Atmospheric Pressure of CO₂ as Protecting Reagent and Reactant: Efficient Synthesis of Oxazolidin-2-ones with Carbamate Salts, Aldehydes and Alkynes

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Abstract: Carbon dioxide (CO_2) has been wildly employed as an environmentally benign C_1 resource for organic synthesis in the recent years. The capture of CO_2 with primary amines easily provides the corresponding carbamate salts. We described herein that carbamate salts are a useful reactant for the synthesis of oxazolidin-2-ones *via* the reaction with aromatic aldehydes and aromatic terminal alkynes. A variety of oxazolidin-2-ones with different functional groups were synthesized in 68–91% yields with only

Introduction

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) has gained increasing attention due to its continuous accumulation in the atmosphere which is thought to be causing global warming.^[1] A plethora of scientific effort has been devoted to the development of various approaches for reducing CO₂ emission, such as CO₂ capture and storage/sequestration (CCS).^[2] Moreover, CO₂ is also regarded as a ubiquitous, abundant, cheap, and non-toxic C₁ resource for the production of useful chemicals.^[3] One of the most attractive strategies for CO₂ fixation is CO₂ capture and utilization (CCU), which circumvents the energy consumption of the desorption step in CCS.^[4]

The oxazolidin-2-one framework has continued to capture the interest of chemists worldwide due to its important applications in organic synthesis and pharmaceutical chemistry.^[5] Over the past decades, numerous methods have been developed for the synthesis of oxazolidin-2-one and its corresponding derivatives,^[6] for example, through the reaction of glycerol carbonate or glycerol with urea,^[7] the reaction of amino alcohols and aryl iodides,^[8] [2+3] cycloadditions of iso-

a 5 mol% amount of CuI as catalyst. It was found that the synergetic effect of iodide is important for the transformation. Notable, the captured CO_2 serves not only as a protecting reagent for electronrich primary amine to avoid catalyst poisoning, but also as a reactant for the construction of oxazolidin-2-ones.

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cyanates and epoxides.^[9] Among the various methods for oxazolidin-2-one synthesis, protocols such as the coupling of CO₂ with aziridines,^[10] amino alcohols,^[11] alcohols,^[12] amines/propargylic allenylmethylamines,^[13] allylamines,^[14] propargylic amines,^[15] the utilization of CO_2 as a C_1 resource with high atom efficiency is highly attractive. However, the substrates or catalyst in those reactions were usually synthesized by tedious reaction procedures. In 2008, Li's group developed the first multicomponent reaction for oxazolidin-2-one synthesis via the coupling of a terminal alkyne, an aldehyde, an amine and an atmospheric pressure of CO₂^[16] Amine hydrochlorides under basic conditions were also employed for the multicomponent reaction.^[17] Subsequently, the tandem decarboxylative/carboxylative cyclization using propiolic acid as CO₂ source was proven to be efficient for the synthesis of oxazolidin-2-ones by Eycken et al.^[18] Jiang et al. developed a CuI/SnCl₂ catalytic system for the similar reaction using a ketone instead of an aldehyde as reactant under 1.5 MPa of CO2.^[19] Notably, all of these methodologies required a large amount of catalyst and additives (20-30 mol%), probably due to the fact

that electron-rich primary amines poison the catalyst and lead to deactivation.

In our continuing study on CO₂ utilization,^[20] it is easy to find that nitrogen-containing compounds are potential absorbents for CO₂ capture. For instance, aliphatic primary amines easily trap CO₂ under mild conditions generating the corresponding carbamate salts, which are stable and easily handled. Carbamate salts have been employed as an organocatalyst for the Knoevenagel condensation. After reaction, the organocatalyst could be removed under vacuum to give the desired product without extraction, washing, or chromatography steps.^[21] Carbamate salts were also used as stable alternatives for toxic liquid amines in the reaction with aldehydes to produce imines.^[22] Additionally, compressed CO₂ can be applied as a temporary protecting group for the ring closing metathesis of an amine-containing diene^[23] and hydroaminomethylation of N-ethylmethallylamine.^[24] In the selective Michael additions and acylations, an atmospheric pressure of CO₂ was also used as a protecting group to inhibit the reaction of primary amines.^[25] In the previous reports, however, the protecting reagent CO_2 was released as waste after the reaction. Inspired by these achievements, we envisioned that the employment of CO_2 as a protecting group and also as a reactant for the synthesis should be feasible, which avoids the emission of CO_2 .

Herein, we describe our results on the synthesis of oxazolidin-2-ones *via* the CuI-catalyzed multicomponent reaction of carbamate salts, aldehydes and terminal alkynes (Scheme 1). The easily handled solid carbamate salts were generated from CO_2 and primary amines. In this procedure, the captured CO_2 not only acts as a reactant, but also acts as a protecting reagent for the amine to avoid poisoning of the copper catalyst under the reaction conditions. Importantly, a synergistic cooperation of copper and iodide was observed in the reaction.



Scheme 1. Procedure for the construction of oxazolidin-2ones from carbamates.

We initiated our studies using *n*-butylamine (1a) as a model amine for the optimization of the reaction conditions. Firstly, the primary amine 1a was treated with CO₂ from a balloon, easily affording butan-1aminium butylcarbamate (2a) as a white solid. This solid compound 2a was stable for months in a screw cap tube on a shelf at ambient temperature without any other protection. The multicomponent reaction of 2a, benzaldehyde (3a), and phenylacetylene (4a) was performed in a screw cap vial with a Teflon seal using EtOH as solvent. Screening of various copper catalysts showed that the nature of the catalyst markedly affected the reaction (Table 1). A number of copper catalysts (5 mol%), including CuI, CuCl, CuBr, CuSCN, Cu₂O, Cu(OTf)₂, CuBr·DMS, CuTC, and CuCl₂·2H₂O etc. were tested (entries 1–15). However, they displayed rather poor catalytic activity in the reaction except for CuI, which provided the product oxazolidin-2-one 5a in 69% yield.

To improve the performance of the reaction, ligands^[26] and Lewis acidic additives^[19,27] were surveyed with CuI as catalyst (Table 2). In this reaction, however, Ph₃P, L-proline, Ti(OEt)₄, H₃PW₁₂O₄₀ were proven





[a] *Reaction conditions:* carbamic acid ammonium salt (1 mmol), aldehyde (2 mmol), alkyne (2 mmol), EtOH (0.4 mL), Cu catalyst (5 mol% based on Cu), 80 °C, 12 h.
 [b] The yields were determined by GC with biphenyl as the

^[b] The yields were determined by GC with biphenyl as the internal standard. DMS=dimethyl sulfide, CuTC=copper(I) thiophene-2-carboxylate.

Table 2.	Optim	ization	of the	reaction	conditions.	[a]
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Entry	Solvent/Additives	Yield [%] ^[b]	
1	EtOH/Ph ₃ P		
2	EtOH/L-Proline	49	
3	EtOH/Ti(OEt) ₄	59	
4	EtOH/H ₃ PW ₁₂ O ₄₀	27	
5	CH ₃ OH	55	
6	glycol	54	
7	diethylene glycol	53	
8	PhCl	20	
9	DMF	59	
10	EtOAc	19	
11	PhCH ₃	7	
12	PhCN	27	
13	THF	30	
14	CH_2Cl_2	9	
15	<i>i</i> -PrOH	79	
16 ^[c]	<i>i</i> -PrOH	89	

[a] Reaction conditions unless otherwise specified: carbamic acid ammonium salt (1 mmol), aldehyde (2 mmol), alkyne (2 mmol), solvent (0.4 mL), CuI (5 mol%), 80 °C, 12 h.

^[b] The yields were determined by GC with biphenyl as the internal standard.

^[c] 18 h

to be ineffective (Table 2, entries 1–4). Further examination of solvents revealed that *i*-PrOH exhibits somewhat higher performance (79%) than EtOH and other solvents under identical conditions for the reaction (Table 2, entries 5–15). In addition, an improved yield (89%) was then observed when the reaction time was extended to 18 h using *i*-PrOH as solvent (Table 2, entry 16).

Having established the optimal conditions, we then converted a variety of commercially available aldehydes **3** into the corresponding oxazolidin-2-ones **5** to further explore the scope of this CO₂ transformation procedure. As showed in Table 3, aromatic aldehydes bearing either electron-donating or electron-withdrawing groups, including 4-Me, 4-MeO, 3-MeO, 2-MeO, 4-Cl, 2-Cl, 4-OH, and 4-CN on the phenyl ring were found to be reactive affording the isolated products **5a**–**5i** with moderate to excellent yields (68– 91%). Substrate **3i** was poorly soluble in *i*-PrOH and thus gave the corresponding products **5i** in lower yield (entry 9). Unfortunately, aliphatic aldehydes, for example, 1-octanal gave the corresponding oxazolidin-2one in poor yield (results not shown).

After having demonstrated that the protocol is compatible with a wide range of aldehydes, an investigation of the scope with respect to the primary amines and terminal alkynes was undertaken (Table 4). Primary amines such as cyclopentylamine **1b**, cyclohexylamine **1c**, and benzylamine **1d** were easily converted into the corresponding carbamate salts as white solids by bubbling CO_2 gas into the liquid amines. The carbamate salts were effective substrates for reaction with benzaldehyde **3a** and phenylacetylene **4a** to smoothly provide the products **5j–5l** in 74–85% yields under the standard conditions. How-

Table 3. Scope of aldehydes for the multicomponent reaction. $\ensuremath{^{[a]}}$







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Table 3. (Continued)



[a] Reaction conditions: carbamic acid ammonium salt 2a (1 mmol), aldehyde 3 (2 mmol), alkyne 4a (2 mmol), *i*-PrOH (0.4 mL), CuI (5 mol%), 80 °C, 18 h.

^[b] Isolated yields were given.

ever, phenylamine failed to afford the desired carbamate salt after bubbling CO_2 , which revealed that the electron-rich amine is beneficial to our protocol (results not shown). Subsequently, the substituted phenylacetylenes 4b-4d were briefly screened for the construction of oxazolidin-2-ones. It was found that phenylacetylenes with electron-withdrawing substituents and electron-donating substituents at the paraposition, including Me, MeO, F groups, showed good reactivity, and the corresponding products 5m-5o were obtained in 80-86% yields. However, only a trace amount of 5p was detected by GC-MS when the aliphatic alkyne 4e was used. A density functional theory calculation [B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level] indicated that the negative charge on the C-1 carbon of phenylacetylene is -0.533 and that of 1-octyne is -0.468, which suggested that the nucleophilicity of 1-octyne is weaker.^[28]

To gain insight into the effect of the unique CuI catalysis, we performed some control experiments using 5 mol% of CuBr as catalyst, 5 mol% of KI as external iodide under otherwise identical conditions. To our surprise, the product **5a** was obtained in 84% yield (Table 5, entry 1). However, 5 mol% of KI alone does not catalyze this transformation (entry 2). On the other hand, the reaction catalyzed by ZnBr₂/KI failed under the given reaction conditions, demonstrating the importance of copper (entry 3). Although

Table 4. Scope of amines and alkynes for the multicomponent reaction. $^{[a]}$



 [[]a] Reaction conditions: carbamic acid ammonium salt 2 (1 mmol), aldehyde 3a (2 mmol), alkyne 4 (2 mmol), *i*-PrOH (0.4 mL), CuI (5 mol%), 80 °C, 18 h.

^[b] Isolated yields were given.

further studies are required to clarify the precise mechanism of this CuI catalysis, it was revealed that iodide has an excellent synergistic effect for promoting this copper-catalyzed reaction (Table 5, entry 1 *vs.* Table 1, entry 2).

Based on the above experimental results, we propose a reaction pathway for this copper-catalyzed



3 ZnBr₂/KI 0 [a] *Reaction conditions:* carbamic acid ammonium salt (1 mmol), aldehyde (2 mmol), alkyne (2 mmol), catalyst

(5 mol%), KI (5 mol%), 80 °C, 12 h in EtOH (0.4 mL).

^[b] The yields were determined by GC with biphenyl as the internal standard.

transformation (Scheme 2). The carbamic acid ammonium salt 2 was easily formed by the capture of CO_2 with primary amine 1. Then two plausible pathways were postulated for the subsequent conversion. For path *a*: carbamate salt 2 reacted with aldehyde 3 affording imine 8 with the release of one equivalent of water and CO_2 . The imine 8 was attacked by the nucleophilic terminal alkyne 4 under catalysis of CuI giving propargylic amine 9 which then trapped the *in situ* released CO_2 and was followed by an intramolecular cyclization to generate the heterocycle product 5. For path *b*: as an alternative, the formation of 7 may proceed by an addition of 2 and 3, followed by a nucleophilic addition of 4 without the decarboxylation

n-Bu-NH2 + CO₂ PhCHO Œ ö⊖ H₃N· n-Bu PhCHO n-BuNH₂ 2 Path a Path b H₂O CO2 n-Bu HO Cul 0 n-Bu æ n-Bu ģΘ H₃N-n-Bu n-Bu-NH 6 Ph 9 Ph 5 4 Cul CO₂ H₂O Ð -*n*-Bi H₃N n-Bu Ph Ρh 7

Scheme 2. Proposed reaction pathway for the reaction.

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of **2**. To corroborate the reaction pathways outlined in Scheme 2, we carried out a mass spectrometric (MS) study. The GC-mass spectrum for the reaction shows peaks of intermediates **8** and **9**, in agreement with the mechanism proposed by Li.^[16] On the other hand, the weak signal of a negative ion at m/z = 222 was observed in the ESI-MS, suggesting that the intermediate **6** was probably generated.

Conclusions

In summary, we have described an efficient catalyic protocol using only 5 mol% of CuI as catalyst for the reaction of carbamate salts, aromatic aldehydes, and aromatic terminal alkynes to produce the important oxazolidin-2-ones. In this work, CO_2 captured by primary amines served as a protecting reagent to avoid poisoning of the transition metal catalyst and simultaneously as a reactant for the construction of the heterocycles. By using this strategy, the multicomponent reaction can proceed smoothly without any other protection. In addition, a series of oxazolidin-2-one derivatives bearing different functional groups was synthesized in moderate to good yields. Further studies to expand the application of this concept are ongoing in our laboratory.

Experimental Section

General Information

The starting materials are commercially available and were used without further purification. The products were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh) using petroleum ether (60-90 °C) and ethyl acetate. All compounds were characterized by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectroscopy (MS), and the results are consistent with those reported in the literature. NMR spectra were determined on a Bruker 400 MHz instrument in CDCl₃. ¹H NMR chemical shifts were referenced to residual solvent as determined relative to CDCl₃ (7.26 ppm). The ¹³C NMR chemical shifts were reported in ppm relative to the carbon resonance of CDCl₃ (central peak is 77.0 ppm). ¹H NMR peaks are labeled as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), and multiplet (m). The coupling constants, J, are reported in Hertz (Hz). GC-MS data were obtained on an Agilent 7890A. GC analyses were performed on a Shimadzu GC-2014 equipped with a capillary column (HP-5 30 m \times 0.25 µm) using a flame ionization detector.

Synthesis of Carbamate Salts from CO₂ and Primary Amines

To a reaction tube, liquid amine (10 mmol) was added. Then CO_2 gas was bubbled into the amine using a balloon. The reaction is strongly exothermic. After about 5 min, the corresponding carbamate salt was generated as white solid.

Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of Oxazolidin-2ones

To a 10-mL reaction tube, the copper catalyst (5 mol%), solvent (0.4 mL), alkyne (2 mmol), aldehyde (2 mmol), and carbamate salt (1 mmol) were added. The reactions were carried out in screw cap vials with a Teflon seal at 80 °C for 18 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and the crude reaction mixture was further purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ EtOAc) to afford the desired product oxazolidinones.

Characterization Data of Oxazolidin-2-ones

(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-butyl-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (5a): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ =7.53–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44– 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.17 (m, 1H), 5.38 (d, 1H, J=2.0 Hz), 5.25 (d, 1H, J=2.0 Hz), 3.55–3.48 (m, 1H,), 2.86–2.80 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.25 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, 3H, J=7.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ = 155.1, 147.7, 137.3, 133.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 126.9, 104.5, 63.9, 41.6, 29.0, 19.8, 13.6; HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 330.1471, calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 330.1465; EI-MS: m/z (%)=180.10 (100), 307.20 (41) [M⁺].

(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-butyl-4-(p-tolyl)oxazolidin-2-one

(5b): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.50-7.48$ (m, 2H), 7.24–7.11 (m, 7H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 3.47–3.44 (m, 1H), 2.81–2.77 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.43–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.28–1.21 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): $\delta = 154.7$, 147.8, 139.0, 134.0, 133.3, 129.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 126.5, 104.0, 63.3, 41.2, 28.6, 20.9, 19.5, 13.3; HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 344.1636, calcd. for $C_{21}H_{23}NO_2Na$ [M+Na]⁺: 344.1621; EI-MS: m/z (%)= 194.10 (100), 321.20 (34) [M⁺].

(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-butyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (5c): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ =7.52–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.15 (m, 1H), 6.94–6.92 (m, 2H), 5.34 (d, 1H, *J*=2.0), 5.24 (d, 1H, *J*=2.0), 3.81 (s, 1H), 3.48–3.43 (m, 1H), 2.83–2.79 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.42 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.25 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, 3H, *J*=7.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ =160.2, 154.8, 148.0, 133.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 128.2, 126.7, 114.5, 104.2, 63.3, 55.2, 41.4, 28.8, 19.7, 13.5; HR-MS (ESI): *m/z*=360.1595, calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃NO₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 360.1570; EI-MS: *m/z* (%) = 210.10 (100), 337.20 (18) [M⁺].

(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-butyl-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (5d): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ =7.53–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.20–7.18 (m, 1H), 6.95–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.84–6.83 (m, 1H), 5.35 (d, 1H, *J*=2.0), 5.28 (d, 1H, *J*=2.0), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.55–3.51 (m, 1H), 2.86–2.82 (m, 1H), 1.49–1.45 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.26 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, 3H, *J*=7.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ =160.3, 155.0, 147.4, 138.8, 133.4, 130.3, 128.4, 128.3, 126.9, 120.0, 114.6, 113.1, 104.4, 63.7, 55.3, 41.6, 28.9, 19.8, 13.6; HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z*=360.1595, calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃NO₃Na f[M+Na]⁺: 360.1570; EI-MS: *m*/*z* (%)=210.10 (100), 337.20 (18) [M⁺].

(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-butyl-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (5e): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ =7.54–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.22 (m, 3H), 7.17–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.00–6.93 (m, 2H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 3.54–3.46 (m, 1H), 2.77–2.73 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.45 (m, 2H), 1.30–1.26 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, 3H, *J*=7.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ =157.8, 155.4, 147.6, 133.8, 130.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.4, 125.1, 120.9, 111.3, 102.6, 55.6, 41.4, 29.0, 19.7, 13.5; HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 360.1593, calcd. for $C_{21}H_{23}NO_3Na$ [M+Na]⁺: 360.1570; EI-MS: m/z (%) = 210.10 (100), 337.20 (47) [M⁺].

(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-butyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (5f): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ =7.55–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 3.51–3.47 (m, 1H), 2.82–2.79 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.40 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.26 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, 3H, J=7.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ =154.7, 147.1, 135.8, 135.2, 133.1, 131.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.2, 126.9, 104.7, 63.0, 41.5, 28.8, 19.6, 13.5; HR-MS (ESI): m/z=364.1095, calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀ClNO₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 364.1075; EI-MS: m/z(%)=214.10 (100), 341.20 (36) [M⁺].

(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-butyl-4-(2-chlorophenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (5g): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ =7.78–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.25 (m, 8H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.37–3.33 (m, 1H), 2.63–2.61 (m, 1H), 1.44–1.40 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.26 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, 3H, *J*=7.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ =155.03, 146.28, 137.87, 133.16, 131.64, 129.67, 129.21, 128.92, 128.34, 128.29, 127.03, 122.92, 104.06, 51.74, 41.65, 31.90, 19.71, 13.52; HR-MS (ESI): *m/z*= 364.1104, calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀CINO₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 364.1075; EI-MS: *m/z* (%)=179.10 (100), 341.10 (43) [M⁺].

(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-butyl-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)oxazolidin-2-one (5h): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 9.84 (s, 1 H), 7.81–7.79 (m, 2 H), 7.50–7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.29–7.20 (m, 2 H), 7.18–7.17 (m, 3 H), 5.36 (s, 1 H), 5.27 (s, 1 H), 3.49–3.44 (m, 1 H), 2.85–2.81 (m, 1 H), 1.29–1.27 (m, 2 H), 1.26–1.25 (m, 2 H), 0.87 (t, 3 H, *J* = 7.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ = 156.9, 155.5, 147.8, 132.5, 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.0, 116.1, 116.2, 104.7, 63.5, 41.5, 28.9, 19.7, 13.6; HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* = 346.1433, calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁NO₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 346.1414; EI-MS: *m/z* (%) = 196.10 (100), 323.20 (21) [M⁺].

(Z)-4-(5-Benzylidene-3-butyl-2-oxooxazolidin-4-yl)-benzonitrile (5i): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.78–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.16 (m, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.54–3.52 (m, 1H), 2.80–2.81 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.40 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.26 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, 3 H, J = 7.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ = 154.9, 146.1, 142.4, 133.5, 132.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 127.0, 117.7, 113.2, 104.7, 63.5, 41.5, 28.9, 19.7, 13.6; HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 355.1426, calcd. for C₂₁H₂₁NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 355.1418; EI-MS: m/z (%) = 205.10 (100), 332.20 (56) [M⁺].

(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-cyclopentyl-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (5j): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ =7.59–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.18–7.16 (m, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 3.83–3.79 (m, 1H), 1.90–1.88 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.43 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ =154.5, 148.0, 139.1, 133.5, 131.6, 129.1, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 126.7, 104.1, 64.2, 55.9, 29.6, 24.1; HR-MS (ESI): m/z =342.1482, calcd. for C₂₁H₂₁NO₂Na [M + Na]⁺: 342.1465; EI-MS: m/z (%)=180.10 (100), 319.10 (42) [M⁺].

(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-cyclohexyl-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (5k): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.56–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 5H), 7.22–7.19 (m, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.61–3.55 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.75 (m, 3H), 1.71–1.66 (m, 3H), 1.36–1.23 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ = 154.5, 148.2, 139.4, 133.4, 131.6, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 126.6, 104.0, 63.0, 54.5, 31.0, 25.5, 24.9; HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 356.1642, calcd. for C₂₂H₂₃NO₂Na $[M+Na]^+$: 356.1621; EI-MS: m/z (%)=180.10 (100), 333.20 (39) $[M^+]$.

(Z)-3-Benzyl-5-benzylidene-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (5): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.61–7.60 (m, 2 H), 7.41– 7.39 (m, 3 H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 8 H), 7.26–7.24 (m, 2 H), 5.17 (s, 1 H), 5.12 (s, 1 H), 3.99 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ = 155.0, 147.4, 140.2, 139.7, 136.7, 134.7, 133.3, 131.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.4, 127.6, 127.0, 123.0, 104.7, 62.7, 45.4; HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 364.1335, calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 364.1308; EI-MS: m/z (%) = 91.10 (100), 341.10 (36) [M⁺].

(Z)-3-Butyl-5-(4-methylbenzylidene)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (5m): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.42-7.25$ (m, 7H), 7.11–7.09 (m, 2H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 3.54–3.47 (m, 1H), 2.85–2.80 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.47–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.31–1.25 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, 3H, J = 7.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): $\delta = 155.1$, 146.9, 137.4, 136.7, 130.6, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.2, 127.8, 104.4, 63.8, 41.6, 28.9, 21.2, 19.8, 13.6; HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 344.1666, calcd. for $C_{21}H_{23}NO_2Na$ [M+Na]⁺: 344.1621; EI-MS: m/z (%)= 194.10 (100), 321.20 (49) [M⁺].

(Z)-3-Butyl-5-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (5n): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.59–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.31 (m, 2H), 6.84–6.82 (m, 3H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 3.52–3.46 (m, 1H), 2.85–2.79 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.30–1.26 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, 3H, *J*=7.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ = 158.4, 155.1, 145.9, 137.5, 133.0, 129.6, 129.2, 127.7, 126.2, 113.8, 104.0, 63.7, 55.2, 41.5, 28.9, 19.7, 13.6; HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 360.1587, calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃NO₃Na for [M+Na]⁺: 360.1570; EI-MS: *m*/*z* (%) = 210.10 (100), 337.20 (38) [M⁺].

(Z)-3-Butyl-5-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2one (50): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ =7.50–7.42 (m, 5H), 7.39–7.31 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.94 (m, 2H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 3.52–3.47 (m, 1H), 2.86–2.81 (m, 1H), 1.48– 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.30–1.22 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, 3H, *J*=7.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ =162.7, 160.2, 154.8, 147.3, 137.1, 133.5, 129.9, 129.3, 128.5, 127.7, 115.3, 103.3, 63.7, 41.5, 28.8, 19.7, 13.5; HR-MS (ESI): *m*/*z*=348.1383, calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀FNO₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 348.1370; EI-MS: *m*/*z* (%) = 198.10 (100), 325.10 (39) [M⁺].

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