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« I'm just a simple man trying to make my way in the universe »

Jango Fett

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LISTE DES ABRÉVIATIONS, DES SIGLES ET DES ACRONYMES

Ac	Acétyle
ACN	Acétonitrile
ΑΡΙ	Ingrédient Actif Pharmaceutique (Active Pharmaceutical ingredient)
Ar*	Argon (dans les conditions réactionnelles et le texte)
Ar*	Aryle (dans les structures organiques et les tableaux)
Вос	Tert-butoxycarbonyl
Bu	Butyle
Cul	lodure de Cuivre
DBU	1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undéc-7-ène
DCM	Dichlorométhane
DEAD	Diéthyl azodicarboxylate
DEL	Diode Électro Luminescente
DIPEA	Diisopropyléthylamine
equiv.	Équivalents
Et	Éthyle
Et₃N	Triéthylamine
EtOH	Éthanol
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FeCl₃	Chlorure de fer (III)

н	Hydrogène
H ₂ O	Eau
HNO₃	Acide nitrique
iPr	Isopropyle
iPrNH ₂	Diisopropylamine
K ₂ CO ₃	Carbonate de potassium
КОАс	Acétate de potassium
LiCl	Chlorure de lithium
<i>т</i> СРВА	Acide métachloroperbenzoïque
Me	Méthyle
MeO	Méthoxy
MeOH	Méthanol
mol%	Pourcentage molaire
MS	Tamis moléculaire (molecular sieves)
NIS	N-iodosuccinimide
nosyl	nitrobenzenesulfonyl
o-Ns	2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl
<i>p</i> -ClPh	4-chlorophényle
PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	Dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II)
Ph	Phényl
PhSH	Thiophénol

PIDA	Diacétate de Phényliodure (III)
<i>p</i> -Ns	4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl
PPh ₃	Triphénylphosphine
Ру	Pyridine
r.r	Ratio de régioisomères
SnCl ₂	Chlorure d'étain (II)
t.p.	Température pièce
tBuOK	tert-butanolate de potassium
THF	Tétrahydrofurane
Ts	Toluènesulphonyl

RÉSUMÉ

Ce travail porte sur le développement d'une nouvelle méthodologie de synthèse de pyridines substituées en deux étapes à partir d'iodo-énones et iodo-énals. Les produits naturels et composés synthétiques contenant des pyridines détiennent des propriétés thérapeutiques variées et intéressantes. L'ajout de pyridines à des composés biologiquement actifs peut aussi rehausser ou moduler ses propriétés biologiques telles que la stabilité, la perméabilité membranaire et l'activité biologique. Le développement de nouvelles méthodes de synthèse des pyridines permet d'accéder à une plus grande gamme de pyridines naturelles et synthétiques intéressantes au niveau pharmacologique. Les nouvelles méthodes de synthèse peuvent aussi donner l'accès à des produits naturels dont les propriétés biologiques sont peu connues afin de vérifier leurs propriétés biologiques. La synthèse de pyridines à partir de couplage de propargylamines avec des iodo-énones serait la première en son genre.

La synthèse de pyridines à partir d'iodo-énones se fait en deux étapes par réaction de Sonogashira en premier lieu suivie d'une déprotection de Fukuyama, qui provoque une réaction en cascade de Michaelrétro-Michael, condensation et isomérisation dirigée par le thiophénol. Le couplage de Sonogashira entre une iodo-énone, un iodo-énal ou un iodo-acrylate et une propargylamine nosylée sera étudié dans ce travail. L'optimisation de la formation de pyridines par réaction avec le thiophénol ainsi que la portée de cette méthodologie seront subséquemment présentées. La synthèse de pyridines polysubstituées à quatre des cinq positions possibles s'effectue grâce au couplage de Sonogashira avec une propargylamine substituée. La méthodologie est aussi efficace avec un iodo-acrylate donnant une 2-pyridone. Le substituant thiophényle démontre une réactivité pour la réduction, l'oxydation et les couplages au nickel.

Il est donc possible de synthétiser des pyridines polysubstituées et même des 2-pyridones à partir de carbonyles α -iodo- α , β -insaturées. Ces pyridines offrent une réactivité unique grâce à leur substituant 4-thiophényle.

Mots clés : Pyridines, Sonogashira, Iodo-énones, Cascade Michael, Propargylamine, 2-Pyridone, Synthèse d'hétérocycles

ABSTRACT

This work is about the development of a novel pyridine synthesis in two steps from iodo-enones or iodoenals. Pyridine containing natural products and synthetic compounds possess varied and interesting therapeutic properties. Addition of pyridine heterocycles to biologically active compounds can increase or modulate its biological properties such as stability, membrane permeability and biological activity. Development of new synthetic methodologies of pyridines can lead to a broader range of pharmacologically interesting synthetic and natural pyridines. New methods of synthesis can also give access to scarcely studied natural products opening up the possibility of the study of their biological properties. The synthesis of pyridines based on the Sonogashira coupling of propargylamines and iodoenones would be the first of its kind.

The synthesis of pyridines is accomplished from iodo-enones in two steps with a Sonogashira coupling first, then a Fukuyama deprotection, Michael-retro-Michael cascade reaction, condensation and isomerization mediated by thiophenol. The Sonogashira coupling between an iodo-enone, iodo-enal or iodo-acrylate and nosyl protected propargylamines is studied in this work. Optimization of the pyridine formation as well the scope of the methodology are subsequently presented. The synthesis of polysubstituted pyridines at four of the five positions is made possible by the coupling of substituted propargylamines. This methodology is also applicable to iodo-acrylate giving access to the synthesis 2-pyridones. The thiophenyl substituent demonstrates reactivity in reduction, oxidation and nickel coupling.

As such, it is possible to synthesize polysubstituted pyridines as well as 2-pyridones from α -iodo- α , β unsaturated carbonyls. These pyridines offer a unique reactivity through their 4-thiophenyl substituent.

Keywords : Pyridine, Sonogashira, Iodo-enones, Michael-cascade, Propargylamine, 2-Pyridone, Heterocycle synthesis

INTRODUCTION

0.1 Les Pyridines

La pyridine est un hétérocycle aromatique à six membres contenant un atome d'azote (**Schéma 0.1a**) premièrement isolée, sous forme de picoline en 1846, d'huile d'os.^[1] Une pyridine est différente du benzène dû à l'atome d'azote présent. Celui-ci, par son doublet d'électrons libres, lui confère des propriétés nucléophiles (**0.1b**), telles que lors d'un mécanisme de type Baylis-Hilman^[2] ou basique lors d'une réaction d'élimination(E1cB) (**0.1c**). Ce doublet d'électrons libres peut aussi être donné à un atome métallique permettant aux pyridines (Py) de faire office de ligand (**0.1d**).^[3] Les pyridines possèdent des propriétés chimiques uniques qui confèrent des effets et usages variés. Par exemple, La niacine (**0.1a**), plus communément appelée vitamine B3, est d'une grande utilité et permet la prévention de la démence et de la dermatite.^[1]



Les pyridines se retrouvent dans une vaste gamme d'applications comme la synthèse organique, la catalyse, la polymérisation,^[1] la modulation des effets pharmacologiques, la production de médicaments, et l'agrochimie.^[4] Les pyridines sont particulièrement importantes dans la production d'agents thérapeutiques. Selon la banque de données de la « Food and Drug Administration » (FDA), les pyridines

comptent pour 14% des N-hétérocycles dans les médicaments.^[5] Les pyridines se retrouvent aussi dans divers produits naturels possédant des propriétés biologiques intéressantes et agents thérapeutiques ^[4-6] (**Schéma 0.2**). Les composés contenant des pyridines ont été identifiés avec plusieurs activités biologiques : blocage des canaux calciques,^[7] baisse du cholestérol sanguin,^[8] antibactérienne,^[9] antidiabétique^[10] et anti-inflammatoire^[11] parmi tant d'autres.



Schéma 0.2 Quelques produits naturels et agents thérapeutiques contenant des pyridines

Les pyridines sont alors les sujets d'études des chimistes, biochimistes et biologistes pour leurs potentiels effets pharmacologiques depuis longtemps, prenant une place non négligeable dans le développement de nouveaux agents thérapeutiques. La synthèse de ceux-ci nécessite d'autant plus des méthodes variées de synthèse des pyridines, qui seront un outil versatile pour le chimiste de synthèse voulant développer un tel composé.

0.2 La synthèse des Pyridines

Afin de pouvoir synthétiser des produits naturels ayant des effets biologiques avantageux ou pour développer la voie de synthèse d'un « Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient » (API). Le développement de différentes méthodologies de synthèse ouvre la porte à une panoplie de différents composés. Le

développement de réactions permettant la synthèse de pyridines fait l'objet d'une étude continue et de multiples nouvelles méthodes ont été développées depuis la découverte de la pyridine. La plus célèbre des méthodes a été développée il y a plus d'un siècle. Il s'agit de la synthèse des pyridines des Hantzsch qui permet la condensation d'ammoniac, d'un aldéhyde et deux équivalents de β -céto-ester pour obtenir une dihydropyridine facilement oxydable en pyridine^[12] (Schéma 0.3).

Schéma 0.3 Synthèse des pyridines de Hantzsch



Depuis, de nombreuses méthodes ont été développées permettant la formation du N-hétérocycle.^[4] La synthèse de 3-cyanopyridines polysubstituées par catalyse à l'étain, en conditions douces, est rapportée par Pal et al.^[13] Cette méthode permet d'accéder à des pyridines ayant des propriétés médicinales avec de hauts rendements (**Schéma 0.4a**). La synthèse verte des pyridines est aussi possible à partir d'acétates de kétoximes et de benzaldéhydes par catalyse au fer (III) (**0.4b**).^[14] Les vinylazyridines (**0.4c**) peuvent être utilisées afin d'introduire l'azote lors de la formation de pyridine par réaction de photo-oxydoréduction à l'iridium avec des difluorohalogénures d'alkyles.^[15] Cette méthode est limitée lorsque des substituants sont sur les carbones de l'aziridine, cependant la quantité de catalyseur utilisée est faible. Le ruthénium a permis la synthèse de pyridines polysubstituées (**0.4d**), tel que décrit par Wang et al.,^[16] avec une grande efficacité, apportant la possibilité de substituer sur chaque position du cycle.



La synthèse sans métaux de pyridines peut s'accomplir à partir d'une réaction « One-Pot » (**Schéma 0.5**) entre un ylure de phosphore, un azoturede propargyle et un aldéhyde (**0.5a**).^[17] La propargylamine, similaire a l'azoture de propargyle, est aussi utilisée dans plusieurs autres synthèses de pyridine, souvent couplée à une stratégie d'électro-cyclisation a une énone ou un énal comme décrit par la méthode précédente où la cétone α,β -insaturée est formée lors de la réaction. Zang et al. décrivent une méthode utilisant la photo-oxydoréduction sans métaux produisant la synthèse des aldéhydes de picolines (**0.5b**).^[18] Watkins et al. avaient déjà utilisé cette stratégie en 2019 permettant la synthèse verte de pyridine avec de bons rendements (**0.5c**).^[19] La (-)-actinidine a été synthétisée avec 85% de rendement grâce à cette méthode.



Schéma 0.5 Synthèse [4+2] de pyridines à partir de propargylamines et dérivés de propargylamines

Dans ce travail, la synthèse de pyridines a été étudiée et plus spécifiquement à partir de propargylamines et carbonyles α , β -insaturés. Cette stratégie différera de ce qui est courant dans la littérature, car la synthèse de pyridines se fera en deux étapes. Premièrement, la propargylamine sera couplée à une iodoénone par couplage de Sonogashira suivi d'une cascade de Michael-rétro-Michael, avec le thiophénol (PhSH), pour donner une pyridine (**Schéma 0.6**).

Schéma 0.6 Synthèse en deux étapes de pyridine à partir d'iodo-énones



Dans le cadre de la synthèse des vindolines, qui a été investiguée dans le groupe de recherche Canesi, une sous-réaction fut identifiée lors d'une tentative de double addition de PhSH. Dans le cas où le groupe protecteur sur la propargylamine couplé est un tert-butoxycarbonyl (Boc), la double addition se déroule comme prévu. Cependant, quand le groupement protecteur de la propargylamine est un nitrobenzenesulfonyl (nosyl), une réaction de Fukuyama^[20] en conjonction avec une addition de Michael

et rétro-Michael a produit une pyridine sur l'intermédiaire avancé (**Schéma 0.7, Annexe C**). La formation de pyridines à partir d'énynes semblait possible grâce à cette découverte.



Schéma 0.7 Découverte de la formation de pyridines

0.3 Le Couplage de Sonogashira

Le couplage de Sonogashira est le couplage d'un alcyne terminal (carbone sp) avec un halogénoalcène ou halogénoaryl (carbone sp2) (**Schéma 0.8**). Le couplage de Sonogashira permet un couplage de carbone sp et sp².^[21] À cause de son utilité, ce couplage est très utilisé en synthèse organique pour synthétiser des alcynes conjugués. Le couplage de Sonogashira est catalysé par le palladium et le cuivre. Le cuivre, souvent sous forme d'iodure de cuivre dans les versions plus simples, sert à activer l'alcyne terminal

Schéma 0.8 Couplage de Sonogashira



Le mécanisme du couplage de Sonogashira (**Schéma 0.9**) débute par l'addition oxydante du palladium (0) dans la liaison Ar-X ou alcyne-X. Il est possible que le palladium utilisé soit sous forme Pd(II), dans ce cas deux équivalents d'alcynes activés^[21] ou deux équivalents de base permettent la conversion vers le palladium (0). Par la suite, une *trans*-métallation avec un alcyne activé par le cuivre s'opère, suivie d'une isomérisation et d'une élimination réductrice. Le produit de couplage est obtenu et nous retrouvons le palladium (0) complétant le cycle catalytique.



Schéma 0.9 Mécanisme du couplage de Sonogashira

Dans cet ouvrage, sera étudié le couplage de Sonogashira entre les proparylamines avec un groupement protecteur 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl (o-Ns) et des carbonyles α , β -insaturés.

0.4 La Synthèse de Carbonyles α,β-Insaturés α-Iodés

Afin de pouvoir synthétiser des pyridines, il faudra effectuer un couplage de Sonogashira sur un carbonyl α ,β-insaturé. Ces composés sont plutôt difficiles à obtenir commercialement. Il faudra les synthétiser à partir de méthodes connues de la littérature. L'iodation d'énones ou d'énals peut se faire par iodation directe en employant un agent d'iodation tel que l'iode, le N-iodoscuccinimide (NIS) et d'autres. Parmi ces méthodes est l'iodation de cétones conjuguées avec de l'iode et de la pyridine^[22] (Schéma 0.10a). La réaction se déroule selon le mécanisme de Baylis-Hillman, donnant un énolate pouvant attaquer l'iode électrophile. Un autre équivalent de pyridine peut effectuer une réaction E1cBpour reformer la double liaison conjuguée. Il existe deux autres variantes de cette méthode. Kraft et Cran ont développé une méthode plus douce et rapide avec une portée plus limitée pour les cétones (0.10b).^[23] Sha et Huang décrivent l'ajout de triméthylsilylazide (TMSN₃) pour synthétiser des α-iodocycloaklenone β-substituées (0.10c).^[24]

Schéma 0.10 Synthèse de α-iodoénones par iodation directe d'énones



Une autre manière d'obtenir des énones α -iodées est de faire la déaromatisation oxydante d'un *o*iodophénol^[25] pour en obtenir la dienone (**Schéma 0.11**). Les diénones sont des intermédiaires facilement fonctionnalisables sur toutes les positions, les rendant très intéressantes pour la synthèse totale de produits naturels.^[26]

Schéma 0.11 Déaromatization oxydante du o-iodophénol



D'autres méthodes utilisent le réarrangement de Meyer-Shuster pour former des α -haloénones à partir d'alcools propargyliques acétylés. Une de ces méthodes, rapportée par Sadhukhan et Baire, démontre la transformation de ces substrats en α -haloénones avec le NIS dans un mélange d'acétonitrile (ACN) et d'eau (H₂O) à reflux^[27] (**Scéhma 0.12**).

Schéma 0.12 Synthèse d'a-haloénones par réarrangement de Meyer-Shuster



La synthèse d'ester α , β -insaturés α -iodés est possible par réaction de Wittig avec formation d'halogénoylure de phosphore *in situ*^[28] (**Schéma 0.13**). Cette méthodologie ouvre la porte à de nouveaux intermédiaires, car la synthèse d'ester α -iodés conjugués est difficile normalement.^[23]





0.5 La Synthèse de Propargylamines substituées

La synthèse des propargylamines substitués est possible par plusieurs stratégies. Celles-ci peuvent être préparées à partir d'alcools propargyliques (**Schéma 0.14**) par réaction de Ritter^[29] (**0.14a**), par réaction de Mitsunobu^[30] (**0.14b**) ou par addition d'organolithien sur une α -aminosulfone^[31] (**0.14c**).

Schéma 0.14 Synthèse de propargylamines à partir d'alcools propargyliques



La synthèse de propargylamines substituées peut s'accomplir à partir d'acides aminés (**Schéma 0.15**). Une fois que la fonction acide carboxylique est transformée en aldéhyde, une réaction de Corey-Fuchs^[32] ou de Seyfert-Gilbert^[33] permet l'obtention de propargylamines substituées. Cette voie de synthèse offre autant de variété qu'il y a d'acides aminés, en plus de conserver la stéréochimie naturelle de l'acide aminé de départ.





La synthèse de ces précurseurs permettront, dans le cadre de cette recherche de potentiellement synthétiser des pyridines substituées à quatre des cinq positions.

CHAPITRE 1

Article : Two-Step Formation of Substituted Pyridines from Iodo-Enones

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1.1 Mise en contexte

Dans ce chapitre se trouve l'article scientifique intitulé « Two Step Formation of substituted Pyridines from lodo-Enones », écrit en anglais, qui est la synthèse de la recherche de ce mémoire. La pyridine, découverte en 1846 sous la forme de picoline,^[1] est un cycle aromatique dont l'un des carbones est remplacé par un atome d'azote. Les pyridines (Schéma 1) sont d'importantes molécules dans un vaste nombre de domaines et particulièrement en pharmaceutique.^[4,6] Certes, les pyridines présentent diverses activités biologiques^[5] et l'addition de cette structure dans un composé biologiquement actif peut améliorer divers facteurs tels que; l'activité biologique^[34] et la stabilité métabolique.^[35] De nombreux composés actifs et produits naturels (Schéma 2) sont identifiés et synthétisés pour ces propriétés. La synthèse des pyridines est alors un sujet de recherche actif et varié. Parmi les méthodes de synthèse (Schéma 3) les plus connues se trouvent la synthèse des pyridines de Hantzsch.^[12] qui, par condensation à reflux avec l'ammoniac, un aldéhyde et deux équivalents de β -cétoester donne une dihydropyridine qui est facilement oxydée en pyridine. Des méthodes plus modernes (Schéma 4 et 5) permettent la formation de cyanopyridines substituées par catalyse à l'étain en conditions douces^[13] ou la synthèse de 3-méthylpyridines à partir de propargylamine et d'énals à partir de réactifs verts et peu onéreux.^[19] Les nouvelles méthodes permettent aussi la synthèse totale de produits naturels contenant des pyridines dont les propriétés biologiques sont peu étudiées. La synthèse des pyridines reste un sujet d'actualité aujourd'hui pour l'élaboration de méthodes plus efficaces, vertes et peu couteuses, comme pour le développement et la découverte de nouveaux composés biologiquement actifs. Une nouvelle méthodologie de synthèse des pyridines en deux étapes à partir d'iodo-énones et autres carbonyles α ,β-insaturés sera étudiée dans ce chapitre. L'étude de la méthode se portera sur la portée des deux étapes réactionnelles ainsi que sur l'optimisation de l'étape de formation de pyridine et la réactivité du thioéther formé.

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1.3 Article – Two-Step Formation of Substituted Pyridines From Iodo-Enones

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Two-Step Formation of Substituted Pyridines from Iodoenones

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6 followed by a thiophenol treatment in basic conditions that triggers

7 nosyl deprotection, a Michael-retro-Michael process, condensa-

8 tion, and isomerization in cascade to yield the heterocycle. This

9 method enables the introduction of different substituents at several pyridine positions. This approach offers new synthetic 10 opportunities to produce heterocycles present in many bioactive compounds.

11 INTRODUCTION

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12 Pyridines are important heterocycles present in several 13 pharmaceuticals and natural products.^{1,2} Pyridine-containing 14 natural products and therapeutic agents have been reported to 15 provide a vast array of biological activities, such as 16 antibacterial,³ anticancer,⁴ antidiabetic,⁵ and anti-inflammatory 17 properties.⁶ Pyridine is also inserted into bioactive compounds 18 to improve the pharmacological profile and has been shown to 19 increase biological activity and metabolic stability.⁷ Therefore, 20 the synthesis of pyridines⁸ is of great importance, and various 21 methods have been discovered and developed throughout the 22 years. The most famous is the Hantzsch pyridine synthesis, 23 developed more than a century ago.⁹ More recent methods 24 have achieved the synthesis of pyridines via a tin-catalyzed 25 multicomponent reaction to yield substituted cyanopyridines $_{26}$ **2**¹⁰ (Scheme 1). A noteworthy approach by Watkins et al.¹¹ 27 was reported in mild and metal-free conditions. This concise 28 method enables the rapid formation of substituted pyridines



but is limited to enals 3 and propargylamine for the formation 29 of 3-methylpyridine cores 4. Furthermore, a remarkable 3- 30 alkyl-pyridine synthesis with unsaturated aldehydes through a 31 tandem condensation/alkyne isomerization/ 6π 3-azatriene 32 electrocyclization sequence enabled the total synthesis of 33 suaveoline alkaloids.⁸⁶ Our interest in the total synthesis of 34 natural products involving dienones as key species¹² led us to 35 develop a new alternative to synthesize elaborated pyridines 8 36 from an iodoenone precursor 5. Therefore, we wondered if the 37 missing atoms to generate such a heterocycle could be 38 introduced with a linear chain containing several unsaturations, 39 such as an alkyne and a protected amine, which could be 40 further redesigned into a pyridine moiety by unsaturation 41 rearrangements and amine condensation. This approach could 42 be useful to produce substituted pyridines present in natural 43 products.¹³ In this paper, we report the synthesis of several 44 substituted pyridines from iodo- $\alpha_{,\beta}$ -unsaturated carbonyls that 45 were easily obtained by a direct iodination of enones/enals¹ or by oxidative dearomatization of 2-iodophenols.¹⁵ This 47 approach involves a Sonogashira coupling¹⁶ to introduce a 48 protected amino-unsaturated side chain that is necessary for 49 the heterocycle elaboration. A subsequent one-pot process 50 triggered by a Fukuyama nosylamide deprotection^{1/2} with 51 thiophenol enabled Michael-retro-Michael equilibrium, amine 52 condensation, and alkene isomerization in cascade to produce 53 pyridines 8 (Scheme 1). 54

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

First, we synthesized numerous substituted $\alpha_{,\beta}$ -unsaturated 56 carbonyl compounds 7 from their iodoenone/enal deriva- 57

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58 tives¹⁸ **5** through a standard Sonogashira protocol¹⁶ in the 59 presence of ortho-nosyl protected propargylamines. Sonoga-60 shira adducts 7 were obtained in moderate to good yields. It 61 appeared that due to the high reactivity of both the substrate 62 and products, anhydrous and inert conditions did not improve 63 the process. The reaction proceeded quickly, ending within 1 64 to 4 h. Bromoenones were not competent substrates for the 65 coupling reaction due to their reduced reactivity, affording low $_{\rm 66}$ yields. The coupling with iodocholestenone 7j was less prone 67 to degradation, sometimes observed by the formation of an 68 unidentified tar. Dienones were the best substrates for the 69 coupling reaction, affording 7k,l in good yields. Furthermore, 70 substituted propargylic amines 7m-p slowed the rate of 71 degradation, which substantively increased the yield of the 72 process. Poor results were observed with a simple aliphatic 73 substrate such as 2-iodo-hexanal. The use of para-nosyl-74 protected propargylamine 9 ($R^4 = H$) instead of its *ortho*-nosvl 75 derivative 6 was studied with compound 5a to yield the 76 analogue 7a', in a similar yield of 7a (Table 1).

With enynes 7a-p in hand, we decided to generate 78 pyridines mediated by a nosylamide deprotection in the 79 presence of thiophenolate. In such conditions, a poly-Michael 80 addition process that would produce a more flexible sp³ center 81 containing a thioether as a double bond precursor by an E1cB 82 mechanism yielded pyridines 8a-p. To our delight, direct 83 formation of pyridine 8a was observed during the Fukuyama 84 deprotection step. Several conditions were investigated to 85 improve this process, leading to heterocycle 8a. The best 86 results were observed with condition 3, which allowed a rapid 87 conversion of the reaction. The process seemed incomplete or 88 slow with a weaker base such as triethylamine. The reaction 89 was slower in the presence of para-methoxy-thiophenol, 90 resulting in a lower yield. In this case, the transformation 91 was interrupted, and a dihydropyridine adduct 21 readily 92 oxidized by air on silica gel was recovered as a byproduct. The 93 inability of this reagent to promote pyridine formation could 94 be explained by the fact that para-methoxy-thiophenol is a 95 better nucleophile and therefore a worse leaving group than 96 thiophenol (α effect), avoiding the necessary retro-Michael 97 process to generate aromaticity. This intermediate can be used 98 as a clue to determine the mechanistic pathway of this 99 transformation. Like para-methoxy-thiophenol, aliphatic thiols, 100 such as benzyl mercaptan, did not complete the process 101 because they are a worse leaving group than thiophenol, which 102 seems to be the reagent of choice (Table 2).

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103 With these conditions in hand, we have extended this 104 process to different substrates 7b-p to produce substituted 105 pyridines 8b-p at several positions. In almost all cases, the 106 reaction proceeded smoothly, affording various pyridines in 107 good yields. Cinnamaldehyde derivatives were competent 108 substrates for this transformation. Dienones 7k, l afforded 109 good yields and emerged as promising intermediates for the 110 synthesis of complex natural products. Aromatic substitution 111 on propargylic amine 7m at the R⁴ position seemed to prevent 112 the formation of pyridine in normal conditions, yielding only a 113 deprotected intermediate with no Michael addition. Heating 114 the reaction and using a stronger base like DBU degraded the 116 propargylic amine, giving 6-substituted pyridines 8n-p in 117 good yield (Table 3).

¹¹⁸ We also investigated whether this approach could be ¹¹⁹ extended to the formation of a pyridone **15** from an iodo-¹²⁰ acrylate derivative¹⁹ **13**. The acrylate Sonogashira adduct **14** Table 1. Sonogashira Adducts⁴

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0 R ¹ R ³ 5	+		`NO ₂ 6	Pd(PF Cul, iPr	² h ₃) ₂ Cl _{2,} 2NH, THF	
Entry	R١	R²	R ³	R4	T (h)	Y (%)
7a	н	Ph	Н	Н	1.5	54
7a′					2.5 ^b	49 ^b
7b					1	67
7c	1				1	50
7d	Me	Ph	н	н	2	37
7e	<i>i</i> Pr	Ph	н	н	1.5	48
7f	Ph	Ph	н	н	2	59
7g	0= 	->5	>	н	3.5	45
7h	Me	-CIPh	н	н	3.5	34
7 i	Et	() s	́н	н	2	33°
7j	0= <u>/</u>	<u>н</u> н н)"H	Н	2.5	59 [.]
7k	I. M			н	4	71
71				н	1.5	87
7m	н	Ph	н	<i>p</i> ∙ClPh	1.5	78
7n	н	Ph	н	Me	3	72
70	н	Ph	н		3	73
7p	н	Ph	н	Bu	1.5	83

^aPd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (5 mol %), CuI (10 mol %), iPrNH₂ (3 equiv), and THF. ^bYield using *p*-nosyl-protected propargylamine **9**. ^cPd-(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (20 mol %) and CuI (40 mol %).

was then subjected to the standard reaction conditions but 121 afforded only a deprotected mono-Michael addition adduct. 122 Therefore, the reaction was achieved with the addition of 123 stronger bases, such as *t*-BuOK or DBU, granting 2-pyridone 124 **15** (Scheme 2). 125 s2

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Table 2. Pyridine Synthesis Optimization



Entry	Thiol	Base	Solvent	T (h)	(%)
1	PhSH	Et ₃ N (17 equiv)	THF	3	0
2	PhSH	Et ₃ N (17 equiv)	THF	20	55
3	PhSH	K ₂ CO ₃ (4 equiv)	ACN	2.5	88
4	4-MeO- thiophenol	K_2CO_3 (4 equiv)	ACN	4	44
5	4-MeO- thiophenol	K_2CO_3 (4 equiv)	ACN	0.25	04

benzyl mercaptan K2CO3 (4 equiv) ACN 0^b 6 4 "Pyridine oxidized from the imine intermediate was obtained instead. ^bImine was observed by LRMS during the reaction.

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Scheme 2. Synthesis of a Substituted 2-Pyridone



The thioether subunit opens up new opportunities in 126 synthesis to generate new bonds. Indeed, it can be reduced by 127 a Raney nickel treatment and oxidized to the sulfone by 128 mCPBA or it can promote cross-coupling transformations 129 mediated by nickel from aryl bromides to yield 4-substituted 130 pyridines.²⁰ In addition, thioethers can undergo several 131 different cross-couplings with alkyl or aryl organometallics 132 such as organozincs, organostannanes, organomagnesiums, and 133 organoborons, demonstrating the importance of this function. 134 ality for further elaborations.²¹ Therefore, it appeared that our 135 method enabled us to introduce different substituents at four 136 of the five positions of the pyridine moiety. That could be an 137



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138 asset to synthesize complex pyridines or natural products 139 (Scheme 3).





A potential mechanism would involve a cascade, starting 140 141 with the presence of thiophenol under basic conditions. First, a 142 nosylamide deprotection, an initial 1,4-addition, and an alkene 143 isomerization would lead to 20. A second Michael addition 144 followed by an amine condensation on the carbonyl would 145 yield imine 21. This species would trigger a retro-Michael 146 process that would lead to the formation of compound 22. A 147 final 1,5-hydride shift would produce heterocycle 8. It should 148 be noted that the nosyl protecting group was necessary both to 149 allow Sonogashira coupling and to release a free amine in the 150 presence of thiophenolate, which would trigger the formation 151 of the main ring of heterocycle 22 upon condensation. If no 152 amine deprotection occurred during the process, only a poly-153 Michael adduct was observed. It appeared that at least seven 154 transformations driven by the pyridine formation would occur 155 in up to 88% yield (Scheme 4).





156 CONCLUSION

157 In summary, a new approach to pyridine was developed from 158 $\alpha_{\gamma}\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyls through the use of Sonogashira 159 coupling in tandem with a Fukuyama nosylamide deprotection 160 that triggered a cascade of transformations leading to the 161 heterocycle. This method allowed the production of 162 substituted pyridines in four of the five substitutable positions. 163 We hope that this research will help scientists produce pyridine 164 moieties from simple enones/enals. Further developments and 165 applications in the total synthesis of natural products are 166 currently under investigation in our laboratory. 167

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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Unless otherwise indicated, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were 168 recorded at 300 and 75 MHz, respectively, in CDCl₃ solutions. 169 Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million on the δ scale. 170 Multiplicities are described as s (singlet), d (doublet), dd, ddd, 171 etc. (doublet of doublets, doublet of doublets of doublets, 172 etc.), t (triplet), q (quartet), quin (quintuplet), and m 173 (multiplet) and further qualified as app (apparent), br 174 (broad), and c (complex). Coupling constants (*J*) are reported 175 in Hz. HRMSs were measured in the electrospray (ESI) mode 176 on a LC-MSD TOF mass analyzer.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Sonogashira 178 Adducts (7a-P, 14). To a stirred solution of α -iodoenone, 179 enal or acrylate (0.10 mmol, 1 equiv), nosyl-protected 180 propargylamine (0.20 mmol, 2 equiv), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (3.5 181 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), and CuI (1.9 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 182 mol %) in THF (0.25 mL), iPrNH₂ (40 μ L, 0.30 mmol, 3 183 equiv) was added. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was 184 diluted with EtOAc and washed twice with brine, and the 185 solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was 186 then purified by column chromatography with a mixture of 187 EtOAc and hexanes to give the corresponding Sonogashira 188 adduct. 189

General Procedure for the Pyridine Formation (8a-P). ¹⁹⁰ To a stirred solution of Sonogashira adduct 7a-p (0.0500 ¹⁹¹ mmol, 1 equiv) in acetonitrile (S00 μ L) with K₂CO₃ (27.6 mg, ¹⁹² 0.200 mmol, 4 equiv), thiophenol (30 μ L, 0.294 mmol, 6 ¹⁹³ equiv) was then added and the reaction was stirred at room ¹⁹⁴ temperature. When the reaction no longer progressed (shown ¹⁹⁵ by TLC), the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated ¹⁹⁶ solution of Na₂S₂O₃, the organic layer was extracted with ¹⁹⁷ EtOAc, then washed with brine, and the solvents were ¹⁹⁸ removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then ¹⁹⁹ purified by column chromatography with a mixture of EtOAc/ ²⁰⁰ hexanes to give the corresponding pyridine. ²⁰¹

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Data Availability Statement203The data underlying this study are available in the published204article and its Supporting Information.205

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CONCLUSION

Une nouvelle méthodologie de synthèse des pyridines en deux étapes à partir d'iodo-énones a été développée. Cette méthodologie s'accomplit grâce à un couplage de Sonogashira suivi d'une déprotection de Fukuyama et d'une réaction cascade Michael-rétro-Michael. Le couplage de Sonogashira est impraticable avec les bromo-énones, mais fonctionne avec des rendements modestes à très bons avec des iodo-énones. Les diénones sont particulièrement de bons substrats pour le couplage, notamment en présence d'une propargylamine substituée, ce qui limite la formation de sous-produits et augmente le rendement. Il a été démontré que les meilleures conditions pour la formation de pyridines sont le thiophénol et le carbonate de potassium dans l'acétonitrile, permettant d'obtenir 15 différentes pyridines polysubstituées avec des rendements pouvant aller jusqu'à 84%. Le groupement *p*-chlorophényl sur la propargylamine semble empêcher la formation de pyridines (**chapitre 1. Composé 8p**), même lors de l'ajout d'une base plus forte ou du chauffage de la réaction. La méthodologie s'applique aussi dans le cas des iodo-acrylates donnant des 2-pyridones en utilisant le DBU ou le tBuOK comme base. Le thioether obtenu sur la pyridine synthétisée peut participer à un couplage au nickel permettant l'ajout d'un substituant aryle à la position 4 de la pyridine.

Cette nouvelle méthode permet la synthèse de pyridines poly-substituées à quatre des cinq positions. Il est envisagé que cette méthodologie aidera la communauté scientifique intéressée à produire des pyridines variées, depuis des iodo-énones et iodo-énals. La prochaine étape sera d'appliquer cette méthodologie en synthèse de produits naturels contenant des pyridines.

Puisque cette méthodologie est aussi applicable à la synthèse de 2-pyridones, il reste encore à évaluer la portée de cette méthode pour la synthèse de 2-pyridones ainsi que la réactivité du substituant thiophényle qui l'accompagne. La variété des thiols pouvant être utilisés comme nucléophiles lors de la formation de pyridines devrait être étudiée ainsi que d'autres nucléophiles et d'autres groupements protecteurs de l'azote. De plus, serait-il possible de synthétiser des 2-aminopyridines et des 2-thiopyridines à partir d'acrylonitriles et de thioacides α -iodés- α , β -insaturés en utilisant cette méthodologie ouvrant la porte à d'autres hétérocycles?

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ANNEXE A PARTIE EXPÉRIMENTALE DE L'ARTICLE

Two-Step Formation of Substituted Pyridines from Iodo-Enones

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I. General Information

Unless otherwise indicated, ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded at 300 and 75 MHz, respectively, in CDCl₃ solutions. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm on the δ scale. Multiplicities are described as s (singlet), d (doublet), dd, ddd, etc. (doublet of doublets, doublet of doublets of doublets, etc.), t (triplet), q (quartet), quin (quintuplet), m (multiplet), and further qualified as app (apparent), br (broad). Coupling constants, J, are reported in Hz. IR spectra (cm⁻¹) were recorded from thin films. Mass spectra (m/z) were measured in the electrospray (ESI) mode on a LC-UV-TOF-MS spectrometer.

II. Experimental Procedures

a) General Procedure for the synthesis of Sonogashira adducts (7a-p, 14)

To a stirred solution of α -iodo-enone, enal or acrylate (1 equiv), nosyl protected propargylamine (2 equiv.), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (5 mol%) and CuI (10 mol%) in THF (0.4M), iPrNH₂ (3 equiv.) was added. Upon completion, reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed twice with brine and solvent were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by column chromatography with a mixture of EtOAc/hexanes to give the corresponding Sonogashira adduct.

Structures of α-iodo-enones and enals (7a-I)



Unless specified, the propargyl amine used is **6a**^[42]; 2-nitro-N-2-propyn-1-ylbenzenesulfonamide

(E)-N-(4-formyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7a).



From starting material **5a**^[23, 43] (1.16 mmol, 300.0 mg) and a 1.5h reaction time, an orange oil was isolated (0.420 mmol, 155.4 mg, 54% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 8.18 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.93 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

190.8, 153.2, 147.8, 133.8, 133.6, 133.4, 132.8, 132.2, 131.4, 130.5, 129.0, 125.5, 121.4, 94.8, 78.5, 34.5. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 371.0696 found: 371.0687. This reaction was also tested at a 3.92 mmol scale. The reaction was stopped after 2h yielding **7a**. (1.82 mmol, 673.8 mg, 46% yield). NMR spectra was consistent with previously obtained data for **7a**.



(E)-N-(4-formyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)-4nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7a'). From starting materials 5a (0.710 mmol, 183.1 mg) and *para*-nosyl propargylamine 9^[44] and a 2.5h reaction time, an orange oil was isolated (0.345 mmol, 127.6 mg, 49% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, acetone-d6) δ 9.45 (s, 1H),

8.22 – 8.08 (m, 4H), 7.97 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.48 (dt, J = 14.1, 6.0 Hz, 3H), 4.36 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, acetone-d6) δ 191.5, 153.9, 150.7, 147.5, 134.7, 132.6, 131.3,129.7, 129.5, 125.0, 122.8, 96.7, 78.6, 34.2. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 371.0696 found: 371.0685.

NO₂ O₂ S NH O **2-nitro-N-(3-(6-oxocyclohex-1-en-1-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide** (7b). From starting material **5b**^[23] (0.315 mmol, 70.0 mg) and a 1h reaction time, an orange oil was isolated (0.140 mmol, 46.8 mg, 67% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 – 8.16 (m, 1H), 7.94 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.78 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (t, *J* = 6.1

Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.57 – 2.19 (m, 4H), 1.95 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 155.4, 148.0, 134.1, 133.6, 133.1, 131.7, 125.6, 124.2, 85.7, 79.8, 37.9, 34.4, 26.4, 22.3. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₅H₁₅N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 335.0696 found: 335.0682.



2-nitro-N-(3-(5-oxocyclopent-1-en-1-yl)prop-2-yn-1-

yl)benzenesulfonamide (7c). From starting material **5c**^[23] (0.962 mmol, 200.0 mg) and a 1h reaction time, a brown-orange oil was isolated (0.328 mmol, 105.2 mg, 50% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR

(300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 – 8.18 (m, 1H), 7.94 (dd, J = 7.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 – 2.36 (m, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.1, 166.2, 148.1, 134.1, 133.7, 133.2, 131.7, 129.0, 125.8, 89.6, 76.0, 34.4, 33.9, 27.4. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 321.0540 found: 321.0530.



(E)-N-(4-benzylidene-5-oxohex-2-yn-1-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7d). From starting material 5d^[23] (0.383 mmol, 104.1 mg) and a 2h reaction time, a white solid was isolated (0.143 mmol, 54.9 mg, 37% yield), TLC (30% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 – 8.05 (m, 1H), 7.79 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 6.01 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 195.6, 147.8, 144.56 ,134.0, 133.8, 133.7, 132.8, 131.3, 130.4, 128.8, 125.4, 118.9, 92.9, 82.2, 34.6, 27.7. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₉H₁₇N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 385.0853 found: 385.0843.

(E)-N-(4-benzylidene-6-methyl-5-oxohept-2-yn-1-yl)-2-



nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7e). From starting material 5e^[22] (0.103 mmol, 31.0 mg) and a 2h reaction time, an orange oil was isolated (0.0496 mmol, 20.4 mg, 48% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 5.90 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.39

 $(d, J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 3.24 \text{ (hept, } J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.07 \text{ (d, } J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}, 6\text{H}). {}^{13}\text{C}{}^{1}\text{H} \text{NMR} (75 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \delta 201.5,$ 145.1, 134.1, 133.7, 132.8, 131.3, 131.2, 130.4, 128.8, 125.5, 118.2, 92.5, 82.4, 36.7, 34.7, 18.6. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₁H₂₁N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 413.1166 found: 413.1150.



(E)-N-(4-benzoyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)-2nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7f). From starting material $5f^{[22]}$ (0.658 mmol, 220.0 mg) and a 2h reaction time, an orange oil was isolated (0.256 mmol, 111.3 mg, 59% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, J = 7.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H),

7.77 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.40 (m,

7H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 5.85 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.0, 147.8, 146.6, 136.6, 134.1, 134.0, 133.6, 133.0, 132.9, 131.4, 131.2, 130.1, 129.7, 128.9, 128.4, 125.6, 119.8, 94.1, 82.2, 34.7. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₄H₁₉N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 447.1009 found: 447.1001.

(E)-N-(4-formyl-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)pent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)-2-



nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7g). From starting material **5** $g^{[23]}$ (0.0828 mmol, 25.5 mg) and a 3.5h reaction time, an orange oil was isolated (0.0376 mmol, 14.5 mg, 45% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.55 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.09 – 7.95 (m, 4H), 7.71 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

190.5, 149.6, 147.6, 133.9, 133.6, 133.4, 132.6, 132.4, 131.4, 131.4, 129.7, 129.3, 128.0, 127.6, 126.8, 125.4, 123.4, 122.7, 93.6, 78.5, 34.6. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₂H₁₇N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 421.0853 found: 421.0852.



(E)-N-(4-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-5-oxohex-2-yn-1-yl)-2-

nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7h). From starting material **5h**^[22] (0.153 mmol, 47.0 mg) and a 3h reaction time, a yellow solid was isolated (0.0525 mmol, 22.0 mg, 34% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 – 8.12 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.57 (dt, *J* = 2.1, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 7.41 –
7.33 (m, 2H), 5.96 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.4, 143.1, 137.2, 134.1, 133.8, 132.9, 132.3, 131.6, 131.3, 129.1, 125.4, 119.3, 93.7, 82.0, 34.5, 27.8. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₉H₁₆ClN₂O₅S (M+)⁺: 419.0463 found: 419.0459.



yl)benzenesulfonamide (7i). From starting material **5i**^[22] (0.192 mmol, 56.0 mg), 20% of palladium catalyst and 40% of copper catalyst were used, and a 5h reaction time, an orange solid was isolated (0.0957 mmol, 38.7 mg, 33% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60

(E)-2-nitro-N-(5-oxo-4-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)hept-2-yn-1-

- 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.46 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 2.60 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 147.9, 138.5, 137.8, 135.6, 134.2, 133.7, 132.8, 131.7, 131.5, 127.6, 125.3, 115.5, 95.9, 82.5, 34.9, 33.5, 8.1. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₅S₂ (M+H)⁺: 405.0573 found: 405.0562.



N-(3-((8S,9S,10R,13R,14S,17R)-10,13-dimethyl-17-((R)-6methylheptan-2-yl)-3-oxo-2,3,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-4-yl)prop-2-yn-1yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7j). From starting material 5j^[24] (0.451 mmol, 230 mg), 20% of palladium catalyst and 40% of copper catalyst were used, and a 2.5h reaction time, a beige solid was isolated (59 mmol, 111.3 mg, 59% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes).

NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 5.81 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.13 – 1.76 (m, 6H), 1.68 – 1.23 (m, 12H), 1.21 – 1.07 (m, 9H), 0.94 – 0.86 (m, 10H), 0.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 175.8, 148.0, 134.1, 133.5, 133.0, 131.7, 125.5, 117.8, 89.5, 79.3, 56.1, 55.9, 54.0, 42.4, 39.6, 39.6, 39.5, 36.2, 35.8, 35.2, 34.6, 34.5, 33.6, 31.8, 30.7, 28.3, 28.1, 24.2, 23.9, 22.9, 22.6, 21.1, 18.7, 17.8, 12. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₃₆H₅₁N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 623.3513 found: 623.3498.



N-(3-(3,3-dimethoxy-6-oxocyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-2nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7k). From starting material **5k**^[25] (0.300 mmol, 84.0 mg) and a 4h reaction time, a yellow solid was isolated (0.300 mmol, 117.6 mg, 71% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 7.5,

1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 6.78 (dd, J = 10.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (s, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.0, 146.2, 143.2, 134.1, 133.8, 133.2, 131.7, 129.3, 125.8, 124.1, 92.3, 88.7, 78.4, 77.6, 77.2, 76.7, 50.5, 34.3. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₇S (M+H)⁺: 393.0751 found: 393.0739.



N-(3-(3-methoxy-3-methyl-6-oxocyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7l). From starting material $5I^{[25]}$ (0.259 mmol, 68.4 mg) and a 1.5h reaction time, a yellow solid was isolated (0.225 mmol, 84.6 mg, 87% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 7.98 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.69 (m, 2H),

6.75 (dd, J = 10.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.2, 155.4, 151.6, 134.2, 133.7, 133.1, 131.8, 129.8, 125.7, 124.9, 87.9, 78.5, 72.8, 53.7, 34.4, 26.4. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₆S (M+H)⁺: 377.0802 found: 377.0792.



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Ν Η (*E*)-*N*-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-formyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-2-yn-1-yl)-2nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7m). From starting materials **5a** (0.233 mmol, 60.0 mg) and **6b** and a 1.5h reaction time, an amber solid was isolated (0.194 mmol, 93.3 mg, 78% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.38 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz,

2H), 7.03 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.7, 147.9, 142.9, 139.8, 136.2, 135.6, 135.6, 134.7, 134.0, 131.9, 131.8, 131.7, 129.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 124.4, 116.6, 54.7. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₄H₁₈ClN₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 481.0619 found: 481.0612.

(E)-N-(5-formyl-6-phenylhex-5-en-3-yn-2-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide
 (7n). From starting materials 5a (0.202 mmol, 52.0 mg) and 6c and a 2h reaction time, a yellow solid was isolated (0.146 mmol, 56 mg, 72% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.19

-8.14 (m, 1H), 7.88 -7.82 (m, 2H), 7.67 -7.63 (m, 1H), 7.57 -7.41 (m, 5H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 -4.67 (m, 1H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.4, 152.6, 147.8, 133.9, 133.4, 132.8, 132.1, 131.4, 130.4, 128.9, 125.5, 121.4, 98.9, 77.9, 42.9, 22.7. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₉H₁₇N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 385.0853 found: 385.0837.



(E)-N-(2-formyl-7,11-dimethyl-1-phenyldodeca-1,10-dien-3-yn-5-yl)-2nitrobenzenesulfonamide (7o). From from starting materials **5a** (0.484 mmol, 125.0 mg) and **6d** and a 2h reaction time, an orange oil was isolated (0.354 mmol, 174.9 mg, 73% yield), as a mixture of diastereoisomers, TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.40 (m, 6H), 7.30

(d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (dd, J = 15.9, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (dd, J = 15.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.92 - 1.79 (m, 4H), 1.58

- 1.48 (m, 7H), 1.44 - 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.04 - 0.97 (m, 3H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.3, 190.3, 152.4, 152.4, 147.9, 134.2, 134.1, 133.5, 133.5, 133.4, 132.8, 132.1, 131.5, 131.4, 130.4, 128.9, 125.6, 125.5, 121.5, 98.6, 98.3, 89.3, 78.7, 78.4, 45.8, 45.4, 43.4, 40.5, 36.6, 29.5, 29.0, 25.6, 25.6, 25.5, 20.9, 20.9, 19.1, 18.8. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₇H₃₁N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 495.1948 found: 495.1958.



(*7p*). From starting materials **5a** (0.399 mmol, 103.0 mg) and **6e** and a 1.5h reaction time, an orange oil was isolated (0.333 mmol, 142.1 mg, 83% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.19 – 8.10 (m, 1H), 7.89 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dt, *J* = 9.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H),

(E)-N-(2-formyl-1-phenylnon-1-en-3-yn-5-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide

1.91 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.55 (dd, J = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (dd, J = 14.5, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.3, 152.4, 147.8, 134.1, 133.5, 133.4, 132.8, 132.0, 131.4, 130.4, 128.9, 125.6, 121.5, 98.4, 78.6, 47.3, 35.8, 27.6, 22.1, 13.9. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₂H₂₃N₂O₅S (M+H)⁺: 427.1322 found: 427.1314.



(*E*)-methyl 2-benzylidene-5-(2-nitrophenylsulfonamido)pent-3-ynoate (14). From starting material 13^[28] (1.00 mmol, 288.9 mg) and a 2.5h reaction time, an orange solid was isolated (0.678 mmol, 271.5 mg, 68% yield), TLC (30% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 1H),

7.52 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.00 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 147.7, 146.8, 134.0, 133.6, 133.5, 132.7, 131.4, 131.2, 130.2, 128.7, 125.3, 111.4, 91.7, 80.6, 52.9, 34.6. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₉H₁₇N₂O₆S (M+H)⁺: 401.0802 found: 401.0787.

b) Optimization of the pyridine formation



3-benzyl-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)pyridine (25). To a stirred solution of Sonogashira adduct **7a** (0.141 mmol, 52.3 mg, 1 equiv.) in acetonitrile (1.4 mL, 0.1M) with K_2CO_3 (0.565 mmol, 78.1 mg, 4 equiv.), Thiophenol (0.813 mmol, 90 μ L, 5,77 equiv.) was then added, and the reaction was stirred at room

temperature. After 4h, the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of Na₂S₂O₃, the organic layer was extracted with EtOAc, then washed with brine and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by column chromatography ($20 \rightarrow 30\%$ EtOAc/hexanes), the product was further purified by preparative chromatography (3% MeOH/DCM) to afford pure **25** as a yellow oil was isolated (0.0618 mmol, 19.0 mg, 44% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes and 3% MeOH/DCM). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 151.0, 149.8, 147.7, 138.6, 137.6, 129.1, 128.7, 126.6, 119.9, 119.7, 115.7, 55.6, 36.9. HRMS (ESI). Calc for C₁₉H₁₈NOS (M+H)⁺: 308.1104 found :.308.1104.

4-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-3-(((4-



methoxyphenyl)thio)(phenyl)methyl)pyridine (26). To a stirred solution of Sonogashira adduct **7a** (0.303 mmo1, 112.4 mg, 1 equiv.) in acetonitrile (3.0 mL, 0.1M) with K₂CO₃ (0.608 mmol, 84.1

mg, 2 equiv.), 4-Methoxythiophenol (0.894 mmol, 110 µL, 2.95 equiv.) was then added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature. After 15min, the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of Na₂S₂O₃, the organic layer was extracted with EtOAc, then washed with brine and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by column chromatography (20 \rightarrow 30% EtOAc/hexanes), to afford unpure **26** (61.7 mg). Part of the product (20.3 mg) was further purified by preparative chromatography (3% MeOH/DCM) to afford **26** as a yellow oil was isolated (0.0182 mmol, 8.1 mg, 18% yield based on the ratio of unpure product purified by preparative chromatography), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes and 3% MeOH/DCM). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

c) General Procedure for the pyridine formation (8a-p)

To a stirred solution of Sonogashira adduct **7a-p** (1 equiv.) in acetonitrile (0.1M) with K₂CO₃ (4 equiv.), thiophenol (6 equiv.) was then added, and the reaction was stirred at room temperature. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of Na₂S₂O₃, the organic layer was extracted with EtOAc, then washed with brine and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified by column chromatography with a mixture of EtOAc/hexanes to give the corresponding pyridine.

3-benzyl-4-(phenylthio)pyridine (8a). From Sonogashira adduct 7a. (0.546 mmol, 202.1 mg) and a 2.5h reaction time, a yellow solid was isolated (0.461 mmol, 127.8 mg, 84% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 6.66 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.1, 149.7, 147.8, 138.6, 135.4, 132.9, 130.0, 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7, 126.7, 120.8, 37.0. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₈H₁₆NS (M+H)⁺: 278.0998 found: 278.0994.

This reaction was also tested at a 1.26 mmol scale. The reaction was stopped after 2.5h yielding **8a** (1.11 mmol, 308.1 mg, 88% yield). NMR spectra was consistent with previously obtained data for **8a**.

PhS

4-(phenylthio)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline (8b). From Sonogashira adduct **7b** (0.144 mmol, 48.1 mg) and a 4h reaction time, a yellow-white oil was isolated (0.0854 mmol, 20.6 mg, 59% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

8.07 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 2.4 Hz, 3H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 2H), 2.75 (s, 2H), 1.91 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.6, 149.8, 146.2, 135.5, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 117.8, 33.0, 26.3, 22.9, 22.8. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.6, 149.8, 146.2, 135.5, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8, 117.8, 33.0, 26.3, 22.9, 22.8. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₅H₁₆NS (M+H)⁺: 242.0998 found: 242.0989.

4-(phenylthio)-6,7-dihydro-5H-cyclopenta[b]pyridine (8c). From Sonogashira adduct 7c (0.161 mmol, 51.5 mg) and a 4h reaction time, a white oil was isolated (0.0915 mmol, 20.8 mg, 57% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ
8.09 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 6.47 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 147.8, 145.8, 135.0, 133.9, 129.9, 129.9, 129.4, 117.8, 34.5, 29.8, 22.5. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₄H₁₄NS (M+H)⁺: 228.0841 found: 228.0833.

3-benzyl-2-methyl-4-(phenylthio)pyridine (8d). From Sonogashira adduct 7d. (0.0909 mmol, 32.2 mg) and a 3h reaction time, a yellow oil was isolated (0.0624 mmol, 18.2 mg, 75% yield), TLC (50% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.6, 150.4, 146.8, 138.2, 135.2, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.5, 128.7, 128.2, 126.4, 119.5, 35.5, 23.0. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₉H₁₈NS (M+H)⁺: 292.1154 found: 292.1145.



3-benzyl-2-isopropyl-4-(phenylthio)pyridine (8e). From Sonogashira adduct 7e. (0.0243 mmol, 10.0 mg) and a 0.75h reaction time, a yellow solid was isolated (0.0207 mmol, 6.6 mg, 82% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, J = 6.4, 3.7 Hz,

3H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.24 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 147.1,

138.9, 135.3, 130.8, 130.0, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 126.4, 119.1, 34.7, 31.5, 22.4. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₁H₂₂NS (M+H)⁺: 320.1467 found: 320.1461.

3-benzyl-2-phenyl-4-(phenylthio)pyridine (8f). From Sonogashira adduct 7f. (0.218 mmol, 94.5 mg) and a 1h reaction time, a yellow oil was isolated (0.137 mmol, 48.5 mg, 63% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ
8.31 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.32 (m, 8H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 152.1, 147.1, 140.5, 139.3, 135.4, 130.6, 130.0, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 126.2, 120.2, 36.2. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₄H₂₀NS (M+H)⁺: 354.1311 found: 354.1297.

PhS

3-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-4-(phenylthio)pyridine (8g). From Sonogashira adduct **7g**. (0.0502 mmol, 21.1 mg) and a 1.5h reaction time, a yellow oil was isolated (0.0312 mmol, 10.2 mg, 62% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.95 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.3, 3.4 Hz, 3H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.44 (m, 8H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

150.2, 149.3, 147.2, 135.4, 134.1, 134.0, 132.1, 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 129.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.5, 126.0, 125.7, 123.9, 34.1. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₂H₁₈NS (M+H)⁺: 328.1154 found: 328.1151.



3-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-methyl-4-(phenylthio)pyridine (8h). From Sonogashira adduct **7h**. (0.0504 mmol, 21.1 mg) and a 2h reaction time, an orange solid was isolated (0.0298 mmol, 9.7 mg, 60% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.29 (d, J = 5.1 Hz,

2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 157.3, 150.8, 146.8, 136.6, 135.3, 132.3, 130.4, 130.1, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 119.5, 34.9, 22.8. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₉H₁₇CINS (M+H)⁺: 326.0765 found: 326.0764.

2-ethyl-4-(phenylthio)-3-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)pyridine (8i). From Sonogashira adduct 7i. (0.0846 mmol, 34.2 mg) and a 2h reaction time, a yellow-orange solid was isolated (0.0620 mmol, 19.3 mg, 73% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.18 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 2.91 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.7, 150.2, 147.3, 141.7, 135.1, 131.0, 129.9, 129.4, 126.9, 125.2, 123.9, 119.7, 29.8, 28.6, 13.6. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₈H₁₈NS₂ (M+H)⁺: 312.0875 found: 312.0866.



(6aR,6bS,8aR,9R,11aS,11bS)-6a,8a-dimethyl-9-((R)-6methylheptan-2-yl)-1-(phenylthio)-6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,11a,11b,12,13,13a-tetradecahydro-5Hcyclopenta[5,6]naphtho[2,1-f]quinoline (8j). From Sonogashira

adduct 7j. (0.153 mmol, 95.5 mg) and a 4h reaction time, a brown

solid was isolated (0.0853 mmol, 45.2 mg, 45% yield), as a mixture of diastereoisomers (E/Z) 1.2:1, TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (45% d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (55%, d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 6.55 (55% d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (45%, d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 2.54 (m, 3H), 2.08 – 1.79 (m, 5H), 1.72 – 1.49 (m, 6H), 1.44 – 1.26 (m, 7H), 1.22 – 1.10 (m, 7H), 0.97 – 0.86 (m, 13H), 0.72 (55%, s, 3H), 0.71 (45%, s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.4, 134.9, 132.5, 131.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 58.3, 56.6 56.4, 56.2, 54.0, 49.4, 46.9, 43.1, 43.0, 42.6, 40.3, 39.9, 39.6, 36.4, 36.3, 36.0, 35.9, 35.8, 34.4, 33.1, 32.0, 31.2, 30.5, 29.4, 28.5, 28.3, 28.1, 25.4, 25.0, 24.4, 24.2, 24.0, 23.0, 22.7, 22.1, 21.9, 20.8, 18.9, 18.8, 15.5, 12.4, 12.0. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₃₆H₅₂NS (M+H)⁺: 530.3815 found: 530.3816.



6,6-dimethoxy-4,7-bis(phenylthio)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline (8k). From Sonogashira adduct **7k**. (0.112 mmol, 43.9 mg) and a 0.5h reaction time, a yellow oil was isolated (0.0806 mmol, 33mg, 72% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49

 $(dd, J = 5.1, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.44 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd, J = 7.1, 5.3 Hz, 3H), 6.54 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.30 - 3.20 (m, 5H), 3.00 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) & 152.0, 144.7, 135.6, 133.5, 133.4, 130.3, 130.2, 129.3, 128.7, 128.0, 125.8, 118.3, 100.5, 48.6, 48.5, 47.5, 35.6, 31.2. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₃H₂₄NO₂S₂ (M+H)⁺: 410.1243 found: 410.1253.$

PhS Me OMe Genethoxy-6-methyl-4,7-bis(phenylthio)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline (8). From Sonogashira adduct 7I. (0.209 mmol, 78.6 mg) and a 3h reaction time, two diastereoisomers were isolated (0.127 mmol, 50.1 mg, 61% total yield, d.r. = 1.8:1).

8I-1; A yellow oil was isolated (0.0808 mmol, 31.8 mg), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.44 (m, 7H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.45 – 3.16 (m, 6H), 2.73 – 2.60 (m, 1H), 1.56 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.4, 149.8, 146.9, 135.4, 135.1, 132.9, 130.1, 129.7, 129.7, 129.1, 127.4, 125.7 118.3, 74.9, 53.4, 49.7, 37.2, 35.4, 23.1. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₃H₂₄NOS₂ (M+H)⁺: 394.1294 found: 394.1284.

8I-2; A yellow oil was isolated (0.0465 mmol, 18.3 mg), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 17.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.08 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.89 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.6, 149.9, 146.8, 135.5, 134.8, 132.7, 130.1, 129.7, 129.2, 127.5, 125.9, 118.2, 75.5, 51.0, 49.5, 36.5, 34.9, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₃H₂₄NOS₂ (M+H)⁺: 394.1294 found: 394.1295.

5-benzyl-2-methyl-4-(phenylthio)pyridine (8n). From Sonogashira adduct 7n. (0.124 mmol, 47.5 mg) and a 0.5h reaction time, a cream solid was isolated (0.101 mmol, 29.5 mg, 82% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.41 (m, 5H), 7.37 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 149.5, 139.0, 135.0, 130.4, 130.3, 130.0, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 126.5,

120.6, 36.7, 24.1. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₉H₁₈NS (M+H)⁺: 292.1154 found: 292.1147.



PhS

5-benzyl-2-(2,6-dimethylhept-5-en-1-yl)-4-(phenylthio)pyridine (80). From Sonogashira adduct **70**. (0.165 mmol, 81.7 mg) and a 1h reaction time, a yellow oil was isolated (0.125 mmol, 50.1 mg, 76% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.41 – 7.13 (m, 6H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 2.60 (dd, J = 13.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dd, J = 13.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.90 – 1.73 (m, 3H), 1.53 (s, 6H), 1.33 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 0.79 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 149.7, 149.0, 139.0, 134.7,

130.8, 130.7, 129.9, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 126.5, 121.2, 89.4, 45.5, 40.5, 36.7, 33.4, 25.6, 25.6, 21.2, 19.3. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₇H₃₂NS (M+H)⁺: 402.2250 found: 402.2251.

PhS

5-benzyl-2-butyl-4-(phenylthio)pyridine (8p). From Sonogashira adduct **7p**. (0.254 mmol, 108.3 mg) and a 1h reaction time, a yellow oil was isolated (0.152 mmol, 50.6 mg, 60% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 2.56 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (dt, *J* = 15.4, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (dt, *J* = 14.9, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 149.7, 149.1, 139.0, 134.8, 130.7, 130.5, 129.9,

129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 126.5, 120.2, 37.7, 36.7, 31.8, 22.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for $C_{22}H_{24}NS$ (M+H)⁺: 334.1624 found: 334.1626.

d) General and Experimental procedures for the synthesis of substituted propargyl amines

N-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (6b).



4-Chloro-α-ethynylbenzenemethanamine^[29] **10** (1.26 mmol, 208.0 mg, 1.00 equiv.) was dissolved in THF/H₂O 1:1 (4.2 mL, 0.3M) and cooled to 0°C in an ice bath. NaHCO₃ (2.53 mmol, 213 mg, 2.01 equiv.) was added followed by 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride (1.23 mmol, 272 mg, 0.97 equiv.). The reaction was let back to room temperature and stirred for 2 hours. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed twice with a sat. NH₄Cl and washed twice with brine. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The beige solid obtained which was already quite pure by NMR was passed through column chromatography (20% EtOAc, 0.1% Et₃N /hexanes → 50% EtOAc, 0.1% Et₃N /hexanes) to afford pure **6b** as a white solid (1.12 mmol, 355.4 mg, 91% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 8.02 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.83 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C[¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.0, 134.8, 134.2, 133.9, 133.0, 131.6, 129.1, 128.8, 125.6, 79.2, 75.8, 49.3. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₅H₁₁ClN₂NaO₄S (M+Na)⁺: 373.0020 found: 373.0025.



tert-butyl but-3-yn-2-yl((2-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)carbamate (12c). Substituted propargylic alcohol 11c^[46] (1.42 mmol, 202.5 mg, 1.0 equiv.) N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide^[47a] (1.71 mmol, 516 mg, 1.2 equiv.) and PPh₃ (1.71 mmol, 448 mg, 1.2 equiv.) were diluted in dry THF (9.5 mL, 0.15M) under argon and cooled to 0°C in an ice bath. Diisopropyl azidocarboxylate (1.71 mmol, 340µL, 1.2 equiv.) was then added dropwise. The reaction was let back to room temperature and stirred overnight. The solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure and the liquid residue was purified by column chromatography using a mixture of EtOAc/hexanes to give the boc/nosyl protected substituted propargyl amine which was then dissolved in MeOH (6mL, 1M) and K₂CO₃ (1.42 mmol, 197 mg, 1 equiv.) was added. The reaction was stirred for 1.5h after which the reaction mixture was diluted with water, extracted three times with EtOAc, washed once with brine and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography (15 \rightarrow 30% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 12c as a pink oil (1.07 mmol, 378.5 mg, 75% yield over 2 steps), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 – 8.28 (m, 1H), 7.85 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 5.29 (gd, J = 7.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.8, 148.0, 134.3, 133.8, 133.0, 132.1, 124.7, 85.8, 82.1, 71.6, 46.1, 28.0, 21.9. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₅H₁₈N₂NaO₆S (M+Na)⁺: 377.0778 found: 377.0773.



Substituted propargylic alcohol $11^{[48,49]}$ (1.0 equiv.) N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-2nitrobenzenesulfonamide^[47a] (1.2 equiv.) and PPh₃ (1.2 equiv.) were diluted in dry THF (0.15M) under argon and cooled to 0°C in an ice bath. Diisopropyl azidocarboxylate (1.2 equiv.) was then added dropwise. The reaction was let back to room temperature and stirred overnight. The solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure and the liquid residue was purified by column chromatography using a mixture of EOAc/hexanes to give the boc-nosyl protected substituted propargylic amines **12d,e**.



tert-butyl-(5,9-dimethyldec-8-en-1-yn-3-yl)((2-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)carbamate (12d). From propargylic alcohol **11d**. (2.88 mmol, 518.3 mg), a white solid was isolated (2.19 mmol, 1017.1 mg, 76% yield), as a mixture of diastereoisomers, TLC (20% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 8.36 – 8.28 (m, 1H), 7.86 – 7.73 (m, 3H), 5.22 (ddt, *J* = 10.1, 5.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.12 – 1.97 (m, 3H), 1.77 – 1.68 (m, 4H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.51 – 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.43 (50%, s, 9H), 1.41 (50%, s, 9H), 1.38 – 1.18 (m, 2H), 1.04 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 1.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.8, 149.6, 148.1, 148.0, 134.2, 134.2, 133.7, 132.4, 132.1, 132.1, 131.4, 131.3, 124.6, 124.6, 124.5, 85.7, 85.7, 81.3, 80.8, 72.7, 72.5, 49.3, 49.2, 42.2, 42.0, 37.4, 36.3, 30.1, 29.9, 27.9, 27.9, 25.7, 25.4, 25.3, 19.9, 18.9, 17.7, 17.7. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₂₃H₃₃N₂O₆S (M+H)⁺: 465.2054 found: 465.2021.

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MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 – 8.29 (m, 1H), 7.88 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 5.10 (ddd, *J* = 8.9, 6.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 9.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.47 (m, 4H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.5, 147.9, 134.3, 133.4, 132.1, 132.0, 124.5, 85.6, 80.9, 72.5, 50.6, 34.7, 28.4, 27.7, 21.9, 13.8. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₈H₂₅N₂O₆S (M+H)⁺: 397.1428 found: 397.1391.



Boc-nosyl protected substituted propargyl amines **12c-e** was dissolved in DCM (0.2M). Trifluoroacetic acid (0.2M) was added under agitation. After 10 minutes the solvents were quickly evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexanes with 0.1% of Et₃N) to afford the nosyl protected substituted propargylic amine.

NO2 NO2 N-(but-3-yn-2-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (6c). From boc-nosyl protected substituted propargyl amines 12c (1.01 mmol, 359.3 mg), a white solid was isolated (0.851 mmol, 216.5 mg, 84% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 - 8.16 (m, 1H), 7.96 - 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 5.7, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43 - 4.29 (m, 1H), 2.00 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

148.0, 134.2, 133.9, 133.0, 131.7, 125.5, 82.0, 72.4, 42.0, 23.1. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₀H₁₁N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺: 255.0434 found: 255.0426.



NO2 N-(5,9-dimethyldec-8-en-1-yn-3-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (6d).
 From boc-nosyl protected substituted propargyl amines 12d (1.57 mmol, 730.3 mg), an orange oil was isolated (1.46 mmol, 531.4 mg, 93% yield), as a mixture of diastereoisomers, TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H

NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 – 8.15 (m, 1H), 7.94 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.81 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 5.61 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.33 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 1.95 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.85 – 1.66 (m, 4H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.39 – 1.24 (m, 3H), 0.94 (50%, d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (50%, d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 156.5, 156.0, 156.0, 147.9, 134.2, 134.2, 133.9, 133.0, 131.6, 125.5, 124.4, 116.4, 112.6, 89.4, 81.4, 81.0, 73.2, 72.8, 44.8, 44.4, 43.5, 43.4, 40.4, 36.5, 36.4, 29.3, 28.9, 25.6, 25.5, 20.9, 20.8, 19.0, 18.8. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₈H₂₅N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺: 365.1530 found: 365.1519.



N-(hept-1-yn-3-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (6e). From boc-nosyl protected substituted propargyl amines **12e** (1.14 mmol, 451.6 mg), a yellow oil was isolated (1.04 mmol, 309.5 mg, 92% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data:

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 5.63 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dtd, *J* = 9.3, 7.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.29 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.9, 134.2, 133.9, 133.0, 131.6, 125.5, 81.2, 73.0, 46.3, 35.9, 27.4, 22.0, 13.9. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₃H₁₇N₂O₄S (M+H)⁺: 297.0904 found: 297.0890.

e) Experimental procedure for the 2-pyridone synthesis



3-benzyl-4-(phenylthio)pyridin-2(1H)-one (15). To a solution stirred of acrylate Sonogashira adduct **14** (0.024 mmol, 9.8 mg, 1 equiv.) in acetonitrile (250μL, 0.1M) under argon was added DBU (0.20 mmol, 20μL, 8 equiv.) followed by thiophenol (0.15 mmol, 6 15 μL, equiv.). When the reaction completed (shown by TLC), a saturated

solution of Na₂S₂O₃ was added to quench the reaction mixture. Then, EtOAc was added and the organic phase was separated and washed once with brine. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (60% EtOAc/hexane with 0.1% Et₃N \rightarrow 0.1% Et₃N and 2% MeOH/EtOAc) to give the 2-pyridone **15** as a white solid (0.012 mmol, 3.6 mg, 50% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 152.6, 139.5 (s), 135.3, 131.3, 130.6, 129.8, 129.6, 128.9, 128.4, 126.2, 106.1, 33.1, 29.9. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₈H₁₆NOS (M+H)⁺: 294.0947 found: 294.0931.

f) Experimental procedure for the synthesis of 16-18



3-benzyl-4-(phenylsulfonyl)pyridine-N-oxide (16). To a stirred solution of pyridine **8a** (0.036 mmol, 9.9 mg, 1 equiv.) in DCM (360 μ L, 0.1M) at 0°C, was added mCPBA (0.089 mmol, 22 mg, 2.5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was kept at 0°C in an ice bath and after 4h the reaction mixture was filtered over cellite. The filtrate was diluted with EtOAc, washed twice with sat. Na₂S₂O₃,

twice with sat. NaHCO₃ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure to afford sulfone **16** as white solid (0.026 mmol, 8.0 mg, 72% yield), TLC (50% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.8, 140.0, 139.5, 137.5, 135.8, 135.5, 134.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 127.9, 127.6, 126.2, 35.4. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₈H₁₆NO₃S (M+H)⁺: 326.0845. found :326.0835



3-benzyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyridine (17). As decribed from the literature^[41] A flask containing Mg (0.72 mmol, 17.5 mg, 4 equiv.) and LiCl (0.36 mmol, 15.3 mg, 2 equiv.) and a stir bar was flame dried under vacuum, cooled to room temperature and purged three times with argon. THF (600μL)

was added and under stirring: pyridine **8a** (0.18 mmol, 50 mg, 1 equiv.), Ni(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.018mmol, 12 mg, 10 mol%) were added followed by p-bromoanisole 0.72 mmol, (90µL, 4 equiv.). The reaction was stirred for 12h after which it was quench by addition of sat NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted three times with EtOAc, washed once with brine and solvents were removed under reduced pressure to afford derivated pyridine **17** as a clear pale oil (0.098 mmol, 27 mg, 54% yield), TLC (20% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (s, 2H), 7.29 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.02 – 6.91 (m, 4H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.5, 151.7, 149.5 147.6, 140.4, 133.7, 131.1, 129.9, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 124.7, 113.9, 55.4, 36.4. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₉H₁₈NO (M+H)⁺: 276.1383 found: 276.1376.

3-benzylpyridine (18). A stirred solution of pyridine 8a (0.048 mmol, 13.1 mg, 1 equiv.) in EtOH (780µL, 0.06Mv v v) with a catalytic amount of Raney nickel, in a sealed tube, was heated to 80°C in a sand bath. After reaction completion (Raney nickel may be added during to complete the conversion), sat. NaHCO₃ was added and the resulting mixture was extracted three times with EtOAc and solvents were removed under reduced pressure to afford reduced pyridine 18 as a yellow oil with a pleasant and sweet smell (0.038 mmol, 6.5 mg, 81% yield), TLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes). NMR data: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J*, 1H), 7.14 – 6.96 (m, 6H), 3.79 (s, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.1, 147.6, 139.8, 136.4, 128.9, 128.7, 126.5, 123.5, 39.1. HRMS (ESI): Calc. for C₁₂H₁₂N (M+H)⁺: 170.0964 found: 170.0964.

III. Copies of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra for all compound







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ANNEXE B PROTOCOLES SYNTHÉTIQUES ADDITIONNELS

Cette annexe contient les protocoles, en anglais, ainsi que les caractérisations en forme de paragraphe pour la synthèse de la pyridine du **schéma 0.7** (spectre non-inclus).



Preparation of methyl 2-((2S,3aS,3a1R,6aS)-3a-methoxy-2-methyl-5-(3-((2-nitrophenyl) sulfonamido)prop-1-yn-1-yl)-1,6-dioxo-1,2,3a,6-tetrahydro-[1,4]oxazino[2,3,4-jk]carbazo -6a(3a1H)yl)acetate. To a round-bottomed flask was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.2 mg, 2 mol %) and Cul (5.5 mg, 4 mol %). After the flask had been purged with argon, it was charged with a solution of I (350 mg, 0.725 mmol, 1 eq.) in degassed triethylamine (1.45 mL, 0.5 M), followed by II (174 mg, 0.725 mmol, 1 eq.) in anhydrous DMF (1.45 mL, 0.5 M). The mixture was stirred at rt for 5 hr, at which time the reaction was diluted with DCM (5 mL) and washed with H₂O (3 x 5 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq. NaCl (5 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated to dryness. Purification by column chromatography (n-Hex, to 50:50 n-Hex/EtOAc) gave 390 mg of the title compound III (90%). 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 – 8.16 (m, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.25 (d, J = 2,2 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H).



Preparation of methyl 2-((5aS,5a1R,7S,13bS)-5a-methoxy-7-methyl-8-oxo-4-(phenylthio) -5a,5a1,7,8tetrahydro-[1,4]oxazino[4,3,2-lm]pyrido[3,2-c]carbazol-13b(5H)-yl)acetate. To a solution of III (150 mg, 0,251 mmol, 1 eq.) in THF (2.5 mL) was added triethylamine (0,59 mL, 4.27 mmol, 17 eq.) and thiophenol (0,51 mL, 5.02 mmol, 20 eq.). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (5 mL) and washed with NH₄Cl (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated to dryness. Purification by column chromatography (*n*-Hex, to 50:50 *n*-Hex/EtOAc) afforded 112 mg of the title compound IV (89%). 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

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