Selective C-H Fluorination of Pyridines and Diazines Inspired by a Classic Amination Reaction

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Conventional method

-----Conventional reaction classes require **prefuntionalized** substrates.

Balz-Schiemann reaction



Involving strongly acidic and oxidizing conditions

Using anhydrous HF or an isolated tetrafluoroborate salt as F source

T. Fukuhara, N. Yoneda, A. Suzuki, J. Fluor. Chem. 38, 435–438

Nucleophilic Aromatic substitution



High yield only with strongly electron-deficient heteroarenes

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New method of Fluorination

Hartwig's reaction



Scope of Fluorination with AgF₂

Optimal Conditions of Fluorination



- R =electron-donating and electron-withdrawing groups at each position of pyridines.
- Notably, Br⁻ and Cl⁻ substituents in the 2-position of the pyridine remained intact during the reaction.
- The reactions with pyridines containing functional groups in the 3-positions formed the 2-fluoro-3-functionalized pyridine products preferentially.

Other Types of Six-membered Nitrogen Heterocycles



P. S. Fier, J. F. Hartwig, Science 2013, 342, 956

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The fluorination occurs by a mechanism similar to that of the Chichibabin reaction.

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It is unlikely that a similar mechanism occurs for the reactions with AgF₂.

Reaction results are inconsistent with such a pathway.

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The exclusive selectivity for fluorination at the 2-position of pyridines.
2,6-dimethylpyridine does not undergo fluorination, and so on.



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Summary

The reaction have some advantages:

- One step (Conventional reaction classes require prefuntionalized substrates)
- High yield
- the mild conditions (rt. No base or acid), fast reaction times (1 hr)
- broad scope (R = electron-donating and electron-withdrawing groups at each position of pyridines)
- High tolerance for auxiliary functionality (Br and Cl substituents)
- commercial availability of the reagent (AgF₂)

My Idea



