Supporting Information

N-Aminopyridinium Reagents as Traceless Activating Groups in the Synthesis of *N*-Aryl Aziridines

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A. General Considerations

A.1 Materials All chemicals and solvents were obtained as ACS reagent grade and used as received. Styrene, tetrafluoroboric acid etherate, and 2,4,6-collidine were acquired from BeanTown Chemical (BTC). 4-Fluorostyrene, 4-acetoxystyrene, 2-bromostyrene, 4tolueneboronic acid. 4-chlorophenylboronic acid. 4-fluorophenylboronic acid. 4trifluoromethylphenylboronic acid 4-ethoxycarbonylphenylboronic 2acid. and methylphenylboronic acid were purchased from Matrix Scientific. 4-Isatin. trifluoromethylstyrene, 3-bromostyrene, trifluoroboron etherate, p-thiocresol, hydrogen 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoic fluoride pvridine. acid (Ibuprofen). 4-(dipropylsulfamoyl)benzoic acid (Probenecid) and *p*-biphenylboronic acid were acquired from Oakwood. Hexanes, ethyl acetate, dichloromethane, potassium phosphate, tetrabutylammonium iodide, anhydrous nickel(II) bromide, nickel(II) bromide dimethoxyethane complex, nickel(II) acetate tetrahydrate, 1,10-phenantroline, 4methylstvrene, 4-bromophenylboronic acid, 3-(methylthio)phenylboronic acid, p-cresol, tetrabutylammonium bromide, tetrabutylammonium azide, carbazole, and chalcone were obtained from Sigma Aldrich. 4-Formylphenylboronic acid, 2-((3-chloro-2methylphenyl)amino)benzoic acid (Tufnil), and loratadine were acquired from Ambeed. 4-Vinvlaniline, 4-vinvlbenzoic acid, 4-vinvlbenzvl chloride, tetrabutvlammonium chloride, and phenylboronic acid were acquired from TCI. 4-Methoxyphenylboronic acid and methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide were acquired from Chem Impex. 3-Nitrostyrene and *trans*- β -methylstyrene were acquired from Acros. Acetophenone, 2-aminopyridine, hydrazine monohydrate, aniline, *p*-methylbenzylamine, and benzyl mercaptan were acquired from Alfa Aesar. Anhydrous sodium sulfate and anhydrous potassium carbonate were obtained from VWR. Acetonitrile and methanol were obtained from Fischer Scientific. *cis*-β-Methylstyrene was acquired from ChemCruz Chemicals. Chloropyramine hydrochloride was acquired from Thermo Scientific. Dry dichloromethane and acetonitrile (purchased from Fisher scientific, HPLC grade) were obtained from a drying column and stored over activated 4 Å molecular sieves.¹ NMR solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories and were used as received. All reactions were carried out under ambient atmosphere unless otherwise noted. *tert*-Butyl (4-vinylphenyl)carbamate (1e).² 1-(4-vinylphenyl)ethan-1-one (**1g**),³ ethyl 4-vinylbenzoate (**1i**),⁴ (8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-3-vinyl-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16-decahydro-17H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one (**1w**),⁵ 4-vinylbenzyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (1x),⁶ methyl 2-(methyl(2-methyl-3vinylphenyl)amino)benzoate (1y),⁷ 4-vinylbenzyl 4-(*N*,*N*-dipropylsulfamoyl)benzoate (1z),⁶ and (4-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)boronic acid⁸ were prepared according to literature procedures.

A.2 Characterization Details ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral acquisitions were recorded on an Inova 500 FT NMR (Varian), a VNMRS 500 FT NMR (Varian), or an AcsendTM 400 NMR (Bruker) and were referenced against residual proteo solvent signals: CDCl₃ (7.26 ppm, ¹H; 77.16 ppm, ¹³C) and acetonitrile- d_3 (1.94 ppm, ¹H). ¹H NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), (multiplicity: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet), br (broad), integration). ¹³C NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm). Mass spectrometry data were recorded on either Orbitrap FusionTM TribridTM Mass Spectrometer

or Q ExactiveTM Focus Hybrid Quadrupole-OrbitrapTM Mass Spectrometer from ThermoFisher Scientific. Preparative HPLC was carried out by Agilent 1260 Infinity II Preparative LC System, Agilent 1290 II Preparative Open-Bed Fraction Collector, using an Agilent Prep-C18 column (50 × 50 mm, 5 µm pore, part# 446905-502). HPLC grade acetonitrile was purchased from Sigma Aldrich and was used as the eluent.

B. Synthesis and Characterization

B.1 Synthesis of 1-amino-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (2).



2,4,6-Triphenylpyrylium tetrafluoroborate (**2**) was synthesized according to the following literature procedure.⁹ A 2-L round bottom flask was charged with chalcone (68.8 g, 33.2 mmol, 2.00 equiv), acetophenone (20.0 g, 16.6 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and dichloroethane (DCE, 120 mL). Tetrafluoroboric acid etherate (46 mL, 33.2 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added dropwise using an addition funnel. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 23 °C before diethyl ether was added and the crude mixture was filtered. The obtained yellow solid was washed with diethyl ether (50×5 mL) and dried under vacuum to yield 45.0 g of compound **S1** (68% yield). ¹H NMR (499 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.72 (s, 2H), 8.46–8.40 (m, 4H), 8.33–8.28 (m, 2H), 7.90–7.84 (m, 3H), 7.81–7.75 (m, 6H).

1-Amino-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**2**) was according to the following literature procedure.¹⁰ To a suspension of 2,4,6-triphenylpyrylium tetrafluoroborate (10.0 g, 25.3 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in dichloromethane (253 mL, 0.100 M) was added 2-aminopyridine (3.57 g, 38.0 mmol, 1.50 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 23 °C for 12 h before solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Addition of Et₂O to the residue resulted in crystallization of 11.6 g of **S2** (97% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 1.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (s, 2H), 7.96–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.80–7.73 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.47 (m, 8H), 7.38–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.12 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H).

To a suspension of **S2** (9.99 g, 21.2 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in ethanol (70 mL) was added hydrazine monohydrate (5.36 g, 106 mmol, 5.00 equiv). The reaction is heated under reflux for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 23 °C before a small amount of diethyl ether (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was cooled to -20 °C at which the target product crystallized. The obtained solid was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂ and Et₂O and then dried under vacuum at 70 °C to afford 5.81 g of the title compound (67% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (s, 2H), 7.86–7.76 (m, 4H), 7.77–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.57 (m, 6H), 7.60–7.50 (m, 3H), 6.20 (s, 2H).

B.2 Preparation of Vinyl Arenes

General Procedure A11



4-Vinylbenzonitrile (**1j**), 3-methylstyrene (**1l**), and 2-methylstyrene (**1q**) were synthesized according to the following procedure. Characterization data were well-matched to those reported in literature.

A 50-mL round bottom flask was charged with methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (3.57 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.20 equiv), potassium carbonate (1.80 g, 13.0 mmol, 1.57 equiv), the appropriate benzaldehyde (8.30 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and 1,4-dioxane (10 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 23 °C, filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue purified by silica gel column chromatography using 100% hexanes as the eluent to afford the corresponding styrene.

General Procedure B12



4-Vinylanisole (1d) and 2-vinylnaphthalene (1p) were synthesized according to the following procedure. Characterization data were well-matched to those reported in literature.

A 50-mL Schlenk flask was charged with methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (2.70 g, 7.69 mmol, 1.20 equiv), potassium carbonate (1.30 g, 9.60 mmol, 1.50 equiv) and the corresponding benzaldehyde (6.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv) under N₂. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (15 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 48 h. The reaction was cooled to 23 °C, filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 100% hexanes as the eluent to give the corresponding styrene.

Gerenal Procedure C13

4-Vinyl-1,1'-biphenyl (1c), 3-chlorostyrene (1n), 2-vinylanisole (1r), and 2-vinylbenzo[b]thiophene (1t) were synthesized according to the following procedure. Characterization data were well-matched to those reported in literature.

A 50-mL Schlenk flask was charged with methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (1.70 g, 4.75 mmol, 1.20 equiv) and tetrahydrofuran (35 mL). *n*-Butyl lithium (2.5 M, 4.40 mmol, 1.8 mL, 1.10 equiv) was added dropwise at -78 °C under N₂. The reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C at which temperature it was stirred for 2h. The appropriate benzaldehyde was then added dropwise at 0 °C.¹ The reaction was allowed to stir at 23 °C overnight. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (35 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (20 × 3 mL), washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 100% hexanes or 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes as the eluent to give the corresponding styrene.

Synthesis of 1-(4-vinylbenzyl)indoline-2,3-dione (1v)



A 50-mL round bottom flask was charged with indoline-2,3-dione (13.6 mmol, 2.00 g, 1.00 equiv), potassium carbonate (13.6 mmol, 1.88 g, 1.00 equiv), and DMSO (45 mL). 1-(Chloromethyl)-4-vinylbenzene (4.20 g, 27.5 mmol, 2.02 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C for 24 h. The reaction was cooled to 23 °C before water (40 mL) and EtOAc (40 mL) were added. The organic layer was washed with distilled water (30 mL × 5) and then brine (30 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using 10% EtOAc in hexanes as the eluent to yield a red solid (2.69 g, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.3, 158.4, 150.8, 138.4, 137.7, 136.2, 134.0, 127.8, 127.0, 125.5, 124.0, 117.8, 114.7, 111.1, 43.9. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M+1] = 264.1019, observed [M+1] = 264.1019.

¹ If the benzaldehyde is a solid, it was added to the reaction mixture as a solution in tetrahydrofuran.

B.3 Preparation of Nickel(II) Catalysts



Ni(Phen)Br₂ was prepared according to the following modification of literature methods.¹⁴ A 20-mL scintillation vial was charged with anhydrous nickel(II) bromide (218 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and acetone (2 mL). 1,10-Phenanthroline (180 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was dissolved in acetone (4 mL) and added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was heated at 55 °C for 12 h. The reaction was cooled to 23 °C before the resulting green suspension was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dried under vacuum at 65 °C to yield a blue-green powder (392 mg, 98% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 49.6 (s, 2H), 45.7 (s, 2H), 25.2 (s, 2H), 23.5 (s, 2H), 18.9–19.2, (m, 4H). These spectral data are well-matched to those reported in the literature.¹⁵

Ni(OAc)₂ •4H₂O $\xrightarrow{165 \ ^{\circ}C}$ Ni(OAc)₂ $\xrightarrow{TfOH (3 equiv)}$ Ni(OTf)₂ Ni(OTf)₂

Ni(OTf)₂ was prepared according to the following modification of literature methods.¹⁶ Nickel(II) acetate tetrahydrate was first heated under air at 165 °C for overnight to afford anhydrous nickel(II) acetate. A 100-mL Schlenk flask was charged with anhydrous nickel(II) acetate (354 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and acetonitrile (25 mL) under N₂. Trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (900 mg, 6.00 mmol, 3.00 equiv) was added via syringe dropwise. The reaction was stirred at 23 °C for 2 h to give a blue solution. The reaction was concentrated to ~6 mL under reduced pressure. Diethyl ether (20 mL) was added and blue solid precipitated. The liquid was decanted and the solid was washed with diethyl ether and hexanes. The solid was dried under vacuum at 70 °C to yield a light green powder (454 mg, 64% yield).

B.4 Preparation of Aryl boronic acids²

General Procedure¹⁷

Boronic acids **4a** (derivatized from indomethacin methyl ester)¹⁷ and **4b** (derived from loratadine)¹⁷ were synthesized according to the procedure above and characterization data matched those reported in literature.

A 50-mL sealed tube was charged with the appropriate aryl chloride (2.75 mmol, 1.00 equiv), hypodiboric acid (370 mg, 4.13 mmol, 1.50 equiv), XPhos-Pd-G1 (20.3 mg, 0.00275 mmol, 1 mol%), XPhos (26.2 mg, 0.0550 mmol, 2 mol%), sodium *tert*-butoxide (2.6 mg, 0.0550 mmol, 2 mol%), and potassium acetate (810 mg, 8.25 mmol, 3.00 equiv). Ethanol (15 mL) was added under N₂. The reaction was heated at 85 °C for 3 h. After cooling to 23 °C, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and the solution was added dropwise to a 250-mL beaker containing 100 mL of hexane. The resulting precipitate was isolated by filtraton and dried under vacuum to yield the respective boronic acids.



(4-(((2-(dimethylamino)ethyl)(pyridin-2-yl)amino)methyl)phenyl)boronic acid (4c). Obtained from chloropyramine (840 mg, 2.90 mmol) according to the general procedure and obtained as a white solid (367 mg, 42% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.11–8.05 (m, 1H), 7.96 (s, 2H), 7.75–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.43 (ddd, *J* = 8.9, 7.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.57–6.49 (m, 2H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.7, 147.6, 141.0, 137.3, 134.3, 125.8, 111.6, 105.7, 56.5, 51.2, 45.9, 45.4. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M+1] = 300.1878, observed [M+1] = 300.1878.

² Simple boronic acids acquired from commercial sources contains varied amount of the corresponding acid anhydrides. 4-Toluene boronic acid acquired from Matrix, contained ~90% of *p*-tolylboroxine indicated by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Heating a sample at 120 °C under air for 48 h resulted in a sample of the boroxine containing less than 5% boronic acid. Other boronic acids were used as received.

B.5 Vinyl Arene Aziridination



Procedure A In an N₂ filled dry box, a 20-mL scintillation vial was charged with 1-amino-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**2**, 82.0 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), tetrabutylammonium iodide (3.7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5 mol%), 4 Å molecular sieves, vinyl arene (**1**, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), ³ and iodosylbenzene (44.0 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv). Acetonitrile (1.0 mL) was added, the vial was removed from the dry box, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (2:1 ethyl acetate:hexanes) to afford the title compound.

Procedure B In an N₂ filled dry box, a 20-mL scintillation vial was charged with 1-amino-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**2**, 131 mg, 0.320 mmol, 1.60 equiv), tetrabutylammonium iodide (14.8 mg, 0.0400 mmol, 20 mol%), 4 Å molecular sieves, vinyl arene (**1**, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv, if is a solid), and iodosylbenzene (70.4 mg, 0.320 mmol, 1.60 equiv).³ Acetonitrile (1.0 mL) was added, the vial was removed from the dry box, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (2:1 ethyl acetate:hexanes) to afford the title compound.



2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)pyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3a**). Prepared via Procedure A from styrene (**1a**) and obtained as a pale-yellow powder (72.8 mg, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.14 (s, 2H), 8.04–7.92 (m, 5H), 7.68–7.25 (m, 9H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.72–6.57 (m, 2H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.2, 154.0, 134.9, 134.8, 132.8, 132.6, 132.4, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.1, 128.8, 127.1, 126.4, 54.5, 49.0. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.92, –151.97. HRMS-ESI+: calculated for [M+] = 425.2012, observed [M+] = 425.2007.

³ If the vinyl arene is a solid, it is added to the reaction mixture neat. If the vinyl arene is a liquid, it is added to the reaction mixture as a solution in CH_3CN .



2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(2-(p-tolyl)aziridin-1-yl)pyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3b**). Prepared via Procedure A from 4-methylstyrene (**1b**) and obtained as a yellow powder (75.8 mg, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.14 (s, 2H), 8.07–7.85 (m, 6H), 7.73–7.18 (m, 9H), 6.99– 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.60–6.48 (m, 2H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.2, 153.9, 139.1, 134.9, 132.8, 132.6, 132.5, 131.7, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.4, 129.1, 127.1, 126.4, 54.5, 48.9, 21.1. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.98, –152.03. HRMS-ESI+: calculated for [M+] = 439.2169, observed [M+] = 439.2166.



1-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3c**). Prepared via Procedure A from 4-vinyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**1c**) and obtained as a yellow powder (83.6 mg, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.15 (s, 2H), 8.07–7.95 (m, 6H), 7.72–7.32 (m, 16H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.2, 154.0, 141.7, 141.2, 134.9, 134.0, 132.9, 132.6, 132.5, 130.8, 130.6, 130.1, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 127.8, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 54.4, 48.9. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.94, –152.00. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 501.2325, observed [M⁺] = 501.2319.



1-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3d**). Prepared via Procedure A from 4-vinylanisole (**1d**) and obtained as a yellow powder (61.8 mg, 57% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.14 (s, 2H), 8.04–7.88 (m, 6H), 7.72–7.35 (m, 9H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 3.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 160.7, 154.2, 153.9, 134.9, 132.9, 132.7, 132.5, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.1, 127.8, 127.1, 126.6, 114.2, 55.9, 54.5, 48.6. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –152.15, -152.21. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 455.2118, observed [M⁺] = 455.2113.



1-(2-(4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)phenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3e**). Prepared via Procedure A from tert-butyl (4-vinylphenyl)carbamate (**1e**) and obtained as a yellow powder (64.0 mg, 51% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.14 (s, 2H), 7.98 (ddd, *J* = 19.0, 7.6, 2.3 Hz, 6H), 7.69–7.35 (m, 9H), 7.19–7.12 (m, 2H), 6.58–6.51 (m, 2H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.2, 153.9, 153.7, 140.3, 134.9, 132.9, 132.6, 132.5, 130.8, 130.6, 130.2, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 127.1, 127.1, 80.6, 54.5, 48.7, 28.4. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –152.30, –152.35. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 540.2646, observed [M⁺] = 540.2646.



1-(2-(4-acetoxyphenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3***f*). Prepared via Procedure A from 4-vinylphenyl acetate (**1***f*) and obtained as a yellow powder (67.5 mg, 59% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.16 (s, 2H), 8.05–7.82 (m, 6H), 7.71–7.31 (m, 9H), 6.89–6.81 (m, 2H), 6.73–6.65 (m, 2H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 170.4, 154.2, 154.1, 151.8, 134.9, 132.9, 132.6, 132.5, 132.4, 130.8, 130.6, 130.1, 129.1, 127.6, 127.1, 122.3, 54.0, 49.0, 21.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –152.00, –152.06. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 483.2067, observed [M⁺] = 483.2069.



1-(2-(4-acetylphenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3g**). Prepared via Procedure A from 1-(4-vinylphenyl)ethan-1-one (**1g**) and obtained as a yellow powder (72.1 mg, 65% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.15 (s, 2H), 7.99 (m, 6H), 7.77–6.99 (m, 11H), 6.83–6.77 (m, 2H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 198.5, 154.1, 154.1, 140.0, 137.7, 134.8, 132.8, 132.5, 132.4, 130.7, 130.6, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 127.1, 126.6, 53.9, 49.3, 26.9. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –152.30, –152.35. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 467.2118, observed [M⁺] = 467.2110.



1-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3h**). Prepared via Procedure B from 4-fluorostyrene (**1h**) and obtained as a brown powder (88.0 mg, 83% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.14 (s, 2H), 8.04–7.88 (m, 6H), 7.67–7.22 (m, 9H), 6.92–6.81 (m, 2H), 6.73–6.61 (m, 2H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 164.7, 162.2, 154.2, 154.1, 134.9, 132.9, 132.5, 132.5, 131.0, 131.0, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 115.7, 115.5, 53.8, 48.9. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –115.20, –152.37, –152.42. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 443.1918, observed [M⁺] = 443.1912.



1-(2-(4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3i**). Prepared via Procedure B from ethyl 4-vinylbenzoate (**1i**) and obtained as a brown powder (94.7 mg, 81% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.16 (s, 2H), 8.05–7.88 (m, 6H), 7.78–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.27 (m, 9H), 6.83–6.76 (m, 2H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 166.4, 153.9, 153.8, 139.7, 134.5, 132.6, 132.2, 132.1, 130.9, 130.5, 130.3, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 126.8, 126.3, 61.5, 53.6, 49.1, 14.2. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –152.46, –152.52. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 497.2224, observed [M⁺] = 497.2223.



1-(2-(4-cyanophenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3***j*). Prepared via Procedure B from 4-vinylbenzonitrile (**1***j*) and obtained as a brown powder (96.7 mg, 90% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.17 (s, 2H), 8.06–7.79 (m, 6H), 7.67–7.37 (m, 11H), 6.89–6.82 (m, 2H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.3, 154.2, 140.4, 134.8, 133.0, 132.6, 132.6, 132.4, 130.8, 130.6, 130.1, 129.1, 127.4, 127.2, 119.4, 112.4, 53.6, 49.4. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.98, –152.03. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 450.1965, observed [M⁺] = 450.1955.



2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)aziridin-1-yl)pyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3k**). Prepared via Procedure B from 4-(trifluoromethyl)styrene (**1k**) and obtained as a brown powder (24.4 mg, 21% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.17 (s, 2H), 8.05–7.85 (m, 6H), 7.76–7.05 (m, 11H), 6.91–6.85 (m, 2H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.3, 154.2, 139.5, 134.86, 133.0, 132.5, 132.4, 130.8, 130.6, 130.3, 130.1, 129.1, 127.2, 127.2, 126.5, 125.6, 125.6, 123.8, 53.7, 49.3. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –63.14, –152.02, –152.07. HRMS-ESI+: calculated for [M+] = 493.1886, observed [M+] = 493.1874.



2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(2-(m-tolyl)aziridin-1-yl)pyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3l**). Prepared via Procedure B from 3-methylstyrene (**1l**) and obtained as a brown powder (78.9 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.13 (s, 2H), 8.07–7.91 (m, 6H), 7.70–7.21 (m, 9H), 7.04– 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.50–6.44 (m, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.2, 154.0, 138.4, 134.9, 134.6, 132.8, 132.6, 132.4, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.8, 129.1, 128.7, 127.7, 127.1, 123.0, 54.6, 48.6, 21.0. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.75, –151.81. HRMS-ESI+: calculated for [M+] = 439.2169, observed [M+] = 439.2161.



1-(2-(3-bromophenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3m**). Prepared via Procedure B from 3-bromostyrene (**1m**) and obtained as a brown powder (76.8 mg, 65% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.16 (s, 2H), 8.05–7.89 (m, 6H), 7.69–7.40 (m, 9H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71–6.64 (m, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.2, 137.3, 134.8, 132.9, 132.6, 132.4, 132.1, 130.8, 130.7, 130.6, 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 127.1, 125.2, 122.3, 53.7, 48.8. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –152.27, –152.33. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 503.1117, observed [M⁺] = 503.1109.



1-(2-(3-chlorophenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3n**). Prepared via Procedure A from 3-chlorostyrene (**1n**) and obtained as a yellow powder (53.6 mg, 49% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.15 (s, 2H), 7.98 (m, 6H), 7.71–7.28 (m, 9H), 7.21 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68–6.59 (m, 2H), 3.49 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.2, 154.1, 137.2, 134.8, 134.2, 132.9, 132.5, 132.4, 130.8, 130.6, 130.4, 130.0, 129.1, 129.1, 127.1, 126.7, 124.8, 53.7, 48.8. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –152.33, –152.38. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 459.1623, observed [M⁺] = 459.1614.



1-(2-(3-nitrophenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3o**). Prepared via Procedure B from 3-nitrostyrene (**1o**) and obtained as a light-brown powder (83.5 mg, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.91 (s, 2H), 7.81–7.55 (m, 7H), 7.46–7.01 (m, 11H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.3, 154.1, 148.6, 137.1, 134.8, 132.9, 132.6, 132.5, 132.4, 130.8, 130.6, 130.2, 130.1, 129.1, 127.2, 124.0, 121.7, 53.4, 49.0. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.98, –152.03. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 470.1863, observed [M⁺] = 470.1852.



1-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3p**). Prepared via Procedure A from 2-vinylnaphthalene (**1p**) and obtained as a yellow powder (89.0 mg, 79% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.14 (s, 2H), 8.08–7.96 (m, 6H), 7.85–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.72–7.16 (m, 13H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.2, 154.0, 134.9, 134.0, 133.4, 132.8, 132.6, 132.4, 132.1, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.8, 123.1, 54.8, 48.6. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.94, –152.00. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 475.2169, observed [M⁺] = 475.2159.



2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(2-(o-tolyl)aziridin-1-yl)pyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3q**). Prepared via Procedure B from 2-methylstyrene (**1q**) and obtained as a brown powder (88.4 mg, 84% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.15 (s, 2H), 8.06–7.91 (m, 6H), 7.69–7.28 (m, 9H), 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.96–6.85 (m, 2H), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.2, 153.9, 136.4, 134.9, 133.4, 132.8, 132.5, 132.2, 130.7, 130.6, 130.4, 129.9, 129.1, 128.5, 127.1, 126.7, 124.4, 51.4, 50.1, 18.6. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.93, –151.98. HRMS-ESI+: calculated for [M+] = 439.2169, observed [M+] = 439.2164.



1-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3r**). Prepared via Procedure A from 2-vinylanisole (**1r**) and obtained as a yellow powder (66.2 mg, 61% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.13 (s, 2H), 8.04–7.85 (m, 6H), 7.70–7.23 (m, 9H), 7.15 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.77 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.28–2.23 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 158.0, 154.2, 153.9, 134.9, 132.8, 132.4, 132.2, 130.7, 130.6, 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 127.1, 125.5, 122.8, 121.0, 110.9, 55.7, 49.3, 48.8. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ – 152.37, –152.42. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 455.2118, observed [M⁺] = 455.2110.



1-(2-(2-bromophenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3s**). Prepared via Procedure B from 2-bromostyrene (**1s**) and obtained as a brown powder (89.9 mg, 76% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,CD₃CN) δ 8.17 (s, 2H), 8.05–7.90 (m, 6H), 7.71–7.36 (m, 9H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.07 (m, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.3, 154.2, 134.8, 134.4, 132.9, 132.9, 132.3, 132.3, 130.7, 130.6, 130.6, 130.1, 129.1, 128.4, 127.2, 126.8, 123.0, 53.6, 49.9. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –152.14, –152.19. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 503.1117, observed [M⁺] = 503.1116.



1-(2-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3t**). Prepared via Procedure A from 2-vinylbenzo[b]thiophene (**1t**) and obtained as a yellow powder (68.2 mg, 60% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.86 (s, 2H), 7.76–7.67 (m, 6H), 7.58–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.08 (m, 10H), 7.08–6.99 (m, 2H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 154.3, 154.1, 139.8, 139.5, 138.6, 134.8, 132.9, 132.6, 132.5, 130.8, 130.6, 130.1, 129.1, 127.2, 125.7, 125.5, 124.9, 124.3, 123.1, 52.0, 49.7. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –152.04, – 152.09. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 481.1773, observed [M⁺] = 481.1727.



1-(2-methyl-3-phenylaziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (cis-**3u**). Prepared via Procedure A from trans-β-methylstyrene. Only the cis-isomer was isolated in analytical purity and obtained as a yellow solid (21.2 mg, 20% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.12 (s, 2H), 8.04–7.85 (m, 6H), 7.68–7.35 (m, 9H), 7.22–7.09 (m, 3H), 6.88–6.81 (m, 2H), 3.66 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dq, J = 8.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 0.18 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H).



1-(2-(4-((2,3-dioxoindolin-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3**v). Prepared via Procedure A from 1-(4-vinylbenzyl)indoline-2,3-dione (**1**v)and obtained as a red powder (90.0 mg, 67% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.12 (s, 2H), 8.05–7.83 (m, 6H), 7.72–7.20 (m, 11H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.90–4.74 (m, 2H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 184.6, 159.3, 154.0, 151.6, 139.1, 136.4, 134.8, 134.5, 132.8, 132.5, 132.4, 130.7, 130.6, 130.5, 130.0, 129.1, 127.8, 127.0, 126.9, 125.5, 124.7, 118.7, 112.2, 54.2, 48.9, 43.9. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.56, – 151.61. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 584.2333, observed [M⁺] = 584.2335.



1-(2-((8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6Hcvclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3**w). Prepared via Procedure А from (8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-3-vinyl-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16-decahydro-17H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one (**1**w. 1.05 mmol) on 1.05 mmol scale and obtained as a yellow powder (453.3 mg, 63% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.15 (s, 2H), 8.08–7.78 (m, 6H), 7.75–7.14 (m, 9H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 3.48–3.33 (m, 1H), 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.62 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.52–2.30 (m, 3H), 2.23 (d, / = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.12–1.97 (m, 4H), 1.86 (dt, / = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.71–1.30 (m, 6H), 0.90 (d, / = 13.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 220.9, 154.2, 153.9, 141.2, 137.0, 134.9, 132.8, 132.6, 132.5, 131.6, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.1, 128.0, 127.1, 125.8, 122.9, 54.7, 51.1, 48.6, 48.3, 45.0, 38.9, 36.2, 32.4, 29.7, 27.0, 26.5, 22.1, 14.2.19F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ -151.89, -151.95. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 601.3213, observed [M⁺] = 601.3220.



1-(2-(4-(((2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoyl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-

triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (3x). Prepared via Procedure A from 4-vinylbenzyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (**1**x, 1.90 mmol) on 1.9 mmol scale and obtained as an orange powder (785.7 mg, 57% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.15 (s, 2H), 8.07–7.79 (m, 6H), 7.71–7.27 (m, 9H), 7.21–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 5.16–4.86 (m, 2H), 3.79 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (ddd, *J* = 5.8, 3.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (dtd, *J* = 13.6, 6.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 175.0, 154.2, 154.1, 141.6, 139.1, 137.7, 134.9, 134.5, 132.9, 132.5, 132.5, 130.8, 130.6, 130.3, 130.0, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.1, 126.5, 66.38, 66.36, 54.3, 49.0, 45.8, 45.7, 45.4, 31.0, 22.5, 18.8, 18.7. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.85, –151.91. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 643.3391, observed [M⁺] = 643.3318.



1-(2-(3-((2-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)(methyl)amino)-2-methylphenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3**y). Prepared via Procedure A from methyl 2-(methyl(2-methyl-3-vinylphenyl)amino)benzoate (**1**y, 0.30 mmol) on 0.3 mmol scale and obtained as a brown powder (154.2 mg, 82% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.17 (s, 2H), 8.03–7.90 (m, 6H), 7.70–7.36 (m, 11H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.94–6.84 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.72 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 154.2, 152.9, 149.1, 148.9, 134.9, 134.9, 133.7, 132.1, 131.8, 131.6, 131.2, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.3, 124.7, 122.9, 120.0, 119.7, 118.1, 51.5, 51.1, 49.8, 41.6, 13.6. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.95, –152.00. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 602.2802, observed [M⁺] = 602.2804.



1-(2-(4-(((4-(N,N-dipropylsulfamoyl)benzoyl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3z**). Prepared via Procedure A from 4-vinylbenzyl 4-(N,N-dipropylsulfamoyl)benzoate (**1z**, 1.6 mmol) on 1.6 mmol scale and obtained as a yellow powder (547.9 mg, 42% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.21–8.13 (m, 4H), 8.05– 7.83 (m, 8H), 7.71–7.28 (m, 9H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 3.50 (dtd, *J* = 8.3, 4.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.17–3.02 (m, 4H), 2.69 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (ddd, *J* = 6.1, 3.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (h, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 165.8, 154.2, 154.1, 145.3, 137.2, 135.0, 134.9, 134.5, 132.9, 132.5, 131.1, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 127.1, 126.7, 67.6, 54.3, 50.7, 49.0, 22.6, 11.3. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CD₃CN) δ –151.93, –151.99. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M⁺] = 722.3047, observed [M⁺] = 722.3045.

B.6 Cross-Coupling of Pyridinium Aziridines



Procedure A A 20-mL scintillation vial was charged with Ni(Phen)Br₂ (20 mol%), potassium phosphate (2.8 equiv), aryl boronic acid (**4**, 2.4 equiv), pyridinium aziridine (**3**, 1 equiv) and a magnetic stir bar⁴. In an N₂ filled dry box, a solution of 2,4,6-collidine in acetonitrile (0.08 M, 1.0 equiv) was added to the scintillation vial with the rest of the reaction components. The reaction vial was heated at 65 °C for 36 h. After cooling to 23 °C, the reaction mixture was transferred to a centrifuge tube and centrifuged at 6000 rpm for 10 min. The supernatent was decanted. The residue was washed with CH₂Cl₂ and the combined supernatents were concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified as indicated below to afford the title compound.

Procedure B A 20-mL scintillation vial was charged with Ni(Phen)Br₂ (20 mol%), potassium carbonate (2.8 equiv), aryl boronic acid (4, 2.4 equiv), pyridinium aziridine (3, 1 equiv) and a magnetic stir bar. In an N₂ fill dry box, a solution of 2,4,6-collidine in acetonitrile (0.08 M, 1.0 equiv) was added to the reaction. The reaction was heated at 65 °C for 36 h. After colling to 23 °C, the reaction mixture was transferred to a centrifuge tube and centrifuged at 6000 rpm for 10 minutes. The supernatent was decanted. The residue was washed with CH_2Cl_2 and the combined supernatents were concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified as indicated below to afford the title compound.



1,2-diphenylaziridine (*5a*). Prepared via Procedure A from **3a** on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3a**) and obtained as a colorless oil (17.8 mg, 57% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (0.1% to 1% diethyl ether in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30–7.20 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.09 (m, 3H), 6.96–6.92 (m, 2H), 6.87 (m, 1H), 2.99 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.7, 139.6, 129.2, 128.6, 127.5, 126.3, 122.7, 120.7, 41.7, 37.7. These spectral data are well-matched to those reported in the literature.¹⁸



2-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)aziridine (5b). Prepared via Procedure A from **3a** on 0.08 mmol scale (based on **3a**) and obtained as a yellow oil (12.6 mg, 67% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (0.1% to 1% diethyl ether in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.05

⁴ All reaction components were weighed out under air and carried into an N₂ filled dry box.

(dd, J = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, J = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H). These spectral data are well-matched to those reported in the literature.¹⁸



1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-phenylaziridine (5c).Prepared via Procedure A from 3a on 0.16 mmol scale (based on 3a) and obtained as a white solid (17.4 mg, 40% yield). Purified by C₁₈ HPLC using 100% acetonitrile at 40 mL/min flow rate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.37 (m, 6H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.11 (m, 2H), 3.17 (dd, J = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, J = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 141.0, 139.5, 135.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 126.9, 126.4, 121.1, 41.9, 37.9. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 272.1434, observed [M+1] = 272.1431.



1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylaziridine (5d). Prepared via Procedure B from 3a on 0.08 mmol scale (based on 3a) and obtained as a colorless oil (10.8 mg, 60% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (1% to 2% diethyl ether in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.03 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dd, J = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H). These spectral data are well-matched to those reported in the literature.¹⁸



4-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)benzaldehyde (**5e**). Prepared via Procedure B from **3a** on 0.08 mmol scale (based on **3a**) and obtained as a white solid (17.9 mg, >99% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (1% to 5% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 9.86 (s, 1H), 7.86–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.29 (ddt, *J* = 6.4, 5.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.11 (m, 2H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 192.0, 161.4, 139.9, 132.4, 131.9, 129.5, 128.5, 127.2, 121.8, 42.3, 38.2. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 224.1070, observed [M+1] = 224.1066.



1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenylaziridine (5f). Prepared via Procedure B from **3a** on 0.08 mmol scale (based on **3a**) and obtained as a white solid (18.9 mg, 86% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (0.1% to 1% diethyl ether in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.32 (m, 6H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 1H), 6.96–6.79 (m, 2H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.4 Hz,

1H), 2.52–2.33 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.8, 139.0, 132.0, 128.7, 127.6, 126.3, 122.5, 115.1, 41.9, 37.8. HRMS-ESI⁺: calculated for [M+1] = 306.0448, 308.0468, observed [M+1] = 306.0485, 308.0464. These spectral data are well-matched to those reported in the literature.¹⁸



1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenylaziridine (**5g**). Prepared via Procedure A from **3a** on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3a**) and obtained as a colorless oil (16.4 mg, 45% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (0.1% to 1% diethyl ether in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 4H), 7.36–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.94 (m, 2H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.49–2.36 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.1, 138.9, 129.0, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.2, 121.8, 41.8, 37.7. These spectral data are well-matched to those reported in the literature.¹⁸



1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylaziridine (5h). Prepared via Procedure A from **3a** on 0.08 mmol scale (based on **3a**) and obtained as a colorless oil (11.7 mg, 69% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (0.1% to 1% diethyl ether in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.04–6.89 (m, 4H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.6 (d, *J* = 240.5 Hz), 150.5 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 139.1, 128.5, 127.4, 126.2, 121.6 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 115.6 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 41.9, 37.8. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –121.37. These spectral data are well-matched to those reported in the literature.¹⁸



2-phenyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)aziridine (5i). Prepared via Procedure B from 3a on 0.08 mmol scale (based on 3a) and obtained as a colorless oil (13.6 mg, 65% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (0.1% to 1% diethyl ether in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.15–7.03 (m, 2H), 3.16 (dd, J = 6.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, J = 6.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 138.7, 128.7, 127.8, 126.5, 126.5, 126.4, 126.4, 126.3, 125.9, 124.9, 124.5, 123.2, 120.8, 41.8, 37.8. ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –61.74. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 264.0995, observed [M+1] = 264.0990. These spectral data are well-matched to those reported in the literature.¹⁸



ethyl 4-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)benzoate (5j). Prepared via Procedure A from **3a** on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3a**). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography and obtained as a colorless oil (22.2 mg, 52% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98–7.93 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.10–7.01 (m, 2H), 4.35 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). These spectral data are well-matched to those reported in the literature.¹⁸



1-(3-(methylthio)phenyl)-2-phenylaziridine (**5k**). Prepared via Procedure A from **3a** on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3a**) and obtained as a colorless oil (28.6 mg, 74% yield). Purified by C₁₈ HPLC using 100% acetonitrile at 40 mL/min flow rate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.41–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.33–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 1.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.38 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 156.4, 140.6, 140.4, 130.4, 129.4, 128.2, 127.2, 121.0, 118.7, 118.2, 42.1, 38.1, 15.4. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 242.0998, observed [M+1] = 242.0999.



Synthesis of aziridine **5l** was attempted by reacting pyridinium aziridine **3a** with otolylboronic acid as well as (2,4-dimethylphenyl)boronic acid via both Procedure A and Procedure B. None of the combinations gave the desired aziridine product **5l** detectable by the ¹H NMR spectrum of the crude mixture.



1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(p-tolyl)aziridine (**5m**). Prepared via Procedure B from **3b** on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3b**) and obtained as a white solid (30.9 mg, 67% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (0.1% to 1% diethyl ether in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.12 (m, 2H), 6.97–6.85 (m, 2H), 3.04 (dd, J = 6.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43–2.36 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.9, 137.4, 136.0, 132.0, 129.3, 126.2, 122.4, 115.0, 41.8, 37.7, 21.3. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 320.0645, 322.0624, observed [M+1] = 320.0646, 322.0625.



2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1-(4-bromophenyl)aziridine (5n). Prepared via Procedure B from 3c on 0.16 mmol scale (based on 3c). The title compound was purified by C₁₈ HPLC using 100% acetonitrile at 40 mL/min flow rate, which did not give a baseline separation and obtained as a mixture containing 23% of 2,4,6-triphenylpyridine. Spectroscopic data were extracted by comparing the spectra of the mixture with those of 2,4,6-triphenylpyridine, and the yield was determined to be 50% by integration of the ¹H NMR spectrum. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64–7.58 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 3H), 6.98–6.92 (m, 2H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.48–2.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.7, 140.9, 140.6, 138.1, 132.1, 128.9, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.7, 122.5, 115.2, 41.7, 37.9. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 350.0539, 352.0518, observed [M+1] = 350.0530, 352.0508.



4-(1-(4-bromophenyl)aziridin-2-yl)phenyl acetate (**50**). Prepared via Procedure B from **3f** on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3f**) and obtained as a colorless oil (21.5 mg, 42% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (1% to 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.14–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.83 (m, 2H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 153.6, 150.2, 136.7, 132.1, 127.3, 122.4, 121.8, 115.2, 41.4, 37.9, 21.3. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 332.0281, 334.0260, observed [M+1] = 332.0279, 334.0256.



1-(4-(1-(p-tolyl)aziridin-2-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (**5***p*). Prepared via Procedure A from **3g** on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3g**) and obtained as a white solid (31.9 mg, 79% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (1% to 5% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07–7.89 (m, 2H), 7.57–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.11–7.00 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.90 (m, 2H), 3.09 (dd, J = 6.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.49 (dd, J = 6.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8, 151.7, 145.4, 136.3, 132.3, 129.7, 128.7, 126.4, 120.4, 41.4, 38.3, 26.7, 20.8. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 252.1383, observed [M+1] = 252.1382.



1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)aziridine (5q). Prepared via Procedure B from **3p** on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3p**) and obtained as a colorless oil (32.0 mg, 62% yield). Purified

by C₁₈ HPLC using 100% acetonitrile at 40 mL/min flow rate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91–7.74 (m, 4H), 7.52–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 2H), 6.99–6.94 (m, 2H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.56–2.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.8, 136.5, 133.5, 133.1, 132.1, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 126.5, 126.0, 125.3, 124.1, 122.5, 115.2, 42.2, 38.0. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 324.0382, 326.0362, observed [M+1] = 324.0381, 326.0359.



2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1-(p-tolyl)aziridine (**5***r*). Prepared via Procedure B from **3***r* on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3***r*) and obtained as a yellow oil (16.3 mg, 43% yield). Purified by C₁₈ HPLC using 100% acetonitrile at 40 mL/min flow rate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.03–6.99 (m, 2H), 6.96 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.40 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 152.7, 131.8, 129.6, 128.3, 127.9, 126.9, 120.8, 120.7, 110.2, 55.6, 37.1, 36.7, 20.9. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 240.1383, observed [M+1] = 240.1385.



2-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-1-(p-tolyl)aziridine (**5s**). Prepared via Procedure A on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3t**) and obtained as a yellow oil (15.3 mg, 36% yield). Purified by C₁₈ HPLC using 100% acetonitrile at 40 mL/min flow rate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.75–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.11–7.05 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.96 (m, 2H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.4, 145.3, 140.1, 139.3, 132.5, 129.8, 124.4, 124.1, 123.2, 122.5, 121.0, 120.5, 38.7, 38.5, 20.9. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 266.0998, observed [M+1] = 266.0998.



6-methoxy-2-(4-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)phenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (5t). Prepared via Procedure A from **3a** on 0.08 mmol scale (based on **3a**) and obtained as a pale-yellow oil (37.2 mg, 65% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (5% to 20% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00–7.86 (m, 3H), 7.43–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 157.7, 156.9, 148.9, 139.0, 136.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 126.3, 123.5, 121.1, 115.5, 104.4, 55.9, 41.9, 37.9. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 359.1213, observed [M+1] = 359.1211.



2-(5-methoxy-2-methyl-1-(4-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)benzoyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)acetate (*5u*). Prepared via Procedure A from **3a** and **4a** on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3a**) and obtained as a white solid (52.5 mg, 72% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (3% to 10% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.24 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 169.0, 159.2, 155.9, 138.5, 136.3, 131.7, 131.2, 130.5, 129.3, 128.7, 127.8, 126.3, 120.7, 115.0, 111.8, 111.6, 101.1, 55.9, 52.2, 41.9, 37.9, 30.4, 13.2. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 455.1965, observed [M+1] = 455.1962.



ethyl 4-(8-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)-5,6-dihydro-11H-benzo[5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridin-11ylidene)piperidine-1-carboxylate (**5**v). Prepared via Procedure A from **3a** and **4b** on 0.11 mmol scale (based on **3a**) and obtained as a yellow oil (32.1 mg, 63% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (3% to 10% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.93 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.07 (m, 1H), 7.02–6.85 (m, 5H), 6.72 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (qd, *J* = 7.1, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 3.36–3.18 (m, 2H), 3.03–2.90 (m, 2H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.49–2.31 (m, 2H), 2.06–1.86 (m, 5H), 1.83–1.75 (m, 1H), 0.82 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 3H).⁵ ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 159.5, 159.4, 156.1, 155.0, 147.3, 140.7, 139.69, 139.67, 137.92, 137.90, 136.72, 136.70, 135.8, 134.8, 134.2, 134.1, 130.9, 129.4, 128.2, 127.1, 123.1, 122.3, 122.2, 118.9, 118.8, 61.8, 45.7, 45.6, 42.14, 42.08, 38.1, 38.0, 32.6, 31.9, 31.8, 31.4, 31.3, 15.0.⁵ HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 466.2489, observed [M+1] = 466.2485.



*N*¹,*N*¹-*dimethyl*-*N*²-(4-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)benzyl)-*N*²-(pyridin-2-yl)ethane-1,2-diamine (**5***w*). Prepared via Procedure A from **3a** and **4c** on 0.14 mmol scale (based on **3a**) and obtained as a colorless oil (12.6 mg, 24% yield). Purified by alumina column chromatography

⁵ The complexity of the spectra data is due to the presence of interconverting rotamers of the carbamate in **5v**.

(1% to 10% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.16 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 2.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.33 (m, 5H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.53 (ddd, *J* = 7.1, 4.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 3.66–3.59 (m, 2H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.52–2.46 (m, 2H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 153.6, 148.2, 139.6, 137.3, 133.0, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 126.3, 120.8, 111.9, 105.9, 56.9, 51.5, 46.7, 46.0, 41.8, 37.8. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 373.2387, observed [M+1] = 373.2384.



(8*R*,9*S*,13*S*,14*S*)-13-methyl-3-(1-(*p*-tolyl)aziridin-2-yl)-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16-decahydro-17*H*-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one (**5***x*). Prepared via Procedure A from **3***v* on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3***w*) and obtained as a white solid (18.7 mg, 30% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (3% to 10% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.97–6.90 (m, 2H), 3.00 (ddd, *J* = 6.5, 3.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 2.57– 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.40 (dt, *J* = 6.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39–2.30 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.20–1.93 (m, 4H), 1.71–1.40 (m, 6H), 0.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 221.0, 152.3, 139.0, 137.2, 136.9, 132.0, 129.7, 126.7, 125.6, 123.9, 120.5, 50.7, 48.1, 44.5, 41.5, 38.3, 37.7, 36.0, 31.7, 29.5, 26.6, 25.9, 21.7, 20.8, 14.0. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 386.2478, observed [M+1] = 386.2482.



(8R,9S,13S,14S)-3-(1-(4-bromophenyl)aziridin-2-yl)-13-methyl-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16decahydro-17H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one (**5**y). Prepared via Procedure B from **3v** on 0.16 mmol scale (based on **3w**) and obtained as a pale-yellow solid (23.4 mg, 32% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (3% to 10% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.95–6.89 (m, 2H), 3.06–2.99 (m, 1H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 18.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46–2.38 (m, 3H), 2.37–2.27 (m, 1H), 2.19–1.94 (m, 4H), 1.68–1.40 (m, 6H), 0.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 220.9, 153.9, 139.3, 137.0, 136.5, 132.0, 126.7, 125.7, 123.9, 122.4, 115.1, 50.7, 48.1, 47.6, 44.5, 41.7, 38.3, 37.8, 36.0, 31.7, 26.6, 25.9, 21.7, 14.0. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 482.1689, 484.1669, observed [M+1] = 482.1690, 484.1666.



4-(1-(p-tolyl)aziridin-2-yl)benzyl 4-(N,N-dipropylsulfamoyl)benzoate (5z). Prepared via Procedure A from **3z** on 0.1 mmol scale (based on **3z**) and obtained as a yellow oil (29.5 mg, 58% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (5% to 20% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25–8.15 (m, 2H), 7.93–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.10–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.97–6.90 (m, 2H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 3.19–2.97 (m, 5H), 2.44 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.60–1.47 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 152.0, 144.5, 140.3, 134.6, 133.6, 132.2, 130.5, 129.7, 128.8, 127.2, 126.7, 120.5, 67.3, 50.0, 41.5, 37.9, 22.1, 20.8, 11.3.HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 507.2312, observed [M+1] = 507.2318.



4-(1-(*p*-tolyl)aziridin-2-yl)benzyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (**5aa**). Prepared via Procedure A from **3x** on 0.12 mmol scale (based on **3x**) and obtained as a yellow oil (32.4 mg, 63% yield). Purified by alumina flash column chromatography (1% to 5% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 4H), 7.09–6.99 (m, 4H), 6.93–6.86 (m, 2H), 5.23–4.87 (m, 2H), 3.71 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 1.81 (dp, *J* = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.8, 152.1, 140.7, 139.6, 137.7, 135.2, 132.1, 129.7, 129.5, 128.1, 127.4, 126.4, 120.5, 66.3, 45.3, 45.2, 41.5, 37.8, 30.3, 22.5, 20.8, 18.6, 14.6. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 428.2584, observed [M+1] = 428.2584.



4-(1-(4-bromophenyl)aziridin-2-yl)benzyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (**5ab**). Prepared via Procedure B from **3x** on 0.12 mmol scale (based on **3x**) and obtained as a colorless oil (38.7 mg, 65% yield). Purified by alumina column chromatography (1% to 3% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.19 (m, 4H), 7.13–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.94–6.88 (m, 2H), 5.17–5.04 (m, 2H), 3.76 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (dp, *J* = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.6, 153.6, 140.7, 138.9, 137.7, 135.5, 132.0, 129.4, 128.2, 127.4, 126.4, 122.4, 115.2, 66.2, 45.3, 45.2, 41.6, 37.8, 30.3, 22.5, 18.5. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 492.1553, 494.1512, observed [M+1] = 492.1533, 494.1509.



4-(1-(4-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)aziridin-2-yl)benzyl dipropylsulfamoyl)benzoate (**3ac**). Prepared via Procedure A from **3z** on 0.12 mmol scale (based on **3z**) and obtained as a yellow solid (32.3 mg, 41% yield). Purified by alumina column chromatography (5% to 20% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22–8.15 (m, 2H), 7.97–7.83 (m, 5H), 7.51–7.39 (m, 4H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.14–3.05 (m, 4H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.61–1.47 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 165.2, 157.7, 156.7, 148.9, 144.6, 139.6, 136.3, 135.0, 133.5, 130.5, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 126.7, 123.5, 121.1, 115.6, 104.4, 67.3, 56.0, 50.0, 41.6, 38.0, 22.1, 11.3. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 656.2247, observed [M+1] = 656.2253.



4-(1-(4-(5-methoxy-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-methyl-1H-indole-1carbonyl)phenyl)aziridin-2-yl)benzyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (**3ad**). Prepared via Procedure A from **3x** and **4a** on 0.12 mmol scale (based on **3x**) and obtained as a yellow solid (53.9, 67% yield). Purified by alumina column chromatography (5% to 20% ethyl acetate in hexane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,CDCl₃) δ 7.70–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.19 (m, 4H), 7.11–7.07 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.18–5.06 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.76 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.86 (dp, *J* = 13.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 171.6, 169.0, 159.0, 155.9, 140.7, 138.4, 137.7, 136.3, 135.8, 131.8, 131.2, 130.5, 129.5, 129.4, 128.2, 127.4, 126.4, 120.7, 115.0, 111.8, 111.6, 101.1, 66.1, 55.9, 52.2, 45.3, 45.2, 41.6, 37.9, 30.3, 22.5, 18.5, 13.2. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 673.3272, observed [M+1] = 673.3274.

B.7 Nucleophilic Opening of Pyridinium Aziridines



Procedure A The following procedure was carried out in an N₂-filled dry box. A 20-mL scintillation vial was charged with 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)pyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**3**, 300 mg, 0.586 mmol, 1.00 equiv), BF₃·OEt₂ (0.075 mL, 0.59 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). A 25-mL Schlenk tube is charged with the appropriate nucleophile (0.703 mmol, 1.20 equiv). The CH₂Cl₂ solution of **3** and BF₃·OEt₂ was added to the Schlenk flask that contained the nucleophile. The resulting reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 23 °C for 16 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by SiO₂ gel chromatography (eluent 2:1 ethyl acetate:hexane) to afford the title compound.

Procedure B The following procedure was carried out in an N₂-filled dry box. A 20-mL scintillation vial was charged with 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)pyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**3**, 300 mg, 0.586 mmol, 1.00 equiv), BF₃·OEt₂ (0.075 mL, 0.586 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). A 25-mL Schlenk tube is charged with the appropriate nucleophile (0.703 mmol, 1.20 equiv). The CH₂Cl₂ solution of **3** and BF₃·OEt₂ was added to the Schlenk flask that contained the nucleophile. The resulting reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 41 °C for 48 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by SiO₂ gel chromatography (eluent 2:1 ethyl acetate:hexane) to afford the title compound.



1-((2-bromo-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**6a**). Prepared via Procedure B from tetrabutylammonium bromide as nucleophile and obtained in 98% NMR yield. ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.88 (s, 2H), 7.85–7.83 (m, 4H), 7.77–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.51 (m, 9H), 7.14 (dt, *J* = 12.8, 6.6 Hz, 3H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H)4.34 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.37–3.25 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (δ , 23 °C, 376 MHz, CDCl₃): –78.3. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M⁺] = 505.1274, 507.1253, observed [M⁺] = 505.1256, 507.1235. Attempts to isolate **6a** by column chromatography led to recovery of 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)pyridinium tetrafluoroborate **3a**.



1-((2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**6b**). Prepared via Procedure B from tetrabutylammonium chloride as nucleophile and obtained in 98% NMR yield. ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.94 (s, 2H), 7.89–7.86 (m, 4H), 7.81– 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 22.6, 6.9 Hz, 9H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 3H), 6.90–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.56 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37–4.33 (m, 1H), 3.24–3.20 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (δ , 23 °C, 376 MHz, CDCl₃): –78.3. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M⁺] = 461.1779, observed [M⁺] = 461.1762. Attempts to isolate **6b** by column chromatography led to recovery of 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(2-phenylaziridin-1yl)pyridinium tetrafluoroborate **3a**.



1-((2-fluoro-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**6***c*). A 25-ml Schlenk tube was charged with 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)pyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**3**, 300 mg, 0.586 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) under N₂. HF-pyridine was added to the CH₂CL₂ solution of **3a** dropwise at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 23 °C for 16 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by SiO₂ gel chromatography to obtain the product as white solid (281 mg, 90% yield). ¹H NMR (δ, 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.87–7.90 (m, 4H), 7.89 (s, 2H), 7.76 (dq, *J* = 6.3, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62–7.48 (m, 9H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 3H), 6.85–6.83 (m, 2H), 6.55 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (ddd, *J* = 48.1, 6.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11–3.08 (m, 1H), 3.06–3.02 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (δ, 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 156.0, 155.9, 135.8, 135.6, 134.4, 132.1, 131.6, 130.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.0, 125.2, 125.1, 92.5, 90.8, 55.9, 55.6 ¹⁹F NMR (δ, 23 °C, 376 MHz, CDCl₃): –152.8 (d, *J* = 20.6 Hz), –184.1 (dt, *J* = 47.2, 24.2 Hz). HRMS-ESI: calculated for [M⁺] = 445.2075, observed [M⁺] = 445.2072.



1-((2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**6d**). Prepared via Procedure A from water as nucleophile and obtained as an off-white solid (171 mg, 55% yield). ¹H NMR (δ, 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.88 (s, 2H), 7.87–7.84 (m, 4H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62–7.49 (m, 9H), 7.13–7.11 (m, 3H), 6.84–6.81 (m, 2H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.92–2.77 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (δ, 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 155.5, 155.4, 140.1, 134.3, 132.1, 131.6, 130.8, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 128.5, 128.2,

127.8, 126.8, 125.5, 70.4, 58.2. ¹⁹F NMR (δ, 23 °C, 376 MHz, CDCl₃): –152.46, –152.51. HRMS-ESI: calculated for [M+] = 443.2118, observed [M+] = 443.2115.



1-((2-ethoxy-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate (6e). Prepared via Procedure A from ethanol as nucleophile and obtained as a yellow solid (320 mg, 98% yield). ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.78 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.46 (bs, 1H), 8.26 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.58 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (δ , 23 °C, 101 MHz, CDCl₃): 155.3, 155.2, 138.3, 134.4, 132.0, 131.5, 130.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.0, 126.3, 78.4, 64.1, 57.0, 15.2. ¹⁹F NMR (δ , 23 °C, 376 MHz, CDCl₃): -153.21, -153.26. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M⁺] = 471.2431, observed [M⁺] = 471.2424.



2,4,6-triphenyl-1-((2-phenyl-2-(p-tolyloxy)ethyl)amino) pyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**6***f*). Prepared via Procedure A from *p*-cresol as nucleophile and obtained as a light-yellow solid (75 mg, 31% yield). ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.92 (s, 2H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 4H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.59–7.53 (m, 9H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 3H), 6.91–6.83 (m, 5H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.71–4.68 (m, 1H), 3.14–3.03 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H).¹³C NMR (δ , 23 °C, 101 MHz, CDCl₃): 155.6, 155.4, 154.5, 137.3, 134.6, 132.0, 131.5, 130.9, 130.6, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 127.1, 125.8, 115.3, 56.8, 20.5. ¹⁹F NMR (δ , 23 °C, 376 MHz, CDCl₃): –152.85, –152.90. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M⁺] = 533.2583.



1-((2-azido-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**6***g*). Prepared via Procedure A from tetrabutylammonium azide as nucleophile and obtained as an off-white solid (254 mg, 78% yield). ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.89–7.87 (m, 6H), 7.77–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.48 (m, 9H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 3H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.99–2.85 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (δ , 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 155.9, 155.5, 135.4, 134.4, 132.0, 131.5, 130.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 127.1, 126.7, 63.3, 55.4. ¹⁹F NMR (δ, 23 °C, 377 MHz, CDCl₃): –152.66, – 152.71. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M⁺] = 468.2183, observed [M⁺] = 468.2192.



2,4,6-triphenyl-1-((2-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)ethyl)amino) pyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**6h**). Prepared via Procedure B from aniline as nucleophile and obtained as a yellow solid (251 mg, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (δ, 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.86 (s, 2H), 7.82–7.80 (m, 4H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61–7.47 (m, 9H), 7.15–7.08 (m, 3H), 6.95 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.85–6.82 (m, 2H), 6.58 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.01–3.99 (m, 1H), 3.54 (s, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (δ, 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 155.9, 155.6, 146.2, 138.5, 134.3, 132.1, 131.6, 130.7, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 127.7, 127.0, 126.0, 117.7, 113.4, 56.5, 55.1. ¹⁹F NMR (δ, 23 °C, 376 MHz, CDCl₃): –152.61, –152.66. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M⁺] = 518.2591, observed [M⁺] = 518.2584.



1-((2-(9H-carbazol-9-yl)-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylp pyridinium tetrafluoroborate (6i). Prepared via Procedure B from carbazole as nucleophile and obtained as light-yellow solid (378 mg, 95% yield). ¹H NMR (δ, 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.03–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.75–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.62 (m, 4H), 7.53–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 4H), 7.11 (dq, *J* = 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 3H), 6.79–6.73 (m, 4H), 5.70 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (δ, 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 156.0, 154.7, 139.3, 135.5, 134.4, 131.8, 131.3, 130.0, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.8, 127.3, 126.1, 125.9, 123.3, 120.1, 119.5, 110.0, 55.0, 51.9. ¹⁹F NMR (δ, 23 °C, 376 MHz, CDCl₃): –152.36, –152.44. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+] = 592.2747, observed [M+] = 592.2746.



2,4,6-triphenyl-1-((2-phenyl-2-(p-tolylthio)ethyl)amino)pyridinium tetrafluoroborate (6j). Prepared via Procedure B from p-thiocresol as nucleophile and obtained as light-yellow solid (268 mg, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.86 (s, 2H), 7.78–7.73 (m, 6H), 7.59–7.48 (m, 9H), 7.14–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.88–6.86 (m, 2H), 6.69–6.67 (m, 2H), 6.13–6.09 (m, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.19–3.12 (m, 1H), 3.08–3.01 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (δ , 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 156.0, 155.4, 138.1, 137.2, 134.4, 133.1, 132.1, 131.4, 130.7, 130.0, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 127.1, 55.5, 51.0, 21.3. ¹⁹F NMR (δ , 23 °C, 376 MHz, CDCl₃): –152.72, –152.77. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M⁺] = 549.2359, observed [M⁺] = 549.2350.

B.8 Cross-Coupling of N-Pyridinium Amines



The following procedure was carried out in an N₂-filled dry box. A 20-mL scintillation vial was charged with compound **6** (0.100 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and CH₃CN (1 mL). A separate 20-mL was charged with NiBr₂(dme) (3.1 mg, 0.010 mmol, 10 mol%), 1,10-phenanthroline (2.4 mg, 0.014 mmol, 0.14 equiv), K₃PO₄ (53.1 mg, 0.250 mmol, 2.50 equiv), *p*-toluyl boronic acid (20.4 mg, 0.150 mmol, 1.50 equiv). The CH₃CN solution of **6** was added to the vial containing NiBr₂·DME. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 18 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 23 °C. The reaction mixture was centrifuged for 10 min and the supernatant was decanted. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by alumina gel column chromatography to obtain the title compound.



N-(2-ethoxy-2-phenylethyl)-4-methylaniline (**7***e*). Prepared from 1-((2-ethoxy-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**6***e*) and obtained as a pale-yellow liquid (8.9 mg, 39% yield). The purification was done by alumina gel column chromatography using 95:5 hexanes:ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.40–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.49–3.25 (m, 4H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (δ , 23 °C, 126 MHz, CDCl₃): 145.6, 140.8, 129.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.4, 126.8, 114.1, 80.3, 64.6, 51.6, 20.6, 15.5. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 256.1696, observed [M+1] = 256.1693



4-methyl-N-(2-phenyl-2-(p-tolyloxy)ethyl)aniline (**7f**). Prepared from 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-((2-phenyl-2-(p-tolyloxy)ethyl)amino) pyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**6f**) and obtained as an orange solid (30 mg, 93% yield). The purification was done by alumina gel column chromatography using 95:5 hexanes:ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.40–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.01–6.96 (m, 4H), 6.76–6.73 (m, 2H), 6.61–6.58 (m, 2H), 5.29 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 1H), 3.55–3.46 (m, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (δ ,

23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 155.9, 145.5, 139.9, 130.5, 130.0, 129.9, 128.9, 128.1, 127.3, 126.3, 116.0, 113.8, 78.8, 51.6, 20.6, 20.5. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 318.1852, observed [M+1] = 318.1855.



N-(2-azido-2-phenylethyl)-4-methylaniline (**7***g*). Prepared from 1-((2-azido-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**6***g*) and obtained as a pale-yellow liquid (25 mg, 98% yield). The purification was done by alumina gel column chromatography using 95:5 hexanes:ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.45–7.34 (m, 5H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (qd, *J* = 13.4, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (δ , 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 144.7, 137.7, 130.1, 129.2, 128.8, 127.9, 127.2, 113.8, 65.0, 50.2, 20.6. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 253.1448, observed [M+1] = 253.1444.



*N*¹,1-*diphenyl*-*N*²-(*p*-*tolyl*)*ethane*-1,2-*diamine* (**7***h*). Prepared from 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-((2-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)ethyl)amino) pyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**6***h*) and obtained as an colorless solid (17 mg, 56% yield). The purification was done by alumina gel column chromatography using 95:5 hexanes:ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.41–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.28 (dt, *J* = 7.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03–7.00 (m, 2H), 6.69–6.62 (m, 3H), 6.57–6.54 (m, 2H), 4.62 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51–3.38 (m, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (δ , 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 147.3, 145.7, 141.6, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 127.7, 127.6, 126.6, 117.9, 113.8, 113.6, 57.6, 51.5, 20.5. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 303.1856, observed [M+1] = 303.1853.



N-(2-(9H-carbazol-9-yl)-2-phenylethyl)-4-methylaniline (7*i*). Prepared from 1-((2-(9H-carbazol-9-yl)-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate (6*i*) and obtained as a colorless solid (37 mg, 98% yield). The purification was done by alumina gel
column chromatography using 95:5 hexanes:ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR (δ, 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.45–7.34 (m, 5H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (qd, *J* = 13.4, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (δ, 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 144.7, 140.3, 138.2, 129.9, 129.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 125.8, 123.6, 120.4, 119.5, 113.8, 110.5, 56.3, 45.5, 20.5. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 377.2012, observed [M+1] = 377.2014.



4-methyl-N-(2-phenyl-2-(p-tolylthio)ethyl)aniline (**7***j*). Prepared from 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-((2-phenyl-2-(p-tolylthio)ethyl)amino)pyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**6***j*) and obtained as a pale-yellow liquid (28 mg, 85% yield). The purification was done by alumina gel column chromatography using 95:5 hexanes:ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR (δ, 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.33–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.24–7.22 (d, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63–3.49 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (δ, 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 145.0, 140.2, 138.0, 133.5, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 113.7, 52.8, 49.1, 21.3, 20.5. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 334.1624, observed [M+1] = 334.1618.



Methyl 2-(1-(4-((2-azido-2-phenylethyl)amino)benzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indol-3yl)acetate (**7k**). Prepared from 1-((2-azido-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6triphenylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**6g**) and obtained as a yellow liquid (26 mg, 53% yield). The purification was done by alumina gel column chromatography using 5:1 hexanes: ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.64–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.35 (m, 5H), 6.97–6.94 (m, 2H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.63–6.59 (m, 2H), 4.78 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 3.54–3.42 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (δ , 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 171.8, 168.9, 155.6, 151.6, 137.0, 136.3, 133.1, 131.4, 130.2, 129.3, 129.2, 127.1, 123.8, 114.8, 112.1, 111.4, 110.9, 101.0, 65.0, 55.9, 52.2, 48.7, 30.4, 13.0. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 498.2136, observed [M+1] = 498.2133.



Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-methyl-1-(4-((2-phenyl-2-(p-tolylthio)ethyl)amino)benzoyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)acetate (**7l**). Prepared from 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-((2-phenyl-2-(p-tolylthio)ethyl)amino)pyridinium tetrafluoroborate (**6j**) and obtained as a yellow liquid (50 mg, 86% yield). The purification was done by alumina gel column chromatography using 5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR (δ , 23 °C, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.23 (m, 7H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.47–6.44 (m, 2H), 4.51 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.71–3.57 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (δ , 23 °C, 100 MHz, CDCl₃): 171.8, 169.0, 155.6, 151.7, 139.5, 138.5, 136.3, 133.7, 133.1, 131.4, 130.2, 130.00, 129.8, 129.0, 128.1, 128.0, 123.4, 114.7, 112.1, 111.4, 110.8, 100.9, 55.9, 53.0, 52.2, 47.9, 30.4, 21.3, 12.9. HRMS-APCI: calculated for [M+1] = 579.2312, observed [M+1] = 579.2310.

C. Additional Data

C.1. Optimization of Vinyl Arene Aziridination Optimization tables for Procedure A

Table S1 Examination of the Impact of Solvent on Aziridination Efficiency.

Ph	+ Ph Ph BF ₄ Ph Ph Ph Ph Solvents, 4Å MS rt, 18 h, N ₂	$- Ph \xrightarrow{Ph} BF_4^{\Theta}$ $- Ph \xrightarrow{Ph} Ph$
	Solvents	sa NMR vield
	Solvents	
1	MeCN	42%
2	^t BuCN	19%
3	^{<i>i</i>} PrOAc	7%
4	PhMe	0
5	PhH	0
6	Propylene carbonate	26%
7	Propylene carbonate (10% in MeCN)	34%

Table S2 *Catalyst Screen for Styrene Aziridination Reaction.* Reactions were carried out using 0.2 mmol of styrene, 0.2 mmol of *N*-aminotriphenylpyridinium tetrafluoroborate, and 0.2 mmol of iodosylbenzene with 1 mL of acetonitrile in an N₂ filled dry box. NMR yields were determined by adding 5~10 mg of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard to the crude mixture after reaction workup.

~	Ph PhIO (1 equiv) BF ₄ Catalysts (10 mol%)	$\bigwedge_{N} \overset{Ph}{=} \overset{BF_{4}}{\downarrow} \overset{\Theta}{=} \overset{BF_{4}}{=} \overset{\Theta}{=} \Theta$
Ph 🥍	+ II⊕ Ph N Ph MeCN, 4Å MS	Ph Ph
1a	2	3a
Entry	Catalysts	NMR yield
1	None, under air	42%
2	CuI	53%
3	CuI (30 mol%)	53%
4	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	16%
5	Cu(OTf)2	20%
6	Fe(OTf)2	0
7	MnTPPCl	4%
8	FeTPPCl	8%
9	Rh ₂ (esp) ₂	35%
10	Rh2(tfacam)4	22%
11	AgOTf	25%
12	TBAI 5 mol%, I2 10 mol% (unde air)	r 21%
13	CuCl or CuBr	18%
14	CuI, BPhen	64%
15	Cu(MeCN)4(PF6)2, TBAI	19%
16	TBAI (5 mol%)	73%
17	KI (5 mol%)	18%
18	CsI (5 mol%)	27%
19	TEAI (5 mol%)	71%
20	Ph4PI (5 mol%)	36%

Table S3. Screen of Catalyst and Reagent Loading for Aziridination with 3-Nitrostyrene. Reactions were carried out using 0.2 mmol of 3-nitrostyrene with 1 mL of acetonitrile in an N_2 filled dry box. NMR yields were determined by comparing the product peak against the methylene peak from tetrabutylammonium iodide.

	0 ₂ N +	Ph BF ₄ F Ph BF ₄ Me	PhIO (y equiv) TBAI (z mol%) → CN, 4 Å MS, N ₂ 23 °C, 18 h	2N N C Ph	Ph BF ₄ ^O
Entry	Py*–NH2 equiv	PhIO equiv	TBAI loading	Time	NMR yield
0	1	1	5 mol%	18 h	40%
1	1	1.4	5 mol%	48 h	40%
2	1	1	15 mol%	18 h	49%
3	1.4	1.4	15 mol%	18 h	52%
4	1.4	1.4	21 mol%	18 h	58%

TBAI (mol%) Reagent (eq)	15	20	24	27	30	50
1.4	52%	58%	45%	45%	58%	48%
1.6	61%	67%	58%	51%	41%	
1.8	38%	61%	45%			
2.0	42%	39%				

Ph	Procedure A PhIO (1 equiv) − 4 TBAI (5 mol%)	$N \oplus H BF_4^{\Theta}$
R T + Ph N Ph NH₂ 1 2	Procedure B PhIO (1.6 equiv) TBAI (20 mol%) MeCN, 4 Å MS, N ₂ 23 °C, 18 h	R ^{fi} Ph 3
R	Procedure A	Procedure B
Н	73%	77%
2-Me	69%	99%
2-Br	61%	82%
2-0Me	74%	70%
3-Me	69%	84%
3-Br	40%	71%
3-Cl	51%	58%
3-NO2	40%	82%
4-Me	87%	95%
4-F	79%	83%
4-CF ₃	32%	72%
4-AcO	62%	97%
4-CO ₂ Et	58%	87%
4-NHBoc	55%	56%
4-Ph	82%	70%
4-CN	46%	94%
4-0Me	59%	45%
4-Ac	75%	
Isatin	77%	90%
Benzothiophene	62%	60%
2-Naph	85%	70%

Table S4. Head-to-Head NMR Yield Comparison of Procedure A with Procedure B for Styrene Aziridination.

C.2 Optimization of Pyridinium Aziridine Cross-Couplings

	Ph N. (Ph	NiCl ₂ •DME (10 mol%) Ligands (12 mol%)	
	BF ₄ Ph	0.8 equiv K ₂ CO ₃ (2.8 equiv) MeCN, 65 °C, 24 h	e
	3a	5b	
Entry	Catalyst loading	Ligands	NMR yield
1	10 mol%	4,4'-dmbpy, 12 mol%	0
2	10 mol%	1,10-Phen, 12 mol%	5%
3	10 mol%	1,10-Phen, 20 mol%	0
4	20 mol%	1,10-Phen, 20 mol%	36%
5	30 mol%	1,10-Phen, 30 mol%	67%
6	30 mol%	BPhen, 32 mol%	0
7	30 mol%	3,4,7,8-Me ₄ -1,10-Phen, 32 mol%	22%
8	30 mol%	2,9-Me2-1,10-Phen, 32 mol%	43%
9	30 mol%	terpy, 32 mol%	44%
10	30 mol%	dppf, 32 mol%	29%
11	30 mol%	PCy ₃ , 32 or 62 mol%	0
12	30 mol%	XPhos, 32 mol%	0

Table S5 Screen of Catalyst and Ligand Loading.



Table S6. Investigation of Nucleophiles in Transmetalation.

Table S7. Variations with Solvent and Bases.

	N ⊖ 1 ⁴ + (p. TolRO)	iCl ₂ •DME (30 mol%) 10-Phen (30 mol%)	Ph
Ph Ph Ph	• (<i>p</i> -1016O) ₃ — 0.8 equiv	K₂CO₃ (2.8 equiv) MeCN, 65 °C, 24 h	Me
3a			5b
Entry	Varia	tions	NMR yield
1	1,4-di	1,4-dioxane	
2	TH	THF	
3	K ₃ F	K ₃ PO ₄	
4	Cs ₂	203	0
5	KO ^t Bu		0
6	KF (2.8 equ	KF (2.8 equiv as base)	
7	KF (1 equiv	KF (1 equiv as additive)	

 Table S8. Investigation of Precatalyst.

	Ph [Ni] catalysts (x mol%) 1,10-Phen (x mol%)	
BF ₄ Ph	Ph 0.8 equiv K ₂ CO ₃ (2.8 equiv) MeCN, 65 °C, 24 h	Me
3a		5b
Entry	Catalysts	NMR yield
1	NiBr ₂ ·DME (20 mol%)	60%
2	Ni(OAc)2 (30 mol%)	0
3	Ni(OAc)2·4H2O (30 mol%)	13%
4	Ni(acac)2 (30 mol%)	0
5	Ni(cod)2 (30 mol%)	
6	Ni(Cp)2 (20 mol%)	27%
7	NiSO4·6H2O (20 mol%)	0
8	NiCl ₂ (20 mol%)	0
9	NiF2 (20 mol%)	0
10	NiI ₂ (20 mol%)	17%
11	Ni(Phen)Br ₂ (20 mol%) ⁶	60%
12	Ni(Phen)3Br2 (20 mol%)6	0

⁶ 1,10-Phenanthroline was not added.

Table S9. Screen of N-Containing Additives. Reactions were carried out using 0.08 mmol of pyridinium aziridine with 1 mL of acetonitrile in an N₂ filled dry box. NMR yields were determined by adding $5 \sim 10$ mg of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard to the crude mixture after reaction workup.

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Entry	Additives	NMR yield
1	2,4,6-Triphenylpyridine	70%
2	2,4,6-Collidine	79%
3	DABCO	Trace
4	DBU	40%
5	Et ₃ N	13%
6	Imidazole	4%
7	2,6-Lutidine	0
8	DIPEA	17%



C.3. Stereochemistry of Aziridination with *trans-* and *cis-*β-Methylstyrene

Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of the crude mixture of the aziridination of *trans*-**1u** in CD₃CN. The reaction was carried out on 0.2 mmol scale (based on *trans*-**1u**) according to the general procedure A indicated in section **B.5**. The doublets at δ 0.68 and δ 0.17 were assigned as the methyl peaks in *trans*-**1u** and *cis*-**1u** respectively, the integration of which indicated the ratio of *trans*-**1u** to *cis*-**1u**. The chemical shifts and the coupling constants used to assign the formed products were similar as their analogs, 2-methyl-3-phenyl-1-tosylaziridine (*cis*- and *trans*) that were reported in literature.^{19, 20}.



Figure S2.¹H NMR spectrum of the crude mixture of the aziridination of *cis*-**1u** in CD₃CN. The reaction was carried out on 0.2 mmol scale (based on *cis*-**1u**) according to the general procedure A indicated in section **B.5**. The doublets at δ 0.68 and δ 0.17 were assigned as the methyl peaks in *trans*-**3u** and *cis*-**3u** respectively, the integration of which indicated the ratio of *trans*-**3u** to *cis*-**3u**. The chemical shifts and the coupling constants used to assign the formed products were similar as their analogs, 2-methyl-3-phenyl-1-tosylaziridine (*cis*- and *trans*) that were reported in literature.^{19, 20}

C.4. Observation of Pyridinium Aziridine Ring-Opening under Cross-Coupling Conditions.



Figure S3.¹H NMR spectrum of the crude mixture of **3a**, NiBr₂(dme), and 1,10phenanthroline in CD₃CN. The reaction was carried out on 0.1 mmol scale (based on **3a**). The doublet of doublet peak at δ 3.53 was assigned to unreacted **3a**. Formation of **6a** was indicated by observation of a doublet of doublet peak at δ 4.42.



Figure S4.¹H NMR spectrum of the crude mixture following cross-coupling in CDCl₃. **6a** was formed by reacting **3a** with [TBA]Br according to the general procedure in section **B.7** on 0.1 mmol scale (based on **6a**). The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and then dissolved in dry acetonitrile without further purification. The crude solution was subjected to cross-coupling condition as indicated in section **B.8**. Formation of aziridine product **5j** was indicated by the observation of the doublet of doublet peaks at δ 2.50 and δ 2.46.

D. NMR Spectra for New Compounds



Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(4-vinylbenzyl)indoline-2,3-dione (**1v**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-(4-vinylbenzyl)indoline-2,3-dione (1v) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)pyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3a**) in CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



MHz) at 23 °C.



MHz) at 23 °C.



(101 MHz) at 23 °C.



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in CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.





CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



tetrafluoroborate (3e) in CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



tetrafluoroborate (3e) in CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S18. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-(2-(4-acetoxyphenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3f**) in CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



 CD_3CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.





Figure S21. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3h**) in CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.





Figure S24. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-(2-(4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3i**) in CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S25. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(2-(4-cyanophenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3j**) in CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.


CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.





tetrafluoroborate (**3k**) in CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.





(101 MHz) at 23 °C.



CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



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Figure S35. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(2-(3-nitropnenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-tripnenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluorobora CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S36. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-(2-(3-nitrophenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**30**) in CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



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(101 MHz) at 23 °C.



CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S43. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(2-(2-bromophenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



(**3t**) in CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S46. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-(2-(benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3t**) in CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.





tetrafluoroborate (3v) in CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S49. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-(2-(4-((2,3-dioxoindolin-1-yl)methyl)phenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3v**) in CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S50. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(2-((8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3w**) in CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.





Figure S52. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(2-(4-(((2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoyl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3x**) in CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (3x) in CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3y**) in CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3y**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3z**) in CD₃CN (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S57. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-(2-(4-(((4-(*N*,*N*-dipropylsulfamoyl)benzoyl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)aziridin-1-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**3z**) in CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S58. ¹H NMR spectrum of (4-(((2-(dimethylamino)ethyl)(pyridin-2-yl)amino)methyl)phenyl)boronic acid (**4c**) in DMSO-d₆ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.





Figure S60. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-phenylaziridine (**5c**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.






Figure S63. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 4-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)benzaldehyde (5e) in CD₃CN (101 MHz) at 23 °C.







Figure S66. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(*p*-tolyl)aziridine (5m) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S67. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(*p*-tolyl)aziridine (**5m**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



triphenylpyridine in CDCl_3 (400 MHz) at 23 $^\circ\text{C}$



triphenylpyridine in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 $^{\circ}$ C.





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Figure S72. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(4-(1-(*p*-tolyl)aziridin-2-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (**5p**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.





Figure S74. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)aziridine (**5q**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.









Figure S78. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2-(benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)aziridine (**5s**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S79. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 2-(benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)aziridine (**5s**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



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Figure S82. ¹H NMR spectrum of methyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-methyl-1-(4-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)benzoyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (**5u**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S83. ¹³C NMR spectrum of methyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-methyl-1-(4-(2-phenylaziridin-1-yl)benzoyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (**5u**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



ylidene)piperidine-1-carboxylate (**5v**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



ylidene)piperidine-1-carboxylate (**5v**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



(**5w**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



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17*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-one (**5x**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



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Figure S90. ¹H NMR spectrum of (8R,9S,13S,14S)-3-(1-(4-bromophenyl)aziridin-2-yl)-13-methyl-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,1 decahydro-17*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-one (**5y**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



decahydro-17*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-one (**5y**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



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Figure S94. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4-(1-(*p*-tolyl)aziridin-2-yl)benzyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (**5aa**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



at 23 °C.



(400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S97. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 4-(1-(4-bromophenyl)aziridin-2-yl)benzyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (**5ab**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.


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dipropylsulfamoyl)benzoate (**5ac**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



carbonyl)phenyl)aziridin-2-yl)benzyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (**5ad**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.





CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S103. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-((2-fluoro-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**6c**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S105. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-((2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**6d**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S106. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-((2-ethoxy-2-phenylethyl)amino)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**6e**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S108. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-((2-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyloxy)ethyl)amino)pyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (**6f**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



(**6h**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



(**6h**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



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tetrafluoroborate (6i) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



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Figure S120. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyloxy)ethyl)aniline (**7f**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S121. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyloxy)ethyl)aniline (**7f**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.







Figure S124. ¹H NMR spectrum of *N*^{1,1}-diphenyl-*N*²-(*p*-tolyl)ethane-1,2-diamine (**7h**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.





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Figure S128. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolylthio)ethyl)aniline (**7j**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S129. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolylthio)ethyl)aniline (**7j**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S130. ¹H NMR spectrum of methyl 2-(1- (4-((2-azido-2-phenylethyl)amino)benzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (**7k**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S131. ¹³C NMR spectrum of methyl 2-(1-(4-((2-azido-2-phenylethyl)amino)benzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (**7k**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.



indol-3-yl)acetate (**7l**) in CDCl₃ (400 MHz) at 23 °C.



Figure S133. ¹³C NMR spectrum of methyl 2-(1-(4-((2-azido-2-phenylethyl)amino)benzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (**7l**) in CDCl₃ (101 MHz) at 23 °C.
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