## **Supporting Information**

# Selective C-5 Oxidative Radical Silylation of Imidazopyridines Promoted by Lewis Acid

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### **1** General Information

All reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (300–400 mesh). The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer at 400 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H) and 100 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> using tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, hept = heptet. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with an AB Triple 5600 mass spectrometer by ESI on a TOF mass analyzer. Melting points are uncorrected.

### **2 Experimental Procedures**

### 2.1 General Procedure for the Preparation of 3 and 4

To a sealed tube were added imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridines **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), silanes (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv), DTBP (110  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (29.1 mg, 0.08 mmol, 40 mol %) and PhCF<sub>3</sub> (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 36 h in oil bath under Ar. After being cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (10 mL). The aqueous phase was re-extracted with EtOAc (5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuum, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the desired products **3** or **4**.

### 2.2 General Procedure for the Preparation of 6

To a sealed tube were added the product **3d** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene (1.0 mmol, 2 equiv), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.025 mmol, 5 mol %) and Ag<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Then anhydrous DMF (5 mL) and TBAF (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.25 mL, 0.5 equiv) were added under Ar. The reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 5 h. After being cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O, extracted with EtOAc (4 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuum, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the desired product **6**.

### **3** The Control Experiment



To a sealed tube were added **1a** (41.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (165  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv), DTBP (110  $\mu$ L, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), TEMPO (94.5 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and PhCF<sub>3</sub> (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 36 h under Ar. After the reaction was stopped, no desired product **3a** was detected by TLC and LC-MS, indicating that the reaction was completely inhibited. Meanwhile, a trapping product **7** was observed through the LC-MS analysis from the reaction solution (Figure S1).



Figure S1. LC-MS analysis of the radical-trapping product 7.

### 4 Experimental Data for the Products 3, 4 and 6



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-8-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3a). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow oil (48.9 mg, 76% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.02–7.99 (m, 3H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.52 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.6, 144.6, 135.8, 134.4, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 126.2, 122.6, 122.4, 110.8, 27.1, 18.4, 17.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2954, 2844,

1608, 1472, 1255, 1184, 818, 770, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z:  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{27}N_2Si$  323.1938; Found 323.1938.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-8-chloro-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3b). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (39.0 mg, 57% yield). mp 78–80 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.54 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 145.8, 143.4, 137.6, 133.5, 128.7, 128.2, 126.4, 124.3, 122.7, 121.6, 111.8, 27.0, 18.4, -4.9. IR (KBr) v 2933, 2857, 1611, 1465, 1252, 925, 808, 774, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>Si 343.1392; Found 343.1393.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine-8-carboxamide (3c). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (42.1 mg, 60% yield). mp 259–261 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 10.39 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 0.57 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 165.7, 144.5, 144.0, 143.4, 133.1, 128.8, 128.4, 126.8, 126.2, 121.8, 120.8, 110.5, 27.0, 18.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 3308, 3169, 2929, 2852, 1677, 1619, 1489, 1256, 815, 776, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSi 352.1840; Found 352.1838.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-7-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3d). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (50.4 mg, 78% yield). mp 95–96 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.95 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 3H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.51 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.5, 144.8, 137.7, 134.2, 134.2, 128.7, 127.7, 126.0, 125.0, 116.8, 109.7, 27.0, 21.3, 18.3, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2930, 2860, 1627, 1474, 1254, 840, 776, 706 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 323.1938; Found 323.1939.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-7-methoxy-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3e). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (6:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow oil (52.1 mg, 77% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.93 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.52 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 157.1, 147.4, 144.0, 139.7, 133.5, 128.7, 127.8, 125.8, 117.3, 109.0, 95.2, 55.4, 27.0, 18.20, -4.9. IR (KBr) v 2929, 2857, 1618, 1467, 1402, 1215, 873, 775, 707 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSiNa 361.1707; Found 361.1701.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-7-fluoro-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3f). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (42.4 mg, 65% yield). mp 56–58 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 7.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 0.55 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 159.4 (d, J = 253.1 Hz), 146.6 (d, J = 13.0 Hz), 146.1, 141.5 (d, J = 6.1 Hz), 133.6, 128.8, 128.1, 126.0, 113.8 (d, J = 26.2 Hz), 109.8, 101.6 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 27.0, 18.3, -5.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>Si<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 327.1687, found 327.1689. IR (KBr) v 2927, 2856, 1624, 1470, 1253, 1182,

839, 775, 711 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z:  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>Si 327.1687; Found 327.1689.



**5**-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-7-chloro-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3g). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (43.8 mg, 64% yield). mp 91–93 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.97 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.55 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.0, 145.9, 140.0, 133.5, 130.4, 128.8, 128.2, 126.1, 123.1, 116.9, 110.3, 27.0, 18.4, -4.9. IR (KBr) v 2925, 2852, 1604, 1464, 1250, 1072, 850, 774, 715 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>Si 343.1392; Found 343.1397.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-phenyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3h). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (45.9 mg, 61% yield). mp 75–77 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.58 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 147.3, 144.0, 140.4, 133.2, 128.9, 128.5, 126.2, 125.4 (q, J = 33.5 Hz), 123.6 (q, J = 272.1 Hz), 117.3 (q, J = 2.9 Hz), 115.9 (q, J = 4.9 Hz), 111.5, 27.0, 18.4, -5.0. IR (KBr) v 2956, 2861, 1630, 1416, 1340, 1244, 1125, 886, 767, 724, 681 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 377.1655; Found 377.1657.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-6-fluoro-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3i). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid

(37.8 mg, 58% yield). mp 85–87 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.60 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 160.3 (d, J = 231.9 Hz), 146.0, 143.9, 133.6, 128.8, 128.1, 126.0, 123.7 (d, J = 49.3 Hz), 119.1 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 116.3 (d, J = 32.0 Hz), 111.7, 26.6, 19.0, -3.3 (d, J = 6.5 Hz). IR (KBr) v 2928, 2857, 1688, 1470, 1256, 1166, 840, 824, 771, 711 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>Si 327.1687; Found 327.1689.



**5**-(*tert*-**Butyldimethylsilyl**)-**8**-methyl-**2**-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[**1**,**2**-*a*]pyridine (**3j**). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (52.6 mg, 78% yield). mp 93–95 °C.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.52 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.5, 144.7, 137.4, 135.7, 131.6, 129.4, 128.3, 126.1, 122.5, 122.3, 110.5, 27.1, 21.4, 18.4, 17.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2925, 2851, 1649, 1472, 1247, 822, 775, 728, 687 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 337.2095; Found 337.2094.



5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3k). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. Red solid (56.3 mg, 80% yield). mp 123–125 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.92 (dd, J = 6.2, 2.6 Hz, 3H), 7.02–7.00 (m, 2H), 6.93 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.50 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 159.4, 146.4, 144.4, 135.7, 128.1, 127.5, 127.1, 122.5, 122.3, 114.1, 110.0, 55.3, 27.0, 18.4, 17.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2954, 2849, 1611, 1486, 1239, 1031, 838, 802, 766 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z:  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSi 353.2044; Found 353.2045.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3l). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1, v/v) as eluent. Light yellow solid (49.6 mg, 73% yield). mp 50–51 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.96–7.93 (m, 3H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.51 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 162.6 (d, *J* = 246.2 Hz), 146.5, 143.6, 135.9, 130.5 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 128.3, 127.8 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 122.8, 122.5, 115.6 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 110.4, 27.0, 18.4, 17.3, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2954, 2853, 1609, 1483, 1227, 1146, 831, 806, 777 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>Si 341.1844; Found 341.1842.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3m). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (41.3 mg, 58% yield). mp 106–108 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.93–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.41 (m, 2H), 6.95 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.51 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.6, 143.4, 136.0, 133.3, 132.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.4, 122.8, 122.6, 110.8, 27.0, 18.4, 17.3, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2959, 2853, 1607, 1472, 1242, 1082, 835, 799, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>Si 357.1548; Found 357.1549.



5-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (3n). Purified by silica

gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (47.6 mg, 70% yield). mp 52–54 °C . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.48–8.44 (m, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.97–6.95 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.51 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 160.3 (d, J = 248.5 Hz), 145.6, 137.8 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 136.2, 129.0 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 128.5 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 128.2, 124.5 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 122.8, 122.4, 122.0 (d, J = 12.5 Hz), 115.5 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 115.0 (d, J = 15.4 Hz), 27.0, 18.3, 17.3, -5.0. IR (KBr) v 2966, 2853, 1613, 1489, 1253, 811, 779, 741, 680 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>Si 341.1844; Found 341.1847.



### 5-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)-8-methyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine

(30). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (48.4 mg, 62% yield). mp 86–88 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.52 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.8, 143.0, 137.9, 136.1, 129.4 (q, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 128.6, 126.2, 125.7, 125.6 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.0, 122.8, 111.5, 27.0, 18.4, 17.3, -4.9. IR (KBr) v 2959, 2859, 1620, 1330, 1250, 1168, 1122, 1066, 816, 775, 717 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 391.1812; Found 391.1810.



**4-(5-(***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl)-8-methylimidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridin-2-yl)benzonitrile (3p). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (37.5 mg, 54% yield). mp 119–121 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta (ppm) 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.52 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta (ppm)** 

146.9, 142.3, 138.7, 136.3, 132.5, 128.6, 126.5, 123.5, 123.1, 119.2, 112.0, 110.7, 27.0, 18.4, 17.3, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2924, 2847, 2222, 1607, 1472, 1242, 940, 840, 805, 775, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Si 348.1891; Found 348.1890.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-8-methyl-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3q). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (48.8 mg, 61% yield). mp 160–162 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.53 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) 146.5, 141.7, 139.2, 139.0, 136.6, 128.5, 127.9, 126.9, 124.2, 123.4, 112.1, 44.7, 27.0, 18.4, 17.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2930, 2859, 1602, 1468, 1309, 1256, 1151, 951, 840, 805, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SSi 401.1714; Found 401.1711.



**2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-5-(***tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-8-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3r). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1, v/v) as eluent. Orange oil (58.9 mg, 74% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.10–8.06 (m, 3H), 7.74–7.69 (m, 4H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.54 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm) 146.4, 144.0, 140.9, 140.5, 135.9, 133.1, 128.8, 128.3, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 123.0, 122.6, 110.9, 27.1, 18.4, 17.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2924, 2847, 1649, 1602, 1478, 1247, 822, 805, 745, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 399.2251; Found 399.2255.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-8-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3s). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1, v/v) as eluent. Brown oil (46.2 mg, 62% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.46 (m, 2H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.55 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.7, 144.5, 135.9, 133.8, 133.1, 131.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 126.2, 125.8, 124.7, 124.5, 122.8, 122.5, 111.3, 27.1, 18.4, 17.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2959, 2853, 1607, 1472, 1242, 1082, 835, 799, 734, 684 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 373.2095; Found 373.2096.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-7-methyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3t). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (25:1, v/v) as eluent. Brown oil (38.7 mg, 59% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.50 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.2, 139.3, 135.8, 128.1, 127.8, 124.8, 123.9, 123.1, 122.7, 110.32, 27.0, 18.4, 17.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2930, 2847, 1643, 1465, 1296, 1260, 835, 820, 806, 778, 735, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>SSi 329.1502; Found 329.1501.



5-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (3u). Purified by silica gel column

chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (8:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow oil (38.2 mg, 62% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.53 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 145.9, 145.1, 138.7, 134.0, 128.7, 127.9, 126.1, 123.7, 122.3, 118.3, 110.3, 27.0, 18.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2924, 2853, 1613, 1472, 1247, 1182, 835, 769, 717, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 309.1782; Found 309.1782.



**5**-(*tert*-**Butyldimethylsilyl**)-2-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3v). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow oil (41.9 mg, 65% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.52 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 145.84, 145.2, 138.6, 137.7, 131.2, 129.4, 126.0, 123.5, 122.2, 118.2, 110.0, 27.0, 21.3, 18.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2930, 2853, 1615, 1490, 1325, 1250, 829, 780, 740, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 323.1938; Found 323.1939.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3w). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (47.3 mg, 70% yield). mp 89–91 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92–6.90 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.52 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 159.5, 145.8, 145.0, 138.5, 127.3, 126.7, 123.5, 122.2, 118.0, 114.1, 109.5, 55.3, 27.0, 18.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2929, 2851, 1614, 1485, 1250, 1162, 1030, 836, 778, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSi 339.1887; Found 339.1889.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3x). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v) as eluent. Light yellow solid (39.8 mg, 61% yield). mp 66–68 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.13 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.53 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 162.7 (d, J = 246.6 Hz), 145.9, 144.2, 138.8, 130.2 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 127.7 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 123.8, 122.4, 118.2, 115.7 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 109.9, 27.0, 18.4, -4.8. IR (KBr) v 2924, 2853, 1607, 1484, 1218, 1148, 840,787, 741, 687 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>Si 327.1687; Found 327.1686.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3y). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (41.4 mg, 55% yield). mp 95–97 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.71–7.66 (m, 3H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.54 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.1, 143.5, 139.1, 137.5, 129.6 (q, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 126.1, 125.7 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.2, 123.0, 122.7, 118.4, 111.1, 27.0, 18.4, -4.9. IR (KBr) v 2925, 2860, 1617, 1468, 1334, 1249, 1164, 1105, 836, 772, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 377.1655; Found 377.1657.



5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3z). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow oil (27.7 mg, 60% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, J = 9.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.48 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 145.5, 138.8, 132.9, 123.3, 122.3, 118.6, 114.5, 27.0, 18.3, -4.9. IR (KBr) v 2930, 2859, 1613, 1472, 1283, 1148, 829, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 233.1469; Found 233.1470.



**5**-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-methylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (3aa). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent. Brown oil (26.1 mg, 53% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.52 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 8.9, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.46 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 145.2, 142.5, 138.1, 122.9, 121.7, 117.5, 111.6, 27.0, 18.3, 14.5, -4.9. IR (KBr) v 2928, 2852, 1611, 1482, 1263, 840, 776, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 247.1625; Found 247.1623.



**8-Methyl-2-phenyl-5-(triethylsilyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]<b>pyridine** (**4a**). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow oil (45.1 mg, 70% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.02 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 15H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.4, 144.9, 134.9, 134.3, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 126.3, 122.8, 121.88, 109.4, 17.4, 7.3, 2.6. IR (KBr) v 2948, 2871, 1602, 1448, 1182, 1017, 714 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 323.1938; Found 323.1942.



8-Methyl-2-phenyl-5-(triisopropylsilyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4b). Purified by silica gel

column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (43.7 mg, 60% yield). mp 141–142 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.01–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 1.63 (hept, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 18H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.6, 144.4, 134.6, 134.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.8, 126.3, 123.0, 122.9, 110.5, 18.8, 17.4, 12.0. IR (KBr) v 2953, 2865, 1620, 1461, 1395, 1189, 887, 717, 679, 651 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 365.2408; Found 365.2408.



**8-Methyl-2-phenyl-5-(trihexylsilyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]<b>pyridine** (**4c**). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (61.8 mg, 63% yield). mp 48–50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.02–8.00 (m, 2H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 1.36–1.26 (m, 26H), 1.02–0.98 (m, 5H), 0.89–0.86 (m, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.3, 144.8, 135.7, 134.3, 128.7, 128.1, 127.7, 126.3, 122.9, 121.6, 109.4, 33.2, 31.4, 23.6, 22.6, 17.4, 14.1, 11.4. IR (KBr) v 2924, 2847, 1602, 1461, 1377, 1247, 1182, 740, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>51</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 491.3816; Found 491.3817.



5-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-8-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (4d). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow oil (46.5 mg, 68% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.88–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H),

6.92 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 0.75 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.1, 144.7, 135.3, 134.7, 134.1, 134.1, 130.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 126.2, 122.8, 122.0, 109.9, 17.5, -3.3. IR (KBr) v 3065, 2953, 2841, 1602, 1484, 1247, 1106, 816, 717, 690, 504, 475 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 343.1625; Found 343.1623.



**8-Methyl-5-(methyldiphenylsilyl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-***a***]pyridine (4e). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (44.5 mg, 55% yield). mp 158–159 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta (ppm) 7.80 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.37 (m, 6H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta (ppm) 146.1, 144.5, 135.1, 134.0, 133.9, 132.7, 130.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 126.2, 124.1, 122.9, 110.5, 17.5, -4.4. IR (KBr) v 3054, 2966, 2918, 1478, 1431, 1100, 793, 740, 721, 698, 563, 468 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 405.1782; Found 405.1781.** 



**8-Methyl-2-phenyl-5-(triphenylsilyl)imidazo[1,2-***a***]<b>pyridine** (**4f**). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1, v/v) as eluent. White solid (60.6 mg, 65% yield). mp 240–242 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 7.53–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 146.0, 144.1, 136.1, 132.8, 131.3, 130.6, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 126.2, 125.8, 123.1, 111.5, 17.6. IR (KBr) v 3072, 2946, 2917, 1652, 1478, 1106, 747, 709, 699, 511,

493 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z:  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si 467.1938; Found 467.1938.



**5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-7-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-***a***]<b>pyridine** (6). Purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1, v/v) as eluent. Yellow solid (106.8 mg, 68% yield). mp 159–161 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.82 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.38–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.08–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.59 (dd, J = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 159.9, 145.0, 141.5, 135.7, 134.2, 132.1, 128.3, 127.9, 127.3, 122.6, 121.9, 120.3, 115.7, 115.0, 114.9, 55.4, 21.4. IR (KBr) v 2966, 2846, 1649, 1513, 1253, 1176, 1023, 775, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 315.1492; Found 315.1496.

6 <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of the Products



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3b (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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3f (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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3x (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)



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4d (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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-2.727





-2.739

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-2.428

### 6. The X-ray Single-crystal Diffraction Analysis of 3k

Single crystal suitable for X-ray diffraction was obtained by slow evaporation of dichloromethane and *n*-hexane (1:1) solution of **3k** at ambient temperature.

The ellipsoid contour percent probability levels of the thermal ellipsoid plot is 50%.



Figure S2. Crystal structures of 3k (CCDC: 2011379).

Identification code	3k
Empirical formula	$C_{21}H_{29}N_2OSi$
Formula weight	353.55
Temperature/K	296.15
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pbca
a/Å	10.7466(15)
b/Å	15.132(2)
c/Å	25.050(3)
α/°	90
β/°	90
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	4073.7(10)
Z	8
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.153
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.126
F(000)	1528
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.03  imes 0.02  imes 0.01
Radiation	MoKa ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )

$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	3.252 to 55.104
Index ranges	$\text{-13} \le h \le \text{13},  \text{-19} \le k \le \text{18},  \text{-32} \le \text{l} \le \text{32}$
Reflections collected	43785
Independent reflections	$4689 \; [R_{int} = 0.0516,  R_{sigma} = 0.0283]$
Data/restraints/parameters	4689/0/233
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.021
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0478, wR_2 = 0.1246$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0816$ , $wR_2 = 0.1452$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.23/-0.52

Table S2. Bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for compound 3k.

Si1—C15	1.896 (2)	C4—C5	1.379 (3)
Si1-C17	1.865 (2)	C5—C6	1.390 (2)
Si1—C18	1.871 (2)	C6—C7	1.389 (3)
Si1—C20	1.894 (2)	C6—C8	1.466 (3)
N1-C8	1.364 (2)	С8—С9	1.374 (3)
N1-C10	1.320 (2)	C10-C12	1.418 (3)
N2—C9	1.381 (2)	C11-C12	1.504 (3)
N2-C10	1.397 (2)	C12—C13	1.350 (3)
N2-C15	1.396 (2)	C13-C14	1.419 (3)
01—C1	1.410 (3)	C14—C15	1.365 (3)
01—C3	1.367 (2)	C16-C20	1.517 (3)
С2—С3	1.385 (3)	C19—C20	1.537 (3)
C2—C7	1.383 (3)	C20-C21	1.535 (3)
C3—C4	1.386 (3)		
C20—Si1—C15	109.58 (9)	N1-C8-C6	121.72 (16)
C17—Si1—C15	111.42 (10)	N1-C8-C9	110.22 (17)
C17—Si1—C20	112.17 (11)	C9—C8—C6	128.01 (17)
C17—Si1—C18	107.84 (12)	C8-C9-N2	106.78 (16)
C18—Si1—C15	106.27 (11)	N2-C10-C12	119.50 (17)
C18—Si1—C20	109.37 (12)	N1-C10-N2	111.34 (16)
C10-N1-C8	106.28 (15)	N1-C10-C12	129.16 (17)
C9-N2-C10	105.37 (15)	C10-C12-C11	118.3 (2)
C9—N2—C15	130.86 (16)	C13-C12-C10	117.18 (18)
C15-N2-C10	123.76 (16)	C13-C12-C11	124.5 (2)
C3-01-C1	117.80 (17)	C12-C13-C14	121.83 (19)
С7—С2—С3	119.73 (19)	C15-C14-C13	122.9 (2)
01C2	125.19 (19)	N2-C15-Si1	123.89 (14)
01-C3-C4	115.58 (17)	C14-C15-Si1	121.24 (15)

C2—C3—C4	119.24 (19)	C14—C15—N2	114.87 (17)
C5-C4-C3	120.39 (18)	C19—C20—Si1	109.62 (17)
C4—C5—C6	121.33 (19)	C16-C20-Si1	111.76 (16)
C7—C6—C8	121.99 (16)	C16-C20-C19	108.3 (2)
C7—C6—C5	117.48 (18)	C16-C20-C21	109.2 (2)
C5-C6-C8	120.50 (17)	C21—C20—Si1	109.81 (17)
C2—C7—C6	121.84 (17)	C21-C20-C19	108.0 (2)