## Supporting Information

One-step synthesis of differently bis(functionalized) isoxazoles by cycloaddition of carbamoylnitrile oxide with  $\beta$ -keto esters

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#### General

The melting points were determined on a Yanaco micro-melting-points apparatus, and were uncorrected. All the reagents and solvents were commercially available and used as received. The <sup>1</sup>H spectra were measured on a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer at 400 MHz, with TMS as an internal standard, and the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer at 100 MHz. Assignments of <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were performed by DEPT experiments. The IR spectra were recorded on a Horiba FT-200 IR spectrometer and a JASCO FT/IR-4200 spectrophotometer. The mass spectra were performed a Jasco MT-3 CHN corder.

#### Preparation of nitroisoxazolone 2

Nitroisoxazolone **2** was easily prepared from commercially available ethyl nitroacetate by three steps with simple experimental manipulations; 1) condensation of nitroacetate with orthoformate, 2) condensation with hydroxylamine, and 3) *N*-methylation with dimethyl sulfate.

## 1) Condensation of nitroacetate with orthoformate<sup>1</sup>

To a solution of ethyl nitroacetate (40 mL, 0.36 mol) in acetic anhydride (80 mL), trimethyl orthoformate (58 mL, 0.53 mol) was added, and the resultant mixture was heated at 100 °C for 2 d. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was used for next step without further purification.

### 2) Condensation with hydroxylamine<sup>2</sup>

To a solution of ethyl 3-methoxy-2-nitropropenoate (17.5 g, 100 mmol) in ethanol (175 mL), were added hydroxylamine hydrochloride (7.73 g, 120 mmol) and pyridine (20.2 mL, 250 mmol). The mixture was heated at 60 °C for 3 h. After cooling, pale yellow precipitates were formed and were collected to give pyridinium salt of nitroisoxazolone (14.8 g, 71 mmol, 71% yield).

3) *N*-Methylation with dimethyl sufate<sup>3</sup>

Pyridinium salt of nitroisoxazolone (4.18 g, 20 mmol) was heated with freshly distilled dimethyl sufate (2.3 mL, 24 mmol) without solvent at 65 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and water (100 mL) was added. Generated white precipitates were collected, and recrystallized from acetonitrile to afford isoxazolone **2** (2.26 g, 15.7 mmol, 79%).

#### General procedure of the cycloaddition

To a solution of nitroisoxazolone 1 (144 mg, 1 mmol) in THF (10 mL), were added ethyl acetoacetate **7a** (0.63 mL, 5 mmol) and magnesium acetate tetrahydrate (108 mg, 0.5 mmol), and the resultant mixture was heated under reflux for 1 d. After addition of 1 M hydrochloric acid (10 mL, 10 mmol), THF was removed under reduced pressure. The resultant aqueous solution was extracted with chloroform (50 mL  $\times$  5), and the organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to the column chromatography on silica gel to afford cycloadduct **5a** (170 mg, 0.80 mmol, 80%) eluted with ethyl acetate. Further purification was performed by recrystallization from a mixed solvent of hexane and benzene (1/1).

Cycloadditions of 1 with other 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds 5b-j were conducted in the same way.

#### 4-Ethoxycarbonyl-5-methyl-3-(N-methylcarbamoyl)isoxazole (5a)

Colorless needles (from benzene/hexane = 1/1). Mp 55-58 °C. IR (KBr) 3271, 1721, 1663 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.38 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 3H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 8.2-8.4 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 61.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 108.0 (C), 157.3 (C), 158.9 (C), 162.5 (C), 176.3 (C); MS (FAB) m/z = 213 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 100%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 50.94; H, 5.70; N, 13.20. Found: C, 50.64; H, 5.88; N, 13.17.





# 4-Acetyl-5-methyl-3-(*N*-methylcarbamoyl)isoxazole (5b)<sup>4</sup>

Brown plates (from benzene/hexane = 1/1). Mp 111-114 °C. IR (KBr) 3378, 1684 (br) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.59 (s, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3H), 7.2-7.4 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 31.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 116.8 (C), 156.2 (C), 159.6 (C), 175.3 (C), 193.4 (C); MS (FAB) m/z = 183 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 100%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 52.74; H, 5.53; N, 15.38. Found: C, 53.06; H, 5.61; N, 15.16.





## 4-Benzoyl-5-methyl-3-(N-methylcarbamoyl)isoxazole (5c)

Yellow oil. IR (KBr) 3357, 1672, 1649 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.44 (s, 3H), 2.90 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 3H), 6.9-7.0 (br, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 115.9 (C), 128.7 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 133.8 (CH), 137.5 (C), 157.2 (C), 158.6 (C), 172.2 (C), 189.1 (C); MS (FAB) m/z = 245 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 100%), 105 (40). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 63.93; H, 4.95; N, 11.47. Found: C, 63.91; H, 4.78; N, 11.35.



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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

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## 4-Acetyl-3-(N-methylcarbamoyl)-5-phenylisoxazole (5c')

Colorless needles (from benzene/hexane = 1/1). Mp 155-159 °C. IR (KBr) 3321, 1706, 1662 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.57 (s, 3H), 3.04 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3H), 6.9-7.0 (br, 1H), 7.45-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 117.3 (C), 126.1 (C), 127.7 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 131.5 (CH), 156.6 (C), 159.0 (C), 169.0 (C), 196.0 (C); MS (FAB) m/z = 245 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 100%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 63.93; H, 4.95; N, 11.47. Found: C, 64.12; H, 4.95; N, 11.45.







## 5-Ethyl-4-methoxycarbonyl-3-(N-methylcarbamoyl)isoxazole (5d)

Colorless needles (from benzene/hexane = 1/1). Mp 86-88 °C. IR (Nujol) 3273, 1713, 1670 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 3H), 3.10 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (br, 1H), 7.6-7.8 (br, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 107.1 (C), 157.3 (C), 158.1 (C), 162.7 (C), 180.6 (C); MS (FAB) m/z = 213 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 100%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 50.94; H, 5.70; N, 13.20. Found: C, 50.88; H, 5.94; N, 13.14.



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



4-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-(N-methylcarbamoyl)-5-phenylisoxazole (5e)

Colorless needles (from benzene/hexane = 1/1). Mp 113-116 °C. IR (KBr) 3299, 1726, 1664 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 3H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.1-7.3 (br, 1H), 7.45-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 108.0 (C), 126.1 (C), 128.2 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 131.6 (CH), 157.8 (C), 158.9 (C), 162.1 (C), 171.4 (C); MS (FAB) m/z = 275 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 100%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 61.31; H, 5.15; N, 10.21. Found: C, 61.38; H, 5.30; N, 10.21.



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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

