Trisubstituted Pyridine Scaffolds using $\mathrm{K}_{5} \mathrm{CoW}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{40} .3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ under<br>Solvent Free Conditions<br>Srinivas Kantevari,* Mahankhali Venu Chary, Srinivasu V.N. Vuppalapati, N. Lingaiah

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A highly efficient, microwave-assisted, regioselective synthesis of 2,3-disubstituted-6-arylpyridines and new series of 7,7-dimethyl-2-aryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-5-ones from enaminones in the presence of $\mathrm{K}_{5} \mathrm{CoW}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{40} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1.0 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ as heterogeneous catalyst under solvent free conditions is reported.
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## INTRODUCTION

Synthesis of pyridine ring system and its derivatives [1] occupy an important place in the realm of natural and synthetic organic chemistry. Because of their therapeutic and pharmacological properties, they have emerged as integral backbones of over 7000 existing drugs [2] and are ideal scaffolds to make libraries of inhibitors of HIV-1 protease [3,4]. Enaminoketones are readily available versatile intermediates and play an important role in the synthesis of a number of heterocyclic compounds [5]. 6-Aryl-2-methylnicotinates are synthesized by the condensation of 3-amino-
temperatures, long reaction times; has difficulty in isolation and unsatisfactory yields.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Microwave mediated [13] multicomponent reactions (MCRs) leading to heterocycles under solvent free [14] conditions are efficient, in terms of energy used, enhanced reaction rates and provides improved yields with often only water as waste. Over recent years potassium dodecatungstocobaltate trihydrate [15] $\left(\mathrm{K}_{5} \mathrm{CoW}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{40} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$ and hetero poly acid mediated reactions have attracted tremendous interest throughout the scientific communities due to their

Scheme 1.


crotonate with acetophenone Mannich base hydrochlorides in refluxing ethanol [6,7], with acetylenic ketones [8] at higher temperatures, from oxazolidines in refluxing acetonitrile in the presence of acetic acid [9] and its microwave modification [10] in DMSO. Recently these compounds are prepared by the condensation of enaminoketones, $\beta$-dicarbonyl compounds and ammonium acetate in refluxing acetic acid [11], and later by montmorillonite K10 in refluxing isopropanol [12]. However many of these methods involve the use of stochiometric amounts of catalysts, more polar solvents like AcOH , DMSO, reflux
low toxicity, ease of handling, low cost, stability, reusability, water and organic solvent tolerant nature of the reagent. In continuation of our efforts towards the synthesis and development of new methodologies in organic synthesis [16], we herein describe a general and practical route for the synthesis of 2,3-disubstituted-6-aryl pyridines and 7,7-dimethyl-2-aryl-5,6,7,8-tetra-hydroquinoline-5-ones using $\mathrm{K}_{5} \mathrm{CoW}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{40} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1.0 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ as the catalyst under solvent free microwave assisted reaction conditions (Scheme 1). To the best of our knowledge, the generality and applicability of $\mathrm{K}_{5} \mathrm{CoW}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{40} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ in the preparation of substituted pyridines is not known.

Table-1
$\mathrm{K}_{5} \mathrm{CoW}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{40} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ Catalyzed synthesis of 2,3-disubstiuted-6-aryl pyridines $\mathbf{3 a}$-d, 4a-d and 7,7-dimethyl-2-aryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquuinoline-5-ones 5a-e.

| Entry | R | Product | Reaction time <br> [a] (minutes) | Yield [b] <br> (\%) | Mp <br> ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ | 3a | 5 | 90 | 45 | [12] |
| 2 | $p-\mathrm{NO}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ | 3b | 3 | 97 | 142 | [12] |
| 3 | $p-\mathrm{BrC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ | 3c | 4 | 95 | 75 | [12] |
| 4 | 1-Naphthyl | 3d | 5 | 92 | oil | - |
| 5 | $p-\mathrm{NO}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ | 4a | 4 | 95 | 131 | - |
| 6 | $p-\mathrm{BrC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ | 4b | 3 | 94 | 78 | - |
| 7 | $p-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ | 4 c | 6 | 91 | 84 | - |
| 8 | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ | 4d | 6 | 89 | 110 | [12] |
| 9 | $p-\mathrm{NO}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ | 5a | 3 | 98, 95, 90 [c] | 182 | - |
| 10 | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ | 5b | 5 | 90 | 67 | - |
| 11 | $p-\mathrm{BrC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ | 5c | 4 | 93 | 132 | - |
| 12 | $p-\mathrm{OCH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ | 5d | 6 | 83 | 125 | - |
| 13 | 1-Naphthyl | 5e | 6 | 90 | oil | - |

[a] All the reactions were carried out in a domestic microwave oven at 540 W . [b] Yield of the corresponding isolated and purified product. All compounds were fully characterized by IR, NMR and mass spectroscopy. [c] The yields obtained after $1^{\text {st }}, 3^{\text {rd }}$, and $5^{\text {th }}$ successive reuse of catalyst.

In a typical general experimental procedure a mixture of enaminoketones $\mathbf{1}, \beta$-dicarbonyl compounds (ethyl acetoacetate 2a, acetylacetone $\mathbf{2 b}$, or dimedone $\mathbf{2 c}$ ) and ammonium acetate in the presence of catalytic amount of $\mathrm{K}_{5} \mathrm{CoW}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{40} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \quad(1.0 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ were subjected to microwave irradiation under solvent free conditions to get substituted pyridines $\mathbf{3}$, and $\mathbf{4}$ or substituted tetrahydroquinoline-5-ones 5 in excellent yields. In order to improve the yields we performed reactions using different quantities of reagents and varying microwave power settings and exposure times. The best results were obtained with 0.01:1:1:2.5 ratios of $\mathrm{K}_{5} \mathrm{CoW}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{40} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, enaminoketone, 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds and ammonium acetate respectively in a domestic microwave oven at 540 W for 3 to 6 min . After completion of reaction as indicated by TLC the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, methanol was added and catalyst was filtered off. The filtrate was quenched with crushed ice and precipitated solid was filtered to get substituted pyridines or substituted tetrahydroquinoline-5-one derivatives. To study the generality of this process several examples illustrating this novel and general method for the synthesis of 2,3-disubstiuted-6-aryl pyridines and 7,7-dimethyl-2-aryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-5-ones were studied and are summarized in Table 1. More over the catalyst could be quantitatively recovered from the reaction mixture and could be reused after thermal activation ( $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, for 2 h ). For example the catalyst was reused in the preparation of 7,7-dimethyl-2-(4-nitro-phenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-5-one 5a more than five times without loss of activity.

Many of the pharmacologically relevant substitution patterns on the aromatic ring of the enaminoketones could
be introduced with high efficiency and are produced with high yields of products in high purity ( $\geq 95 \%$ by 1 H NMR). However the nature of the functional group on the aromatic ring of the enaminoketones exerted a strong influence on the reaction time. An increase of the reaction rate was observed with enaminoketones bearing an electron withdrawing group in the $p$-position 5a in comparison to the unsubstituted $\mathbf{5 b}$ enaminoketone. The presence of an electron donating methoxy group 5d decreased both the rate of reaction and yield of product. Acid sensitive $\beta$-dicarbonyl compounds such as ethyl acetoacetate, acetylacetone and dimedone worked well without formation of any side products with variety of structurally and electronically divergent enaminoketones. Use of just $1 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ of $\mathrm{K}_{5} \mathrm{CoW}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{40} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ is sufficient to push the reaction forward. No additive or proticlLewis acid is necessary in the procedure. Another important aspect of this procedure is survival of variety of functional groups, $\mathrm{NO}_{2}, \mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ and various $\beta$-dicarbonyl compounds and the catalyst is reusable under the reaction condition employed.

In conclusion we described herein the regioselective one-pot three component synthesis of trisubstituted pyridines and 7,7-dimethyl-2-aryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquin-oline-5-ones by a reusable potassium dodecatungstocobaltate trihydrate under solvent free microwave irradiation conditions. Moreover this method offers several advantages including high yields, short reaction times, and a simple workup procedure and it also has the ability to tolerate a wide variety of substitution in the components and reaction conditions. Furthermore, the present procedure is readily amenable to parallel synthesis and generation of combinatorial 2,3,6-trisubstituted
pyridines and 7,7-dimethyl-2-aryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro quinoline-5-ones libraries.

## EXPERIMENTAL

General procedure for the preparation of 2,3,6trisubstituted pyridines (3a-d, 4a-d) and 7,7-dimethyl-2-aryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-5-ones (5a-e). Enaminoketone 1 (2 mmol ), $\beta$-dicarbonyl compound $2(2 \mathrm{mmol})$ ammonium acetate ( 5 mmol ) and $\mathrm{K}_{5} \mathrm{CoW}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{40} .3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.064 \mathrm{~g}, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ was charged into a 15 mL open glass vial with a 20 mm diameter. The mixture was stirred gently with a spatula for a few seconds and was subjected to microwave irradiation (Kenstar3D Power $\mathrm{OM}-34 \mathrm{ECR}$ ) at 540 W for 3 to 6 min . After completion of reaction (monitered by TLC) the crude mixture was cooled to $30{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, hot methanol ( 5 mL ) was added and catalyst was filtered and cake was washed with hot $\mathrm{MeOH}(2 \times 2$ $\mathrm{mL})$. Filtrate was cooled and triturated with crushed ice ( 1 g ) and precipitated solid was filtered to get pure products (single spot on TLC). They were further purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/EtOAc, 9:1 as the eluent to give trisubstituted pyridines 3a-d, 4a-d and tetrahydroquinoline-5-ones 5a-e in 83-98\% yields. The filtered catalyst was reactivated by heating in oven at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 h and reused at least for five times without loss of activity.

Ethyl (2-methyl-6-phenyl)nicotinate (3a). Pale yellow solid ( $90 \%$ ), mp $43-45{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit [12] $43-45{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); ir ( KBr ): 2991, 2928, 1715, 1581, 1451, 1269, 1088, 758, $691 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ $\mathrm{nmr}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta 1.42(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.92$ (s, 3H), 4.38 ( $\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ) 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.60 (d, J=8.1 $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.05(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.22(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}(50$ $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 14.1,25.1,60.9,117.1,123.5,127.2,128.6$, 129.5, 138.4, 139.1, 158.9, 159.8, 166.5; ms: m/z $241\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right.$, $100 \%$ ), 213 (26), 196 (93), 169 (32), 155 (12), 141 (57), 128 (26), 115 (70), 98 (22), 84 (20), 77 (26), 57 (12), 51 (15). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ : C, 74.67; H, 6.27; N, 5.81. Found: C, 74.59; H, 6.31; N, 5.93.

Ethyl (2-methyl-6-p-nitrophenyl)nicotinate (3b). Pale yellow solid ( $97 \%$ ), mp $142{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit. [12] 142-143 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); ir ( KBr ): 3094, 2974, 2928, 2849, 1719, 1580, 1517, 1436, 1371, 1340, 1260, 1160, 1087, 847, 791, $746 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, TMS): $\delta 1.45(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.92(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.42(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 2H) $7.70(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.22$ to $8.37(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}(50$ $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta ; 14.2,25.0,61.3,117.9,123.8,125.0,127.9$, 139.5, 144.1, 148.4, 156.0, 160.2, 166.1; ms: m/z $286\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right.$, $100 \%$ ), 242 (88), 207 (55), 178 (27), 150 (91), 140 (26), 104 (32), 75 (28), 43 (60). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} ; \mathrm{C}, 62.93 ; \mathrm{H}$, 4.93; N, 9.79. Found: C, 63.08; H, 4.86; N, 9.88.

Ethyl (2-methyl-6-p-bromophenyl)nicotinate (3c). (95 \%), mp $75{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit. [12] 72-74 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); ir (KBr): 2978, 2929, 1721, 1582, 1451, 1369, 1267, 1089, 1009, 826, $779 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}(300 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta 1.44(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.89(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.36(\mathrm{q}$, $\mathrm{J}=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) 7.55(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.93$ (d, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.20 (d, J= $8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$; ms: m/z 319 ( $\left.\mathrm{M}^{+}, 96 \%\right), 317$ (100), 275 (16), 275 (64), 274 (66), 249 (47), 247 (54), 182 (25), 167 (77), 155 (21), 141 (41), 126 (11), 115 (9), 83 (13), 75 (15), 63 (11), 39 (14). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{BrNO}_{2}$ : C, 56.27; H, 4.41; N, 4.37. Found: C, 56.31; H, 4.30; N, 4.31.

Ethyl-(2-methyl-6-1-naphthyl)nicotinate (3d). Pale yellow oil (92\%); ir (film): 3052, 2979, 2931, 1721, 1584, 1556, 1508, 1445, 1390, 1269, 1148, 1081, 858, 782, $740 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$
(300MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta 1.45(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.98(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $3.82(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.35(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.42$ to $7.65(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.82$ to $8.15(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 8.32(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; \mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 291\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right.$, $11 \%$ ), 263 (43), 219 (20), 128 (40), 113 (13), 105 (80), 86 (11), 77 (65), 58 (222), 44 (100); (Found: C, 78.32; H, 5.88; N, 4.80. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}_{2} ; \mathrm{C}, 78.32 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.88 ; \mathrm{N}, 4.80$ ) (Found: $\mathrm{MH}^{+}, 291.3479 ; \mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ requires $M H, 291.3483$ ).

3-Acetyl-2-methyl-6-(p-nitrophenyphenyl)pyridine (4a). Pale yellow solid ( $95 \%$ ), mp $131{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ir ( KBr ): 2925, 2851, 1719, 1682, 1581, 1517, 1428, 1341, 1261, 830, $739 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ $\mathrm{nmr}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta 2.62$ (s, 3H), 2.82 (s, 3H), 7.72 (d, J = $7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.08(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.25(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 8.30(\mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{J}=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}\left(200 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$ 199.7,158.7, 155.6, 148.4, 144.0, 137.9, 131.9, 128.0, 123.9, 117.9, 29.3, 25.0; ms: m/z 256 ( $\mathrm{M}^{+}, 7 \%$ ), 241 (25), 167 (8), 148(9), 115 (8), 105 (100), 91 (32), 77 (80), 51 (44), 43 (54); (Found: C, 65.61; H, 4.71; N, 10.92. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} ; \mathrm{C}, 65.61$; $\mathrm{H}, 4.71 ; \mathrm{N}, 10.93$ ) (Found: $\mathrm{MH}^{+}$, $256.2589 ; \mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ requires $M H, 256.2598$ ).

3-Acetyl-2-methyl-6-( $\boldsymbol{p}$-bromophenylpyridine (4b). Pale yellow solid ( $94 \%$ ), mp $76-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ir ( KBr ): 2925, 1678, 1576, 1485, 1430, 1352, 1256, 1005, 952, 816, $762 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta 2.62(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.62$ (m, $3 \mathrm{H}), 7.96$ to $8.10(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $200 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 199.6.158.4, 157.1, 137.8, 137.0, 131.8, 130.8, 128.6, 124.2, 116.8, 29.1, 25.1; ms: m/z 289 ( $\mathrm{M}^{+}, 20 \%$ ), 273 (35), 247 (100), 221 (17), 182 (15), 167 (57), 141 (37), 101 (61), 75 (88), 43 (83); (Found: C, 57.95; H, 4.16; N, 4.82. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{BrNO} ; \mathrm{C}, 57.95 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.16 ; \mathrm{N}, 4.82$ ) (Found: $\mathrm{MH}^{+}$, 290.1379; $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{BrNO}$ requires $M H, 290.1588$ ).

3-Acetyl-2-methyl-6-(p-methylphenyl)pyridine (4c). Pale yellow solid ( $91 \%$ ), mp $82-84^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ir (KBr): 2921, 1681, 1578 , 1451, 1260, 1184, 818, 788, $763 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}{ }^{\prime}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, TMS): $\delta 2.45(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.60(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.85,(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.60(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.95$ to $8.05(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}$ ( $200 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 199.773,158.54,138.01,137.84,129.46$, $128.30,127.10,126.76,117.45,116.74,29.13,25.28,21.24$; ms: m/z 225 ( $\mathrm{M}^{+}, 8 \%$ ), 210 (7), 197 (46), 183 (100), 167 (19), 115 (13), 91 (33), 39 (42); (Found: C, 79.949; H, 6.70; N, 6.21. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{NO} ; \mathrm{C}, 79.95$; H, 6.71; N, 6.22) (Found: $\mathrm{MH}^{+}$, 225.1389; $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{NO}$ requires $M H, 255.1395$ ).

3-Acetyl-2-methyl-6-phenylpyridine (4d). Pale yellow solid (89 \%), mp $110{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (lit. [12] $110{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ); ir (KBr): 2930, 1679, $1575,1422,1351,1254,742,689 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}(300 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta 2.58(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.82(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) 7.36$ to $7.50(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $7.62(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.01$ to $8.10(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}(50 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 25.2,29.1,117.1,127.2,128.7,129.6,137.8,138.3$, 158.4, 158.5, 199.8; ms: m/z $211\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, 60 \%\right), 196$ (100), 168 (40), 153 (10), 141 (57), 115 (15), 77 (11), 43 (20). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}: \mathrm{C}, 79.59 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.20 ; \mathrm{N}, 6.63$. Found: 79.48; H, 6.19; N, 6.71.
7,7-Dimethyl-5-oxo-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro quinoline (5a): Yellow solid (98\%), mp $182{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ir ( KBr ): 3076, 2928, 2870, 1688, 1575, 1515, 1419, 1344, 835, $732 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta 1.18(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 2.59(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.12(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.80(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.22$ to $8.40(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $200 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 197.3,162.5,158.0,148.5,144.0$, 135.6, 129.1, 128.1, 126.4, 123.8, 119.3, 51.9, 46.5, 32.8, 28.1; $\mathrm{ms}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 296\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, 2 \%\right), 240$ (3), 150 (100), 141 (20), 104 (73), 76 (31), 43 (100); (Found: C, 68.90; H, 5.44; N, 9.45. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} ; \mathrm{C}, 68.90 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.44 ; \mathrm{N}, 9.45$ ) (Found: $\mathrm{MH}^{+}$, 296.3239; $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ requires $M H, 296.3244$ ).

7,7-Dimethyl-5-oxo-2-(phenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline (5b). Pale yellow solid ( $90 \%$ ), mp $65-67^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ir ( $\mathrm{KBr)}$ ) 3059, 2950, 2867, 1678, 1581, 1446, 1395, 1304, 1186, 1122, 837, 778 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta 1.15(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 2.02(\mathrm{~s}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 3.08$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, J = $7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 8.05 $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.26(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}\left(200 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$ 197.3, 162.0, 160.6, 138.1, 136.7, 129.6, 128.5, 127.1, 125.2, 118.4, 51.7, 46.4, 32.6, 28.0, 25.2; ms: m/z 251 ( ${ }^{+}$, 76\%), 236 (12), 223 (23), 208 (7), 195 (100), 167 (28), 141 (23), 77 (10); (Found: C, 81.24; H, 6.81; N, 5.57. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}$; C, 81.24; H, 6.81; N, 5.57) (Found: $\mathrm{MH}^{+}, 251.3269 ; \mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}$ requires $M H, 251.3273$ ).

7,7-Dimethyl-5-oxo-2-(4-bromophenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline (5c). Pale yellow solid ( $93 \%$ ), mp $132{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ir ( KBr ): 2953, 2928, 2867, 1678, 1574, 1413, 1378, 1299, 1070, 1008, 828, $806,743 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta 1.16$ (s, 6H), 2.52 ( $\mathrm{s}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.08 ( $\mathrm{s}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.59 (d, J = $9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.66 (d, J = 8.3 $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.95(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.28(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ $\mathrm{nmr}\left(200 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$ ): $\delta 197.5,162.3,159.5,137.1,135.3$, 131.8, 129.6, 128.8, 125.6, 124.5, 118.3, 51.9, 46.5, 32.8, 28.1; ms: m/z 329 ( $\mathrm{M}^{+}, 96 \%$ ), 300 (18), 273 (93), 191 (8), 166 (100), 139 (32), 102 (26), 75 (28) 39 (95); (Found: C, 61.83; H, 4.88; N, 4.24. Anal. Calcd for $\left.\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{BrNO} ; \mathrm{C}, 61.83 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.88 ; \mathrm{N}, 4.24\right)$ (Found: $\mathrm{MH}^{+}, 330.2230 ; \mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{BrNO}$ requires $M H, 330.2234$ ).

7,7-Dimethyl-5-oxo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline (5d). Light yellow solid ( $83 \%$ ), mp $125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ir (KBr): 3071, 2959, 2932, 2840, 1676, 1580, 1510, 1447, 1307, $1254,1173,1028,830,809,759 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, TMS): $\delta 1.15(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 2.52(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.05(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, 6.95 (d, J = $=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.65 (d, J $=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.05$ (d, J =8.7 $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.25(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ nmr ( $200 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 197.6, 162.2, 161.2, 135.0, 130.8, 130.4, 128.7, 124.8, 117.7, $114.1,113.5,55.2,51.9,46.6,32.8,28.2$; ms: m/z $281\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right.$, $100 \%$ ), 267 (6), 254 (8), 239 (8), 226 (61), 183 (11), 151 (28), 136 (95), 128 (22), 109 (10), 105 (10), 89 (35), 77 (44), 52 (35), 42 (55); (Found: C, 76.84; H, 6.80; N, 4.98. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{2} ; \mathrm{C}, 76.84 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.80 ; \mathrm{N}, 4.97$ ) (Found: $\mathrm{MH}^{+}$, 281.3528; $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ requires $\mathrm{MH}, 281.3531$ ).

7,7-Dimethyl-5-oxo-2-(1-naphthyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline (5e). Pale yellow oil (90\%); ir (film): 3053, 2956, 2870, 1729, 1686, 1581, 1560, 1508, 1396, 1305, 1115, 848, 801, 778, $741,663 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, TMS): $\delta 1.20(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H})$, $2.60(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.15(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.15(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.45$ to $7.65(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}) 7.85$ to $7.95(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.10(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 835(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}$ ( $200 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 197.8,163.3,162.1,137.5,134.8,133.9$, 130.7, 129.5, 128.4, 127.7, 126.6, 125.9, 125.4, 125.2, 125.1, 123.5, 52.0, 46.5, 32.9, 28.2; ms: m/z 301 ( $\mathrm{M}^{+}, 38 \%$ ), 217 (11), 171 (16), 156 (50), 138 (11), 128 (71), 118 (57), 106 (46), 89 (27), 66 (51), 64 (93), 42 (100); (Found: C, 83.68; H, 6.35; N, 4.64. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO} ; \mathrm{C}, 83.69$; H, 6.35; N, 4.64) (Found: $\mathrm{MH}^{+}, 301.3869 ; \mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}$ requires $M H, 301.3871$ ).

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