Supporting Information

Oxone-mediated oxidative carbon-heteroatom bond cleavage:

synthesis of benzoxazinones from benzoxazoles with

α -oxocarboxylic acids

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General information:

All Reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen with the strict exclusion of moisture. The dry DMSO were distilled from CaH₂ under nitrogen and stored over molecular sieves under nitrogen. Diglyme was purchased from commercial sources and stored under nitrogen. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 100 MHz in solvents as indicate. Chemical shift are reported in ppm from CDCl₃ using TMS as internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR spectrometer and only major peaks are reported in cm⁻¹. HRMS were obtained on a Q-TOF micro spectrometer. Melting points were determined on a microscopic apparatus and were uncorrected.

Starting materials:

Phenylglyoxylic acid **2a** and pyruvic acids were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and TCI. Other α -oxocarboxylic acids were prepared from the corresponding methyl ketones according to the reported procedure.¹

General procedure for the oxidative cleavage/coupling of benzoxazoles with α -oxocarboxylic acids



A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube was charged with oxone (123 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Benzoxazoles (1, 0.2 mmol) and α -oxocarboxylic acids (2, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 5% DMSO/diglyme (1.0 mL) were added by syringe under nitrogen. The tube was then sealed and the mixture was stirred for 10-12h at 120 °C. Upon completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the mixture was diluted with EtOAc, filtered through a pad of Celite, and the filtrate was washed with water, dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed, the residue was purified with chromatography column on silica gel (gradient eluent of EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/50 to 1/20) to give the corresponding products **3** or **4** in yields listed in Table 2 and Table 3.

Characterization of products 3



6-Methyl-3-phenyl-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (**3a**). Known compound,² R_f 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.34-8.31$ (dd, J = 1.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), $\delta = 7.65$ (s, 1H), $\delta = 7.55-7.47$ (m, 3H), $\delta = 7.34-7.31$ (dd, J = 1.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), $\delta = 7.24-7.22$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 152.5, 150.7, 144.4, 135.5, 134.3, 132.1, 131.4, 131.3, 129.4, 129.3, 128.4, 115.7, 20.9.$



6-*tert*-**Butyl-3**-**phenyl-benzo**[1,4]**oxazin-2-one** (**3b**). Known compound,² R_f 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.34-8.32 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.0 Hz, 2H), δ = 7.87-7.86 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.58-7.49 (m, 4H), δ = 7.28-7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 152.6, 150.7, 149.0, 144.2, 134.3, 131.3, 131.2, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 126.0, 115.5, 34.7, 31.3. Cl. \Diamond N. Ph



6-Chloro-3-phenyl-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (**3c**). Known compound,² R_f 0.4 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.34-8.33 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), δ = 7.85-7.84 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.58-7.45 (m, 4H), δ = 7.28-7.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 151.7, 151.6, 145.0, 133.7, 132.1, 131.9, 130.9, 130.7, 129.6, 128.8, 128.4, 117.3.



6-Bromo-3-phenyl-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (**3d**). A yellow solid, $R_f = 0.35$ (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1), mp: 148-150 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta =$ 8.35-8.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), $\delta = 8.01$ (s, 1H), $\delta = 7.62-7.60$ (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), $\delta = 7.56-7.49$ (m, 3H), $\delta = 7.24-7.22$ (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 151.7$, 151.6, 145.5, 133.8, 133.7, 132.5, 131.9, 129.6, 128.5, 117.9, 117.6; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3437, 2925, 1743, 1384, 1124, 810 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{14}H_8BrNNaO_2 [M+Na]^+$ 323.9631, found 323.9637.



6-Acetyl-3-phenyl-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (3e). A yellow solid, R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 2:1), mp: 159-161 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.44 (s, 1H), δ = 8.36-8.34 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), δ = 8.17-8.14 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.58-7.51 (m, 3H), δ = 7.43-7.41 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 196.0, 151.7, 151.5, 149.5, 134.6, 133.6, 131.9, 131.1, 130.6, 130.2, 129.5, 128.5, 116.7, 26.7; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3430, 2923, 1742, 1602, 1118, 812 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₁NNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 288.0631, found 288.0621.



7-Methyl-3-phenyl-benzo[**1,4**]**oxazin-2-one** (**3f**). Known compound,² R_f 0.3 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.32-8.30 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), δ = 7.73-7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.51-7.48 (m, 3H), δ = 7.21-7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 152.5, 149.6, 146.4, 142.6, 134.3, 131.1, 129.7, 129.3, 129.0, 128.3, 126.7, 116.2, 21.8.

Characterization of Products 4



3-Phenyl-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (**4a**). Known compound,² R_f 0.35 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.35$ -8.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), $\delta = 7.87$ -7.85 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), $\delta = 7.54$ -7.49 (m, 4H), $\delta = 7.42$ -7.38 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), $\delta = 7.35$ -7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 152.3$, 150.9, 146.5, 134.1, 131.7, 131.4, 131.1, 129.4, 128.4, 125.5, 116.2.



3-*p*-**Tolyl-benzo**[**1**,**4**]**oxazin-2-one** (**4b**). Known compound,² R_f 0.35 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.28-8.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ = 7.85-7.82 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.52-7.47 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.40-7.36 (dt, *J* = 0.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.33-7.30 (m, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 152.3, 150.6, 146.4, 142.0, 131.7, 131.4, 130.8, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 125.5, 116.1, 21.6.



3-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (**4c**). A yellow solid, R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 15:1), mp: 133-135 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.41-8.39 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), δ = 7.82-7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.49-7.46 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.39-7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.32-7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H),

7.01-6.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 162.4$, 152.5, 149.8, 146.3, 131.7, 131.4, 130.4, 129.1, 126.8, 125.4, 116.0, 113.8, 55.4; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3434, 2930, 1730, 1603, 1133, 759 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₁NNaO₃ [M+Na]⁺ 276.0631, found 276.0623.



3-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (**4d**). Known compound,² R_f 0.4 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.43-8.40 (m, 2H), δ = 7.85-7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.54-7.50 (dt, *J* = 0.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.42-7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.35-7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.8 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 252.0 Hz), 152.2, 149.5, 146.4, 131.9, 131.8, 131.5, 131.2, 130.3, 129.4, 125.6, 116.2, 115.6, 115.4.



3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (**4e**). Known compound,² R_f 0.4 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.36-8.34 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), δ = 7.85-7.83 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.55-7.51 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.48-7.46 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), δ = 7.42-7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 152.1, 149.5, 146.5, 137.8, 132.5, 131.5, 131.4, 130.8, 129.5, 128.7, 125.7, 116.2.



3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (**4f**). Known compound,² R_f 0.4 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.27-8.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ = 7.85-7.83 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.63-7.61 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), δ = 7.55-7.51 (dt, *J* = 0.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.42-7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 152.1, 149.5, 146.4, 132.9, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 131.0, 129.5, 126.4, 125.7, 116.2.



3-(4-Iodo-phenyl)-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (**4g**). A yellow solid, R_f 0.4 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1), mp: 126-128 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.11-8.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), δ = 7.84-7.82 (m, 3H), δ = 7.55-7.51 (dt, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.41-7.37 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.33-7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 152.0, 149.7, 146.4, 137.6, 133.4, 131.5, 131.4, 130.9, 129.5, 125.7, 116.2, 98.9; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3436, 2924, 1731, 1585, 1111, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₈INNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 371.9492, found 371.9504.



3-*o***-Tolyl-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one** (**4h**). A yellow solid, R_f 0.4 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1), mp: 124-126 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.85-7.83 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.58-7.52 (m, 2H), δ = 7.43-7.36 (m, 3H), δ = 7.33-7.30 (m, 2H), δ = 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 155.0, 152.4, 146.7, 137.2, 134.0, 131.4, 130.9, 130.2, 129.5, 125.8, 125.6, 116.4, 20.1; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3436, 2929, 1730,

1456, 1133, 761 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{15}H_{11}NNaO_2 [M+Na]^+$ 260.0682, found 260.0680.



3-Naphthalen-2-yl-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (4j). A yellow solid, R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1), mp: 173-175 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.07 (s, 1H), δ = 8.42-8.39 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ = 8.02-8.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.95-7.87 (m, 3H), δ = 7.60-7.51 (m, 3H), δ = 7.43-7.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.37-7.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 152.4, 150.2, 146.4, 134.7, 132.8, 131.7, 131.4, 131.1, 129.6, 129.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 126.5, 125.6, 125.3, 116.1; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3462, 2925, 1744, 1605, 1108, 751 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₁NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 296.0682, found 296.0677.



3-Thiophen-2-yl-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (4k). Known compound,² R_f 0.4 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.43-8.42 (m, 1H), δ = 7.80-7.78 (dd, J = 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.62-7.61 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.50-7.46 (dt, J = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), δ = 7.33-7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.20-7.18 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 151.5, 146.0, 145.6, 138.5, 133.3, 132.5, 131.5, 130.5, 128.9, 128.6, 125.7, 116.2.



3-Methyl-benzo[1,4]oxazin-2-one (**4l**). Known compound,² R_f 0.2 (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 20:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.72-7.70 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.49-7.45 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.37-7.33 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), δ = 7.30-7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), δ = 2.58 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 155.2, 153.3, 146.6, 131.2, 130.5, 128.6, 125.4, 116.4, 21.3.

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