.54-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.39-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.19-1.97 (m, 4H), 1.69-1.48 (m, 6H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 220.8, 156.1, 150.9, 148.4, 140.5, 137.3, 136.9, 127.5, 126.3, 125.7, 124.8, 124.3, 50.5, 47.9, 44.4, 38.0, 35.8, 31.5, 29.4, 26.5, 25.7, 21.5, 13.8, -1.7. IR (KBr): (cm⁻¹) 3031, 2953, 2926, 2867, 1739, 1586, 1411, 1373, 1249, 1229. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₆H₃₄NOSi 404.2404, found 404.2408.



2-(4-(((3S,8S,9S,10R,13R,14S,17R)-10,13-Dimethyl-17-((R)-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11, 12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)phenyl)-4-(trimethylsilyl) pyridine (38)

75% yield (228 mg), white solid, melting point 44-45 °C. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.60 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.41-5.40 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.15 (m, 1H), 2.56-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.98 (m, 3H), 1.94-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.46 (m, 6H), 1.43 (s, 1H), 1.38-1.31 (m, 3H), 1.22-1.09 (m, 7H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.04-0.98 (m, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (dd, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 0.69 (s, 3H), 0.32 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 158.4, 155.9, 150.6, 148.3, 140.1, 132.2, 128.2, 125.7, 124.2, 122.3, 115.9, 76.9, 56.7, 56.1, 50.1, 42.2, 39.7, 39.5, 38.6, 37.1, 36.8, 36.1, 35.7, 31.9, 31.8, 28.2, 28.1, 28.0, 24.2, 28.1, 28.0,

23.8, 22.8, 22.5, 21.0, 19.4, 18.7, 11.8, -1.7. IR (KBr): (cm⁻¹) 3054, 2936, 2909, 2864, 2849, 1608, 1510, 1465, 1367, 1245, 1133. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₄₁H₆₂NOSi 612.4595, found 612.4602.



2,2'-(5'-(3-(4-(Trimethylsilyl)pyridin-2-yl)phenyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-3,3''-diyl)bis(4-trimethyl silylpyridine) (39)

56% yield (210 mg), colorless solid, melting point 78-79 °C. Rf = 0.70 (PE/AcOEt = 1:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.69 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 3H), 8.33 (s, 3H), 8.00-7.98 (m, 6H), 7.88 (s, 3H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 3H), 0.34 (s, 27H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.1, 151.4, 148.4, 142.4, 141.7, 140.4, 129.2, 128.0, 126.8, 126.33, 126.32, 125.7, 125.4, -1.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3064, 3034, 2953, 2896, 2867, 1578, 1352, 1248, 1132. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₄₈H₅₂N₃Si₃ 754.3464, found 754.3391.



4-Ethyldimethylsilyl-2-phenylpyridine (40)

77% yield (93 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.60 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.33 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.2, 150.1, 148.4, 139.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.0, 126.8, 125.3, 7.2, 6.8, -4.1. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3064, 3029, 2956, 2915, 2872, 1588, 1524, 1444, 1369, 1249, 1132. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NSi 242.1360, found 242.1362.



4-Butyldimethylsilyl-2-phenylpyridine (41)

57% yield (77 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.66 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.36-1.31 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.32 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.2, 150.5, 148.4, 139.8, 128.73, 128.67, 127.0, 126.8, 125.3, 26.4, 25.9, 14.7, 13.7, -3.6. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3037, 2955, 2920, 2869, 2850, 1589, 1578,



4-Cyclohexyldimethylsilyl-2-phenylpyridine (42)

60% yield (88 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.60 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.65 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.74-1.67 (m, 5H), 1.26-1.05 (m, 6H), 0.30 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.0, 149.7, 148.2, 139.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.3, 127.1, 125.8, 27.9, 27.2, 26.7, 25.2, -5.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3058, 3952, 3918, 2843, 1605, 1445, 1368, 1248, 1132. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₆NSi 296.1829, found 296.1830.



4-Dimethylphenylsilyl-2-phenylpyridine (43)

68% yield (98 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.45 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.71 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.38 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 0.67 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.3, 149.1, 148.5, 139.6, 136.2, 134.0, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.2, 127.0, 125.7, -3.0. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3063, 3029, 2915, 2872, 1589, 1524, 1446, 1369, 1249, 1132. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NSi 290.1360, found 290.1361.



4-Dimethylvinylsilyl-2-phenylpyridine (44)

43% yield (51 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 4.8, 1H), 6.29 (dd, *J* = 20.1, 14.6 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (dd, *J* = 20.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 0.42 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.3, 149.2, 148.5, 139.7, 136.1, 134.2, 128.8, 128.7, 127.02, 126.96, 125.5, -3.5. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3048, 3031, 2956, 2926, 2848, 1589, 1524, 1446, 1340, 1250, 1132. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NSi 240.1203, found 240.1206.



4-Dimethylsilyl-2-phenylpyridine (45)

55% yield (59 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.60 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.67 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (hept, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 0.42 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 155.3, 148.4, 148.2, 139.5, 128.9, 128.7, 127.1, 127.0, 125.8, -4.5. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3061, 3056, 3002, 3029, 2961, 2129, 1589, 1429, 1369, 1109. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₆NSi 214.1047, found 214.1047.



4-(1,1,2,2,2-Pentamethyldisilaneyl)-2-phenylpyridine (46)

79% yield (113 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.64 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 0.41 (s, 6H), 0.11 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.0, 151.0, 148.3, 139.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.0 (×2), 125.4, -2.5, -4.8. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3069, 3034, 2953, 2853, 1605, 1585, 1368. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₄NSi₂ 286.1442, found 286.1444.



2-Phenyl-4-triethylsilylpyridine (47)

Known compound.^[4] 70% yield (94 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.66 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 9H), 0.86 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.1, 148.4, 148.3, 139.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.0, 125.9, 7.2, 2.8.



2-Phenyl-4-(tributylsilyl)pyridine (48)

63% yield (111 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.66 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.39-1.30 (m, 12H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 9H), 0.87-0.84 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.1, 149.2, 148.4, 139.9, 128.71, 128.68, 127.4, 127.0, 125.8, 26.6, 25.9, 13.7, 11.6. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3069, 2954, 2941, 2893, 2864, 1577, 1428, 1252, 1111, 1053, 882, 775, 728, 697. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₃₆NSi 354.2612, found 354.2593.



4-(Methyldiphenylsilyl)-2-phenylpyridine (49)

55% yield (97 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.60 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.70 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 9H), 7.35 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 0.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.4, 148.7, 147.2, 139.6, 135.2, 134.3, 129.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.0, 126.6, -3.9. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3068, 3048, 2956, 2923, 2853, 1586, 1428, 1111, 791, 775, 728. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₂NSi 352.1516, found 352.1539.



4-(Diisopropylmethylsilyl)-2-phenylpyridine (50-C4)

25% yield (36 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.60 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.65 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.27-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.03 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 0.97 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 0.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.1, 148.3, 147.5, 139.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.1, 126.4, 17.8, 17.5, 11.1, -10.8. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3068, 3051, 2941, 2896, 2864, 1587, 1524, 1428, 1251, 1111, 775, 729, 697. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆NSi 284.1829, found 284.1847.



5-(Diisopropylmethylsilyl)-2-phenylpyridine (50-C5)

19% yield (27 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.65 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.26-1.19 (m, 2H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H), 0.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 157.3, 154.9, 143.2, 139.3, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 126.8, 119.7, 17.8, 17.5, 11.2, -10.5. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3068, 2958, 2941, 2895, 2863, 1577, 1428, 1252, 1111, 1054, 774, 728, 697. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆NSi 284.1829, found 284.1848.



5-(Diisopropylpropylsilyl)-2-phenylpyridine (51)

40% yield (63 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.70 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.76 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.51-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.27 (m, 2H), 1.07 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6H), 1.034 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.028 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6H), 0.95-0.93 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 157.1, 155.1, 143.4, 139.3, 129.0 (×2), 128.7, 126.8, 119.7, 19.0, 18.1, 18.0, 17.8, 12.0, 10.9. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3068, 3053, 3027, 2955, 2935, 2863, 1586, 1428, 1251, 1111, 729, 697. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₃₀NSi 312.2142, found 312.2168.



2-Phenyl-5-triisopropylsilylpyridine (52)

Known compound.^[9] 45% yield (70 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.77 (dd, *J* = 1.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (hept, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 157.0, 155.3, 143.8, 139.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.1, 126.8, 119.7, 18.4, 10.6.



5-(Isobutyldiisopropylsilyl)-2-phenylpyridine (53)

23% yield (37 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.78 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.98-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.37-1.30 (m, 2H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 6H), 1.05 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 6H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 6H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 157.2, 155.2, 143.4, 139.5, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 126.9, 119.5, 26.8, 24.7, 20.4, 18.2, 18.1, 11.5. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3053, 2954, 2930, 2898, 2864, 1582, 1444, 1249, 1039, 843, 813. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₃₂NSi 326.2299, found 326.2322.

Cyclic voltammetry studies

The cyclic voltammogram were recorded on an IKA ElectraSyn 2.0 pro. The measurement cell equipped with a 3 mm glassy carbon disk as the working electrode, a platinum coated plate as the counter electrode, and an Ag/AgCl reference electrode was used. The results were recorded using NMP (5 mL) as solvent, nBu_4NClO_4 (0.10 M) as the supporting electrolyte. The results were recorded under ambient air conditions at room temperature, sweeping reductively from the initial potential of 0 V to the final potential of -3.00 V in the scan rate of 200 mVs⁻¹. Prior to use, the solvent NMP was deoxygenated by nitrogen bubbling for 0.5 h. And the glassy carbon working electrode was polished with alumina powder before use. The reduction potentials of some representative substrates (10 mM concentration) are shown below.



Figure S6 Cyclic voltammogram of the 1 (sub-1), 2 and 3. The reduction peak (E_{red}) of 1 was observed at -1.86 V; No significant reduction peak (E_{red}) of 2 was observed ranging from 0 to -3.00 V; The reduction peak (E_{red}) of 3 was observed at -1.89 V.



Figure S7 Cyclic voltammogram of the **Sub-16**, **Sub-18**, **Sub-26**, and chlorotriisopropylsilane. The reduction peak (E_{red}) of **Sub-16**, **Sub-18**, and **Sub-26** were observed at -1.77 V, -1.72 V, and -1.72 V, respectively.

Detection of intermediates by GC-MS



In an oven-dried 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnesium plate $(10 \times 15 \times 0.5 \text{ mm})$ as the anode and a platinum plate $(10 \times 15 \times 0.2 \text{ mm})$ as the cathode under an argon atmosphere, nBu_4NClO_4 (0.03 M, 0.15 mmol, 0.3 equiv.), 2-phenylquinoline (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), and dry NMP/THF (5 mL in total, v/v= 2:1) were added. Then, chlorotrimethylsilane (2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) was added to the mixture, and the reaction mixture was electrolyzed at a constant current of 10 mA at room temperature until 4.5 F/mol of charge had passed. After electrolysis, the reaction mixture was poured into a beaker containing a mixture of saturated sodium bicarbonate (50 mL) and ethyl acetate (20 mL), the organic phase was directly submitted to GC-MS analysis.





General procedure for silylation of 4-phenylpyridine



In an oven-dried 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnesium plate $(10 \times 15 \times 0.5 \text{ mm})$ as the anode and a platinum plate $(10 \times 15 \times 0.2 \text{ mm})$ as the cathode under an argon atmosphere, *n*Bu₄NClO₄ (0.03 M, 0.15 mmol, 0.3 equiv.), 4-phenylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), and dry NMP/THF (5 mL in total, *v*/*v* = 2:1) were added. Then, chlorotrimethylsilane (2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) was added to the mixture, and the reaction mixture was electrolyzed at a constant current of 30 mA at room temperature until 4.5 F/mol of charge had passed. After electrolysis, the reaction mixture was quenched with 50 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration and concentration, the crude products were purified by column chromatography (PE/AcOEt, *v*/*v* = 10:1).

Ph_SiMe₃

4-Phenyl-1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine (55)

70% yield (105 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.80 (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). The targeted compound decomposed quickly and transformed into 4-phenylpyridine after 2 h of exposure to air. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 0.20 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 149.1, 128.1, 126.8, 125.4, 124.2, 103.3, 35.3, -1.2, -4.6.

Derivatization reactions of products A. Deuteration of 2-phenyl-4-trimethylsilylpyridine



In an oven-dried 50 mL two neck flask under an argon atmosphere, 2-phenyl-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), deuterium oxide (5 mmol, 10 equiv.), cesium fluoride (5 mmol, 10 equiv.) and dry DMF (5 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was quenched with 20 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL \times 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration and concentration, the crude products were purified by column chromatography (PE/AcOEt, v/v = 5:1).



2-Phenylpyridine-4-d (56)

Known compound.^[11] 95% yield (74 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.71 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 157.3, 149.6, 139.3, 136.3 (t, J = 24.2 Hz), 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 121.9, 120.3.

B. Tamao-Fleming oxidation of 4-dimethylsilyl-2-phenylpyridine



In a 50 mL two-neck flask under an argon atmosphere, potassium fluoride (2 mmol, 4 equiv.), sodium bicarbonate (2 mmol, 4 equiv.) and 6 mL of solvent THF/MeOH = 1:1 (v/v) were added. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C, following the addition of 4-dimethylsilyl-2-phenylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) and hydrogen peroxide (1.5 mL). The reaction was then stirred at 50 °C for 12 h. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was quenched with 20 mL of saturated ammonium chloride solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration and concentration, the crude products were purified by column chromatography (PE/AcOEt, v/v = 1:1).



2-Phenylpyridin-4-ol (57)

Known compound.^[12] 61% yield (52 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.50 (DCM/MeOH = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.69 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 3H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 178.9, 151.0, 139.7, 133.8, 130.2, 129.0, 127.0, 115.5, 114.6.

C. Iodination of 4-dimethylsilyl-2-phenylpyridine



To an oven-dried 50 mL two neck flask under an argon atmosphere, 4-(dimethylsilyl)-2-phenylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), *N*-iodosuccinimide (NIS) (2 mmol, 4 equiv.), silver(I) fluoride (0.8 mmol, 4 equiv.) and acetonitrile (5mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 24 h. The solvent was then removed in vacuo and the crude product was purified using flash column chromatography (PE/AcOEt, v/v = 10:1).



4-Iodo-2-phenylpyridine (58)

Known compound.^[13] 72% yield (101 mg), yellow oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.35 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 158.2, 149.8, 137.7, 131.1, 129.9, 129.6, 128.8, 127.0, 106.3.

D. Functionalization of 4-dimethylsilyl-2-phenylpyridine



To an oven-dried 50 mL two neck flask under an argon atmosphere, 4-(dimethylsilyl)-2phenylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), *N*-bromosuccinimide (NBS) (2 mmol, 4 equiv.), silver(I) fluoride (0.8 mmol, 4 equiv.) and acetonitrile (5mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 24 h. The solvent was then removed in vacuo and the crude product was purified using flash column chromatography (PE/AcOEt, v/v = 10:1).

In an oven-dried 20 mL two-neck flask under an argon atmosphere, 4-bromo-2-phenylpyridine (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) obtained from the previous step, Pd(PPh₃)₄ (3 mol%), sodium carbonate (2.25 mmol, 7.5 equiv.), phenylboronic acid (0.39 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), and a toluene/H₂O/EtOH mixed solvent (4.2 mL, v/v/v = 3:3:1) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 95 °C for 12 h. Afterward, the reaction mixture was diluted with 10 mL of ethyl acetate and 10 mL of water, and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. Following filtration and concentration, the crude products were purified by column chromatography (PE/AcOEt, v/v = 10:1).



4-Bromo-2-phenylpyridine (59)

Known compound.^[13] 86% yield (101 mg), yellow oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.51 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 158.8, 150.3, 137.9, 133.4, 129.5, 128.8, 126.9, 125.2, 123.8.



2,4-Diphenylpyridine (60)

Known compound.^[14] 94% yield (65 mg), yellow oil. Rf = 0.50 (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.75 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.43 (m, 7H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 158.1, 150.1, 149.2, 139.5, 138.5, 129.1, 129.01, 129.00, 128.8, 127.1, 127.0, 120.2, 118.8.

E. Electroreductive silvlation of 2-phenyl-4-trimethylsilylpyridine



In an oven-dried 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnesium plate $(10 \times 15 \times 0.5 \text{ mm})$ as the anode and a platinum plate $(10 \times 15 \times 0.2 \text{ mm})$ as the cathode under an argon atmosphere, nBu_4NClO_4 (0.03 M, 0.15 mmol, 0.3 equiv.), 2-phenyl-4-trimethylsilylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), and dry NMP/THF (5 mL in total, v/v = 2:1) were added. Then, chlorotrimethylsilane (2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) was added to the
mixture, and the reaction mixture was electrolyzed at a constant current of 30 mA at room temperature until 4.5 F/mol of charge had passed. After electrolysis, the reaction mixture was quenched with 50 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration and concentration, the crude products were purified by column chromatography (PE/AcOEt, v/v = 10:1).

For the DDQ-assisted oxidation, the crude product obtained from the previous step was placed in a 20 mL flask. Dichloromethane (1 mL) and 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ) (1 equiv., 0.5 mmol) were added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. Subsequently, the resulting mixture was quenched with 10 mL of sodium hydroxide solution (1 M) and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL \times 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration and concentration, the crude products were purified by column chromatography (PE/AcOEt, v/v = 10:1).



2-Phenyl-1,4,6-tris(trimethylsilyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine (61)

66% yield (123 mg), colorless oil. Rf = 0.80 (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). The targeted compound rapidly decomposes upon contact with air. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 5.60 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 0.13 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 9H), -0.09 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 145.2, 141.6, 135.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 113.8, 49.4, 1.2, -1.7, -2.7. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3045, 2923, 2910, 2857, 1565, 1500, 1341, 1240, 1061. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₃₆NSi₃ 374.2150, found 374.2148.



2-Phenyl-4,6-bistrimethylsilylpyridine (62)

62% yield (93 mg) total yield, colorless oil. Rf = 0.65 (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.08 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 0.37 (s, 9H), 0.33 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 166.5, 155.4, 147.7, 140.4, 131.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.0, 123.8, -1.61, -1.64. IR (neat): (cm⁻¹) 3052, 955, 2926, 2852, 1569, 1494, 1370, 1247, 1078. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₂₆NSi₂ 300.1598, found 300.1599.

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