# Palladium-Catalyzed $\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{sp}^{2}\right)$ - $\mathrm{H} \quad$ Pyridocarbonylation of $N$-Aryl-2-aminopyridines: Dual Function of the Pyridyl Moiety 

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## 1. General Information

Substrates 1 were synthesized according to the literature method. ${ }^{1}$ Reactions were monitored using thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on commercial silica gel plates (GF 254). Visualization of the developed plates was performed under UV lights ( 254 nm ). Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 or 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were reported in ppm referenced to an internal tetramethylsilane standard or the DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ residual peak ( $\delta 2.50$ ) for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR. Chemical shifts of ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR were reported relative to $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ( $\delta 77.0$ ) or DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ( $\delta 39.5$ ). The following abbreviations were used to describe peak splitting patterns when appropriate: br s = broad singlet, s $=$ singlet, $\mathrm{d}=$ doublet, $\mathrm{t}=$ triplet, $\mathrm{q}=$ quartet, $\mathrm{m}=$ multiplet. Coupling constant, J , was reported in Hertz unit (Hz). IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 27 spectrometer using a diamond comb. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an ESI-LC-MS/MS spectrometer.

## 2. General Procedure and Product Characterization

### 2.1 General procedure

In an oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar, $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(2.3 \mathrm{mg}, 5.0$ $\mathrm{mol} \%$ ), $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ ( $162 \mathrm{mg}, 3.0$ equiv ) and N -aryl-2-aminopyridines ( 0.2 mmol ) were combined. A balloon filled with CO was connected to the Schlenk tube by the side tube and purged three times. Then, TFA ( 1.0 mL ) was added to the tube through a syringe. The Schlenk tube was heated at $70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $1.5-8 \mathrm{~h}$ under balloon pressure of CO. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature after complete consumption of $\mathbf{1}$ as monitored by TLC analysis. EtOAc ( 20 mL ) and saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ ( 20 mL ) were added to the reaction mixture successively. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous phase was further extracted with EtOAc ( $2 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic phases were washed with brine and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The concentrated residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product 2.

### 2.2. Product Characterization

## 11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2a) ${ }^{2,3}$



Yellow solid, $34 \mathrm{mg}, 87 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.87$ (d, J = 7.2 Hz , 1 H ), 8.45 (dd, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.84-7.82(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.51-7.45 (m, 3H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 1H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 159.0,148.5$, 147.7, 135.0, 134.1, 127.3, 126.9, 126.7, 126.3, 125.2, 116.3, 112.4; IR (KBr): 3412, 3111, 2924, 1974, 1700, 1641, 1569, 1545, 1455, 1384, 1302, 1150 764, $685 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$196.0709, found 196.0710.

## 6-methyl-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2b) ${ }^{4}$



Yellow solid, $36 \mathrm{mg}, 86 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.81$ (d, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1 H ), 8.44 (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.84-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J=5.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.78(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.60(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 159.5, 148.3, 147.6, 134.7, 134.5, 132.2, 127.5, 127.2, 125.1, 124.8, 116.1, 112.1, 18.6; IR (KBr): 3551, 3478, 3413, 2978, 2917, 1702, 1640, 1608, 1556, 1529, 1457, 1164, 1137, 1072, 765, $736 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ 211.0866, found 211.0865.

6-chloro-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2c)


Pale yellow solid, $31 \mathrm{mg}, 67 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.84$ (d, $J=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.44(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.90-7.86(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.71-7.69 (m, 1H), $7.53(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.79(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125
$\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 159.0,147.8,144.4,135.3,133.0,130.4,127.8,127.3,126.1,126.0$, 116.2, 111.0; IR (KBr): 3474, 3453, 3347, 3098, 2925, 1834, 1701, 1633, 1605, 1544, 1523, 1470, 1455, 1248, 1152, 897, 771, $693 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{ClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$231.0320, found 231.0321.

## 7-methyl-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2d) ${ }^{2}$



Pale yellow solid, $32 \mathrm{mg}, 76 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.78$ (d, $J=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 8.42 (dd, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.83-7.79(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.45-7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.27(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.70(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.41(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H})$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 167.9,150.7,142.5,135.9,134.6,134.1,130.4$, 129.6, 128.6, 127.6, 110.5, 107.7, 37.1; IR (KBr): 3530, 3369, 3277, 3065, 2919, 1727, 1695, 1649, 1606, 1528, 1457, 1238, 776, $693 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$211.0866, found 211.0868.

## 7-phenyl-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2e)



Yellow solid, $25 \mathrm{mg}, 46 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.92$ (d, $J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 8.44$ (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.84(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.78$ (d, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.73$ (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.54-7.44(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0,1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 158.9,149.0,148.0,146.0,136.4,135.1,129.9,129.3,127.3,126.9,126.82$, 126.80, 125.0, 121.9, 116.2, 112.3; IR (KBr): 3551, 3414, 3050, 2923, 1690, 1648, 1530, 1453, 1261, 1160, 1147, 941, 755, $690 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$273.1022, found 273.1022.

## 8-fluoro-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2f)



Pale yellow solid, $34 \mathrm{mg}, 79 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.76$ (dd, $J=5.2$
$\mathrm{Hz}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.41(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.86-7.82(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.77(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.53-7.43(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 158.4$ (d, $J=1.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 152.3(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=241.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 148.1, 145.7, 135.0, 128.3 (d, $J=3.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 127.7 (d, $J=$ 27.1 Hz ), 127.10, 127.08, 125.9, 115.6, 112.1 (d, $J=41.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ); IR (KBr): 3412, 3069, 3052, 2923, 1972, 1690, 1608, 1568, 1550, 1531, 1311, 1472, 1457, 1345, 769, $694 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 215.0615$, found 215.0617.

## 8-(trifluoromethyl)-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2g)



Yellow solid, $40 \mathrm{mg}, 76 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.18$ (d, $J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 8.43$ (dd, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.90-7.86(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.55-7.51 (m, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 158.6,148.2,146.6,135.8,128.9$ (q, $J=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, $126.6(\mathrm{q}, J=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}), 126.3,122.9(\mathrm{q}, J=269.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 116.5,116.3$; IR (KBr): 3551, 3468, 3413, 3103, 3047, 1809, 1712, 1662, 1610, 1580, 1556, 1462, 1335, 1262, 1116, 1058, 769, $675 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$265.0583, found 265.0584.

6 H -pyrimido $2,1-b]$ quinazolin-6-one ( 2 h$)^{5}$


Yellow solid, $16 \mathrm{mg}, 40 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.12$ (dd, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.91(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.42(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.94-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), $6.89(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 161.5,159.3,149.0,147.3,135.8,135.7,128.0,127.3$, 126.2, 116.2, 108.9; IR (KBr): 3413, 2962, 2922, 2851, 1696, 1638, 1570, 1547, 1458, 1402, 1228, 1145, 775, $690 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ 198.0662, found 198.0661.

2-methyl-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2i) ${ }^{3}$


Yellow solid, $32 \mathrm{mg}, 76 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.86$ (dd, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.71-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.81 (m, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 158.9,147.2,146.7,136.9,135.4,133.5,126.7$, 126.6, 126.3, 126.2, 116.1, 112.3, 21.4; IR (KBr): 3413, 3052, 2920, 1697, 1642, 1545, 1526, 1481, 1257, 1140, 826, 765, 696, $569 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$211.0866, found 211.0867.

## 2-methoxy-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2j) ${ }^{3,5}$



Pray white solid, $28 \mathrm{mg}, 62 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.87$ (d, $J=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.76-7.73(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.51-7.43(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.88-6.84(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.96(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 158.7,157.4,146.1,143.7,132.8,128.7,126.8,126.41$, 126.39, 116.9, 112.6, 105.1, 55.8; IR (KBr): 3478, 3037, 2923, 1731, 1692, 1599, 1546, 1432, 1375, 1142, 1022, $763 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ [ $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 227.0815$, found 227.0817.

## 2-tert-butyl-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2k)



Pale yellow solid, $39 \mathrm{mg}, 77 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.87$ (dd, $J=7.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.93(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.74 (d, $J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.86-6.82(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.42(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 159.1,148.7,147.3,146.6,133.6,126.7,126.6,126.3$, 122.5, 115.7, 112.4, 35.0, 31.2; IR (KBr): 3033, 3961, 2867, 2636, 1684, 1644, 1547, 1525, 1483, 1265, 1150, 1225, 834, 766, $601 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+} 253.1335$, found 253.1338.

## 2-fluoro-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2l)



White solid, $30 \mathrm{mg}, 70 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.85(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1 H ), 8.06 (dd, $J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.80 (dd, $J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.62-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.51 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 1H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 159.7$ (d, $J=246.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 158.4 (d, $J=4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 147.1, 145.4, 133.9, 129.5, (d, $J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 126.5, 126.4, 124.5(d, $J=25 \mathrm{~Hz}), 117.0$ (d, $J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 112.9, 111.2 (d, $J=23.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ); IR (KBr): 3550, 3476, 3413, 3234, 1694, 1649, 1546, 1549, 1482, 1440, 1364, 1133, 839, 796, $760 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ 215.0615, found 215.0614.

## 2-chloro-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2m)



Yellow solid, $35 \mathrm{mg}, 77 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.85$ (dd, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.39(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.77-7.71(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.56-7.49(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 6.92-6.88 (m, 1H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 158.1,147.8,147.1,135.6,134.4$, 130.7, 128.7, 126.7, 126.4, 126.3, 117.0, 113.0; IR (KBr): 3114, 3038, 1690, 1643, 1547, 1524, 1466, 1153, 1014, 886, 762, 732, $692 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{ClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$231.0320, found 231.0321.

## 4-methyl-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2n)



Pale yellow solid, $34 \mathrm{mg}, 81 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.86(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, $J=8.0,1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.69 (d, $J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.55 (d, $J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.50-7.46(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.37(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.87-6.83(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.71(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 159.4,147.5,146.7,135.4,135.1,133.4,126.9,126.6,124.9$, 124.8, 116.2, 112.4, 17.7; IR (KBr): 3474, 3453, 3423, 2946, 1692, 1640, 1605, 1578, 1544 , 1476, 1302, 1242, 1136, 761, $699 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$211.0866, found 211.0866.

## 4-methoxy-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2o)



Pale yellow solid, $30 \mathrm{mg}, 66 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.88$ (d, $J=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 8.03 (dd, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.69 (d, $J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.53-7.49 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.41$ (t, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.25 (d, $J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.91-6.87$ (m, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 158.8,154.1,147.2,140.0,133.7,127.0,126.6,125.2$, $118.5,117.2,113.4,112.9,56.3$; IR (KBr): 3474, 3453, 3449, 3240, 2922, 2839, 1709, 1639, 1576, 1528, 1486, 1384, 1266, 1253, 1144, 1078, 757, $705 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$227.0815, found 227.0816.

## 4-fluoro-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2p)



Brown solid, $33 \mathrm{mg}, 77 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.88$ (d, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$ $1 \mathrm{H}), 8.23$ (d, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.65$ (d, $J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.59-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.91 (m, 1H), 7.30; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 158.2$ (d, $J=3.4$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 156.7$ (d, $J=253.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 148.1, 138.8 (d, $J=12.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 134.7, 126.8, 126.7, 124.7 (d, $J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 122.9 (d, $J=4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 119.5 (d, $J=18.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 118.1, 113.1; $\operatorname{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}):$ 3551, 3474, 3414, 3043, 2924, 1689, 1644, 1617, 1545, 1531, 1251, 1099, 755, $675 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$215.0615, found 215.0616.

## 3-methyl-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2q)



Gray white powder, $25 \mathrm{mg}, 59 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.86$ (d, $J=8.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 8.33 (d, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57$ (s, 1H), 7.49-7.48 (m, 2H), $7.30(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.4$
$\mathrm{Hz}, J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.86-6.82(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.54(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 158.8, 148.7, 147.9, 146.2, 134.0, 127.2, 127.1, 126.7, 126.3, 114.0, 112.3, 22.2; IR (KBr): 3411, 3076, 2917, 1709, 1680, 1644, 1616, 1545, 1459, 1348, 1210, 1225, 761, 654 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$211.0866, found 211.0866.

## 3-phenyl-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2r)



Pale yellow solid, $41 \mathrm{mg}, 75 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.88$ (d, $J=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 8.49 (d, $J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 8.00 (d, $J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.76-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 1H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 158.8,148.9,148.1,147.7,139.7,134.2,129.0,128.5,127.8,127.5,126.8$, 126.3, 124.63, 124.57, 115.0, 112.4; IR (KBr): 3551, 3413, 3114, 3030, 1692, 1642, 1614, 1546, 1530, 1464, 1210, 1160, 878, 768, 757, $688 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$273.1022, found 273.1023.

## 1,3-dimethyl-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2s)



Yellow solid, $32 \mathrm{mg}, 72 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.83$ (d, $J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.81-6.77 (m, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 158.9,150.3,147.8,145.2,141.2,134.0,129.5,126.6$, 126.0, 124.6, 112.9, 112.0, 23.5, 21.9; IR (KBr): 3551, 3479, 3413, 3109, 1732, 1689, 1641, 1616, 1548, 1529, 1293, 857, $621 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$225.1022, found 225.1021.

## 3-chloro-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2t) ${ }^{3}$



Gray white powder, $20 \mathrm{mg}, 43 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.85$ (d, $J=7.2$
$\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.35$ (d, $J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.75$ (d, $J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.39(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.92-6.88(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 158.8, 149.9, 149.0, 141.8, 135.0, 129.2, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 126.3, 115.1, 113.1; IR (KBr): 3412, 3064, 3033, 2924, 1990, 1690, 1642, 1598, 1544, 1526, 1453, 1147, 768, $687 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{ClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ 231.0320, found 231.0321.

## 1-chloro-11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one (2t')



Pale yellow solid, $12 \mathrm{mg}, 27 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.89(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.68-7.66$ (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.88 (m, 1H);
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 156.9,150.9,148.1,135.0,134.4,134.1,127.6,126.8$, 126.2, 126.0, 113.5, 112.8; IR (KBr): 3779, 3574, 3216, 2957, 2924, 2854, 1698, 1643, 1597, 1560, 1517, 1462, 1378, 1279, 813, $687 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{ClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$231.0320, found 231.0318.

## 3. Diversification of $\mathbf{2 a}$

## (2-(pyridin-2-ylamino)phenyl)methanol (3)



A solution of $2 \mathbf{2 a}(196 \mathrm{mg}, 1 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry THF ( 2 mL ) was added slowly to an ice-cold suspension of $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}(152 \mathrm{mg}, 4 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry THF ( 5 mL ). Then the solution was refluxed for 4 h , during which the conversion was complete. The reaction was then carefully quenched by ice. The citric acid $(1 \mathrm{~g})$ in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and 1 M of $\mathrm{HCl}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, and then extracted by EtOAc. $10 \%$ of NaOH was added to adjust the PH to 8 . The aqueous phase was extracted by EtOAc again. The combined organic phases were washed with brine and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The concentrated residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product $\mathbf{3}(98 \mathrm{mg})$
in $49 \%$ yield as a yellow liquid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.11$ (d, $J=4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), 7.82 (br s, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.50(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.29(\mathrm{t}, J=1.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.03(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.73(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 4.73 (s, 2H), 3.97 (br s 1 H ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 156.0,147.7,139.8$, 137.9, 131.5, 129.5, 128.7, 122.9, 120.6, 114.9, 109.0, 63.6.

3-(2-(pyridin-2-ylamino)phenyl)pentan-3-ol (4)


A solution of 2a ( $392 \mathrm{mg}, 2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dry THF ( 10 mL ) was cooled to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, after a dropwise addition of $\mathrm{EtMgBr}(1.0 \mathrm{M}$ in THF, 4 mL ) to this stirring solution, the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction was quenched by $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, EtOAc ( 20 mL ) was added. The aqueous phase was extracted by EtOAc ( 20 mL ) again. The combined organic phases were washed with brine and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The concentrated residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product $4(344 \mathrm{mg})$ in $67 \%$ yield as yellow liquid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.03(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 8.08 (d, $J=4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.64(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.42(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.20(\mathrm{t}, J=$ $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.65(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 4.13 (br s, 1H), 1.96 (q, $J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 0.85(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 156.5,147.8,140.4,137.6,133.7,127.8,127.3,122.0,121.7,114.4$, 108.6,79.4, 32.2, 8.3.

## benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-ylmethanol (5)



To a solution of 3 ( 0.20 mmol , 1 equiv) in $\operatorname{HFIP}(1.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added $\operatorname{PhI}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(0.22$ mmol, 1.1 equiv) at $25{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under air. The resulting mixture was stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1.5 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the starting material was completely consumed. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc ( 10 mL ) and washed with
brine ( 10 mL ). The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give 5 in $69 \%$ yield . ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta 9.04(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.15(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.68 (d, $J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57-7.51(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.35(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.98$ (t , $J=6.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $5.29(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.05$ (s, 2H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}_{6}$ ): $\delta 147.8$, 141.8, 133.5, 130.3, 128.5, 127.4, 122.5, 120.8, 117.4, 110.7, 110.4, 59.5; IR (KBr): 3408, 2925, 1636, 1503, 1428, 1356, 1018, 757; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$199.0871, found 199.0864.

## 3-(benzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-6-yl)pentan-3-ol (6)



To a solution of 3 ( 0.20 mmol , 1 equiv) in $\operatorname{HFIP}(1.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added $\operatorname{PhI}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ ( 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv) at $25{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under air. The resulting mixture was stirred at $25{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1.5 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC until the starting material was completely consumed. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc ( 10 mL ) and washed with brine ( 10 mL ). The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the 6 in $88 \%$ yield. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.43(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.43(\mathrm{t}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.35(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{t}$, $J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.85(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.13-1.96(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 0.85(\mathrm{t}$, $7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 146.7,143.0,136.6,129.4,128.7,125.1$, 122.4, 120.9, 117.9, 110.4, 108.4, 79.5, 34.7, 8.3; IR (KBr): 3301, 2961, 1639, 1509, 1415, 1359, 1288, 965, 760; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ 255.1497, found 255.1494.

## 4. Mechanistic studies

### 4.1 Isotop Labeling Experiments

Synthesis and characterization of deuterated substrate 1a-D ${ }_{5}$

## N -pencadeuteriumphenylpyridin-2-amine (1a- $\mathbf{D}_{5}$ )



Following the literature method for the synthesis of substrate 1, 2-bromopyridine and pentadeuteriumaniline were used. 1a-D $\mathbf{D}_{5}$ was obtained in $85 \%$ yield as a white solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): 8.21 (dd, $\left.J=4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.51-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.87(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.75-6.71(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.60(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$.

## H/D Exchange experiment



A mixture of $\mathbf{1 a -} \mathbf{D}_{5}(35 \mathrm{mg}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol}$, the deuterium rate is over $95 \%), \mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(2.3 \mathrm{mg}$, $5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ ( 162 mg , 3 equiv) in TFA was stirred at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under balloon pressure of CO for 2 h . The mixture was diluted with EtOAc ( 20 mL ), washed saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ and brine ( 20 mL ), and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The concentrated residue was purified by column chromatography to recover $\mathbf{1 a}-\mathbf{D}_{5}(\mathrm{D} \%$ was about $87 \%$ ) in $15 \%$ yield.

## Intermolecular competition reaction of a mixture of 1 a and $1 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{D}_{5}$



A mixture of $\mathbf{1 a}\left(17 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5\right.$ equiv), $\mathbf{1 a}^{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{D}_{5}(19.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5$ equiv), $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(2.3 \mathrm{mg}, 5 \mathrm{~mol} \%), \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8}(162 \mathrm{mg}, 3$ equiv) in TFA (1 mL) was stirred at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under balloon pressure of CO for 0.5 h . The mixture was diluted with $\mathrm{EtOAc}(20$ mL ), washed Saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ and brine ( 20 mL ), and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The concentrated residue was purified by column chromatography to give a mixture of $\mathbf{2 a}$ and $\mathbf{2 a -} \mathbf{D}_{4}$ in a total yield of $38 \%$ in a ratio of $1.9: 1$ as determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR.

## Parallel competition reactions of 1 a and $1 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{D}_{5}$ in separate tubes ${ }^{6}$



1a

$1 a-D_{5}$
$\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} 5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8} 3$ equiv

TFA, $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
CO
parallel experiment

Five identical reactions were set side-by-side. Each reaction tube was charged with 1a (17 $\mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(1.2 \mathrm{mg}, 5 \mathrm{~mol} \%), \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ ( $81 \mathrm{mg}, 3$ equiv) in TFA ( 0.5 mL ) was stirred at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under balloon pressure of CO. The reactions were stopped in 6,12 , 18, 24 and 30 min , respectively. In a parallel experiment, the same five reactions were performed using $\mathbf{1 a -} \mathbf{D}_{5}(19.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ as a substrate under otherwise identical conditions. Each of the reaction was worked up following procedures mentioned above. The crude reaction mixture was analyzed by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR using 4-iodoanisole as an internal standard. The yields of $\mathbf{2 a}$ and $\mathbf{2 a}-\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{4}}$ of the 10 reactions were plotted against reaction time. The ratio of product formation was determined to be 2.5 by comparing the slopes.


### 4.2 Evidence of oxidation state of the palladium intermediate



In an oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a stirring bar, $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ ( $45 \mathrm{mg}, 1$ equiv) and $N$-aryl-2-aminopyridines $\mathbf{1 a}$ ( $35 \mathrm{mg}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were combined. A balloon filled with CO was connected to the Schlenk tube by the side tube and purged three times. Then, TFA ( 1.0 mL ) was added to the tube through a syringe. The Schlenk tube was
heated at $70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 4 h under balloon pressure of CO . The reaction was cooled down to room temperature. EtOAc ( 20 mL ) and saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added to the reaction mixture successively. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous phase was further extracted with EtOAc $(2 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic phases were washed with brine and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The concentrated residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to give $\mathbf{2 a}$ in $48 \%$ yield. $45 \%$ of $\mathbf{1 a}$ was recovered. The result indicates that $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{II})$ intermediate maybe involve in the course of reaction, instead of $\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{IV})$ $\left(\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8}\right.$ often used as an oxidant to oxidize the $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{II})$ intermediate to $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{IV})$.

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