

Supporting Information

Ni-catalyzed Radical Cyclization of Vinyl Azides with Cyclobutanone Oxime Esters to Access Cyanoalkyl Containing Quinoxalin-2(1H)-ones

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General Information:

All reactions were carried out under Ar atmosphere unless otherwise noted. All catalysts and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel plates (GF254), and the analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated, glass-backed silica gel plates. ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometer at room temperature. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a high-resolution mass spectrometer in the ESI mode. All of vinyl azides **1** were synthesized according to the literature.¹ And all of cycloketone oxime esters **2** were synthesized from the corresponding cycloketones and carboxylic acids according to the literature.^{2a} The substituted cycloketones were prepared according to the reported procedure.^{2b}

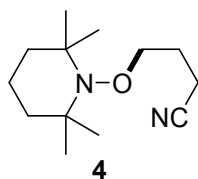
General procedure for the synthesis of **3**

An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), cycloketone *O*-acyl oximes **2** (2 equiv, 0.2 mmol), $\text{NiCl}_2\cdot\text{glyme}$ (5 mol%). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL DMF was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was then sealed and the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 24 h. After the reaction was finished, 10 ml water was added and the resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 3:1, v/v) to obtain the desired product **3**.

Trapping experiment with TEMPO

An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), cyclobutanone *O*-acyl oximes **2** (2 equiv, 0.2 mmol), $\text{NiCl}_2\cdot\text{glyme}$ (5 mol%). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL DMF was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was then sealed and the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 24 h. However, product **3aa** could not be detected, the intermediate **4** was formed, suggesting that this transformation proceeds through a radical pathway.

The HRMS (ESI) for the intermediate **4**



HRMS [$4+\text{H}$]⁺: Calcd: 225.1691; Found: 225.1694.

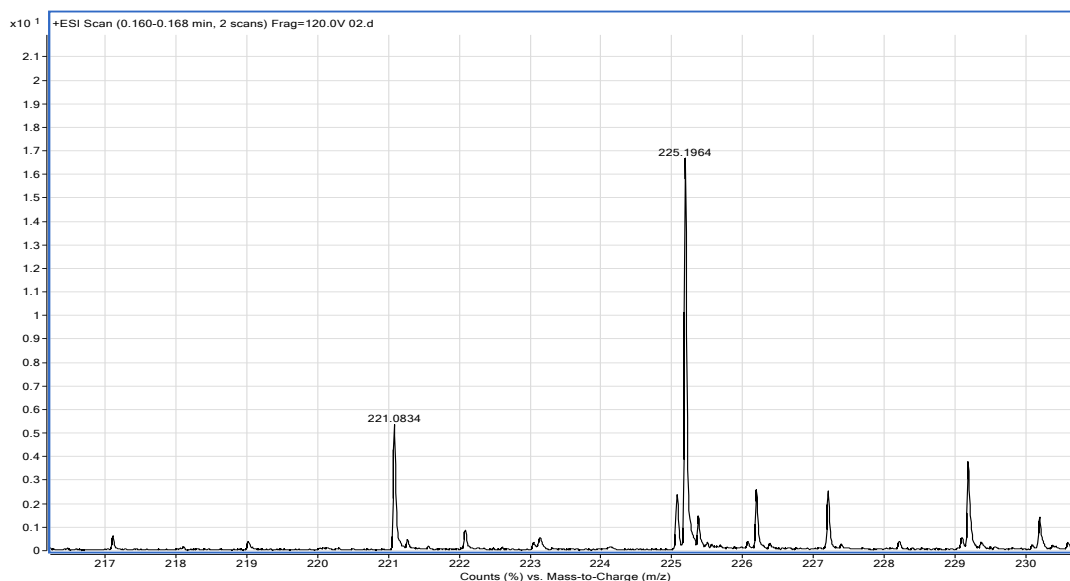
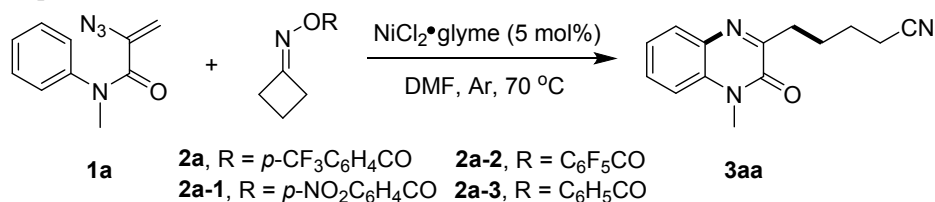


Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions^a



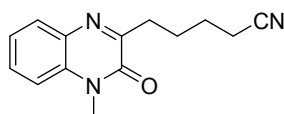
Entry	Variation from the standard conditions	Yield(%) ^b
1	none	75
2	2a-1 instead of 2a	61
3	2a-2 instead of 2a	56
4	2a-3 instead of 2a	24
5	without NiCl ₂ ·glyme	0
6	5 mol % FeCl ₂ as the catalyst	23
7	5 mol % Fe(OAc) ₂ as the catalyst	38
8	5 mol % CuCl ₂ as the catalyst	17
9	5 mol % CuCl as the catalyst	6
10	5 mol % CuBr ₂ as the catalyst	16
11	5 mol % CuO as the catalyst	23
12	5 mol % Cu(OAc) ₂ as the catalyst	15
13	5 mol % NiCl ₂ as the catalyst	35
14	5 mol % NiBr ₂ as the catalyst	31
15	5 mol % Ni(OAc) ₂ as the catalyst	58
16	5 mol % Ni(acac) ₂ as the catalyst	43
17 ^c	2 mol % <i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃ as the catalyst	48
18 ^c	2 mol % Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂ as the catalyst	32
19 ^c	2 mol % 4CzIPN as the catalyst	38
20 ^c	2 mol % Eosin Y as the catalyst	0
21	10 mol % NiCl ₂ ·glyme was used	73
22	1,4-dioxane as the solvent	26

23	CH ₃ CN as the solvent	70
24	toluene as the solvent	41
25	DMSO as the solvent	51
26	DMA as the solvent	45
27	1.5 equiv 2a	67
28	at 60 °C	61
29	at 80 °C	53

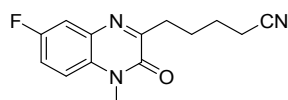
Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol, 0.1 M), **2a** (0.2 mmol, 2 equiv), 5 mol % NiCl₂•glyme, and DMF (1 mL) at 70 °C (oil bath) in an argon atmosphere for 24 h. ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c Under 12 W blue LED irradiation for 24 h.

Reference

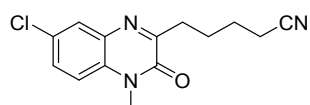
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5-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)pentanenitrile (**3aa**). Yellow solid; (18 mg, 75%); mp: 103-107 °C; R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.85-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.99 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.03-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.79 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.6, 154.8, 133.0, 132.6, 129.8, 129.7, 123.6, 119.6, 113.6, 32.8, 29.0, 25.4, 25.1, 17.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C₁₄H₁₅N₃O [M+H⁺]: 241.1215, found 241.1217.

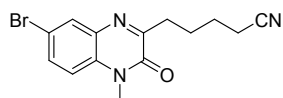


5-(7-fluoro-4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)pentanenitrile (**3ba**). Yellow solid; (14.8 mg, 57%); mp: 115-117 °C; R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.99 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.02-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.78 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.3, 158.7 (d, J = 305 Hz), 154.4, 133.1 (d, J = 14 Hz), 129.7 (d, J = 3 Hz), 119.6, 117.5 (d, J = 30 Hz), 115.2 (d, J = 28 Hz), 114.7 (d, J = 11 Hz), 32.9, 29.3, 25.2, 25.0, 17.0 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -118.9 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄FN₃O [M+H⁺]: 259.1121, found 259.1123.

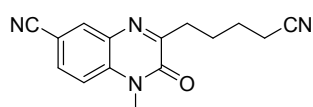


5-(7-chloro-4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)pentanenitrile (**3ca**). Yellow solid; (19.6 mg, 72%); mp: 121-124 °C; R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

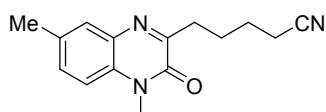
CDCl₃): δ = 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.01-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.78 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.1, 154.4, 133.1, 131.7, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 119.5, 114.7, 32.8, 29.2, 25.1, 25.0, 17.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C₁₄H₁₅ClN₃O [M+H⁺]: 276.0898, found 276.0895.



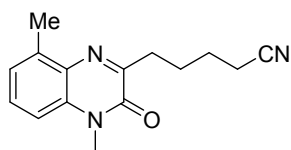
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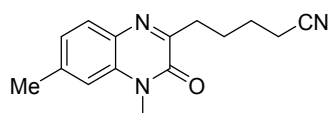
3-(4-cyanobutyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoxaline-6-carbonitrile (**3ea**). Yellow solid; (20.3 mg, 76%); mp: 124-127 °C; R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.15-8.14 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.00 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.03-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.78 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.0, 154.4, 136.3, 134.0, 132.4, 132.1, 119.4, 117.9, 114.7, 107.1, 32.8, 29.3, 25.0, 24.9, 17.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₄O [M+H⁺]: 267.1240, found 267.1237.



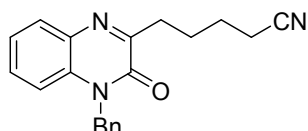
5-(4,7-dimethyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)pentanenitrile (**3fa**). Yellow solid; (13.6 mg, 53%); mp: 108-110 °C; R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.66-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.00 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.45 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.03-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.80 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.6, 154.8, 133.5, 132.5, 131.0, 130.9, 129.6, 119.6, 113.4, 32.9, 29.0, 25.4, 25.1, 20.6, 17.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈N₃O [M+H⁺]: 256.1444, found 256.1441.



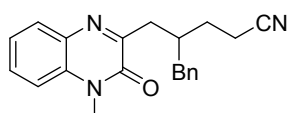
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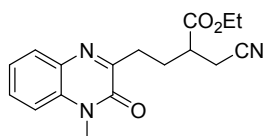
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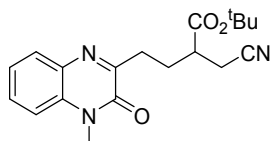
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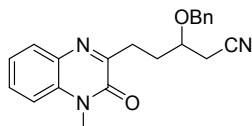
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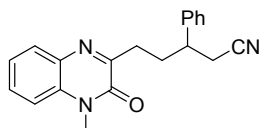
ethyl 2-(cyanomethyl)-4-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)butanoate (**3ac**). Yellow oil; (14.4 mg, 46%); R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 14.0 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.09-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.96-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.67 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.20 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 172.4, 158.8, 154.7, 133.0, 132.5, 129.9, 129.8, 123.7, 117.8, 113.6, 61.4, 41.0, 30.5, 29.0, 27.5, 19.5, 14.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 314.1499, found 314.1495.



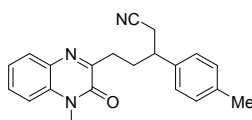
tert-butyl 2-(cyanomethyl)-4-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)butanoate (3ad). Yellow solid; (16.0 mg, 47%); mp: 123-125 °C; R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.04-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.85-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 9H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.7, 158.9, 154.7, 133.0, 132.5, 129.9, 129.8, 123.7, 117.9, 113.6, 82.1, 41.8, 30.6, 29.0, 28.0, 27.8, 19.6 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 342.1812, found 342.1815.



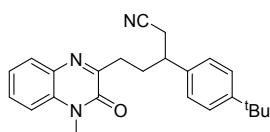
3-(benzyloxy)-5-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)pentanenitrile (3ae). Yellow oil; (15.6 mg, 45%); R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.82-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 6H), 4.59 (q, J = 30.8 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.94-3.88 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (q, J = 13.6 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.6, 154.7, 137.4, 133.0, 132.5, 129.7, 129.6, 128.3, 127.7, 123.6, 117.6, 113.6, 74.0, 71.6, 30.6, 29.4, 28.9, 22.9 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 347.1634, found 347.1631.



5-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)-3-phenylpentanenitrile (3af). Yellow solid; (16.7 mg, 53%); mp: 151-153 °C; R_f = 0.30 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.22 (m, 5H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.19-3.11 (m, 1H), 3.89-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.69 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.30 (m, 2H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.6, 154.7, 141.1, 133.0, 132.6, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 127.5, 127.4, 123.6, 118.5, 113.5, 41.9, 31.7, 31.3, 29.0, 25.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 317.1528, found 317.1531.

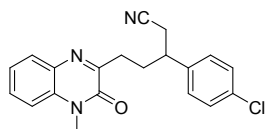


5-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)pentanenitrile (3ag). Yellow oil; (13.2 mg, 41%); R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.10 (m, 4H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.14-3.07 (m, 1H), 2.87-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.7, 154.6, 138.0, 137.0, 133.0, 132.8, 129.708, 129.687, 129.5, 127.2, 123.6, 118.6, 113.5, 41.6, 31.8, 31.3, 28.9, 25.4, 21.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 331.1685, found 331.1687.

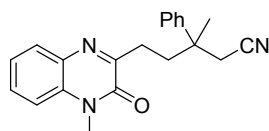


3-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)pentanenitrile (3ah).

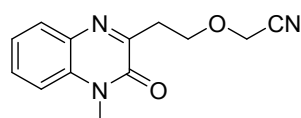
Yellow solid; (20.1 mg, 54%); mp: 155-157 °C; R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.84-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.16-3.09 (m, 1H), 2.88 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.69-2.67 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.31 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 9H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.7, 154.7, 150.2, 138.0, 133.0, 132.6, 129.7, 127.0, 125.7, 123.6, 118.7, 113.5, 41.4, 34.4, 31.8, 31.3, 31.1, 29.7, 28.9, 25.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 374.2227, found 374.2229.



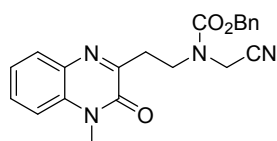
3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)pentanenitrile (3ai). Yellow solid; (13.6 mg, 39%); mp: 141-143 °C; R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.17-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.86 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.69-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.28 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.3, 154.6, 139.5, 133.2, 133.0, 132.5, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.8, 123.7, 118.1, 113.6, 41.4, 31.7, 31.2, 29.0, 25.2 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 351.1138, found 351.1135.



3-methyl-5-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)-3-phenylpentanenitrile (3aj). Yellow solid; (16.2 mg, 49%); mp: 129-131 °C; R_f = 0.35 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.86-2.65 (m, 4H), 2.53-2.45 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.8, 154.6, 143.3, 133.0, 132.6, 129.7, 129.6, 128.6, 126.8, 125.9, 123.6, 118.1, 113.5, 40.1, 37.7, 31.9, 29.5, 28.9, 24.8 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 332.1757, found 332.1755.

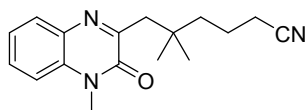


2-(2-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)ethoxy)acetonitrile (3ak). Yellow solid; (10.9 mg, 45%); mp: 119-121 °C; R_f = 0.25 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.87-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 2H), 4.32 (s, 3H), 4.15 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.82 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.1, 154.8, 133.2, 132.6, 130.1, 130.0, 123.7, 116.0, 113.7, 68.4, 56.2, 33.8, 29.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 244.1081, found 244.1078.

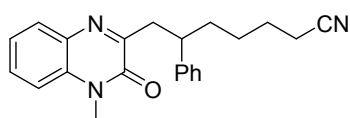


benzyl (cyanomethyl)(2-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)ethyl)carbamate (3al). Yellow oil; (23.6 mg, 63%); R_f = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.23 (m, 7H), 5.09-5.03 (m, 2H),

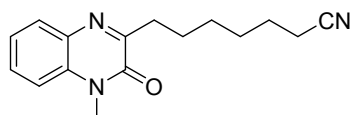
4.45-4.38 (m, 2H), 3.94 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.68-3.58 (m, 3H), 3.29-3.23 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.4, 155.6, 154.7, 135.6, 133.1, 132.3, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 123.7, 115.9, 113.7, 68.1, 45.2, 44.4, 36.2, 32.8, 32.5, 28.9 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 376.1535, found 376.1539.



5,5-dimethyl-6-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)hexanenitrile (3am). Yellow oil; (16.2 mg, 57%); $R_f = 0.25$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.85$ -7.83 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.92 (s, 2H), 2.36 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.85-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.04 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.5, 155.5, 133.1, 132.5, 129.915, 129.872, 123.6, 119.9, 113.6, 42.4, 41.0, 29.3, 27.5, 20.6, 17.9 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 284.1757, found 284.1756.



7-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)-6-phenylheptanenitrile (3an). Yellow oil; (14.5 mg, 42%); $R_f = 0.45$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.80$ (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.49-3.41 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.19 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.18 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.25 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.2, 155.0, 144.4, 133.0, 132.6, 129.749, 129.695, 128.4, 127.8, 126.3, 123.6, 119.8, 113.6, 42.5, 41.0, 35.1, 29.1, 26.6, 25.4, 17.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 346.1914, found 346.1911.



7-(4-methyl-3-oxo-3,4-dihydroquinoxalin-2-yl)heptanenitrile (3ao). Yellow oil; (6.8 mg, 23%); $R_f = 0.26$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.76$ (s, 1H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 1.71-1.53 (m, 8H), 1.48-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.24 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.6, 159.8, 153.1, 142.6, 129.3, 128.0, 127.2, 108.4, 37.1, 32.9, 25.2, 23.7 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 270.1601, found 270.1605.

