Synthesis of Thieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepine Derivatives

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A new series of 4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepines **1a-k** has been synthesized from 4-bromo-2-methylthiophene **6** or ethyl 2-amino-4,5-dimethyl-3-thiophencarboxylate **10**. Preparation of the key intermediate thieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepine-4(5H)-ones **4a-i**, **4k** were carried out by treatment of 2-bromo-N-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-thiophencarboxamides **5a-i**, **5k** with potassium carbonate in DMSO. Compounds **1** are thienoanalogues of loxapine, a potent antipsychotic drug. Of these compounds, the neuroleptic activity of 2-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepine **1a** (R¹, R³=H, R²=CH₃) demonstrated potent antipsychotic activity.

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Benzothiazepine, benzoxazepine and benzodiazepine derivatives have desirable antipsychotic activities [1-4]. Investigations into the synthesis of these novel compounds and their biological activities may promote exciting progress in the medical field. We reported previously that Y-931 is an effective atypical antipsychotic [5] (Chart 1). It is well known that a number of 11-piperazinyl derivatives of dibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepines (X=S), dibenzo-[b,f][1,4]oxazepines (X=O) and dibenzo[b,f][1,4]diazepines (X=NH) have significant CNS activity. The most closely related compounds to this series are clothiapine, loxapine and clozapine.

reported that thienobenzoxazepines 2 and 3, which are thienoanalogues of loxapine, did not have effective antipsychotic activity [8]. In the course of our approach to synthesizing novel antipsychotic agents, we designed a series of the title compounds 1 (X=O) in which the right side benzene ring of loxapine was replaced by a thiophene ring. In this report, we describe the synthesis of the thieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepine derivatives 1 which demonstrate potent neuroleptic activities.

We planned the synthesis of the series of compounds **1** from phenols **5** *via* oxazepines **4** as indicated in Scheme 1. To our knowledge, there are only a few reports on the syn-

It is reported that the pharmacological activity is maintained even though a benzene ring is replaced by an isoster thiophene ring [6]. Indeed, olanzapine, which is a thienobenzodiazepine derivative structurally related to clozapine, has more an effective antipsychotic activity than clozapine [7]. On the other hand, Laimer and Erker

thesis of 2-aryloxythiophenes that are comprised in oxazepines 4 [8-10]. We applied an intramolecular cyclization of the phenols 5 to the synthesis of the oxazepine derivatives 4.

Compounds **1a-j** (X=O, R²=CH₃, R³=H) were synthesized from 4-bromo-2-methylthiophene **6** which was pre-

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Scheme 1

$$R^{1} \stackrel{\text{iff}}{=} N$$

$$R^{2} \stackrel{\text{oph}}{=} N$$

$$R^{3} \stackrel{\text{oph}}{=} N$$

$$R^{4} \stackrel{\text{oph}}{=} N$$

$$R^{4} \stackrel{\text{oph}}{=} N$$

$$R^{3} \stackrel{\text{oph}}{=} N$$

$$R^{4} \stackrel{\text{oph}}{=} N$$

pared according to the method reported by Gronowitz [6] (Scheme 2). Lithiation of **6** with *n*-BuLi followed by treatment with dry ice gave thiophene carboxylic acid **7** in 54% yield. After bromination of **7** at the 2-position, the resulting 2-bromo-5-methyl-3-thiophene carboxylic acid **8** was converted to the acylchloride with thionyl chloride. The reaction of the acylchloride with 2-aminophenols **9a-i** afforded amides **5a-i** in 57-97% yields (Table 1 and 2).

piperazine gave the target compounds **1a-i** in 25-91% yields (Table 5 and 6). Although demethylation of compound **1h** by BBr₃ [11], Me₃SiI [12], or NaI [13] was unsuccessful, the phenol derivative **1j** was obtained in 39% yield by treating with ethanedithiol in the presence of AlCl₃ [14,15]. The synthesis of the 2,3-dimethylanalogue **1k** (X=O, R¹=H, R², R³=CH₃) was carried out as shown in Scheme 3. Ethyl 2-amino-4,5-dimethyl-3-thiophenecar-

Scheme 2

Reagents: (a) n-BuLi, diethylether (b) dry ice (c) Br₂, AcOH (d) SOCl₂ (e) 2-aminophenol derivatives (**9a-i**), pyridine, toluene (f) K₂CO₃, DMSO (g) POCl₃ (h) 1-methylpiperazine (i) 1,2-ethanedithiol, AlCl₃, CH₂Cl₂

2-Amino-6-methoxyphenol **9h** and 2-amino-6-methylphenol **9i** were prepared from 3-methoxysalicylic acid and 3-methylsalicylic acid, respectively (Scheme 4 and 5). Intramolecular cyclizations of the amides **5** were achieved by potassium carbonate in DMSO (Table 3 and 4). After conversion of the oxazepinones **4** into the iminochloride by phosphoryl chloride, treatment with excess 1-methyl-

boxylate 10 was prepared according to the method described by Gewald [16]. Reaction of 10 with sodium nitrite followed by treatment with sodium hypophosfite gave 11 in 27% yield. Hydrolysis of 11 with potassium hydroxide and treatment with bromine in acetic acid afforded compound 12 in 80% yield. 2-Bromothiophene 12 was converted to the acylchloride with thionyl chloride.

Scheme 3

COOEt

(a), (b)

NH₂

10

11

12

(e), (f)

$$OH$$
 OH
 OH

Reagents: (a) NaNO₂, conc .HCl, EtOH (b) NaH₂PO₂ (c) KOH, EtOH-H₂O (d) Br₂, AcOH (e) SOCl₂ (f) 2-aminophenol, pyridine, toluene (g) K_2CO_3 , DMSO (h) POCl₃ (i) 1-methylpiperazine

Table 1
Synthetical and Analytical Data of 2-Bromo-*N*-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-thiophenecarboxamides **5a-i**, **5k**

Cmpd	Mp (°C)	Yield (%)[b]	IR(cm ⁻¹ ; KBr disk)	MS (m/z)	Molecular Formula		nalysis (cd. / Fo	
5a	183-186	82	1633(amide)	312	$C_{12}H_{10}$ Br NO_2S	46.17	3.23	4.49
-,	164 167	0.4	1600(11)	226	G H D NO G	46.45	3.24	4.43
5b	164-167	84	1633(amide)	326	$C_{13}H_{12}$ Br NO_2S	47.86 47.58	3.71 3.72	4.29 4.26
5c	173-175	97	1637(amide)	326	C ₁₃ H ₁₂ Br NO ₂ S	47.36	3.72	4.29
	175 175	,,	1037(unide)	320	C131112 B1 11025	48.20	3.75	4.29
5d	232-235	76	1631(amide)	346	C ₁₂ H ₉ BrCl NO ₂ S	41.58	2.62	4.04
					/	41.95	2.81	4.10
5e	183-184	57	1637(amide)	342	$C_{13}H_{12}$ Br NO_3S	45.63	3.53	4.09
						45.51	3.51	4.11
5f	210-212	77	1641(amide)	326	$C_{13}H_{12}$ Br NO_2S	47.86	3.71	4.29
						47.92	3.66	4.27
5g	225-228	65	1640(amide)	346	C ₁₂ H ₉ BrCl NO ₂ S	41.58	2.62	4.04
						41.22	2.58	4.02
5h	169-172	89	1651(amide)	342	$C_{13}H_{12}$ Br NO_3S	44.46	3.73	3.99
					1/2H ₂ O	44.74	3.44	4.12
5i	108-111	80	1628(amide)	326	$C_{13}H_{12}$ Br NO_2S	47.86	3.71	4.29
						47.54	3.66	4.23
5k	185-188	82	1649(amide)	326	$C_{13}H_{12}$ Br NO_2S	47.86	3.71	4.29
[a]						47.52	3.32	4.21

[a] See Scheme 3; [b] Isolated yield.

Reagents: (a) CICOOEt, Et_3N , acetone (b) NaN_3 (c) benzene (d) MeOH (e) LiOH, THF-MeOH-water (f) (BOC)₂O, DMAP, Et_3N , THF (g) LiOH, THF-MeOH-water (h) 4 N HCI-Dioxane

$\label{eq:Table 2} \label{eq:Table 2} $1H-NMR Data of 2-Bromo-N-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-thiophenecarboxamides {\bf 5a-i, 5k}$

Cmpd	pmr(δ: dimethylsulfoxide-d ₆)
5a	$10.27\ (s,1H),9.71\ (s,1H),7.84\ (d,J=7.8\ Hz,1H),7.12\ (s,1H),7.00\ (ddd,J=1.5,7.8\ and7.8\ Hz,1H),6.91\ (dd,J=1.5\ and7.8Hz,1H)$
	1H), 6.81 (ddd, J = 1.5, 7.8 and 7.8Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H)
5b	9.24 (s, 1H), 9.22 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 7.3 and 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H),
	2.14 (s, 3H)
5c	9.62 (s, 1H), 9.16 (s, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.78 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H)
5d	10.31 (s, 1H), 9.22 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.03 (dd, J = 2.5 and 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H)
5e	9.84 (s, 1H), 9.17 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H)
5f	9.74 (s, 1H), 9.17 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.62 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H)
5g	10.22 (s, 1H), 9.94 (s, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H)
5h	8.62 (br.s, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 8.3 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s,
	3H), 2.41 (s, 3H)
5i	9.71 (s, 1H), 8.95 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 7.8 and 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H),
	2.19 (s, 3H)
5k	9.77 (s, 1H), 9.43 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, $J = 7.8$ and 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 6.8$ and
[a]	8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H)

[[]a] See Scheme 3.

 $\label{thm:continuous} Table \ 3$ Synthetical and Analytical Data of Methylthieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepine-4(5H)-ones 4a-i, 4k

Cmpd	IR(cm ⁻¹ ; KBr disk)	MS (m/z)	Molecular Formula	Analy Calcd. /	
4a	1676(amide)	231	$C_{12}H_9NO_2S$	231.03540	231.03094
	1201(ArOAr)				
4b	1670(amide)	245	$C_{13}H_{11}NO_2S$	245.05105	245.05123
	1203(ArOAr)				
4c	1678(ArOAr)	245	$C_{13}H_{11}NO_2S$	245.05105	245.05018
	1209(ArOAr)				
4d	1670(amide)	265	$C_{12}H_8CINO_2S$	264.99643	264.99528
	1203(ArOAr)				
4e	1672(amide)	261	$C_{13}H_{11}NO_3S$	261.04597	261.04145
	1200(ArOAr)				
4f	1676(amide)	245	$C_{13}H_{11}NO_2S$	245.05105	245.05131
	1207(ArOAr)				
4g	1677(amide)	265	$C_{12}H_8CINO_2S$	264.99643	264.99522
	1200(ArOAr)				
4h	1676(amide)	261	$C_{13}H_{11}NO_3S$	261.04597	261.04295
	1204(ArOAr)	215	a a	215.051.05	215.05055
4i	1678(amide)	245	$C_{13}H_{11}NO_2S$	245.05105	245.05076
	1205(ArOAr)	215	a a	215.051.05	215.05052
4k	1672(amide)	245	$C_{13}H_{11}NO_2S$	245.05105	245.05052
[a]	1207(ArOAr)				

[[]a] See Scheme 3.

Table 4

 $^1\mathrm{H-NMR}$ Data of Methylthieno
[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepine-4(5H)-ones 4a-i, 4k

Cmpd	$pmr(\delta:dimethylsulfoxide-d_6)$
4a	10.12 (s, 1H), 7.09-7.23 (m, 4H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H)
4b	9.45 (s, 1H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H)
4c	10.05 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H)
4d	10.28 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H)
4e	9.95 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 2.9 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H)
4f	10.02 (s, 1H), 7.01-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H)
4g	10.17 (s, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H)
4h	10.09 (s, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 8.3 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H)
4i	10.08 (s, 1H), 6.99-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H)
4k	10.17 (s, 1H), 7.11-7.22 (m, 4H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H)
[a]	

[[]a] See Scheme 3.

Reagents: (a) CICOOEt, Et_3N , acetone (b) NaN_3 (c) benzene (d) MeOH (e) LiOH, THF-MeOH-water (f) $(Boc)_2O$, DMAP, Et_3N , THF (g) $CsCO_3$, THF-MeOH (h) 4 N HCI-Dioxane

The reaction of the acylchloride with 2-aminophenol afforded smoothly amide **5k** in 82% yield (Table 1 and 2). Furthermore, the resulting **5k** was heated at 140° for 2 hours in the presence of potassium carbonate in DMSO to provide **4k** in 55% yield (Table 3 and 4). After the activation of **4k** to an iminochloride by phosphoryl chloride, the reaction of the iminochloride with 1-methylpiperazine gave the desired amine **1k** in good yield (Table 5 and 6).

high affinity for dopamine D_2 receptors (IC₅₀=36 nmol/L) and antagonized locomotor hyperactivity induced by apomorphine *in vivo* (ED₅₀=0.04 mg/kg, mice).

In conclusion, we have synthesized a new series of 4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-*b*][1,5]benzoxazepines **1** from 4-bromo-2-methylthiophene **6** or ethyl 2-amino-4,5-dimethyl-3-thiophencarboxyate **10**. Of these compounds, **1a** showed potent antipsychotic activity. The detailed pharma-

Table 5
Synthetical and Analytical Data of 4-(4-Methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepines 1a-k

Cmpd	Mp (°C)	Yield (%)[c]	IR(cm ⁻¹ ; KBr disk)	MS (m/z)	Molecular Formula		Analysis 9 alcd. / Fou	
1a	132-133	52	1195(ArOAr)	313	$C_{17}H_{19}N_3OS$	65.15	6.11	13.41
						65.10	6.15	13.34
1b	114-117	43	1194(ArOAr)	327	$C_{18}H_{21}N_3OS$	66.02	6.46	12.83
						65.77	6.44	12.61
1c	146-148	25	1180(ArOAr)	327	$C_{18}H_{21}N_3OS$	66.02	6.46	12.83
						65.81	6.48	12.63
1d	227-228	55	1203(ArOAr)	347	$C_{17}H_{18}CIN_3OS$	54.37	4.78	9.06
					fumalate 1/4H ₂ O	54.16	4.70	9.00
1e	219-222	63	1197(ArOAr)	343	$C_{18}H_{21}N_3O_2S$	56.94	5.54	9.06
					fumalate 1/5H ₂ O	56.96	5.60	8.93
1f	149-150	65	1195(ArOAr)	327	$C_{18}H_{21}N_3OS$	66.02	6.46	12.83
						65.75	6.48	12.76
1g	96-100	49	1195(ArOAr)	347	$C_{17}H_{18}CIN_3OS$	58.70	5.22	12.08
						58.68	5.22	12.09
1h	239-241	91	1201(ArOAr)	343	$C_{18}H_{21}N_3O_2S$	57.06	5.53	9.07
					fumalate 1/5H ₂ O	57.06	5.51	9.08
1i	149-150	54	1197(ArOAr)	327	$C_{18}H_{21}N_3OS$	66.02	6.46	12.83
						65.97	6.40	12.71
1j	200-204	39	2837(OH)	329	$C_{17}H_{19}N_3O_2S$	61.98	5.81	12.76
[a]			1195(ArOAr)			61.81	5.89	12.52
1k	102-103	91	1198(ArOAr)	327	C ₁₈ H ₂₁ N ₃ OS EtOH	61.09	6.99	9.91
[b]					1/2fumalate	60.92	6.89	9.62
					1/4 H ₂ O			

[a] See Scheme 2; [b] See Scheme 3; [c] Isolated yield.

All target compounds (**1a-k**) were screened for neuroleptic activity. Compound **1a** (R¹, R³=H, R²=CH₃) showed a

cological activity of 4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno-[2,3-*b*][1,5]benzoxazepines will be reported in due course.

 $\label{thm:condition} {\it Table 6} $$ ^{1}$H-NMR Data of 4-(4-Methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepines {\it 1a-k} $$$

Cmpd	solvent	$\mathrm{pmr}(\delta)$
1a 1b	deuteriochloroform deuteriochloroform	6.95-6.99 (m, 4H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.58 (br.t, 4H), 2.48 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H) 6.95-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.59 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 2.49 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H)
1c	deuteriochloroform	6.91 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 1.9 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 3.57 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 2.48 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H)
1d	dimethylsulfoxide- d_6	6.99 (m, 3H), 6.60 (s, 2H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 3.53 (br.t, 4H), 2.43 (br.t, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H)
1e	dimethylsulfoxide- d_6	6.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.47 (br.t, 4H), 2.62 (br.t, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H)
1f	deuteriochloroform	6.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 3.56 (br.t, 4H), 2.43 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H)
1g	deuteriochloroform	7.02-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 3.60 (br.t, 4H), 2.50 (t, J = 4.0Hz, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H)
1h	dimethylsulfoxide- d_6	6.98 (dd, J = 7.8 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.50-4.50 (br.s, 8H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H)
1i	dimethylsulfoxide- d_6	6.96 (dd, J = 7.4 and 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 3.47 (br.t, 4H), 2.38 (br.t, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H)
1j	deuteriochloroform	6.91 (dd, J = 7.8 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 5.60 (br.s, 1H), 3.59
[a]		(br.t, 4H), 2.50 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 4H), 2.33 (s, 6H)
1k [b]	dimethylsulfoxide- d_6	7.09-6.98 (m, 4H), 6.60 (br.s, 1H), 7.00-4.50 (br.s, 1H), 4.00-2.10 (m, 8H), 3.45 (q, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, 3H)

[a] See Scheme 2; [b] See Scheme 3.

EXPERIMENTAL

Silica gel chromatography was performed on a Merck Kieselgel 60. Melting points were obtained on a Büchi 535 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. 1H NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL $\alpha 400$ spectrometer (400 MHz) or a HITACHI R-90H spectrometer (90 MHz) using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. Mass spectra were measured on a JEOL-JMS-DX300 instrument. Infrared spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-5300 spectrometer. Element analyses were performed on a Yanako CHN coder MT-5, and the results indicated by element symbols are within $\pm 0.4\%$ of the calculated values.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 4-(4-Methylpiperazin1-yl)thieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepines **1a-i**, **1k**.

2-Methylthieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepine-4(5H)-one derivative 4a-i, 4k (4.3 mmoles) was suspended in phosphorus oxychloride (6.4 ml) and N,N-dimethylaniline (240 mg) was added. The mixture was stirred under reflux for 1 hour. The solvent was completely evaporated azeotropically with toluene under reduced pressure, and 1-methylpiperazine (25 ml) was added to the residue. The mixture was stirred under reflux for 40 minutes. The reaction system was cooled to room temperature and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was extracted twice with chloroform and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (chloroformmethanol 100:1). The obtained compound was recrystallized from diisopropyl ether to give the 2-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-b][1,5] benzoxazepines 1a-i, 1k. The products are shown in Table 5 and 6.

9-Hydroxy-2-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-*b*][1,5]benzoxazepine (**1j**).

To a solution of 9-methoxy-2-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-*b*][1,5]benzoxazepine **1h** (0.51 g, 1.49 mmoles) and 1,2-ethanedithiol (2.4 ml, 28.6 mmoles) in dichloromethane (30 ml) was added aluminum chloride (3.0 g, 22.0 mmoles). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours followed by addition of 1 *N* NaOH (100 ml), and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The extract was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (chloroform-methanol 10:1) to give 9-hydroxy-2-methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-*b*][1,5]benzoxazepine **1j** (0.19 g, 39%) as colorless crystals (Table 5 and 6).

General Procedure for the Preparation of Thieno[2,3-b][1,5]benzoxazepin-4(5H)-ones **4a-i**, **4k**.

To a solution of 2-bromo-*N*-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-5-methyl-3-thiophene carboxamide derivative **5a-i**, **5k** (48 mmoles) in dimethylsulfoxide (100 ml) was added potassium carbonate (13 g) and the mixture was stirred at 140° for 2 hours. The reaction system was cooled to room temperature and the mixture was poured into water (800 ml). After neutralization with hydrochloric acid (37 wt. % in water), the mixture was extracted twice with chloroform and washed with aqueous sodium hydrogencarbonate. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. To the residue was added chloroform and the crystals were collected by filtration to give the thieno[2,3-*b*][1,5]benzoxazepine-4(5*H*)-ones **4a-i**, **4k**. The products are shown in Table 3 and 4.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 2-Bromo-*N*-(2-hydroxyphenyl) -5-methyl-3-thiophenecarboxamides **5a-i**, **5k**.

2-Bromo-5-methyl-3-thiophenecarboxylic acid **8** or 2-bromo-4,5-dimethyl-3-thiophenecarboxylic acid 12 (22.6 mmoles) was suspended in thionyl chloride (20 ml) and the mixture was stirred under reflux for 75 minutes. Thionyl chloride was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in toluene (5 ml). This toluene solution was added dropwise to a solution of 2-

aminophenol derivatives **9a-i** (33 mmoles) in pyridine (30 ml) at 0°. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. It was washed with diluted hydrochloric acid and saturated aqueous sodium hydrogencarbonate, and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and diisopropyl ether was added. The precipitated crystals were collected by filtration and washed with hexane to give 2-bromo-*N*-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-5-methyl-3-thiophene carboxamides **5a-i**, **5k**. The products are shown in Table 1 and 2.

5-Methyl-3-thiophencarboxylic Acid (7).

To a solution of 4-bromo-2-methylthiophene **6** (35.9 g, 202 mmoles) in dimethyl ether at -70° was added 1.6 *M n*-BuLi hexane solution (133 ml, 212 mmoles). After stirring at -70° for 1 hour, crushed dry ice (24 g, 545 mmoles) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes. Water (200 ml) and hydrochloric acid (37 wt. % in water, 30 ml) were added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The extract was washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Silica gel column chromatography, eluting with chloroform-methanol (20:1), gave 5-methyl-3-thiophencarboxylic acid **7** (15.49 g, 54%) as yellow crystals, mp 126-128°; ir (potassium bromide): 2860, 1680, 1271 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 142 (M⁺); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_6H_6O_2S$: C, 50.69; H, 4.25. Found: C, 50.31; H, 4.19.

2-Bromo-5-methyl-3-thiophencarboxylic Acid (8).

To a suspension of 5-methyl-3-thiophencarboxylic acid **7** (13.7 g, 96.5 mmoles) in acetic acid (120 ml) was added bromine (5.5 ml, 106 mmoles). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours and poured into water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and the combined organic layers were washed with brine. After it was dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed to give a residue. Recrystallization from ethyl acetate/n-hexane gave 2-bromo-5-methyl-3-thiophene carboxylic acid **8** (15.4 g, 72%) as colorless crystals, mp 191-195°; ir (potassium bromide): 2864, 1676, 1475, 1269, 729 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 221 (M⁺); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 6.82 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). *Anal.* Calcd. for $C_6H_5\text{BrO}_2\text{S}$: C, 32.60; H, 2.28. Found: C,

2-Methoxy-6-aminophenol Hydrochloride (9h).

32.97; H, 2.26.

A suspension of 3-*t*-butyloxycarbonylamino-2-hydroxyanisole **16** (3.1 g, 12.9 mmoles) in 4 *N* HCl (in dioxane, 35 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was filtrated, washing with diisopropyl ether gave 2-methoxy-6-aminophenol hydrochloride **9h** (1.85 g, 81%) as colorless crystals, mp 180°; ir (potassium bromide): 2849, 1504, 1485, 1282, 1221 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 139 (M⁺); ¹H nmr (dimethylsulfoxide- d_6): δ 9.83 (br.s, 4H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 8.3 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

Anal. Calcd. for C₇H₉NO₂•HCl: C, 47.88; H, 5.74; N, 7.98. Found: C, 47.59; H, 5.81; N, 7.90.

2-Methyl-6-aminophenol Hydrochloride (9i).

A suspension of 3-t-butyloxycarbonylamino-2-hydroxytoluene **20** (8.78 g, 39.3 mmoles) in 4 N HCl (in dioxane, 80 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture

was filtrated, washing with diisopropyl ether gave the 2-methyl-6-aminophenol hydrochloride **9i** (4.85 g, 81%) as colorless crystals, mp 250°; ir (potassium bromide): 3314, 2937, 1453, 1479, 1203 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 123 (M⁺); 1 H nmr (dimethylsulfoxide- d_6): δ 9.86 (br.s, 3H), 9.58 (br.s, 1H), 7.12-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.82 (dd, J = 7.8 and 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_7H_9NO^{\bullet}HCl^{\bullet}H_2O$: C, 47.33; H, 6.81; N, 7.89. Found: C, 47.71; H, 6.66; N, 8.02.

Ethyl 4,5-Dimethyl-3-thiophencarboxylate (11).

To a solution of ethyl 2-amino-4,5-dimethyl-3-thiophenecarboxylate **10** (11.5 g, 58.6 mmoles) and hydrochloric acid (30%, 60 ml) in ethanol (60 ml) a solution of sodium nitrate (22 wt. % in water, 15 ml) was added dropwise at -2°. After stirring at -2° for 1 hour, sodium hypophosphite (38 wt. % in water, 50 ml) was added. The reaction mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The combined organic layers were washed with brine. After it was dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed to give a residue. Silica gel column chromatography, eluting with hexane-ethyl acetate (95:5), gave the ethyl 4,5-dimethyl-3-thiophencarboxylate **11** (2.9 g, 27%) as a colorless oil, ir (potassium bromide): 1732, 1452, 1269 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 184 (M⁺); 1 H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 7.19 (s, 1H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

2-Bromo-4,5-dimethyl-3-thiophencarboxylic Acid (12).

To a solution of ethyl 4,5-dimethyl-3-thiophencarboxylate 11 (2.9 g, 17.2 mmoles) in ethanol (100 ml) and water (14 ml) potassium hydroxide (1.44 g, 25.7 mmoles) was added at room temperature. After stirring at 40° for 5 hours, hydrochloric acid (35 wt. % in water) was added dropwise. The precipitate was collected and washed with *n*-hexane to give 4,5-dimethyl-3-thiophencarboxylic acid. To a solution of 4,5-dimethyl-3-thiophenecarboxylic acid (2.4 g, 15.4 mmoles) in acetic acid (10 ml) bromine (2.7 g, 17.1 mmoles) was added at room temperature. After stirring at room temperature for 3 hours, the precipitated solids were collected by filtration and washed with water to give 2-bromo-4,5-dimethyl-3-thiophenecarboxylic acid 12 (2.9 g, 80%) as a colorless solid, mp 178-180°; ir (potassium bromide): 2926, 2600, 1674, 1452, 1269, 729 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 234, 236 (M⁺); ¹H nmr (dimethyl-sulfoxide-*d*₆): δ 13.14 (br. s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H).

Anal. Calcd. For C₇H₇BrO₂S: C, 35.76; H, 3.00. Found: C, 35.81; H, 3.10.

2-Ethoxycarbonyloxy-3-methoxycarbonylaminoanisole (13).

To a solution of 3-methoxysalicylic acid (25 g, 148 mmoles) and triethylamine (30 g, 297 mmoles) in acetone (50 ml) ethyl chloroformate (28 ml, 297 mmoles) was added at 0°. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour at 0° and a solution of sodium azide (12 wt. % in water, 75 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred for 2 hours at 0°, poured into water and extracted with chloroform. After it was dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed to give a residue. The residue in benzene (200 ml) was heated for 1 hour at 70°. After cooling, methanol (120 ml) was added and the mixture was heated for 1 hour at 55°. The solvent was removed to give a residue and it was washed by n-hexane to give 2-ethoxycarbonyloxy-3-methoxycarbonylaminoanisole 13 (32.83 g, 82%) as colorless crystals, mp 85-87°; ir (potassium bromide): 3319, 1761, 1712, 1234 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 269 (M⁺); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 7.72 (br.d, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 8.3 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (br.s, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.34(q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

Anal. Calcd. For C₁₂H₁₅NO₆: C, 53.53; H, 5.62; N, 5.20. Found: C, 53.50; H, 5.57; N, 5.26.

2-Hydroxy-3-methoxycarbonylaminoanisole (14).

To a solution of 2-ethoxycarbonyloxy-3-methoxycarbonylaminoanisole **13** (32.8 g, 122.0 mmoles) in methanol (150 ml), tetrahydrofuran (300 ml) and water (225 ml) lithium hydroxyde monohydrate (20.5g, 487.0 mmol) was added. After stirring at 60° for 4 hours, the reaction mixture was concentrated, and partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The organic layer was separated, and washed with brine. The solution was dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated. Silica gel column chromatography, eluting with hexane-ethyl acetate (2:1), gave the 2-hydroxy-3-methoxycarbonylaminoanisole **14** (8.1 g, 31%) as colorless crystals, mp 84-86°; ir (potassium bromide): 3530, 3383, 1734, 1248 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 211 (M⁺); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 7.56 (br.d, 1H), 6.96 (br.s, 1H), 6.77 (dd, J = 8.3 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.16(q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{10}H_{13}NO_4$: C, 56.86; H, 6.20; N, 6.63. Found: C, 56.55; H, 6.15; N, 6.64.

2-t-Butyloxycarbonyl-3-ethoxycarbonylaminoanisole (15).

To a solution of 2-hydroxy-3-methoxycarbonylaminoanisole **14** (5.6 g, 26.5 mmoles), triethylamine (3.22 g, 31.8 mmoles), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (1.3 g, 10.6 mmoles) in tetrahydrofuran (190 ml) di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (6.94 g, 31.8 mmoles) was added. After stirring at room temperature for 2 hours, the reaction mixture was concentrated. Silica gel column chromatography, eluting with hexane-ethyl acetate (3:1), gave the 2-*t*-butyloxycarbonyl-3-ethoxycarbonylaminoanisole **15** (5.0 g, 61%) as a colorless oil, ms: m/z 311 (M⁺); 1 H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 7.71 (br.d, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 8.3 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (br.s, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

3-t-Butyloxycarbonylamino-2-hydroxyanisole (16).

To a solution of 2-*t*-butyloxycarbonyl-3-ethoxycarbonylaminoanisole **15** (5.0 g, 16.0 mmoles) in methanol (20 ml), tetrahydrofuran (40 ml) was added lithium hydroxide monohydrate (2.7 g, 64.2 mmoles). The mixture was stirred at 45° for 1 hour and concentrated under reduced pressure. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and the combined organic layers were washed with brine. After the solution was dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed to give a residue. Silica gel column chromatography, eluting with hexane-ethyl acetate (2:1), gave 3-*t*-butyloxycarbonylamino-2-hydroxyanisole **16** (3.1 g, 80%) as a red oil, ir (neat): 3433, 2978, 1730, 1533, 1467, 1249, 1157 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 239 (M⁺); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 7.58 (br.d, 1H), 6.87 (br.s, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.3 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 9H).

2-Ethoxycarbonyloxy-3-methoxycarbonylaminotoluene (17).

To a solution of 3-methylsalicylic acid (30.0 g, 197.2 mmoles) and triethylamine (39.9 g, 394.4 mmoles) in acetone (700 ml) was added ethyl chloroformate (37 ml, 394.4 mmoles) at 0° . The mixture was stirred at 0° for 1 hour and a solution of sodium azide (12 wt. % in water, 100 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred for 2 hours at 0° , poured into water, and extracted with chloroform. The extract was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated. The residue in benzene (300 ml) was heated for 1 hour

at 70°. After cooling, methanol (150 ml) was added and the mixture was heated for 1 hour at 55°. The solvent was removed to give a residue and it was washed by *n*-hexane to give 2-ethoxycarbonyloxy-3-methoxycarbonylaminotoluene **17** (42.1 g, 97%), mp 67-71°; ir (potassium bromide): 3354, 1739, 1622, 1483, 1273, 1224, 1178 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 253 (M⁺); 1 H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 7.88 (br.s, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 7.8 and 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (br.d, 1H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.38 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{12}H_{15}NO_5$: C, 56.91; H, 5.97; N, 5.53. Found: C, 57.05; H, 5.88; N, 5.64.

2,3-Dihydro-7-methyl-3*H*-benzoxazole-2-one (18).

To a solution of 2-ethoxycarbonyloxy-3-methoxycarbonylaminotoluene **17** (20.0 g, 79.0 mmoles) in methanol (100 ml), tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) and water (150 ml) lithium hydroxide monohydrate (13.3 g, 315.9 mmoles) was added. After stirring at 60° for 3 hours, the reaction mixture was concentrated, and partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The organic layer was separated, and washed with brine. The solution was dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated. Silica gel column chromatography, eluting with hexane-ethyl acetate (3:1), gave 2,3-dihydro-7-methyl-3*H*-benzoxazole-2-one **18** (6.2 g, 53%) as brown crystals, mp 155-159°; ir (potassium bromide): 3244, 1765, 1645, 1585, 1466 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 149 (M+); 1 H nmr (dimethylsulfoxide- 4 6): 8 8.54 (br.s, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 8.3 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H).

Anal. Calcd. for C₈H₇NO₂•1/2H₂O: C, 60.75; H, 5.10; N, 8.86. Found: C, 60.53; H, 4.70; N, 8.83.

3-*t*-Butyloxycarbonyl-2,3-dihydro-7-methyl-3*H*-benzoxazole-2-one (**19**).

To a solution of 2,3-dihydro-7-methyl-3*H*-benzoxazole-2-one **18** (6.2 g, 41.5 mmoles), triethylamine (5.04 g, 49.8 mmoles), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (1.0 g, 8.3 mmoles) in tetrahydro-furan (300 ml) di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (11.8 g, 54.0 mmoles) was added. After stirring at room temperature for 2 hours, the reaction mixture was concentrated. Silica gel column chromatography, eluting with hexane-ethyl acetate (5:1), gave 3-*t*-butyloxycarbonyl-2,3-dihydro-7-methyl-3*H*-benzoxazole-2-one **19** (10.5 g, 99%) as colorless crystals, mp 118-119°; ir (potassium bromide): 1828, 1319, 1290, 1257, 1157 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 249 (M⁺); ¹H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 7.49 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 7.8 and 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 9H).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{13}H_{15}NO_4$: C, 62.64; H, 6.07; N, 5.62. Found: C, 62.55; H, 6.20; N, 5.45.

3-*t*-Butyloxycarbonylamino-2-hydroxytoluene (**20**).

To a solution of 3-*t*-butyloxycarbonyl-2,3-dihydro-7-methyl-3*H*-benzoxazole-2-one **19** (9.54 g, 38.3 mmoles) in methanol (400 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) cesium carbonate (12.5 g, 38.3 mmoles) was added at room temperature. After stirring at 60° for 2 hours, citric acid (8.04 g, 38.3 mmoles) was added and the solvents removed *in vacuo*. Silica gel column chromatography, eluting with hexane-ethyl acetate (3:1), gave 3-*t*-butyloxycarbonylamino-2-hydroxytoluene **20** (8.78 g, 99%) as a colorless oil, ir (neat): 3324, 2980, 1682, 1531, 1485, 1369, 1249, 1159 cm⁻¹; ms: m/z 223 (M⁺); 1 H nmr (deuteriochloroform): δ 8.10 (br.s, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J = 7.3 and 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (br.s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H).

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