Supporting information

Highly efficient synthesis of β -nitrate ester carboxamides

through the ring-opening of 2-oxazolines

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1. General Information

All reactions were carried out with magnetic stirring and in dried glassware. Standard syringe techniques were applied for transfer of dry solvents. All reagents and solvents were commercially available and used without any further purification unless specified. Proton (¹H NMR) and carbon (¹³C NMR) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 100MHz, respectively. The chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) on the delta (δ) scale. The solvent peak was used as a reference value, for ¹H NMR: TMS = 0.00 ppm, for ¹³C NMR: CDCl₃ = 77.00 ppm. The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, td = triplet of doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, and br = broad. Analytical TLC was performed on precoated silica gel plates. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an Agilent mass spectrometer using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization-time of flight).

2. Experimental Section

2.1 General Procedure for the synthesis of starting materials

2.1.1 Synthesis of 2-aryl oxazolines and 2-aryl oxazines¹



In a three-necked flask (100 mL), substituted benzonitrile (20 mmol), ZnCl₂ (2.0 mmol) and chlorobenzene (35 mL) were added under Argon. 2-Aminoethanol or 3-aminopropanol (60 mmol) was added to the suspension via a syringe. The mixture was heated to reflux for 36 h. After refluxing for 36 hours, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. CH_2Cl_2 (250 mL) was added to the residue and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (150 mL) and H₂O (150 mL). The aqueous fraction was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (250 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel and further recrystallized from EtOAc/hexane to give colorless crystals.

2.1.2 Synthesis of N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide²



Substituted 2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)aniline (5 mmol) and acid chloride (5.5 mmol) were added to a 100 mL flask and then dissolved with THF (20 mL). Et₃N (7.5 mmol) was taken to the vigorously stirred solution via a syringe. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 h and quenched with saturated NaHCO₃. And then the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. Combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under

reduced pressure. The crude product was further recrystallized from EtOAc/hexane to give colorless crystals of the product.



N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide (1a)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.01 (s, 1H), 8.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.14 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.88 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (t, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.99, 164.84, 140.12, 135.24, 132.54, 131.56, 129.22, 128.49, 127.66, 122.31, 119.78, 113.49, 66.18, 54.60; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 267.1128, found: 267.1125.



N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-methylbenzamide (1b)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.49 (s, 1H), 8.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.60, 164.52, 140.04, 137.08, 136.66, 132.46, 131.28, 130.04, 129.17, 127.45, 125.69, 122.35, 119.64, 113.39, 66.10, 54.59, 20.28; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O₂[M+H]⁺: 281.1285, found: 281.1290.



N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzamide (1c)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.95 (s, 1H), 8.96 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.06, 164.89, 142.03, 140.29, 132.58, 132.53, 129.22, 127.72, 122.18, 119.81, 113.43, 66.19, 54.66, 21.45; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 281.1285, found: 281.1292.



N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-3,4-dimethoxybenzamide (1d)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.92 (s, 1H), 8.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (t, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.51, 165.05, 151.86, 148.72, 140.33, 132.64, 129.27, 127.75, 122.10, 121.03, 119.61, 113.24, 110.60, 110.45, 66.13, 55.95, 55.83, 54.66; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₈H₁₈N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 327.1339, found: 327.1349.



N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-fluorobenzamide (1e)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.80 (s, 1H), 8.91 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (td, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.25 (td, J = 8.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 4.36 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.24, 162.95 (d, J_{C-F} = 1.8 Hz), 160.02 (d, J_{C-F} = 252.6 Hz), 139.60, 132.86 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.6 Hz), 132.36, 131.06 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.3 Hz), 129.16, 124.35 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz), 124.02 (d, J_{C-F} = 12.8 Hz), 122.74, 120.44, 116.39 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.9 Hz), 113.99, 66.22, 54.65; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃FN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 285.1034, found: 285.1045.



4-chloro-N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide (1f)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.04 (s, 1H), 8.93 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.05, 164.94, 139.99, 137.90, 133.75, 132.72, 129.31, 129.14, 128.82, 122.58, 119.84, 113.52, 66.29, 54.63; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃ClN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 301.0738, found: 301.0746.



N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (1g)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.16 (s, 1H), 8.93 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.00, 164.50, 139.76, 138.49, 133.15 (q, J_{C-F} = 32.6 Hz), 132.69, 129.32, 128.09, 125.55 (q, J_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz), 123.76 (q, J_{C-F} = 270.9 Hz), 122.79, 119.80, 113.59, 66.30, 54.55; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃F₃N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 335.1002, found: 335.1008.



N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)pivalamide (1h)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.22 (s, 1H), 8.80 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.30, 164.65, 140.32, 132.43, 129.11, 121.87, 119.71, 113.28, 66.11, 54.64, 40.47, 27.71; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 247.1441, found: 247.1448.



N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (1i)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.07 (s, 1H), 8.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 3.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (t, J = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.92, 160.66, 141.08, 139.92, 132.61, 130.84, 129.21, 128.47, 127.71, 122.29, 119.61, 113.16, 66.25, 54.57; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺: 273.0692, found: 273.0701.



N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)picolinamide (1j)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.64 (s, 1H), 9.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (t, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.17, 163.97, 151.08, 148.42, 139.33, 137.23, 132.24, 129.34, 126.05, 122.81, 122.67, 120.17,

114.66, 66.24, 55.01; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for $C_{15}H_{13}N_3O_2$ [M+H]⁺: 268.1081, found: 268.1071.



N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-5-methylphenyl)benzamide (1k)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.00 (s, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.19 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.00, 164.92, 143.40, 139.98, 135.30, 131.55, 129.09, 128.51, 127.68, 123.32, 120.27, 110.98, 66.12, 54.57, 22.07; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 281.1285, found: 281.1307.



N-(4-chloro-2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide (11)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.94 (s, 1H), 8.95 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.12 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 4.56 – 4.32 (m, 2H), 4.21 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.98, 163.96, 138.73, 134.91, 132.36, 131.80, 128.92, 128.59, 127.66, 127.32, 121.19, 114.78, 66.44, 54.75; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃ClN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 301.0738, found: 301.0745.



2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4a)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 4.48 – 4.32 (m, 2H), 4.14 – 3.92 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.38, 131.07, 128.13, 127.94, 127.56, 67.38, 54.74; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₉NO [M+H]⁺: 148.0757, found: 148.0750.



2-(o-tolyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4b)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 4.13 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.40, 138.26, 130.73, 130.00, 129.34, 126.67, 125.07, 66.18, 54.90, 21.42; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₁₁NO [M+H]⁺: 162.0913, found: 162.0911.



2-(m-tolyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4c)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 4.17 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.10, 137.40, 131.46, 128.17, 127.65, 127.08, 124.70, 66.92, 54.28, 20.67; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₁₁NO [M+H]⁺: 162.0913, found: 162.0909.



2-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4d)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.42 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.64, 141.55, 128.99, 128.03, 124.89, 67.43, 54.83, 21.51; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₁₁NO [M+H]⁺: 162.0913, found: 162.0915.



2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4e)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (s, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.42 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.55, 137.58, 132.62, 127.19, 125.58, 67.15, 54.53, 20.84; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₁H₁₃NO [M+H]⁺: 176.1070, found: 176.1072.



2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4f)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.59, 154.62, 127.87, 125.23, 124.81, 67.42, 54.81, 34.88, 31.11; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NO [M+H]⁺: 204.1383, found: 204.1380.



2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4g)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.27, 161.87, 129.73, 120.17, 113.55, 67.39, 55.23, 54.77; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₁₁NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 178.0863, found: 178.0865.



2-(2-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4h)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.24, 132.63, 130.91, 130.66, 130.04, 126.64, 125.89, 66.76, 54.74; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₈CINO [M+H]⁺: 182.0367, found: 182.0363.



2-(3-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4i)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 162.59, 133.63, 130.55, 128.99, 128.95, 127.58, 125.66, 67.16, 54.38; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₈ClNO [M+H]⁺: 182.0367, found: 182.0370.



2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4j)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.70, 137.37, 129.44, 128.57, 126.18, 67.71, 54.93; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₈ClNO [M+H]⁺: 182.0367, found: 182.0361.



2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4k)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 4.45 (td, *J* = 9.6, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (td, *J* = 9.6, 3.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.42, 135.03, 131.06, 130.47, 126.55, 68.00, 54.95; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₇Cl₂NO [M+H]⁺: 215.9977, found: 215.9980.



2-(4-bromophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4l)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.84, 131.57, 129.65, 126.63, 125.91, 67.74, 54.95; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₈BrNO [M+H]⁺: 225.9862, found: 225.9857.



2-(4-iodophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4m)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.98, 137.52, 129.64, 127.16, 98.22, 67.72, 54.92; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₈INO [M+H]⁺: 273.9723, found: 273.9726.



2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4n)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.44, 132.83 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 32.6 Hz), 131.03, 128.49, 125.27 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 123.76 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 272.5 Hz), 67.86, 55.02; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₈F₃NO [M+H]⁺: 216.0631, found: 216.0625.



2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (40)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 4.46 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.50, 143.95, 140.15, 128.84, 128.61, 127.85, 127.14, 126.98, 126.47, 67.62, 54.90; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO [M+H]⁺: 224.1070, found: 224.1075.



2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4p)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.77 (m, 3H), 7.63 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 4.60 – 4.40 (m, 2H), 4.22 – 4.02 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.71, 134.64, 132.64, 128.88, 128.62, 128.09, 127.74, 127.46, 126.50, 124.99, 124.74, 67.66, 55.01; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₃H₁₁NO [M+H]⁺: 198.0913, found: 198.0915.



2-(pyridin-4-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4q)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 – 8.61 (m, 2H), 7.91 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.90, 150.22, 134.97, 121.82, 67.90, 55.06; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₈H₈N₂O [M+H]⁺: 149.0709, found: 149.0704.



2-(furan-2-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4r)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.83, 145.03, 142.93, 114.05, 111.37, 67.62, 54.75; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₇H₇NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 138.0550, found: 138.0543.



2-(thiophen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4s)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.26, 130.23, 130.03, 129.63, 127.48, 67.94, 54.87; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₇H₇NOS [M+H]⁺: 154.0321, found: 154.0326.



2-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-1,3-oxazine (4t)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 4.28 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.94 – 1.85 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.59, 133.95, 130.23, 127.93, 126.77, 65.11, 42.56, 21.82; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₁₁NO [M+H]⁺: 162.0913, found: 162.0907.



2-(pyridin-3-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4u)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.16 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 4.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.64, 151.95, 149.39, 135.44, 123.82, 123.15, 67.73, 54.93; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₈H₈N₂O [M+H]⁺: 149.0709, found: 149.0711.

2.1.3 Synthesis of N-(2-hydroxyethyl)benzamide³



To an oven-dried flask, K_3PO_4 (900mg, 4.3 mmol, 0.3 equiv) and *i*-PrOH (10 mL) were added with methyl benzoate (1.78 mL, 14.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and ethanolamine (0.86 mL, 14.2 mmol, 1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 22 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, EtOAc and water were added to the reaction mixture. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was re-extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified via silica gel column chromatography to give the desired product as a white solid.



N-(2-hydroxyethyl)benzamide (6)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.08 (brs, 1H), 3.77 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.62 – 3.45 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.68, 134.01, 131.58, 128.49, 126.94, 61.88, 42.77; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₁₁NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 166.0863, found: 166.0888.

2.2 General procedure for the synthesis of β-nitrate ester carboxamides.



In a 25 mL Schlenk tube, the corresponding aryl oxazolines **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), TBN (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and 2 mL 1,4-dioxane were added under O_2 atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the resulting solution was heated in 80 °C oil bath with vigorous stirring for 16 h. Then the 12/93

reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The mixture was poured into water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL \times 3), the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography using EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as eluent to afford the products.



2-(2-benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3a)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.93 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.19 (brs, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (q, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.66, 165.83, 139.64, 134.58, 132.78, 131.97, 128.79, 127.27, 126.99, 122.95, 121.52, 119.85, 71.33, 37.35; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺: 330.1084, found: 330.1088.



2-(2-(2-methylbenzamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3b)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.26 (s, 1H), 8.63 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 4.51 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (q, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.31, 168.49, 139.55, 136.80, 136.10, 132.86, 131.43, 130.43, 127.05, 126.86, 126.09, 123.07, 121.53, 119.92, 71.30, 37.24, 20.18; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺: 344.1241, found: 344.1229.



2-(2-(4-methylbenzamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3c)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.88 (s, 1H), 8.76 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (brs, 1H), 6.82 (brs

5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (q, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.64, 165.72, 142.48, 140.04, 133.09, 131.87, 129.47, 127.35, 126.73, 122.81, 121.68, 119.58, 71.43, 37.38, 21.53; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺: 344.1241, found: 344.1251.



2-(2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3d)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.93 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 6.90 (m, 3H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.70, 165.36, 152.09, 148.97, 139.98, 132.92, 127.22, 126.85, 122.70, 121.40, 120.20, 119.48, 110.58, 110.53, 71.34, 56.00, 55.95, 37.33; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₃O₇ [M+H]⁺: 390.1296, found: 390.1283.



2-(2-(2-fluorobenzamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3e)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.52 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (td, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.29 (td, J = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, J = 11.5, 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td, J = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (brs, 1H), 4.71 – 4.60 (m, 2H), 3.81 (q, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.12, 162.30 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.8$ Hz), 160.30 (d, $J_{C-F} = 250.7$ Hz), 138.75, 133.57 (d, $J_{C-F} = 9.0$ Hz), 132.69, 131.59 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.0$ Hz), 126.80, 124.71 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.5$ Hz), 123.52, 122.59, 122.37 (d, $J_{C-F} = 11.9$ Hz), 121.38, 116.49 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.7$ Hz), 71.45, 37.33; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄FN₃O₅ [M+H]⁺: 348.0990, found: 348.0979.



2-(2-(4-chlorobenzamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3f)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.00 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 - 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.14 - 6.92 (m, 2H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.62, 164.67, 139.58, 138.27, 132.97, 132.96, 129.04, 128.73, 126.91, 123.09, 121.47, 119.57, 71.34, 37.36; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄ClN₃O₅ [M+H]⁺: 364.0695, found: 364.0698.



2-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3g)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.10 (s, 1H), 8.64 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 4.60 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (q, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.59, 164.34, 139.58, 137.90, 133.49 (q, J_{C-F} = 32.7 Hz), 133.13, 127.77, 126.88, 125.84 (q, J_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz), 123.65 (q, J_{C-F} = 272.7 Hz), 123.32, 121.52, 119.51, 71.33, 37.41; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄F₃N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺: 398.0958, found: 398.0936.



2-(2-pivalamidobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (3h)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.16 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (brs, 1H), 4.66 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (q, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.97, 169.52, 139.95, 132.80, 126.67, 122.63, 121.69, 119.87, 71.34, 40.12, 37.40, 27.52; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺: 310.1397, found: 310.1388.



2-(2-(thiophene-2-carboxamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3i)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.94 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (brs, 1H), 4.61 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (q, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (brs, 1H), 4.61 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (brs, 1H), 4.61 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 6.1 Hz, 1H, 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H, 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H, 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H, 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1 Hz, 1H, 7H = 6.1 Hz, 1H = 6.1

CDCl₃) δ 169.65, 160.39, 140.24, 139.95, 133.22, 131.16, 128.64, 127.95, 126.72, 122.88, 121.48, 119.10, 71.35, 37.47; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₃O₅S [M+H]⁺: 336.0649, found: 336.0634.



2-(2-(picolinamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3j)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.56 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.00 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (brs, 1H), 4.60 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (q, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.99, 163.40, 150.32, 148.64, 138.72, 137.34, 132.66, 127.01, 126.32, 123.28, 122.61, 121.86, 121.63, 71.59, 37.39; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₄O₅ [M+H]⁺: 331.1037, found: 331.1029.



2-(2-benzamido-4-methylbenzamido)ethyl nitrate (3k)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.10 (s, 1H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (brs, 1H), 4.66 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (q, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.62, 165.62, 144.29, 140.18, 134.79, 131.87, 128.77, 127.32, 126.56, 123.76, 121.98, 116.57, 71.51, 37.30, 21.94; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺: 344.1241, found: 344.1229.



2-(2-benzamido-5-chlorobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (31)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.86 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 6.71 (brs, 1H), 4.67 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (q, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR

(125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.50, 165.61, 138.75, 134.42, 133.04, 132.12, 128.85, 128.01, 127.38, 126.54, 123.17, 120.87, 71.19, 37.60; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄ClN₃O₅ [M+H]⁺: 364.0695, found: 364.0681.

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2-benzamidoethyl nitrate (5a)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 6.71 (brs, 1H), 4.57 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.92, 133.60, 131.87, 128.61, 126.95, 71.76, 37.36; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₁₀N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 211.0713, found: 211.0714.



2-(2-methylbenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5b)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.39 (brs, 1H), 4.62 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (q, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.43, 136.12, 135.36, 131.06, 130.19, 126.65, 125.72, 71.67, 37.11, 19.67; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 225.0870, found: 225.0874.



2-(3-methylbenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5c)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 6.56 (brs, 1H), 4.65 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (q, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.00, 138.57, 133.57, 132.65, 128.53, 127.69, 123.91, 71.86, 37.33, 21.31; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 225.0870, found: 225.0872.



2-(4-methylbenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5d)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (brs, 1H), 4.58 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.74, 142.43, 130.75, 129.30, 126.95, 71.89, 37.31, 21.45; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 225.0870, found: 225.0876.



2-(3, 5-dimethylbenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5e)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (s, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.69 (brs, 1H), 4.63 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.24, 138.33, 133.55, 133.43, 124.70, 71.86, 37.25, 21.14; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 239.1026, found: 239.1028.



2-(4-(tert-butyl)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (5f)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (brs, 1H), 4.66 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.67, 155.52, 130.70, 126.79, 125.62, 71.91, 37.31, 34.96, 31.11; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₃H₁₈N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 267.1339, found: 267.1391.



2-(4-methoxybenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5g)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (brs, 1H), 4.66 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.81 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.24, 162.50, 128.81, 125.83, 113.86, 71.99, 55.44, 37.31; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₂O₅ [M+H]⁺: 241.0819, found: 241.0815.



2-(2-chlorobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5h)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 6.89 (brs, 1H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (q, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.06, 134.30, 131.40, 130.50, 130.08, 129.64, 126.94, 71.32, 37.21; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₉ClN₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 245.0324, found: 245.0325.



2-(3-chlorobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5i)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (brs, 1H), 4.65 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.77, 135.36, 134.69, 131.84, 129.92, 127.30, 125.10, 71.54, 37.47; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₉ClN₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 245.0324, found: 245.0323.



2-(4-chlorobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5j)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (brs, 1H), 4.65 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.92, 138.15, 131.98, 128.87, 128.43, 71.64, 37.46; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₉ClN₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 245.0324, found: 245.0320.



2-(3,5-dichlorobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5k)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (brs, 1H), 4.65 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.47, 136.42, 135.54, 131.73, 125.66, 71.41, 37.61; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₈Cl₂N₂O₄ [M+Na]⁺: 300.9753, found: 300.9740



2-(4-bromobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5l)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (brs, 1H), 4.65 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (q, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.96, 132.40, 131.88, 128.57, 126.66, 71.63, 37.46; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₉BrN₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 288.9818, found: 288.9817.



2-(4-iodobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5m)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (brs, 1H), 4.65 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.10, 137.88, 132.98, 128.53, 99.01, 71.64, 37.46; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₉H₉IN₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 336.9680, found: 336.9672.



2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (5n)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (brs, 1H), 4.66 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.85, 136.89, 133.54 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 33.0 Hz), 127.48, 125.65 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.9 Hz), 123.49 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 272.8 Hz), 71.49, 37.57; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₉F₃N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 279.0587, found: 279.0603.



2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxamido)ethyl nitrate (50)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 6.56 (brs, 1H), 4.69 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.49, 144.75, 139.79, 132.21, 128.93, 128.10, 127.51, 127.32, 127.18, 71.86, 37.42; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₂O₄ [M+Na]⁺: 309.0846, found: 309.0855.



2-(2-naphthamido)ethyl nitrate (5p)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.95 – 7.80 (m, 4H), 7.62 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 6.66 (brs, 1H), 4.71 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.83, 134.88, 132.52, 130.79, 128.95, 128.65, 127.91, 127.77, 127.62, 126.92, 123.36, 71.89, 37.49; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₂O₄ [M+Na]⁺: 283.0689, found: 283.0695.



2-(isonicotinamido)ethyl nitrate (5q)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (brs, 1H), 4.61 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (q, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.86, 150.59, 140.81, 120.88, 71.37, 37.58; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₈H₉N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺: 212.0666, found: 212.0669.

2-(furan-2-carboxamido)ethyl nitrate (5r)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (brs, 1H), 6.52 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.57, 147.21, 144.26, 114.91, 112.27, 71.72, 36.43; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₇H₈N₂O₅ [M+H]⁺: 201.0506, found: 201.0501

2-(thiophene-2-carboxamido)ethyl nitrate (5s)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (brs, 1H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (q, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.38, 137.99, 130.52, 128.61, 127.72, 71.69, 37.36; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₇H₈N₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 217.0278, found: 217.0265.



3-benzamidopropyl nitrate (5t)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 6.42 (brs, 1H), 4.58 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.14 – 2.05 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.81, 134.09, 131.69, 128.65, 126.81, 71.12, 36.80, 27.15; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 225.0870, found: 225.0873.



2-(nicotinamido)ethyl nitrate (5u)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.02 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (brs, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.12, 152.30, 147.86, 135.41, 129.60, 123.64, 71.57, 37.43; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z Calcd for C₈H₉N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺: 212.0666, found: 212.0668.

2.3 The single crystal X-ray diffraction study of 3a



CCDC 1523402 (**3a**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/.

	Formula	$C_{16}H_{15}N_{3}O_{5}$
	Formula weight	329.31
	Crystal system	Triclinic
	space group	<i>P</i> -1
	<i>a</i> (Å)	7.4889(7)
	<i>b</i> (Å)	8.9633(8)
	<i>c</i> (Å)	12.2743(11
)
	α (°)	98.953(3)
	β(°)	106.482(3)
	γ(°)	98.679(3)
	Volume(Å ³)	763.71(12)
	Ζ	2
	<i>T</i> (K)	296(2)
	$D_{\text{calcd}} \left(\text{g/m}^3 \right)$	1.432
	<i>F</i> (000)	344
	Reflections collected	2678
	Goof	1.051
	$R_1[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0461
	$wR_2[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0917 ^a
$-1/[\sigma^2(E_1)^2+(0.0384P)^2+0]$	$17/7P$] where $P = (F_{2})$	$(2 + 2E^2)/2$

^a $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0)^2 + (0.0384P)^2 + 0.1747P]$, where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$;

2.4 Electrospray Ionization-Time-of-Flight-Mass Spectrometry (ESI-TOF-MS) of compound 7 and byproduct C.



Figure 1. HRMS spectrum of compound 7



Figure 2. HRMS spectrum of byproduct C

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4. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra

N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide (1a)





N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-methylbenzamide (1b)





N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzamide (1c)





N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-3,4-dimethoxybenzamide (1d)





N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-fluorobenzamide (1e)





4-chloro-N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide (1f)





N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (1g)





N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)pivalamide (1h)





N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (1i)





N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)picolinamide (1j)





N-(2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-5-methylphenyl)benzamide (1k)




N-(4-chloro-2-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl)benzamide (11)





2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4a)



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2-(o-tolyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4b)







2-(m-tolyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4c)





2-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4d)





2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4e)





2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4f)





2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4g)





2-(2-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4h)





2-(3-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4i)





2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4j)





2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4k)





2-(4-bromophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4l)





2-(4-iodophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4m)





2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4n)





2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (40)





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2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4p)





2-(pyridin-4-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4q)





2-(furan-2-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4r)





2-(thiophen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4s)







2-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-1,3-oxazine (4t)





2-(pyridin-3-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4u)









2-(2-benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3a)







2-(2-(2-methylbenzamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3b)





2-(2-(4-methylbenzamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3c)





2-(2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3d)





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2-(2-(4-chlorobenzamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3f)





2-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3g)





2-(2-pivalamidobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (3h)





2-(2-(thiophene-2-carboxamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3i)





2-(2-(picolinamido)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (3j)

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2-(2-benzamido-4-methylbenzamido)ethyl nitrate (3k)





2-(2-benzamido-5-chlorobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (3l)





2-benzamidoethyl nitrate (5a)








2-(3-methylbenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5c)







2-(4-methylbenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5d)









2-(3, 5-dimethylbenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5e)





2-(4-(tert-butyl)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (5f)







2-(4-methoxybenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5g)





2-(2-chlorobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5h)







2-(3-chlorobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5i)







2-(4-chlorobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5j)









2-(3,5-dichlorobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5k)





2-(4-bromobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5l)









2-(4-iodobenzamido)ethyl nitrate (5m)









2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamido)ethyl nitrate (5n)







2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxamido)ethyl nitrate (50)







2-(2-naphthamido)ethyl nitrate (5p)







2-(isonicotinamido)ethyl nitrate (5q)





2-(furan-2-carboxamido)ethyl nitrate (5r)





2-(thiophene-2-carboxamido)ethyl nitrate (5s)











2-(nicotinamido)ethyl nitrate (5u)





