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Synthesis of 2,4,5-trisubstituted oxazoles through tin(IV) chloride-mediated reaction of *trans*-2-aryl-3-nitro-cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylates with nitriles

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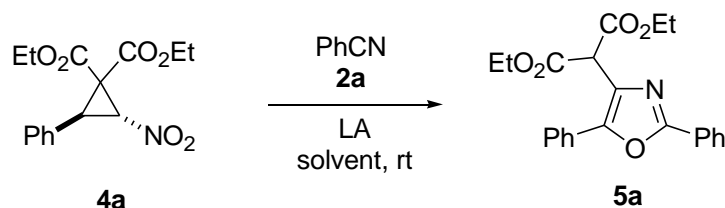
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A. Optimisation of reaction conditions for the synthesis of oxazoles^a



Entry	Lewis acid (equiv)	Solvent	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^b
1	SnCl ₄ (1.0)	1,2-DCE	5	89
2	AlCl ₃ (1.0)	1,2-DCE	48	7 ^c
3	FeCl ₃ (1.0)	1,2-DCE	48	5
4	BF ₃ ·OEt ₂ (1.0)	1,2-DCE	48	NR ^d
5	InCl ₃ (1.0)	1,2-DCE	48	NR ^e
6	MgI ₂ (1.0)	1,2-DCE	4	NR ^e
7	TiCl ₄ (1.0)	1,2-DCE	48	NR ^e
8	Cu(OTf) ₂ (1.0)	1,2-DCE	48	NR ^e
9	In(OTf) ₃ (1.0)	1,2-DCE	48	NR ^e
10	Sc(OTf) ₃ (1.0)	1,2-DCE	48	NR ^e
11	Yb(OTf) ₃ (1.0)	1,2-DCE	48	NR ^e
12	SnCl ₄ (0.5)	1,2-DCE	12	62
13	SnCl ₄ (1.5)	1,2-DCE	3	79
14	SnCl ₄ (1.0)	DCM	9	68
15	SnCl ₄ (1.0)	Toluene	48	42
16	SnCl ₄ (1.0)	THF	48	NR ^e

^aThe reaction was conducted with **4a** (1 mmol), **2a** (1 mmol), Lewis acid (x mmol) and solvent (3 mL). ^bIsolated yield. ^cDiethyl phenacetylmalonate is produced as byproduct in 65% yield.

^dOnly benzoylmethylidene malonate **6a** (82%) is produced (no trace of oxazole). ^eNo reaction.

B. Experimental Procedures

I. General Methods: Melting points were determined by the open capillary tube method and are uncorrected. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (ESI) were recorded on a Q-TOF mass spectrometer. The IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrometer. Low resolution mass spectra (ESI) were recorded on a LC mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses were performed on a CHN analyzer. X-ray crystallographic data were collected on a CCD diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo-K α radiation. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated alumina sheets and detected under UV light. Silica gel (100-200 mesh) was used for column chromatography.

II. General procedure for the synthesis of oxazoles 5a-5ad:

To a mixture of nitrocyclopropane **4** (1 mmol) and nitrile **2** (1 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (3 mL) was added SnCl₄ (1 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 to 7 h. After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was washed with water, dried (anhydrous Na₂SO₄) and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane to give pure oxazole **5**. (This procedure when applied for cyclopropane **4a** and thiophene-2-acetonitrile (**2k**), the Michael adduct **8** was produced).

C. Characterization Data for Compounds 5a-5ad & 8:

Diethyl 2-(2,5-diphenyl-oxazol-4-yl)malonate (5a):

White solid; Yield: 337 mg (89%); M.p. 80-82 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.12-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 6H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 4.30-4.19 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 160.1, 148.4, 130.4, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.2, 126.6, 126.5, 62.1, 51.3, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2925, 2853, 1735, 1596, 1545 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₁NO₅: 380.1493 [M+H⁺], found: 380.1500.

Diethyl 2-[5-(4-methylphenyl)-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5b):

White solid; Yield: 346 mg (88%); M.p. 76-78 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11-8.08 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.28-4.21 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 159.8, 148.6, 139.0, 130.3, 129.6, 129.1, 128.6, 127.4, 126.6, 126.5, 125.1, 62.1, 51.3, 21.4, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2923, 2852, 1735, 1605, 1553 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₃NO₅: 394.1649 [M+H⁺], found: 394.1649.

Diethyl 2-[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5c):

Pale yellow solid; Yield: 368 mg (90%); M.p. 84-86 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.28-4.20 (m, 4H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.1, 160.2, 159.6, 148.5, 130.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.4, 126.5, 120.6, 114.3, 62.1, 55.4, 51.3, 14.0

ppm; IR (KBr): 2931, 2850, 1731, 1604, 1510 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_6$: 410.1598 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$, found: 410.1595.

Diethyl 2-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5d):

White solid; Yield: 351 mg (85%); M.p. 70-72 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.10-8.08 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 5H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.30-4.20 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.8, 160.2, 146.6, 130.6, 130.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.0, 126.6, 126.4, 62.2, 51.4, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2983, 2922, 1730, 1546, 1488 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}_5$: 414.1103 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$, found: 414.1110.

Diethyl 2-[5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5f):

White solid; Yield: 391 mg (89%); M.p. 94-96 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.10-8.08 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.29-4.17 (m, 4H), 3.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 6H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.2, 159.6, 149.7, 149.1, 148.6, 130.3, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 126.5, 120.7, 119.6, 111.3, 110.0, 62.1, 56.0, 51.5, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2933, 2834, 1743, 1606, 1514 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_7$: 440.1704 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$, found: 440.1714.

Diethyl 2-[2-phenyl-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5g):

Brown semisolid; Yield: 328 mg (70%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.10-8.08 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.45 (m, 3H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.26-4.18 (m, 4H), 3.93 (s, 6H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.1, 159.8, 153.6, 148.6, 138.8, 130.5, 129.3, 128.7, 127.2, 126.6, 123.3, 104.1, 62.2, 61.0, 56.2, 51.7, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2937, 2848,

1732, 1579, 1505 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_8$: 492.1629 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$, found: 492.1637.

Diethyl 2-[5-(2-iodo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5i):

Yellow semisolid; Yield: 322 mg (57%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.12-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.21-4.05 (m, 4H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.9, 160.5, 150.5, 149.2, 149.0, 131.1, 130.5, 128.7, 127.3, 126.6, 125.3, 122.1, 115.4, 86.9, 62.1, 56.3, 56.1, 51.3, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2925, 2854, 1733, 1586, 1501 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI): m/z 566.10 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$. Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{INO}_7$: C 50.99, H 4.28, N 2.48; found: C 50.74, H 4.38, N 2.62.

Diethyl 2-(5-naphthalen-1-yl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)malonate (5j)

Brown oil; Yield: 356 mg (83%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.14-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.98-7.91 (m, 3H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.46 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.15-4.09 (m, 2H), 4.07-3.97 (m, 2H), 1.13 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.0, 161.1, 147.9, 133.7, 132.1, 132.0, 130.49, 130.47, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 127.1, 126.7, 126.4, 125.6, 125.2, 124.8, 61.9, 50.9, 13.8 ppm; IR (KBr): 2927, 2853, 1732, 1591, 1512 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI): m/z 452.05 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$. Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5$: C 72.71, H 5.40, N 3.26, found: C 72.97, H 5.55, N 3.33.

Diethyl 2-(2-phenyl-5-thiophen-2-yl-oxazol-4-yl)malonate (5l):

Yellow oil; Yield: 35 mg (9%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.09-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.27 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.7, 159.8, 143.9, 130.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 127.0, 126.8, 126.6, 126.3, 62.2, 51.2, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2925, 2853, 1735, 1605, 1545 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m/z* 407.99 [M+Na⁺]. Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉NO₅S: C 62.32, H 4.97, N 3.63, found: C 62.47, H 5.15, N 3.53.

Diethyl 2-[2-(4-methylphenyl)-5-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5m):

Yellow semisolid; Yield: 338 mg (86%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.27-4.22 (m, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 160.3, 148.0, 140.7, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.0, 126.6, 126.5, 124.5, 62.1, 51.4, 21.6, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2923, 2853, 1745, 1646, 1489 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₃NO₅: 394.1649 [M+H⁺], found: 394.1651.

Diethyl 2-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5n):

Yellow oil; Yield: 356 mg (87%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.27-4.21 (m, 4H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.0, 161.6, 160.4, 147.9, 144.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 126.6, 125.8, 119.8, 114.2, 62.2, 55.4, 51.2, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2927, 2852, 1738, 1606, 1499 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₃NO₆: 432.1418 [M+Na⁺], found: 432.1421.

Diethyl 2-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5o):

White solid; Yield: 322 mg (78%); M.p. 94-96 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.39 (m, 5H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.29-4.21 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.8, 159.2, 148.7 136.5, 129.8, 129.04, 129.01, 128.9, 127.9, 127.8, 126.6, 125.8, 62.2, 51.3, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2930, 2872, 1738, 1590, 1546, 1488 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₀ClNO₅: 436.0922 [M+Na⁺], found: 436.0932.

Diethyl 2-[2-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5p):

Yellow semisolid; Yield: 318 mg (75%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.34-8.26 (m, 4H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 3H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 4.30-4.25 (m, 4H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.7, 158.0, 148.7, 132.6, 130.6, 129.6, 129.1, 127.2, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 124.1, 62.3, 51.1, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2923, 2852, 1742, 1682, 1602, 1522 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m/z* 425.13 [M+H⁺]. Anal. calcd. for C₂₂H₂₀N₂O₇: C 62.26, H 4.75, N 6.60; found: C 62.45, H 4.86, N 6.78.

Diethyl 2-(2-naphthalen-1-yl-5-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl)malonate (5q):

Brown oil; Yield: 352 mg (82%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.34 (m, 6H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.24-4.16 (m, 4H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.0, 158.9, 147.0, 132.9, 130.3, 129.2, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 126.94, 126.88,

126.5, 125.5, 125.4, 125.2, 123.9, 122.6, 61.1, 50.6, 13.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2981, 2848, 1734, 1623, 1596 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5$: 430.1649 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$, found: 430.1649.

Diethyl 2-(5-phenyl-2-thiophen-2-yl-oxazol-4-yl)malonate (5r):

Dark brown semisolid; Yield: 339 mg (88%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.75 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.12 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H) 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.27-4.19 (m, 4H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.8, 156.4, 147.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.6, 62.2, 51.3, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2925, 2853, 1733, 1597, 1448 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$: 386.1057 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$, found: 386.1057.

Diethyl 2-[2-(4-bromo-benzyl)-5-phenyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5s):

Yellow oil; Yield: 358 mg (76%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.56-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.26-4.19 (m, 4H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.8, 160.9, 148.9, 134.4, 131.84, 131.78, 130.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 126.5, 125.9, 62.1, 50.9, 33.5, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2925, 2853, 1732, 1620, 1596 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI): m/z 493.96 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$. Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_5$: C 58.49, H 4.69, N 2.97, found: C 58.45, H 4.86, N 3.18.

Diethyl 2-(2-methyl-5-phenyloxazol-4-yl)malonate (5t):

Yellow oil; Yield: 238 mg (75%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.55 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.29-4.18 (m, 4H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.0, 160.3, 148.3, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8,

126.4, 62.1, 50.8, 14.1, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2940, 2866, 1745, 1587, 1449 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5$: 318.1336 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$, found: 318.1335.

Diethyl 2-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5u):

White solid; Yield: 330 mg (78%); M.p. 84-86 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.28-4.21 (m, 4H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.1, 161.4, 160.0, 148.0, 138.8, 129.5, 128.8, 128.2, 126.4, 125.3, 120.2, 114.1, 62.1, 55.4, 51.3, 21.4, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2923, 2852, 1746, 1647, 1516 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_6$: 424.1755 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$, found: 424.1750.

Diethyl 2-[2, 5-bis-(4-methoxyphenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5v):

Yellow semisolid; Yield: 391 mg (89%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.02 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.00-6.94 (m, 4H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.27-4.20 (m, 4H), 3.86 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.1, 161.3, 160.0, 159.7, 147.9, 128.2, 128.1, 120.7, 120.2, 114.3, 114.1, 62.1, 55.4, 51.3, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2929, 2845, 1742, 1609, 1502 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_7$: 462.1523 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$, found: 462.1510.

Diethyl 2-[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5w):

Yellow oil; Yield: 281 mg (81%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.48 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.27-4.20 (m, 4H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.1, 160.0, 159.7, 148.4, 128.1, 126.6, 120.6,

114.3, 62.0, 55.3, 50.8, 14.03, 13.99 ppm; IR (KBr): 2925, 2853, 1740, 1603, 1511 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI): m/z 348.14 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$. Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_6$: C 62.24, H 6.09, N 4.03; found: C 62.52, H 6.22, N 4.28.

Diethyl 2-[2-(3-cyanophenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5x):

White solid; Yield: 312 mg (72%); M.p. 132-134 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.29-4.20 (m, 4H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.8, 160.5, 157.4, 149.6, 133.2, 130.3, 129.9, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 119.9, 118.1, 114.5, 113.2, 62.2, 55.4, 51.1, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2927, 2853, 2226, 1744, 1612, 1511 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI): m/z 457.09 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$. Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$: C 66.35, H 5.10, N 6.45; found: C 66.63, H 5.25, N 6.26.

Diethyl 2-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5y):

White semisolid; Yield: 381 mg (86%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.02 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.28-4.20 (m, 4H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.8, 161.6, 160.4, 146.8, 134.7, 129.8, 129.1, 128.3, 127.7, 126.6, 119.8, 114.1, 62.2, 55.4, 51.4, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2937, 2837, 1730, 1611, 1498 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}_6$: 466.1028 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$, found: 466.1038.

Diethyl 2-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5z):

Yellow oil; Yield: 267 mg (76%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.50 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.26-4.20 (m, 4H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.8, 160.5, 147.3, 134.7, 129.1, 128.3, 127.7, 126.9, 62.2, 50.9, 14.04, 13.98 ppm; IR (KBr): 2927, 2853, 1740, 1586, 1490 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI): m/z 352.12 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$. Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_5$: C 58.04, H 5.16, N 3.98; found: C 58.33, H 5.28, N 3.71.

Diethyl 2-[5-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-(4-methylphenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5aa):

White semisolid; Yield: 371 mg (82%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.98 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.28-4.17 (m, 4H), 3.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 6H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.2, 159.9, 149.6, 149.1, 148.3, 140.6, 129.4, 128.5, 126.5, 124.6, 120.8, 119.6, 111.3, 110.0, 62.1, 56.0, 51.5, 21.6, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2929, 2856, 1741, 1615, 1519 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI): m/z 454.21 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$, Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_7$: C 66.21, H 6.00, N 3.09; found: C 66.35, H 6.11, N 3.22.

Diethyl 2-[5-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5ab):

Yellow semisolid; Yield: 380 mg (81%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.94 (m, 3H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.28-4.17 (m, 4H), 3.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 6H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.2, 161.4, 159.8, 149.5, 149.1, 148.0, 128.4, 128.2, 120.9, 120.1, 119.5, 114.1, 111.3, 109.9, 62.1, 56.0,

55.4, 51.5, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2923, 2853, 1734, 1613, 1499 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_8$: 470.1809 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$, found: 470.1808.

Diethyl 2-[2-(4-methylphenyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]malonate (5ac):

White solid; Yield: 285 mg (59%); M.p. 122-124 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (s, 2H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.26-4.18 (m, 4H), 3.93 (s, 6H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.2, 160.1, 153.6, 148.3, 140.8, 138.9, 129.4, 129.3, 126.6, 124.6, 123.4, 104.3, 62.1, 61.0, 56.3, 51.8, 21.5, 14.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 2976, 2836, 1744, 1576, 1502 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI): m/z 484.20 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$. Anal. calcd. $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_8$: C 64.59, H 6.05, N 2.90; found: C 64.40, H 6.19, N 3.00.

Diethyl 2-(2,5-di-naphthalen-1-yl-oxazol-4-yl)malonate (5ad):

Brown oil; Yield: 297 mg (62%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.38 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04-8.00 (m, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.52 (m, 8H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.20-4.00 (m, 4H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.9, 161.1, 146.8, 134.6, 134.0, 133.1, 132.5, 131.6, 131.0, 130.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 126.44, 126.35, 126.1, 125.7, 125.00, 124.95, 124.2, 123.5, 62.1, 51.2, 13.9 ppm; IR (KBr): 2925, 2852, 1730, 1680, 1510 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5$: 480.1800 $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$, found: 480.1804.

Diethyl 2-[1-(5-cyanomethylthiophen-2-yl)-2-oxo-2-phenyl-ethyl]malonate (8)

Dark brown oil; Yield: 299 mg (75%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.0 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (s, 2H), 5.55 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d,

$J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.18-4.07 (m, 4H), 3.78 (s, 2 H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.14 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.0, 167.6, 137.3, 135.4, 133.6, 131.9, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.4, 116.4, 62.1, 61.8, 56.4, 47.4, 18.7, 13.93, 13.90 ppm; IR (KBr): 2935, 2813, 2215, 1741, 1698, 1680, 1540 cm^{-1} ; MS (ESI): m/z 421.98 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$. Anal. calcd. $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$: C 63.14, H 5.30, N 3.51; found: C 63.40, H 5.19, N 3.66.

D. NMR spectra

