

Supporting Information

Blue LED-driven C-N Bond formation for Synthesis of Imidazopyridines

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1. General information:

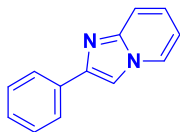
All reagents and solvents used were obtained commercially from sigma Aldrich, Alfa aesar and Spectrochem. Reactions were magnetically stirred, sunlight exposer 1h, microwave at 300 W and monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC). Merck 0.25 mm silica gel 60 F254. TLC plates were pictured by exposing to ultraviolet light (UV, 254 nm) and/or exposure to an aqueous solution of potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) followed by heating with a heat gun. Isolation of compounds was performed using silica gel (100-200 mesh) column chromatography with solvents distilled prior to use. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained at a 101 MHz spectrometer using CDCl₃ as a solvent. TMS (0.00 ppm) and CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm) served as internal standards in ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR respectively. Chemical shifts were recorded in δ ppm, and coupling constants (*J*) in Hz. s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, m: multiplet, bs: broad singlet dd: doublet of doublet for proton spectra are the abbreviations used to denote multiplicities in NMR spectra.

General procedure for preparation of 2-substituted imidazo [1,2-a]pyridine (2):

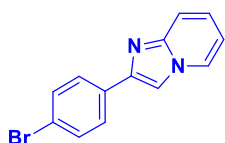
N-Bromosuccinimide (2.0 mmole) was added to the flask containing styrene (1.0 mmol) and H₂O at room temperature under an N₂ atmosphere. The Reaction flask was immersed in Blue LED for 10 min. then 2 aminopyridines (1.0 mmol) were added to the reaction flask in the same reaction condition for 40 min. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the crude product was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography with hexane: ethyl acetate to give 2-substituted imidazo [1,2-a]pyridine derivative (2a- 2h & 2a'- 2i') with good yield.

The spectroscopic data of all the products are presented below. All the known compounds gave satisfactory spectroscopic values and are analogue to spectroscopic data reported in the literature.

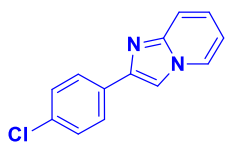
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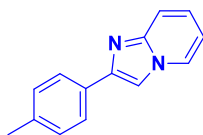
2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (2a): Isolated yield: 88%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.96-7.92 (m, 3H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.65 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.0, 145.8, 134.0, 128.9, 128.2, 126.2, 125.8, 124.8, 117.7, 112.6, 108.4



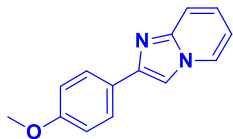
2-(4-bromophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (2b): Isolated yield: 39%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.08 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.60 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.0, 144.9, 133.0, 132.0, 127.8, 125.8, 125.2, 122.1, 117.8, 112.8, 108.4.



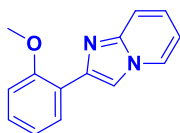
2-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (2c): Isolated yield: 53%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.09 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.0, 144., 133.9, 132.6, 129.1, 127.5, 125.8, 125.1, 117.8, 112.8, 108.4.



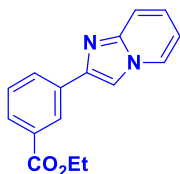
2-(p-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine(2d): Isolated yield: 82%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.98 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 145.9, 145.6, 137.9, 131.0, 129.5, 126.0, 125.6, 124.6, 117.4, 112.4, 107.9, 21.4.



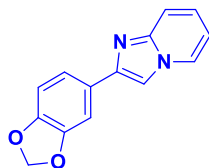
2-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (2e): Isolated yield: 60%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.05 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.72 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.7, 145.8, 127.5, 126.6, 125.6, 124.6, 117.4, 114.3, 112.5, 107.4, 55.5.



2-(2-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine(2f): Isolated yield: 62%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.41 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.156 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.8, 144.5, 141.2, 128.9, 128.7, 125.7, 124.5, 122.4, 121.1, 117.3, 112.6, 112.0, 111.9, 55.5.

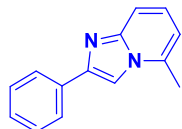


Ethyl 3-(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)benzoate(2g): Isolated yield: 76%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.7, 145.8, 144.8, 134.2, 131.0, 130.4, 129.1, 129.0, 127.1, 125.0, 125.0, 117.5, 112.7, 108.7, 61.2, 14.5.

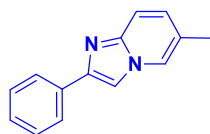


2-(benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine(2h): Isolated yield: 38%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.07 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz,

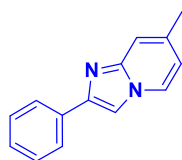
1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.3, 147.7, 145.9, 145.7, 128.3, 125.7, 124.8, 120.0, 117.5, 112.5, 108.8, 107.6, 106.8, 101.3.



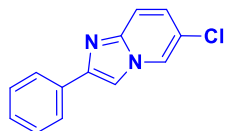
5-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (2a'): Isolated yield: 73%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.96 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.2, 145.7, 134.4, 134.1, 128.7, 128.0, 126.1, 124.9, 114.8, 111.6, 105.4, 18.8.



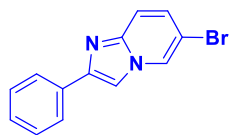
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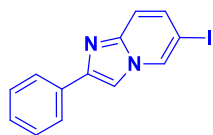
7-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine(2c'): Isolated yield: 82%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.92 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.3, 145.6, 135.7, 134.1, 128.8, 128.0, 126.1, 125.0, 116.0, 115.2, 107.7, 21.6.



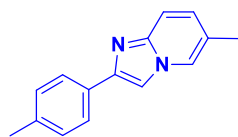
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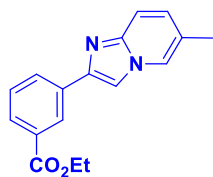
6-bromo-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine(2d'): Isolated yield: 73%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.9, 144.4, 133.5, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 126.3, 125.8, 118.3, 108.5, 107.2.



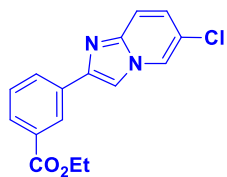
6-iodo-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine(2f'): Isolated yield: 75%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.4, 144.4, 133.3, 132.8, 130.6, 129.0, 128.5, 126.3, 118.7, 108.0.



6-methyl-2-(p-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine(2g'): Isolated yield: 55%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.82-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 145.7, 144.8, 137.7, 131.3, 129.5, 127.8, 126.0, 123.4, 122.0, 116.8, 107.7, 21.5, 18.2.



ethyl 3-(6-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)benzoate(2h'): Isolated yield: 60%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.9 (q, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.6, 144.8, 144.4, 134.4, 130.9, 130.2, 128.8, 128.1, 126.8, 123.4, 122.2, 116.7, 108.4, 61.1, 18.0, 14.4.



Ethyl 3-(6-chloroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)benzoate(2i'): Isolated yield: 51%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.12-8.08 (m, 2H), 8.00 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.5, 145.7, 144.1, 130.3, 129.3, 129.0, 127.0, 126.4, 123.6, 117.8, 109.1, 61.2, 14.5.

^1H & ^{13}C NMR spectra:

