Aza- Annulation of Enynyl Azides: A New Approach to substituted Pyridines<br>Chada Raji Reddy, ${ }^{,}{ }^{\dagger}, \dagger$ Sujatarani A. Panda ${ }^{\dagger, \dagger}$ and Motatipally Damoder Reddy ${ }^{\dagger}$<br>$\dagger$ Division of Natural Products Chemistry, CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad 500607, India<br>$\ddagger$ Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research, New Delhi, India<br>E-mail: rajireddy@iict.res.in

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General. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography carried out on silica plates using UV-light and anisaldehyde or potassium permanganate or $\beta$-naphthol for visualization. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel ( $60-120$ mesh) using n hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent. Evaporation of solvents was conducted under reduced pressure at temperatures less than $45{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. FTIR spectra were recorded on KBr thin film. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 300 MHz and 500 MHz ) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 75 MHz and 125 MHz ) spectra were recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ solvent. Chemical shifts $\delta$ and coupling constants $J$ are given in ppm (parts per million) and Hz (hertz) respectively. Chemical shifts are reported relative to residual solvent as an internal standard for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}: \delta 7.26 \mathrm{ppm}\right.$ for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and 77.0 ppm for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ ). Mass spectra were obtained on VG $70-70 \mathrm{H}$ or $\mathrm{LC} / \mathrm{MSD}$ trap SL spectrometer operating at 70 eV using direct inlet system.

## Experimental section

Substituted azides $\mathbf{1 a - 1 n}$ have been prepared using the literature procedure, ${ }^{1}$ and known compounds data compared with the reported data. Characterization data for new compounds is given below.

General procedure for the preparation of MBH -azides (1a-1n): To a stirred solution of corresponding MBH-acetate (1 equiv.) in 10 mL of aqueous methanol ( $\mathrm{MeOH} /$ water: 9/1) was added sodium azide ( 1.5 equiv.) at room temperature and stirred for given time. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with water ( 10 mL ) and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic layer were dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc: hexanes) to afford the corresponding product.

## (E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1b):



Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methylene-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)pent-4-ynoate ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 3.24 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with sodium azide ( $0.32 \mathrm{~g}, 4.87 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 2 h . After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $4 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide $\mathbf{1 b}\left(0.83 \mathrm{~g}, 88 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=9: 1$ ); M.P.: $53-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 8.26(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.89(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.2,8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.75(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$,
$1 \mathrm{H}), 7.62(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.3,6.9,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.1,6.9,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.47(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.2,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.27(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.41(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.88(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.99,135.67,133.18$, 133.11, 131.65, 130.43, 128.51, 127.43, 126.78, 125.76, 125.25, 124.72, 119.49, 102.59, 89.23, 52.56, 48.09; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2189,2077,2103,1710,1239,1101,803,775 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 314$ $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+}$; HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NaN}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+}: 314.0908$, found: 314.0908.

## ( $\boldsymbol{E}$ )-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(3-(p-toyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1d):



Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methylene-5-(p-tolyl)pent-4-ynoate ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 3.67 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with sodium azide ( $0.36 \mathrm{~g}, 5.51 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 5 h . After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $4 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide $\mathbf{1 d}\left(0.8 \mathrm{~g}, 85 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=9: 1$ ); M.P.: 43 $-45{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.30(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.38$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ) ${ }^{13}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.98,140.21,135.21,131.91,129.30,125.75,124.88,118.70,104.69,84.09,52.45,48.12$; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2950,2192,2100,1716,1109,1250,763 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): m/z $278(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+}$; HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+}: 278.0900$, found: 278.0895.
(E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1e):


Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylenepent-4-ynoate ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 3.47 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with sodium azide $(0.39 \mathrm{~g}, 5.20 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 3 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $5 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide $\mathbf{1 e}\left(0.81 \mathrm{~g}, 86 \%\right.$ yield) as brown yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 9:1). M.P: $52-54{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.30(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.84(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 166.04,160.76,134.57,133.71,125.06,114.20,113.78,104.93,83.88$, 55.32, 52.40, 48.11; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2948,2189,2102,1714,1595,1251,833 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 294(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+} ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{ESI}): \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+}$: 294.0849, found: 294.0859.
(E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-cyanophenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1g):


Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-5-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-methylenepent-4-ynoate ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 3.53 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with sodium azide $(0.34 \mathrm{~g}, 5.30 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 2 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $4 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the azide $\mathbf{1 g}\left(0.76 \mathrm{~g}, 80 \%\right.$ yield) as brown yellow solid, $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=4: 1)$. M.P: $75-7{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.67(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.29(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.46,137.56,132.31,132.13,126.41,123.21,118.02,112.68,101.09,87.80,52.63$, 48.09; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2924,2093,2125,1717,1614,1286,1253,842,553$. MS (ESI): $m / z 267(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, 63.15; H, 3.79; N, 21.04. Found: C, 62.99; H, 3.91; N, 21.07.

## (E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1h):



Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methylene-5-(4-nitrophenyl)pent-4-ynoate ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 3.30 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with sodium azide $(0.321 \mathrm{~g}, 4.95 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 3 h . After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $4 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide $\mathbf{1 h}\left(0.61 \mathrm{~g}, 71 \%\right.$ yield) as brown yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether : EtOAc $=4: 1)$ M.P: $75-77{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 8.24(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.66(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.31(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 3.88 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.46,147.70,137.87,132.66,128.30,123.67,123.11,100.73,88.50,52.72$, 48.16; IR $(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2093,2125,1718,1614,1528,1346,856 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 287(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$; Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ : C, 54.55; H , 3.52; N, 19.57. Found: C, 54.09; H, 3.38; N, 19.9.
(E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1i):


Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methylene-5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-4-ynoate ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 3.06 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with sodium azide $(0.3 \mathrm{~g}, 4.60 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 2 h . After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $3 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide $\mathbf{1 i}\left(0.65 \mathrm{~g}, 69 \%\right.$ yield) as white solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether :

EtOAc = 9:1). M.P: $138-140{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.75(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.66(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.51(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10$ $(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.31(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.68,136.96,134.98,131.48,131.05,129.15,128.63,126.15$, 123.73, 122.74, 101.78, 85.54, 52.64, 48.18; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2925,2854,2095,1718,1121,770,692 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 310(\mathrm{M}+$ $\mathrm{H}^{+}$; Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, 54.37; H, 3.26; N, 13.59. Found: C, 54.95; H, 3.96; N, 11.7.
( $E$ )-Methyl 5-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-(azidomethyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1j):


Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-5-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-methylenepent-4-ynoate ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 3.33 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with sodium azide $(0.325 \mathrm{~g}, 5.00 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 4 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $5 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide $\mathbf{1 j}\left(0.78 \mathrm{~g}, 82 \%\right.$ yield) as white solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=9: 1$ ). M.P: 70-72 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.31(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.87(\mathrm{~s}$, 3H), 2.62 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 197.07, 165.64, 137.17, 136.87, 132.04, 128.29, 126.32, 123.79, 102.47, 86.96, 52.60, 48.12, 26.64; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2953,2113,2082,1716,1708,1611,1257,1110,844,763 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 284(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$; HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 284.1029$, found: 284.1025.
( $E$ )-tert-Butyl-3-(4-(azidomethyl)-5-methoxy-5-oxopent-3-en-1-yn-1-yl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (1k):


Following the general procedure, tert-butyl-3-(3-acetoxy-4-(methoxycarbonyl)pent-4-en-1-yn-1-yl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (1g, 2.51 $\mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with sodium azide $(0.245 \mathrm{~g}, 3.77 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 2 h . After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $6 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide $\mathbf{1 k}\left(0.70 \mathrm{~g}, 73 \%\right.$ yield) as brown solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=9: 1$ ); M.P: $82-84{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 8.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.89(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.67(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.45-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.37(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.69(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.87$, $148.70,134.70,134.62,130.54,129.80,125.51,124.73,123.61,119.85,115.37,102.19,97.09,88.44,84.84,52.46,48.16,28.03$; IR $(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2123,2091,1736,1708,1228,1155,760 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $m / z 381(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$; HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 381.1557$, found: 381.1559.

## (E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)oct-2-en-4-ynoate (11):



Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methyleneoct-4-ynoate ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 4.46 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with sodium azide $(0.435 \mathrm{~g}, 6.69 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 1 h . After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3\% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide $11\left(0.75 \mathrm{~g}, 80 \%\right.$ yield) as pale yellow liquid, $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether : EtOAc $=9: 1$ ); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR
(300 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 6.90(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.20(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.82(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.42(\mathrm{t}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.69-1.55(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.02(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 166.05,135.05,125.68,106.94,76.35,52.28,47.85,21.89,21.43,13.41 ; \mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2965,2937$, 2215, 2098, 1718, 1268, 1108, $763 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $m / z 230(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 208.1084$, found: 208.1080.

## ( $\boldsymbol{E}$ )-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)undec-2-en-4-ynoate (1m):



Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methyleneundec-4-ynoate ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 3.75 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with sodium azide ( $0.366 \mathrm{~g}, 5.63 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 3 h . After work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( 3 \% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide $\mathbf{1 m}\left(0.81 \mathrm{~g}, 87 \%\right.$ yield) as pale yellow liquid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether : EtOAc $=9: 1$ ); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 6.89(\mathrm{t}, J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.20(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.82(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.44(\mathrm{td}, J=7.0,2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.67-1.28(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 0.90(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 166.07,135.04,125.72,107.19,76.26,52.28,47.87,31.18,28.49,28.13,22.44,19.95$, 13.94; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2928,2857,2211,2099,1718,1267,1106,763 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 272(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+} ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NaN}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+}: 272.1369$, found: 272.1364.
( E)-3-(Azidomethyl)-6-phenylhex-3-en-5-yn-2-one (1n):


Following the general procedure, 4-methylene-5-oxo-1-phenylhex-1-yn-3-yl acetate ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 4.13 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with sodium azide ( $0.402 \mathrm{~g}, 6.19 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). After 2 h , the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $8 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the corresponding azide $1 \mathrm{n}\left(0.80 \mathrm{~g}, 86 \%\right.$ yield) as brown solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ petroleum ether : EtOAc $\left.=4: 1\right)$; M.P: 47-49 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.52(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.4,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.39(\mathrm{q}, J=5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.29(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.43$ (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 196.89,143.80,132.02,129.91,128.63,124.51,121.77,106.04,84.64,47.03,25.56$; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2926,2095,1741,1656,1255,758,689 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $m / z 248(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+} ;$HRMS $(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{M})^{+}:$ 225.0896, found: 225.0893.

General procedure for the preparation of substituted Pyridines (2a-2n): To a stirred solution of alkynyl azide 1a-1n (1 equiv.) in 1,2-dichloroethane ( 3.0 mL ) was added $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ ( 0.3 equiv.) and TFA (2 equiv.) at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After completion of the reaction (Table 1), the mixture was quenched by saturated $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ and stirred for 30 min . The mixture was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, organic layer was washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc: hexanes) to afford the corresponding product.

## Methyl 6-phenylnicotinate (2a):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 a}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.41 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(42 \mathrm{mg}, 0.12 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TFA (61 $\mu \mathrm{L}, 0.82 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 10 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine 2a. $\left(73 \mathrm{mg}, 82 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid; $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether : EtOAc $=7: 3$ ). Spectral data of $\mathbf{2 a}$ was compared with the reported data. ${ }^{2}$

## Methyl 6-(napthalen-2-yl)nicotinate (2b):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 b}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.34 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(35 \mathrm{mg}, 0.10 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TFA $(51.0 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.68 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 22 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $12 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine $\mathbf{2 b}\left(71 \mathrm{mg}, 79 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether : EtOAc $=7: 3$ ); M.P: $82-84$ ${ }^{\mathrm{o}} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 9.40(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.94(\mathrm{t}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.76-7.45$ $(\mathrm{m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 4.02(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.73,162.96,150.82,137.59,137.25,133.86,130.76,129.65,128.42,127.96$, 126.80, 126.03, 125.27, 125.21, 124.68, 124.25, 52.52; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2924,1722,1596,1314,1130,781 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 264$ $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{NO}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 264.1019$, found: 264.1022.

## Methyl 6-(thiophen-2-yl)nicotinate (2c):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 c}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.40 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(41 \mathrm{mg}, 0.12 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TFA ( 60.1 $\mu \mathrm{L}, 0.80 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 8 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel $(10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine $\mathbf{2 c}\left(69 \mathrm{mg}, 78 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=4: 1$ ); M.P: $110-112{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.15(\mathrm{dd}, J=2.1,0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.28(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.3,2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.73-7.68(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.49(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.0,1.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.0,3.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.96(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 165.66,155.89,151.05,143.93,137.77,129.48$, $128.38,126.35,123.80,118.02,52.33 ; \mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2923,2852,1714,1297,1122,778,772 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 220(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$ HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \mathrm{~S}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 220.0426$, found: 220.0426.

## Methyl 6-(p-tolyl)nicotinate (2d):



Following the general procedure, compound $\mathbf{1 d}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.39 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(40 \mathrm{mg}, 0.12 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TFA $(58.2 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.78 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 10 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $13 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in
petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine $\mathbf{2 d}\left(72 \mathrm{mg}, 81 \%\right.$ yield) as pale yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether : EtOAc $=4: 1$ ). Spectral data of $\mathbf{2 d}$ was compared with the reported data. ${ }^{3}$

## Methyl 6-(4-methoxyphenyl)nicotinate (2e):



Following the general procedure, compound $\mathbf{1 e}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.36 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(37 \mathrm{mg}, 0.11 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TFA $(54.8 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.73 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 8 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $12 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine $\mathbf{2 e}\left(78 \mathrm{mg}, 86 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether : EtOAc $=4: 1$ ). Spectral data of $\mathbf{2 e}$ was compared with the reported data. ${ }^{2}$

## Methyl 6-(4-chlorophenyl)nicotinate (2f):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 f}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.36 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(38 \mathrm{mg}, 0.11 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TFA ( 54.0 $\mu \mathrm{L}, 0.72 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 10 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $15 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine $\mathbf{2 f}\left(60 \mathrm{mg}, 66 \%\right.$ yield) as pale yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ). Spectral data of $\mathbf{2 f}$ was compared with the reported data. ${ }^{4}$

## Methyl 6-(4-cyanophenyl)nicotinate (2g):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 g}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.37 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ ( $39 \mathrm{mg}, 0.11 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and TFA ( 55.8 $\mu \mathrm{L}, 0.75 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 14 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the corresponding pyridine $\mathbf{2 g}$ ( 54 mg , ( $60 \%$ yield) as brown solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=$ 4:1); M.P: $118-120{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.41(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.3,2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.80(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.00(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.45,158.57,151.19,142.29$, 138.22, 132.66, 127.89, 125.37, 120.30, 118.52, 113.47, 52.52; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2923,2100,1720,1292,1118 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ $239(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 239.0815$, found: 239.0813.

## Methyl 6-(4-nitrophenyl)nicotinate (2h):



Following the general procedure, $(E)$-methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate ( $\mathbf{1 h}, 100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.35 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(36 \mathrm{mg}, 0.10 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{TFA}(51.8 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.69 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 18 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $12 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford $\mathbf{2 h}$ ( $56 \mathrm{mg}, 62 \%$ yield) as white solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$
(petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ); M.P: $225-227^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.33(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.48-8.30(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 8.25(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.91(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.00(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 165.51,158.18,156.72,151.20,143.92,138.29$, $128.20,125.65,124.09,120.60,52.59 ;$ IR $(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2924,1717,1340,1295,1124,749 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 259(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ; \mathrm{HRMS}$ (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 259.0713$, found: 259.0711.

## Methyl 6-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)nicotinate (2i):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 i}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.32 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(33 \mathrm{mg}, 0.09 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TFA ( 24 $\mu \mathrm{L}, 0.64 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 16 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine $\mathbf{2 i}\left(63 \mathrm{mg}, 69 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=4: 1$ ); M.P: $95-97{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.31(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.46-8.32(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.25(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.86(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.78-7.57(\mathrm{~m}$, 2H), $3.99(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.61,159.19,151.09,139.00,138.15,130.46,129.40,126.50,126.45,124.92$, 124.26, 124.21, 119.92, 52.46; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2925,1721,1339,1117,782 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 282(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{ESI}): \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 282.0736$, found: 282.0748 .

## Methyl 6-(4-acetyphenyl)nicotinate (2j):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 j}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.35 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(36 \mathrm{mg}, 0.10 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TFA ( 52.4 $\mu \mathrm{L}, 0.70 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 18 h . After the work up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford pyridine $\mathbf{2 j}$ ( $68 \mathrm{mg}, 75 \%$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=4: 1$ ); M.P:150-152 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.31(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.39(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.3,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.88(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.99(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.67(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 197.68,165.60,159.46,151.04,142.30,138.05,137.81$, $128.84,127.50,124.89,120.37,52.45,26.77 ;$ IR $(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2922,1719,1679,1302,1267,779 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 256(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$ HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{NO}_{3}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 256.0968$, found: 256.0966 .

## Methyl 6-(1H-indol-3-yl)nicotinate (2k):



Following the general procedure, compound $\mathbf{1 k}(90 \mathrm{mg}, 0.23 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(24 \mathrm{mg}, 0.07 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TFA ( $35.1 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.47 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 18 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $35 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine $\mathbf{2 k}\left(48 \mathrm{mg}, 80 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=1: 1$ ); M.P: 218-220;
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 300 MHz, DMSO-d $_{6}$ ): $\delta 12.18(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 9.02(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.37(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.31-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz, DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ): $\delta 164.54,156.55,147.56,139.03$, $137.18,129.94,129.81,124.63,122.59,121.27,121.16,120.19,112.45,112.05,52.33$; $\mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2922,2645,1726,1598$, 1437, 1290, $745 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $m / z 253(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$253.09683: found: 253.0971.

## Methyl 6-propylnicotinate (21):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 1}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.48 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(48 \mathrm{mg}, 0.14 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{TFA}(71.6$ $\mu \mathrm{L}, 0.96 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 20 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $13 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine $\mathbf{2 l}\left(73 \mathrm{mg}, 84 \%\right.$ yield) as pale yellow liquid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=4: 1$ ); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.19(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.1,2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.23(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.94(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.86-2.80(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.85-1.72(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.98(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 166.86,165.88,150.38,137.22,123.37,122.31$, 52.12, 40.35, 22.76, 13.68; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2959,1727,1598,1287,1118,768 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;$ MS (ESI): $m / z 180(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{NO}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 180.1019$, found: 180.1018.

## Methyl 6-hexylnicotinate (2m):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 m}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.40 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(41 \mathrm{mg}, 0.12 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TFA $(59.6 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.80 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 26 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $15 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the corresponding pyridine $\mathbf{2 m}\left(76 \mathrm{mg}, 86 \%\right.$ yield) as pale yellow liquid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=4: 1) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.19(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.1,2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.23(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.94(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $2.90-2.79(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.75(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.5,7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.39-1.27(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 0.88(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ $167.24,166.00,150.51,137.28,123.39,122.30,52.22,38.59,31.62,29.61,29.00,22.52,14.03 ; \mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2927,2856$, 1727,1598, 1288, 1118, $769 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $m / z 222(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$; HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{NO}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 222.1488$, found: 222.1484.

## 1-(6-Phenylpyridin-3-yl)ethanone (2n):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 n}(160 \mathrm{mg}, 0.71 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(73 \mathrm{mg}, 0.21 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TFA $(105.6 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.42 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 2 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $8 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in
petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine $\mathbf{2 n}\left(128 \mathrm{mg}, 91 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ). Spectral data of $\mathbf{2 n}$ was compared with the literature data. ${ }^{5}$

General procedure for the preparation of substituted Iodo-pyridines ( $\mathbf{3 a - 3 g}$ and $\mathbf{3 h}$ ): To a solution of azide (1 equiv.) $\mathbf{1 a} \mathbf{- 1 n}$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ (1 equiv.) was added at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ followed by the addition of iodine ( 5 equiv.), the solution was stirred at room temperature for given time (Scheme 1). After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched with $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ solution and extracted with EtOAc, organic layer was washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc: hexanes) to afford the corresponding product. In the case of 1a, $\mathbf{1 f}, \mathbf{1 g}, \mathbf{1 l}$ and $\mathbf{1 n}$ the formation of $\mathbf{4 a}$ to $\mathbf{4 e}$ were observed either as a minor or as an exclusive product.

## Methyl 5-iodo-6-phenylnicotinate (3a):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 a}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.41 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(34 \mathrm{mg}, 0.41 \mathrm{mmol})$ and iodine ( $524 \mathrm{mg}, 2.07 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 22 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine $\mathbf{3 a}$ ( $85 \mathrm{mg}, 60 \%$ yield) along with acyl pyrrole $\mathbf{4 a}$ ( $21 \mathrm{mg}, 21 \%$ yield).

3a: Brown solid; $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ); M.P: $134-136{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 9.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $8.85(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.63(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.47(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.98(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 165.01$,
$164.29,149.43,148.58,141.05,129.26,129.13,128.02,125.30,93.12,52.64$; $\mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2925,2853,1730,1277,1122 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$;
MS (ESI): $m / z 340(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{INO}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 339.9819$, found: 339.9829 .

## Methyl 5-benzoyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4a):



Brown solid; $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.3$ (petroleum ether: $\operatorname{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ); M.P: $120-122{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 10.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.76(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.66-7.43(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 185.46,164.49,137.42$, $132.57,131.47,129.37,129.11,128.57,119.93,118.28,51.52$; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=3264,2925,2854,1728,1631,1289,1217 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. MS (ESI): $m / z 230(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{NO}_{3}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 230.0806$, found: 230.0811 .

## Methyl 5-iodo-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)nicotinate (3b):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 b}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.34 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(29 \mathrm{mg}, 0.34 \mathrm{mmol})$ and iodine ( $433 \mathrm{mg}, 1.72 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 22 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $8 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the corresponding iodo pyridine $\mathbf{3 b}$ ( $117 \mathrm{mg}, 88 \%$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc
$=4: 1$ ); M.P: $172-174{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.29(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.91(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.08-7.92(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.65-$ $7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 4.02(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.94,164.38,149.51,147.86,139.42,133.57,130.52,129.40,128.50$, $126.67,126.20,125.88,125.11,125.06,96.38,52.77$; $\mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2924,1724,1271,1113,776 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): \mathrm{m} / z 390(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$ HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{INO}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 389.9985$, found: 389.9999.

## Methyl 5-iodo-6-(thiophen-2-yl)nicotinate (3c):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 c}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.40 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(34 \mathrm{mg}, 0.40 \mathrm{mmol})$ and iodine ( $512 \mathrm{mg}, 2.02 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 23 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine $\mathbf{3 c}\left(122 \mathrm{mg}, 87 \%\right.$ yield) as white solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=4: 1$ ); M.P: 102$104{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.29(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.56(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.22-7.08(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.96(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 164.17,156.71,150.15,149.00,143.75,130.56,130.35$, 127.60, 124.09, 88.79, 52.57; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2925,2854,1702,1432,1294,1123,724 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 346(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ; \mathrm{HRMS}$ (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{INO}_{2} \mathrm{~S}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 345.9385$, found: 345.9393 .

## Methyl 5-iodo-6-(p-tolyl)nicotinate (3d):



Following the general procedure, $\mathbf{1 d}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.39 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(32 \mathrm{mg}, 0.39 \mathrm{mmol})$ and iodine (495 $\mathrm{mg}, 1.96 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 16 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $12 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine $\mathbf{3 d}\left(98 \mathrm{mg}, 71 \%\right.$ yield) as pale yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 70-72 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.56(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.98(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.43(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.05,164.44,149.49$, 148.67, 139.46, 138.24, 129.19, 128.77, 125.12, 93.12, 52.68, 21.48; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2923,1724,1426,1289,771 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;$ MS (ESI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 354(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{ESI})$ : $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{INO}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 353.9979$, found: 353.9985 .

Methyl 5-iodo-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)nicotinate (3e):


Following the general procedure, $(E)$-methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate ( $\mathbf{1 e}, 100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.37 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was allowed to react with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(31 \mathrm{mg}, 0.37 \mathrm{mmol})$ and iodine $(467 \mathrm{mg}, 1.84 \mathrm{mmol})$ for 3 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $10 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine $\mathbf{3 e}$ ( $126 \mathrm{mg}, 92 \%$ yield) as white solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ); M.P: $80-82{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.16(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.82$
$(\mathrm{d}, J=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.66(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.97(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.88(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ $164.46,164.41,160.44,149.43,148.76,133.38,130.88,128.76,124.83,114.27,113.36,92.86,55.35,52.61 ; \mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2952$, 2837, 1715, 1294, 1255, $1173 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $m / z 370(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$; HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{INO}_{3}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 369.9928$, found: 369.9934.

## Methyl 6-(4-chorophenyl)-5-iodonicotinate (3f):



Following the general procedure, $\mathbf{1 f}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.36 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(31 \mathrm{mg}, 0.36 \mathrm{mmol})$ and iodine ( 460 $\mathrm{mg}, 1.81 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 20 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $8 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine $\mathbf{3 f}(27 \mathrm{mg}, 20 \%$ yield) along with acyl pyrrole $\mathbf{4 b}$ ( $50 \mathrm{mg}, 52 \%$ yield).

3f: White solid; $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ); M.P: $106-108{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 9.18(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $8.84(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.61(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.46(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.99(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 164.23$, 163.81, 149.56, 148.80, 139.41, 135.54, 130.73, 128.36, 125.59, 92.90, 52.75; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2923,2857,1726,1457,1280 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $m / z 373(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{CIINO}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 373.9439$, found: 373.9438.

Methyl 5-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4b):


4b: Yellow solid; $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.3$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ); M.P: $130-132{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.98(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.72(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 183.80$, $164.26,139.02,135.62,131.15,130.42,129.09,128.93,119.43,118.58,51.55 ; \operatorname{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=3263,2925,1727,1623,1289$, $757 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;$ MS (ESI): $m / z 264(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{ClNO}_{3}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 264.0422$, found: 264.0420 .

## tert-Butyl-3-(3-iodo-5-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (3g):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 k}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.26 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(22 \mathrm{mg}, 0.26 \mathrm{mmol})$ and iodine ( $332 \mathrm{mg}, 1.31 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 20 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $13 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine $\mathbf{3 g}\left(114 \mathrm{mg}, 90 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=4: 1$ ); M.P: $106-108{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.24(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.33(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.21(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.30(\mathrm{t}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.99(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.70(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (75 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$
$164.43,159.24,149.39,148.91,135.14,128.73,128.03,124.99,124.67,123.35,121.61,120.91,115.26,93.62,84.52,52.71,28.21$;
IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2979,1732,1370,1279,1152,750 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 479(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{IN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 479.0462$, found: 479.0449 .

## 1-(5-Iodo-6-phenylpyridin-3-yl)ethanone (3h):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 n}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.44 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(37 \mathrm{mg}, 0.44 \mathrm{mmol})$ and iodine ( $562 \mathrm{mg}, 2.22 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 12 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine $\mathbf{3 h}(82 \mathrm{mg}, 57 \%$ yield) along with the acyl pyrrole $\mathbf{4 e}(20 \mathrm{mg}, 21 \%$ yield).

3h: Yellow solid; $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ); M.P: $93-95{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 9.13(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.77(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.63(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.65(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 195.22,165.08,148.49,147.31$, 141.03, 131.52, 129.42, 129.18, 128.12, 94.01, 26.89; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2921,1679,1571,1264,743 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 324$ $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{INO}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 323.9879$, found: 323.9871 .

1-(5-Benzoyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)ethanone (4e):


4e: Yellow solid; $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ); M.P: $90-92{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 10.72(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.75(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.62(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.52(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.48(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$ 193.31, 185.54, 137.27, 132.60, 131.77, 129.01, 128.56, 127.70, 118.36, 27.32; $\mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=3257,1718,1628,1548,1376,1286$ $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $m / z 214(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 214.0862$, found: 214.0858.

## Methyl 5-(4-cyanobenzoyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4c):



Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1 g}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.37 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(32 \mathrm{mg}, 0.37 \mathrm{mmol})$ and iodine ( $476 \mathrm{mg}, 1.87 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 20 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $15 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the acyl pyrrole $\mathbf{4 c}$. ( $75 \mathrm{mg}, 79 \%$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=4: 1$ ); M.P: 183$185{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 10.05(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.00(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.77(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.27$
(s, 1H), $3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 183.31,164.01,140.84,132.38,130.76,129.81,129.35,120.14,118.81,117.90$, 115.79, 51.60; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=3274,2954,228,1717,1626,1295,1231,762 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;$ MS (ESI): $m / z 277(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+} ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{ESI}): \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{NaN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+}: 277.0584$, found: 277.0595.

Methyl 5-butyryl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4d):


Following the general procedure, azide $11(93 \mathrm{mg}, 0.45 \mathrm{mmol})$ was allowed to react with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(37 \mathrm{mg}, 0.45 \mathrm{mmol})$ and iodine ( $568 \mathrm{mg}, 2.24 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) for 20 h . After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $15 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the acyl pyrrole $\mathbf{4 d}\left(76 \mathrm{mg}, 81 \%\right.$ yield ) as pale yellow liquid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $\left.=4: 1\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.73(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.85(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.77(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.84$ $-1.67(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.99(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}){ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 191.47,164.34,132.45,127.90,118.05,116.17,51.42,39.89$, 18.43, 13.89; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=3270,2925,2854,1715,1654,1209,766 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 196(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{3}(\mathrm{M})^{+}: 195.0872$, found: 195.0889.
(E)-Methyl 5-(3-methoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)nicotinate (5a):


To a solution of methyl 5-iodo-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)nicotinate ( $\mathbf{3 e}, 100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.27 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.027 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$, $\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{NBr}(87 \mathrm{mg}, 0.27 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(57 \mathrm{mg}, 0.67 \mathrm{mmol})$ and methy acrylate $(25.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.29 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{DMF}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$. The reaction mixture was heated at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 h . After the completion of reaction quenched by aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min . The mixture was extracted with EtOAc ( $2 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) organic layer was washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$, brine ( 5 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $15 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the product $\mathbf{5 a}\left(77 \mathrm{mg}, 86 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=4: 1$ ); M.P: $98-100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.23(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.03(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.00(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.81(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 166.60,165.44$, $161.75,160.91,150.92,142.05,136.40,131.58,130.48,127.84,123.98,121.20,114.04,55.41,52.54,51.90 ; \mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2925$, 2848, 2364, 1716, 1248, 1174, 842, $794 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $m / z 328(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{NO}_{5}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$: 328.1179, found: 328.1192.

Methyl 5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)nicotinate (5b):


To a solution of $3 \mathrm{e} 100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.27 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{K}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}(229 \mathrm{mg}, 1.08 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(31 \mathrm{mg}, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$, and (2hydroxyphenyl)boronic acid ( $49 \mathrm{mg}, 0.35 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in DMF ( 5 mL ) was degassed with $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ for 20 min . The reaction mixture was heated at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 6 h . After the completion of reaction, DMF was removed under vacuum, and the residue was dissolved in $\mathrm{EtOAc}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$, filtered through celite and concentrated in vacuo. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $15 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the product $\mathbf{5 b}\left(67 \mathrm{mg}, 73 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc $=4: 1$ ); M.P: $120-122$ ${ }^{\mathrm{o}} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 9.22(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.29(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.22(\mathrm{t}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.76(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.96(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$ $165.73,160.66,160.25,152.26,149.82,140.86,131.27,131.06,130.94,130.69,129.75,126.23,123.75,121.26,116.41,113.55$, 55.19, 52.40; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=3377,2922,1701,1593,1254,1166,755 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z 336(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ; \mathrm{HRMS}(\mathrm{ESI}): m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{NO}_{4}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 336.1230$, found: 336.1247 .

Methyl 6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(phenylethynyl)nicotinate (5c):


To a solution of $\mathbf{3 e}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.27 \mathrm{mmol})$ in trethylamine $(3 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to a mixture of $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(19 \mathrm{mg}, 0.027 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol}$ $\%$ ) and copper(I)iodide ( $10 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) in a flame dried flask. The mixture was degassed with $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ for 15 min . Phenylacetylene ( $0.12 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.08 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of reaction, the mixture was diluted with Water ( 3 mL ) and then the mixture was extracted with EtOAc ( 10 mL x 2 ). The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered through celite, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $18 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the product $\mathbf{5 c}(87 \mathrm{mg}, 93 \%$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ); M.P: $100-102{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 9.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.46(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.6,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.03(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.99(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.89(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.28,161.92,160.89,150.84,149.16,142.03,137.70,131.44,131.05,128.84,128.42,123.06$, $122.54,118.87,116.93,114.22,113.37,95.13,86.93,55.34,52.41$; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2926,1720,1580,1258,1105,751 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}$ (ESI): $m / z 344(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{NO}_{3}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 344.1281$, found: 344.1292.

## Methyl 6-phenyl-5-(phenylethynyl)nicotinate (5d):



To a solution of $\mathbf{3 a}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.29 \mathrm{mmol})$ in trethylamine $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to a mixture of $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(21 \mathrm{mg}, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mol}$ $\%$ ) and copper(I)iodide ( $11 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) in a flame dried flask. The mixture was degassed with $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ for 15 min . Phenylacetylene ( $129 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.40 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of reaction, the mixture was diluted with Water ( 3 mL ) and then the mixture was extracted with EtOAc ( 10 mL x 2 ). The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered through celite, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the product $\mathbf{5 d}(78 \mathrm{mg}, 85 \%$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.6$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ); M.P: $110-115^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.20(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.53(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.15-8.00(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.53-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 4.00(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.16,162.56,149.14,141.79$, $138.43,131.42,129.62,129.42,128.87,128.38,127.94,123.67,122.40,117.68,95.35,86.55,52.47 ; \mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\max }=2926,2205$ 1720, 1268, 1204, 745, $686 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $m / z 314(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$; HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{NO}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 314.1175$, found: 314.1168.

## Methyl 5-iodo-6-phenylbenzo[ $h$ ]quinoline-3-carboxylate (6a):



To a solution methyl 6-phenyl-5-(phenylethynyl)nicotinate (5d, $30 \mathrm{mg}, 0.095 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \mathrm{~mL})$ was slowly added solution of ICl in $\mathrm{DCM}(0.4 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.19 \mathrm{mmol})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and the reaction mixture stirred for 48 h at room temperature. Upon completion, the reaction was diluted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$, washed with saturated aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $18 \% \mathrm{EtOAc}$ in petroleum ether) to afford the corresponding product $6 \mathbf{a}\left(29 \mathrm{mg}, 71 \%\right.$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1$ ); M.P: $170-175{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$ $9.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 9.41(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.3,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 9.30(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.78(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.2,6.9,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.61-7.55(\mathrm{~m}$, $4 \mathrm{H}), 7.42(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.32-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.07(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 165.68,149.58,148.76,147.00$, $144.18,143.86,134.73,130.94,129.79,129.70,128.63,128.20,128.03,127.79,127.03,125.58,125.04,103.58,52.63$; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }$ $=2921,1721,1318,1269,1251,763 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): $m / z 440(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$; HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{IO}_{2} \mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 440.0142$, found: 440.0126.
(Z)-Methyl-5-benzylidene-5H-indeno[1,2-b]pyridine-3-carboxylate (6b):


To a solution of $\mathbf{5 d}(30 \mathrm{mg}, 0.095 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.004 \mathrm{mmol}), 1,1-\mathrm{bis}($ diphenylphosphino)ferrrocene $(5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.009 \mathrm{mmol})$ and toluene $(0.3 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min . Water $(1.5 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.09 \mathrm{mmol})$ was then added via microsyringe. The reaction mixture was heated at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred at this temperature for 24 h. Upon completion of the reaction, resultant mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ( 1 mL ), and filtered through a celite plug. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ( $15 \%$ EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azafluorene $\mathbf{6 b}$ ( $21 \mathrm{mg}, 68 \%$ yield) as yellow solid. $\mathrm{R}_{f}=0.4$ (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{EtOAc}=4: 1)$; M.P: $170-175^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 9.14(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.43(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.19-8.04(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.90(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.53(\mathrm{td}$, $J=17.1,8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 3.88(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.32,163.22,150.81,141.01,137.12,135.62,132.84,132.12$, $130.92,130.05,129.40,128.99,128.76,123.30,121.53,120.32,52.28$; IR (KBr): $v_{\max }=2924,2853,1718,1279,697 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \mathrm{MS}$ (ESI): $m / z 314(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} ;$HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{NO}_{2}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}: 314.1175$, found: 314.1166.

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${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR, $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$





${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



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${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR, $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$







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${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$





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${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



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${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR, $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


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