

Supporting information for

Copper-Catalyzed Oxidative Cyclization of Arylamides and β -Diketones: New Synthesis of 2,4,5-Trisubstituted Oxazoles

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General information:

All experiments were carried out under an atmosphere of argon. Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel 48-75 μm . ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-AV (400 and 100 MHz, respectively) instrument internally referenced to SiMe_4 or chloroform signals. MS analyses were performed on an Agilent5975 GC-MS instrument (EI). The new compounds were characterized by ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, MS and HRMS. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were used as received from commercial sources without further purification. Copper salts and benzamide **1a**, **1b**, **1c**, **1d**, **1e**, **1f**, **1g**, **1h**, **1i**, **2a**, **2b** were purchased from Alfa-Aesar and were used as received without further purification, others were prepared according to the literature procedures.

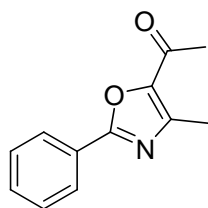
General Procedure for the preparation of β -diketo derivatives (2c-2j) ^[1]:

Procedure for 1-phenylbutane-1,3-dione (**2c**): acetophenone (1166 μL , 10 mmol) in dry ethyl acetate (10 mL) was added dropwise, at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$, to a power of NaH (1.477g of a 65% power, 40 mmol) in dry ethyl acetate (10 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 2 h and at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$ for further 12 h (TLC). 10% aqueous NH_4Cl was then carefully added (30 mL) and the mixture was acidified to pH 5 with HCl. The aqueous phase was separated and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 \times 15 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure; the crude product was purified by FC, with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 9:1 as eluant, to give the diketone 1.225 g. Similarly, other diketo derivatives (**2c-2j**) were prepared from their corresponding ketone.

General procedure for oxidative cyclization reaction (3a):

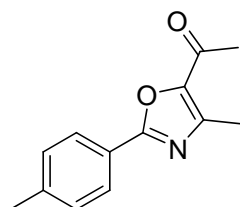
A 10 mL reaction vessel was charged with CuBr (5.7 mg, 0.04 mmol), benzamide (**1a**, 48.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (108 mg, 2 equiv). The sealed reaction vessel was purged with argon three times. Pentane-2,4-dione (**2a**, 21 μL , 0.2 mmol), acetic acid (23 μL , 2 equiv) and 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane (0.4 mL) were added to the sealed reaction vessel by syringe. The resulting solution was stirred at 140 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 36 h. After cooling to room temperature, the volatiles were removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 93:7) to give 33.5 mg **3a** as pale yellow solid; yield 83%.

1-(4-Methyl-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (**3a**)



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 3H), 2.57 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 188.1, 162.0, 146.9, 145.8, 132.3, 129.6, 127.8, 127.1, 28.1, 14.4; MS (EI) m/z (%) 201, 186, 158, 130 (100), 77; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{NNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 224.06820, found 224.06823.

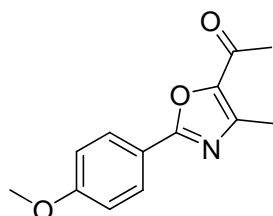
1-(4-Methyl-2-p-tolyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (**3b**)



The reaction was conducted with 4-methylbenzamide (**1b**, 54.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) and pentane-2,4-dione (**2a**, 21 μL , 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 93:7) to give **3b** as pale yellow solid; yield 81%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 187.4, 161.7, 146.3, 145.0, 142.2, 129.7, 127.2, 123.8, 27.4, 21.6, 13.8; MS (EI) m/z (%) 215, 172, 144 (100), 118, 77; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 216.10191, found 216.10184.

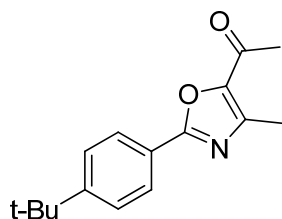
1-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-methyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (**3c**)



The reaction was conducted with 4-methoxybenzamide (**1c**, 60.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and pentane-2,4-dione (**2a**, 21 μL , 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1) to give **3c** as pale yellow solid; yield 82%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.065 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 187.9, 163.1, 162.3, 147.1, 145.6, 129.7, 119.8, 115.1, 56.1, 28.0, 14.5; MS (EI) m/z (%) 231, 188, 160 (100), 119, 76; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 232.09682, found 232.09673.

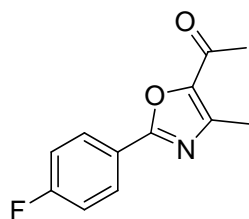
1-(2-(4-Tert-butylphenyl)-4-methyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3d)



The reaction was conducted with 4-(*tert*-butyl)benzamide (**1d**, 70.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and pentane-2,4-dione (**2a**, 21 μL , 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 93:7) to give **3d** as pale yellow solid; yield 84%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 187.4, 161.7, 155.3, 146.4, 145.0, 127.1, 125.9, 123.7, 35.1, 31.1, 27.4, 13.8; MS (EI) m/z (%) 257, 242 (100), 186, 115, 77; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 258.14886, found 258.14874.

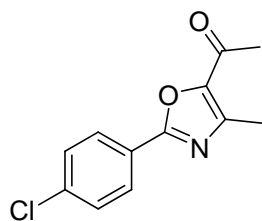
1-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-4-methyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3e)



The reaction was conducted with 4-fluorobenzamide (**1e**, 55.6 mg, 0.4 mmol) and pentane-2,4-dione (**2a**, 21 μL , 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3e** as yellow solid; yield 75%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.13-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 2.56 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 187.2, 164.8 (d, $J = 251.2$ Hz), 160.5, 146.3, 145.2, 129.4 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz), 122.8 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 116.2 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 27.4, 13.7; MS (EI) m/z (%) 219, 176, 148 (100), 122, 75; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{NF}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 220.07683, found 220.07677.

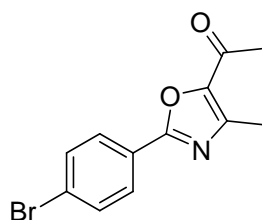
1-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-methyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3f)



The reaction was conducted with 4-chlorobenzamide (**1f**, 62.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) and pentane-2,4-dione (**2a**, 21 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3f** as pale yellow solid; yield 70%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 187.3, 160.4, 146.3, 145.3, 137.9, 129.3, 128.4, 125.0, 27.4, 13.7; MS (EI) m/z (%) 235, 192, 164 (100), 138, 75; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{NCl}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 236.04728, found 236.04720.

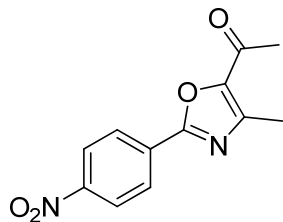
1-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-methyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3g)



The reaction was conducted with 4-bromobenzamide (**1g**, 79.6 mg, 0.4 mmol) and pentane-2,4-dione (**2a**, 21 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3g** as pale yellow solid; yield 68%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 187.9, 161.2, 147.0, 146.0, 133.0, 129.2, 127.0, 126.1, 28.1, 14.4; MS (EI) m/z (%) 279, 236, 208 (100), 182, 76; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{NBr}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 279.99677, found 279.99680.

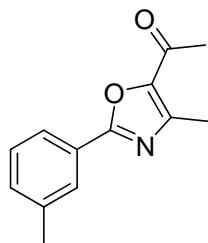
1-(4-Methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)oxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3h)



The reaction was conducted with 4-nitrobenzamide (**1h**, 66.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and pentane-2,4-dione (**2a**, 21 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3h** as pale yellow solid; yield 38%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 188.0, 159.6, 150.2, 147.2, 146.6, 132.5, 128.6, 124.9, 28.2, 14.4; MS (EI) m/z (%) 246, 203, 175 (100), 129, 76; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 247.07133, found 247.07163.

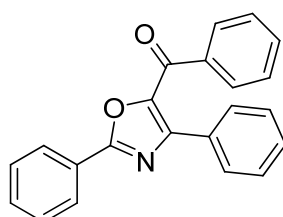
1-(4-Methyl-2-m-tolyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (**3i**)



The reaction was conducted with 3-methylbenzamide (**1i**, 54.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) and pentane-2,4-dione (**2a**, 21 μ L, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 95:5) to give **3i** as pale yellow solid; yield 80%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.33 (m, 2H), 2.57 (s, 6H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 187.5, 161.6, 146.3, 145.0, 138.8, 132.5, 128.8, 127.7, 126.2, 124.3, 27.5, 21.3, 13.8; MS (EI) m/z (%) 215, 172, 144 (100), 118, 77; HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 216.10191, found 216.10184.

(2,4-Diphenyloxazol-5-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3j**)

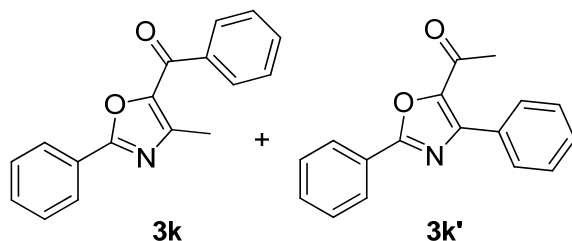


The reaction was conducted with benzamide (**1a**, 48.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (**2b**, 44.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) for 48 h. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 93: 7) to give **3j** as pale yellow solid; yield 81%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.42 (m, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 183.8, 162.6, 149.5, 144.3, 138.4, 133.5, 132.4, 131.4, 130.5, 130.3, 130.1, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 127.1; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 325 (100), 220, 192, 89, 77; HRMS calcd. for: C₂₂H₁₆O₂N [M+H]⁺ 326.11756, found 326.11722.

(4-Methyl-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3k) and

1-(2,4-diphenyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3k')

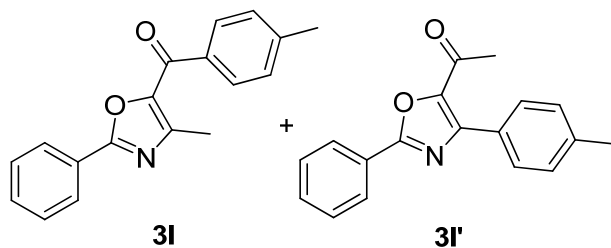


The reaction was conducted with benzamide (**1a**, 48.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), 1-phenylbutane-1,3-dione (**2c**, 32.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 93:7) to give **3k** and **3k'** as pale yellow solid; yield 82%. The ratio of the regioisomers was determined by GC (3:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.27–8.26 (m, 0.5H), 8.22-8.20 (m, 0.5H), 8.12-8.06 (m, 2.7H), 7.67-7.45 (m, 6.3H), 2.64-2.63 2s (2.64 s, (minor), 2.63 s, (major), 3H); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 263, 246, 158, 130 (100), 77 (**3k**), 263, 248, 220, 192, 89 (100) (**3k'**); HRMS calcd. for: C₁₇H₁₄O₂N [M+H]⁺ 264.10191, found 264.10170.

(4-Methyl-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (3l) and

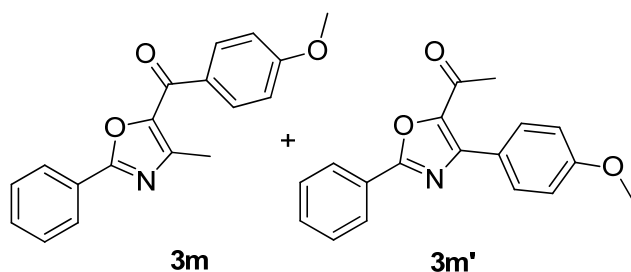
1-(2-phenyl-4-p-tolyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3l')



The reaction was conducted with benzamide (**1a**, 48.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), 1-(p-tolyl)butane-1,3-dione (**2d**, 35.2 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 93:7) to give **3I** and **3I'** as pale yellow solid; yield 81%. The ratio of the regioisomers was determined by GC (4:1).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.21–8.17 (m, 1.1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1.5H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1.4H), 7.54–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.47–2.42 2s (2.47 s, (major), 2.42 s, (minor), 3H); MS (EI) m/z (%) 277, 262, 158, 130 (100), 77 (**3I**), 277 (100), 262, 234, 206, 103 (**3I'**); HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 278.11756, found 278.11719.

(4-Methoxyphenyl)(4-methyl-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)methanone (3m)
and 1-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3m')

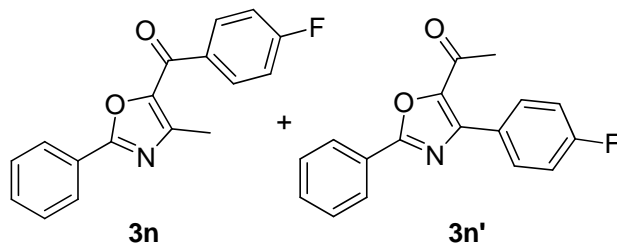


The reaction was conducted with benzamide (**1a**, 48.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)butane-1,3-dione (**2e**, 38.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 85:15) to give **3m** and **3m'** as pale yellow solid; yield 76%. The ratio of the regioisomers was determined by GC (4:1).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.34–8.32 (m, 0.4H), 8.19–8.11 (m, 3.8H), 7.61–7.45 (m, 3.1H), 7.04–7.02 (m, 1.7H), 3.92–3.87 2s (3.92 s, (major), 3.87 s, (minor), 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H); MS (EI) m/z (%) 293, 262, 158, 130 (100), 77 (**3m**), 293, 278, 250, 147 (100), 76 (**3m'**); HRMS calcd. for: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 294.11247, found 294.11215.

(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-methyl-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)methanone (3n)

and 1-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3n')

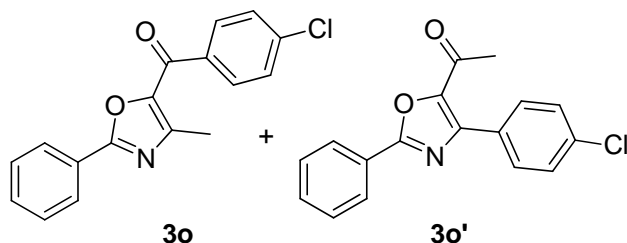


The reaction was conducted with benzamide (**1a**, 48.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 1-(4-fluorophenyl)butane-1,3-dione (**2f**, 36.0 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 93:7) to give **3n** and **3n'** as pale yellow solid; yield 66%. The ratio of the regioisomers was determined by GC (3:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.38-8.36 (m, 0.3H), 8.34-8.09 (m, 3.7H), 7.54-7.49(m, 3H), 7.24-7.13 (m, 2H), 2.65-2.64 2s (2.65 s, (minor), 2.64 s, (major), 3H); MS (EI) m/z (%) 281, 264, 158, 130 (100), 77 (**3n**), 281, 266, 238, 210, 107 (100) (**3n'**); HRMS calcd. for: C₁₇H₁₃O₂NF [M+H]⁺ 282.09248, found 282.09216.

(4-Chlorophenyl)(4-methyl-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)methanone (3o)

and 1-(4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3o')

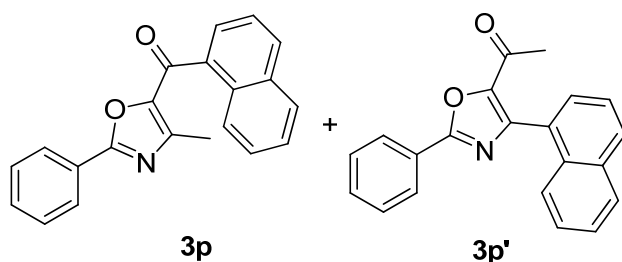


The reaction was conducted with benzamide (**1a**, 48.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 1-(4-chlorophenyl)butane-1,3-dione (**2g**, 39.2 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =93:7) to give **3o** and **3o'** as pale yellow solid; yield 73%. The ratio of the regioisomers was determined by GC (4:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.3H), 8.20-8.19 (m, 0.3H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.5H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1.5H), 7.54-7.44 (m, 5.4H), 2.66-2.64 2s (2.66 s, (minor), 2.64 s, (major), 3H); MS (EI) m/z (%) 297, 262, 158, 130 (100), 77 (**3o**), 297, 262 (100), 226, 123, 77 (**3o'**); HRMS calcd. for: C₁₇H₁₃O₂NCl [M+H]⁺ 298.06293, found 298.06257.

(4-Methyl-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)(naphthalen-1-yl)methanone (3p)

and 1-(4-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3p')

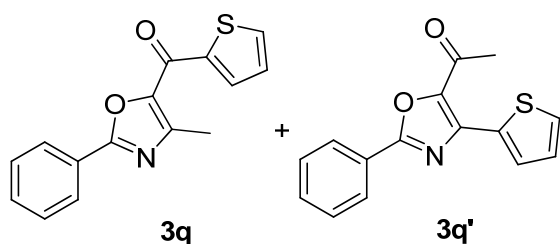


The reaction was conducted with benzamide (**1a**, 48.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 1-(naphthalen-1-yl)butane-1,3-dione (**2h**, 42.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =93:7) to give **3p** and **3p'** as pale yellow solid; yield 75%. The ratio of the regioisomers was determined by GC (80:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.21-8.19 (m, 1H), 8.06-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.96-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.44 (m, 7H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 184.7, 162.6, 149.1, 145.6, 135.7, 133.8, 131.8, 131.7, 130.5, 128.9, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 126.6, 126.3, 125.2, 124.5, 14.3; MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 313, 285, 158, 130 (100), 77 (**3p**), 313, 298, 242, 139 (100), 77 (**3p'**); HRMS calcd. for: C₂₁H₁₆O₂N [M+H]⁺ 314.11756, found 314.11706.

(4-Methyl-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (3q)

and 1-(2-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)oxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3q')



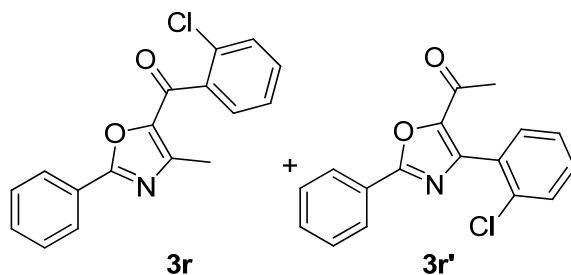
The reaction was conducted with benzamide (**1a**, 48.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 1-(thiophen-2-yl)butane-1,3-dione (**2i**, 33.6 mg, 0.2 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =20:1) to give **3q** and **3q'** as pale yellow solid; yield 77%. The ratio of the regioisomers was determined by GC (8:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.50-8.49 (m, 0.1H), 8.25-8.24 (m, 0.9H), 8.17-8.15 (m, 2H), 7.765 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.53 (m, 3.3H), 7.26-7.25 (m, 0.6H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 0.1H), 2.67-2.66 2s (2.67 s, (minor), 2.66 s, (major), 3H); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 269, 252, 158, 130 (100), 77

(**3q**), 269, 222, 207, 123 (100), 77 (**3q'**); HRMS calcd. for: C₁₅H₁₂O₂NS [M+H]⁺ 270.05833, found 270.05795.

(2-Chlorophenyl)(4-methyl-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)methanone (3r)

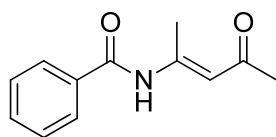
and 1-(4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethanone (3r')



The reaction was conducted with benzamide (**1a**, 48.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and benzenesulfonylhydrazine (**2a**, 51.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =50:1) to give **3r** and **3r'** as pale yellow solid; yield 50%. The ratio of the regioisomers was determined by GC (4:1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.3H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.3H), 7.56-7.39 (m, 7.4H), 2.42-2.39 2s, (2.42 s, (major), 2.39 s, (minor), 3H); MS (EI) m/z (%) 297, 262, 158, 130 (100), 77 (**3r**), 297, 262 (100), 226, 123, 77 (**3r'**); HRMS calcd. for: C₁₇H₁₃O₂NCl [M+H]⁺ 298.06293, found 298.06286.

(E)-N-(4-Oxopent-2-en-2-yl)benzamide (4a)



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 13.39 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.48 (m, 3H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ 200.06, 166.01, 156.08, 133.65, 132.62, 128.88, 127.95, 106.16, 30.44, 22.00; MS (EI) m/z (%) 203, 185, 160, 105 (100), 77.

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¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra

