

Supporting Information

Synthesis of Functionalized Benzoxazines by Copper-Catalyzed C(sp³)-H Bond Functionalization of Acetonitrile with Olefinic Amides

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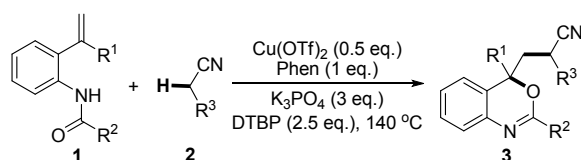
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Experimental Section:

General

Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All reactions were carried out in air and using undistilled solvent, without need of precautions to exclude air and moisture unless otherwise noted. Melting points were recorded on an Electrothermal digital melting point apparatus. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrophotometer using KBr optics. ^1H , ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 on 400 MHz spectrometers. Tetramethylsilane (TMS) served as internal standard for ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR. High resolution mass spectra were obtained using a commercial apparatus (ESI or EI Source).

General procedure for oxycyanomethylation of olefinic amides with acetonitrile



Olefinic amide **1** (0.2 mmol), acetonitrile **2** (2 mL), $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.1 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (0.2 mmol), K_3PO_4 (0.6 mmol) and di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (0.5 mmol) was stirred at $140\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ under air in pressure-tight tube. Upon completion of the reaction (indicated by TLC), solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography purification afforded pure product **3** with petroleum/ethyl acetate as the eluent.

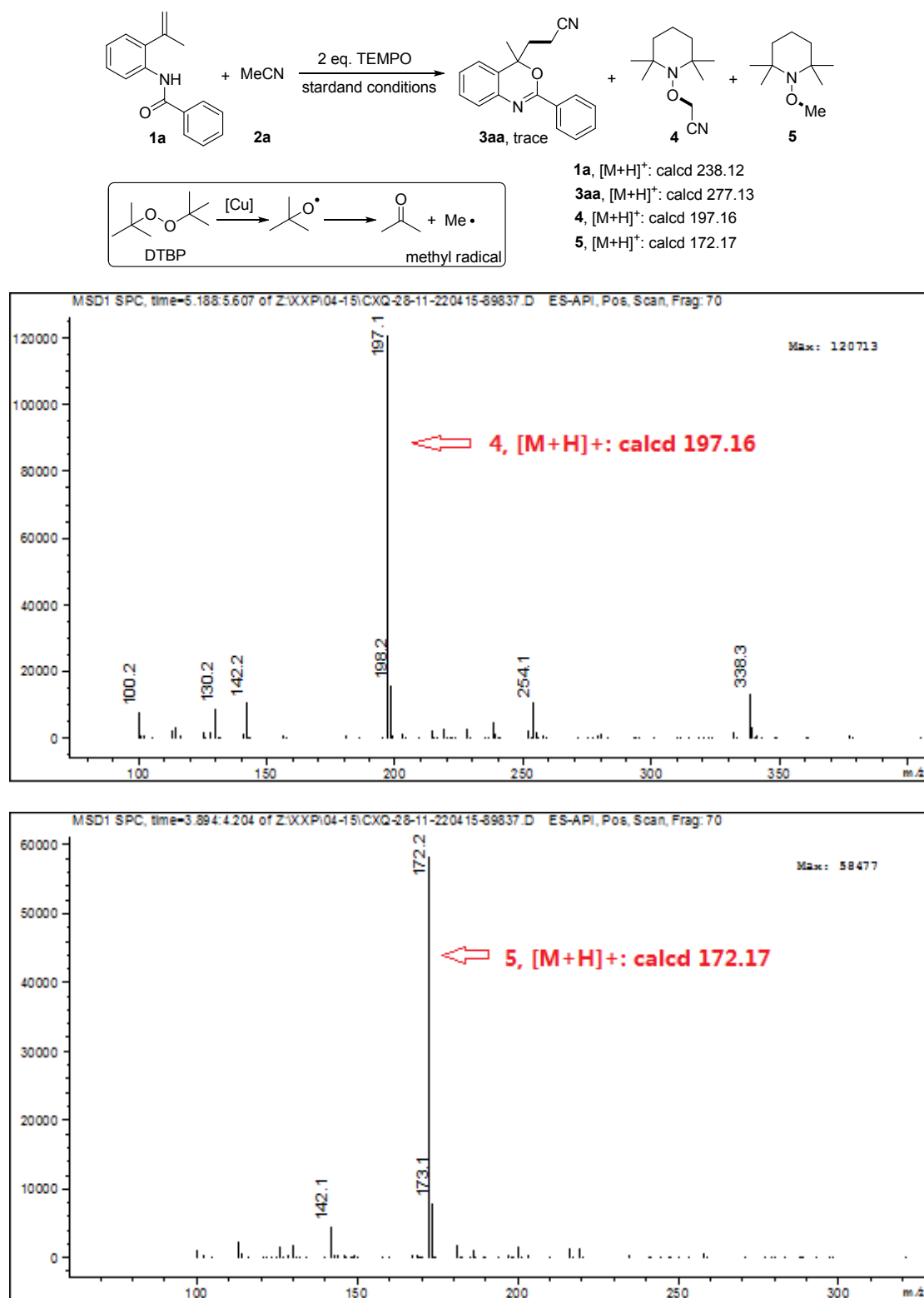
Table S1: Optimization of the reaction conditions^a

Entry	Catalyst (equiv)	Ligand (equiv)	Oxidant (equiv)	Base (equiv)	Time (h)	Temp (°C)	GC-Yield (%) ^b
1	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₂ CO ₃ (3)	14	140	53
2	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₂ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₂ CO ₃ (3)	14	140	39
3	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₃ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₂ CO ₃ (3)	14	140	45
4	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₄ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₂ CO ₃ (3)	14	140	trace
5	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₅ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₂ CO ₃ (3)	14	140	0
6	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₆ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₂ CO ₃ (3)	14	140	trace
7	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₇ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₂ CO ₃ (3)	14	140	trace
8	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (3)	14	140	trace
9	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	CsOAc(3)	14	140	55
10	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	Na ₂ CO ₃ (3)	14	140	31
11	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	NaOAc(3)	14	140	20
12	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	67(58) ^c
13	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	130	66
14	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	120	50
15	CuCl(1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	20
16	Cu(OCOCF ₃) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	53
17	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	55
18	CuBr(1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	0
19	CuI(1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	30
20	Cu ₂ O(1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	59
21	CuOAc(1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	53
22	CuCl ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	0
23	Cu(acac) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	0

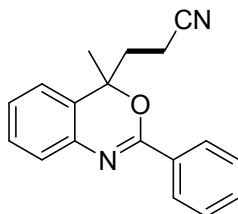
24	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	57
25	Fe(OAc) ₂ (1)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	0
26	Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.5)	L ₁ (0.5)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	52
27	Cu(OTf) ₂ (2)	L ₁ (2)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	56
28	Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.5)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	77(64) ^c
29	Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.3)	L ₁ (0.6)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	40
30	Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.2)	L ₁ (0.4)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	27
31	Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.5)	L ₁ (1)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	0
32	Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.5)	L ₁ (1)	TBPB(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	46
33	Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.5)	L ₁ (1)	DCP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	63
35	Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.5)	L ₁ (1)	BPO(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	23
36	Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.5)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	24	140	77
37	Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.5)	L ₁ (1)	DTBP(2.5)	K ₃ PO ₄ (3)	14	140	79(66) ^{c,d}

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (2 mL), catalyst (1 equiv), base (3 equiv) and oxidant (2.5 equiv) at 140 °C under air; DTBP = di-*tert*-butyl peroxide; TBPB = *tert*-butylperoxybenzoate; DCP = dicumyl peroxide; BPO = benzoyl peroxide. ^bYields were determined by GC with an internal standard (biphenyl) as the ratio between the formed products and the initial amount of limiting reactant. ^cIsolated yields. ^eUnder air. ^dUnder Argon atmosphere.

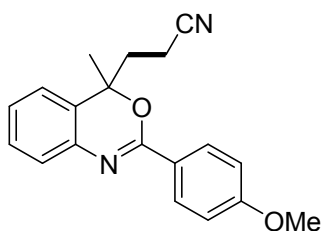
Figure S1: Trapping experiment with 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-oxyl (TEMPO).



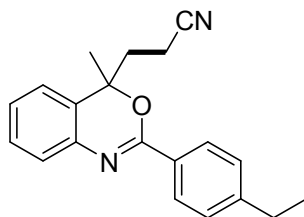
Analytical and spectral data for compounds:



3-(4-methyl-2-phenyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3aa): Yield = 64%. Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 3030, 2927, 2853, 2247, 1624, 1572, 1321, 1262, 1066, 764, 694 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.16–8.10 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.53–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.44–2.31 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.0, 139.1, 132.5, 131.8, 129.5, 128.6, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 126.1, 122.5, 119.5, 79.7, 36.9, 28.3, 12.6 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 277.1341, found: 277.1351.

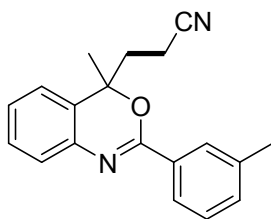


3-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3ba): Yield = 58%. Brown oil. IR (KBr) ν = 2959, 2922, 2839, 2247, 1595, 1509, 1247, 1166, 1026, 768 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.08 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.53–2.42 (m, 2H), 2.42–2.31 (m, 2H), 1.68 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.7, 156.0, 139.4, 129.8, 129.4, 127.3, 126.8, 125.7, 124.9, 122.5, 119.5, 113.9, 79.5, 55.6, 36.8, 28.2, 12.6 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 307.1447, found: 307.1455.

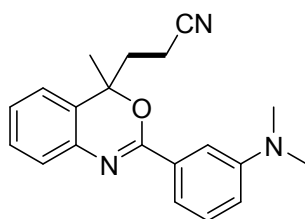


3-(2-(4-ethylphenyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3ca): Yield = 53%.

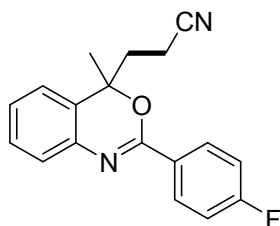
Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 2965, 2929, 2871, 2247, 1621, 1596, 1482, 1321, 1262, 1066, 842, 767 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.04 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.25–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.52–2.42 (m, 2H), 2.43–2.32 (m, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.2, 148.6, 139.3, 129.9, 129.4, 128.1, 128.1, 127.4, 127.1, 125.9, 122.5, 119.5, 79.5, 36.9, 29.1, 28.3, 15.6, 12.6 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 305.1654, found: 305.1655.



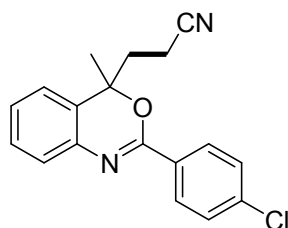
3-(4-methyl-2-m-tolyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3da): Yield = 54%. Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 2958, 2919, 2850, 2247, 1624, 1573, 1482, 1263, 1077, 767, 714 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.25–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.54–2.49 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.42–2.31 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.3, 139.1, 138.3, 132.7, 132.4, 129.5, 128.5, 128.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.0, 125.1, 122.5, 119.5, 79.7, 36.9, 28.3, 21.6, 12.6 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 291.1498, found: 291.1501.



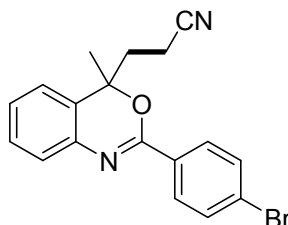
3-(2-(3-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3ea): Yield = 31%. Brown oil. IR (KBr) ν = 2971, 2926, 2901, 2805, 2247, 1592, 1481, 1259, 1076, 994, 868, 767, 720, 683 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.51 (dd, J = 2.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 6H), 2.57–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.43–2.33 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.8, 150.8, 139.3, 133.2, 129.4, 129.2, 127.6, 127.1, 126.1, 122.5, 119.6, 116.3, 116.1, 111.7, 79.5, 40.9, 36.9, 28.2, 12.6 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 320.1763, found: 320.1757.



3-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3fa): Yield = 57%. Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 2972, 2927, 2901, 2248, 1635, 1598, 1482, 1320, 1152, 1066, 845, 807, 768, 710 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.17–8.10 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dd, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.51–2.43 (m, 2H), 2.43–2.32 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 155.2, 139.0, 130.3, 130.2, 129.6, 128.7 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 127.4, 127.2, 126.1, 122.6, 119.4, 115.7 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 80.0, 36.9, 28.5, 12.7 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376MHz, CDCl_3): δ = -107.9 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 295.1247, found: 295.1252.

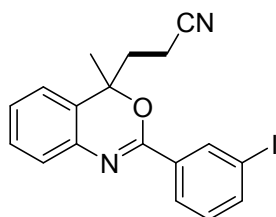


3-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3ga): Yield = 64%. Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 3034, 2973, 2928, 2853, 2248, 1921, 1623, 1595, 1485, 1401, 1320, 1262, 1169, 1088, 838, 767 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.10–8.03 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 1H), 2.53–2.42 (m, 2H), 2.42–2.31 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 155.1, 138.9, 138.1, 131.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 127.6, 127.3, 126.1, 122.6, 119.4, 80.0, 36.9, 28.5, 12.7 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 311.0952, found: 311.0949.

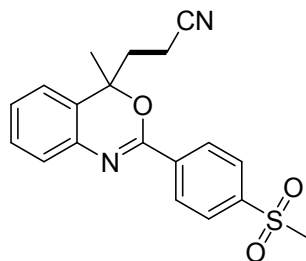


3-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3ha): Yield = 55%. Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 2967, 2926, 2852, 2247, 1622, 1483, 1320, 1261, 1068, 1009, 835,

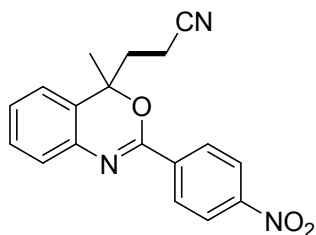
767 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.99 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (td, J = 7.9, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dd, J = 10.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.43 – 2.31 (m, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 155.2, 138.9, 131.8, 131.5, 129.6, 129.5, 127.6, 127.3, 126.6, 126.1, 122.6, 119.4, 80.1, 36.8, 28.5, 12.6 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 355.0447, found: 355.0457.



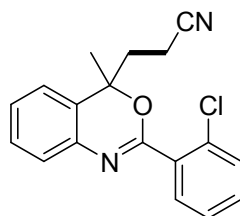
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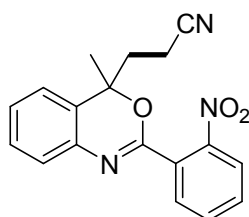
3-(4-methyl-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3ja): Yield = 58%. White solid. M.p. 137.7–138.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR (KBr) ν = 2925, 2852, 2251, 1623, 1597, 1297, 1261, 1150, 1066, 957, 770 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.39–8.32 (m, 2H), 8.08–8.02 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 2.55–2.47 (m, 2H), 2.46–2.36 (m, 2H), 1.75 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 154.1, 143.0, 138.5, 137.6, 129.8, 128.8, 128.3, 127.6, 127.3, 126.6, 122.7, 119.2, 80.6, 44.7, 36.9, 28.7, 12.7 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 355.1117, found: 355.1117.



3-(4-methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3ka): Yield = 54%. Yellow solid. M.p. 84.5–85.6 °C. (KBr) ν = 2927, 2852, 2247, 1625, 1519, 1344, 1317, 1264, 1067, 862, 760, 703 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.35–8.27 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.53–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.45–2.34 (m, 2H), 1.73 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 153.9, 149.8, 138.4, 138.3, 129.8, 128.9, 128.4, 127.2, 126.6, 123.7, 122.7, 119.2, 80.7, 77.6, 77.2, 76.9, 36.9, 28.7, 12.7 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 322.1192, found: 322.1192.

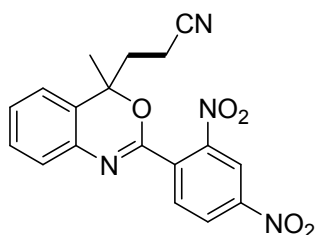


3-(2-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3la): Yield = 25%. Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 3058, 2926, 2855, 2248, 1600, 1565, 1485, 1461, 1345, 1245, 1155, 1066, 822, 758 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.80 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.09 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, J = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.93–6.88 (m, 1H), 2.54–2.47 (m, 2H), 2.46–2.37 (m, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 161.5, 158.5, 136.6, 134.2, 129.8, 127.7, 126.9, 124.9, 122.9, 119.2, 118.9, 117.8, 113.8, 80.6, 36.8, 28.3, 12.6 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 311.0952, found: 311.0953.

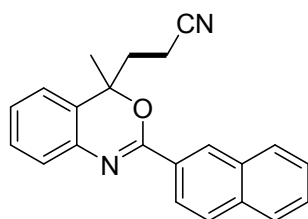


3-(4-methyl-2-(2-nitrophenyl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3ma): Yield = 42%. Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 3070, 2977, 2854, 2248, 2227, 1634, 1529, 1484, 1445, 1350,

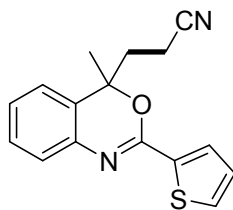
1322, 1118, 862, 769 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.98 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.69–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.05 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53–2.39 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.26 (m, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 154.4 149.3, 138.1 132.5, 131.5, 131.2 129.6, 128.3, 127.8, 126.9, 126.4, 124.0, 122.8, 119.4, 81.6, 37.2, 28.9, 12.6 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 322.1192, found: 322.1194.



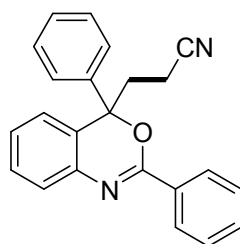
3-(2-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3na): Yield = 18%. Yellow solid. M.p. 127.2–128.9 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR (KBr) ν = 2920, 2850, 2247, 1592, 1346, 1052, 832, 767, 738 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.61 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.10–7.02 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.40 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.30 (m, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 152.2, 149.5, 148.8, 137.5, 132.7, 132.6, 129.9, 129.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.5, 122.9, 119.5, 119.1, 82.5, 77.6, 77.2, 76.9, 37.1, 29.1, 12.6 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.1043, found: 367.1034.



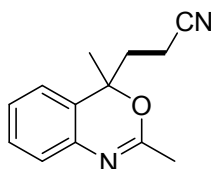
3-(4-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3oa): Yield = 55%. Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 3057, 2968, 2927, 2247, 1619, 1593, 1570, 1482, 1318, 1264, 1064, 957, 864, 769, 749 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.25 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.89 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.26 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.09 (m, 1H), 2.60–2.49 (m, 2H), 2.50–2.35 (m, 2H), 1.76 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.1, 139.2, 135.2, 132.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 126.8, 126.1, 124.6, 122.6, 119.5, 79.9, 36.9, 28.4, 12.7 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 327.1498, found: 327.1494.



3-(4-methyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3pa): Yield = 47%. Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 3100, 2072, 2970, 2926, 2852, 2247, 1619, 1592, 1481, 1424, 1262, 1059, 1032, 850, 767, 715 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.73 (dd, J = 3.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.56–2.43 (m, 2H), 2.42–2.33 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 152.7, 139.0, 136.9, 130.8, 130.1, 129.5, 128.0, 127.5, 127.1, 126.9, 125.8, 122.6, 119.4, 80.1, 36.7, 28.0, 12.5 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 283.0906, found: 283.0908.

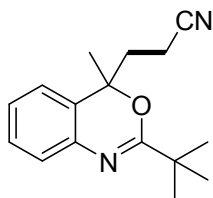


3-(2,4-diphenyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3qa): Yield = 36%. Yellow solid. M.p. 98.2–99.8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR (KBr) ν = 3059, 2927, 2246, 1517, 1445, 1318, 1248, 1024, 766, 696 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.22 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.38 (dd, J = 12.0, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, J = 9.8, 6.7 Hz, 8H), 2.86–2.77 (m, 2H), 2.63–2.51 (m, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.1, 142.1, 139.8, 132.2, 132.0, 129.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.7, 128.1, 127.1, 126.3, 126.0, 125.6, 124.1, 119.5, 82.8, 77.6, 77.2, 76.9, 36.5, 13.2 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 339.1498, found: 339.1497.

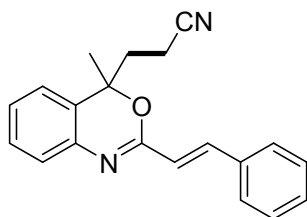


3-(2,4-dimethyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3ra): Yield = 26%. Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 3064, 2973, 2855, 2247, 1640, 1522, 1484, 1376, 1263, 1082, 754 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.32–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.01 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H),

2.48–2.34 (m, 2H), 2.34–2.20 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.6, 138.5, 129.5, 127.1, 126.6, 125.1, 122.6, 119.4, 79.5, 37.2, 28.8, 22.0, 12.5 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 215.1185, found: 215.1178.



3-(2-*tert*-butyl-4-methyl-4*H*-benzo[*d*][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3sa): Yield = 26%. Yellow solid. M.p. 57.2–58.4 °C. IR (KBr) ν = 2976, 2929, 2866, 2250, 1633, 1487, 1448, 1374, 1267, 1144, 1080, 955, 870, 777, 709 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.28 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.96 (m, 1H), 2.44–2.35 (m, 2H), 2.35–2.26 (m, 2H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 9H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 167.2, 139.1, 129.3, 127.0, 126.9, 125.8, 122.3, 119.6, 78.7, 37.5, 36.4, 28.3, 27.6, 12.6 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 257.1654, found: 257.1656.



(*E*)-3-(4-methyl-2-styryl-4*H*-benzo[*d*][1,3]oxazin-4-yl)propanenitrile (3ua): Yield = 25%. Yellow oil. IR (KBr) ν = 3060, 3026, 2965, 2852, 2247, 1567, 1481, 1260, 1076, 768, 696 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.55 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.04 (m, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.56–2.43 (m, 2H), 2.42–2.33 (m, 2H), 1.68 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 156.6, 139.3, 135.4, 129.9, 129.6, 129.1, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 125.9, 122.6, 122.0, 119.5, 79.4, 36.8, 28.3, 12.6 ppm. HRMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 303.1498, found: 303.1505.

