

Expedient, catalyst-free, three-component synthesis of fused tetrahydropyridines in water

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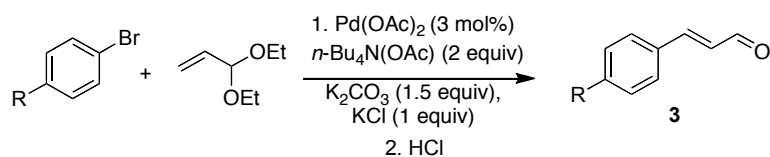
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Supporting Information

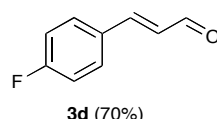
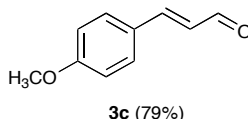
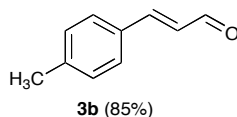
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1. General procedure for the synthesis of substituted cinnamaldehydes 3.¹

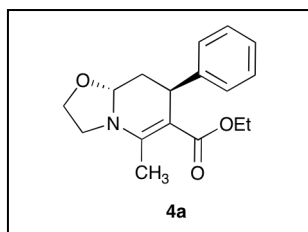


To a stirred solution of aryl halides (2.5 mmol) in 10 mL of DMF were added acrolein diethyl acetal (7.5 mmol), *n*Bu₄NOAc (5 mmol), K₂CO₃ (3.75 mmol), KCl (2.5 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (3 mol%). Stirring was continued at 90 °C for the completion of the reaction (5-10 h). After cooling, 2 N HCl was slowly added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. The mixture was extracted with ether and washed with water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica column chromatography using pet ether-ethyl acetate mixture as eluent (90:10 v/v).



2. Characterization data of compounds 4 and 5.

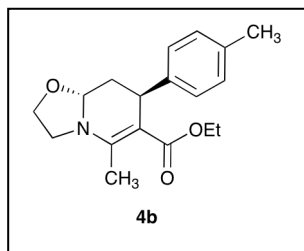
Ethyl 5-methyl-7-phenyl-3,7,8,8a-tetrahydro-2*H*-oxazolo[3,2-*a*]pyridine-6-carboxylate (**4a**):



Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 75%; IR (neat): 2932.2, 2844.2, 1681.3, 1553.8, 1287.0, 1118.2 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃), 1.64-1.73 (m, 1H, H_c), 2.27-2.30 (dt, *J* = 12.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H, H_b), 2.59 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.52-3.63 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 3.82-3.88 (m, 1H, OCH₂CH₂N), 3.94 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, OCH₂CH₃), 4.17-4.22 (m, 2H, OCH₂CH₂N & PhCH), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H, H_d), 7.11-7.17 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.22-7.26 (m, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.3 (CH₃), 18.0 (CH₃), 33.5 (PhCH), 38.1 (PhCHCH₂), 46.3 (NCH₂), 58.7 (COOCH₂), 65.6 (OCH₂), 84.5 (OCHN), 95.5 (C=CCO₂Et), 125.8 (ArCH), 127.5 (ArCH), 128.1 (ArCH), 146.5 (Ar-Quaternary), 152.5 (NC=CCO₂Et), 168.7 (CO). Anal Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NO₃: C, 71.06; H, 7.37; N, 4.87. Found: C, 70.77; H, 7.28; N, 4.75.

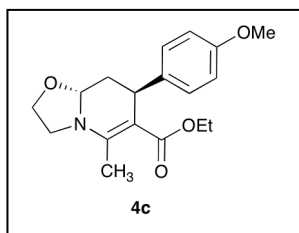
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Ethyl 5-methyl-7-*p*-tolyl-3,7,8,8a-tetrahydro-2*H*-oxazolo[3,2-*a*]pyridine-6-carboxylate (4b):



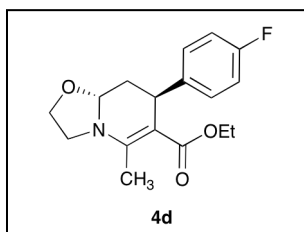
Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 83%; IR (neat): 2954.1, 2866.8, 1670.1, 1567.6, 1420.9, 1289.0, 1123.5 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.94 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.54-1.64 (m, 1H), 2.17 (ddd, $J = 12.0, 3.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 3.47-3.53 (m, 2H), 3.72-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.84-3.92 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.15 (m, 2H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 10.5, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.3, 18.0, 21.0, 33.6, 37.6, 46.3, 58.7, 65.6, 84.6, 95.7, 127.4, 128.8, 135.2, 143.5, 152.2, 168.7. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$: C, 71.73; H, 7.69; N, 4.65. Found: C, 71.41; H, 7.61; N, 4.54.

Ethyl 7-(4-methoxyphenyl) -5-methyl-3,7,8,8a-tetrahydro-2*H*-oxazolo[3,2-*a*]pyridine-6-carboxylate (4c):



Pale yellow viscous liquid; yield: 80%; IR (neat): 2920.6, 2852.2, 1674.7, 1564.5, 1426.1, 1292.0, 1118.9 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.01 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.62-1.68 (m, 1H), 2.23 (dt, $J = 11.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 3.55-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.82-3.88 (m, 1H), 3.95 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.18-4.23 (m, 2H), 4.39 (dd, $J = 10.5, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.3, 17.9, 33.7, 37.2, 46.3, 55.2, 58.7, 65.5, 84.5, 95.8, 113.4, 128.4, 138.6, 152.1, 157.7, 168.7. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4$: C, 68.12; H, 7.30; N, 4.41. Found: C, 67.81; H, 7.18; N, 4.34.

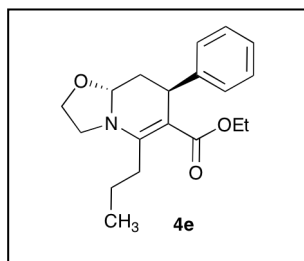
Ethyl 7-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-3,7,8,8a-tetrahydro-2*H*-oxazolo[3,2-*a*]pyridine-6-carboxylate (4d):



Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 73%; IR (neat): 2930.5, 2873.3, 1676.4, 1566.5, 1505.5, 1290.0, 1222.9, 1118.9 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.93 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.58-1.65 (m, 1H), 2.16 (ddd, $J = 12.0, 3.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 3.48-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.74-3.92 (m, 3H), 4.11-4.15 (m, 2H), 4.30 (dd, $J = 10.5, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.99-7.03 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.3, 18.0, 33.6, 37.4, 46.3, 58.8, 65.6, 84.3, 95.5, 114.8 (d, $J = 21.0$ Hz), 128.9 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 142.2 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 152.5, 161.2 (d, J

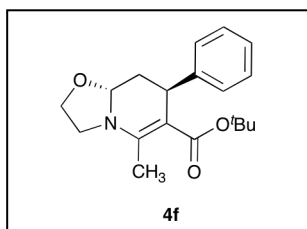
= 241.5 Hz), 168.5. Anal Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀FNO₃: C, 66.87; H, 6.60; N, 4.59. Found: C, 66.59; H, 6.49; N, 4.45.

Ethyl 7-phenyl-5-propyl-3,7,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-oxazolo[3,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylate (4e):



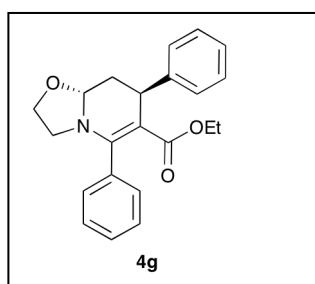
Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 81%; IR (neat): 2945.2, 2887.1, 1680.9, 1545.8, 1281.2, 1232.1, 1121.0 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.92 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.56-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.78 (m, 1H), 2.20 (ddd, *J* = 11.1, 3.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (td, *J* = 12.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (td, *J* = 11.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.50-3.55 (m, 2H), 3.74-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.88 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.10-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.31 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.18 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 14.3, 14.5, 22.5, 33.4, 33.6, 38.0, 45.7, 58.7, 65.6, 84.5, 95.1, 125.8, 127.5, 128.1, 146.7, 156.6, 168.1. Anal Calcd for C₁₉H₂₅NO₃: C, 72.35; H, 7.99; N, 4.44. Found: C, 72.02; H, 7.81; N, 4.32.

***tert*-Butyl 5-methyl-7-phenyl-3,7,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-oxazolo[3,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylate (4f):**



Colourless viscous liquid; yield: 82%; IR (neat): 2945.1, 2888.2, 1670.0, 1560.5, 1478.9, 1272.0, 1134.5 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.12 (s, 9H), 1.60-1.66 (m, 1H), 2.16 (dt, *J* = 12.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.46-3.55 (m, 2H), 3.74-3.82 (m, 1H), 4.07-4.15 (m, 2H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 16.5, 26.9, 32.5, 37.5, 44.9, 64.3, 76.7, 83.1, 96.0, 124.4, 126.4, 126.7, 145.8, 150.2, 167.0. Anal Calcd for C₁₉H₂₅NO₃: C, 72.35; H, 7.99; N, 4.44. Found: C, 71.99; H, 7.84; N, 4.32.

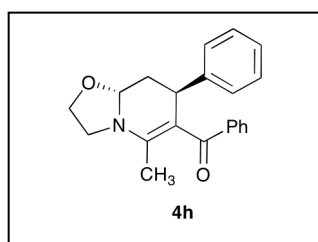
Ethyl 5,7-diphenyl-3,7,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-oxazolo[3,2-a]pyridine-6-carboxylate (4g):



Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 62%; IR (neat): 2951.8, 2866.0, 1688.3, 1554.1, 1501.0, 1243.6, 1116.5 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.74

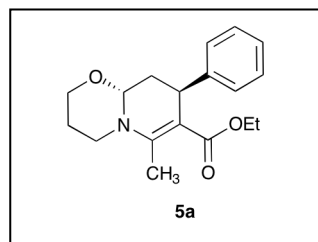
(ddd, $J = 12.0, 10.2, 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 (ddd, $J = 12.3, 3.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.89-2.97 (m, 1H), 3.09-3.16 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.67 (m, 2H), 3.68-3.77 (m, 1H), 3.90-3.96 (m, 1H), 4.32 (dd, $J = 5.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, $J = 10.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.25 (m, 6H), 7.32-7.39 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): 13.6, 33.9, 38.2, 48.1, 58.8, 65.5, 85.0, 99.4, 126.1, 127.6, 128.0, 128.3, 128.8, 138.6, 145.6, 154.0, 168.0. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$: C, 75.62; H, 6.63; N, 4.01. Found: C, 75.35; H, 6.49; N, 3.89. One aromatic carbon is merged with others.

5-Methyl-7-phenyl-3,7,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-oxazolo[3,2-a]pyridin-6-yl(phenyl)methanone (4h):



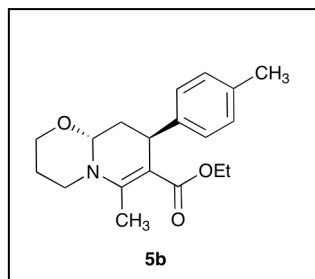
Pale yellow viscous liquid; yield: 61%; IR (neat): 2921.1, 2879.3, 1689.0, 1533.8, 1501.8, 1267.8, 1145.7 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.67-1.76 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.29-2.34 (m, 1H), 3.56-3.61 (m, 2H), 3.85-3.93 (m, 1H), 4.22-4.27 (m, 1H), 4.41 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, $J = 10.5, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.42 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): 20.0, 33.6, 39.0, 46.4, 65.7, 85.1, 107.9, 126.1, 127.6, 127.9, 128.0, 128.3, 129.8, 143.5, 145.7, 152.4, 195.8. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$: C, 78.97; H, 6.63; N, 4.39. Found: C, 78.72; H, 6.51; N, 4.35.

Ethyl 6-methyl-8-phenyl-2,3,4,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[2,1-b][1,3]oxazine-7-carboxylate (5a):



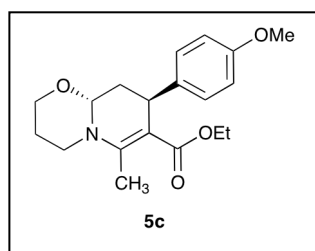
Pale yellow viscous liquid; yield: 73%; IR (neat): 3023.8, 2929.2, 2849.2, 1683.2, 1576.7, 1437.1, 1119.0 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.92 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.50-1.52 (m, 1H), 1.92-2.19 (m, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.98 (td, $J = 13.2, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.61 (td, $J = 12.0, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.03-4.10 (m, 3H), 4.24 (dd, $J = 8.4, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.29 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.0, 16.5, 25.9, 36.1, 37.3, 45.4, 59.1, 67.2, 83.8, 101.2, 125.8, 127.5, 128.2, 146.5, 152.6, 168.9. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$: C, 71.73; H, 7.69; N, 4.65. Found: C, 71.49; H, 7.60; N, 4.54.

Ethyl 6-methyl-8-*p*-tolyl-2,3,4,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazine-7-carboxylate (5b):



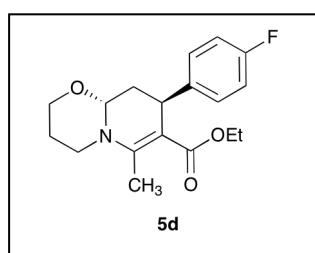
Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 77%; IR (neat): 2957.5, 2926.5, 1682.8, 1579.2, 1438.0, 1207.3, 1122.4 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.89 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.43-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.81-2.10 (m, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H) 2.88 (td, $J = 13.0, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.56 (td, $J = 12.0, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.95-4.00 (m, 3H), 4.15 (dd, $J = 8.4, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.93-7.09 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.1, 16.5, 21.0, 26.0, 36.2, 36.9, 45.3, 59.1, 67.1, 83.9, 101.3, 127.2, 128.9, 135.2, 143.4, 152.6, 169.0. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$: C, 72.35; H, 7.99; N, 4.44. Found: C, 72.03; H, 7.85; N, 4.35.

Ethyl 8-(4-methoxyphenyl) -6-methyl-2,3,4,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazine-7-carboxylate (5c):



Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 78%; IR (neat): 2978.5, 2943.1, 1677.9, 1589.6, 1443.9, 1265.1, 1117.9 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.90 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.43-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.84-2.10 (m, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.89 (td, $J = 13.0, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 (td, $J = 12.0, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.82 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.95-3.99 (m, 3H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 8.4, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.1, 16.5, 25.9, 36.2, 36.4, 45.3, 55.2, 59.1, 67.1, 83.9, 101.5, 113.5, 128.3, 138.5, 152.4, 157.7, 168.9. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4$: C, 68.86; H, 7.60; N, 4.23. Found: C, 68.58; H, 7.53; N, 4.19.

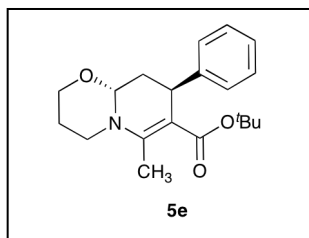
Ethyl 8-(4-fluorophenyl) -6-methyl-2,3,4,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazine-7-carboxylate (5d):



Colourless viscous liquid; yield: 78%; IR (neat): 2989.3, 2865.7, 1681.2, 1545.7, 1476.1, 1232.8, 1332.1 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.86 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.44-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.96 (m, 2H), 2.02-2.11 (m, 1H) 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.92 (td, $J = 12.9, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.55 (td, $J = 12.0, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.97-4.01 (m, 3H), 4.15 (dd, $J = 8.7, 4.2$ Hz, 1H),

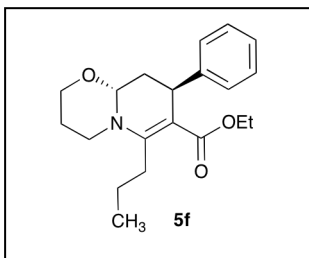
6.85-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.99-7.05 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 13.0, 15.4, 24.9, 35.2, 35.6, 44.4, 58.1, 66.2, 82.7, 100.1, 113.9 (d, $J = 21.0$ Hz), 127.6 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 141.1 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 151.7, 160.2 (d, $J = 241.5$ Hz), 167.8. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}_3$: C, 67.69; H, 6.94; N, 4.39. Found: C, 67.44; H, 6.87; N, 4.31.

***tert*-Butyl 6-methyl-8-phenyl-2,3,4,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazine-7-carboxylate (5e):**



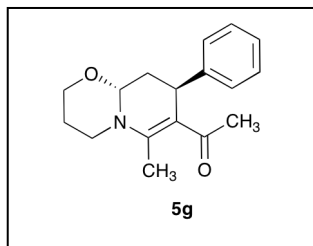
Yellow viscous liquid; yield: 81%; IR (neat): 2976.5, 2922.5, 1677.0, 1571.6, 1440.0, 1119.3 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.41-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.95 (m, 2H), 2.02-2.11 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.92 (td, $J = 12.9$, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (td, $J = 12.0$, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90-4.04 (m, 3H), 4.20 (dd, $J = 7.5$, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.21 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 16.3, 25.9, 27.9, 36.4, 37.9, 45.7, 67.3, 78.6, 83.9, 103.8, 125.7, 127.5, 128.1, 147.1, 150.9, 168.4. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3$: C, 72.92; H, 8.26; N, 4.25. Found: C, 72.65; H, 8.11; N, 4.16.

Ethyl 8-phenyl-6-propyl-2,3,4,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazine-7-carboxylate (5f):



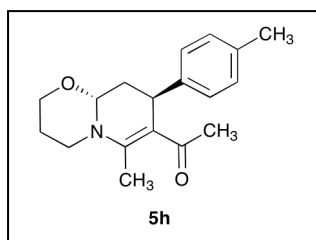
Pale yellow semi-solid; yield: 70%; IR (neat): 2992.1, 2920.3, 1691.5, 1521.2, 1412.9, 1256.8, 1129.4 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.88 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.99 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.45-1.55 (m, 3H), 1.82-2.06 (m, 3H), 2.61-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.87-2.99 (m, 2H), 3.53 (td, $J = 12.0$, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.76-3.85 (m, 2H), 3.87-4.02 (m, 3H), 4.16 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.0, 14.1, 22.1, 26.3, 30.5, 36.1, 37.1, 45.4, 58.9, 67.1, 84.0, 100.1, 125.8, 127.3, 128.2, 146.4, 156.7, 168.5. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3$: C, 72.92; H, 8.26; N, 4.25. Found: C, 72.69; H, 8.21; N, 4.18.

1-(6-Methyl-8-phenyl-2,3,4,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazin-7-yl)ethanone (5g):



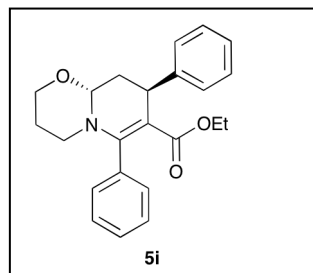
Pale yellow solid; yield: 78%; mp: 130-131 °C; IR (neat): 2956.8, 2849.3, 1634.2, 1527.1, 1425.2, 1361.7, 1085.5 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.52-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.85-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 2.16-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.96 (td, $J = 12.9, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.56 (td, $J = 12.9, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.95-4.11 (m, 2H), 4.17 (dd, $J = 8.1, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 16.8, 25.9, 29.6, 36.4, 38.6, 44.7, 67.0, 83.5, 109.3, 126.4, 127.5, 128.7, 145.1, 153.3, 198.4. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3$: C, 75.25; H, 7.80; N, 5.16. Found: C, 74.97; H, 7.68; N, 5.11.

1-(6-Methyl-8-*p*-tolyl-2,3,4,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazin-7-yl)ethanone (5h):



Pale yellow viscous liquid; yield: 74%; IR (neat): 2988.1, 2865.6, 1657.2, 1565.7, 1469.8, 1225.8, 1081.8 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.46-1.51 (m, 1H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.86-1.89 (m, 1H), 2.07-2.11 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.87 (td, $J = 12.9, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.48 (td, $J = 12.0, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.83-4.06 (m, 3H), 4.09 (dd, $J = 7.8, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H). Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2$: C, 75.76; H, 8.12; N, 4.91. Found: C, 75.65; H, 8.03; N, 4.82.

Ethyl 6,8-diphenyl-2,3,4,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazine-7-carboxylate (5i):



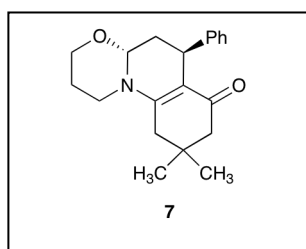
Pale yellow viscous liquid; yield: 65%; IR (neat): 2967.3, 2889.2, 1688.3, 1545.2, 1465.1, 1233.8, 1119.4 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.65 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.25-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.85 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.22 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.79 (td, $J = 12.9, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.20-3.25 (m, 1H), 3.64-3.69 (m, 3H), 4.04 (dd, $J = 11.4, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, $J = 8.1, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.34 (m, 7H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 13.5, 26.0, 36.2, 37.2, 47.0, 58.9, 67.3, 84.0, 102.0, 126.0, 127.3, 127.9,

128.3, 128.4, 128.8, 137.5, 145.8, 154.4, 168.0. Anal Calcd for C₂₃H₂₅NO₃: C, 76.01; H, 6.93; N, 3.85. Found: C, 75.79; H, 6.89; N, 3.82.

3. General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 7 and 8.

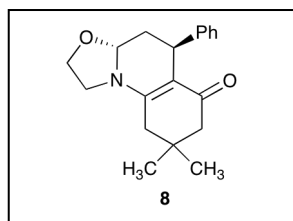
To a stirred solution of amino alcohol **1** (1.3 mmol), dimedone **6** (1.0 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde **3a** (1 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was added CAN (10 mol%) and stirring was continued for 3 h at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was washed with water followed by brine and evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by silica column chromatography using pet ether-ethyl acetate mixture as eluent (60:40 v/v).

9,9-Dimethyl-6-phenyl-2,3,4a,5,6,8,9,10-octahydro-[1,3]oxazino[3,2-*a*]quinolin-7(1*H*)-one (**7**):



White solid; yield: 42%; mp: 160-161 °C; IR (neat) 3018.8, 2963.6, 2862.8, 1617.1, 1560.0, 1448.5, 1323.6, 1099.8, 1058.3 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.02 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.43-1.48 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.86 (m, 1H), 2.05-2.24 (m, 5H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (td, *J* = 12.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (td, *J* = 12.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98-4.01 (m, 1H), 4.04-4.08 (m, 1H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98-7.04 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.15 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 27.0, 28.0, 29.8, 32.2, 33.0, 34.9, 40.6, 46.6, 49.6, 67.7, 85.3, 109.9, 125.3, 127.5, 127.7, 145.4, 156.0, 194.1 Anal Calcd for C₂₀H₂₅NO₂: C, 77.14; H, 8.09; N, 4.50. Found: C, 76.91; H, 8.01; N, 4.43.

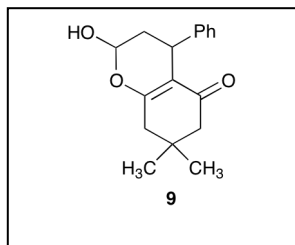
8,8-Dimethyl-5-phenyl-3a,4,5,7,8,9-hexahydro-1*H*-oxazolo[3,2-*a*]quinolin-6(2*H*)-one (**8**):



White solid; yield: 27%; mp: 145-147 °C; IR (neat) 3008.3, 2937.0, 2880.4, 1621.8, 1547.1, 1438.7, 1302.9, 1070.9 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.54-1.60 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.45 (m, 2H), 3.43-3.56 (m, 2H), 3.79-3.85 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.26 (m, 2H), 4.38 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 28.5, 29.4, 32.4, 33.3, 34.1, 41.4, 45.6, 49.7,

65.7, 85.2, 106.6, 126.0, 127.5, 128.3, 144.9, 155.8, 192.5. Anal Calcd for $C_{19}H_{23}NO_2$: C, 76.73; H, 7.80; N, 4.71. Found: C, 76.51; H, 7.74; N, 4.68.

2-Hydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-4-phenyl-3,4,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-chromen-5(6H)-one (9):



White solid; yield: 22%; mp: 200-201 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.95-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.51 (m, 2H), 3.65 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.08-4.09 (m, 1H), 5.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 28.1, 28.9, 32.2, 33.9, 36.8, 42.5, 50.7, 93.2, 111.3, 126.4, 127.4, 128.5, 144.1, 169.4, 197.0

4. Copies of NMR spectra

