

## A Copper-Catalyzed Multicomponent Reaction and ‘Click Strategy’ for the Stereoselective Synthesis of a New Series of Oxazolone Peptidomimetics with $\alpha$ -Acylamino Amide and $\beta$ -Amido Ketone Structures

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A novel ‘click ligation’ strategy for the stereoselective synthesis of a medium-size library of structurally complex and functionally diverse oxazolone peptidomimetics, which contain  $\alpha$ -acylamino carboxamide or  $\beta$ -amido ketone residues, is presented. Most of these molecules have lipophilicity constant values ( $\log P$ ) in the qualifying range for cell permeability, and that indicates the possibilities of these new molecules to be used in the search for potential inhibitors for a broad spectrum of enzymes.

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**Introduction.** – The focus of modern drug discovery is the identification of structurally complex and functionally diverse compounds that can target clinically relevant pathways [1]. A recent method for the introduction of diversity and complexity in a drug lead is the fragment-based assembly of diversity elements, allowing the construction of small-molecule inhibitors with core and peripheral binding sites [2]. The core functionality usually consists of a heterocyclic molecule, and the peripheral functionality is made up of a peptidic or non-peptidic fragment. The fragments are usually prepared in short reaction sequences, and are then assembled by a mild reaction as ligation tool. An emerging trend in this concept is the use of multicomponent reactions (MCRs) [3] for scaffold generation and the Cu<sup>I</sup>-catalyzed azide–alkyne [3 + 2] cycloaddition (CuAAC) [4], leading to the formation of a 1,2,3-triazole between two structural scaffolds. Several drug molecules developed by this strategy are now commercially available, and many are in the final stages of clinical trials [5]. In addition, due to the bioisosteric nature of amide bonds and 1,2,3-triazoles, it is possible to convert a non-peptidic molecule to a peptidomimetic [6] with higher stability and better bioavailability [7].

Oxazoles and its derivatives [8] represent an important heterocyclic class that shows affinity to bind at the primary binding pockets of enzymes and are present in many pharmacologically active molecules [9]. Among the oxazole derivatives, oxazolones exhibit a wide spectrum of pharmacological features such as anticancer, antimicrobial, antifungal, and sedative activities [10]. The functional groups at C(4) and C(2) of an oxazolone are crucial for its enzyme-inhibitory activity. Many potential inhibitors of enzymes such as tyrosinase [11], (11 $\beta$ )-hydrosteroid dehydrogenase type 1 (11 $\beta$ -HSD1) [12], herpes protease [13], *etc.*, are based on the structural modifications of oxazolones at C(2) and C(4) with simple substituents such as Ph or naphthyl groups.

The  $\alpha$ -acylamino amide group is a functional motif present in many commercially available drug molecules such as telaprevir, used for the treatment of hepatitis C,

bortezomib, a threonine protease inhibitor, and praziquantel used for the treatment of schistosomiasis (Fig. 1) [14]. Similarly,  $\beta$ -amido ketones are important building blocks for the synthesis of 1,3-amino alcohols and  $\beta$ -lactams. The former are structural parts of peptidyl nucleoside antibiotics such as nikkomycins and polyoxins [15], and the latter occur in  $\beta$ -lactamase inhibitors such as 6- $\beta$ -bromopenicillanic acid [16].

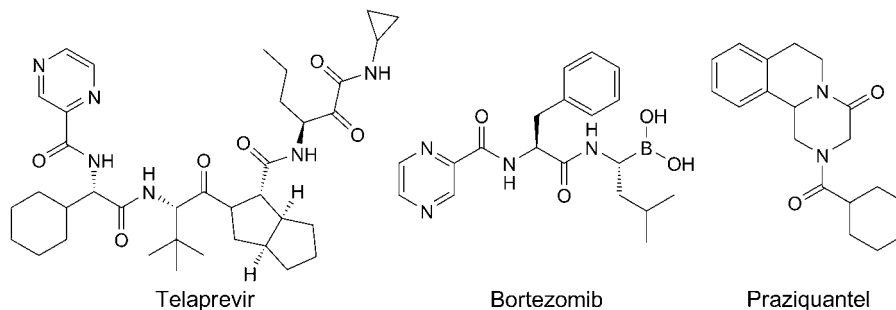
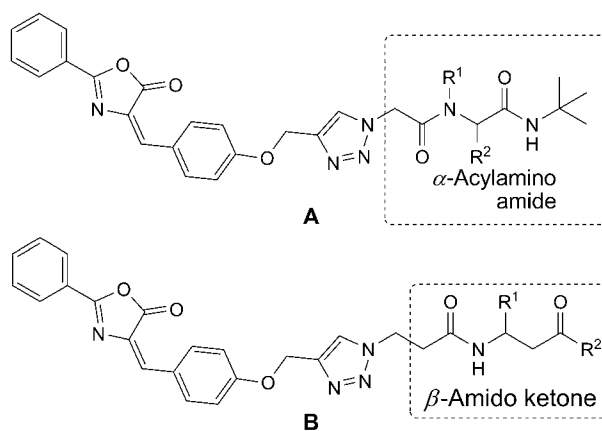


Fig. 1. Commercial drug molecules with  $\alpha$ -acylaminoamide core structure

We have recently developed a series of novel protocols for the synthesis of peptidomimetics based on  $\alpha$ -acylamino amides and  $\beta$ -amido ketones [17][18].

As part of our ongoing studies in MCRs and ‘click chemistry’, we decided to search for possibilities of functionalizing the oxazolone core structure with an  $\alpha$ -acylamino amide or a  $\beta$ -amido ketone group to generate a series of new peptidomimetic structures **A** and **B** (cf. Fig. 2), which may be useful for development of new drug leads.

**Results and Discussion.** – We started our studies by functionalizing oxazolones with  $\alpha$ -acylaminoamide moieties. The oxazolones **1a–1f** (Scheme 1) were obtained in good-

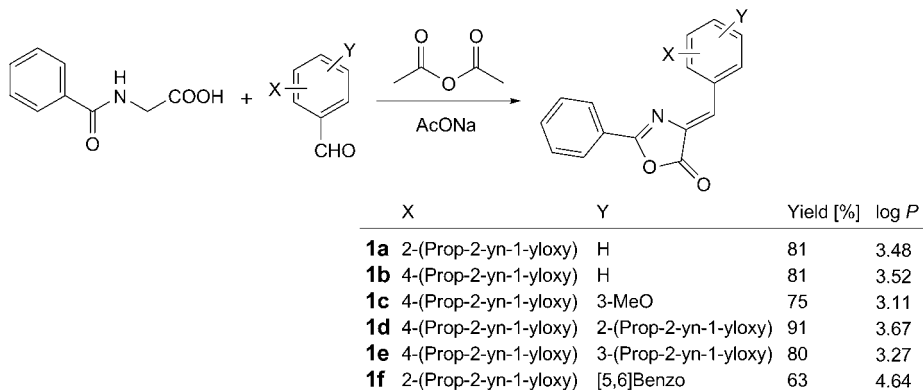


R<sup>1</sup> or R<sup>2</sup> = alkyl or aryl groups

Fig. 2. Oxazolone peptidomimetics

to-excellent yields from the reactions of *N*-benzoylglycine with propargylated benzaldehyde derivatives under *Erlenmeyer–Perkin* conditions [19]. All six oxazolone derivatives, containing (alkynyloxy)phenyl and -naphthyl substituents, were characterized by standard spectroscopic techniques [11].

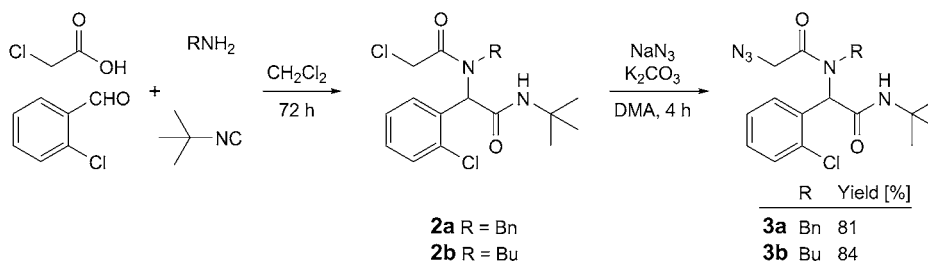
Scheme 1. Oxazolones with [(Alkynyloxy)arenyl]methylidene Substituents Used in the Present Study

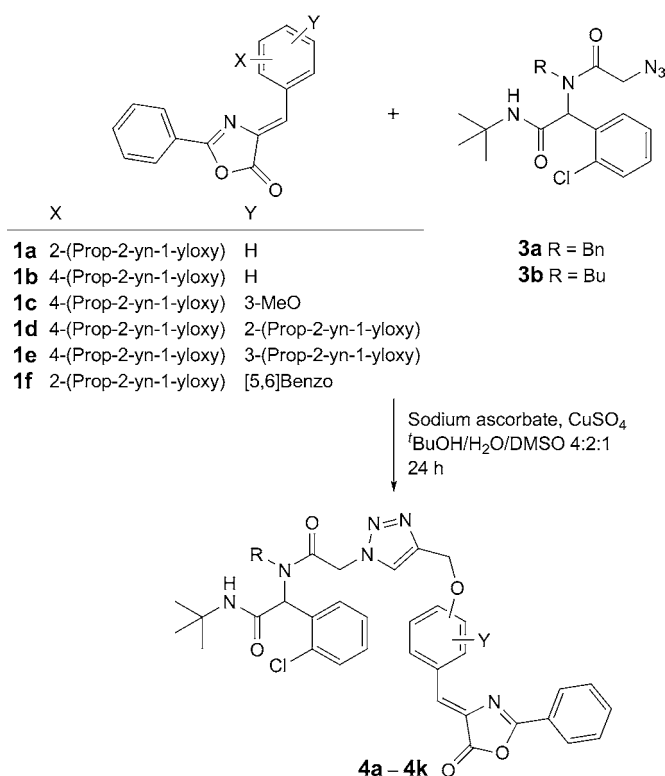


The  $\alpha$ -(azidoacyl)amino amides **3a** and **3b** used in this study were prepared *via* an *Ugi* four-component reaction between  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{COOH}$ , chlorobenzaldehyde, a primary amine, and *t*BuNC (*Scheme 2*). The reaction afforded the chloro derivatives **2a** and **2b**, respectively, and subsequent replacement of the Cl-substituent by  $\text{N}_3$  by treating with  $\text{NaN}_3$  in dimethylacetamide (DMA) afforded **3a** and **3b**, respectively, in excellent yields. The assembly of the components **1** and **3** by a  $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$ -catalyzed [3 + 2] azide–alkyne cycloaddition was carried out in different solvents using different  $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$  sources. After several attempts, an optimized condition was established based on the use of *t*-BuOH/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ /DMSO 4:2:1 in the presence of a catalytic amount of  $\text{CuSO}_4$  and sodium ascorbate at room temperature (*cf. Scheme 3*).

The cycloaddition reactions took place with almost quantitative formation of the 1,2,3-triazole derivatives **4**, and the precipitated products were collected and purified by simple washing with solvent. The resulting products are collected in *Fig. 3*. The cycloaddition reactions of **1d** and **1e** (both contain two alkynyloxy substituents) with **2**

Scheme 2.  $\alpha$ -Acylamino Acetamides Obtained from *Ugi-4CR*



Scheme 3. *Cu*<sup>I</sup>-Promoted [3+2] Cycloaddition Reactions of Oxazolones **1** with  $\alpha$ -Acylamino Azides **3**

equiv. of azido derivatives **3a** afforded the corresponding monocycloaddition products **4d** and **4e**, with one alkyne group remaining intact. On the other hand, when the same alkynes were treated with 2 equiv. of azide **3b**, the reaction afforded **4i** and **4j**, in which both alkynyloxy groups participated in cycloaddition reactions.

The former reactions were repeated in different concentrations of the azido derivative **3a**, and no change in the nature of the product was observed. The presence of a free prop-2-yn-1-yloxy group in **4d** and **4e** provides an additional binding handle and is expected to increase the possibilities of these two compounds to be considered as potent inhibitors of different enzyme classes.

To evaluate the regio- and stereoselectivity in the triazole formation, we compared the spectroscopic data of the peptidomimetics with literature values. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra showed a downfield shifted signal at *ca.* 8.8 ppm in all the 'click products', which corresponds to the ethylenic H-atom of an *anti*-1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazole isomer. This value is in agreement with those in [20].

The success of this method prompted us to study the outcome of the functionalization of oxazolones with  $\beta$ -amino acid derivatives, and we decided to prepare a series of azido derivatives with  $\beta$ -amido ketone structures. A recent development in the synthesis of *N*-substituted  $\beta$ -amino ketone derivatives is the emergence of a *Mannich*-

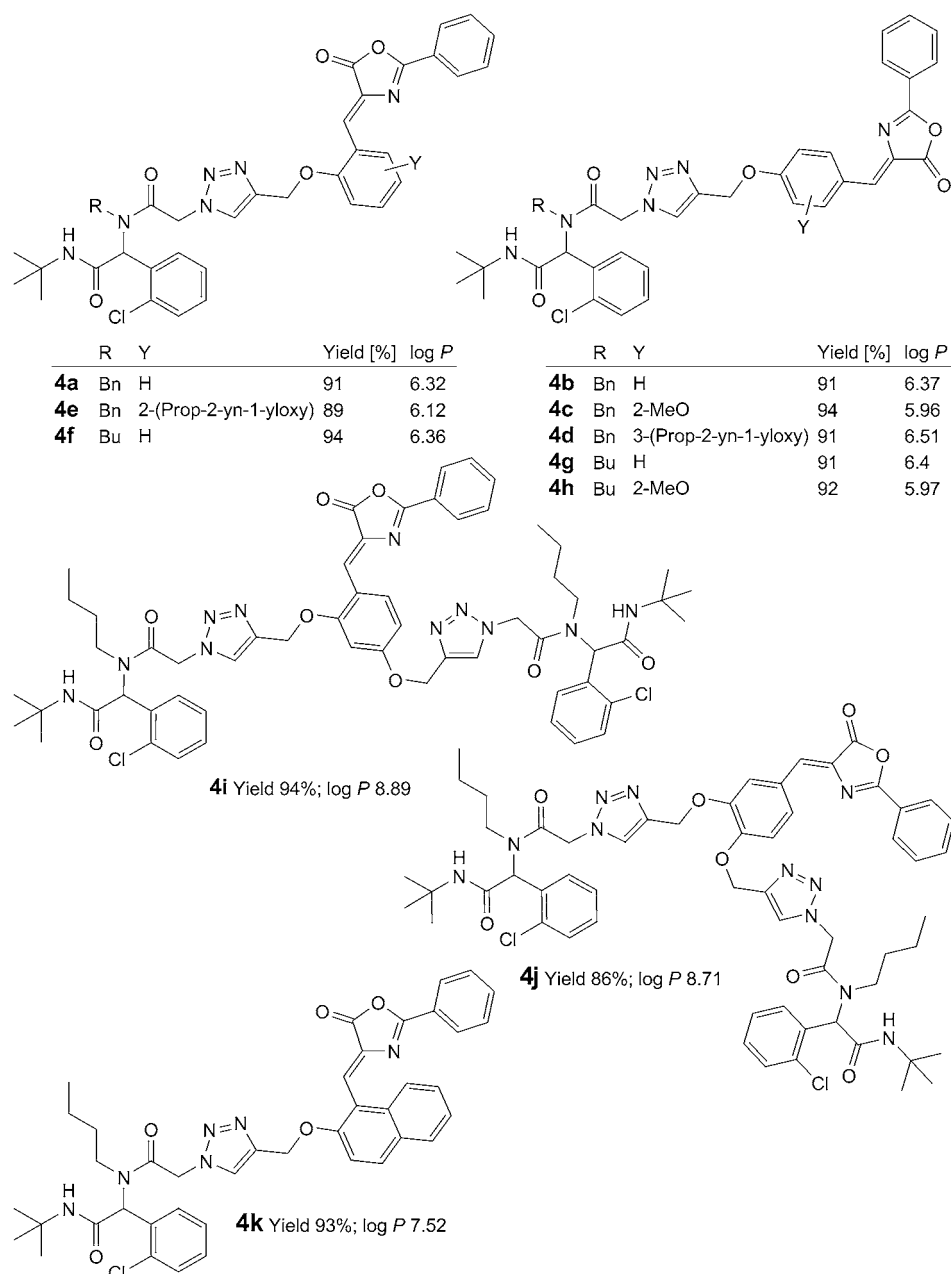
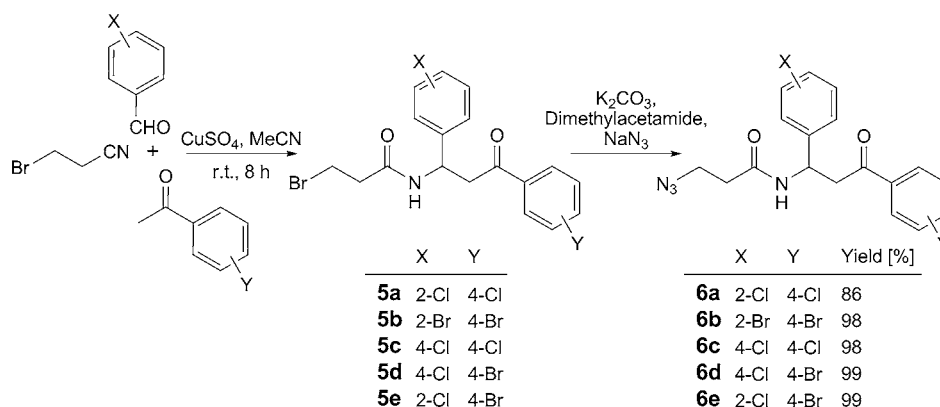


Fig. 3. Peptidomimetics obtained from Cu<sup>I</sup>-catalyzed [3+2] cycloaddition reactions of oxazolones **1** with  $\alpha$ -aminoacyl amides

type MCR, which involves a one-pot condensation of a non-enolizable aldehyde, an enolizable ketone, and MeCN in the presence of AcCl [21] (Scheme 4). Several new

catalysts have been reported over the years, but many of them suffer from poor stereoselectivity, and the scope of the nitrile component was limited to MeCN [22]. To use a halogen-substituted nitrile instead of MeCN in this reaction to obtain a Br-bearing amido group in the final product, we decided to investigate the reaction with 3-bromopropionitrile in the presence of various catalysts. At room temperature, the reaction in the presence of a catalytic amount of CuSO<sub>4</sub> was suitable to introduce a halogen-substituted moiety. The  $\beta$ -(bromo-amido) ketone derivatives **5a–5e** were then quantitatively converted to the  $\beta$ -(azido-amido) ketones **6a–6e** in almost quantitative yields by treatment with NaN<sub>3</sub> in DMA (*Scheme 4*).

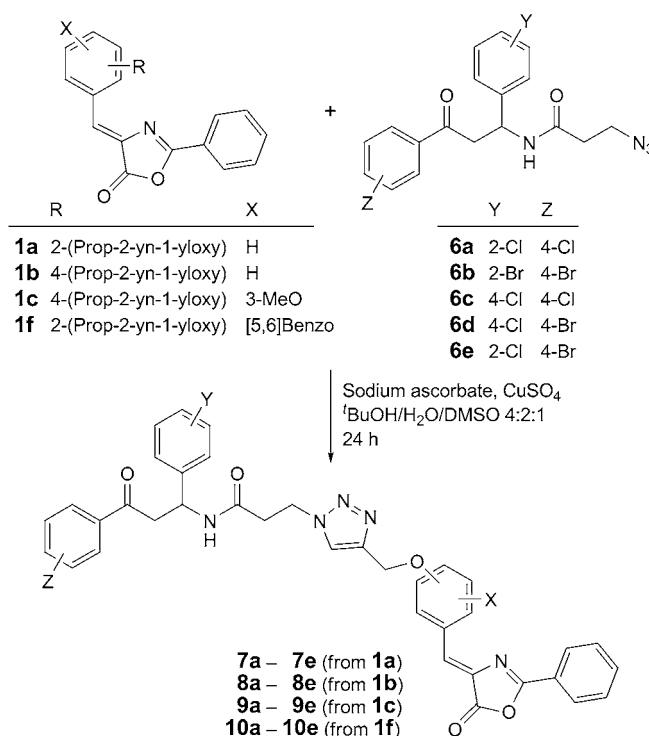
Scheme 4.  $\beta$ -Propanamido Ketone Scaffolds Used in the Present Study



Ligations of oxazolones **1** with  $\beta$ -amido ketones **6** were carried out by Cu<sup>I</sup>-catalyzed azide–alkyne [3 + 2] cycloaddition reactions outlined in *Scheme 5*. The reactions of **1a–1f** with **6a–6e** afforded the (1-substituted 1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methoxy-carrying oxazolone peptidomimetics **7a–10e** in more than 90% yield (*Fig. 4*). The reactions did not display any significant change in yields with respect to the nature of the substituents in the  $\beta$ -amido ketone residue.

Compounds **4a–4k** and **7a–10e** represent oxazolone peptidomimetics with more than one amide-bond isosteres. Groups such as 1,2,3-triazoles, esters, and alkenes have the ability to participate in non-covalent interactions, and the extent of interaction is comparable with that of amide bonds [23]. Peptide-bond isosteres can enable a detailed evaluation of the structure and function of the peptidic molecules by amplifying or attenuating biochemical properties. The oxazolone ring resembles a cyclic ester, and, since the geometric parameters of an ester functionality is comparable to those of an amide bond, the oxazolone ring can also be considered as a peptide-bond isostere [23].

In compounds **4a–4k**, the diversity elements such as oxazolone ring, 1,2,3-triazole, and other isosteres are placed in alternate positions, and, therefore, these molecules can be considered as conjugated acyclic oxazolone mimics with an  $\alpha$ -acylamino amide-type secondary binding group. Compounds **7a–10e** contain an additional  $\beta$ -oxo-alkyl group, and there is a possibility for this keto group to form a tetrahedral adduct with nucleophilic residues present in the target enzymes during the inhibition process.

Scheme 5. *Cu*<sup>I</sup>-Promoted [3+2] Cycloaddition Reactions of Oxazolones **1** with  $\beta$ -Propanamido Ketones **6a–6e**

This possibility renders the second category of mimics **7a–10e** slightly more promising than the first category of  $\alpha$ -acylamino oxazolone derivatives **4a–4k**.

This assumption is further supported by the calculated lipophilicity constant ( $\log P$ ) values of both categories of peptidomimetics.  $\log P$  is a measure of cell permeability and central nervous system-distribution capability of a molecule. It has been recognized that lipophilic molecules have greater access to central nervous system than hydrophilic molecules [24]. Drug-like molecules usually have  $\log P$  values between  $-0.4$  and  $5.6$  [25]. As compiled in Fig. 4, the  $\log P$  values<sup>1)</sup> obtained for the  $\beta$ -amido ketone-containing oxazolone mimics **7a–10e** are close to the upper limit of the qualifying range of membrane-permeable drug classes [27].

**Conclusions.** – In conclusion, we have developed a medium-size library of structurally complex and functionally diverse oxazolone peptide mimics based on the ‘click ligation’ of oxazolone derivatives with  $\alpha$ -acylamino amide or  $\beta$ -amido ketone moieties. Preliminary calculations on biological activity providing descriptors such as  $\log P$  indicate the future perspectives for these new scaffolds as efficient cell-permeable molecules.

<sup>1)</sup> Calculated by using *Molinspiration* calculation service [26].

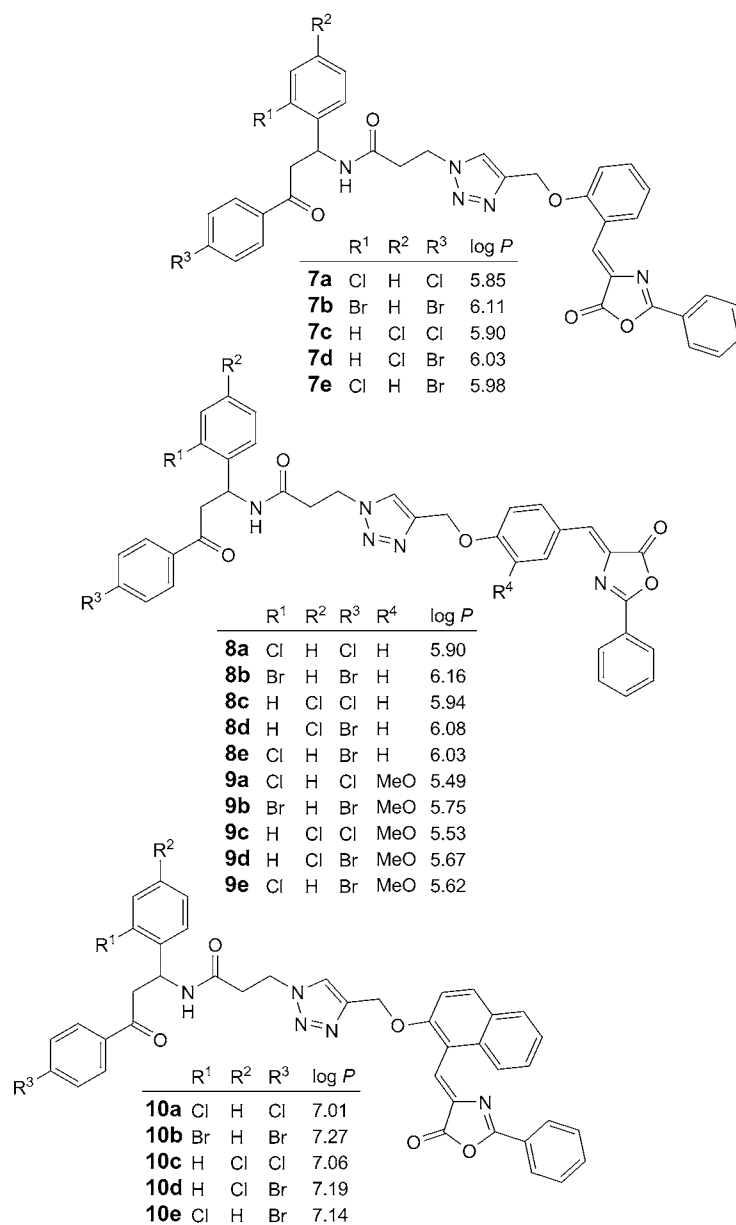


Fig. 4. Selected peptidomimetics obtained from Cu<sup>I</sup>-catalyzed [3+2] cycloaddition reactions of oxazolones **1** with  $\beta$ -propanamido ketones **6a–6e**

#### Experimental Part

*General.* The chemicals were obtained from the *Sigma–Aldrich* and *Merck*, and were used without further purification. M.p.: *Toshini Wall* apparatus; uncorrected. IR Spectra (KBr): *JASCO FT-IR 4100*;



in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra: Bruker-DRX-500-Avance; at 500 ( $^1\text{H}$ ) and 125 MHz ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ) in ( $\text{D}_6$ )DMSO and  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ;  $\delta$  in ppm rel. to  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$  as internal standard,  $J$  in Hz. EI-MS (70 eV): Finnigan-MAT-8430; in  $m/z$ .

*Representative Procedure for the Synthesis of (4Z)-2-Phenyl-4-[2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzylidene]-1,3-oxazol-5(4H)-one (1a)*. A soln. of 2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzaldehyde; 0.3 g, 2 mmol), hippuric acid (0.354 g, 2 mmol),  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (0.532 g, 6 mmol), and anh.  $\text{AcONa}$  (0.152 g, 2 mmol) was heated at reflux with constant stirring for 3 h. Then, the mixture was cooled, 20 ml of EtOH was added slowly, and the mixture was allowed to stand overnight. The crystallized crude product was filtered, washed with hot  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and then with a small volume of an ice cold  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$  1 : 1 mixture. The crude product obtained was dried and recrystallized from abs. EtOH to yield **1a** (0.465 g, 81%). M.p. 160–162°. IR (KBr): 3257, 2115, 1583, 1556.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 3.66 (s, 1 H); 4.99 (s, 2 H); 7.17–8.81 (m, 9 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 56.3; 78.7; 78.8; 113.1; 121.8; 123.2; 125.0; 127.9; 129.3. 132.1; 133.1; 133.7, 156.7; 163.0; 167.0. EI-MS: 304 ( $M^+$ ).

*(4Z)-2-Phenyl-4-[4-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzylidene]-1,3-oxazol-5(4H)-one (1b)*. Yield: 0.465 g (81%). M.p. 165–166°. IR (KBr): 3310, 1782, 1572, 1557.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 3.63 (s, 1 H); 4.92 (s, 2 H); 7.14–9.88 (m, 9 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 55.8; 78.5; 78.8; 115.2; 115.4; 127.7; 129.3; 130.9; 131.0; 131.6; 133.4; 134.4; 159.7; 162.1; 167.0. EI-MS: 304 ( $M^+$ ).

*(4Z)-4-[3-Methoxy-4-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzylidene]-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-5(4H)-one (1c)*. Yield: 0.397 g (75%). M.p. 165–167°. IR (KBr): 3312, 1780, 1584, 1556.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 2.56 (s, 1 H); 4.03 (s, 3 H); 4.86 (s, 2 H); 7.10–8.17 (m, 9 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 46.7; 56.3; 78.7; 78.8; 113.1; 121.8; 122.1; 123.2; 125.0; 127.9; 129.3; 132.1; 132.7; 133.1; 133.7; 156.7; 167.0. EI-MS: 334 ( $M^+$ ).

*(4Z)-4-[2,4-Bis(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzylidene]-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-5(4H)-one (1d)*. Yield: 0.458 g (91%). M.p. 160–162°. IR: 3247, 2119, 1783, 1583, 1556, 946, 865, 696.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 3.66 (s, 2 H); 4.94–5.00 (m, 4 H); 6.83–8.83 (m, 9 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 56.6; 78.1; 78.4; 100.6; 108.4; 115.9; 123.6; 125.3; 127.8; 128.3; 130.5; 133.4; 133.6; 158.4; 162.0; 167.2. EI-MS: 358 ( $M^+$ ).

*(4Z)-4-[3,4-Bis(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzylidene]-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-5(4H)-one (1e)*. Yield: 0.396 g (80%). M.p. 161–163°. IR: 3244, 3074, 2119, 1789, 1585.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 2.57 (s, 4 H); 4.86 (s, 4 H); 7.17–9.88 (m, 9 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 46.7; 56.3; 78.6; 78.7; 78.8; 78.9; 113.1; 121.8; 122.1; 123.2; 125.0; 127.9; 129.3; 132.1; 132.7; 133.1; 133.7; 156.7; 163.0; 167.0. EI-MS: 358 ( $M^+$ ).

*(4Z)-2-Phenyl-4-[[2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)naphthalen-1-yl]methylidene]-1,3-oxazol-5(4H)-one (1f)*. Yield: 0.321 g (63%). M.p. 155–159°. IR: 3255, 3058, 2117, 1576.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 2.58 (s, 1 H); 4.96 (s, 2 H); 7.26–10.90 (m, 12 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 56.3; 78.7; 78.8; 113.1; 121.8; 123.2; 123.8; 125.0; 126.8; 127.9; 128.5; 129.3; 132.1; 132.7; 133.1; 133.7; 156.7; 163.0; 167.0. EI-MS: 353.2 ( $M^+$ ).

*Representative Procedure for the Synthesis of N-Benzyl-N-[2-(tert-butylamino)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-chloroacetamide (2a)*. Equimolar amount of 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (1.41 g, 0.01 mol) and  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{NH}_2$  (1.07 g, 0.01 mol) were dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (8 ml) and stirred in r.t. for 20 min. Then, 1 equiv. of *t*-BuNC (0.83 g, 0.01 mol) and  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{COOH}$  (0.95 g, 0.01 mol) were added, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. The reaction was monitored by TLC and was complete after 72 h. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum, and the crude product was obtained after repeated washings with petroleum ether ( $5 \times 15$  ml) to afford **2a** (3.58 g, 88%). IR: 3334, 2963, 1690, 1658, 1540, 1485, 1455, 1382, 1363, 1256, 1232, 1014, 759, 629.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 1.27 (s, 9 H); 4.36 (s, 2 H); 4.86 (s, 2 H); 5.75 (s, 1 H); 8.06 (s, 1 H); 7.04–7.42 (m, 9 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 28.3; 43.1; 43.4; 50.4; 63.9; 64.1; 115.4; 121.2; 121.5; 130.9; 131.6; 131.7; 132.1; 133.1; 137.5; 137.8; 165.2; 168.2. EI-MS: 407.1 ( $M^+$ ).

*N-Butyl-N-[2-(tert-butylamino)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-chloroacetamide (2b)*. Yield: 3.62 g (84%). M.p. 160–162°. IR: 3297, 3070, 1677, 1648, 750.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 1.01–1.04 (t,  $J = 14.5$ , 3 H); 1.05–1.09 (m, 2 H); 1.34 (s, 9 H); 1.38–1.46 (m, 2 H); 3.23–3.35 (m, 3 H); 4.22 (s, 2 H); 5.98 (s, 1 H); 7.27–7.60 (m, 4 H); 8.16 (s, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 28.3; 30.6; 30.8; 30.9; 43.1; 43.4; 50.4; 63.9; 63.9; 64.1; 129.9; 130.9; 131.6; 131.7; 137.5; 137.8; 165.2; 168.2. EI-MS: 373.3 ( $[M + 1]^+$ ).

*Representative Procedure for the Synthesis of 2-Azido-N-benzyl-N-[2-(tert-butylamino)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]acetamide (3a)*. Compound **2a** (1.02 g, 0.0025 mol) and  $\text{NaN}_3$  (700 mg) were dissolved in dimethylacetamide (DMA; 4 ml). Then,  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1 g) was added, the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 4 h, and was then diluted with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The white precipitate obtained was filtered and washed repeatedly with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to afford **3a** (0.83 g, 81%). IR: 3304, 3072, 2100, 1649.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 1.16 (s, 9 H); 2.50 (s, 2 H); 4.72 (s, 2 H); 5.60 (s, 1 H); 6.84–7.37 (m, 9 H); 8.09 (s, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 26.3; 30.6; 30.8; 31.9;

43.1; 46.4; 49.4; 63.9; 63.9; 65.1; 129.9; 129.9; 131.6; 131.7; 136.5; 136.8.; 169.2; 169.8. EI-MS: 414.4 ( $[M + 1]^+$ ).

*N*-Azido-*N*-butyl-*N*-[2-[*tert*-butylamino]-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]acetamide (**3b**). Yield: 0.82 g (83%). IR: 3310, 3071, 2107, 1678, 1643.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 0.64–0.67 (*t*,  $J = 15$ , 3 H); 0.94–0.97 (*m*, 2 H); 1.35 (*s*, 9 H); 1.60–1.69 (*m*, 2 H); 3.10 (*s*, 2 H); 3.22–3.28 (*m*, 2 H); 6.08 (*s*, 1 H); 7.26–7.59 (*m*, 4 H); 7.60 (*s*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 26.3; 29.6; 30.1; 30.6; 43.1; 44.8; 50.1; 64.1; 64.3; 66.1; 129.8; 129.9; 131.6; 131.7; 136.5; 136.8; 169.9; 170.2. EI-MS: 380.1 ( $[M + 1]^+$ ).

*Representative Procedure for the Cu<sup>I</sup>-Promoted 1,3-Dipolar Cycloaddition Reactions.* Equimolar amounts of **3a** (60 mg, 2 mmol) and **1** (83 mg, 2 mmol) were dissolved in minimum amount of DMSO. Then, 2 ml of *t*-BuOH, 1 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O, 70 mg of CuSO<sub>4</sub> · 5 H<sub>2</sub>O, and 83 mg of sodium ascorbate were added, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. After 24 h, the mixture was poured into cold H<sub>2</sub>O. The precipitated 'click product' was filtered, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and dried under vacuum.

*N*-Benzyl-*N*-[2-[*tert*-butylamino]-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[4-[(*Z*)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]acetamide (**4a**). Yield: 128 mg (91%). IR: 3258, 3060, 2965, 2926, 1780, 1583, 1556.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 1.19–1.23 (*m*, 9 H); 4.82 (*s*, 2 H); 4.97 (*s*, 2 H); 5.88 (*s*, 2 H); 6.32 (*s*, 1 H); 6.86–8.35 (*m*, 20 H); 8.79–8.81 (*d*,  $J = 7.6$ , 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 26.3; 30.6; 30.8; 31.9; 43.1; 46.4; 49.4; 56.3; 63.9; 63.9; 65.1; 78.7; 78.8; 113.1; 121.8; 122.1; 123.2; 125.0; 127.9; 129.3; 129.8; 131.6; 131.7; 132.1; 132.7; 136.5; 136.8; 156.7; 163.0; 167.0; 169.2; 169.8. EI-MS: 717 ( $M^+$ ).

*N*-Benzyl-*N*-[2-[*tert*-butylamino]-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[4-[(*Z*)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]acetamide (**4b**). Yield: 128 mg (91%). IR: 3258, 3060, 2965, 2926, 1780, 1583, 1556.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 1.19 (*s*, 9 H); 4.82 (*s*, 2 H); 4.97 (*s*, 2 H); 5.88 (*s*, 2 H); 6.32 (*s*, 1 H); 6.86–8.35 (*m*, 20 H); 8.81 (*s*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 26.3; 30.6; 30.8; 31.9; 43.1; 46.4; 49.4; 55.4; 63.9; 63.9; 65.1; 78.5; 78.8; 115.2; 115.4; 127.7; 129.3; 129.8; 129.9; 130.9; 131.0; 131.5; 131.6; 131.7; 133.4; 136.5; 136.8; 159.7; 162.1; 167.0; 169.2; 169.8. EI-MS: 717 ( $M^+$ ).

*N*-Benzyl-*N*-[2-[*tert*-butylamino]-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[4-[(*Z*)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]acetamide (**4c**). Yield: 106 mg (94%). IR: 3252, 3064, 2958, 2922, 1782, 1586, 1556.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 1.19 (*s*, 9 H); 3.64 (*s*, 3 H); 3.89 (*s*, 2 H); 4.92 (*s*, 2 H); 5.27 (*s*, 2 H); 6.20 (*s*, 1 H); 7.15–8.15 (*m*, 19 H); 9.85 (*s*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 26.0; 30.6; 30.8; 31.9; 43.1; 46.4; 46.7; 49.4; 56.3; 63.9; 65.1; 78.7; 78.8; 113.1; 121.8; 122.1; 122.2; 125.0; 129.9; 129.9; 129.9; 131.6; 131.7; 132.1; 132.7; 133.1; 133.7; 136.5; 136.8; 156.7; 163.0; 167.0; 169.2; 169.8. EI-MS: 747.1 ( $M^+$ ).

*N*-Benzyl-*N*-[2-[*tert*-butylamino]-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[4-[(*Z*)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]-3-(*prop*-2-yn-1-yloxy)phenoxy)methyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]acetamide (**4d**). Yield: 99 mg (89%). IR: 3289, 3065, 2965, 2928, 2120, 1783, 1583, 1556.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 1.23 (*s*, 9 H); 3.67 (*s*, 1 H); 4.76 (*s*, 2 H); 4.90 (*s*, 2 H); 4.94 (*s*, 2 H); 5.86 (*s*, 2 H); 6.31 (*s*, 1 H); 6.84–8.28 (*m*, 19 H); 8.82–8.84 (*m*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 26.0; 30.6; 30.8; 31.9; 43.1; 46.4; 49.4; 56.6; 63.9; 65.1; 78.1; 78.4; 100.6; 108.4; 115.9; 123.6; 125.3; 127.8; 128.3; 129.9; 12.9; 130.5; 131.6; 131.7; 133.4; 133.6; 136.5; 136.8; 158.4; 162.0; 167.2; 169.2; 169.8. EI-MS: 771 ( $M^+$ ).

*N*-Benzyl-*N*-[2-[*tert*-butylamino]-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[4-[(*Z*)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]-6-(*prop*-2-yn-1-yloxy)phenoxy)methyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]acetamide (**4e**). Yield: 96 mg (89%). IR: 3079, 2965, 2925, 2117, 1789, 1597, 1557.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 1.16 (*s*, 9 H); 3.62 (*s*, 1 H); 4.73–4.77 (*s*, 2 H); 4.89–4.91 (*s*, 2 H); 5.25 (*s*, 2 H); 6.27 (*s*, 1 H); 6.82–8.30 (*m*, 19 H); 9.80 (*s*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 26.0; 30.6; 30.8; 31.9; 43.1; 46.4; 46.7; 49.4; 56.3; 63.9; 65.1; 78.6; 78.7; 78.8; 78.9; 113.1; 121.8; 122.1; 123.2; 125.0; 127.9; 129.3; 129.9; 129.9; 131.6; 131.7; 132.1; 132.7; 133.1; 133.7; 136.5; 136.8; 156.7; 163.0; 167.0; 169.2; 169.8. EI-MS: 771.0 ( $M^+$ ).

*N*-Butyl-*N*-[2-[*tert*-butylamino]-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[4-[(*Z*)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]acetamide (**4f**). Yield: 64 mg (94%). IR: 3258, 3074, 2962, 2932, 1790, 1596, 1557.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 0.60–0.64 (*m*, 3 H); 0.91–1.02 (*m*, 2 H); 1.32–1.47 (*m*, 2 H); 1.25 (*s*, 9 H); 5.36 (*s*, 2 H); 5.66 (*s*, 2 H); 6.11 (*s*, 1 H); 7.16–8.31 (*m*, 15 H); 8.80–8.82 (*m*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 26.3; 29.6; 30.1; 30.6; 43.1; 44.8; 50.1; 56.3; 64.1; 64.3; 66.1; 78.7; 78.8; 113.1; 121.8; 122.1; 123.2; 125.0; 127.9; 129.3; 129.8; 129.9; 131.6; 131.7; 132.1; 132.7; 133.1; 133.7; 136.5; 136.8; 156.7; 163.0; 166.9; 167.0; 170.2. EI-MS: 683.1 ( $M^+$ ).

*N*-Butyl-*N*-[2-[(*tert*-butylamino)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[4-[(*Z*)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]acetamide (**4g**). Yield: 103 mg (91%). IR: 2962, 1767, 1650, 1556. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 0.60–0.64 (*m*, 3 H); 0.91–1.02 (*m*, 2 H); 1.25 (*s*, 9 H); 1.32–1.47 (*m*, 2 H); 5.36 (*s*, 2 H); 5.66 (*s*, 2 H); 6.11 (*s*, 1 H); 7.16–8.31 (*m*, 15 H); 8.82–8.80 (*m*, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 26.3; 29.6; 30.1; 30.6; 43.1; 44.8; 50.1; 55.8; 64.1; 64.3; 66.1; 78.5; 78.8; 115.2; 115.4; 127.7; 129.3; 129.8; 129.9; 130.9; 131.0; 131.5; 131.6; 131.7; 133.4; 133.4; 136.5; 136.8; 159.7; 162.1; 166.9; 167.0; 170.2. EI-MS: 683.1 (*M*<sup>+</sup>).

*N*-Butyl-*N*-[2-[(*tert*-butylamino)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[4-[(2-methoxy-4-[(*Z*)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]acetamide (**4h**). Yield: 59 mg (92%). IR: 3311, 3069, 2960, 2932, 1780, 1585, 1555. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 0.58–0.68 (*m*, 3 H); 0.91–0.96 (*m*, 2 H); 1.24 (*s*, 9 H); 1.33–1.48 (*m*, 2 H); 3.82–3.85 (*m*, 2 H); 3.89 (*s*, 3 H); 4.92 (*s*, 2 H); 5.29 (*s*, 2 H); 6.10 (*s*, 1 H); 7.18–8.28 (*m*, 14 H); 9.86 (*s*, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 26.3; 29.6; 30.1; 30.6; 43.1; 44.8; 46.7; 50.1; 56.3; 64.1; 66.1; 78.7; 78.8; 113.1; 121.8; 122.1; 123.2; 125.0; 127.9; 129.3; 129.8; 129.9; 131.6; 131.7; 132.1; 132.7; 133.1; 133.7; 136.5; 136.8; 156.7; 163.0; 166.9; 167.0; 170.2. EI-MS: 713.1 (*M*<sup>+</sup>).

2,2'-[[4-[(*Z*)-(5-Oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]benzene-1,3-diyl]bis(oxymethane-diyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl)]bis(*N*-butyl-*N*-[2-[(*tert*-butylamino)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]acetamide) (**4i**). Yield: 89 mg (94%). IR: 3069, 2962, 2932, 1786, 1556. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 0.56–0.69 (*m*, 6 H); 0.91–1.01 (*m*, 4 H); 1.28 (*s*, 18 H); 1.33–1.47 (*m*, 4 H); 4.94 (*s*, 4 H); 5.38 (*s*, 4 H); 6.12 (*s*, 2 H); 6.84–8.33 (*m*, 19 H); 8.82–8.85 (*m*, 2 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 26.3; 29.6; 30.1; 30.6; 43.1; 44.8; 52.4; 56.3; 64.1; 64.3; 66.1; 77.8; 78.8; 113.1; 121.8; 122.1; 123.2; 125.0; 127.9; 129.3; 129.7; 129.8; 131.6; 131.7; 132.1; 132.7; 133.1; 133.7; 136.5; 136.8; 156.7; 163.9; 167.0; 170.2. EI-MS: 1116.1 (*[M + 1]*<sup>+</sup>).

2,2'-[[4-[(*Z*)-(5-Oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]benzene-1,2-diyl]bis(oxymethane-diyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl)]bis(*N*-butyl-*N*-[2-[(*tert*-butylamino)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]acetamide) (**4j**). Yield: 78 mg (86%). IR: 3281, 2929, 1655, 1542. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 0.56–0.69 (*m*, 6 H); 0.91–1.01 (*m*, 4 H); 1.28 (*s*, 18 H); 1.33–1.47 (*m*, 4 H); 4.94 (*s*, 4 H); 5.38 (*s*, 4 H); 6.12 (*s*, 2 H); 6.84–8.33 (*m*, 19 H); 8.82–8.85 (*m*, 2 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 26.3; 29.6; 30.1; 30.6; 43.1; 44.8; 50.1; 56.3; 64.1; 64.3; 66.1; 78.1; 78.8; 113.1; 121.8; 122.1; 123.2; 125.0; 127.9; 129.3; 129.7; 129.8; 129.9; 131.6; 131.7; 132.1; 132.7; 133.1; 133.7; 136.5; 136.8; 156.7; 163.0; 166.9; 167.0; 170.2. EI-MS: 1116.1 (*[M + 1]*<sup>+</sup>).

*N*-Butyl-*N*-[2-[(*tert*-butylamino)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[4-[(1-[(*Z*)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]naphthalen-2-yl)oxy)methyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]acetamide (**4k**). Yield: 81 mg (93%). IR: 3080, 1667, 1590, 2929. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 0.85–0.97 (*m*, 3 H); 1.15–1.18 (*m*, 2 H); 1.23 (*s*, 9 H); 1.52–1.53 (*m*, 2 H); 2.21 (*s*, 2 H); 3.18–3.19 (*m*, 2 H); 5.20 (*s*, 2 H); 6.30 (*s*, 1 H); 7.05–8.07 (*m*, 16 H); 8.23 (*s*, 1 H); 9.09 (*s*, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 26.5; 29.9; 31.4; 41.4; 48.3; 56.0; 62.4; 66.2; 77.8; 78.4; 115.5; 120.3; 127.2; 128.1; 128.4; 129.0; 129.1; 129.6; 129.7; 130.1; 130.5; 133.7; 134.5; 137.7; 156.2; 166.2; 166.4; 169.5. EI-MS: 732.3 (*M*<sup>+</sup>).

*Representative Procedure for the Synthesis of 3-Azido-N-[1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]propanamide (6a)*. A mixture of 4-chloroacetophenone (0.352 g, 2 mmol), 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (0.282 g, 2 mmol), and 3-bromopropanenitrile (0.268 g, 2 mmol) in MeCN (3 ml) was stirred in the presence of 5 mol-% CuSO<sub>4</sub> at r.t. for 8 h. After completion of the reaction (TLC), the mixture was poured into ice-cold H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 ml). Evaporation of the solvent, followed by purification on silica gel (SiO<sub>2</sub>; 100–200 mesh, AcOEt/hexane 3 : 1) afforded pure functionalized bromo-β-acetamido ketone **5** (0.678 g, 79%). One mmol of **5** (0.428 g), 3 mmol of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and 1 mmol of NaN<sub>3</sub> were dissolved in DMA. The mixture was stirred for 6–8 h; after the completion of the reaction, it was poured into ice-cold H<sub>2</sub>O, and the precipitate was filtered, washed, and dried in vacuum to afford **6a** (0.385 g, 86%). IR: 3282, 3070, 1685, 1654. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.68–2.71 (*m*, 2 H); 2.81–2.83 (*m*, 1 H); 3.41–3.45 (*m*, 1 H); 3.74–3.78 (*m*, 2 H); 5.84–5.83 (*m*, 1 H); 7.13–7.97 (*m*, 8 H); 8.17 (*s*, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 39.6; 39.7; 41.4; 48.2; 76.8; 77.0; 127.1; 127.9; 128.3; 128.4; 128.9; 129.0; 130.0; 130.3; 132.4; 134.7; 137.6; 141.1; 169.1; 197.5.

*3-Azido-N-[1-(2-bromophenyl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]propanamide (6b)*. Yield: 0.523 g (98%). IR: 3296, 3066, 2107, 1682, 1645. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.32–2.38 (*m*, 2 H); 3.34 (*t*, *J* = 19.2, 2 H); 3.35 (*d*, *J* = 12.4, 1 H); 3.71–3.74 (*m*, 1 H); 5.61–5.66 (*m*, 1 H); 7.18–8.54 (*m*, 8 H); 8.57 (*s*, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 36.1; 39.2; 39.5; 39.7; 43.1; 47.3; 123.9; 125.1; 128.7; 129.4; 129.8; 133.6; 136.0; 140.4; 148.4; 150.6; 172.9; 196.6. EI-MS: 480.8 (*[M + 1]*<sup>+</sup>).

3-Azido-N-[1,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]propanamide (**6c**). Yield: 0.455 g (98%). IR: 3296, 3066, 2107, 1682, 1645. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.46 (t, *J* = 20, 2 H); 2.67 (t, *J* = 15, 2 H); 3.38–3.42 (m, 1 H); 5.54 (s, 1 H); 6.89–7.84 (m, 9 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 35.9; 39.6; 40.1; 42.8; 47.3; 49.4; 76.7; 77.0; 77.2; 133.4; 134.7; 138.9; 139.0; 140.3; 169.0; 169.4; 197.0.

3-Azido-N-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]propanamide (**6d**). Yield: 0.455 g (99%). IR: 3299, 3067, 2109, 1683, 1649. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.46–2.48 (m, 2 H); 2.67–2.69 (m, 2 H); 3.37–3.42 (m, 1 H); 5.52–5.57 (m, 1 H); 6.83–7.77 (m, 9 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 36.0; 39.6; 40.1; 42.7; 47.3; 49.4; 77.0; 127.8; 128.8; 128.9; 129.1; 129.6; 132.1; 135.1; 169.8; 197.3.

3-Azido-N-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]propanamide (**6e**). Yield: 0.456 g (99%). IR: 3296, 3066, 2107, 1682, 1645. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.46–2.48 (m, 2 H); 2.67–2.69 (m, 2 H); 3.40–3.44 (m, 1 H); 5.80–5.85 (m, 1 H); 7.09–7.75 (m, 9 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 35.9; 39.5; 47.3; 48.1; 76.7; 77.0; 127.1; 127.2; 128.2; 128.3; 128.9; 129.8; 131.4; 131.9; 132.4; 135.1; 137.6; 168.8; 197.7.

*Representative Procedure for the Cu<sup>I</sup>-Promoted 1,3-Dipolar Cycloaddition Reactions of 1a–1c and 1f with 6a–6e.* Synthesis of N-[1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((2-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**7a**). Equimolar amounts of **6a** (78 mg, 2 mmol) and **1a** (83 mg, 2 mmol) were dissolved in minimum amount of DMSO. Then, 2 ml of *t*-BuOH, 1 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O, 70 mg of CuSO<sub>4</sub> · 5 H<sub>2</sub>O, and 83 mg of sodium ascorbate were added, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. After 24 h, the mixture was poured into ice-cold H<sub>2</sub>O. The precipitated 'click product' **7a** was filtered, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and dried under vacuum. Yield: 126 mg (68%). IR: 3297, 3067, 1789, 1684, 1640, 1589, 1557. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.68–2.70 (m, 2 H); 3.31–3.33 (m, 2 H); 4.74 (t, *J* = 13.5, 2 H); 5.10–5.30 (s, 2 H); 5.81 (s, 1 H); 7.10–7.83 (m, 18 H); 8.14–8.16 (m, 1 H); 8.81–8.83 (m, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 39.6; 39.7; 41.4; 48.2; 56.3; 76.8; 77.0; 78.7; 78.8; 113.1; 121.8; 122.1; 123.2; 125.0; 127.1; 127.9; 128.1; 128.3; 128.4; 129.0; 129.3; 130.0; 130.3; 132.1; 132.4; 132.7; 133.1; 133.7; 134.7; 137.6; 141.1; 156.7; 163.0; 167.0; 169.1; 197.5. EI-MS: 694.2 (*M*<sup>+</sup>).

N-[1-(2-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((2-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**7b**). Yield: 84 mg (65%). IR: 3298, 3069, 1789, 1681, 1650, 1595, 1557. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.67–2.70 (m, 2 H); 3.27–3.31 (m, 2 H); 4.71 (t, *J* = 11, 2 H); 5.20 (s, 2 H); 5.76 (s, 1 H); 7.06–7.75 (m, 18 H); 8.14–8.16 (m, 1 H); 8.82–8.83 (m, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 36.1; 39.2; 39.5; 39.7; 43.1; 47.3; 56.3; 78.7; 78.8; 113.1; 121.8; 122.1; 123.2; 123.9; 125.0; 125.1; 127.9; 128.7; 129.3; 129.4; 129.8; 132.1; 132.7; 133.1; 133.6; 133.7; 136.0; 140.4; 148.4; 150.6; 156.7; 163.0; 167.0; 172.9; 196.6. EI-MS: 782.3 (*M*<sup>+</sup>).

N-[1,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((2-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**7c**). Yield: 89 mg (86%). M.p. 80–83°. IR: 3284, 3068, 1580, 1557. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.62–2.68 (m, 2 H); 3.26–3.41 (m, 2 H); 4.75 (t, *J* = 12, 2 H); 5.20 (s, 2 H); 5.49–5.53 (m, 1 H); 6.84–7.83 (m, 17 H); 8.14–8.16 (m, 1 H); 8.83–8.84 (m, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 55.1; 76.6; 76.9; 77.1; 96.1; 115.3; 128.2; 128.8; 131.4; 133.0; 134.4; 159.9; 167.3. EI-MS: 694.2 ([*M* + 1]<sup>+</sup>).

N-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((2-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**7d**). Yield: 86 mg (85%). M.p. 79–82°. IR: 3296, 3068, 1584, 1557. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.67–2.68 (m, 2 H); 3.20–3.40 (m, 2 H); 4.60–4.80 (m, 2 H); 5.20–5.30 (br. s, 2 H); 5.40–5.60 (m, 1 H); 6.80–7.77 (m, 17 H); 8.14–8.16 (d, 1 H); 8.82–8.83 (m, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 55.7; 76.8; 77.1; 76.8; 96.0; 115.2; 125.8; 128.1; 128.8; 129.6; 131.3; 131.9; 132.9; 134.3; 159.8. EI-MS: 737.4 (*M*<sup>+</sup>).

N-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((2-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**7e**). Yield: 87 mg (85%). M.p. 78–84°. IR: 1649, 1585, 1557. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.62–2.69 (m, 2 H); 3.32–3.34 (m, 2 H); 4.75 (t, *J* = 11, 2 H); 5.21–5.26 (m, 1 H); 5.80 (s, 2 H); 7.18–7.74 (m, 18 H); 8.16 (s, 1 H); 8.83 (s, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 55.7; 76.6; 76.8; 77.1; 96.0; 115.2; 125.8; 128.1; 128.8; 129.6; 131.3; 131.9; 132.9; 134.3; 159.8. EI-MS: 737.4 (*M*<sup>+</sup>).

N-[1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((4-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**8a**). Yield: 113 mg (98%). IR: 3308, 3067, 2916, 1788, 1685, 1652, 1588, 1555. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.59–2.70 (m, 2 H); 2.71–2.91 (m, 1 H); 3.32–3.33 (m, 1 H); 4.69–4.78 (m, 2 H); 5.18 (s, 2 H); 5.79–5.78 (m, 1 H); 7.05–8.23 (m, 19 H); 9.89 (s, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 39.6; 39.7; 41.4; 48.2; 55.8; 76.8; 77.0; 78.5; 78.8; 115.2; 115.4; 127.1; 127.7; 127.9; 128.3;

128.4; 128.9; 129.0; 129.3; 130.0; 130.3; 130.9; 131.0; 131.6; 132.4; 133.4; 134.4; 134.7; 137.6; 141.1; 159.7; 162.1; 167.0; 169.1; 197.5. EI-MS: 694.2 ( $M^+$ ).

N-[1-(2-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((4-(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**8b**). Yield: 99 mg (76%). IR: 1785, 1649, 1585, 1556.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 2.55–2.62 (*m*, 2 H); 3.30–3.40 (*m*, 2 H); 4.77–4.78 (*m*, 2 H); 5.10–5.20 (*br. s*, 2 H); 5.70–5.80 (*m*, 1 H); 7.07–7.60 (*m*, 19 H); 8.17–8.22 (*m*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 55.7; 76.1; 76.6; 76.9; 77.1; 77.8; 96.1; 115.3; 125.8; 127.3; 128.2; 128.8; 129.6; 131.3; 131.6; 132.0; 132.9; 134.4; 159.9; 167.6. EI-MS: 782.3 ( $M^+$ ).

N-[1,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((4-(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**8c**). Yield: 87 mg (86%). M.p. 142–144°. IR: 3309, 3082, 2923, 1683, 1646, 1556.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 2.59–2.70 (*m*, 2 H); 2.71–2.91 (*m*, 1 H); 3.32–3.33 (*m*, 1 H); 4.69–4.78 (*m*, 2 H); 5.18 (*s*, 2 H); 5.78–5.79 (*m*, 1 H); 7.05–8.23 (*m*, 19 H); 9.89 (*s*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 55.1; 76.6; 76.9; 77.1; 96.1; 115.3; 128.2; 128.8; 131.4; 133.0; 134.4; 159.9; 167.3. EI-MS: 694.2 ( $[M+1]^+$ ).

N-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((4-(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**8d**). Yield: 84 mg (83.5%). M.p. 141–144°. IR: 2919, 1653, 1598, 1585.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 2.58–2.68 (*m*, 2 H); 3.29–3.30 (*m*, 2 H); 4.69–4.79 (*m*, 2 H); 5.17 (*s*, 2 H); 5.46–5.55 (*m*, 1 H); 6.88–8.18 (*m*, 17 H); 8.21–8.23 (*m*, 1 H); 9.89 (*s*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 55.7; 76.6; 76.8; 77.1; 96.0; 115.2; 125.8; 128.1; 128.8; 129.6; 131.3; 131.9; 132.9; 134.3; 159.8. EI-MS: 737.4 ( $M^+$ ).

N-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((4-(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**8e**). Yield: 86 mg (84%). M.p. 140–142°. IR: 3309, 2924, 1784, 1648, 1585, 1557.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 2.59–2.68 (*m*, 2 H); 3.28–3.30 (*m*, 2 H); 4.69–4.78 (*m*, 2 H); 5.17 (*s*, 2 H); 5.46–5.55 (*m*, 1 H); 6.88–8.18 (*m*, 17 H); 8.21–8.23 (*m*, 1 H); 9.89 (*s*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 55.7; 76.6; 76.8; 77.1; 96.0; 115.2; 125.8; 128.1; 128.8; 129.6; 131.3; 131.9; 132.9; 134.3; 159.8. EI-MS: 737.4 ( $M^+$ ).

N-[1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((2-methoxy-4-(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**9a**). Yield: 104 mg (96%). IR: 3307, 2930, 1788, 1681, 1588.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 2.67–2.69 (*m*, 2 H); 2.71–2.90 (*m*, 1 H); 3.30 (*d*,  $J = 23$ , 1 H); 3.96 (*s*, 3 H); 4.85–4.86 (*m*, 2 H); 5.20–5.30 (*br. s*, 2 H); 5.70–5.80 (*m*, 1 H); 7.07–8.13 (*m*, 18 H); 9.80 (*s*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 36.4; 39.7; 41.4; 56.0; 76.8; 77.1; 109.3; 112.5; 126.8; 127.2; 128.1; 128.4; 129.0; 129.1; 129.2; 129.6; 129.7; 130.1; 130.5; 130.7; 132.5; 134.7; 137.7; 140.4; 197.2. EI-MS: 723.2 ( $M^+$ ).

N-[1-(2-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((2-methoxy-4-(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**9b**). Yield: 88 mg (81%). M.p. 85–89°. IR: 3296, 2930, 1681, 1651, 1585.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 2.69–2.91 (*m*, 2 H); 3.77–3.78 (*m*, 1 H); 4.66 (*s*, 3 H); 4.85–4.86 (*t*, 2 H); 5.25 (*s*, 2 H); 5.70–5.80 (*m*, 1 H); 7.07–8.14 (*m*, 18 H); 9.84 (*s*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 36.4; 39.7; 40.1; 41.4; 50.2; 50.4; 56.0; 77.1; 77.4; 76.8; 112.5; 122.7; 127.8; 128.2; 129.1; 129.2; 129.3; 129.7; 129.8; 132.1; 133.2; 133.4; 135.1; 139.3; 197.5. EI-MS: 811.1 ( $M^+$ ).

N-[1,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((2-methoxy-4-(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**9c**). Yield: 87 mg (89%). M.p. 120–124°. IR: 2930, 1677, 1654, 1589.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 2.66–2.69 (*m*, 2 H); 3.41–3.43 (*m*, 2 H); 3.87 (*s*, 3 H); 4.66–4.86 (*m*, 2 H); 5.24 (*s*, 2 H); 5.40–5.60 (*m*, 1 H); 6.91–8.15 (*m*, 18 H); 9.84 (*s*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 36.4; 39.6; 40.1; 42.8; 42.9; 46.2; 49.4; 55.9; 76.7; 77.0; 77.3; 126.6; 127.8; 127.9; 128.1; 128.5; 128.8; 129.0; 129.1; 129.4; 129.5; 139.0; 190.9. EI-MS: 723.2 ( $M^+$ ).

N-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-((2-methoxy-4-(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**9d**). Yield: 82 mg (81%). M.p. 122–125°. IR: 3297, 3083, 2932, 1681, 1651, 1585.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 2.66–2.69 (*m*, 2 H); 3.31 (*dd*,  $J = 23$ , 21, 2 H); 4.03 (*s*, 3 H); 4.66–4.86 (*m*, 2 H); 5.23 (*s*, 2 H); 5.54–5.55 (*m*, 1 H); 6.86–8.17 (*m*, 18 H); 9.84 (*s*, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 36.6; 39.7; 40.2; 42.9; 43.0; 49.5; 55.9; 56.0; 56.6; 77.1; 76.8; 77.4; 113.2; 114.6; 125.8; 127.3; 127.6; 127.9; 128.2; 128.9; 129.1; 129.4; 129.6; 129.7; 130.1; 131.9; 132.2; 133.2; 133.5; 135.0; 139.1; 167.9; 191.0. EI-MS: 768.2 ( $[M+1]^+$ ).

N-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-[(1-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]phenoxy)methyl]-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**9e**). Yield: 84 mg (82%). M.p. 78–80°. IR: 3091, 3069, 2963, 1681, 1651, 1585. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.68–2.71 (m, 2 H); 2.88 (d, J = 21, 1 H); 3.36 (d, J = 20, 1 H); 4.03 (s, 3 H); 4.65–4.86 (m, 2 H); 5.25 (s, 2 H); 5.76–5.84 (m, 1 H); 7.09–8.40 (m, 18 H); 9.84 (s, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 36.4; 39.7; 40.1; 41.4; 46.2; 48.1; 48.3; 56.0; 56.6; 76.6; 76.8; 77.1; 77.3; 77.4; 112.4; 113.2; 127.2; 128.2; 128.4; 129.0; 129.1; 129.7; 129.8; 130.1; 132.0; 132.1; 132.2; 132.5; 133.2; 135.1; 137.7; 168.6; 191.1; 197.3; 197.9. EI-MS: 768.2 ([M + 1]<sup>+</sup>).

N-[1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-[(1-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]naphthalen-2-yl)oxy)methyl]-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**10a**). Yield: 88 mg (83%). IR: 3297, 3247, 3063, 1775, 1671, 1589. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.56 (t, J = 12.5, 2 H); 3.20–3.30 (m, 2 H); 4.85–4.95 (m, 2 H); 5.20 (s, 2 H); 5.70–5.80 (m, 1 H); 7.26–8.07 (m, 20 H); 9.26–9.28 (m, 1 H); 10.89 (s, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 57.3; 76.6; 76.9; 77.1; 96.1; 113.9; 125.2; 125.2; 128.1; 129.8; 137.0; 159.7; 191.6. EI-MS: 743.2 (M<sup>+</sup>).

N-[1-(2-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-[(1-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]naphthalen-2-yl)oxy)methyl]-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**10b**). Yield: 80 mg (79%). M.p. 80–84°. IR: 2916, 1665, 1587, 1567. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.59–2.69 (m, 2 H); 2.71–2.92 (m, 2 H); 4.70–4.96 (m, 2 H); 5.74 (s, 2 H); 5.75–5.78 (m, 1 H); 7.05–8.09 (m, 20 H); 9.21–9.28 (m, 1 H); 10.90 (s, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 57.3; 70.1; 76.6; 76.9; 77.1; 96.1; 113.9; 125.2; 125.2; 128.1; 129.1; 129.8; 131.5; 137.0; 161.7; 191.6. EI-MS: 831.4 (M<sup>+</sup>).

N-[1,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-[(1-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]naphthalen-2-yl)oxy)methyl]-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**10c**). Yield: 84 mg (86%). M.p. 105–107°. IR: 3255, 2892, 1656, 1590. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.56 (t, J = 13, 2 H); 3.20–3.34 (m, 2 H); 4.87–4.95 (m, 2 H); 5.20 (s, 2 H); 5.70–5.80 (m, 1 H); 7.26–8.07 (m, 20 H); 9.26–9.28 (m, 1 H); 10.89 (s, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 57.3; 70.1; 76.6; 76.9; 77.1; 96.1; 113.9; 125.2; 125.2; 128.1; 129.1; 129.8; 131.5; 137.0; 161.7; 191.6. EI-MS: 743.2 (M<sup>+</sup>).

N-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-[(1-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]naphthalen-2-yl)oxy)methyl]-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**10d**). Yield: 79 mg (81%). M.p. 110–113°. IR: 3297, 3083, 1666, 1586. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.56 (t, J = 12, 2 H); 4.82–4.95 (m, 2 H); 5.30 (s, 2 H); 5.70–5.80 (m, 1 H); 7.26–8.07 (m, 20 H); 9.26–9.28 (m, 1 H); 10.89 (s, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 57.3; 70.1; 76.6; 76.9; 77.1; 96.1; 113.9; 125.2; 125.2; 128.1; 129.1; 129.8; 131.5; 137.0; 161.7; 191.6. EI-MS: 787.2 (M<sup>+</sup>).

N-[3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl]-3-[4-[(1-[(Z)-(5-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-4(5H)-ylidene)methyl]naphthalen-2-yl)oxy)methyl]-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]propanamide (**10e**). Yield: 80 mg (80%). M.p. 100–103°. IR: 3295, 3086, 1671, 1589. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: 2.56 (t, J = 12, 2 H); 4.77–4.95 (m, 2 H); 5.30 (s, 2 H); 5.70–5.80 (m, 1 H); 7.26–8.07 (m, 20 H); 9.26–9.28 (m, 1 H); 10.89 (s, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 57.3; 70.1; 76.6; 77.1; 96.1; 113.9; 125.2; 125.2; 128.1; 129.1; 129.8; 131.5; 137.0; 161.7; 191.6. EI-MS: 787.2 (M<sup>+</sup>).

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