

Synthesis of 5-Substituted Isoxazolidines by [3+2] Cycloaddition of Nitrones Generated in an Unusual Way from Nitrosobenzene and Styrene

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General information.

All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. Dry acetonitrile was obtained by distillation under argon. All commercially obtained reagents were used as received. 1-Bromo-4-nitrosobenzene was prepared by the known method.¹ Styrene-2-d1, Styrene-3,3-d2, and Styrene-2,3,3-d3 were purchased from Aldrich. Deionized water was used for all aqueous extractions and for obtaining all aqueous solutions.

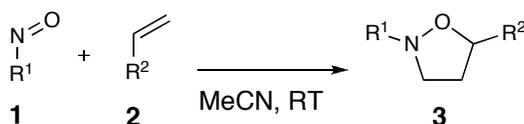
Heating was accomplished by either a heating mantle or silicone oil bath. Temperature was controlled with a J-KEM temperature controller. Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash column chromatography using Silicycle silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh). Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on E. Merck 0.25 mm glass-backed silica gel 60-F plates. Visualization was accompanied with UV light and ceric ammonium molybdate staining. Concentration in vacuo refers to the removal of volatile solvent using a Buchi rotary evaporator attached to a dry diaphragm pump (10-15 mm Hg) followed by pumping to a constant weight with an oil pump (<300 mTorr).

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 300 (at 300 MHz), or a Varian Mercury 300 (at 300 MHz), and are recorded relative to Me₄Si (δ 0.0). ¹H NMR coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz) and multiplicities are indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet). Proton-decoupled ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Inova 300 (at 75 MHz), or a Varian Mercury 300 (at 75 MHz), and are reported relative to CDCl₃ (δ 77.16). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained at the Laboratory for Biological Mass Spectrometry at TAMU. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 27 spectrometer as thin film on NaCl plates.

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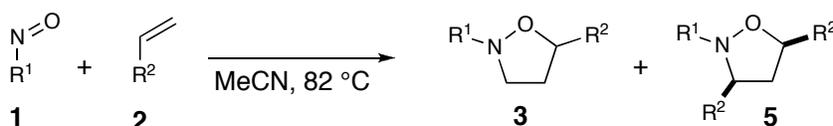
Procedures and Characterization Data.

General Procedure 1 (GP1)



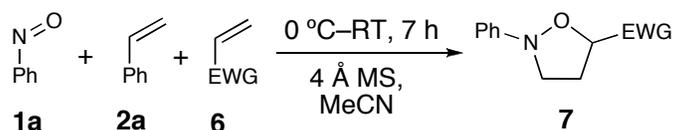
To a solution of appropriate nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous acetonitrile (4 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added the corresponding olefin (1.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 48 h unless otherwise stated. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the resulting brown residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding isoxazolidine.

General Procedure 2 (GP2)

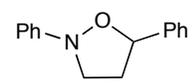


To a solution of appropriate nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous acetonitrile (4 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added the corresponding olefin (1.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv). The solution was stirred at 80 °C for 48 h unless otherwise stated. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding isoxazolidine.

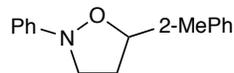
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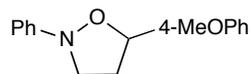
To a solution of nitrosobenzene (1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in anhydrous acetonitrile (2 mL), and MS 4 Å under argon atmosphere was added styrene (2.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv) and the correspondent dipolarophile (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The solution was stirred at 0 °C for two hours and additional 5 hours at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding isoxazolidine.

 **2,5-diphenylisoxazolidine (3a).** Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene (1.0 mmol, 104 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a colorless oil (28 mg, 49%). *R_f* = 0.15 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45–7.25 (m, 7H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (app tt, *J* = 6.8, 6.8, 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79–3.65 (m, 2H), 2.69–2.62 (m, 1H), 2.34–2.25 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 140.3, 129.0, 128.6,

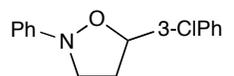
128.1, 126.6, 121.8, 115.1, 79.1, 54.3, 37.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₅NO [M+H]⁺: 226.1232; found: 226.1237.



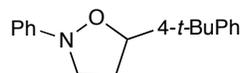
2-phenyl-5-*o*-tolylisoxazolidine (3b). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-methyl-2-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 121 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow solid (28 mg, 48%). R_f = 0.17 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.10 (m, 7H), 7.0-6.96(m, 1H), 5.35 (t, *J* = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.73 (m, 1H), 3.69-3.63 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H) 2.22-2.17 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 138.7, 135.0, 130.4, 129.0, 127.6, 126.3, 125.3, 121.8, 115.1, 76.0, 54.0, 35.8, 19.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₇NO [M+H]⁺: 240.1388; found: 240.1389.



5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylisoxazolidine (3c). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-methoxy-4-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 134 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1 for 58 h. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (30 mg, 48%). R_f = 0.11 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 6.98-6.88 (m, 3H), 5.09 (t, *J* = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.79-3.65 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.22 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.5, 151.8, 131.9, 128.9, 128.1, 121.7, 115.0, 114.0, 78.9, 55.4, 54.4, 36.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₇NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 256.1338; found: 256.1339.

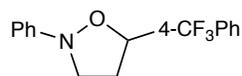


5-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-phenylisoxazolidine (3d). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-chloro-3-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 138 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (20 mg, 31%). R_f = 0.18 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 1H), 5.15 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.63 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.22 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.4, 142.7, 134.5, 129.9, 129.0, 128.1, 126.7, 124.7, 122.1, 115.1, 78.3, 54.1, 37.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₄ClNO [M+H]⁺: 260.0842; found: 260.0841.

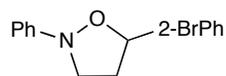


5-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-2-phenylisoxazolidien (3e). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-tert-butyl-4-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 160 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow solid (21 mg, 30%). R_f = 0.17 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.94 (m, 1H), 5.12 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.68 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.28 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.8, 151.2, 136.9, 129.0, 126.5, 125.6, 121.7, 115.0,

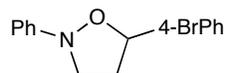
79.0, 54.4, 36.9, 34.7, 31.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₃NO [M+H]⁺: 282.1858; found: 282.1857



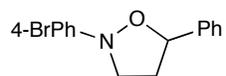
2-phenyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)isoxazolidines (3f). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-(trifluoromethyl)-4-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 172 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (29.5 mg, 40%). R_f = 0.07 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.03-6.97 (m, 1H), 5.24 (t, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.65 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.4, 144.8, 129.1, 126.7, 125.6 (2 C), 125.7 (2 C), 122.2, 115.2, 78.3, 54.0, 37.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₄F₃NO [M+H]⁺: 294.1106; found: 294.1019.



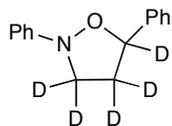
5-(2-bromophenyl)-2-phenylisoxazolidine (3g). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-bromo-2-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 181 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow solid (26.5 mg, 35%). R_f = 0.23 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (dd, J = 9, 3.61 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.03-6.98 (m, 1H), 5.49 (dd, J = 9, 6 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.57 (m, 2H), 2.91-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.11 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.4, 140.9, 132.7, 129.0, 127.7, 127.2, 122.1, 121.8, 115.3, 77.9, 53.7, 36.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₄BrNO [M+H]⁺: 304.0337; found: 304.0334.



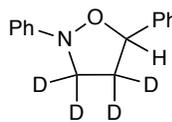
5-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenylisoxazolidine (3h). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-bromo-4-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 181 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow solid (36 mg, 48%). R_f = 0.12 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.11-7.07 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.01-6.96 (m, 1H), 5.19 (t, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78-3.68 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.66 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.25 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.5, 139.5, 131.7, 131.7, 130.9, 129.0, 128.2, 122., 121.8, 115.1, 78.4, 54.1, 37.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₄BrNO [M+H]⁺: 304.0337; found: 304.0339.



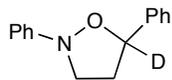
2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenylisoxazolidine (3i). 1-Bromo-4-nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 47 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene (1.0 mmol, 104 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexanes provided a pale yellow oil (30 mg, 40%). R_f = 0.22 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44-7.29 (m, 7H), 6.97 (m, 2H), 5.14 (t, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (m, 2H), 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.31 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.8, 139.8, 131.8, 128.7, 128.2, 126.6, 116.8, 114.2, 79.3, 54.2, 37.0; MS (ESI) 304 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₄BrNO [M+H]⁺: 304.0337; found 304.0336.



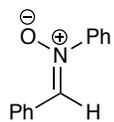
2,5-diphenylisoxazolidine-3,3,4,4,5-d5 (3aa). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene-2,3,3-d3 (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (18 mg, 32%). *R_f* = 0.19 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45–7.24 (m, 7H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (app tt, *J* = 6.8, 6.8, 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 140.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 126.7, 121.8, 115.1; C₁₅H₁₀D₅NO [M+H]⁺: 231.1493.



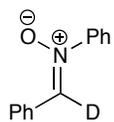
2,5-diphenylisoxazolidine-3,3,4,4-d4 (3ab). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene-3,3-d2 (1.0 mmol, 106 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (15 mg, 27%). *R_f* = 0.13 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45–7.24 (m, 7H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (app tt, *J* = 6.8, 6.8, 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 140.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 126.7, 121.8, 115.1, 79.0; C₁₅H₁₁D₄NO [M+H]⁺: 230.1518.



2,5-diphenylisoxazolidine-5-d1 (3ac). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene-2-d1 (1.0 mmol, 105 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (18 mg, 32%). *R_f* = 0.15 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45–7.24 (m, 7H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (app tt, *J* = 6.8, 6.8, 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.81–3.65 (m, 2H), 2.70–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.33–2.24 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 140.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 126.7, 121.8, 115.1, 54.3, 36.9; C₁₅H₁₄DNO [M+H]⁺: 227.1318.

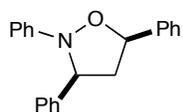


(Z)-N-benzylideneaniline oxide (4a). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene-3,3-d2 (1.0 mmol, 106 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:1 EtOAc:hexane provided a pale brown solid (18 mg, 36%). *R_f* = 0.425 (1:1 EtOAc:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41–8.32 (m, 2H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.79–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.1, 134.8, 131.0, 130.7, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 121.9; C₁₃H₁₁NO [M+H]⁺: 197.0841; found: 198.0918.

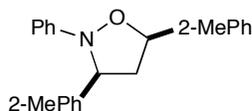


(Z)-N-benzylideneaniline oxide-d1 (4b). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene-2-d1 (1.0 mmol, 105 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:1 EtOAc:hexane provided a pale brown solid (20 mg, 41%). *R_f* = 0.45 (1:1 EtOAc:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41–8.38 (m, 2H), 7.79–7.76 (m,

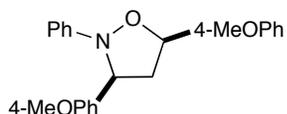
2H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.1, 134.8, 131.0, 130.7, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 121.9; $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 198.0903; found: 198.0918.



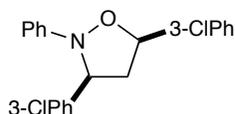
2,3,5-triphenylisoxazolidine (5a). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene (1.0 mmol, 104 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP2. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH_2Cl_2 :hexane provided a colorless oil (22 mg, 40%). $R_f = 0.32$ (1:2 CH_2Cl_2 :hexane); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56–6.91 (m, 15H), 5.17 (dd, $J = 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 4.92 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 (ddd, $J = 12, 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (ddd, $J = 12.3, 10.2, 7.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.6, 143.0, 137.9, 131.7, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.8, 126.9, 126.4, 125.6, 122.4, 121.5, 114.0, 80.7, 71.6, 48.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 302.1545; found: 302.1553.



2-phenyl-3,5-dimethylisoxazolidine (5b). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-methyl-2-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 121 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP2 for 36 h. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH_2Cl_2 :hexane provided a pale yellow solid (34 mg, 41%). $R_f = 0.42$ (1:2 CH_2Cl_2 :hexane); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.14 (m, 9H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.90 (m, 1H), 5.38 (dd, $J = 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 (t, $J = 9$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 (ddd, $J = 12, 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.23 (ddd, $J = 12, 10.2, 7.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.7, 140.9, 136.2, 135.6, 133.9, 130.7, 130.5, 128.7, 128.0, 127.2, 126.5, 126.3, 125.7, 121.2, 115.9, 113.8, 69.2, 46.2, 19.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 330.1858; found: 330.1862.

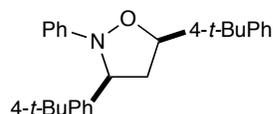


3,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylisoxazolidine (5c). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-methoxy-4-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 134 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP2 for 68 h. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH_2Cl_2 :hexane provided a pale yellow solid (35 mg, 39%). $R_f = 0.19$ (1:2 CH_2Cl_2 :hexane); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 (d, $J = 9$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.87 (m, 5H), 5.11 (dd, $J = 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 4.86 (t, $J = 9$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.08 (ddd, $J = 12, 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (ddd, $J = 12, 10.2, 8.1$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.8, 158.9, 152.8, 135.1, 129.7, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 121.3, 116.0, 114.2, 114.0 (2C), 80.4, 71.2, 55.4, 48.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 362.1678; found: 362.1699.

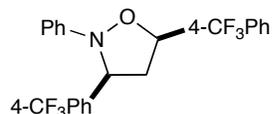


3-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-phenylisoxazolidine (5d). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-chloro-3-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 138 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP2 for 27 h. Flash chromatography

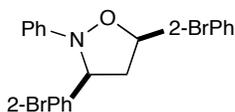
with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (30 mg, 32%). $R_f = 0.44$ (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.25 (m, 7H), 7.04-6.95 (m, 3H), 5.15 (dd, $J = 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 4.89 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 (ddd, $J = 12, 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (ddd, 12, 9.9, 7.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 144.7, 140.0, 134.9, 134.6, 130.3, 130.0, 129.2, 128.6, 127.8, 127.0, 126.5, 124.9, 124.5, 122.0, 114.1, 79.8, 70.9, 48.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₇C₁₂NO [M+H]⁺: 370.0765; found: 370.0762.



3,5-bis(4-tert-butylphenyl)-2-phenylisoxazolidine (5e). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-tert-butyl-4-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 160 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP2 for 68 h. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow solid (31 mg, 30%). $R_f = 0.47$ (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50-7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 1H), 5.13 (dd, $J = 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 4.9 (t, 6 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (ddd, $J = 12, 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 2.50 (ddd, $J = 12, 10.5, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 151.6, 150.3, 140.1, 134.6, 129.0, 126.9, 126.1, 125.8, 125.6, 121.3, 113.9, 80.6, 71.6, 48.6, 34.7, 34.6, 31.5, 31.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₃₅NO [M+H]⁺: 414.2799; found: 414.2799.

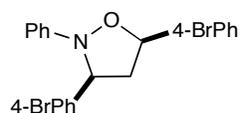


2-phenyl-3,5-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)isoxazolidines (5f). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-(trifluoromethyl)-4-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 172 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP2 for 36 h. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (27 mg, 25%). $R_f = 0.35$ (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67-7.61 (m, 6H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.05-6.96 (m, 3H), 5.27 (dd, $J = 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 5.00 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 1H), 3.28 (ddd, $J = 12, 9, 6$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (ddd, $J = 12, 9.6, 7.2$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 146.6, 142.2, 129.3, 128.9, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 126.7, 126.1, 126.0 (2 C), 125.9, 125.8, 125.7 (2 C), 125.6, 122.6, 122.2, 116.0, 114.2, 79.7, 70.8, 48.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₇F₆NO [M+H]⁺: 438.1293; found: 438.1295.

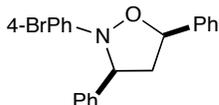


3,5-bis(2-bromophenyl)-2-phenylisoxazolidine (5g). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-bromo-2-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 181 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP2 for 27 h. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow solid (38 mg, 33%). $R_f = 0.52$ (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (dd, $J = 8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 6.7, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 9, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 1H), 5.22 (dd, $J = 9, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd, $J = 8.1, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (ddd, $J = 12.6, 8.4, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.09 (ddd, $J = 12.3, 9, 6.6$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 142.0, 138.4, 132.8 (2 C), 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.2 (2 C), 127.8, 127.2, 122.5, 122.1, 121.9, 114.2, 79.1,

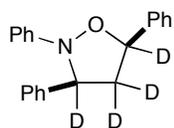
70.6, 46.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₇Br₂NO [M+H]⁺:457.9755; found: 457.9756.



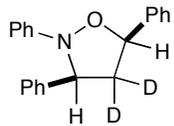
3,5-bis(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenylisoxazolidine (5h). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and 1-bromo-4-vinylbenzene (1.0 mmol, 181 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP2 for 70 h. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow solid (45 mg, 40%). R_f = 0.37 (1:3 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.03-6.94 (m, 3H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 6 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (ddd, *J* = 12.3, 8.1, 6 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (ddd, *J* = 12.3, 9.6, 7.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.9, 141.7, 137.0, 132.0, 131.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 125.6, 122.4, 121.9, 121.3, 114.1, 79.8, 70.8, 48.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₇Br₂NO [M+H]⁺:457.9755; found: 457.9745.



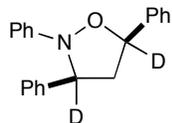
2-(4-bromophenyl)-3,5-diphenylisoxazolidine (5i). 1-Bromo-4-nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 47 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene (1.0 mmol, 104 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP2. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow solid (0.052 mmol, 20 mg, 21%). R_f = 0.40 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.28 (m, 10H), 6.92 (m, 2H), 5.14 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (ddd, *J* = 12, 9, 6 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (ddd, *J* = 12, 10.6, 9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 142.4, 137.5, 131.9, 131.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 126.9, 126.8, 126.3, 117.6, 115.8, 113.8, 80.8, 71.7, 48.9; MS (ESI) 380 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₈BrNO [M+H]⁺: 380.0650; found: 380.0651.



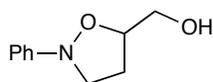
2,3,5-triphenylisoxazolidine-3,4,4,5-d₄ (S-1). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene-2,3,3-d₃ (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (21 mg, 28%). R_f = 0.38 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-6.91 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.6, 142.9, 137.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 126.4, 121.5, 116.0, 114.0; C₂₁H₁₅D₄NO [M+H]⁺:306.1734.



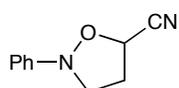
2,3,5-triphenylisoxazolidine-4,4-d₂ (S-2). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene-3,3-d₂ (1.0 mmol, 106 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP1. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (19 mg, 25%). R_f = 0.37 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-6.91 (m, 15H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.6, 143.0, 137.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 126.4, 122.0, 121.5, 116.0, 114.0, 80.6, 71.5; C₂₁H₁₇D₂NO [M+H]⁺:304.1645.



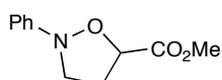
2,3,5-triphenylisoxazolidine-3,5-d2 (S-3). Nitrosobenzene (0.25 mmol, 27 mg, 1.0 equiv) and styrene-2-d1 (1.0 mmol, 105 mg, 4.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP2. Flash chromatography with 1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (25 mg, 34%). $R_f = 0.35$ (1:2 CH₂Cl₂:hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57–6.91 (m, 15H), 3.17 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.6, 143.0, 137.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 126.4, 122.0, 121.5, 116.0, 48.6; C₂₁H₁₇D₂NO [M+H]⁺:304.1593.



(2-phenylisoxazolidin-5-yl)methanol (7a). Nitrosobenzene (0.14 mmol, 15 mg, 2.0 equiv), styrene (0.28 mmol, 58 mg, 4.0 equiv) and acrolein (0.07 mmol, 4 mg, 1.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP3. The crude 2-phenylisoxazolidine-5-carbaldehyde (0.14 mmol, 25 mg, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 5 mL of THF, a solution of NaCNBH₃ (0.31 mmol, 19 mg, 2.2 equiv) in 2 mL of THF was added dropwise at 0 °C, then stirred at room temperature for 2 hr. The solvent was removed under reduce pressure. Flash chromatography with 1:4 EtOAc:Hexanes provided a pale yellow oil (21.7 mg, 86%). $R_f = 0.55$ (1:1 EtOAc:hexane); IR (thin film): 3382 (OH); 1598(CO); 1290 (NO) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (m, 1H), 3.84 (dd, $J = 9.2, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, $J = 6.8, 5$ Hz, 1H), 3.59-3.52 (m, 2H), 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.1, 128.8, 122.1, 115.2, 77.8, 64.1, 54.1, 29.7; MS (ESI) LRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₃NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 180.1025; found: 180.1029.

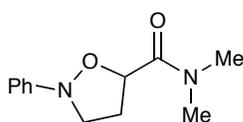


2-Phenyl-5-cyano-isoxazolidine (7b). Nitrosobenzene (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 2.0 equiv), styrene (2.0 mmol, 208 mg, 4.0 equiv) and acrylonitrile (0.5 mmol, 26.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP3. Flash chromatography with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (56.5 mg, 65%). $R_f = 0.55$ (1:1 EtOAc:hexane); IR (thin film): 2242 (CN); 1716 (CO); 1279 (NO) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 3H), 4.91 (dd, $J = 5.1, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.45 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.69 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.41, 128.99, 123.26, 118.23, 115.67, 64.21, 52.21, 34.10; MS (CI) LRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₀N₂O [M+H]⁺: 175.07; found: 175.2.



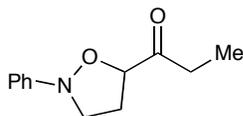
Methyl-2-phenylisoxazolidine-5-carboxylate (7c). Nitrosobenzene (1.0 mmol, 107 mg, 2.0 equiv), styrene (2.0 mmol, 208 mg, 4.0 equiv) and methyl acrylate (0.5 mmol, 43 mg, 1.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP3. Flash chromatography with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (81 mg, 78%). $R_f = 0.6$ (1:1 EtOAc:hexane); IR (thin film): 1737 (C=O); 1597(CO); 1209 (NO) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 1H), 4.75 (t, $J = 7.3, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.60-3.55 (m, 2H),

2.54 (dd, $J = 5.1, 2.3$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.5, 151.6, 128.7, 122.4, 115.5, 75.1, 53.3, 52.4, 32.1; MS (CI) LRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 208.09; found: 208.2.



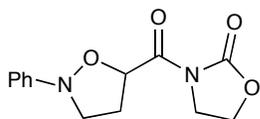
N,N-dimethyl-2-phenylisoxazolidine-5-carboxamide (7d). Nitrosobenzene (1.0

mmol, 107 mg, 2.0 equiv), styrene (2.0 mmol, 208 mg, 4.0 equiv) and N,N-dimethylacrylamide (0.5 mmol, 50 mg, 1.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP3. Flash chromatography with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (85 mg, 82%). $R_f = 0.13$ (1:1 EtOAc:hexane); IR (thin film): 1652 (C=O); 1598(CO); 1262 (NO) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, $J = 4.7, 4$ Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.54 (m, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.95-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.22 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.27, 150.8, 128.75, 122.18, 115.1, 74.9, 54.01, 37.1, 35.8, 29.9; MS (CI) LRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 221.12; found: 221.2.



1-(2-phenylisoxazolidin-5-yl)propan-1-one (7e). Nitrosobenzene (1.0 mmol, 107

mg, 2.0 equiv), styrene (2.0 mmol, 208 mg, 4.0 equiv) and ethyl vinyl ketone (0.5 mmol, 43 mg, 1.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP3. Flash chromatography with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane provided a pale yellow oil (77 mg, 74%). $R_f = 0.6$ (1:1 EtOAc:hexane); IR (thin film): 1717 (C=O); 1598(CO); 1285 (NO) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, $J = 5.5, 3$ Hz, 1H), 3.59-3.54 (m, 1H), 3.36-3.28 (m, 1H), 2.78 (dd, $J = 3, 3.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.57-2.51 (m, 2H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.9, 150.2, 128.8, 122.4, 115.5, 81.0, 52.6, 31.6, 31.2, 7.1; MS (CI) LRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 206.1; found: 206.1.



3-(2-phenylisoxazolidine-5-carbonyl)oxazolidin-2-one (7f). Nitrosobenzene (1.0

mmol, 107 mg, 2.0 equiv), styrene (2.0 mmol, 208 mg, 4.0 equiv) and 3-prop-2-enoyloxazolidin-2-one (0.5 mmol, 70.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) were subjected to the reaction conditions described in the GP3. Flash chromatography with 1:4 EtOAc:hexane provided a white solid (106 mg, 81%). $R_f = 0.2$ (1:1 EtOAc:hexane); IR (thin film): 1779 (C=O); 1704(CO); 1248 (NO) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dd, $J = 4.5, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 4.10-4.03 (m, 2H), 3.63-3.56 (m, 2H), 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.47 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.4, 153.1, 150.7, 128.7, 122.4, 115.5, 75.05, 62.8, 53.4, 42.5, 31.8; MS (CI) LRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 263.1; found: 263.2.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra

