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Gold-catalyzed formation of aryl-fused pyrazolooxazepines *via* intramolecular regioselective *7-exo-dig* cyclization[†]

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An efficient method was developed for synthesis of substituted aryl-fused pyrazolooxazepines from *ortho-O*-propargyl aryl pyrazoles by gold-catalysis. In this organic transformation a new C-N bond was formed regioselectively *via 7-exo-dig* cyclization. Moderate to good yields of aryl-fused pyrazolooxazepine derivatives were obtained with significant molecular complexity in one-pot.

Introduction

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Medium-sized heterocyclic molecules are important building blocks in medicinal chemistry.¹ Nitrogen containing seven-membered heterocyclic molecules² have gained much attention in recent years due to their potential applications in medicinal chemistry and material sciences.³ The recent literature evidencing that benzooxazepines exhibit a wide range of biological activities such as anticancer,^{4a} anti-HIV,^{4b} antitumor,⁵ anti-inflammatory activities,⁶ and also useful for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.⁷



Fig. 1 Selected examples of important molecules containing benzooxazepine core skeleton.

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For instance, substituted benzooxazepine derivatives such as

important place in synthetic organic chemistry, due to their selectivity and substrate tolerance.¹² Distinctive synthetic methods were discovered by selectively tuning the gold-catalysts,¹³ which resulted in the generation of diversified molecular scaffolds.¹⁴

Regioselective metal-catalyzed organic transformations gained much focus in recent years to construct medium-sized heterocyclic molecules due to their applications in medicinal chemistry. Our current research efforts led to the development of gold-catalyzed regioselective organic transformations.¹⁵ We initiated our investigations for intramolecular synthesis of substituted benzopyrazolooxazepines under gold-catalysis. Recently, gold-catalyzed seven-membered ring formation reactions have been reported by the research groups of Hashmi,^{16a} Echavarren^{16b} and Sawamura.^{16c} Intermolecular synthesis of benzopyrazolooxazepines were reported through Smiles rearrangement,^{17a,b} and copper-catalyzed cross coupling reactions.^{17c}

Results and discussion

We visualized that 5-phenyl-3-(2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)phenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole **1a** can be converted to the corresponding 5-methylene-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[*f*]pyrazolo[1,5-*d*][1,4]oxazepine **2a** via 7-exo-dig cyclization (path a, Scheme 1) or 2-phenyl-7*H*-benzo[*b*]pyrazolo[5,1-*d*][1,5]oxazocine **3a** via 8-endo-dig



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cyclization (path b, Scheme 1) through intramolecular hydroamination under gold-catalysis (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Synthetic strategy for the formation of benzopyrazolooxazepine (2a) or benzopyrazolooxazocine (3a) from 1a.

Based on the above synthetic approach, a reaction was performed by taking **1a** and 10 mol% of Au(PPh₃)Cl in acetonitrile, which produced 48% yield of product **2a** (Scheme 2).



This positive result driven us to test this reaction for the yield improvement of product **2a** by utilizing different catalysts, catalyst combinations and reaction conditions. Then, the starting material **1a** was tested without catalyst in acetonitrile; it was observed that the **1a** remained intact (Table 1, entry 2). The substrate **1a** was tested by utilizing various gold-catalysts such as AuCN, AuCl, IPrAuCl, [Au(JohnPhos)(MeCN)][SbF₆], KAuCl₄, AuCl₃ and AuBr₃. Under these reaction conditions the product **2a** was obtained in poor yields (Table 1, entries 3-9). We have conducted experiments by utilizing the substrate **1a** in the presence of different silver catalysts such as AgSbF₆, AgBF₄, AgOTf and AgNTf₂. Moderate yields of product **2a** was observed under these reaction conditions (Table 1, entries 10-13).

Good yield (72%) of product 2a was obtained when 1a was treated in the presence of Au(PPh₃)Cl (10 mol %) and AgSbF₆ (15 mol %) in acetonitrile (Table 1, entry 14). Then we have conducted experiments by using Au(PPh₃)Cl with silver catalysts such as AgBF₄, AgOTf and AgNTf₂. It was observed that these reactions gave moderate yields of product 2a (Table 1, entries 15-17). Solvent effect on this reaction was tested by utilising different solvents; moderate to good yields of product 2a was observed (Table 1, entries 18-21). To check the catalytic effectiveness, we have conducted two experiments by using lower loading of catalysts Au(PPh₃)Cl/AgSbF₆ in 2/3 mol % and 5/7.5 mol %. In these cases lower yields of product 2a was observed (Table 1, entries 22 and 23). Further we have conducted another experiment to check the efficiency of the catalytic combination of Au(PPh₃)Cl/AgSbF₆ (10/10 mol %), product 2a was observed in 66% yield (Table 1, entry 24). A reaction was performed without nitrogen atmosphere, it was observed that 64% yield of product **2a** was isolated <u>Arable and</u> entry 25). The substrate **1a** was tested in the approximate the substrate **1a** was tested in the approximate the substrate the substrate test (entries 26-29). Under these reaction conditions, moderate yields of product **2a** was observed.¹⁸ **Table 1.** Optimization of reaction conditions^{*a*}

| | Ph | | ſ | Ph N |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|
| | N ca | catalyst | | Ň |
| | solve | ent. time | | |
| \sim | 0 | | | |
| | 18 | | | 28 |
| Entry | Catalyst (mol %) | Solvent | Time (h) | Yield(%) |
| 1 | Au(PPh ₃)Cl (10) | CH ₃ CN | 12 | 48 |
| 2 | No Catalyst | CH ₃ CN | 18 | nr ^b |
| 3 | AuCN (10) | CH ₃ CN | 12 | 10 |
| 4 | AuCl (10) | CH ₃ CN | 12 | 12 |
| 5 | IPrAuCl (10) | CH ₃ CN | 12 | 41 |
| 6 | [Au(JhonPhos) | - | | |
| | $(MeCN)[SbF_6]$ (10) | CH ₃ CN | 12 | 43 |
| 7 | $KAuCl_4$ (10) | CH ₃ CN | 12 | 11 |
| 8 | $AuCl_3(10)$ | CH ₃ CN | 12 | 30 |
| 9 | $AuBr_{2}$ (10) | CH ₂ CN | 12 | 26 |
| 10 | $AgSbF_{\epsilon}(10)$ | CH ₂ CN | 24 | 32 |
| 11 | $AgBF_4(10)$ | CH ₂ CN | 24 | 43 |
| 12 | AgOTf(10) | CH ₂ CN | 24 | 46 |
| 13 | $A_{g}NTf_{2}(10)$ | CH ₂ CN | 24 | 44 |
| 14 | $Au(PPh_2)Cl(10)/$ | engen | 21 | |
| | $\Delta \sigma ShF_{c}$ (15) | CH-CN | 2 | 72 |
| 15 | $A_{\rm H}({\rm DDh}_{\rm C})(10)/$ | Chigen | 2 | 12 |
| | $A_{\alpha}BF_{\alpha}(15)$ | CH CN | 2 | 50 |
| 16 | AgDr ₄ (15) Au(DDb.)Cl (10)/ | CHI3CIN | 2 | 50 |
| 10 | $A_{\alpha}(\Gamma \Gamma \Pi_3) \subset (10)$ | CH CN | 2 | 56 |
| 17 | AgOTT(15) Au(DDb.)Cl $(10)/$ | CI13CIN | 2 | 50 |
| | Au(PPII ₃)CI (10)/ A α NTf (15) | CUCN | 2 | 60 |
| 19 | Agin 11 ₂ (13) Au(DDb.)Cl (10)/ | CI13CIN | 2 | 00 |
| 18 | Au(PPII ₃)CI (10)/ AcchE (15) | Taulana | 2 | 40 |
| 19 | Agour ₆ (15) Au(DDb.) $CL(10)/$ | Toulene | 2 | 40 |
| | Au(PPn ₃)CI (10)/ A - ShE (15) | DCE | 2 | 45 |
| 20 | $AgSDF_6(15)$ | DCE | Z | 45 |
| 20 | Au(PPh ₃)Cl (10)/ | | 2 | (2) |
| | $AgSDF_6(15)$ | IHF | 2 | 62 |
| 21 | Au(PPh ₃)Cl (10)/ | | | - |
| | $AgSbF_6(15)$ | MeOH | 2 | 50 |
| 22 | $Au(PPh_3)CI(2)/$ | | | |
| | $\operatorname{AgSbF}_{6}(3)$ | CH ₃ CN | 2 | 25 |
| 23 | Au(PPh ₃)Cl (5)/ | | | |
| | $\operatorname{AgSbF}_{6}(7.5)$ | CH ₃ CN | 2 | 45 |
| 24 | $Au(PPh_3)Cl(10)/$ | | | |
| | $AgSbF_6(10)$ | CH ₃ CN | 2 | 66 |
| 25 | $Au(PPh_3)Cl(10)/$ | | | |
| | $AgSbF_{6}(15)$ | CH ₃ CN | 12 | 64 ^d |
| 26 | CuCl (10) | CH ₃ CN | 30 | 53 |
| 27 | CuBr (10) | CH ₃ CN | 30 | 51 |
| 28 | CuI (10) | CH ₃ CN | 30 | 42 |
| 29 | $Cu(OAc)_{2}(10)$ | CH ₃ CN | 30 | 39 |
| 30 | IPrAuCl (10)/ | | | |
| | $AgNTf_2(15)$ | CH ₃ CN | 12 | 64 |
| 31 | IPrAuCl (5)/ | | | |
| | $AgNTf_2(7.5)$ | CH ₃ CN | 12 | 57 |
| 32 | HCl (10) | CH ₃ CN | 12 | cm^e |
| 33 | $HNTf_2(10)$ | CH ₃ CN | 12 | cm ^e |

^aReaction conditions: all reactions were carried out at 60 °C under nitrogen atmosphere with **1a** (0.364 mmol), and solvent (3 mL); ^bnr: no reaction; ^cyields are for isolated products; ^dReaction was conducted without nitrogen atmosphere; ^eComplex mixture was observed.

Reactions were performed by utilizing IPrAuCl in combination of AgNTf₂ (entries 30 and 31), good yields of product **2a** were

mixture was observed.

isolated. Then the substrate 1a was tested in the presence of HCl and HNTf₂ (entries 32 and 33), both the cases complex

Table 2 Scope of substituted benzopyrazolooxazepine $(2)^a$



^aReaction conditions: all reactions were carried out at 60 °C under nitrogen atmosphere with **1a-1m** (0.364 mmol), Au(PPh₃)Cl (10 mol%)/AgSbF₆ (15 mol%) and CH₃CN (3 mL) at 60 °C; yields are for isolated products.

The above experimental results reveal that $v_{theArtcatal_{VSL}}$ combination of Au(PPh₃)Cl/AgSbF₆ $DQ10/15/39/m0PRO)^{3157h}$ acetonitrile is the best condition for the synthesis of substituted aryl-fused pyrazolooxazepines (Table 1, entry 14). The scope of substrates was studied by utilizing different substituted *ortho-O*-propargyl aryl pyrazoles **1a-1m** (Table 2).

The substrate **1b** which is having electron donating group at \mathbb{R}^1 position and **1c** which is containing electron withdrawing group at \mathbb{R}^1 position undergoes 7-*exo-dig* cyclization *via* intramolecular hydroamination gave 64% and 61% yield of cyclized products **2b** and **2c**, respectively (Table 2). Substrate **1d** gave 58% yield of desired product **2d**. The substrates having aliphatic functional groups at \mathbb{R}^1 position such as **1e**, **1f** and **1g** and **1h** gave the corresponding products **2e**, **2f**, **2g** and **2h** in 78%, 70%, 68% and 81% yields, respectively (Table 2). Naphthyl substituted substrates such as **1i**, **1j**, **1k**, **1l** and **1m** produced good yields of the corresponding products **2i**, **2j**, **2k**, **2l** and **2m**, respectively (Table 2).

The substrate scope was further tested by utilizing different substituted *ortho-O*-propargyl aryl pyrazoles (**1n-1z**) and these results are incorporated in Table 3. Electron donating functional group like di-*tert*-butyl containing substrates such as **1n**, **1o** and **1p** gave 62%, 67% and 65% yields of cyclized products **2n**, **2o** and **2p**, respectively (Table 3). Bromo substituted substrates such as **1q**, **1r** and **1s** gave the corresponding products **2q**, **2r** and **2s**, in 76%, 64% and 71% yields, respectively (Table 3). Electron withdrawing functional group like nitro substituted substrates such as **1t**, **1u**, **1v** and **1w** produced the corresponding products **2t**, **2u**, **2v** and **2w**, in good yields. Further, the structure of the product 5-methylene-10-nitro-2-(*p*-tolyl)-5,6-dihydrobenzo[*f*]pyrazolo[1,5-

d][1,4]oxazepine **2u** was confirmed by single crystal X-ray analysis (Figure 2).¹⁹



Fig. 2 An ORTEP diagram of compound 2u (CCDC 1574971).

Two electron withdrawing groups like 3,5-dichloro substitutions containing substrates like 1x (R¹ = C₆H₅), 1y (R¹ = *n*-C₄H₉) and 1z (R¹ = *n*-C₈H₁₇) gave the corresponding product 2x, 2y and 2z in 72%, 74% and 85% yields, respectively (Table 3).

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Two more experiments were conducted with substrates which are bearing substitutions at R¹ and R² position such as 1aa and 1ab under the optimized conditions resulted the corresponding products 2aa and 2ab in 61% and 65% yields, respectively (Scheme 9).03157F



Scheme 3. Conversion of alkyne disubstituted substrates 1aa, and 1ab) to benzopyrazolooxazepine 2aa and 2ab.

A tentative reaction mechanism can be proposed for the generation of aryl-pyrazolooxazepines 2 from ortho-O-propargyl substituted aryl pyrazoles 1 via gold-catalysis (Scheme 4). Substrate 1 would give intermediate-I (IM-I) by reacting with gold-catalyst. Then IM-I might generate vinyl-gold intermediate-II (IM-II) via 7-exo-dig cyclization.¹³ 7-Exo-dig preference would be assumed when gold(I) forms a complex with a terminal carbon- carbon triple bond, the internal carbon atom is more positively charged than the external carbon atom, so the nucleophilic attack would driven by this path way.^{13f} Subsequently, IM-II might produce intermediate-III (IM-III), which would produce substituted aryl-fused pyrazolooxazepines 2 via protodeauration.



Scheme 4. A plausible reaction mechanism.

Conclusions

In conclusion, we have established an efficient synthetic protocol for the formation of substituted pyrazolo benzooxazepines and pyrazolo naphthoxazepines from substituted ortho-O-propargyl aryl pyrazoles. Significantly, this gold-catalyzed regioselective organic transformation takes place via 7-exo-dig cyclization. The title compounds were obtained in moderate to good yields.

Experimental Section

General information

Reactions were carried out in oven dried reaction flasks under nitrogen atmosphere and also solvents, reagents were transferred by oven-dried syringes. TLC was performed on Merck silica gel aluminium sheets using

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UV as a visualizing agent and a 0.5% aqueous potassium permanganate solution and heat as developing agents. Solvents were removed under reduced pressure. Columns were packed as slurry of silica gel in hexane and ethyl acetate solvent mixture. The elution was assisted by applying pressure with an air pump. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on 100 MHz and 125 MHz spectrometers. ¹HNMR spectra were recorded on 300 MHz, 400 MHz and 500 MHz spectrometers in appropriate solvents using TMS as internal standard. The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet. All reactions were performed under nitrogen atmosphere with freshly distilled and dried solvents. All solvents were obtained from Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, and TCI used without further purification. Synthesis of aryl-fused pyrazolooxazepines (**1a-1ab**) were prepared by following reported procedures.²⁰

X-ray data for the compound KA263 was collected at 100 K on a Bruker D8 QUEST instrument with an I μ S Mo microsource ($\lambda = 0.7107$ A) and a PHOTON-100 detector. The raw data frames were reduced and corrected for absorption effects using the Bruker Apex 3 software suite programs.²¹ The structure was solved using intrinsic phasing method³ and further refined with the SHELXL program and expanded using Fourier techniques.²² Anisotropic displacement parameters were included for all non-hydrogen atoms. All C bound H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent C atoms [C-H = 0.93-0.97 Å, and U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C) for methyl H or 1.2U_{eq}(C) for other H atoms].

Crystal Data for 2u:¹⁹ C₁₉H₁₅N₃O₃ (*M*=333.35 g/mol): monoclinic, space group P2₁/c (no. 14), *a* = 7.021(9) Å, *b* = 20.14(3) Å, *c* = 21.54(3) Å, β = 95.79(2)°, *V* = 3030(7) Å³, *Z* = 8, *T* = 100.0 K, μ (Mo K α) = 0.101 mm⁻¹, *Dcalc* = 1.4612 g/cm³, 38713 reflections measured (4.46° $\leq 2\Theta \leq 61.62°$), 9422 unique ($R_{int} = 0.0356$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0330$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0454 (I>2 σ (I)) and *wR*₂ was 0.1193 (all data). CCDC 1574971 contains supplementary Crystallographic data for the structure. These data can be obtained free of charge at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html [or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC), 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44(0) 1223 336 033; email: <u>deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk</u>].

Genaeral procedure for synthesis of 5-methylene-5,6dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolooxazepines 2a-2ab.

To a 10 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with magnetic stir bar the substrate 5-phenyl-3-(2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)phenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole **1a** (0.1 g, 0.364 mmol, 1 equiv.) was taken and dissolved in CH₃CN (3 mL). To this reaction mixture Au(PPh₃)Cl (0.017 g, 0.0364 mmol, 10 mol %) and AgSbF₆ (0.018 g, 0.0546 mmol, 15 mol %) was added and stirred at 60 °C for 2 hours under nitrogen atmosphere. Progress of the reaction was monitored by using TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through celite plug and washed the celite plug with Ethyl acetate. The Ethyl acetate layer was concentrated under reduced pressure to get crude residue which was purified by column chromatography through silica gel using

hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent (10:1.2) to give product <u>Semethylene-2</u>phenyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[1,5-d][1,4]oxazepihe¹⁰**2** \Re /C

5-Methylene-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[1,5-

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2a. R_j: 0.65; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.5); Yield: 72%, white solid; Melting Point: 106-108 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.94-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.83 (dd, J = 1.5, 7.9 z, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 1.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 157.3, 152.1, 141.4, 132.5, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 125.9, 123.6, 120.6, 119.4, 103.8, 103.0, 72.4 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\hat{v} =$ 3063, 1649, 1464, 1372, 1344, 1210, 1018, 756, 690 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₁₅ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 275.1178, found 275.1175.

5-Methylene-2-(p-tolyl)-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[1,5-

d[[1,4]oxazepine: 2b. R_j: 0.55; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.3); Yield: 64%, white solid; Melting Point: 100-102 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.83-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 0.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 157.2, 152.1, 141.4, 141.2, 138.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.7, 125.7, 123.5, 120.6, 119.4, 103.6, 102.7, 72.4, 21.3 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\hat{v} = 3019$, 1648, 1460, 1213, 1019, 9856, 790, 758 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₉H₁₇ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 289.1335, found 289.1332.

$\label{eq:loss} 2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-methylene-5, 6-dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[1,5-methylene-5, 6-dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[f] pyra$

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2c. R_j: 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.4); Yield: 61%, white solid; Melting Point: 116-118 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.90-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.80 (dd, J = 1.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.78 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 162.9 (d, J = 247.948 Hz, 1C), 157.3, 151.2, 141.5, 141.4, 129.9, 128.7, 127.6 (d, J = 8.174 Hz, 1C), 123.6, 120.7, 119.4, 115.6 (d, J = 20.889 Hz, 2C), 103.6, 103.0, 72.4 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\hat{v} = 2920$, 1649, 1479, 1218, 1020, 840, 760 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₁₄ON₂F [M+H]⁺ 293.1084, found 293.1082.

5-Methylene-5,6-dihydrobenzo[*f*]**pyrazolo**[1,5-*d*][1,4]**oxazepine:** 2d. R_{*j*}: 0.5; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 1); Yield: 58%, white solid; Melting Point: 72-74 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.76 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 157.1, 141.4, 140.8, 140.1, 129.8, 128.7, 123.6, 120.6, 119.3, 106.5, 103.1, 72.3 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \vec{v} = 2922, 1650, 1579, 1530, 1464, 1384, 1212, 1018, 922, 759 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₂H₁₁ON₂ [M+H]⁺199.0865, found 199.0871.

2-Butyl-5-methylene-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[1,5-d][1,4]oxazepine: 2e. R_{*j*}: 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.7); Yield: 78%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.73 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H),

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5.84 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.72-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 157.1, 154.9, 141.3, 140.5, 129.5, 128.7, 123.4, 120.5, 119.6, 105.5, 102.0, 72.5, 31.5, 27.9, 22.5, 13.9 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\vec{v} = 2956$, 1649, 1463, 1382, 1217, 1022, 880, 761 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₆H₁₉ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 255.1491, found 255.1494.

5-Methylene-2-pentyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[1,5-d][1,4]oxazepine:

2f. $R_{j:}$ 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.6); Yield: 70%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.73 (dd, J = 1.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.33 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 157.1, 154.9, 141.3, 140.4, 129.5, 128.6, 123.4, 120.5, 119.5, 105.5, 102.0, 72.4, 31.6, 29.1, 28.1, 22.4, 14.0 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\hat{v} = 2954$, 1649, 1462, 1379, 1216, 1020, 878, 757 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₇H₂₁ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 269.1648, found 269.1644.

$\label{eq:2-Hexyl-5-methylene-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[1,5-d][1,4] oxazepine:$

2g. R*j*: 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.8); Yield: 68%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.73 (dd, J = 1.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 1.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.30 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 157.1, 155.0, 141.3, 140.5, 129.5, 128.7, 123.4, 120.5, 119.6, 105.5, 102.0, 72.5, 31.6, 29.4, 29.1, 28.2, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): δ = 2926, 1650, 1463, 1382, 1218, 1022, 880, 760 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₂₃ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 283.1804, found 283.1809.

$\label{eq:constraint} 5-Methylene-2-octyl-5, 6-dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[1,5-d][1,4] oxazepine:$

2h. $R_{j:}$ 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.6); Yield: 81%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.73 (dd, J = 1.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.22 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 157.1, 154.9, 141.3, 140.5, 129.5, 128.7, 123.4, 120.5, 119.6, 105.5, 102.0, 72.5, 31.8, 29.4, 29.2, 28.2, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\ddot{v} = 2922$, 1649, 1462, 1380, 1217, 1021, 878, 758 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₀H₂₇ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 311.2117, found 311.2113.

$\label{eq:2-phenyl-5,6-dihydronaphth} 5-Methylene-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydronaphtho[1,2-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1,5-f]pyrazolo[1$

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2i. R_j: 0.5; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.6); Yield: 64%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.53 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.90 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 157.4, 151.9, 141.8, 139.1, 132.7, 132.3, 131.5, 130.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.1, 125.9, 125.6, 125.0, 120.5, 116.4, 107.9, 101.8, 76.1 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \hat{v} = 3056, 1648, 1462, 1372, 1227, 822, 753

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5-Methylene-2-(p-tolyl)-5, 6-dihydronaphtho [1,2-f] pyrazolo [1,5-f] pyr

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2j. R_j: 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.4); Yield: 62%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.81 (m, 3H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H) pm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 157.4, 152.0, 141.7, 138.9, 138.1, 132.3, 131.4, 130.5, 129.9, 129.3, 128.4, 127.0, 125.9, 125.6, 125.0, 120.5, 116.5, 107.8, 101.5, 76.0, 21.3 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \tilde{v} = 2921, 1646, 1465, 1396, 1226, 1080, 819, 753 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₁₉ON₂[M+H]⁺ 339.1491, found 339.1490.

$\label{eq:linear} 2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-methylene-5, 6-dihydronaphtho [1,2-f] pyrazolo [1,5-f] pyrazolo [1,$

*d***[1,4]oxazepine: 2k.** $R_{j:}$ 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.4); Yield: 65%, white solid; Melting Point: 122-124 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H). 4.90 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 162.9 (d, J = 247.222 Hz, 1C), 157.5, 151.0, 141.7, 139.2, 132.3, 131.5, 130.6, 128.9, 128.5, 127.7 (d, J = 8.070 Hz, 1C), 127.1, 125.5, 125.1, 120.5, 116.3, 115.6 (d, J = 22.008 Hz, 2C), 107.7, 101.7, 76.0 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \hat{v} = 3058, 1647, 1507, 1438, 1370, 1225, 1097, 822, 753 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₂H₁₆ON₂F [M+H]⁺ 343.1241, found 343.1252.

$\label{eq:last_start} 2-Hexyl-5-methylene-5, 6-dihydronaphtho [1,2-f] pyrazolo [1,5-f] py$

*d***[1,4]oxazepine: 21.** R_{*j*}: 0.75; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.6); Yield: 63%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 5.0 (s, 2H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.78-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.30 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 157.3, 154.6, 141.7, 138.1, 132.3, 131.4, 130.2, 128.3, 126.9, 125.7, 124.9, 120.5, 116.6, 109.8, 100.4, 76.0, 31.7, 29.5, 29.2, 28.4, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \hat{v} = 2926, 1647, 1447, 1378, 1224, 1002, 818 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₂H₂₅ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 333.1961, found 333.1968.

5-Methylene-2-octyl-5,6-dihydronaphtho[1,2-f]pyrazolo[1,5-d][1,4]

oxazepine: 2m. R_{f} : 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.4); Yield: 61%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 2.74 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.79-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.28 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 157.3, 154.6, 141.7, 138.0, 132.3, 131.4, 130.2, 128.3, 126.8, 125.6, 124.9, 120.5, 116.6, 109.8, 100.4, 76.0, 31.8, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 28.3, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \hat{v} = 2922, 1647, 1509, 1377, 1223, 1096,

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1002, 821, 751 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for $C_{24}H_{29}ON_2$ [M+H]+ 361.2274, found 361.2273.

8,10-Di-tert-butyl-5-methylene-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo

[1,5-*d***][1,4]**oxazepine: 2n. $R_{j:}$ 0.7; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.7); Yield: 62%, white solid; Melting Point: 168-170 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.37 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 155.4, 15.9, 145.7, 142.8, 141.9, 140.5, 132.7, 128.6, 128.2, 125.9, 124.7, 123.8, 121.2, 104.6, 100.3, 73.0, 35.2, 34.6, 31.5, 30.3 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\hat{v} = 2966$, 1648, 1467, 1380, 1021, 869, 763, 693 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₆H₃₁ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 387.2430, found 387.2443.

$8, 10\mbox{-}Di\mbox{-}tert\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}5\mbox{-}methylene\mbox{-}2\mbox{-}(p\mbox{-}tolyl)\mbox{-}5\mbox{-}, 6\mbox{-}dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo$

[1,5-*d***][1,4]oxazepine: 20.** R/: 0.65; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.4); Yield: 67%, white solid; Melting Point: 162-164 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.0 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.37 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 155.4, 152.0, 145.6, 142.7, 141.9, 140.4, 138.1, 129.9, 129.3, 125.9, 124.7, 123.8, 121.3, 104.4, 100.1, 73.0, 35.2, 34.6, 31.5, 30.3, 21.3 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \dot{v} = 2961, 1648, 1446, 1370, 1019, 877, 756 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₇H₃₃ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 401.2587, found 401.2586.

$8, 10\mbox{-}Di\mbox{-}tert\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}5\mbox{-}methylene\mbox{-}2\mbox{-}octyl\mbox{-}5, 6\mbox{-}dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[1,5\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}5\mbox{-}methylene\mbox{-}2\mbox{-}octyl\mbox{-}5, 6\mbox{-}dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[1,5\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox{-}butyl\mbox$

d[[1,4]oxazepine: 2p. R/: 0.7; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.3); Yield: 65%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.54 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.33-1.21 (m, 10 H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 155.3, 154.9, 145.5, 141.9, 141.8, 140.3, 124.4, 123.7, 121.3, 106.3, 99.2, 73.1, 35.1, 34.5, 31.9, 31.4, 30.3, 29.7, 29.5, 29.49, 29.4, 29.2, 28.3, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \hat{v} = 2954, 1650, 1540, 1380, 1224, 1022, 877, 792, 722 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₈H₄₃ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 423.3369, found 423.3375.

10-Bromo-5-methylene-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[1,5-

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2q. R_j: 0.7; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.3); Yield: 76%, white solid; Melting Point: 128-130 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.95-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 156.3, 152.2, 141.0, 139.9, 132.4, 132.2, 131.1, 128.6, 128.5, 125.9, 122.5, 121.3, 116.0, 104.3, 103.7, 72.5 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \hat{v} = 3062, 1649, 1440, 1372, 1210, 1018, 765, 690 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₁₄ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 353.0284, found 353.0283.

10-Bromo-5-methylene-2-(p-tolyl)-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[1,5-

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2r. R_{j} : 0.65; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.4); Yield: 64%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.93 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, J = 2.2, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J =

8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MH293 0.520F3272, 140.9, 139.8, 138.3, 132.3, 131.0, 129.4, 129.3, 125.8, 122.4, 121.3, 115.9, 104.1, 103.5, 72.5, 21.3 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\hat{v} = 2917$, 1649, 1475, 1342, 1116, 1019, 824, 669 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₉H₁₆ON₂Br [M+H]⁺ 367.0440, found 367.0453.

10-Bromo-5-methylene-2-pentyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[1,5-

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2s. $R_{j:}$ 0.5; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.7); Yield: 71%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.83 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 2.4, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.34 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 156.1, 155.1, 140.9, 139.0, 132.1, 131.0, 122.4, 121.4, 115.9, 106.1, 102.7, 72.5, 31.6, 29.1, 28.2, 22.5, 14.0 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\hat{v} = 2954$, 1649, 1482, 1379, 1218, 1018, 876, 791, 726 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₇H₂₀ON₂Br⁷⁹ 347.0753, found 347.0764 and C₁₇H₂₀ON₂Br⁸¹ [M+2] 349.0733, found 349.0740.

5-Methylene-10-nitro-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[1,5-

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2t. R_{f} : 0.45; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.7); Yield: 62%, white solid; Melting Point: 148-150 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.75 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, J = 2.7, 9.0 Hz 1H), 7.94-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 161.2, 152.5, 143.5, 140.0, 139.1, 131.9, 128.7, 125.9, 124.8, 124.5, 121.8, 119.4, 105.3, 104.8, 72.2 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\hat{v} = 2927$, 1653, 1520, 1344, 1085, 764, 693 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₁₄O₃N₃ [M+H]⁺ 320.1029, found 320.1028.

5-Methylene-10-nitro-2-(p-tolyl)-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[1,5-

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2u. R_j: 0.45; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.8); Yield: 76%, white solid; Melting Point: 162-164 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 161.2, 152.5, 143.4, 140.0, 138.9, 138.6, 129.4, 129.0, 125.8, 124.5, 121.8, 119.6, 105.1, 104.7, 72.2 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): ϑ = 2921, 1651, 1512, 1343, 1079, 896, 791 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₉H₁₆O₃N₃ [M+H]⁺ 334.1186, found 334.1183.

$\label{eq:linear} 2-Butyl-5-methylene-10-nitro-5, 6-dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[1, 5-dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[f] py$

*d***[1,4]oxazepine: 2v.** $R_{j:}$ 0.65; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.6); Yield: 80%, white solid; Melting Point: 69-71 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 8.66 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, J = 2.7, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 2.69 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.77-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.36 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 161.1, 155.3, 143.4, 139.9, 138.2, 124.7, 124.3, 121.7, 119.6, 106.7, 104.4, 72.3, 31.4, 27.8, 22.4, 13.8 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\tilde{v} = 2956$, 1651, 1546, 1344, 1126, 1017, 927, 804 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₆H₁₈O₃N₃ [M+H]⁺ 300.1342, found 300.1338.

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$\label{eq:constraint} 5-Methylene-10-nitro-2-octyl-5, 6-dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[1,5-dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[f] pyrazolo[1,5-dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[f] pyrazolo[f$

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2w. R_j: 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.6); Yield: 71%, white solid; Melting Point: 76-78 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.66 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, J = 2.7, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.27 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 161.1, 155.4, 139.9, 138.2, 124.8, 124.3, 121.7, 119.6, 106.7, 104.4, 72.3, 31.8, 29.3, 29.2, 28.1, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): ϑ = 2924, 1652, 1520, 1344, 1256, 1092, 882 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₀H₂₆O₃N₃[M+H]⁺ 356.1968, found 356.1967.

$8, 10\mbox{-Dichloro-5-methylene-2-phenyl-5, 6-dihydrobenzo[f] pyrazolo[1, 5-dihydrobenzo[f] p$

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2x. R/: 0.65; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.7); Yield: 72%, white solid; Melting Point: 139-141 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.91 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 5.0 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 152.2, 151.8, 140.4, 139.3, 132.0, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 126.9, 126.7, 125.9, 122.3, 105.0, 104.0, 73.1 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\hat{v} = 2923$, 1648, 1540, 1444, 1370, 993, 878, 761, 686 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₁₃ON₂Cl₂ [M+H]⁺ 343.0399, found 343.0409.

2-Butyl-8,10-dichloro-5-methylene-5,6-dihydrobenzo[f]pyrazolo[1,5-

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2y. R_f: 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.4); Yield: 74%, white solid; Melting Point: 76-78 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.60 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.72-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.38 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 155.1, 151.7, 140.3, 138.4, 129.3, 128.3, 126.8, 126.7, 122.4, 106.9, 103.1, 73.2, 31.4, 27.8, 22.4, 13.9 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \hat{v} = 2956, 1650, 1382, 1231, 999, 848 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₆H₁₇ON₂Cl₂ [M+H]⁺ 323.0712, found 323.0711.

$8, 10\mbox{-Dichloro-5-methylene-2-octyl-5, 6-dihydrobenzo[f]} pyrazolo[1, 5-dihydrobenzo[f]] pyrazolo[f]] pyrazolo[f]] pyrazolo[f]] pyrazolo[f]] pyrazolo[f] pyrazolo[f]] pyrazolo[f]]$

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2z. R_f: 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.8); Yield: 85%, white solid; Melting Point: 59-61 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.60 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.73-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 155.1, 151.7, 140.3, 138.4, 129.3, 128.3, 126.8, 126.7, 122.4, 106.9, 103.1, 73.2, 31.8, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 28.1, 22.6, 14.1 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \hat{v} = 2924, 1652, 1382, 1231, 1017, 848, 793 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₀H₂₅ON₂Cl₂[M+H]⁺ 379.1338, found 379.1341.

$(E) \hbox{-} 5 \hbox{-} Benzylidene \hbox{-} 2 \hbox{-} phenyl \hbox{-} 5, 6 \hbox{-} dihydrobenzo [f] pyrazolo [1, 5 \hbox{-} benzylidene \hbox{-} 2 \hbox{-} phenyl \hbox{-} 5, 6 \hbox{-} dihydrobenzo [f] pyrazolo [1, 5 \hbox{-} benzylidene \hbox{-} 2 \hbox{-} phenyl \hbox{-} 5, 6 \hbox{-} dihydrobenzo [f] pyrazolo [1, 5 \hbox{-} benzylidene \hbox{-} 2 \hbox{-} phenyl \hbox{-} 5, 6 \hbox{-} dihydrobenzo [f] pyrazolo [1, 5 \hbox{-} benzylidene \hbox{-} 2 \hbox{-} phenyl \hbox{-} 5, 6 \hbox{-} dihydrobenzo [f] pyrazolo [1, 5 \hbox{-} benzylidene \hbox{-} 2 \hbox{-} phenyl \hbox{-} 5, 6 \hbox{-} dihydrobenzo [f] pyrazolo [1, 5 \hbox{-} benzylidene \hbox{-} 2 \hbox{-} phenyl \hbox{-} 5, 6 \hbox{-} dihydrobenzo [f] pyrazolo [1, 5 \hbox{-} benzylidene \hbox{-} 2 \hbox{-} phenyl \hbox{-} 5, 6 \hbox{-} dihydrobenzo [f] pyrazolo [1, 5 \hbox{-} benzylidene \hbox{-} 2 \hbox{-} phenyl \hbox{-} 5, 6 \hbox{-} dihydrobenzo [f] pyrazolo [1, 5 \hbox{-} benzylidene \hbox{-} benzyl$

d][1,4]oxazepine: 2aa. R_j: 0.6; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.7); Yield: 61%, Yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.88-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.21 (m, 10H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.31 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87-4.75 (m, 1H), 4.70-4.60 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 154.4, 154.1, 146.6, 146.2, 134.8, 133.6, 132.8, 130.8, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.0, 125.8, 121.2, 120.4, 117.3, 117.1, 104.9, 64.9

ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): $\vec{v} = 2924$, 1603, 1469, 1211, 1046, 760, 689 cm^{-1.} HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₁₉ON₂ [M+H]⁺ 351.149 IP Found 3339/S60.B03157F

(E)-2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-5,6-

dihydrobenzo[*f*]pyrazolo[1,5-*d*][1,4]oxazepine: 2ab. R_f: 0.45; Hexane: Ethyl acetate mixture (10 : 0.7); Yield: 65%, white solid; Melting Point: 164-166 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.84-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.20 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.81-4.73 (m, 1H), 4.67-4.60 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 162.8 (d, *J* = 246.481 Hz, 1C), 160.8, 154.5, 153.1, 146.6, 145.9, 133.6, 130.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 127.5 (d, *J* = 8.069 Hz, 1C), 127.2, 121.1, 120.4, 116.9, 115.5 (d, *J* = 22.007 Hz, 2C), 115.2, 113.9, 104.7, 64.9, 55.3 ppm; IR(CH₂Cl₂): \hat{v} = 2924, 1604, 1512, 1448, 1252, 1020, 837, 754 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₀FN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 399.1503, found 399.1513.

Conflicts of interest

There are no conflicts to declare.

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