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Abstract

The titanium(III)-mediated radical arylation of 3-hydroxypyridines was found to proceed with high regioselectivity for the 2-position. Using aryldiazonium chlorides, which were prepared from the corresponding anilines, as aryl radical sources, a range of 3-hydroxy-2-phenylpyridines was obtained in moderate to good yields under simple reaction conditions. Reactions of *ortho*-carboxylic ester substituted phenyldiazonium salts directly provided tricyclic benzopyranopyridinones.

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Radical arylation reactions have recently become increasingly popular for the synthesis of biaryl compounds.¹ Due to the fact that such transformations are formally comparable to aromatic C-H activation reactions, less demanding starting materials can be used than in established Suzuki-

type and related transition-metal catalyzed cross-coupling reactions. On the other hand, many radical arylations of substituted benzenes still suffer from insufficient regioselectivity,² so that unsubstituted benzene remains to be a commonly preferred substrate.^{3,4} Notable exceptions are arylations of anilines⁵ and phenols,⁶ for which comparably good selectivities were recently observed. A further, and rather general drawback of most radical arylation reactions is that the reactant acting as radical acceptor has to be employed in large excess to counterbalance the relatively low rate of addition of aryl radicals to benzenes.⁷

Regarding regioselectivity in particular, good results can be obtained in arylations of electronrich heterocycles such as furans⁸ and pyrrols,⁹ which are attacked with high selectivity at the
carbon atoms adjacent to the heteroatom (2- and/or 5-position). The radical arylation of pyridine,
in contrast, was found to be strongly dependent on the reaction conditions. While reactions in
acidic media favor arylation in the 2- and 4-positions of the pyridine core,¹⁰ the free base is
commonly converted to all three possible regioisomers in reactions proceeding via aryl
radicals.^{2b,11} Recent examples are shown in Scheme 1.¹²⁻¹⁴

Scheme 1. Radical arylation of pyridines.

Following the pH-controlled selectivity profile outlined above, all three isomers were obtained from the *tert*-butoxide mediated reaction of iodobenzene with pyridine (Scheme 1, (1)). ¹² The

photocatalyzed arylation (Scheme 1, (2)),^{13,15} in which a pyridinium ion assumed the role of aryl radical acceptor, proceeded with full selectivity for the 2-position due to the presence of a blocking substituent in the 4-position.

Having previously noticed the highly directing effect of hydroxy groups in titanium(III)-mediated radical arylations of phenols, ^{6,8} it was of interest to investigate how the regio-selectivity controlling properties of this strongly electron-donating substituent would interact with those of the aromatic core of pyridine. Although basically four regioisomers can be expected from the arylation of 3-hydroxypyridine, the results of this work demonstrate that such arylations can be conducted with exceptionally high regioselectivity (Scheme 1, (3)). Until now, biaryl compounds derived from an aryl-aryl coupling of 3-hydroxypyridine at its 2-position have been performed via Negishi- or Suzuki-type cross-coupling reactions, ^{16,17} or via rearrangement of benzoylfurane derivatives. ¹⁸

3-Hydroxypyridine (**1a**) was chosen for optimization experiments since the matched effects of a protonated pyridine nitrogen and that of a *ortho/para*-directing hydroxy group should favor aryl radical attack in the 2-, 4- and 6-positions of the pyridine core. Thus, basically three regioisomers were expected from the reaction of **1a** and 4-chlorophenyldiazonium chloride (**2a**) under acidic conditions, which would also be in agreement with the product distribution earlier observed in the arylations of 3-methylpyridine (2/4/6 = 30:42:28) and 3-fluoropyridine (2/4/6 = 26:50:24). Selected results from a series of experiments with **1a** and **2a** are summarized in Table 1 (see also Supporting Information).

Table 1. Reductive titanium(III)-mediated arylation of 3-hydroxypyridine (**1a**): optimization of reaction conditions.

entry	pyridine 1a (equiv)	TiCl ₃ (equiv)	time of addition of 2a (min)	yield 3a (%) ^{a,b}
1	5	2	15 min	62
2	10	2	15 min	80
3	10	1	15 min	80
4	10	0.5	15 min	63
5	10	2	7.5 min	71
6	10	2	30 min	55

^aGeneral conditions: Slow addition of 2a (2 mmol in 5 mL 3 N HCl) to a mixture of 1a (3-10 mmol) and TiCl₃ (1-3 mmol) over 7.5-30 min at r.t.

The reactions were generally performed under slow addition of a freshly prepared solution of aqueous 4-chlorophenyldiazonium chloride (2a) to a mixture containing pyridine 1a and the reductant titanium(III) chloride. Slow addition of 2a is known to be an effective measure to avoid homocoupling of aryl radicals to unreacted diazonium ions. A rise in the excess of 3-hydroxypyridine (1a) from five to ten equivalents led to a significant increase in yield from 62% to 80% (entries 1 and 2). This yield fortunately remained unchanged upon reduction of the amount of titanium(III) chloride from two to only one equivalent (entries 2 and 3). A further decrease to 0.5 equivalents of reductant per diazonium ion led to 63% yield (entry 4). This observation shows that the arylation partially proceeds as a chain process, as the theoretical yield for a non-chain reaction with 0.5 equivalents of titanium(III) chloride would be only 50%. The fact that a faster as well as a slower addition of the diazonium salt 2a to the reaction mixture leads to decreased yields has already been observed in earlier studies (entries 5 and 6). Faster addition of 2a can thereby be associated with increased homocoupling, whereas the negative

bYields determined by 1H-NMR using maleic acid as internal standard.

effect of a prolonged addition time again points to some participation of a radical chain process (see Scheme 2).

An analysis of the product mixture (entry 3, Table 1) by HPLC revealed a 10:1.4:1 ratio of regioisomers with compound **3a** as the major product (see Supporting Information). Due to an overlap of signals, only one of the minor isomers, namely the 6-isomer, could be detected by ¹H NMR of the crude reaction mixture in a comparable ratio of **3a** to 6-isomer of 8:1. While **3a** and the 6-isomer were obtained after column chromatography in 76% and 9% yield, respectively, the missing 4-isomer could not be isolated, which HPLC analysis had suggested to be formed as minor isomer as well.

In a second series of experiments, whether the regioselectivity for **3a** could also be observed in radical arylations starting from 4-chlorophenylhydrazine (**4a**) as alternative aryl radical precursor (Table 2) was evaluated. Hydrazine **4a** was again slowly added to the reaction mixture under conditions adopted from earlier studies on the radical arylation of anilines and phenols. The manganese(IV)-mediated reaction under strongly basic conditions, which had been successful for the arylation of phenol, be gave **3a** only in a yield lower than 10% (entry 1). Weakly acidic conditions with manganese dioxide as oxidant increased the yield of **3a** to 33% (entry 2), which is however still significantly lower than what can be achieved in a comparable titanium(III)-mediated reaction with only three equivalents of pyridine **1a** (50%, see Supporting Information). The third attempt (entry 3), being basically attractive as only air is used as oxidant, was again unsuccessful, but confirmed that basic conditions are most probably unfavorable for the radical arylation of 3-hydroxypyridine (**1a**).

Table 2. Oxidative arylation of 3-hydroxypyridine (1a): optimization of reaction conditions.

entry	time of addition of 4a (min)	reaction conditions ^a	yield 3a (%) ^c
1	10 ^b	MnO ₂ (5 equiv), NaOH (10 equiv), CH ₃ CN, 10 min	< 10
2	60	MnO ₂ (5 equiv), HOAc (2 equiv), CH ₃ CN, 60 min	33
3	540	Air (O ₂), NaOH, 24 h	11

^aGeneral conditions: Slow addition of **4a** to **1a** (3 equiv). ^bHydrazine **4a** added as hydrochloride. ^cYields determined by ¹H-NMR using maleic acid as internal standard.

With these results from preliminary studies, and with optimized conditions available (Table 1, entry 3), an investigation of the scope and limitations of the regioselective radical arylation of 3-hydroxypyridine (1a) (Table 3) was initiated. The summarized results show that the titanium(III)-mediated reductive radical arylation of 3-hydroxypyridine (1a) can be carried out with a wide range of aryldiazonium salts. All halogenated and methylated derivatives 2a-k (entries 1-11) gave moderate to good yields. Among the electron-donating substituents (entries 12-15), only the 4-dimethylamino compound 2o failed to give the desired biaryl 3o (entry 15). The fact that most electron-donating (entries 12-14) and electron-accepting substitutents (entries 16 and 17) were tolerated, is in agreement with an, if at all, only minor participation of a radical chain process. Radical arylations proceeding via chain processes usually show some preference for acceptor-substituted aryldiazonium salts, ²⁰ since the cyclohexadienyl radical adduct arising from the addition step is then more easily oxidized by the diazonium ion in the radical transfer step. ²¹ The lower yield obtained for 3m (40%, entry 13) can be explained by a particular instability of diazonium salt 2m, which partially decomposed in the syringe during addition to

the reaction mixture. A short series of experiments with diazonium salts **2r-u** bearing a methyl ester functionality in the *ortho*-position to the diazonium unit (entries 18-21) directly provided tricyclic benzopyranopyridinones **5a-d** via a sequence of radical arylation and lactonization.

Table 3. Titanium(III)-mediated arylation of 3-hydroxypyridine (1a): scope of diazonium salts.

$$R^{2} \xrightarrow{R^{1}} N_{2}^{\bigoplus} Cl^{\Theta} + HO \xrightarrow{TiCl_{3}} HO \xrightarrow{R^{1}} R^{2} \xrightarrow{II} N$$

$$2a-u \qquad 1a \qquad \qquad (slow addition) \qquad (10 equiv) \qquad R^{1} = 2-CO_{2}Me \qquad R^{2} \xrightarrow{II} Sa-d$$

entry	diazonium salt $2: R^1, R^2 =$	yield 3 or 5 (%) ^{a,b,c}
1	2a : 4-Cl, H	3a : 74
2	2b : 4-F, H	3b : 64
3	2c: 4-Br, H	3c : 56
4	2d : 3-F, H	3d : 52
5	2e : 3-Cl, H	3e : 50
6	2f : 3-Br, H	3f : 48
7	2g : 2-F, H	3g : 56
8	2h : 2-Cl, H	3h : 47
9	2i : 2-Br, H	3i : 43
10	2j : 4-Me, H	3j : 64
11	2k : 3-Me, H	3k : 58
12	21 : 4-OMe, H	31 : 65
13	2m : 3-OMe, H	3m : 40
14	2n : 4-NHAc, H	3n : 32
15	20 : 4-NMe ₂ , H	30:
16	2p : 4-CF ₃ , H	3p : 49
17	2q : 4-COOMe, H	3q : 55
18	2r : 2-COOMe, H	5a : 57
19	2s : 2-COOMe, 4-F	5b : 50
20	2t: 2-COOMe, 4-Cl	5c : 52
21	2u : 2-COOMe, 4-Br	5d : 47
^a General	conditions: Slow addition of	f diazonium salt 2a-u (1 1

^aGeneral conditions: Slow addition of diazonium salt **2a-u** (1 mmol, in 2.5 mL, 1 equiv) to a mixture of **1a** and TiCl₃ in a mixture of water (5 ml) and HCl (3 N, 2.5 ml) at rt over 15 min. ^bYields after purification by column chromatography. ^cMinor 6-isomer detected in small amounts by TLC

In the next part of the study, the applicability of the reaction conditions for the transformation of additional pyridine derivatives was investigated (Figure 1). 5-Hydroxy-2-methylpyridine (1b) provided the arylated product 6 in 76% yield, thereby showing that benzylic positions are tolerated, although they could basically complicate the arylation through hydrogen abstraction by the arvl radical. ^{1a} Arvlation of 4-hydroxypyridine afforded an inseparable mixture of the two regioisomers 7a (14%) and 7b (6%). While the isomeric distribution of 7a and 7b indicates that the directing effect of the hydroxy group is stronger than that of the protonated pyridine nitrogen.²² the low combined vield demonstrates the strong advantage of matched directing substituent effects in radical arylations. The main conclusion that can be drawn from the experiments with 2-, 3- and 4-methoxypyridine is that a methoxy group has a significantly weaker ability to direct the radical arylation than the hydroxy functionality.²³ The structures of biaryls 8^{24} and 10^{25} clearly point to the now predominant effect of the pyridinium core on product formation, which also becomes apparent from the comparison of the structures of biaryls 7a and 10. The fact that a complex mixture of at least eight minor products was obtained from the arylation of 3-methoxypyridine, with biaryl 9 not being detectable after column chromatography, suggests that the radical addition step did occur, but that subsequent rearomatization might be more complicated with a methoxy than with an hydroxy group.

Figure 1. Arylation of hydroxy- and methoxypyridines.

In the next step, the biaryl synthesis was carried out on a larger scale leading to **3a** in a yield of 59% with regioselectivity identical to that observed on smaller scale (Scheme 2). Regarding the overall process, it is currently assumed that the high regioselectivity of the aryl radical attack on a 3-hydroxypyridinium ion is due to a particularly good stabilization of the resulting adduct **11**. The increased importance of product stabilization in radical arylations of arenes in comparion with the aryl radical addition to alkenes has been noted previously.²⁶

Scheme 2. Large scale arylation of 3-hydroxypyridine (1a) and possible mode of reaction.

The exceptional capabilities of 3-hydroxypyridine (1a) as an aryl radical acceptor were finally confirmed in a two competition experiments. The titanium(III)-mediated reaction of 4-chlorophenyldiazonium chloride (2a) with equal amounts of 1a and 4-methoxyaniline (each 5 equivalents) provided 3a exclusively in a yield of 56%, which is only slightly less the yield reported in Table 1 (entry 1). Even more surprisingly, 3-hydroxypyridine (1a) was able to outperform furan as a radical acceptor. Conducted under identical conditions as described above, but with five equivalents of furan instead of 4-methoxyaniline, this competition experiment led to 3a in 58% yield and no detectable amount of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)furan.

In summary, it has been shown that the radical arylation of 3-hydroxypyridine can be carried out with high regioselectivity for the 2-position. Using titanium(III) chloride as a stoichiometric reductant under simple reaction conditions, a variety of diazonium salts could be employed for the synthesis of the corresponding biaryl compounds. Taking advantage of the high reactivity of 3-hydroxypyridine as an aryl radical acceptor, this methodology provides a new straightforward access to biaryl compounds for medicinal chemistry purposes^{16b} and to benzopyranopyridinones described as ligands in organic light emitting diodes.^{27,28}

Experimental Section

General Experimental:

Solvents and reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used as received. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using 600 MHz (¹³C: 151 MHz), 400 MHz (¹³C: 101 MHz) and 360 MHz (¹³C: 91 MHz) spectrometers. For ¹H NMR spectra CDCl₃, CD₃OD and (CD₃)₂SO were used as solvents referenced to TMS (0 ppm), CHCl₃ (7.26 ppm), CD₃OH (3.31 ppm) and (CD₃)₂SO (2.50 ppm). Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). Coupling constants are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations are used for the description of signals: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), bs (broad singlet). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃, CD₃OD and (CD₃)₂SO using CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm), CD₃OD (49.05 ppm) and (CD₃)₂SO (39.43 ppm) as standard. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). Mass spectra were recorded using electron spray ionization (ESI) and a sector field mass analyzer for HRMS measurements. Analytical TLC was carried out on silica gel plates using short wave (254 nm) UV light to visualize components. Silica gel (Kieselgel 60, 40-63mm) was used for flash column chromatography, HPLC analysis was carried out on a LC-MS system with

a C18 analytical column (4.6×50 mm, 3.5 μ m, flow rate: 1:23 ml/min) coupled to a QDa mass detector equipped with an ESI-trap. Parameters: CH₃CN in H₂O 10-90% in 24 min, 0.1% formic acid.

General procedure for synthesis of 3-hydroxy-2-phenylpyridines 3 and benzopyranopyridinones 5 (GP1): To an ice-cooled degassed solution of the respective aniline (10.0 mmol) in HCl (3N, 10 mL) and water (10 mL) a degassed solution of sodium nitrite (0.69 g, 10.0 mmol) in water (5 mL) was added dropwise by syringe pump over a period of 10 minutes. After stirring for additional 20 minutes at 0 °C, the 0.4 M solution of diazonium chloride 2 (10 mmol/25 mL) was used for the arylation reactions. A 2.5 mL aliquot of the 0.4 M aryldiazonium chloride solution 2 (1 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added dropwise by syringe pump to a vigorously stirred solution of 3-hydroxypyridine (1a) (10.0 mmol, 951 mg, 10 equiv.) in water (5 mL), HCl (3 N, 2.5 mL) and titanium(III) chloride (1 mL, approximately 1M solution in 3N hydrochloric acid, 1 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere over 15 min. After the addition was complete, the mixture was left to stir for further 10 minutes. Then water (100 mL) and saturated sodium carbonate solution (25 mL) were added. After extraction with ethyl acetate (3 × 150 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride (100 mL) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Concentration at reduced pressure gave the desired crude product.

General procedure for synthesis of 6-10 (GP2): 4-Chlorophenyldiazonium chloride (2a) (2.5 mL of a 0.4 M solution, 1 mmol, 1 equiv., for preparation see GP1 above) was added dropwise by syringe pump to a vigorously stirred solution of the respective pyridine derivative (10.0 mmol, 10 equiv.) in water (5 mL), HCl (3 N, 2.5 mL) and titanium(III) chloride (1 mL, approximately 1M solution in 3N hydrochloric acid, 1 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere over 15 min. After the

addition was complete, the mixture was left to stir for further 10 min. Then water (100 mL) and saturated sodium carbonate solution (25 mL) were added. After extraction with ethyl acetate (3 × 150 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution (100 mL) and dried anhydrous over sodium sulfate. Concentration at reduced pressure provided the desired crude product.

Procedure for large scale experiment: 4-Chlorophenyldiazonium chloride (**2a**) (12.5 mL of a 0.4 M solution, 5 mmol, for preparation see GP 1 above) were added dropwise by syringe pump to a vigorously stirred solution of 3-hydroxypyridine (**1a**) (50.0 mmol, 4.76 g, 10 equiv.) in water (25 mL), HCl (3 N, 12.5 mL) and titanium(III) chloride (5 mL, approximately 1M solution in 3N hydrochloric acid, 5 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere within 15 min. After the addition was complete, the mixture was left to stir for further 10 min. Then water (500 mL) and saturated sodium carbonate solution (125 mL) were added. After extraction with ethyl acetate (3 × 300 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution (200 mL) and dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration at reduced pressure afforded the desired crude product.

Procedure for competition experiments: 4-Chlorophenyldiazonium chloride (**2a**) (2.5 mL of a 0.4 M solution, 1 mmol, 1 equiv., for preparation see GP 1 above) were added dropwise by using a syringe pump to a vigorously stirred solution of 3-hydroxypyridine (**1a**) (476 mg, 5.0 mmol, 5 equiv.) and 4-methoxyaniline (616 mg, 5.0 mmol, 5 equiv.) or furan (364 μL, 5.0 mmol, 5 equiv.) in water (5 mL), HCl (3 N, 2.5 mL) and titanium(III) chloride (1 mL, approximately 1M solution in 3N hydrochloric acid, 1 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere over 15 min. After the addition was complete, the mixture was left to stir for further 10 minutes. Then water (100 mL) and saturated sodium carbonate solution (25 mL) were added. After extraction with ethyl acetate

(3 × 150 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution (100 mL) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After concentration at reduced pressure, the product mixture was analyzed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The yields of **3a** and other products were determined by using maleic acid as internal standard.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)pyridin-3-ol (3a): Compound 3a was prepared according to GP1 using 4-chlorophenyldiazonium chloride (2a). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3a (152 mg, 0.74 mmol, 74%) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 231 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 1577, 1459, 1363, 1308, 1297, 1281, 1240, 1183, 1118, 1077, 1008, 831, 751; H NMR (360 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.10 (dd, J = 4.6, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 153.4, 146.0, 141.2, 137.5, 135.1, 131.9, 129.1, 125.3, 125.1; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for C_{11} H₉CINO [M⁺ + H]: 206.0367, found: 206.0369. The melting point obtained is in agreement with the value previously reported.²⁹

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)pyridin-3-ol (3b): Compound 3b was prepared according to GP1 using 4-fluorophenyldiazonium chloride (2b). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3b (121 mg, 0.64 mmol, 64%) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.5$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 228°C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 2417, 1574, 1510, 1460, 1358, 1280, 1221, 1181, 1156, 1118, 1078, 835, 797, 761; H NMR (600 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO) δ 10.21 (s, 1H), 8.14 (dd, J = 4.5, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, J = 9.1 Hz, $J_{HF} = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, $J_{HF} = 9.0$ Hz, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (151 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO) δ 161.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 244.9$ Hz), 151.3, 143.1, 140.1, 134.3

(d, $J_{CF} = 3.0$ Hz), 130.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.2$ Hz), 123.6, 123.5, 114.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.1$ Hz); HRMS (ESI), calcd. $C_{11}H_9FNO$ [M⁺ + H]: 190.0663, found: 190.0662. The melting point obtained is in agreement with the value previously reported.^{32 1}H NMR and ¹³C NMR data are in agreement with those previously reported.²⁹

2-(4-Bromophenyl)pyridin-3-ol (3c): Compound 3c was prepared according to GP1 using 4-bromophenyldiazonium chloride (2c). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3c (140 mg, 0.56 mmol, 56%) as a light yellow solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 232 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 2466, 1575, 1457, 1364, 1310, 1297, 1283, 1274, 1240, 1184, 1117, 1077, 832, 761; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.10 (dd, J = 4.6, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 153.5, 146.1, 141.3, 138.1, 132.2, 132.2, 125.4, 125.2, 123.4; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for C₁₁H₉BrNO [M⁺ + H] 249.9862; found: 249.9868.

2-(3-Fluorophenyl)pyridin-3-ol (3d): Compound 3d was prepared according to GP1 using 3-fluorophenyldiazonium chloride (2d). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3d (98.0 mg, 0.52 mmol, 52%) as a light brown solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 193 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 2511, 1583, 1430, 1359, 1305, 1293, 1271, 1170, 1119, 1071, 874, 850, 790, 758; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.11 (dd, J = 4.6, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, $J_{HF} = 7.8$, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.07 (m, 1H); I_{I}^{13} C NMR (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 164.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 242.9$ Hz), 153.6, 145.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 2.6$ Hz), 141.4,

141.3, 130.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.3$ Hz), 125.6, 125.3, 126.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 2.8$ Hz), 117.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 23.1$ Hz), 115.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.3$ Hz); HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{11}H_9FNO$ [M⁺ + H] 190.0663; found: 190.0662.

2-(3-Chlorophenyl)pyridin-3-ol (3e): Compound 3e was prepared according to GP1 using 3-chlorophenyldiazonium chloride (2e). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3e (103 mg, 0.50 mmol, 50%) as a light brown solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 226 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 1577, 1350, 1300, 1267, 1179, 1118, 1074, 883, 785, 750; H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.11 (dd, J = 4.6, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dt, J = 7.5, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H); C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 153.5, 145.6, 141.3, 140.9, 134.9, 130.5, 130.2, 129.1, 128.7, 125.5, 125.4; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{11}H_9CINO$ [M⁺ + H] 206.0367; found: 206.0369. The melting point obtained is in agreement with the value previously reported.²⁹

2-(3-Bromophenyl)pyridin-3-ol (3f): Compound 3f was prepared according to GP1 using 3-bromophenyldiazonium chloride (2f). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3f (121 mg, 0.48 mmol, 48%) as a light brown solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 220 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 2413, 1575, 1458, 1351, 1300, 1267, 1178, 1116, 1073, 795, 747; H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.11 (dd, J = 4.6, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (ddd, J = 2.1, J = 1.6, J = 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (ddd, J = 7.8, J = 1.6, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (ddd, J = 8.0, J = 2.1, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 4.6

Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 153.5, 145.4, 141.2, 141.1, 133.1, 132.0, 130.7, 129.0, 125.4, 125.3, 122.8; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{11}H_9BrNO$ [M $^+$ + H]: 249.9862, found: 249.9859.

2-(2-Fluorophenyl)pyridin-3-ol (3g): Compound 3g was prepared according to GP1 using 2-fluorophenyldiazonium chloride (2g). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3g (106 mg, 0.56 mmol, 56%) as a light brown solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 178 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 1575, 1449, 1368, 1307, 1293, 1262, 1218, 1181, 1120, 1102, 819, 801, 755; H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.08 (dd, J = 4.6, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H); C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 161.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 248.1$ Hz), 153.9, 144.1, 140.7, 132.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.6$ Hz), 131.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.2$ Hz), 126.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 15.9$ Hz), 125.6, 125.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.6$ Hz), 124.9, 116.5 (d, $J_{CF} = 22.2$ Hz); HRMS (ESI), calcd. for C₁₁H₉FNO [M⁺ + H] 190.0663; found: 190.0668.

2-(2-Chlorophenyl)pyridin-3-ol (3h): Compound 3h was prepared according to GP1 using 2-chlorophenyldiazonium chloride (2h). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3h (96.2 mg, 0.47 mmol, 47%) as a yellow solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 243 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 1559, 1456, 1434, 1367, 1303, 1283, 1245, 1181, 1114, 1085, 752, 745; H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.06 (dd, J = 4.6, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H); CNMR (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 153.6, 147.0, 140.4, 138.2, 134.9, 132.5, 130.8, 130.5, 127.8, 125.8, 125.0; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for C₁₁H₉CINO [M⁺ + H] 206.0367; found: 206.0367.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)pyridin-3-ol (3i): Compound 3i was prepared according to GP1 using 2-bromophenyldiazonium chloride (2i). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3i (107 mg, 0.43 mmol, 43%) as a light brown solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 246 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 1572, 1456, 1370, 1303, 1280, 1252, 1184, 1110, 1082, 1011, 799, 773, 750, 721, H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.05 (dd, J = 4.5, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 4H); 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 153.3, 148.4, 140.2, 133.7, 132.4, 130.9, 128.4, 125.8, 125.0, 124.5 (one signal missing due to overlap); HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{11}H_9BrNO$ [M⁺ + H] 249.9862; found: 249.9857.

2-(p-Tolyl)pyridin-3-ol (3j): Compound 3j was prepared according to GP1 using 4-methylphenyldiazonium chloride (2j). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3j (119 mg, 0.64 mmol, 64%) as a light brown solid. R_f = 0.3 (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 199 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 2919, 1577, 1454, 1300, 1280, 1242, 1183, 1109, 1017, 824, 800, 760; H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.06 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 153.3, 147.7, 140.8, 139.3, 136.0, 130.2, 129.6, 125.2, 124.5, 21.4; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{12}H_{12}NO$ [M⁺ + H] 186.0913; found: 186.0917. The melting point obtained is in agreement with the value previously reported. 18

2-(*m*-Tolyl)pyridin-3-ol (3k): Compound 3k was prepared according to GP1 using 3-methylphenyldiazonium chloride (2k). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3k (107 mg, 0.58 mmol, 58%) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 172 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 3021.4, 2918.7, 2624.2, 1573.6, 1454.1, 1364.9, 1303.6, 1281.0, 1203.9, 1116.1, 802.2, 755.5, 698.6; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.07 (dd, J = 4.6, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 153.3, 147.8, 140.8, 138.7, 138.6, 130.9, 129.9, 128.9, 127.5, 125.3, 124.7, 21.6; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{12}H_{12}NO$ [M⁺ + H]; 186.0913 found: 186.0919. The melting point obtained is in agreement with the value previously reported.²⁹

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pyridin-3-ol (31): Compound 31 was prepared according to GP1 using 4-methoxyphenyldiazonium chloride (21). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 31 (131 mg, 0.65 mmol, 65%) as a light brown solid. R_f = 0.3 (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 186 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 2918, 1610, 1570, 1514, 1457, 1374, 1282, 1250, 1179, 1109, 1024, 837, 799, 766; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.05 (dd, J= 4.7, J= 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J= 8.2, J= 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.95 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 161.3, 153.1, 147.4, 140.8, 131.6, 131.2, 125.1, 124.2, 114.4, 55.8; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{12}H_{12}NO_2$ [M⁺ + H] 202.0863; found: 202.0858. The melting point obtained is in agreement with the value previously reported. ¹⁸

2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)pyridin-3-ol (3m): Compound 3m was prepared according to GP1 using 3-methoxyphenyldiazonium chloride (2m). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3m (80 mg, 0.40 mmol, 40%) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 181 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 2935, 1582, 1457, 1424, 1283, 1229, 1170, 1116, 1031, 801, 760, 695; H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.08 (dd, J = 4.7, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 -7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (ddd, J = 8.2, J = 2.6, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 160.9, 153.3, 147.3, 140.9, 140.1, 129.9, 125.4, 124.9, 122.8, 115.8, 115.0, 55.7; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{12}H_{12}NO_2$ [M⁺ + H]; 202.0863 found: 202.0866. The melting point obtained is in agreement with the value previously reported.²⁹

N-(4-(3-Hydroxypyridin-2-yl)phenyl)acetamide (*3n*): Compound **3n** was prepared according to GP1 using 4-acetamidobenzenediazonium chloride (**2n**). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / methanol 15:1 to 7:1) gave **3n** (73.0 mg, 0.32 mmol, 32%) as a light orange solid. R_f = 0.3 (10:1 chloroform / methanol) [UV]; mp = 106 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 3434, 1646, 1535, 1455, 1402, 1371, 1318, 1282, 1182, 1111, 1013, 767; H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.07 (dd, J = 4.6, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 170.3, 145.5, 139.5, 138.6, 133.1, 129.4, 123.8, 123.1, 118.9, 22.5. HRMS (ESI), calcd. for C₁₃H₁₃N₂O₂ [M⁺ + H]: 229.0971, found: 229.0972.

2-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyridin-3-ol (3p): Compound 3p was prepared according to GP1 using 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyldiazonium chloride (2p). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3p (119 mg, 0.49 mmol, 49%) as a light brown solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 240 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 1578, 1461, 1327, 1283, 1183, 1160, 1107, 1069, 1012, 845, 719; H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.14 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H); C NMR (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 153.8, 145.5, 142.8, 141.4, 133.9, 130.9 (q, $J_{CF} = 32.2$ Hz), 130.9, 125.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 3.8$ Hz), 125.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 271.3$ Hz), 125.6, 125.5, 123.2; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{12}H_9F_3NO$ [M⁺ + H] 240.0631; found: 240.0637.

Methyl 4-(3-hydroxypyridin-2-yl)benzoate (3q): Compound 3q was prepared according to GP1 using 4-(methoxycarbonyl)benzenediazonium chloride (2q). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 3q (126 mg, 0.55 mmol, 55%) as a light brown solid. $R_f = 0.3$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 222 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 1722, 1577, 1461, 1354, 1279, 1178, 1104, 797, 744; H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.13 (dd, J = 4.6, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.11-8.05 (m, 2H), 8.02-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 8.2, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H); C NMR (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 168.5, 153.8, 145.9, 143.7, 141.4, 130.7, 130.4, 130.1, 125.6, 125.5, 52.7; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{13}H_{12}NO_3$ [M⁺ + H] 230.0812; found: 230.0815.The melting point obtained is in agreement with the value previously reported.²⁹

6H-Isochromeno[4,3-b]pyridin-6-one (5a): Compound 5a was prepared according to GP1 using 2-(methoxycarbonyl)benzenediazonium chloride (2r). Purification by column chromatography

(chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 5:1) gave **5a** (113 mg, 0.57 mmol, 57%) as a white crystalline solid. $R_f = 0.8$ (5:1 chloroform / diethyl ether) [UV]; mp = 138 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; ~ 1741, 1703, 1589, 1428, 1270, 1244, 1224, 1073, 1024, 772, 728; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.67 (dd, J = 8.0, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (dd, J = 4.5, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.42-8.31 (m, 1H), 7.91 (ddd, J = 8.0, J = 7.4, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 147.8, 146.0, 136.8, 135.6, 135.2, 130.6, 130.1, 124.9, 124.8, 123.4, 122.5; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{12}H_8NO_2$ [M⁺ + H] 198.0550; found: 198.0555.

8-Fluoro-6H-isochromeno[4,3-b]pyridin-6-one (5b): Compound 5b was prepared according to GP1 using 4-fluoro-2-(methoxycarbonyl)benzenediazonium chloride (2s). Purification by column chromatography (hexane / ethyl acetate 8:1 to 4:1) gave 5b (108 mg, 0.50 mmol, 50%) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.5$ (2:1 hexane / ethyl acetate) [UV]; mp = 206 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 3086, 1740, 1503, 1447, 1407, 1331, 1265, 1236, 1066, 927, 846, 806, 752, 738; H NMR (600 MHz, CDCL₃) δ 8.70 (dd, J = 8.8, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (dd, J = 4.5, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J = 8.4, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (ddd, J = 8.8, J = 8.1, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.72 (d, J = 252.7 Hz), 159.23 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 147.3, 146.2, 136.2, 132.18 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 126.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 124.9, 124.8, 124.39 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 123.47 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 115.83 (d, J = 23.7 Hz); HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{12}H_7FNO_2$ [M⁺ + H] 216.0455; found: 216.0461.

8-Chloro-6H-isochromeno[4,3-b]pyridin-6-one (5c): Compound 5c was prepared according to GP1 using 4-chloro-2-(methoxycarbonyl)benzenediazonium chloride (2t). Purification by

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column chromatography (hexane / ethyl acetate 8:1 to 4:1) gave **5c** (120 mg, 0.52 mmol, 52%) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.5$ (2:1 hexane / ethyl acetate) [UV]; light yellow solid, mp = 168 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 3075.9, 1744, 1591, 1443, 1289, 1253, 1239, 1223, 1100, 1073, 1020, 905, 839, 803, 750; H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (dd, J = 4.5, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 8.5, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 147.7, 146.3, 137.0, 136.1, 135.6, 134.0, 129.6, 125.3, 125.2, 125.0, 123.7; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{12}H_7$ CINO₂ [M⁺ + H]: 232.0160; found: 232.0165.

8-Bromo-6H-isochromeno[4,3-b]pyridin-6-one (5d): Compound 5d was prepared according to GP1 using 4-bromo-2-(methoxycarbonyl)benzenediazonium chloride (2u). Purification by column chromatography (hexane / ethyl acetate 8:1 to 4:1) gave 5d (129 mg, 0.47 mmol, 47%) as a white solid. $R_f = 0.6$ (2:1 hexane / ethyl acetate) [UV]; mp = 175 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 3071, 1733, 1588, 1440, 1390, 1315, 1289, 1253, 1239, 1223, 1194, 1098, 1080, 826, 802, 750; H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (dd, J = 4.5, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dd, J = 8.5, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.3, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 147.7, 146.3, 138.4, 136.1, 134.4, 132.6, 125.3, 125.2, 125.0, 124.9, 123.8; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{12}H_6BrNNaO_2$ [M⁺ + Na]: 297.9474; found: 297.9473.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-methylpyridin-3-ol (6): Compound 6 was prepared according to GP2 using 5-hydroxy-2-methylpyridine (1b) (1.09 g, 10 mmol, 10 equiv.). Purification by column chromatography (chloroform / diethyl ether 10:1 to 1:1) gave 6 (167 mg, 0.76 mmol, 76%) as a

white solid. $R_f = 0.6$ (2:1 hexane / ethyl acetate) [UV]; mp = 179 °C; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 3388, 2949, 2844, 1480, 1454, 1389, 1269, 1090, 1053, 1033, 1015, 835, 773, 735; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.88-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 150.9, 150.0, 145.0, 137.8, 134.9, 132.0, 129.0, 125.9, 124.6, 22.9; HRMS (ESI), calcd. For $C_{12}H_{11}CINO$ [M⁺ + H]: 220.0524; found: 220.0522.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)pyridin-4-ol (7a) and 2-(4-chlorophenyl)pyridin-4-ol (7b): Compounds 7a and 7b were prepared according to GP2 using 4-hydroxypyridine (951 mg, 10 mmol, 10 equiv.). Purification by column chromatography (hexane / ethyl acetate 4:1 to 1:1) gave an inseperable mixture of regioisomers 7a and 7b (41.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20% overall yield) as a light brown solid. $R_f = 0.2$ (2:1 hexane / ethyl acetate) [UV]; NMR analysis revealed a mixture of 14% of 7a and 6% of 7b. ¹H NMR of 7a: (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H); ¹H NMR of 7b: (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.88 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, J = 7.1, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR of mixture of both regioisomers: (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 138.8, 138.5, 137.8, 135.0, 134.5, 131.5, 130.5, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 118.7, signals missing due to overlap; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for C₁₁H₉CINO [M⁺ + H] 206.0367; found: 206.0368.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-methoxypyridine (8): Compound 8 was prepared according to GP2 using 2-methoxypyridine (1.05 mL, 10 mmol, 10 equiv.). Purification by column chromatography (hexane / ethyl acetate 16:1 to 4:1) gave 8 (50.3 mg, 0.23 mmol, 23%) as a yellow oil. $R_f = 0.5$

(8:1 hexane / ethyl acetate) [UV]; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v;~ 2945, 1609, 1546, 1476, 1405, 1386, 1326, 1252, 1209, 1093, 1056, 1033, 1023, 1012, 812, 771, 1 H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.22 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, J = 5.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 150.1, 147.3, 136.7, 135.2, 129.3, 128.3, 115.1, 108.4, 53.7; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{12}H_{11}CINO$ [M⁺ + H]: 220.0524, found: 220.0528.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-methoxypyridine (10): Compound 10 was prepared according to GP2 using 4-methoxypyridine (1.01 mL, 10 mmol, 10 equiv.). Purification by column chromatography (hexane / ethyl acetate 8:1 to 2:1) gave 10 (55.8 mg, 0.25 mmol, 25%) as a light yellow oil. $R_f = 0.3$ (4:1 hexane / ethyl acetate) [UV]; IR (NaCl, cm⁻¹) v; 3011, 2969, 2940, 1597, 1577, 1562, 1496, 1472, 1442, 1312, 1216, 1091, 1033, 1012, 831; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 5.7, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 157.9, 150.9, 137.8, 135.2, 128.9, 128.3, 108.3, 106.9, 55.3; HRMS (ESI), calcd. for $C_{12}H_{11}CINO$ [M⁺ + H]: 220.0524, found: 220.0529. ¹H NMR data are in agreement with those previously reported.²⁵

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Supporting Information

Optimization of reaction conditions, analysis of regioisomeric distribution and copies of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds **3a-3n**, **3p**, **3q**, **5a-5d**, **6**, **7a**, **7b**, **8** and **10**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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