

# Supplementary Information

## **Rh(III)-catalyzed annulation of oxadiazolones with CF<sub>3</sub>-imidoyl sulfoxonium ylides: access to trifluoromethyl-substituted fused-dihydroisoquinolines**

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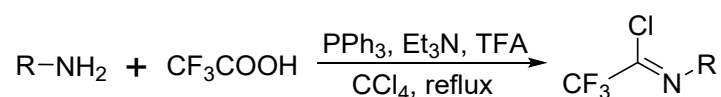
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## 1. General Information

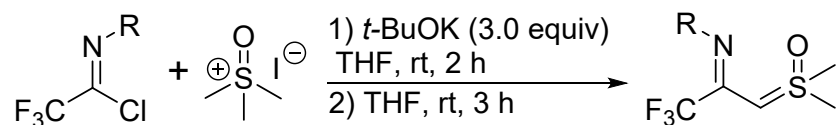
Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under air atmosphere. All reagents were from commercial sources and used as received without further purification. All solvents were dried by standard techniques and distilled prior to use. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 meshes) using petroleum ether (bp. 60~90 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance operating at for <sup>1</sup>H NMR at 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C NMR at 100 MHz and <sup>19</sup>F NMR at 376 MHz and spectral data were reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 7.26, <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 77.16) as solvent. All coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hz. The following abbreviations were used to describe peak splitting patterns when appropriate: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = double doublet, ddd = double doublet of doublets, t = triplet, dt = double triplet, q = quatriplet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Gas chromatography (GC) analyses were performed on a Shimadzu GC-2014C chromatograph equipped with a FID detector. Mass spectra (MS) were measured on spectrometer by direct inlet at 70 eV. Mass spectroscopy data of the products were collected on an HRMS-TOF instrument or Waters TOFMS GCT Premier using EI or ESI ionization. Melting points were measured with WRR digital point apparatus and not corrected.

### 1.1 Preparation of Trifluoroacetimidoyl Chlorides<sup>1</sup>



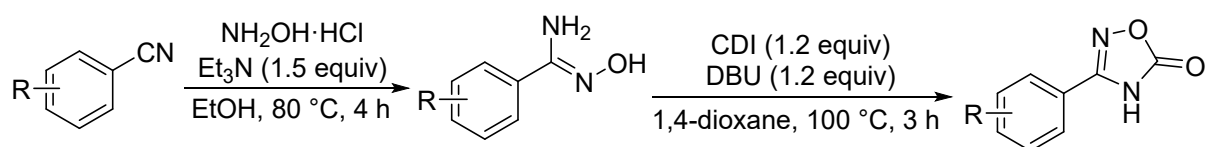
A 100 mL two-necked flask equipped with a septum cap, a condenser, and a Tefloncoated magnetic stir bar was charged with PPh<sub>3</sub> (9.84 g, 37.5 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (2.1 mL, 15 mmol), CCl<sub>4</sub> (20.0 mL), and TFA (1.2 mL, 15 mmol). After the solution was stirred for about 10 min (ice bath), amine (15 mmol) dissolved in CCl<sub>4</sub> (20.0 mL) was added. The mixture was then refluxed under stirring (3 h). After the reaction was completed, residual solid Ph<sub>3</sub>PO, PPh<sub>3</sub> and Et<sub>3</sub>N-HCl were washed with hexane several times. Then the hexane was filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel or neutral alumina to afford the corresponding trifluoroacetimidoyl chloride products.

## 1.2 Preparation of CF<sub>3</sub>-Imidoyl Sulfoxonium Ylides<sup>2</sup>



Trimethylsulfoxonium iodide (30 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was suspended in THF (150 mL) in a 250 mL round bottom flask, *t*-BuOK (30 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. After, trifluoroacetimidoyl chloride (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours and then filtered through a plug of celite before all volatiles were removed under vacuum. Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2: 1) afforded TFISY products. All the CF<sub>3</sub>-imidoyl sulfoxonium ylides (TFISYs) are known compounds and have been reported previously by Cheng and our group.<sup>2</sup>

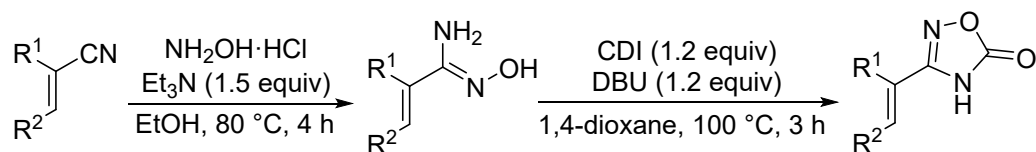
## 1.3 Preparation of Oxadiazolones<sup>3,4</sup>



To a round bottom flask (100 mL) containing aryl nitrile (50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added hydroxylamine hydrochloride (5.21 g, 75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (10.4 mL, 75 mmol, 1.5 equiv). Then, ethyl alcohol (50 mL) was sequentially added to the system, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 4 h. After cooling to ambient temperature, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. Then, 50 mL of EtOAc was used to extract the product from the aqueous layer. The combined organic layer was washed with water (3 × 50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated to afford the crude *N'*-hydroxybenzimidamide product. This residue was pure enough for further reaction as a white solid.

Then, to a round bottom flask (100 mL) containing substituted *N'*-hydroxybenzimidamide (30.0 mmol) were added *N,N'*-carbonyldiimidazole (CDI) (5.84 g, 36.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) (5.02 g, 33.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv). Then, 1,4-dioxane (30 mL) was sequentially added to the system, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 3 h. After cooling to ambient temperature, the mixture was diluted with water, adjusted to pH ≈ 2 with 3 M HCl, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layer was washed with water (3 × 50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated to afford the crude product. The crude product was filtered through

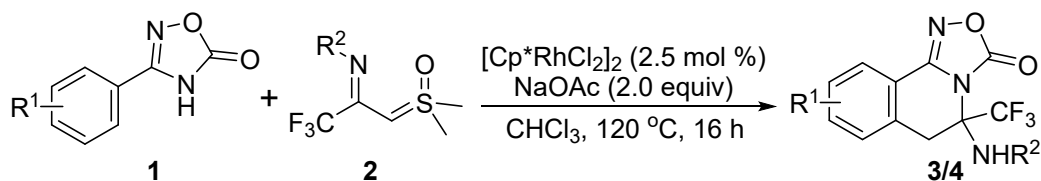
a Buchner funnel, and the precipitate was washed with cold  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The obtained residue was pure enough for further reaction.



The oxadiazolones with substituted alkene moiety are prepared according to the above similar synthetic procedures.

## 2. Experimental Procedures

### 2.1. General Procedure for the Synthesis of Fused-Dihydroisoquinoline Products 3/4

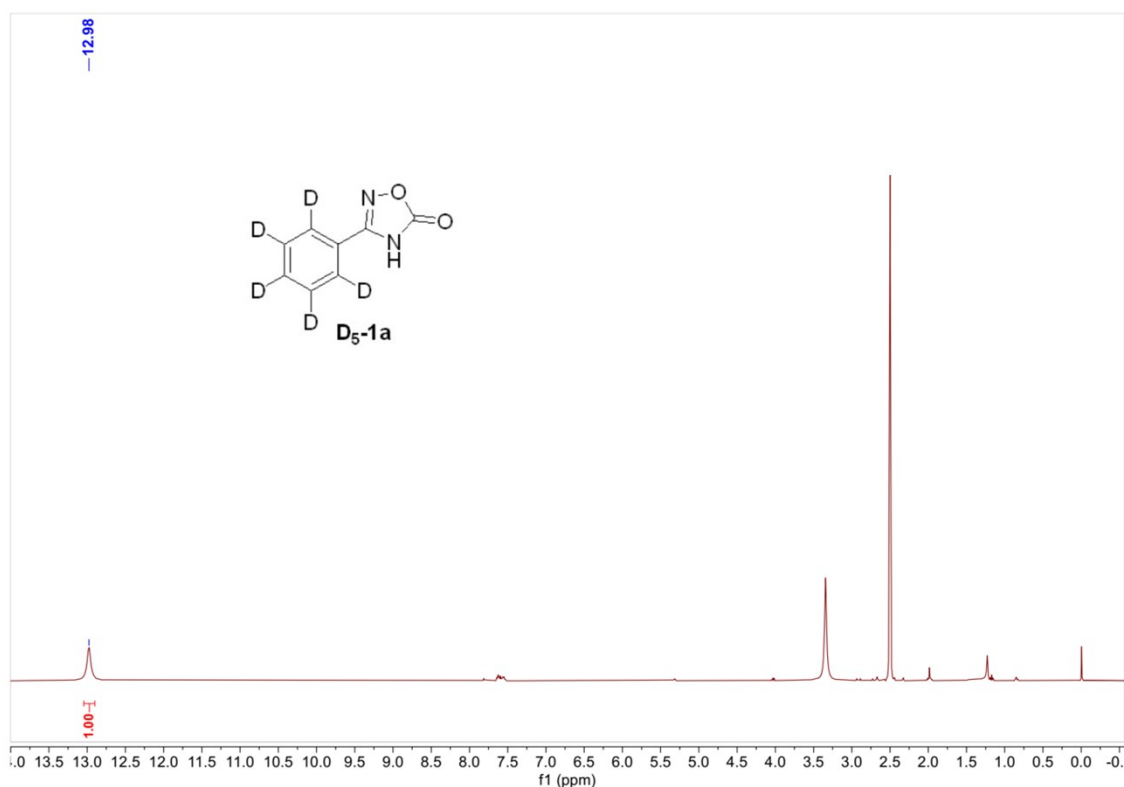


Under air atmosphere, 3-aryl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-ones **1** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and TFISYs **2** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2.0 mL) were added to an oven-dried 15 mL *In-Ex* tube. Then the tube was sealed and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C (oil bath) for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc for three times ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The extract was combined and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to yield the fused-dihydroisoquinoline products **3/4**.

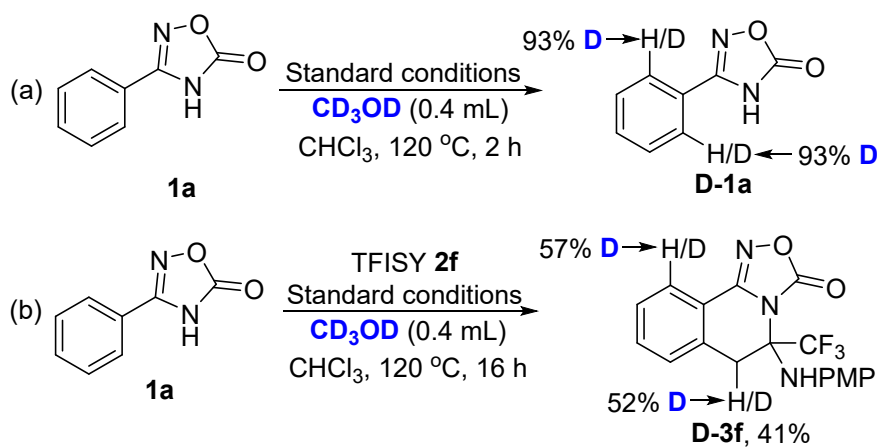
### 2.2. Mechanistic Studies

The deuterated 3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one [**D**]<sub>5</sub>-**1a** was synthesized according to the reported procedure.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta$  12.98 (1H, s).

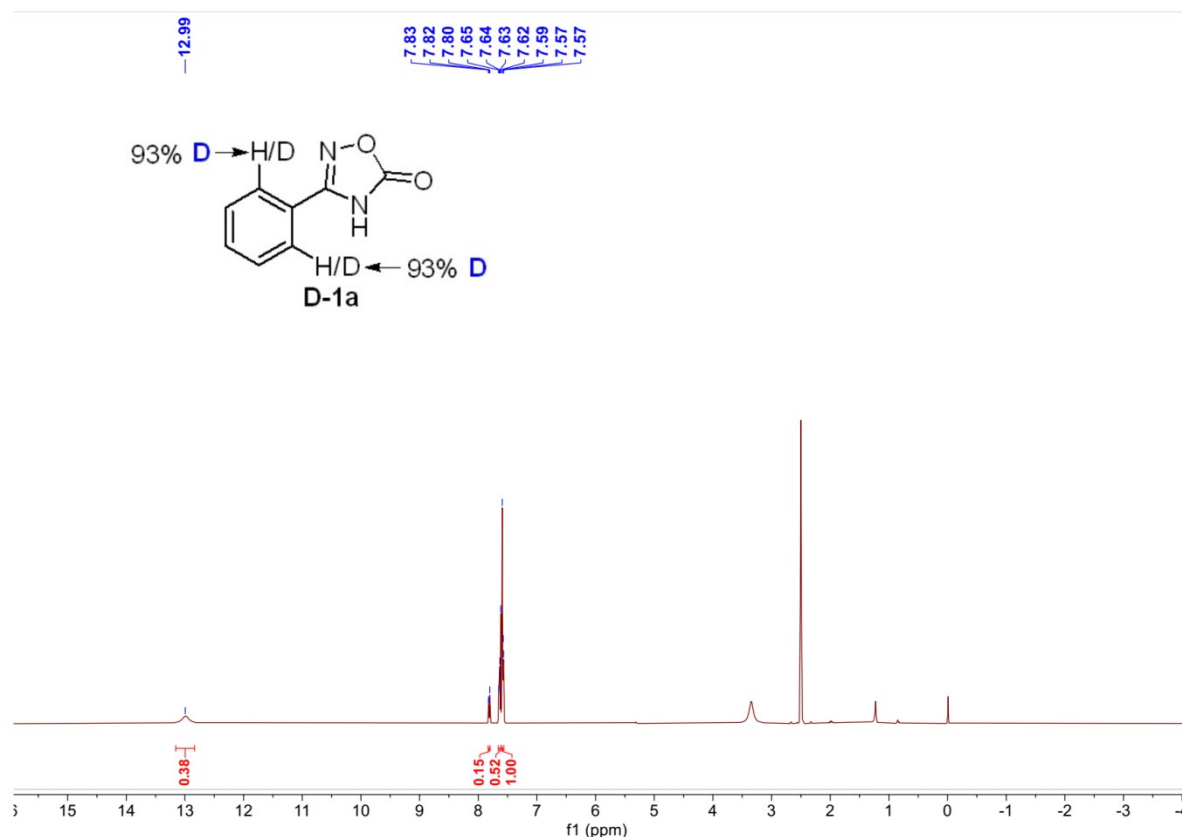


### a) H/D Exchange Experiments

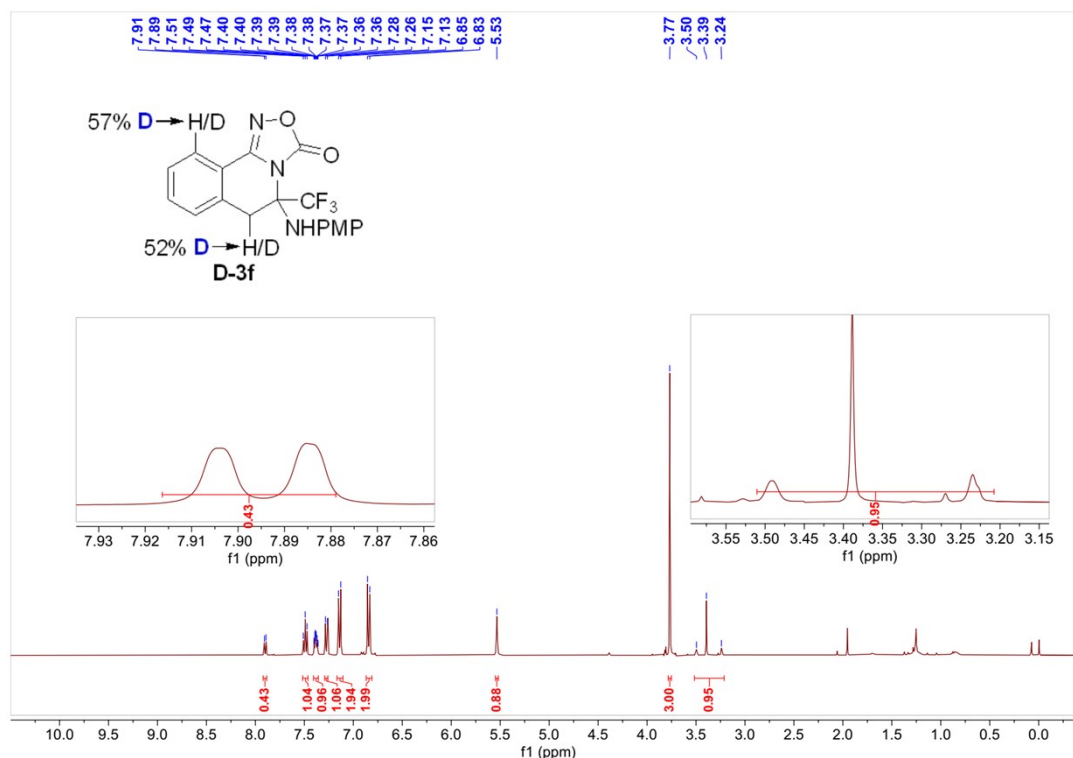


(a) To a 15 mL Schlenk tube with a magneton was added 3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one **1a** (48.64 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), CD<sub>3</sub>OD (0.4 mL, 10.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was rapidly degassed several times, then it was sealed up and stirred vigorously at 120 °C (oil bath) for 2 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc for three times (3×10 mL). The extract was combined and concentrated under vacuum.

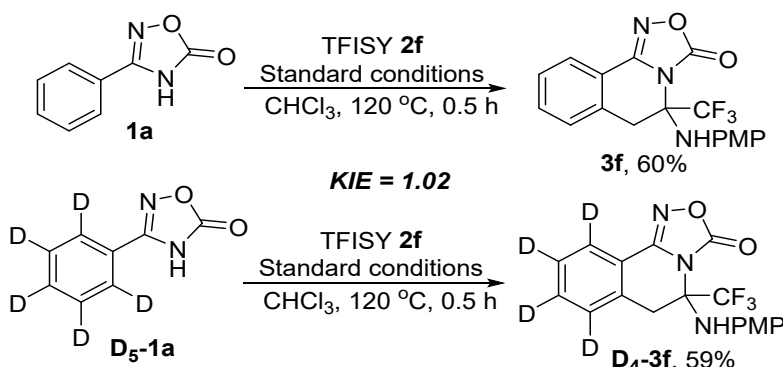
The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1) to yield the product **D-1a**. The D-incorporation in **D-1a** was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy.



(b) To a 15 mL Schlenk tube with a magneton was added 3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), CD<sub>3</sub>OD (0.4 mL, 10.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was sealed up and stirred vigorously at 120 °C (oil bath) for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc for three times (3×10 mL). The extract was combined and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to yield the product **D-3f** (30.9 mg, 41%). The D-incorporation in compound **D-3f** was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy.



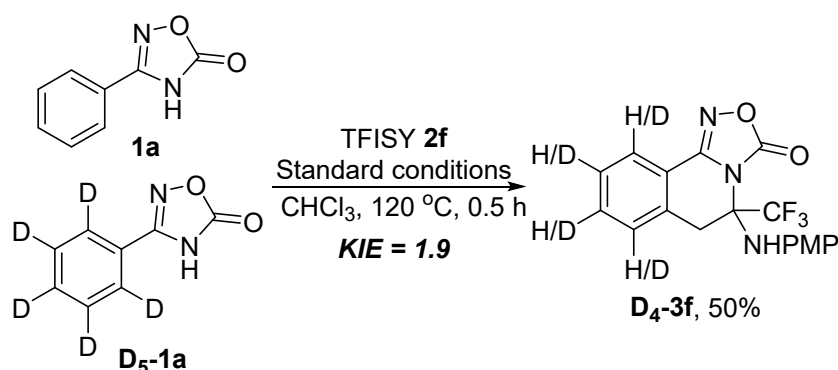
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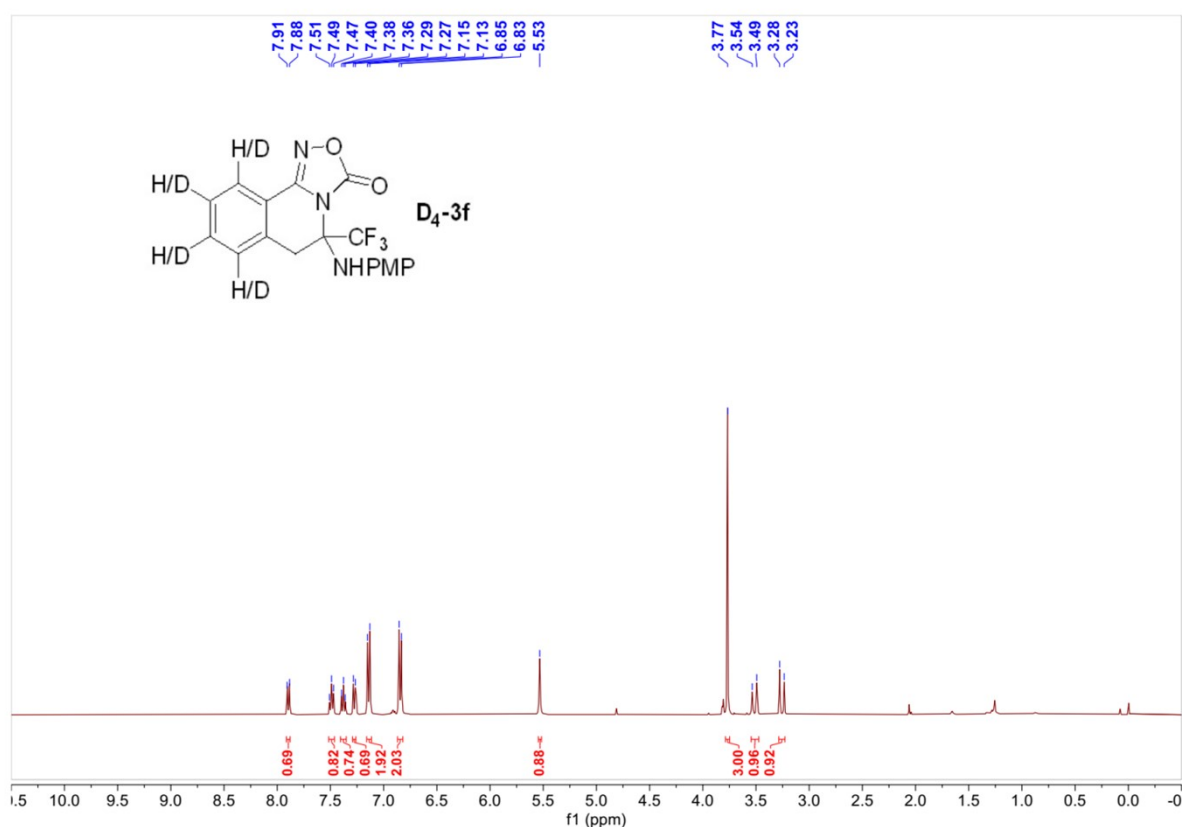
Two pressure tubes each was charged with [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). To the parallel tubes was then separately added **1a** (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) and **[D]<sub>5</sub>-1a** (50.0 mg, 0.3 mmol), respectively. The reaction was sealed up and stirred vigorously at 120 °C (oil bath) for 0.5 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc for three times (3×10 mL). The extract was combined and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to yield the product **3f** (45.2 mg, 60%) and **[D]<sub>4</sub>-3f** (45.0 mg, 59%), respectively. The KIE value was calculated according to the ratio of isolated yields of **3f** and **[D]<sub>4</sub>-3f** from the two parallel reactions.



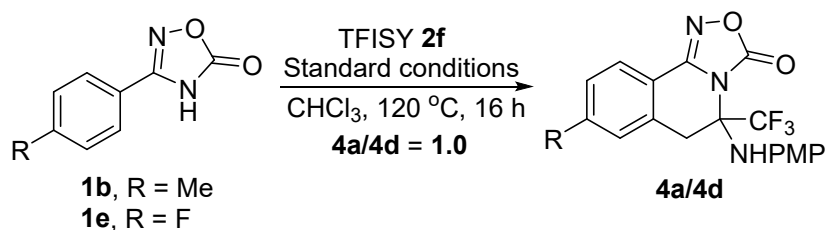
### c) KIE by Competitive Experiments



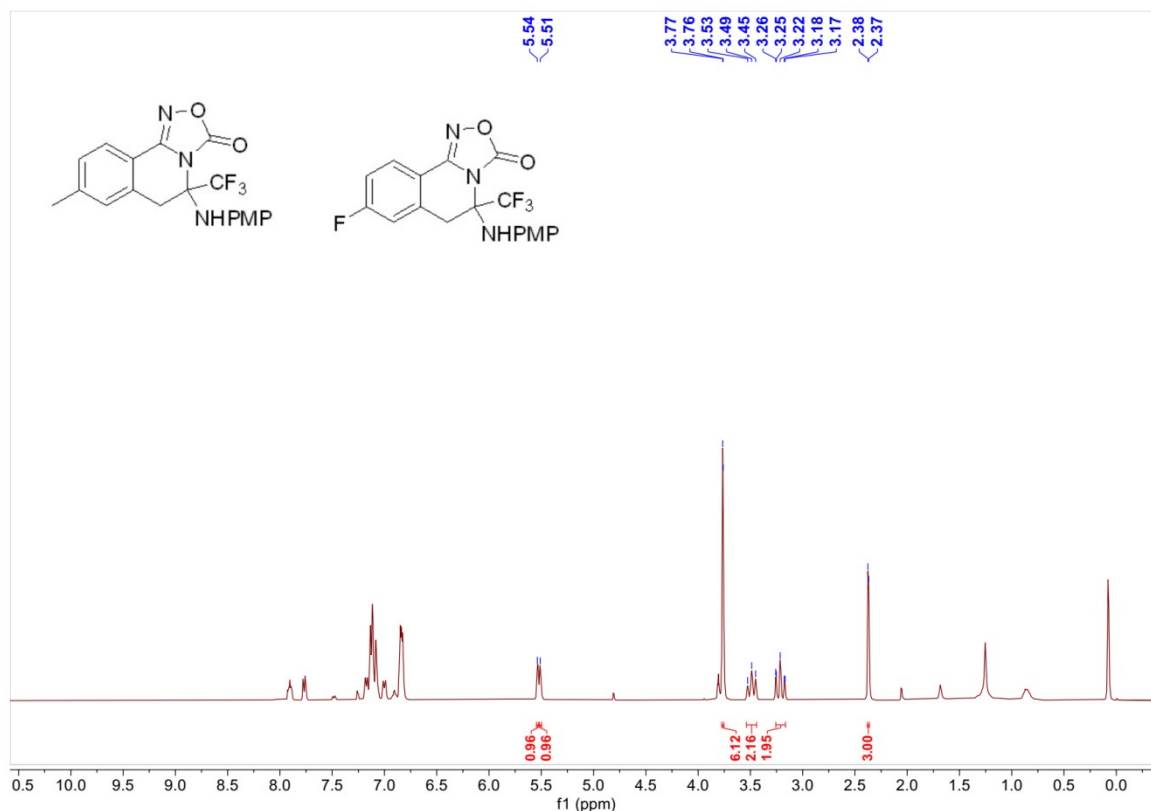
To a 15 mL Schlenk tube with a magneton was added **1a** (24.3 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.75 equiv), **[D]<sub>5</sub>-1a** (25.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.75 equiv), **TFISY 2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), **NaOAc** (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was sealed up and stirred vigorously at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  (oil bath) for 0.5 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, and extracted with **EtOAc** for three times ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The extract was combined and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/**EtOAc** = 5/1) to yield the product **3f** and **D<sub>4</sub>-3f**. The KIE value (1.9) was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy.



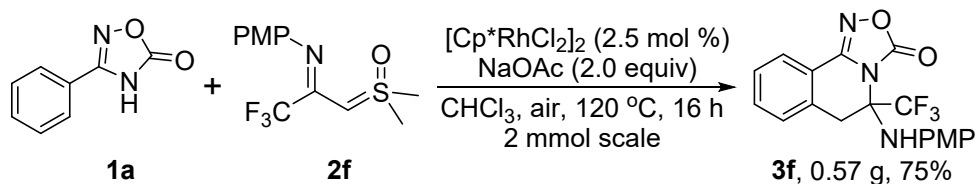
### 2.3. Competition Experiments



Under air atmosphere, oxadiazolone **1b** (26.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.75 equiv), oxadiazolone **1e** (27.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.75 equiv) TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\**Rh*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) were added to an oven-dried 15 mL *In-Ex* tube. Then the tube was sealed and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C (oil bath) for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc for three times (3 × 10 mL). The extract was combined and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to yield the product **4a** and **4d** as a mixture of yellow solid. The ratio of **4a** and **4d** was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

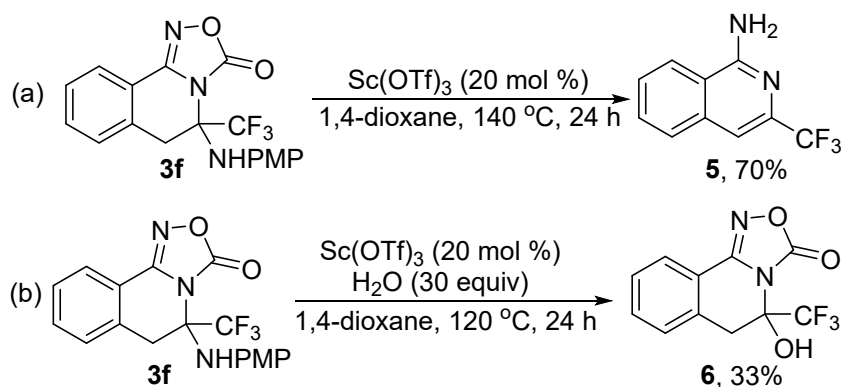


## 2.4. Scale-up Reaction



Under air atmosphere, 3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one **1a** (486 mg, 3.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (587 mg, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (31 mg, 0.05 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (328 mg, 4.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (20 mL) were added to an oven-dried 100 mL *In-Ex* tube. Then the tube was sealed and the mixture was stirred at  $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (oil bath) for 16 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc for three times ( $3\times 30\text{ mL}$ ). The extract was combined and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to yield the product **3f** as a white solid (0.57 g, 75%).

## 2.5. Synthetic Transformation

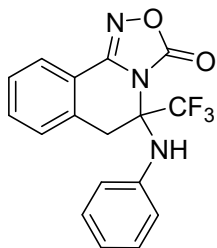


(a) Under air atmosphere, compound **3f** (57.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$  (19.7 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %) and 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) were added to an oven-dried 15 mL *In-Ex* tube. Then the tube was sealed and the mixture was stirred at  $140\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (oil bath) for 24 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc for three times ( $3\times 10\text{ mL}$ ). The extract was combined and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to yield the isoquinolin-1-amine product **5** as a white solid (29.7 mg, 70%).

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**(b)** Under air atmosphere, compound **3f** (57.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (19.7 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %), H<sub>2</sub>O (108.0 mg, 6.0 mmol, 30.0 equiv) and 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) were added to an oven-dried 15 mL *In-Ex* tube. Then the tube was sealed and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C (oil bath) for 24 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc for three times (3×10 mL). The extract was combined and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1) to yield the tertiary alcohol product **6** as a white solid (18.0 mg, 33%).

### 3. Characterization Data of the Corresponding Products



5-(phenylamino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**3a**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2a** (52.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3a** as a brown solid (43.1 mg, 62%).

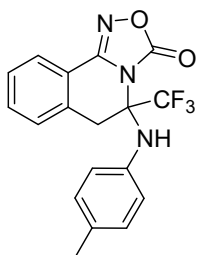
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.2, 154.1, 139.1, 133.2, 132.4, 129.7, 128.4, 128.4, 126.5, 126.1, 124.7, 123.9 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.3 Hz), 118.8, 75.4 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 30.1 Hz), 32.4.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.21.

**M.p.** 127.5-128.6 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 348.0954, found 348.0955.



5-(p-tolylamino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**3b**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2b** (55.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3b** as a purple solid (50.6 mg, 70%).

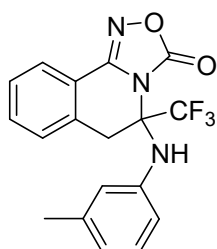
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.62 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.4, 154.2, 136.3, 136.2, 133.2, 132.5, 130.3, 130.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.2, 124.0 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.1 Hz), 124.6, 120.6, 119.7, 118.9, 75.7 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.6 Hz), 32.5, 20.9.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.14.

**M.p.** 128.3-129.5 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 362.1111, found 362.1110.



5-(m-tolylamino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-a]isoquinolin-3-one (**3c**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2c** (55.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3c** as a brown solid (43.4 mg, 60%).

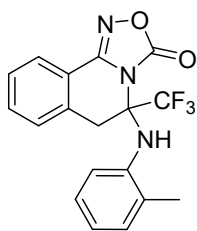
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**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.3, 154.1, 139.8, 139.0, 133.2, 132.5, 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 127.0, 124.7, 123.4, 124.0 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 273.3 Hz), 118.8, 75.4 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.9 Hz), 32.5, 21.5.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** -80.23.

**M.p.** 143.3-144.5 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 362.1111, found 362.1110.



5-(o-tolylamino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**3d**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2d** (55.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3d** as a brown solid (54.3 mg, 75%).

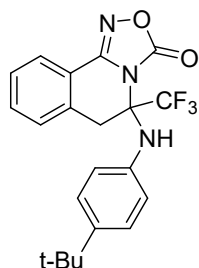
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.96 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (td, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 3.61 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.1, 154.0, 137.7, 135.9, 133.2, 132.4, 131.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.2, 126.1, 124.9, 124.7, 124.2 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.1 Hz), 119.9, 75.5 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 30.3 Hz), 30.9, 18.3.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.68.

**M.p.** 139.4-141.1 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 362.1111, found 362.1115.



5-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**3e**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2e** (63.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.5) to give the titled product **3e** as a brown solid (59.7 mg, 74%).

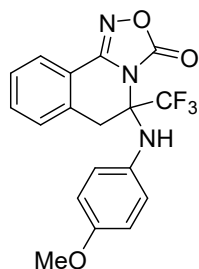
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 9H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.2, 154.1, 149.2, 136.1, 133.1, 132.5, 128.4, 128.2, 126.5, 126.5, 124.6, 123.9 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 287.9 Hz), 118.8, 75.6 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.9 Hz), 34.5, 32.4, 31.3.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.65.

**M.p.** 115.3-116.7 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 404.1580, found 404.1585.



5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**3f**)



General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3f** as a purple solid (64.9 mg, 86%).

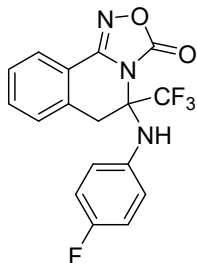
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 158.4, 157.5, 154.3, 133.2, 132.5, 131.3, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 124.6, 124.0 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.0 Hz), 119.0, 114.8, 76.0 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.8 Hz), 55.6, 32.6.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.48.

**M.p.** 110.8-112.0 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 378.1060, found 378.1064.



5-((4-fluorophenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**3g**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2g** (56.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3g** as a white solid (48.9 mg, 67%).

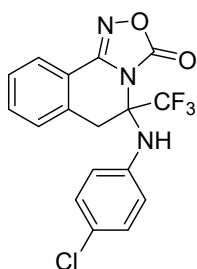
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 162.4, 160.0, 157.4, 154.1, 134.7 (C-F, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 2.9 Hz), 133.3, 132.2, 129.5 (C-F, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 8.3 Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 124.7, 123.9 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.2 Hz), 118.8, 116.5 (C-F, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 22.4 Hz), 75.6 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.9 Hz), 32.5.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.03, 115.36.

**M.p.** 143.0-144.5 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 366.0860, found 366.0864.



5-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-a]isoquinolin-3-one (**3h**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2h** (59.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3h** as a yellow solid (56.5 mg, 74%).

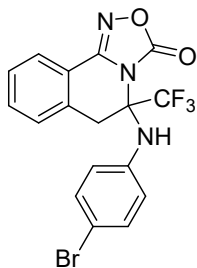
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.61 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.2, 154.0, 137.7, 133.3, 132.1, 131.9, 129.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 125.3, 124.8, 123.8 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.4 Hz), 118.8, 75.3 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.5 Hz), 32.4.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.68.

**M.p.** 130.2-131.4 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 382.0565, found 382.0569.



5-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-a]isoquinolin-3-one (**3i**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2i** (68.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3i** as a white solid (58.0 mg, 68%).

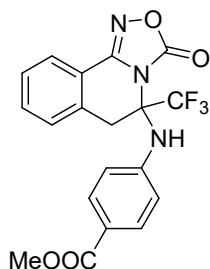
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 3.63 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.2, 154.0, 138.2, 133.4, 132.8, 132.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 124.78, 123.8 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.4 Hz), 119.6, 118.7, 75.1 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 30.5 Hz), 32.4.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.18.

**M.p.** 150.4-151.6 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 426.0060, found 426.0062.



Methyl 4-((3-oxo-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)amino)benzoate (**3j**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2j** (64.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3j** as a yellow solid (36.5 mg, 45%).

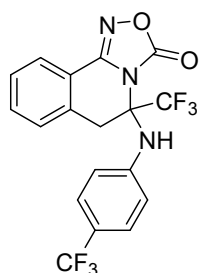
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 8.01 – 7.92 (m, 3H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 166.5, 156.4, 153.8, 144.2, 133.4, 131.9, 131.4, 128.6, 128.5, 126.0, 124.9, 123.8 (C-F, d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.9 Hz), 121.8, 118.6, 74.2 (C-F, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 23.1 Hz), 52.2, 32.0.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -81.21.

**M.p.** 173.1-174.9 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> 406.1009, found 406.1007.



5-(trifluoromethyl)-5-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-a]isoquinolin-3-one (**3k**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2k** (66.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3k** as a white solid (41.5 mg, 50%).

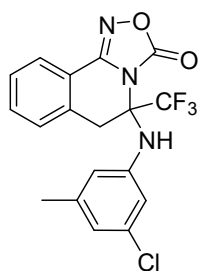
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 156.7, 153.8, 143.0, 133.5, 131.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0 (C-F, q, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 126.8, 124.9, 124.0 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 272.0 Hz), 123.4, 123.8 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.6 Hz), 118.6, 74.4 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 30.3 Hz), 32.0.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -62.32, -80.52.

**M.p.** 156.3-157.9 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 416.0828, found 416.0829.



5-((3-chloro-5-methylphenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-a]isoquinolin-3-one (**3m**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2m** (62.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3m** as a yellow solid (45.8 mg, 58%).

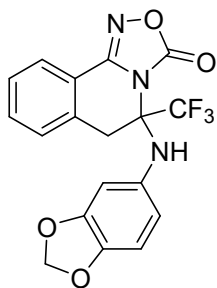
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.2, 154.0, 141.3, 140.2, 134.8, 133.3, 132.1, 128.5, 127.0, 125.1, 124.7, 123.5, 123.8 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.4 Hz), 118.8, 75.1 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.9 Hz), 32.4, 21.4.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.77.

**M.p.** 113.9-114.9 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 396.0721, found 396.0720.



5-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylamino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-a]isoquinolin-3-one (**3n**)

General procedure was followed with 3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(2H)-one **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2n** (61.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3n** as a brown solid (60.2 mg, 77%).

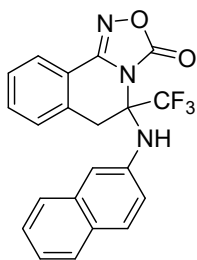
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.65 (m, 3H), 5.98 – 5.91 (m, 2H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (d, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.5, 154.2, 148.4, 146.5, 133.2, 132.4, 132.4, 128.4, 128.3, 124.6, 123.9 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.2 Hz), 121.6, 118.8, 109.6, 108.5, 101.8, 75.9 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.7 Hz), 32.6.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -80.56.

M.p. 147.6-149.3 °C.

HRMS (ESI): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> 392.0853, found 392.0856.



5-(naphthalen-2-ylamino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-a]isoquinolin-3-one (**3o**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2o** (62.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3o** as a black solid (52.5 mg, 66%).

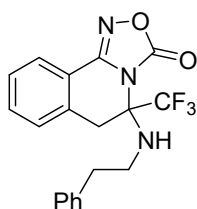
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.3, 154.1, 136.7, 133.9, 133.2, 132.3, 131.5, 129.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 126.9, 126.0, 125.8, 124.7, 124.0 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.4 Hz), 123.2, 118.8, 75.5 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.4 Hz), 32.4.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.17.

**M.p.** 125.2-126.9 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 398.1111, found 398.1115.



5-(phenethylamino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**3p**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2p** (58.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3p** as a white solid (61.6 mg, 82%).

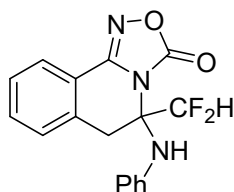
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (q, *J* = 7.1, 6.3 Hz, 3H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.94 – 2.86 (m, 2H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 156.8, 154.5, 138.8, 133.2, 132.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 126.7, 124.7, 123.9 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.3 Hz), 119.1, 76.5 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.2 Hz), 44.2, 36.4, 31.8.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.39.

**M.p.** 102.3-103.9 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 376.1267, found 376.1266.



5-(difluoromethyl)-5-(phenylamino)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-a]isoquinolin-3-one (**3q**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2q** (49.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3q** as a white solid (42.8 mg, 65%).

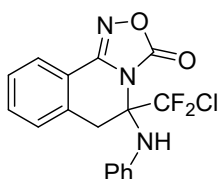
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.72 – 6.23 (m, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.4, 153.9, 139.8, 133.2, 132.5, 129.7, 129.0, 128.3, 125.2, 124.7, 124.3, 118.9, 112.9 (C-F, t, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 251.7 Hz), 74.3 (C-F, t, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 24.1 Hz), 31.9.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -129.76 (d, *J* = 54.3 Hz), -130.50 (d, *J* = 54.3 Hz), -134.06 (d, *J* = 55.8 Hz), -134.80 (d, *J* = 56.1 Hz).

**M.p.** 127.5-128.9 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 330.1049, found 330.1052.





5-(chlorodifluoromethyl)-5-(phenylamino)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**3r**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2r** (55.9 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3r** as a yellow solid (33.5 mg, 46%).

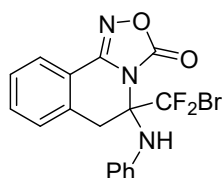
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.3, 154.3, 139.4, 133.2, 132.7, 129.7, 129.5 (C-F, t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 303.3 Hz), 128.3, 126.4, 126.0, 124.6, 119.1, 78.9 (C-F, t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 25.5 Hz), 33.4.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -63.47 (d, *J* = 166.9 Hz), -65.81 (d, *J* = 166.9 Hz).

**M.p.** 130.2-131.9 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClF<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 364.0659, found 364.0663.



5-(bromodifluoromethyl)-5-(phenylamino)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**3s**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1a** (48.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2s** (64.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **3s** as a yellow solid (32.7 mg, 40%).

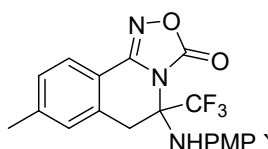
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (q, *J* = 8.2, 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 157.3, 154.3, 139.4, 133.2, 132.6, 129.7, 128.3, 126.5, 126.0, 124.6, 124.5 (C-F, t, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 316.9 Hz), 119.2, 79.5 (C-F, t, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 23.0 Hz), 34.0.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -56.88 (d, *J* = 167.6 Hz), -60.06 (d, *J* = 167.6 Hz).

**M.p.** 101.9-102.7 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrF<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 408.0154, found 408.0159.



5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-8-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**4a**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1b** (52.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **4a** as a brown solid (54.8 mg, 70%).

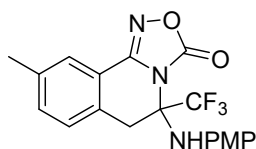
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 158.4, 157.6, 154.3, 144.1, 132.5, 131.4, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 124.6, 124.0 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 287.9 Hz), 116.1, 114.8, 76.0 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.6 Hz), 55.6, 32.6, 21.8 .

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -79.96.

**M.p.** 154.2-155.1 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 392.1217, found 392.1218.



5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-9-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**4b**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1c** (52.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\**Rh*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.5) to give the titled product **4b** as a yellow solid (68.9 mg, 88%).

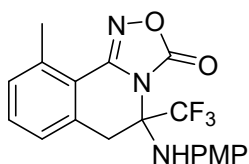
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 158.4, 157.6, 154.4, 138.4, 134.1, 131.4, 129.5, 129.5, 128.2, 124.8, 124.0 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.2 Hz), 118.6, 114.8, 76.1 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.6 Hz), 55.6, 32.2, 21.1.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -79.94.

**M.p.** 128.3-129.0 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 392.1217, found 392.1220.



5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-10-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**4c**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1d** (52.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\**Rh*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.5) to give the titled product **4c** as a white solid (47.0 mg, 60%).

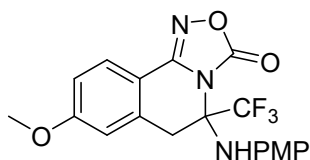
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 8.2 Hz, 3H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 158.4, 157.3, 155.1, 139.2, 133.3, 132.2, 131.4, 131.1, 129.7, 126.0, 124.0 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.1 Hz), 117.8, 114.7, 75.5 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.4 Hz), 55.5, 33.4, 22.9.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -79.79.

**M.p.** 126.0-127.3 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 392.1217, found 392.1219.



8-methoxy-5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**4d**)

General procedure was followed with 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one **1e** (57.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\**Rh*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.5) to give the titled product **4d** as a brown solid (65.5 mg, 80%).

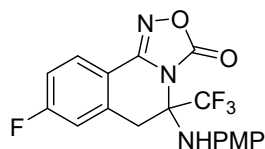
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 163.3, 158.4, 157.6, 154.1, 134.6, 131.3, 129.6, 126.5, 124.0 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 287.9 Hz), 114.7, 114.3, 113.4, 111.0, 75.8 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.7 Hz), 55.7, 55.6, 32.8.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -84.74.

**M.p.** 163.4-164.5 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> 408.1166, found 408.1172.



8-fluoro-5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**4e**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1f** (54.0 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **4e** as a brown solid (47.4 mg, 60%).

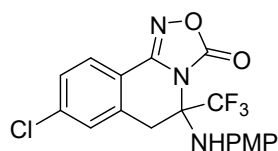
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.91 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 165.3 (C-F, d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 255.8 Hz), 158.5, 157.4, 153.6, 135.5 (C-F, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 8.7 Hz), 131.1, 129.7, 127.2 (C-F, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 9.5 Hz), 123.9 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.2 Hz), 116.1 (C-F, d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 22.8 Hz), 115.7 (C-F, d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 23.2 Hz), 115.2 (C-F, d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 3.7 Hz), 114.9, 75.9 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.6 Hz), 55.6, 32.6.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -79.98, -103.82.

**M.p.** 137.5-138.9 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 396.0966, found 396.0968.



8-chloro-5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**4f**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1g** (59.0 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash

column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5) to give the titled product **4f** as a black solid (56.0 mg, 68%).

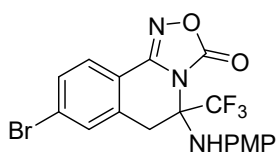
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (d,  $J$  = 17.3 Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  158.5, 157.3, 153.6, 139.4, 134.3, 131.0, 129.7, 128.8, 128.6, 125.9, 123.9 (C-F, q,  $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 287.8 Hz), 121.3, 117.4, 114.9, 75.9 (C-F, q,  $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 29.6 Hz), 55.6, 32.4.

**$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  -79.94.

**M.p.** 154.8-155.7 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClF}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$  412.0670, found 412.0669.



8-bromo-5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-a]isoquinolin-3-one (**4g**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1h** (72.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5) to give the titled product **4g** as a purple solid (52.0 mg, 57%).

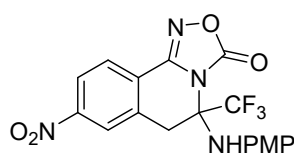
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d,  $J$  = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d,  $J$  = 17.3 Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  158.5, 157.3, 153.7, 134.3, 131.7, 131.5, 131.0, 129.7, 127.8, 126.0, 123.8 (C-F, q,  $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 272.5 Hz), 117.8, 114.9, 75.9 (C-F, q,  $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 29.6 Hz), 55.6, 32.3.

**$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  -79.92.

**M.p.** 163.8-164.5 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrF}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$  456.0165, found 456.0166.



5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-8-nitro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**4h**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1i** (62.1 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\**RhCl*<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.5) to give the titled product **4h** as a brown solid (36.3 mg, 43%).

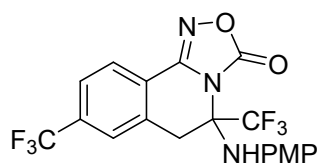
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 158.8, 157.0, 153.0, 150.3, 134.4, 130.6, 129.8, 126.0, 124.4, 123.7 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 287.8 Hz), 123.6, 123.4, 115.0, 76.1 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.6 Hz), 55.6, 32.8.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -79.84.

**M.p.** 192.3-193.2 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> 423.0911, found 423.0917.



5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-5,8-bis(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**4i**)

General procedure was followed with 3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one **1j** (69.0 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\**RhCl*<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl

acetate = 3:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5) to give the titled product **4i** as a brown solid (51.5 mg, 58%).

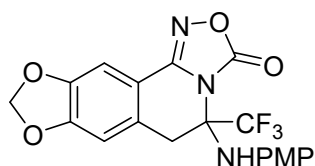
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  8.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.56 (d,  $J$  = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d,  $J$  = 17.4 Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  158.6, 157.2, 153.4, 134.78 (C-F, q,  $^2J_{(C-F)}$  = 33.0 Hz), 133.4, 130.8, 129.8, 125.4 (C-F, q,  $^3J_{(C-F)}$  = 3.9 Hz), 125.3, 125.2, 123.2 (C-F, q,  $^1J_{(C-F)}$  = 273.0 Hz), 122.4, 122.2, 114.9, 76.1 (C-F, q,  $^2J_{(C-F)}$  = 29.6 Hz), 55.6, 32.67.

**$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  -63.35, -79.91.

**M.p.** 180.6-182.1 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_6\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$  446.0934, found 446.0939.



5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3H-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g][1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-a]isoquinolin-3-one (**4j**)

General procedure was followed with 3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one **1k** (61.8 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv),  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5) to give the titled product **4j** as a brown solid (52.4 mg, 62%).

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.09 – 6.05 (m, 2H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.37 (d,  $J$  = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d,  $J$  = 17.5 Hz, 1H).

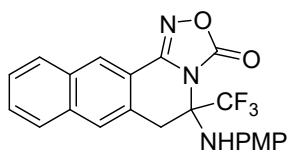
**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  158.4, 157.6, 153.9, 151.0, 145.2, 131.2, 129.6, 123.9 (C-F, q,  $^1J_{(C-F)}$  = 288.2 Hz), 114.8, 113.5, 112.4, 108.4, 102.5, 75.7 (C-F, q,  $^2J_{(C-F)}$  = 29.8 Hz), 55.6, 26.0.

**$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  -80.15.

**M.p.** 149.2-151.9 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_5^+$  422.0958, found 422.0963.





5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-benzo[g][1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**4k**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1l** (63.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5) to give the titled product **4k** as a yellow solid (68.4 mg, 80%).

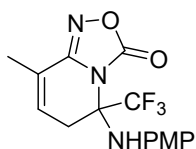
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.67 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 158.5, 157.7, 154.6, 135.2, 132.0, 131.3, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 125.6, 124.0 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 287.8 Hz), 116.5, 114.8, 76.3 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.5 Hz), 55.5, 33.2.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -80.11.

**M.p.** 138.2-139.1 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 428.1217, found 428.1221.



5-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-8-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridin-3-one (**4n**)

General procedure was followed with oxadiazolone **1o** (37.8 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TFISY **2f** (58.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), NaOAc (32.8 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2.0 mL). Upon completion the mixture was concentrated and purified via flash

column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 5:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5) to give the titled product **4n** as a yellow solid (27.3 mg, 40%).

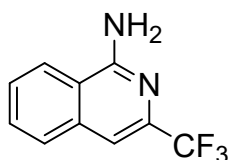
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.02 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.99 (d,  $J$  = 19.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd,  $J$  = 19.4, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  158.1, 157.2, 154.7, 131.6, 130.1, 128.6, 124.2 (C-F, q,  $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 288.4 Hz), 120.9, 114.8, 75.1 (C-F, q,  $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 29.5 Hz), 55.6, 28.5, 14.8.

**$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  -81.68.

**M.p.** 110.8-111.6°C.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$  342.1060, found 342.1059.



3-(trifluoromethyl)isoquinolin-1-amine (**5**)<sup>5</sup>

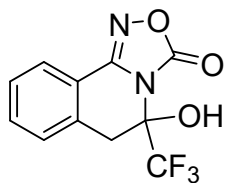
Under air atmosphere, compound **3f** (57.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$  (19.7 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %) and 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) were added to an oven-dried 15 mL *In-Ex* tube. Then the tube was sealed and the mixture was stirred at 140 °C (oil bath) for 24 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc for three times (3×10 mL). The extract was combined and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to yield the products **5** as a white solid (29.7 mg, 70%).

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 5.77 (s, 2H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  157.0, 140.0 (C-F, q,  $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 32.8 Hz), 136.7, 131.2, 128.4, 128.3, 122.8, 122.4 (C-F, q,  $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 272.8 Hz), 118.9, 109.9 (C-F, q,  $^3J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 3.8 Hz).

**$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  -68.16.

**M.p.** 231.4-233.2 °C.



5-hydroxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-3*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazolo[3,4-*a*]isoquinolin-3-one (**6**)

Under air atmosphere, compound **3f** (57.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (19.7 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %), H<sub>2</sub>O (108.0 mg, 6.0 mmol, 30.0 equiv) and 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) were added to an oven-dried 15 mL *In-Ex* tube. Then the tube was sealed and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C (oil bath) for 24 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was slowly cooled to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc for three times (3×10 mL). The extract was combined and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1) to yield the product **6** as a white solid (18.0 mg, 33%).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)** δ 8.87 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)** δ 154.9, 154.2, 133.7, 133.3, 129.2, 128.7, 124.2, 123.5 (C-F, q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 288.5 Hz), 119.0, 84.1, 83.9 (C-F, q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>(C-F)</sub> = 29.5 Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO)** δ -79.46.

**M.p.** 295.3-297.2 °C.

**HRMS (ESI):** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> 273.0482, found 273.0475.

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