

Reactivity of the Nitrogen–Silicon Bond. Pyridines and Furo[2,3-*b*][1,4]diazepines from 4-Amino-1-azabutadienes via 1,2-Dihydro-1,3,2-diazasilines

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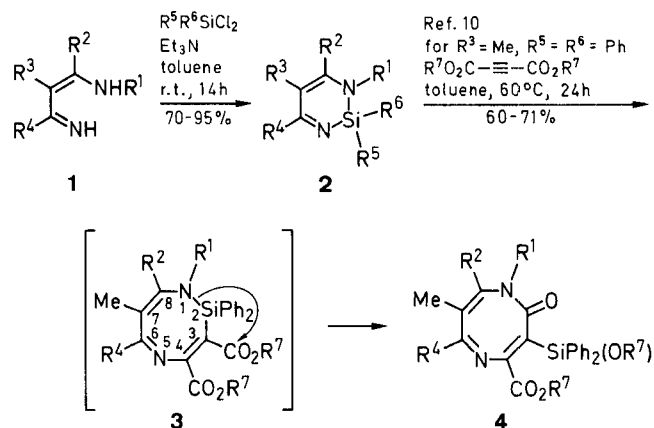
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1,2-Dihydro-1,3,2-diazasilines **2** are prepared from 4-amino-1-azadienes **1** and react with dialkyl acetylenedicarboxylates to produce six- and seven-membered heterocycles depending on the substitution pattern of **1**. Highly functionalized pyridine-2-carboxylates **5** and 8,8a-dihydro-2*H*-furo[2,3-*b*][1,4]diazepin-2-ones **11** are formed starting from azadienes **1** with $R^3 = H$ and $R^2 = R^3 = H$, respectively. On heating diazepines **11** undergo ring-contraction to alkyl 4-hydroxy-5-(iminomethyl)pyridine-2-carboxylates **13** which can be hydrolyzed to the corresponding 5-formyl-4-hydroxypyridine-2-carboxylates **14**.

For a long time organosilicon compounds have been recognized as highly useful reagents or intermediates in organic chemistry.^{2,3} On the other hand, the reactivity of the nitrogen–silicon bond has mostly been exploited in the last years;³ thus, aminosilanes⁴ and silyl imines^{5,6} represent species of great potential in organic synthesis. Moreover, heterocycles containing the nitrogen–silicon–nitrogen (N–Si–N) moiety (e.g., diazasilolindines⁷) have been reported to yield macrocyclic systems by reaction with electrophiles. However, routes to 1,3,2-diazasilacycloalkanes are very limited in number⁸ and reports concerning synthesis of the 1,2-dihydro derivatives of diazasilines remain unknown.

We have for a number of years been involved in the synthesis of new six-membered heterocycles with the N–X–N grouping (X = P, S) from readily available 4-amino-1-azabutadienes.⁹ It became interesting to investigate the preparation of the analogous silicon-containing systems and to study their reactivity. Thus, the preliminary results¹⁰ showed that substituted 1,2-dihydro-1,3,2-diazasilines **2** were formed very easily by stirring at room temperature azadienes **1**, dichlorosilane derivatives and triethylamine (molar ratio 1:1:2); more important, we found that the reactivity of heterocycles **2** ($R^3 = Me$) dramatically changed, compared to that of their precursors **1**, when treated with acetylenedicarboxylic acid esters^{10,11} and heterocumulenes.¹² In fact, 1,5-diazocin-2(1*H*)-ones **4** – a new class of eight-membered heterocycles – were obtained in good yields in the former case (Scheme 1).¹⁰

The reaction seems to involve the insertion intermediate **3**, which rearranges to **4** through attack of the enamine nitrogen into the ester attached to C-3 (1,4-attack). The structure of compounds **4** was confirmed by X-ray analysis.¹⁰ At this point, we realized that formation of seven-membered heterocycles involving nitrogen–carbon bond forming reaction between N-1 and the ester group linked to C-3 (1,5-attack) should be feasible and geometrically more favorable (1,4-versus 1,5-attack); we thought that the nature of the transition state in the rearrangement step leading to **4** might be determined primarily from steric interactions since the intermediate **3** is highly substituted. We report here that six- and seven-membered nitrogen heterocycles are selectively



Scheme 1

formed by reaction of 1-azabutadienes **1** having $R^2 = Ar$, $R^3 = H$ and $R^2 = R^3 = H$, respectively, via their diazasiline derivatives **2**.

Compounds **2** were prepared by treating at room temperature azadienes **1** with the corresponding dichlorosilane reagent in the presence of two molar equivalents of triethylamine (see Scheme 1). After stirring overnight triethylammonium chloride was filtered off and compounds **2a–m** were isolated under nitrogen by washing with hexane and purified by recrystallization from hexane/chloroform. Because of their low stability, heterocycles **2n–s** were not isolated but used in the next step (Scheme 1, Table 1).

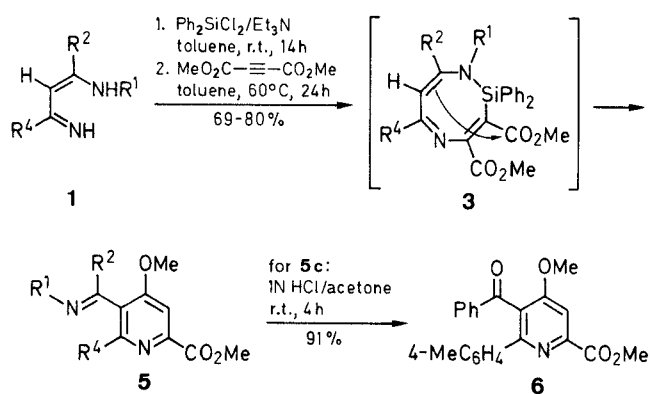
Once we synthesized 1,5-diazocines **4** from azadienes **1** with $R^3 = Me$ via heterocycles **2**, we next studied the behavior of diazasilines with lower degree of substitution, e.g., diazasilines **2a–d** ($R^3 = H$), towards acetylenedicarboxylates. Treatment of a solution of **2a–d** in toluene, generated in situ from **1** and dichlorodiphenylsilane (see experimental section), with the corresponding acetylenic ester at 60 °C for 24 hours resulted, after acidic work-up, in the formation of highly functionalized pyridine-2-carboxylates **5** (Scheme 2); compounds **5** were purified by column chromatography (silica gel; toluene/diethyl ether, 2:1) and recrystallized from hexane/chloroform (Scheme 2, Table 3). Further, pyridine **5c** was hydrolyzed to the 5-acyl derivative **6** by stirring with 1 N hydrochloric acid in acetone. On the light of our previous findings,^{10,13} the initial formation of the silicon-containing intermediate **3** followed by attack of the unsubstituted C_β -enamine carbon into the ester group bonded to C-8 (1,6-attack) and loss of diphenylsilicon oxide accounts well for the formation of a methyl 5-(iminobenzyl)-4-methoxypyridine-2-carboxylate **5**. The 2-methoxy-4-methoxycarbonyl regioisomeric structure **7** (Scheme 3), which would result from addition of the enamine $C_\beta-H$ of **2** ($R^3 = H$)

Table 1. 1,3,2-Diazasilines **2** Prepared

Prod- uct ^{a, b}	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	R ⁶	Yield (%) ^c	mp ^d (°C)
2a	Ph	Ph	H	Ph	Ph	Ph	90	250–253
2b	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	H	Ph	Ph	Ph	81	230–233
2c	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	H	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Ph	78	263–265
2d	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	H	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	Ph	Ph	88	212–215
2e	Ph	Ph	Me	Ph	Ph	Ph	95	260–262
2f	Ph	Ph	Me	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Ph	93	169–171
2g	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Me	Ph	Ph	Ph	91	237–239
2h	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Me	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Ph	89	160–162
2i	Ph	Ph	Me	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	Ph	Ph	90	133–135
2j	Ph	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	Me	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Ph	83	195–197
2k	Ph	Ph	H	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Me	70	137–140
2l	Ph	Ph	Me	Ph	Ph	Me	77	190–192
2m	Ph	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	Me	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Me	72	170–173
2n	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	H	H	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Ph		
2o	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	H	H	Ph	Ph	Ph		
2p	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	H	H	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Ph		
2q	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	H	H	4-pyridyl	Ph	Ph		
2r	Bu	H	H	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Ph		
2s	Bu	H	H	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Ph		

^a No satisfactory MS spectral data and microanalyses were obtained.^b Compounds **2n–s** were not isolated.^c Yield of products isolated after washing with hexane.^d Recrystallization from hexane/Et₂O.

to the acetylenic triple bond and subsequent intramolecular insertion into the nitrogen–silicon bond, was ruled out on the basis of its alternative synthesis; thus, pyridone **8**, prepared from **1** and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate,¹⁴ was *O*-methylated¹⁵ with iodomethane/silver carbonate to give compound **7** (R¹ = 4-MeC₆H₄, R² = Ph, R⁴ = 4-MeC₆H₄) which did not match the spectral data of pyridine **5c** (Scheme 3).



5	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴	5	R ¹	R ²	R ⁴
a	Ph	Ph	Ph	c	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	4-MeC ₆ H ₄
b	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	Ph	d	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Ph	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁

Scheme 2

At this point we turned our attention to the reaction of acetylenic diesters with aminoazadienes **1** in which both C_α- and C_β-enamine carbon atoms are unsubstituted (R² = R³ = H).¹⁶ Thus, azadienes **1** were reacted with dichlorodiphenylsilane in toluene at room temperature

Table 2. NMR Data for 1,3,2-Diazasilines **2**

Prod- uct	¹ H NMR (solvent ^a / TMS), δ	¹³ C NMR (solvent ^b /TMS) δ
2a	5.7 (s, 1H), 6.7–7.8 (m, 25H _{arom})	94.3 (d), 121.4 (d), 124.7 (d), 126.2–135.5 (C _{arom}), 167.5 (s), 175.2 (s)
2b	2.1 (s, 3H), 5.8 (s, 1H), 6.8–7.3 (m, 24H _{arom})	20.7 (q), 93.4 (d), 124.0 (d), 127.5–136.4 (C _{arom}), 167.1 (s), 174.4 (s)
2c	2.0 (s, 3H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 5.8 (s, 1H), 6.7–7.3 (m, 23H _{arom})	20.7 (q), 20.9 (q), 93.3 (d), 123.9 (d), 128.1–136.5 (C _{arom}), 141.6 (s), 166.8 (s), 174.2 (s)
2d	0.9–2.2 (m, 10H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 3.4 (m, 1H), 5.1 (s, 1H), 6.5 (m, 2H _{arom}), 6.8 (m, 2H _{arom}), 7.1–7.9 (m, 15H _{arom})	20.5 (q), 25.7 (t), 26.1 (t), 31.2 (t), 42.2 (d), 96.1 (d), 122.4 (d), 127.7–135.1 (C _{arom}), 140.0 (s), 147.3 (s), 166.7 (s), 167.6 (s), 179.5 (s)
2e	2.0 (s, 3H), 6.8–7.5 (m, 25H _{arom})	18.6 (q), 104.1 (s), 121.8 (d), 124.4 (d), 127.9–131.5 (C _{arom}), 135.4 (s), 135.5 (s), 140.4 (s), 166.0 (s), 176.3 (s)
2f	2.0 (s, 3H), 2.5 (s, 3H), 6.9–8.0 (m, 24H _{arom})	18.3 (q), 21.1 (q), 102.0 (s), 122.4 (d), 127.0–135.5 (C _{arom}), 150.9 (s), 156.8 (s), 172.6 (s)
2g	2.0 (s, 3H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 6.8–7.5 (m, 24H _{arom})	18.3 (q), 20.5 (q), 103.3 (s), 122.1 (d), 127.8–134.2 (C _{arom}), 135.6 (s), 136.0 (s), 137.8 (s), 167.0 (s), 175.5 (s)
2h	1.9 (s, 3H), 2.0 (s, 3H), 2.1 (s, 3H), 6.6–7.5 (m, 23H _{arom})	18.9 (q), 20.5 (q), 20.9 (q), 103.3 (s), 122.6 (d), 127.4–132.7 (C _{arom}), 133.8 (s), 135.6 (s), 141.2 (s), 165.9 (s), 176.0 (s)
2i	1.0–1.6 (m, 10H), 1.8 (s, 3H), 2.0 (s, 3H), 2.1 (m, 1H), 6.6–7.3 (m, 19H _{arom})	18.4 (q), 20.5 (q), 24.6 (t), 26.0 (t), 30.6 (t), 44.3 (d), 103.4 (s), 122.4 (d), 127.4–134.0 (C _{arom}), 136.5 (s), 138.0 (s), 164.1 (s), 184.1 (s)
2j	1.9 (s, 3H), 2.1 (s, 3H), 6.7–7.5 (m, 23H _{arom})	18.6 (q), 21.0 (q), 103.5 (s), 122.0 (d), 124.1 (d), 127.6–135.3 (C _{arom}), 136.7 (s), 141.2 (s), 164.3 (s), 174.0 (s)
2k	1.1 (s, 3H), 2.4 (s, 3H), 6.3 (s, 1H), 6.8–8.3 (m, 19H _{arom})	4.1 (q), 21.4 (q), 100.3 (d), 127.4–133.6 (C _{arom}), 135.5 (s), 140.0 (s), 145.0 (s), 168.9 (s), 170.3 (s)
2l	1.0 (s, 3H), 1.7 (s, 3H), 6.7–7.8 (m, 20H _{arom})	4.5 (q), 18.8 (q), 105.1 (s), 122.0 (d), 124.6 (d), 127.1–134.6 (C _{arom}), 139.5 (s), 169.8 (s), 174.6 (s)
2m	0.8 (s, 3H), 1.7 (s, 3H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 6.7–7.8 (m, 18H _{arom})	4.2 (q), 19.3 (q), 20.9 (q), 109.4 (s), 122.7 (d), 124.9 (d), 126.8–134.7 (C _{arom}), 137.3 (s), 139.7 (s), 141.9 (s), 156.9 (s), 178.2 (s)

^a The solvents used were: CDCl₃ for **2d, f, i, k, l, m**; DMSO-*d*₆ for **2a, b, c, e, g, h, j**.^b The solvents used were: CDCl₃ for **2d, i, k, l, m**; DMSO-*d*₆ for **2a, b, c, e, f, g, h, j**.

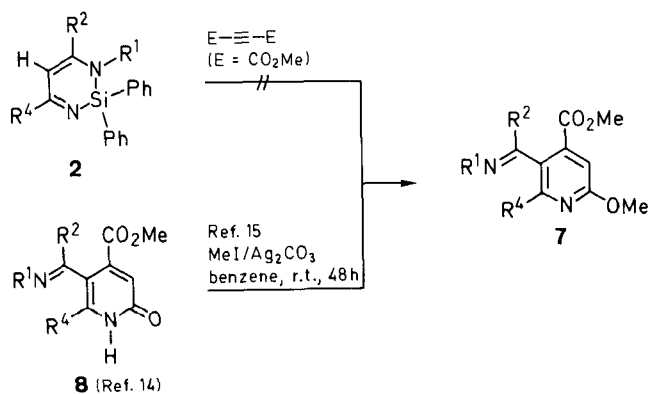
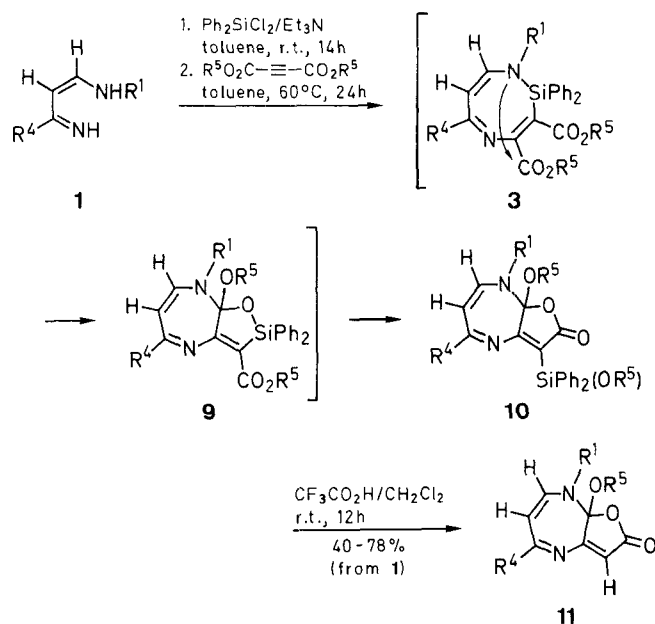
to produce diazasilines **2n–s** which were not isolated; their toluene solutions were then heated with alkyl acetylenedicarboxylates at 60°C to give, after acidic work-up, the silicon substituted fused heterocycles **10**. Although compounds **10** were characterized spectroscopically (see experimental section) they were weakly stable and were therefore, without purification, subjected to protodesilylation with trifluoroacetic acid¹⁷ to yield furodiazepinones **11** in moderate to good overall yield from

Table 3. Pyridines **5** Prepared

Prod-uct	Yield (%) ^a	mp ^b (°C)	Molecular Formula ^c	IR (KBr) ν (cm ⁻¹)	MS (70 eV) m/z (%)
5a	72	165–167	C ₂₇ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₃ (422.5)	1724, 1660	422 (M ⁺ , 100), 421 (60), 391 (40), 119 (35), 77 (34)
5b	69	135–137	C ₂₈ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₃ (436.5)	1720, 1670	436 (M ⁺ , 100), 453 (46), 405 (30), 377 (22), 133 (20)
5c	76	147–148	C ₂₉ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₃ (450.5)	1720, 1670	450 (M ⁺ , 100), 449 (50), 419 (29), 391 (24), 133 (20)
5d	80	181–182	C ₂₈ H ₃₀ N ₂ O ₃ (442.6)	1730, 1680	442 (M ⁺ , 47), 427 (100), 355 (26), 91 (28)

^a Yield of products isolated after column chromatography.^b Recrystallization from hexane/CHCl₃.^c Satisfactory microanalyses obtained: C \pm 0.38, H \pm 0.19, N \pm 0.23.**Table 4.** NMR Data for Pyridines **5**

Prod-uct	¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ /TMS) δ	¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃ /TMS) δ
5a	3.6 (s, 3H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 6.7–7.6 (m, 16H _{arom})	52.0 (q), 54.1 (q), 121.0 (d), 121.6 (d), 122.6 (d), 127.0–129.5 (C _{arom}), 137.5 (s), 137.9 (s), 147.8 (s), 149.9 (s), 157.2 (s), 157.6 (s), 167.2 (s)
5b	2.1 (s, 3H), 3.6 (s, 3H), 4.0 (s, 3H), 6.7–7.7 (m, 15H _{arom})	20.5 (q), 52.1 (q), 54.0 (q), 120.9 (d), 121.5 (d), 127.1–129.9 (C _{arom}), 130.2 (s), 131.8 (s), 134.1 (s), 137.5 (s), 137.9 (s), 145.1 (s), 150.2 (s), 157.2 (s), 157.4 (s), 167.2 (s)
5c	2.1 (s, 3H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 3.6 (s, 3H), 4.0 (s, 3H), 6.8–7.6 (m, 14H _{arom})	20.4 (q), 20.9 (q), 51.9 (q), 53.9 (q), 120.4 (d), 121.4 (d), 125.9–129.1 (C _{arom}), 131.3 (s), 134.1 (s), 134.3 (s), 138.0 (s), 139.6 (s), 145.1 (s), 149.7 (s), 150.1 (s), 157.1 (s), 157.5 (s), 167.2 (s)
5d	1.1–1.8 (m, 10H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 2.7 (m, 1H), 3.6 (s, 3H), 4.0 (s, 3H), 6.7–7.5 (m, 10H _{arom})	20.6 (q), 25.7 (t), 26.2 (t), 32.1 (t), 45.8 (d), 52.1 (q), 54.1 (q), 121.7 (d), 127.7–130.3 (C _{arom}), 131.8 (s), 134.3 (s), 138.3 (s), 145.1 (s), 149.2 (s), 167.1 (s)

**Scheme 3**

11	R ¹	R ⁴	R ⁵	11	R ¹	R ⁴	R ⁵
a	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Me	f	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	Ph	Me
b	Bu	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Me	g	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	4-pyridyl	Me
c	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Me	h	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Et
d	Bu	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Me	i	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	Ph	Et
e	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Et				

Scheme 4**Table 5.** Furodiazepines **11** Prepared

Prod-uct	Yield (%) ^a	mp ^b (°C)	Molecular Formula ^c	IR (KBr) ^d ν (cm ⁻¹)	MS (70 eV) m/z (%)
11a	75	145–147	C ₂₁ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₃ (352.2)	1762, 1635	352 (M ⁺ , 5), 293 (95), 211 (63), 115 (47), 55 (100), 41 (56)
11b	72	oil	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₃ (326.2)	1767, 1626	–
11c	72	164–166	C ₂₁ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₄ (368.2)	1750, 1620, 1605	368 (M ⁺ , 7), 309 (100), 227 (64), 55 (24)
11d	74	oil	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₄ (342.2)	1762, 1626, 1602	–
11e	66	114–116	C ₂₂ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₄ (382.2)	1750, 1620, 1600	382 (M ⁺ , 5), 309 (100), 227 (65), 55 (19)
11f	73	144–146	C ₂₀ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₃ (338.2)	1760, 1620	338 (M ⁺ , 7), 279 (100), 197 (34), 55 (23)
11g	40	164–166	C ₁₀ H ₂₁ N ₃ O ₃ (339.2)	1760, 1625	339 (M ⁺ , 5), 280 (100), 198 (85), 156 (30), 55 (38)
11h	70	108–110	C ₂₂ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₃ (366.2)	1745, 1610	366 (M ⁺ , 4), 293 (100), 211 (68), 115 (19), 55 (24)
11i	78	115–117	C ₂₁ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₃ (352.2)	1750, 1620	352 (M ⁺ , 5), 279 (100), 197 (54), 103 (22), 55 (76), 41 (73)

^a Yields of products isolated after column chromatography.^b Recrystallization from hexane/CHCl₃.^c Satisfactory microanalyses obtained: C \pm 0.32, H \pm 0.15, N \pm 0.18.^d IR of compounds **11b**, **d** were recorded on neat samples.

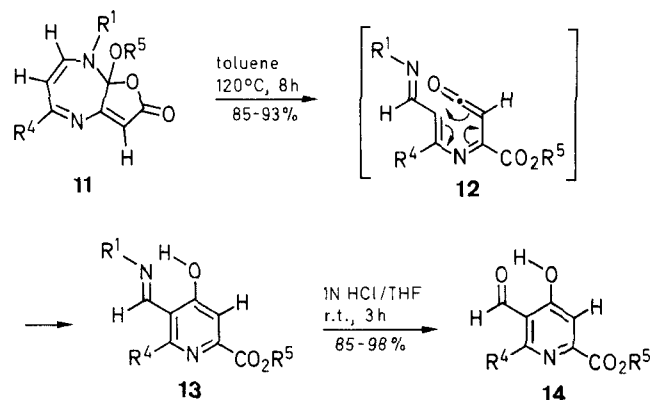
Table 6. NMR Data for Furodiazepines 11

Prod- uct	¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ /TMS) δ, J (Hz)	¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃ /TMS) δ
11a	1.1–1.9 (m, 9H), 2.2 (m, 1H), 2.4 (s, 3H), 3.2 (s, 3H), 4.1 (m, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.9), 6.8 (d, 1H, J = 9.9), 7.2 (d, 2H, J = 8.1), 7.8 (d, 2H, J = 8.1)	21.5 (q), 25.1 (t), 25.6 (t), 26.0 (t), 33.3 (t), 34.3 (t), 49.4 (d), 60.2 (q), 95.3 (d), 100.8 (d), 108.0 (s), 128.1 (d), 129.0 (d), 136.6 (s), 140.2 (d), 141.2 (s), 161.2 (s), 165.6 (s), 168.9 (s)
11b	0.9 (t, 3H, J = 7.3), 1.3 (m, 2H), 1.6 (m, 2H), 2.4 (s, 3H), 3.2 (s, 3H), 3.6 (m, 1H), 3.8 (m, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.6), 6.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.6), 7.2 (d, 2H, J = 8.1), 7.8 (d, 2H, J = 8.1)	13.5 (q), 19.6 (t), 21.2 (q), 32.7 (t), 49.4 (q), 54.0 (t), 95.5 (d), 100.0 (d), 107.1 (s), 128.0 (d), 129.0 (d), 136.7 (s), 141.2 (s), 144.1 (d), 160.6 (s), 165.8 (s), 169.0 (s)
11c	1.1–1.9 (m, 9H), 2.2 (m, 1H), 3.2 (s, 3H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 4.1 (m, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.9), 6.8 (d, 1H, J = 9.9), 6.9 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 7.9 (d, 2H, J = 8.8)	25.2 (t), 25.6 (t), 26.1 (t), 33.3 (t), 34.3 (t), 49.4 (d), 55.3 (q), 60.2 (q), 95.0 (d), 100.4 (d), 108.1 (s), 113.6 (d), 129.9 (d), 131.7 (s), 140.1 (d), 161.0 (s), 161.9 (s), 164.9 (s), 169.0 (s)
11d	0.9 (t, 3H, J = 7.4), 1.3 (m, 2H), 1.6 (m, 2H), 3.2 (s, 3H), 3.6 (m, 1H), 3.8 (m, 1H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.6), 6.6 (d, 1H, J = 9.6), 6.9 (d, 2H, J = 9.0), 7.9 (d, 2H, J = 9.0)	13.5 (q), 19.6 (t), 32.7 (t), 49.4 (q), 53.9 (t), 55.2 (q), 95.2 (d), 99.6 (d), 107.1 (s), 113.6 (d), 129.8 (d), 131.8 (s), 143.8 (d), 160.7 (s), 162.0 (s), 165.1 (s), 169.1 (s)
11e	1.1 (t, 3H, J = 7.0), 1.3–1.9 (m, 9H), 2.2 (m, 1H), 3.5 (q, 2H, J = 7.0), 3.9 (s, 3H), 4.1 (m, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.9), 6.8 (d, 1H, J = 9.9), 6.9 (d, 2H, J = 9.0), 7.9 (d, 2H, J = 9.0)	14.7 (q), 25.1 (t), 25.6 (t), 26.0 (t), 33.3 (t), 34.2 (t), 55.3 (q), 58.2 (t), 60.2 (d), 95.0 (d), 100.0 (d), 107.8 (s), 113.6 (d), 129.8 (d), 131.8 (s), 140.2 (d), 161.8 (s), 164.9 (s), 169.1 (s)
11f	1.1–1.9 (m, 9H), 2.2 (m, 1H), 3.2 (s, 3H), 4.1 (m, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.9), 6.8 (d, 1H, J = 9.9), 7.4 (m, 3H), 7.9 (m, 2H)	25.1 (t), 25.5 (t), 26.0 (t), 33.3 (t), 34.3 (t), 49.4 (q), 60.3 (d), 95.4 (d), 101.2 (d), 108.0 (s), 128.0 (d), 128.3 (d), 130.7 (d), 139.3 (s), 140.4 (d), 161.0 (s), 165.8 (s), 168.7 (s)
11g	1.1–1.9 (m, 9H), 2.1 (m, 1H), 3.2 (s, 3H), 4.1 (m, 1H), 5.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.7), 5.75 (s, 1H), 6.9 (d, 1H, J = 9.7), 7.7 (d, 2H, J = 6.1), 8.7 (d, 2H, J = 6.1)	24.9 (t), 25.4 (t), 25.9 (t), 33.3 (t), 34.1 (t), 49.3 (q), 60.7 (d), 94.6 (d), 102.1 (d), 107.8 (s), 121.6 (d), 141.4 (d), 146.2 (s), 150.0 (d), 160.4 (s), 163.3 (s), 168.0 (s)
11h	1.0 (t, 3H, J = 7.0), 1.2–1.9 (m, 9H), 2.2 (m, 1H), 2.4 (s, 3H), 3.5 (q, 2H, J = 7.0), 4.1 (m, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.7), 6.8 (d, 1H, J = 9.7), 7.2 (d, 2H, J = 8.1), 7.8 (d, 2H, J = 8.1)	14.5 (q), 21.0 (q), 25.0 (t), 25.3 (t), 25.9 (t), 33.2 (t), 34.1 (t), 58.1 (t), 60.5 (d), 95.2 (d), 100.5 (d), 108.3 (s), 128.1 (d), 129.2 (d), 137.6 (s), 141.4 (d), 141.8 (s), 162.0 (s), 166.1 (s), 169.4 (s)
11i	1.0 (t, 3H, J = 7.0), 1.2–1.9 (m, 9H), 2.2 (m, 1H), 3.5 (q, 2H, J = 7.0), 4.1 (m, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 5.7 (d, 1H, J = 9.6), 6.8 (d, 1H, J = 9.6), 7.4 (m, 3H), 7.9 (m, 2H)	14.7 (q), 25.1 (t), 25.6 (t), 26.0 (t), 33.3 (t), 34.2 (t), 58.2 (t), 60.4 (d), 95.5 (d), 100.7 (d), 107.7 (s), 127.9 (d), 128.3 (d), 130.6 (d), 139.5 (s), 140.5 (d), 161.6 (s), 165.9 (s), 168.9 (s)

azadienes **1** (Scheme 4, Table 5). In the formation of heterocycles **10**, rearrangement of the intermediate **3** must involve nucleophilic attack of the enamine nitrogen on the carbonyl carbon attached to the C_β-vinylsilane carbon C-4 (1,5-attack) to give the intermediate **9**; subsequent lactone formation and silicon group removal would account for the process.

Then the thermal behavior of fused diazepines **11** was studied and found that an unusual carbon–carbon bond formation took place; thus, heating a deoxygenated toluene solution of **11** at 120°C in a sealed tube led to C₂–C₆ bond formation to give highly functionalized pyridine-2-carboxylates **13** in yields higher than 85%. Compounds **13** were in turn hydrolyzed to 5-formylpyridine-2-carboxylates **14** (Scheme 5, Table 7).¹⁸ One way to explain this thermal **11** → **13** conversion could be by assuming two pericyclic processes; thus, an [8 + 2]-cycloreversion of **11** would give rise to the ketene intermediate **12**, which would undergo electrocyclic ring closure and tautomerization to pyridine **13**.

In summary, the reaction of diazasilines **2** (R³ = H) with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate represents a very short, high yield procedure for preparing multifunctionalized pyridines **5** from [3 + 3] atom fragments;¹⁹ it must be pointed out that the regioisomeric pyridines **7** can be synthesized from azadienes **1** themselves.¹⁴ Compounds **11**, which can be regarded as 1,4-diazepines with a fused butenolide ring, are members of a class of heterocycles which has not been previously described, to the best of our knowledge. 1,4-Benzodiazepines have



13	R ¹	R ⁴	R ⁵	14	R ⁴	R ⁵
a	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Me	a	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Me
b	Bu	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	Me	b	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Me
c	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Me	c	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Et
d	Bu	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Me	d	Ph	Me
e	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Et	e	Ph	Et
f	<i>c</i> -C ₆ H ₁₁	Ph	Me			

Scheme 5

been studied intensively, but recent attention has concentrated on the synthesis of analogues having heterocycles in place of the benzene ring because of their biological and pharmacological properties.²⁰ Our approach starts with the easily available azadienes **1** (R² = R³ = H) and provides an efficient, simple entry to furo[2,3-*b*]diazepines. Lastly, it is remarkable that simply by

Table 7. Pyridines **13** and **14** Prepared

Prod-uct	Yield (%) ^a	mp ^b (°C)	Molecular Formula ^c	IR (KBr) ν (cm ⁻¹)	MS (70 eV) m/z (%)
13a	93	137–139	C ₂₁ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₃ (352.2)	3440, 1730, 1625	352 (M ⁺ , 34), 351 (100), 269 (41), 55 (66)
13b	91	91–93	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₃ (326.2)	3440, 1735, 1620	–
13c	91	179–181	C ₂₁ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₄ (368.2)	3440, 1732, 1628	368 (M ⁺ , 30), 367 (100), 285 (46)
13d	88	113–115	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₄ (342.2)	3440, 1734, 1630	–
13e	89	106–108	C ₂₂ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₄ (382.2)	3440, 1722, 1638	382 (M ⁺ , 29), 381 (86), 310 (100), 55 (31)
13f	85	140–142	C ₂₀ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₃ (338.2)	3440, 1738, 1635	338 (M ⁺ , 40), 337 (100), 280 (30), 255 (62), 55 (32)
14a	98	141–142	C ₁₅ H ₁₃ NO ₄ (271.1)	3450, 1753, 1647	271 (M ⁺ , 29), 213 (44), 185 (100), 91 (59)
14b	95	141–143	C ₁₅ H ₁₃ NO ₅ (287.1)	3470, 1748, 1642	–
14c	93	124–126	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ NO ₅ (301.1)	3440, 1734, 1637	–
14d	95	164–166	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ NO ₄ (257.1)	3420, 1720, 1661	–
14e	85 ^d	119–121	C ₁₅ H ₁₃ NO ₄ (271.1)	3450, 1737, 1636	–

^a Yields of products isolated after column chromatography (compounds **13**) or after washing with hexane (compounds **14**).

^b Recrystallization from hexane/CHCl₃.

^c Satisfactory microanalyses obtained: C \pm 0.35, H \pm 0.22, N \pm 0.20.

^d Overall yield from **11i**.

using appropriately substituted 4-amino-1-azabutadienes **1**, this reaction enables us to obtain selectively six-, seven-, or eight-membered heterocycles.

All reactions were run under N₂ atmosphere. IR spectra were recorded on a Pye-Unicam or a Perkin-Elmer 1720-X infrared spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded with Varian FT-80A and Bruker AC 300 instruments (solutions in CDCl₃ unless otherwise stated, TMS as reference). Mass spectra were obtained using a Hewlett-Packard 5930 A spectrometer (EI: 70 eV). Melting points were determined with a Büchi-Tottoli apparatus and are uncorrected. Microanalyses were obtained using a Perkin-Elmer 240 B analyser.

1,2-Dihydro-1,3,2-diazasilines **2**; General Procedure:

To a solution of **1**²¹ (5 mmol) and Et₃N (1.21 g, 12 mmol) in toluene (40 mL) was slowly added a solution of substituted dichlorosilane (6 mmol) in toluene (20 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (14 h) at r.t. and then the salt was filtered off. The solvent was removed at reduced pressure to give a yellow solid which was washed with hexane (yield: 70–95%) and recrystallized from hexane/Et₂O (Table 1).

Methyl 5-[α -(Arylimino)benzyl]-4-methoxypyridine-2-carboxylates **5**; General Procedure:

To a solution of **1** (R³ = H) (5 mmol) and Et₃N (1.21 g, 12 mmol) in toluene (40 mL) was slowly added a solution of dichlorodiphenylsilane (1.52 g, 6 mmol) in toluene (20 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (14 h) at r.t. and the salt was filtered off. The filtrate was heated with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (0.85 g, 6 mmol) at 60°C for 24 h. Then, the resulting mixture was cooled back, poured into ice-cooled 2N H₂SO₄ (40 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 \times 20 mL); the organic layer was washed with H₂O

(2 \times 15 mL) and dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvents were evaporated at reduced pressure and the residue purified by chromatography on silica gel, using toluene/Et₂O (2:1) (yield: 69–80%). Analytical samples were obtained by recrystallization from hexane/CHCl₃ (Table 3).

Methyl 5-Benzoyl-4-methoxy-6-(4-methylphenyl)pyridine-2-carboxylate (**6**):

A solution of pyridine **5c** (0.45 g, 1 mmol) in acetone (5 mL) was stirred with 1N HCl (5 mL) at r.t. for 4 h. Then H₂O (10 mL) was added, the resulting mixture extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 \times 15 mL) and dried (Na₂SO₄). Removal of the solvents at reduced pressure gave **6** as a pure solid (0.329 g, yield: 91%), which was recrystallized from hexane/CHCl₃; mp 107–109°C.

C₂₂H₁₉NO₄ calc. C 73.12 H 5.30 N 3.87
(361.4) found 73.39 5.47 3.95

IR (KBr): ν = 1725 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR: δ = 2.2 (s, 3 H), 3.6 (s, 3 H), 3.9 (s, 3 H), 7.1 (d, 2 H, J = 12.5 Hz), 7.4 (m, 5 H), 7.8 (s, 1 H), 7.9 (d, 2 H, J = 7.9 Hz).

¹³C NMR: δ = 21.3 (q), 52.5 (q), 53.1 (q), 123.2 (d), 127.1 (d), 128.0 (d), 128.2 (s), 128.6 (d), 128.9 (d), 129.6 (d), 134.7 (s), 137.3 (s), 140.1 (s), 146.1 (s), 149.8 (s), 157.8 (s), 165.7 (s), 167.8 (s).

MS: m/z = 361 (M⁺, 41), 302 (15), 245 (100), 149 (12).

8,8a-Dihydro-2H-furo[2,3-*b*][1,4]diazepin-2-ones **10** and **11**; General Procedure:

To a solution of **1** (R² = R³ = H) (5 mmol) and Et₃N (1.21 g, 12 mmol) in toluene (40 mL) was slowly added a solution of dichlorodiphenylsilane (1.51 g, 6 mmol) in toluene (20 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight (14 h) at r.t. and the salt was filtered off. The filtrate was heated with the acetylenedicarboxylate (6 mmol) at 60°C for 24 h. Then, the resulting mixture was cooled back, poured into ice-cooled 2N H₂SO₄ (40 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 \times 20 mL); the organic layer was washed with H₂O (2 \times 15 mL) and dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvents were evaporated at reduced pressure to give **10** as an unstable orange solid. Spectral analyses were taken on compound **10** (R¹ = *c*-C₆H₁₁; R⁴ = 4-MeC₆H₄; R⁵ = Me):

¹H NMR: δ = 1.1–2.2 (m, 10 H), 2.3 (s, 3 H), 3.2 (s, 3 H), 3.7 (s, 3 H), 4.1 (m, 1 H), 5.7 (d, 1 H, J = 9.8 Hz), 6.9 (d, 1 H, J = 9.8 Hz), 7.0–7.8 (m, 14 H_{arom}).

¹³C NMR: δ = 21.3 (q), 25.2 (t), 25.6 (t), 26.0 (t), 33.4 (t), 34.2 (t), 49.4 (q), 52.0 (q), 60.3 (d), 95.6 (d), 100.7 (s), 107.9 (s), 127.6 (d), 127.7 (d), 128.1 (d), 128.5 (d), 128.7 (d), 129.2 (d), 129.8 (d), 129.9 (d), 133.8 (s), 134.1 (s), 134.5 (d), 134.9 (d), 135.1 (d), 136.3 (s), 140.4 (d), 164.1 (s), 166.0 (s), 168.4 (s), 171.3 (s).

MS: m/z = 564 (M⁺, 4), 487 (70), 390 (28), 55 (100).

The crude compounds **10** obtained above were treated with CF₃CO₂H (0.6 mL, 7.8 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ at r.t. for 12 h. The resulting mixture was diluted with H₂O (20 mL), extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 \times 20 mL) and dried (Na₂SO₄). The organic layer was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue subjected to chromatography on silica gel, using hexane/EtOAc (4:1) (overall yield from **1**: 40–78%). Analytical samples were obtained by recrystallization from hexane/CHCl₃ (Table 5).

Alkyl 4-Hydroxy-5-(iminomethyl)pyridine-2-carboxylates **13**; General Procedure:

A deoxygenated solution of diazepine **11** (0.5 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) was heated in a sealed tube at 120°C for 8 h. Then, toluene was removed under vacuum and the resulting crude chromatographed on silica gel, using hexane/EtOAc (2:1) to furnish pyridine **13** (yield: 85–93%). Analytical samples were obtained by recrystallization from hexane/CHCl₃ (Table 7).

Alkyl 5-Formyl-4-hydroxypyridine-2-carboxylates **14** by Hydrolysis of **13**; General Procedure:

A solution of **13** (0.5 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was stirred with 1N HCl (2 mL) at r.t. for 3 h. Then H₂O (10 mL) was added, the resulting mixture extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 \times 15 mL) and dried (Na₂SO₄). Removal of the solvents at reduced pressure gave

Table 8. NMR Data for Pyridines 13 and 14

Prod- uct	¹ H NMR (CDCl ₃ /TMS) δ, J (Hz)	¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃ /TMS) δ
13a	1.2–1.9 (m, 10H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 3.3 (m, 1H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 7.2 (d, 2H, J = 7.9), 7.4 (d, 2H, J = 7.9), 7.5 (s, 1H), 8.3 (s, 1H), 15.8 (brs, OH)	21.0 (q), 23.8 (t), 24.8 (t), 33.2 (t), 52.6 (q), 63.2 (d), 113.4 (s), 116.3 (d), 128.9 (d), 129.6 (d), 134.8 (s), 138.9 (s), 149.0 (s), 162.0 (d), 163.8 (s), 165.9 (s), 175.4 (s)
13b	0.9 (t, 3H, J = 7.3), 1.4 (m, 2H), 1.7 (m, 2H), 2.4 (s, 3H), 3.5 (t, 2H, J = 6.9), 3.9 (s, 3H), 7.2 (d, 2H, J = 8.0), 7.4 (d, 2H, J = 8.0), 7.5 (s, 1H), 8.3 (s, 1H), 15.3 (brs, OH)	13.4 (q), 19.8 (t), 21.2 (q), 32.0 (t), 52.8 (q), 55.2 (t), 113.6 (s), 116.1 (d), 129.0 (d), 129.7 (d), 135.9 (s), 139.1 (s), 149.2 (s), 163.7 (s), 164.2 (d), 166.0 (s), 175.0 (s)
13c	1.2–1.9 (m, 10H), 3.3 (m, 1H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 4.0 (s, 3H), 7.0 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 7.5 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 7.5 (s, 1H), 8.4 (s, 1H), 15.5 (brs, OH)	23.7 (t), 24.7 (t), 33.1 (t), 52.4 (q), 55.0 (q), 63.0 (d), 113.2 (s), 113.6 (d), 116.0 (d), 130.1 (s), 131.0 (d), 148.9 (s), 160.1 (s), 161.9 (d), 163.3 (s), 165.8 (s), 175.5 (s)
13d	1.0 (t, 3H, J = 7.3), 1.4 (m, 2H), 1.7 (m, 2H), 3.5 (t, 2H, J = 6.9), 3.8 (s, 3H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 7.0 (d, 2H, J = 8.5), 7.45 (d, 2H, J = 8.5), 7.5 (s, 1H), 8.3 (s, 1H), 15.6 (brs, OH)	13.4 (q), 19.8 (t), 32.0 (t), 52.7 (q), 55.2 (t), 55.3 (q), 113.5 (s), 113.8 (d), 115.9 (d), 130.3 (s), 131.2 (d), 149.2 (s), 160.4 (s), 163.4 (s), 164.2 (d), 166.0 (s), 175.1 (s)
13e	1.2–2.0 (m, 10H), 1.4 (t, 3H, J = 7.1), 3.3 (m, 1H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 4.4 (q, 2H, J = 7.1), 7.0 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 7.5 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 8.4 (s, 1H), 15.1 (brs, OH)	14.1 (q), 23.9 (t), 24.9 (t), 33.4 (t), 55.3 (q), 61.6 (t), 63.4 (d), 113.4 (s), 113.7 (d), 115.9 (d), 130.4 (s), 131.3 (d), 149.5 (s), 160.3 (s), 162.0 (d), 163.4 (s), 165.5 (s), 175.5 (s)
13f	1.2–1.9 (m, 10H), 3.3 (m, 1H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 7.4 (m, 5H), 7.5 (s, 1H), 8.3 (s, 1H), 15.3 (brs, OH)	23.9 (t), 24.9 (t), 33.3 (t), 52.8 (q), 63.5 (d), 113.6 (s), 116.6 (d), 128.4 (d), 129.0 (d), 129.8 (d), 137.9 (s), 149.1 (s), 161.9 (d), 163.8 (s), 166.0 (s), 175.5 (s)
14a	2.4 (s, 3H), 4.0 (s, 3H), 7.3 (d, 2H, J = 7.5), 7.5 (d, 2H, J = 7.5), 7.7 (s, 1H), 10.0 (s, 1H), 12.6 (brs, OH)	21.3 (q), 53.1 (q), 113.3 (d), 116.4 (s), 129.4 (d), 130.4 (d), 133.3 (s), 140.4 (s), 152.1 (s), 164.8 (s), 165.2 (s), 169.4 (s), 197.2 (d)
14b	3.9 (s, 3H), 4.0 (s, 3H), 7.0 (d, 2H, J = 8.6), 7.5 (d, 2H, J = 8.6), 7.6 (s, 1H), 10.0 (s, 1H), 12.5 (brs, OH)	53.0 (q), 55.3 (q), 112.7 (d), 114.1 (d), 116.1 (s), 128.5 (s), 131.9 (d), 151.9 (s), 161.2 (s), 164.6 (s), 169.3 (s), 197.0 (d)
14c	1.4 (t, 3H, J = 7.1), 3.9 (s, 3H), 4.5 (q, 2H, J = 7.1), 7.0 (d, 2H, J = 8.6), 7.5 (d, 2H, J = 8.6), 7.6 (s, 1H), 10.0 (s, 1H), 12.3 (brs, OH)	14.0 (q), 55.2 (q), 62.1 (t), 112.5 (d), 114.0 (d), 115.9 (s), 128.5 (s), 132.0 (d), 152.3 (s), 161.2 (s), 164.0 (s), 164.4 (s), 169.3 (s), 197.0 (d)
14d	4.0 (s, 3H), 7.5 (m, 3H), 7.6 (m, 2H), 7.7 (s, 1H), 10.0 (s, 1H), 12.8 (brs, OH)	53.2 (q), 113.5 (d), 119.2 (s), 128.7 (d), 130.0 (d), 130.4 (d), 136.5 (s), 152.2 (s), 164.7 (s), 165.2 (s), 169.4 (s), 197.1 (d)
14e	1.5 (t, 3H, J = 7.1), 4.5 (q, 2H, J = 7.1), 7.5 (m, 3H), 7.6 (m, 2H), 7.7 (s, 1H), 10.0 (s, 1H), 12.5 (brs, OH)	14.1 (q), 62.3 (t), 113.5 (d), 116.4 (s), 128.6 (d), 130.0 (d), 130.4 (d), 136.1 (s), 152.3 (s), 164.0 (s), 164.8 (s), 169.5 (s), 197.0 (d)

pyridines **14** as pure solids, which were washed with hexane (yield: 85–98%) and further recrystallized from hexane/CHCl₃ (Table 7).

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