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# DDQ-promoted Direct C5-alkylation of Oxazole with Alkylboronic Acids via Palladium-catalyzed C-H Bond Activation

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### **General Remarks**

All commercially available compounds were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa-Aesar, Acros, J&K Chemicals, Adamas and Aladdin Chemicals. Palladium(II) diacetate were purchased from Acros (99.9% purity, CAS No. 3375-31-3). Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. Oxazole-4-carboxylic derivatives **1a-1p** were prepared from corresponding nitriles by our previous reported methods<sup>[1]</sup>. 2,4-Diphenyloxazole **1q** was prepared using the method in literature.<sup>[2]</sup> Products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the effluent. Melting point (m.p.) was measured on a microscopic melting point apparatus. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE III-400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced with TMS in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (0 ppm). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were obtained by using the same NMR spectra were obtained from an Agilent QTOF 6520 mass spectrometer with electron spray ionization (ESI) as the ion source.

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- [2] For the preparation of various 2,4-diphenyloxazole, see: (a) Liu, L.; Feng, S.; Li, C. ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng. 2016, 4, 6754.

### **Experimental Procedure and Characterization Data**

**Typical Procedure:** To a reaction tube charged with  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (6.7 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%), AgOAc (200 mg, 1.2 mmol, 4 eq), DDQ (34 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 eq), alkylboronic acid 2 (1.2 mmol, 4 eq) was added a solution of oxazole 1 (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in ethylbenzene (1 mL) and acetic acid (1 mL). The reaction mixture was then stirred at 120 °C for 24 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate, water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the effluent) on silica gel to afford the C5-alkylated oxazole 3a - 3y.

#### Methyl 5-n-Butyl-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (3a):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (1a) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (2a) afforded 80% of 3a after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1, v/v) as the effluent. Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.09-8.07$  (m, 2H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.12 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.75 (p, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.43 (h, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 0.97 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.8$ , 160.3, 159.6, 130.7, 128.7, 128.0, 126.6, 126.5, 51.9, 29.8, 25.7, 22.2, 13.6 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 260.1287, found 260.1282.

#### Methyl 5-*n*-Butyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate (3b):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-(4-methylphenyl)oxazole-4carboxylate (**1b**) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (**2a**) afforded 81% of **3b** after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (20:1 to 15:1, *v*/*v*) as the effluent. Offwhite solid, m.p. 63-65 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 7.96$ (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.26 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.74 (p, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.43 (h, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 0.96 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.8$ , 160.0, 159.8, 141.0, 129.3, 127.9, 126.5, 123.9, 51.8, 29.8, 25.7, 22.2, 21.4, 13.6 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 274.1443, found 274.1439.

#### Methyl 5-n-Butyl-2-(2-methylphenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate (3c):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-(2-methylphenyl)oxazole-4carboxylate (1c) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (2a) afforded 75% of **3c** after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (20:1 to 15:1, v/v) as the effluent. Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.00$ -7.97 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.75 (p, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.43 (h, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 0.96 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.9$ , 160.1, 160.0, 137.4, 131.5, 130.3, 129.2, 127.8, 125.9, 125.8, 51.8, 29.8, 25.6, 22.2, 21.7, 13.6 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> 296.1263, found 296.1265.

#### Methyl 5-n-Butyl-2-(4-methoxylphenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate (3d):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-(4-methoxylphenyl)oxazole-4-  $_{3d}$  carboxylate (1d) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (2a) afforded 71% of 3c after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (20:1 to 15:1, v/v) as the effluent. Light yellow solid, m.p. 66-68 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.01$  (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.96 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.10 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.73 (p, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.43 (h, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 0.96 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.9$ , 161.6, 159.8, 159.7, 128.2, 127.8, 119.3, 114.0, 55.3, 51.8, 29.8, 25.6, 22.2, 13.6 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 290.1392, found 290.1385.

#### Methyl 5-n-Butyl-2-(3-methoxylphenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate (3e):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-(3-methoxylphenyl)oxazole-4ae carboxylate (1e) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (2a) afforded 74% of 3d after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (12:1 to 10:1, *v/v*) as the effluent. Light yellow solid, m.p. 53-55 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta =$  7.66-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.02-7.00 (m, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.12 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.75 (p, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.43 (h, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 0.97 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta =$  162.7, 160.4, 159.8, 159.5, 129.7, 128.0, 127.7, 119.0, 117.3, 111.0, 55.4, 51.9, 29.8, 25.7, 22.2, 13.6 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 290.1392, found 290.1383.

#### Methyl 5-n-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate (3f):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)oxazole-  $_{3f}$  4-carboxylate (1f) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (2a) afforded 60% of 3e after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (20:1, *v/v*) as the effluent. Offwhite solid, m.p. 57-59 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.19$  (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.72 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.14 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.76 (p, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.44 (h, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 0.98 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.5$ , 161.1, 158.2, 132.3 (q, J = 32.6 Hz), 129.7, 128.5, 126.8, 125.8 (d, J = 11.1 Hz), 125.7 (d, J = 3.7Hz), 52.1, 29.8, 25.8, 22.2, 13.6 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 328.1161, found 328.1155.

#### Methyl 5-n-Butyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate (3g):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)oxazole-4-  $_{3g}$  carboxylate (1g) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (2a) afforded 75% of 3f after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1, *v/v*) as the effluent. Offwhite solid, m.p. 41-42 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.08-8.05$  (m, 2H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.74 (p, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.43 (h, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 0.97 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 164.2$  (d, *J* = 250.3 Hz), 162.7, 160.4, 158.8, 128.7 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 128.1, 122.9 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 115.9 (d. *J* = 22.2 Hz), 115.8, 51.9, 29.8, 25.7, 22.2, 13.6 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 278.1193, found 278.1189.

#### Methyl 5-n-Butyl-2-(3-fluorophenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate (3h):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-(3-fluorophenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate F (1h) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (2a) afforded 68% of 3g after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1, *v/v*) as the effluent. Offwhite solid, m.p. 54-56 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 7.87$  (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.79-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.12 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.75 (p, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.44 (h, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 0.97 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.8$  (d, J = 245.3 Hz), 162.6, 160.7, 158.4 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 130.4 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 128.5 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 128.2, 122.2 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 117.7 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 113.5 (d, J = 24.0 Hz), 52.0, 29.8, 25.7, 22.2, 13.6 ppm; HRMS *m*/*z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 278.1193, found 278.1188.

#### Methyl 5-n-Butyl-2-(2-fluorophenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate (3i):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-(2-fluorophenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate **i** (**i**) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (**2a**) afforded 72% of **3h** after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1,  $\nu/\nu$ ) as the effluent. Offwhite solid, m.p. 36-37 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)**:  $\delta = 8.08$  (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.48-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.17 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.14 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.75 (p, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.43 (h, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 0.97 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.7$ , 160.7 (d, J = 1.3 Hz), 160.0 (d, J = 255.8 Hz), 156.2 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 132.4 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 129.8 (d, J = 1.3 Hz), 128.0, 124.2 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 116.7 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 114.9 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 51.9, 29.7, 25.7, 22.2, 13.6 ppm; **HRMS** m/z (ESI) calcd for  $[C_{15}H_{16}FNO_3+H]^+$  278.1193, found 278.1186.

#### Methyl 5-n-Butyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate (3j):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)oxazole-4carboxylate (**1j**) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (**2a**) afforded 69% of **3i** after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1,  $\nu/\nu$ ) as the effluent. Light yellow solid, m.p. 71-73 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.01$  (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.43 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.74 (p, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.43 (h, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 0.97 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.6$ , 160.5, 158.7, 136.9, 129.0, 128.2, 127.8, 125.1, 52.0, 29.8, 25.7, 22.2, 13.6 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>CINO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 294.0891, found 294.0887.

#### Methyl 5-n-Butyl-2-(4-bromophenyl)oxazole-4-carboxylate (3k):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)oxazole-4-S6 carboxylate (1k) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (2a) afforded 62% of 3j after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1,  $\nu/\nu$ ) as the effluent. Light yellow solid, m.p. 62-63 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 7.94$  (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.59 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.74 (p, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.43 (h, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 0.97 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.6$ , 160.6, 158.7, 132.0, 128.2, 127.9 125.5, 125.3, 52.0, 29.8, 25.7, 22.2, 13.6 ppm; HRMS *m*/*z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 338.0392, found 338.0385.

#### Methyl 5-n-Butyl-2-n-propyloxazole-4-carboxylate (31):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-*n*-propyloxazole-4-carboxylate (11) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (2a) afforded 65% of 31 after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (50:1, v/v) as the effluent. Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 3.89$  (s, 3H), 3.01 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 2.72 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.79 (q, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.66 (p, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.37 (h, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 0.98 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz), 0.94 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.9$ , 160.0, 143.6, 126.6, 51.7, 29.8, 29.7, 25.5, 22.1, 20.4, 13.6, 13.6 ppm; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na]<sup>+</sup> 248.1263, found 248.1263.

#### *N*-Ethyl 5-*n*-Butyl-2-phenyloxazole-4-formamide (3m):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of *N*-ethyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-formamide (**1m**) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (**2a**) afforded 70% of **3m** after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (12:1, v/v) as the effluent. Yellow solid, m.p. 55-57 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)**:  $\delta = 8.02$ -7.99 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 3.50-3.44 (m, 2H), 3.16 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.74 (p, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.44 (h, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.26 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz), 0.96 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 161.8, 158.4, 156.7, 130.4, 129.9, 128.7, 126.9, 126.2, 33.7, 30.0, 25.5, 22.3, 14.9, 13.7 ppm;$ HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 273.1603, found 273.1598.

#### *N*-n-Butyl 5-*n*-Butyl-2-phenyloxazole-4-formamide (3n):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of *N*-n-butyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-formamide (1n)

and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (**2a**) afforded 69% of **3n** after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v) as the effluent. Light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.02$ -7.99 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 1H), 3.42 (q, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.16 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.74 (p, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.61 (p, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.46-1.40 (m, 4H), 0.98-0.94 (m, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 161.9$ , 158.4, 156.7, 130.4, 130.0, 128.7, 126.9, 126.2, 38.6, 31.8, 30.0, 25.5, 22.3, 20.1, 13.7, 13.7 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 301.1916, found 301.1909.

#### N-Cyclohexyl 5-n-Butyl-2-phenyloxazole-4-formamide (30):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of *N*-cyclohexyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-formamide (10) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (2a) afforded 63% of 30 after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1, v/v) as the effluent. Light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.02$ -8.00 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H), 3.97-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.16 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 2.04-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.20 (m, 8H), 0.96 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 161.0$ , 158.3, 156.7, 130.4, 130.0, 128.7, 126.9, 126.2, 47.7, 33.2, 30.0, 25.5, 25.5, 24.9, 22.3, 13.7 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 327.2073, found 327.2066.

#### *N*,*N*-Diethyl 5-*n*-Butyl-2-phenyloxazole-4-formamide (3p):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of *N*,*N*-diethyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-formamide (**1p**) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (**2a**) afforded 45% of **3p** after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1, *v/v*) as the effluent. Light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.01$ -7.99 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 3H), 3.74 (q, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 3.52 (q, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 3.01 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.73 (p, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.42 (h, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.32-1.23 (m, 6H), 0.95 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$ = 163.0, 157.8, 157.1, 131.7, 130.1, 128.7, 127.4, 126.1, 43.1, 40.6, 30.1, 25.7, 22.3, 14.6, 13.7, 12.9 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 301.1916, found 301.1910.

#### *N*,*N*-Diethyl 5-*n*-Butyl-2,4-diphenyloxazole (3q):

3q

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of N,N-diethyl 2,4-diphenyloxazole (1q) and 1.2

mmol of *n*-butylboronic acid (**2a**) afforded 78% of **3q** after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (50:1, *v/v*) as the effluent. Light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.10$ -8.07 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.71 (m, 2H) 7.47-7.40 (m, 6H), 2.94 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.78 (p, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.46 (h, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 0.96 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 159.4$ , 148.2, 135.8, 132.5, 129.9, 128.6, 128.6, 127.7, 127.3, 127.0, 126.1, 30.4, 25.7, 22.4, 13.8 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO+H]<sup>+</sup> 278.1545, found 278.1543.

#### Methyl 5-Ethyl-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (3r):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (1a) and 3r The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (1a) and 1.2 mmol of ethylboronic acid (2b) afforded 70% of 3r after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (20:1, v/v) as the effluent. Offwhite solid, m.p. 72-73 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.09-8.07$  (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.15 (q, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.35 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.8$ , 161.2, 159.6, 130.7, 128.7, 127.6, 126.6, 126.5, 51.9, 19.7, 12.1 ppm; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 232.0974, found 232.0965.

#### Methyl 5-n-Propyl-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (3s):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (1a) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-propylboronic acid (2c) afforded 73% of 3s after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1, v/v) as the effluent. Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.09-8.07$  (m, 2H), 7.46-7.45 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.10 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.80 (h, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.03 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.8$ , 160.1, 159.6, 130.7, 128.7, 128.2, 126.6, 126.5, 51.9, 27.8, 21.2, 13.6 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 246.1130, found 246.1125.

#### Methyl 5-n-Pentyl-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (3t):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (1a) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-pentylboronic acid (2d) afforded 77% of 3t after flash

chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1, v/v) as the effluent.

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.09-8.07$  (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.76 (p, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.40-1.37 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.8$ , 160.4, 159.6, 130.7, 128.7, 128.0, 126.6, 126.5, 51.9, 31.2, 27.4, 25.9, 22.2, 13.8 ppm; HRMS *m*/*z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 274.1443, found 274.1437.

#### Methyl 5-n-Hexyl-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (3u):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (1a) and 1.2 mmol of *n*-hexylboronic acid (2e) afforded 68% of 3u after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1, *v/v*) as the effluent. Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.09-8.07$  (m, 2H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.76 (p, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.42-1.31 (m, 6H), 0.89 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.8$ , 160.4, 159.6, 130.7, 128.7, 128.0, 126.6, 126.5, 51.9, 31.3, 28.7, 27.7, 26.0, 22.4, 14.0 ppm; HRMS *m*/*z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 288.1600, found 288.1593.

#### Methyl 5-(2-Phenylethyl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (3v):



The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (1a) and 1.2 mmol of 2-phenylethylboronic acid (2f) afforded 72% of 3v after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate

(20:1, v/v) as the effluent. Light yellow solid, m.p. 65-67 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 8.05-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.21 (m, 5H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.43 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 3.07 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  = 162.6, 159.8, 159.0, 140.0, 130.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 52.0, 34.0, 28.0 ppm; HRMS *m*/*z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 308.1281, found 308.1278.

#### Methyl 5-(2-Methylpropyl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (3w):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (1a) and 1.2 mmol of 2-methylpropylboronic acid (2g) afforded 64% of 3w after flash

chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (20:1, v/v) as the effluent.

Light yellow solid, m.p. 38-39 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.09-8.07$  (m, 2H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.01 (d, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.21-2.11 (m, 1H), 1.01 (t, 6H, J = 6.8 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 162.8$ , 159.7, 159.5, 130.7, 128.8, 128.7, 126.6, 126.5, 51.9, 34.6, 28.1, 22.3 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 260.1287, found 260.1283.

#### Methyl 5-*i*-Propyl-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (3x):

The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (1a) and 1.2 mmol of *i*-propylboronic acid (2h) afforded 83% of 3x after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (20:1, v/v) as the effluent. Offwhite solid, m.p. 48-50 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 8.09-8.07$  (m, 2H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.86 (sept, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.37 (d, 6H, J = 7.2 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta = 164.3$ , 162.7, 159.3, 130.6, 128.6, 126.6, 126.5, 126.5, 51.9, 26.1, 20.6 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 246.1130, found 246.1125.

#### Methyl 5-Cyclohexyl-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (3y):



The reaction of 0.3 mmol of methyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (1a) and 1.2 mmol of cyclohexylboronic acid (2i) afforded 40% of 3y after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (15:1,

*ν/ν*) as the effluent. Light yellow solid, m.p. 107-108 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ = 8.09-8.06 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.45 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.57-3.49 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.61 (m, 6H), 1.50-1.20 (m, 4H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ = 164.0, 162.9, 159.3, 130.7, 128.7, 126.7, 126.7, 126.5, 51.9, 35.6, 30.8, 25.9, 25.7 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 286.1443, found 286.1438.















































































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