Supporting Information

Three-component synthesis of 2-heteroaryl-benzothiazoles under

metal-free conditions

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General information

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of air. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 48-75 µm. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-AV (400 and 100 MHz, respectively) instrument internally referenced to tetramethylsilane (TMS) or chloroform signals. Mass spectra were measured on Agilent 5975 GC-MS instrument (EI). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded at the Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences. The structures of known compounds were further corroborated by comparing their ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR data and MS data with those of literature. Most reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

General procedure for benzothiazole synthesis

Ammonium iodide (29 mg, 0.2 mmol), *p*-toluidine (**1a**, 54 mg, 0.6 mmol), sulfur (32 mg, 1 mmol), 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol), 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (0.6 mL) were added to a 10 mL oven-dried reaction vessel. The sealed reaction vessel was stirred at 160 °C for 40 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (5 mL) and washed with saturated sodium chloride solution. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to yield the desired product **3a** as white solid (35.9 mg, 65% yield), mp 232-233 °C.

6-Methyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3a, CAS: 103042-07-5)^[1]



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 152.5, 151.5, 147.9, 137.0, 136.7, 136.2, 130.0, 129.7, 128.9, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 123.3, 121.7, 118.3, 21.6.

2-(Quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3b, CAS: 24613-99-8)^[1]



The reaction was conducted with aniline (**1b**, 55 µL, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 µL, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1) to yield the desired product **3b** as white solid (29.3 mg, 56% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 154.3, 151.3, 147.9, 137.0, 136.5, 130.1, 129.7, 129.0, 127.7, 127.6, 126.3, 125.9, 123.8, 122.0, 118.3.

6-Ethyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3c)



The reaction was conducted with 4-ethylaniline (**1c**, 73 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to yield the desired product **3c** as white solid (36.5 mg, 63% yield), mp173-174 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 – 8.44 (m, 1H), 8.30 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 2.81 (m, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 152.6, 151.4, 147.8, 142.6, 136.9, 136.6, 130.0, 129.6, 128.9, 127.7, 127.4, 126.9, 123.3, 120.5, 118.28, 29.0, 15.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 291.09505, found 291.09497.

6-Isopropyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3d)



The reaction was conducted with 4-isopropylaniline (**1d**, 81 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to yield the desired product **3d** as white solid (43.8 mg, 72% yield), mp 138-140 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 3.14 – 3.04 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 152.7, 151.4, 147.8, 147.2, 136.9, 136.6, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8, 127.7, 127.4, 125.6, 123.4, 119.1, 118.3, 34.3, 24.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $C_{19}H_{17}N_2S^+$ (M+H)⁺ 305.11070, found 305.11060.

6-(tert-Butyl)-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3e)



The reaction was conducted with 4-*tert*-butylaniline (**1e**, 95.6 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to yield the desired product **3e** as white solid (49.6 mg, 78% yield), mp 248-249 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 152.2, 151.4, 149.4, 147.8, 136.9, 136.5, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8, 127.7, 127.4, 124.6, 123.0, 118.3, 118.0, 35.1, 31.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 319.12635, found 319.12628.

6-Methoxy-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3f, CAS:107524-00-5)^[1]



The reaction was conducted with *p*-anisidine (**1f**, 74 mg, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to yield the desired product **3f** as yellow solid (35.6 mg, 61% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 158.3, 151.4, 148.9, 147.8, 138.0, 136.9, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8, 127.7, 127.4, 124.3, 118.1, 116.1, 104.1, 55.8.

6-Phenyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3g)



The reaction was conducted with 4-aminobiphenyl (**1g**, 102 mg, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 45:1) to yield the desired product **3g** as white solid (36.5 mg, 54% yield), mp 182-183 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.25 – 8.16 (m, 3H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 153.6, 151.2, 147.9, 140.5, 139.3, 137.2, 137.1, 120.3, 118.4, 77.3, 77.00, 76.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₂H₁₅N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 339.09505, found 339.09512.

5-Methyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3h+3h')^[2]



The reaction was conducted with 3- toluidine (**1h**, 64 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 70:1) to yield the desired product **3h+3h'** as white solid (30.8 mg, 56% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 – 8.46 (m, 1H), 8.33 – 8.26 (m, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.89 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 2.66 (s, 2H), 2.54 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 169.3, 166.7, 154.8, 154.3, 152.9, 151.4, 150.0, 148.0, 146.2, 137.0, 137.0, 136.4, 133.5, 132.3, 132.2, 130.1, 130.1, 129.7, 129.7, 129.0, 1289.0, 127.7, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.5, 126.5, 126.0, 123.7, 121.5, 121.2, 118.4, 118.3, 77.3, 77.2, 77.0, 76.7, 21.5, 21.3.

5-Ethyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3i)



The reaction was conducted with 3-ethylaniline (**1i**, 73 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to yield the desired product **3i** as white solid (35.4 mg, 61% yield), mp 182-184 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.88 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 154.6, 151.3, 147.8, 142.9, 137.0, 133.6, 130.1, 129.7, 128.9, 127.7, 127.5, 126.7, 122.4, 121.6, 118.3, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 28.8, 29.0, 15.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 291.09505, found 291.09485.

5-(tert-Butyl)-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3j)



The reaction was conducted with 3-tert-butylaniline (**1j**, 95.6 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) to yield the desired product **3j** as white solid (52.2 mg, 82% yield), mp 173-174 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.25 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 154.6, 151.4, 150.0, 147.9, 137.0, 133.4, 130.0, 129.7, 128.9, 127.7, 127.5, 124.2, 121.3, 120.1, 118.2, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 34.9, 31.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 319.12635, found 319.12604.

4-Methyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3k)^[1]



The reaction was conducted with 2-toluidine (**1k**, 64.2 µL, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 µL, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60:1) to yield the desired product **3k** as white solid (20.2 mg, 37% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 2.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 153.8, 151.6, 147.8, 136.8, 136.4, 133.9, 130.0, 129.6, 128.9, 127.7, 127.4, 126.6, 125.8, 119.3, 118.5, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 18.2.

4,6-Dimethyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole(3l)



The reaction was conducted with 2,4-dimethylaniline (**11**, 73 mg, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to yield the desired product **3l** as white solid (33.2 mg, 56% yield), mp 161-162 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 152.0, 151.8, 147.8, 136.7, 136.6, 136.0, 133.3, 129.9, 129.6, 128.8, 128.4, 127.7, 127.3, 119.1, 118.4, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 21.6, 18.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 291.09505, found 291.09494.

5,7-Dimethyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3m)



The reaction was conducted with 3,5-dimethylaniline (**1m**, 72.6 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to yield the desired product **3m** as white solid (31.8 mg, 55% yield), mp 184-185 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 154.34, 151.34, 147.9, 137.0, 136.6, 133.9, 131.5, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 121.1, 118.3, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 21.5, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 291.09505, found 291.09518.

4,5-Dimethyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3n)



The reaction was conducted with 2,3-dimethylaniline (**1n**, 74.1 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to yield the desired product **3n** as white solid (41.2 mg, 71% yield), mp 253-255 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 – 8.54 (m, 1H), 8.36 – 8.25 (m, 2H), 7.92 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.82 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 2.85 – 2.74 (m, 3H), 2.49 – 2.41 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 154.2, 151.8, 147.9, 136.7, 134.0, 133.7, 132.0, 129.9, 129.6, 128.9, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 118.5, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 19.6, 14.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 291.09505, found 291.09506.

2-(Quinolin-2-yl)naphtho[1,2-d]thiazole (30)^[3]



The reaction was conducted with 1-aminonaphthalene (**10**, 86.1 mg 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinoline (**2a**, 27 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 70:1) yield the desired product **30** as green solid (38.7 mg, 62% yield), mp 243-245 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.82 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.5, 151.7, 150.7, 147.9, 137.0, 133.7, 132.0, 130.1, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 127.7, 127.4, 127.1, 126.7, 126.2, 123.7, 119.4, 118.5, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₀H₁₃N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 313.07940, found 313.07916.

6-Methyl-2-(6-methylquinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3p)



The reaction was conducted with *p*-toluidine (**1b**, 64 mg, 0.6 mmol) and 2,6-dimethylquinoline (**2b** 31.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to yield the desired product **3p** as white solid (37.8 mg, 65% yield), mp 211-213 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 152.4, 150.5, 146.4, 137.7, 136.5, 136.3, 136.1, 132.4, 129.3, 128.9, 127.9, 126.6, 123.1, 121.7, 118.3, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 21.7, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 291.09505, found 291.09479.

2-(6-Methoxyquinolin-2-yl)-6-methylbenzo[d]thiazole (3q)



The reaction was conducted with *p*-toluidine (**1a**, 64 mg, 0.6 mmol) and 6-methoxy-2-methylquinoline (**2c**, 37 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to yield the desired product **3q** as white solid (41.6 mg, 68% yield), mp 215-217 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 158.6, 152.3, 149.1, 143.9, 136.4, 136.0, 135.6, 131.1, 130.2, 127.9, 123.0, 123.0, 121.7, 118.7, 105.2, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 55.6, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₂OS⁺ (M+H)⁺ 307.08996, found 307.09088.

2-(6-Methylbenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)quinolin-8-ol (3r)



The reaction was conducted with and *p*-toluidine (**1a**, 64 mg, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylquinolin-8-ol (**2d**, 32 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to yield the desired product **3r** as canary yellow solid (40.1 mg, 68% yield), mp 205-206 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 152.4, 152.1, 149.3, 137.6, 137.2, 136.5, 136.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 123.3, 121.7, 119.0, 118.1, 110.9, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₃N₂OS⁺ (M+H)⁺ 293.07431, found 293.07465.

2-(Benzo[f]quinolin-3-yl)-6-methylbenzo[d]thiazole (3s)



The reaction was conducted with *p*-toluidine (**1a**, 64 mg, 0.6 mmol) and 3-methylbenzo[f]quinoline (**2e**, 39 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to yield the desired product **3s** as white solid (35.9 mg, 55% yield), mp 233-234 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.11 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.72 – 8.63 (m, 2H), 8.13 – 8.03 (m, 3H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.78 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 152.5, 150.9, 148.0, 136.6, 136.1, 132.0, 131.6, 131.5, 129.5, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 126.4, 123.2, 123.0, 121.7, 118.4, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₁₅N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 327.09505, found 327.09518.

6-Methyl-2-(quinoxalin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3t)



The reaction was conducted with and *p*-tluidine (**1a**, 64 mg, 0.6 mmol) and 6-methyl-2-(quinoxalin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (**2f**, 29 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to yield the desired product **3t** as yellow solid (34.9 mg, 63% yield), mp 223-225 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 8.19 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 152.5, 146.1, 143.1, 142.9, 141.8, 136.8, 136.4, 130.7, 130.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.3, 123.6, 121.7, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂N₃S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 278.07464, found 278.07452.

6-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-(6-phenylquinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3u)



The reaction was conducted with 4-*tert*-butylaniline (**1e**, 95.6 μ L , 0.6 mmol) and 2-methyl-6-phenylquinoline (**2g**, 43 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to yield the desired product **3u** as white solid (57.5 mg, 73% yield), mp 203-205 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.40 – 8.31 (m, 2H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 2H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 152.3, 151.3, 149.5, 147.2, 140.1, 140.0, 137.0, 136.5, 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 127.9, 127.4, 125.3, 124.6, 123.0, 118.7, 118.0, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 35.1, 31.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₆H₂₃N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 395.15765, found 395.15747.

6-(tert-Butyl)-2-(6-ethoxyquinolin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3v)



The reaction was conducted with 4-*tert*-butylaniline (**1e**, 95.6 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 6-ethoxy-2-methylquinoline (**2h**, 37.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to yield the desired product **3v** as white solid (63 mg, 87% yield), mp 192-193 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.14 – 8.00 (m, 3H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 4.18 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 1.48 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 157.9, 152.3, 149.2, 149.1, 143.8, 136.3, 135.4, 131.1, 130.2, 124.4, 123.1, 122.8, 118.6, 117.9, 105.8, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 63.8, 35.1, 31.5, 14.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₂H₂₃N₂OS⁺ (M+H)⁺ 363.15256, found 363.15262.

2-(6-Bromoquinolin-2-yl)-6-(tert-butyl)benzo[d]thiazole (3w)



The reaction was conducted with 4-*tert*-butylaniline (**1e**, 95.6 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 6-bromo-2-methylquinoline (**2i**, 44 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to yield the desired product **3w** as canary yellow solid (24.5 mg, 31% yield), mp 181-182 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.59 (m, J = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.5, 152.2, 151.8, 149.7, 146.4, 136.5, 135.8, 133.5, 131.3, 129.9, 129.8, 124.7, 123.1, 121.4, 119.2, 118.0, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 35.2, 31.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈BrN₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 397.03686, found 397.03690. 6-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3x)



The reaction was conducted with 4-*tert*-butylaniline (1e, 95.6 μ L, 0.6 mmol) and 2-methylpyridine (2j, 19 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) to yield the desired product 3x as yellow liquid (38 mg, 71% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 – 8.66 (m, 1H), 8.38 – 8.34 (m, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 152.2, 151.5, 149.6, 149.2, 137.0, 136.1, 125.0, 124.6, 122.8, 120.6, 118.0, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 35.1, 31.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 269.11070, found 269.11084.

6-(tert-Butyl)-2-(1H-indol-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3y)

The reaction was conducted with 4-*tert*-butylaniline (**1e**, 95.6 μ L, 0.6 mmol), 2-methyl-1H-indole (**2k**, 26.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) for 72 h. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1) to yield the desired product **3y** as yellow solid (27.5 mg, 45% yield), mp 181-183 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.10 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 151.1, 148.9, 137.1, 134.6, 131.4, 128.3, 124.7, 124.5, 121.8, 121.5, 120.6, 117.8, 111.6, 105.4, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 35.1, 31.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺ 307.12635, found 307.12628.

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