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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: A new [3 + 3]- and [3 + 4]-annulation strategy involving azaoxyallyl cation and [1,m]-amphoteric compounds (m = 3,4) is presented. This concise method enables easy assembly of functionalized saturated N-heterocycles, comprised of six-and seven-membered rings and is of high significance in the context of drug discovery approaches. This reaction also represents a new trapping modality of the azaoxyallyl cation with amphoteric agents of different chain lengths that consist of a heteroatom nucleophilic site and a π electrophilic site.

H & EWG FWG (20 examples, 58-95% yield) €N-OR³ OR3 saturated N-heterocycles [1,m] amphoteric azaoxyallyl compounds cations (10 examples, 60-77% yield) FWG FWG 0B3

INTRODUCTION

Use of saturated N-heterocycles of different ring sizes has become indispensable in the current paradigm of the drug discovery and development efforts.¹ Their significance and wide utility demand continuous feeding of new synthetic strategies that can address key synthetic challenges such as one-step convergent access to the functionalized core structures including those with the medium-sized ring.^{2–5} Several groups including Bode,^{2a,5} Aggarwal,³ and Carreira⁴ have sought to identify practicable solutions to the existing shortcomings, and some important advances were made in recent years through development of distinct intermolecular and intramolecular approaches (Scheme 1a).²⁻⁶ Bode's development of SnAP reagents is particularly noteworthy as it allows one-step generation of a range of functionalized, medium-sized (six to nine membered rings) saturated Nheterocycles.

Among the saturated N-heterocycles, morpholine and 1,4oxazepane are some of the most abundant motifs featured in many pharmaceuticals and basic skeleton of natural products. We envisaged that the -C(CO)N- molecular skeleton of a putative azaoxyallyl cation could be a potential synthon to forge the aforementioned classes of heterocycles upon successfully engaging complementary annulation partners in the reaction.

In recent years, strategic uses of azaoxyallyl cation chemistry have emerged as a powerful tool for the assembly of Ncontaining heterocycles through development of various [3 +1], [3 + 2], [3 + 3], and [3 + 4] cycloadditions.⁸⁻¹⁰ These reactions involved a range of dipolarophiles, 1,3-dipolar compounds, and ylides as the reaction partners (Scheme 1b). Kinetically amphoteric molecules represent an interesting compound class, where the nucleophilic and electrophilic sites are intercepted by certain number of atoms and not linked mesomerically (generally termed as [1,m] systems).¹¹ We surmised that reaction of azaoxyallyl cation with amphoteric molecules possessing a nucleophilic heteroatom center and a π electrophilic site¹² could lead to a new strategy for Nheterocycles that would not only complement the pre-existing methods but also resolve some of the unmet challenges within the context. This facet of reaction development however remained largely unexplored till date.

In line of our interest to develop new reactions with the azaoxyallyl cation,¹³ we herein disclose the design and development of [3 + 3] and [3 + 4]-annulation of azaoxyallyl cation with 1,3- and 1,4-amphoteric reagents for efficient synthesis of important saturated N-heterocyclic systems such as morpholines and 1,4-oxazepanes derivatives. Importantly, our approach allows ring-size variations in the final products by varying the chain length of same class of reaction partner, which is rarely demonstrated in the realm of azaoxyallyl cation chemistry.

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Scheme 1. Previous Studies and Our Approach



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

At the outset of the study, we chose azaoxyallyl cation precursor 1a and amphoteric agent 2a as model substrates while being mindful of the following possible obstacles; (1) azaoxyallyl cation shows remarkable stability in small-molecule alcohols^{8',9d,g} (MeOH, EtOH, ⁱPrOH, hexafluoro-2-propanol (HFIP), and TFE are routinely used as the solvent in the reaction of azaoxyallyl cation), imparting the challenge associated with participation of the hydroxyl site of 2a, (2) chemoselectivity issues because of the presence of other "azaoxyallyl cation-reactive" dipolarophiles such as carbonyl and olefin units, within the skeletal structure of $2a_{,}^{9e,f,i}(3)$ base sensitivity of 2a-like compounds and propensity for selfreaction/isomerization.¹⁴ Fluorinated solvents usually offer better stability of azaoxyallyl cation,^{10f} which prompted us to begin our investigations with model substrates 1a (1.0 equiv) and 2a (1.0 equiv) in HFIP, and Et₃N (2.0 equiv) was used as the base (Table 1).

Pleasingly, under this reaction condition, desired product 3aa was obtained in 30% yield (entry 1). However, HBr elimination from 1a was identified as the major side reaction together with some minor quantity of dimer from 2a. Adding 2.0 equiv of 1a in the reaction slightly improved the yield (entry 2). Although use of the other organic bases rendered better conversions (entries 3-4), it also accompanied non negligible side-product formation, which entailed difficult chromatographic separation. On the contrary, inorganic bases afforded much cleaner conversion (entries 5-6), and up to 76% yield of desired product could be achieved with Na₂CO₃ when 2.0 equiv of 1a was used (entry 7). Best performance was recorded with 3.0 equiv of Na₂CO₃ (entry 8). Results turned inferior upon performing the reaction at lower concentration or with 4.0 equiv of base (entries 9-10 vs entry 8). Other choices of organic solvent and base were only moderately effective for this transformation (entries 11-14). The product structure and hence the desired site selectivity were confirmed

Table 1. Optimization of	[3 -	+ 3]-Annulation	Reaction ^{<i>a</i>}
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M E		+ HO	O ↓ _{Ph} _	base solvent	O N N O O Bn
	1a	2a			3aa
	entry	base	equiv	solvent	yield (%) ^b
	1 ^{<i>c</i>}	Et ₃ N	2.0	HFIP	30
	2	Et ₃ N	2.0	HFIP	40
	3	DBU	2.0	HFIP	45
	4	DIPA	2.0	HFIP	60
	5 ^c	K ₂ CO ₃	2.0	HFIP	58
	6 ^{<i>c</i>}	Na_2CO_3	2.0	HFIP	62
	7	Na_2CO_3	2.0	HFIP	76
	8	Na ₂ CO ₃	3.0	HFIP	95
	9^d	Na ₂ CO ₃	3.0	HFIP	80
	10	Na_2CO_3	4.0	HFIP	78
	11	Na_2CO_3	3.0	CH ₃ CN	55
	12	Na_2CO_3	3.0	CH_2Cl_2	52
	13	Na_2CO_3	3.0	THF	28
	14	Na_2CO_3	3.0	HFIP	55

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: **1a** (2.0 equiv), **2a** (1.0 equiv), base (3.0 equiv) solvent (0.2 M), reaction time (6–8 h). ^{*b*}Yields of the isolated products. ^{*c*}1.0 equiv. of **1a** was used. ^{*d*}Reaction concentration was 0.1 M.

by NMR analysis; the absence of olefinic proton signal in the product, appearance of keto-methylene proton resonances at 3.47 and 3.34 ppm, and a carbonyl resonance at 197.7 ppm in 13 C NMR were in agreement with the structure **3aa**.

With the optimized reaction conditions in hand, we next proceeded to examine the substrate scope (Scheme 2). Different substitution on the aromatic ring of 2 was evaluated first. Electron-releasing groups present at ortho, meta, and para positions and halogens at the para position worked favorably and afforded high yields (3ab-3ag). An aromatic ring with extended π -framework could also be accommodated in the product (3ah). While some further variations on the α halohydroxamate moiety such as methoxy group on nitrogen atom (3bh) or cyclohexyl group at the α -position (3ch) were tolerated, use of unsubstituted or monomethyl or phenyl substituted compounds was unsuccessful (3da-3fa). In the later cases, starting materials were mostly unreacted, and no trace of the desired product was observed by NMR and MS analysis. Compound 2 with an aliphatic ketone residue was compatible in the reaction, although a slight drop in the yield was recorded (3ai). Gram scale preparation of 3aa was achieved with 91% yield, which highlights the practicability of the current method.

To further expand the scope of the transformation, we next investigated another amphoteric agent **4a** that contained an alkynone unit as the electrophilic counterpart (Scheme 3). Gratifyingly, this [3 + 3]-annulation also proceeded smoothly under the optimized reaction conditions and afforded **5aa** in 68% yield with complete Z-selectivity of the olefin. Notably, such morpholine derivatives with an exocyclic vinylogous amide moiety embedded within are important intermediates for the synthesis of alkaloid natural products.¹⁵ This transformation also tolerated a broad range of substituent variation on **4**, leading to cyclic products **5ab**–**5ae**. Interestingly, compound **4f** possessing a methyl ketone residue reacted differently. In this case, a secondary [3 + 2]-annulation

Scheme 2. Substrate Scope for the [3 + 3]-Annulation of Hydroxyl-Alkenones and α -Halo Hydroxamates



Scheme 3. [3 + 3]-Annulation of Hydroxyl-Alkynone with α -Halo Hydroxamates^{*a*}



^{*a*}Reaction conditions: *a*-bromo hydroxamate 1 (2.0 equiv), hydroxyl alkynones 4 (1.0 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv) in $(CF_3)_2$ CHOH (0.2 M), and reaction time (6–8 h).

involving the ketone moiety occurred subsequent to the desired [3 + 3]-annulation step, which afforded 6 as the major product (59%). The desired [3 + 3]-annulated product could be isolated only as inseparable product mixture with **6**, which

was corroborated via NMR analysis. This fact definitively confirmed the occurrence of a [3 + 3]-annulation first, followed by the [3 + 2]-annulation. Notably, use of equimolar ratio of 1a and 4f did not alter the outcome significantly.

NMR studies of compounds **5** revealed some interesting observations that warrant further investigations. For example, the vinylic proton signal of compound **5ab** was completely shifted from 5.29 ppm, which was recorded for the freshly prepared sample, to 6.71 ppm upon standing overnight (ca. 24 h) in CDCl₃. The benzyloxy and $-OCH_2$ methylene protons were also distinctly shifted. The nuclear Overhauser effect (NOE) analysis (see Scheme S1 in the Supporting Information) confirmed the (*Z*)-configuration of the olefin for initially formed product (kinetically controlled) which was set during [3 + 3]-annulation step, and the later compound was the isomerized (*E*)-isomer of **5ab**. The NOE studies further indicated *s*-cis orientation of C=C-C=O single bond in both the cases.

Importantly, the related compound with a free NH group (e.g., **5ab** in Scheme S1 and **5aa'** in Scheme S2 in Supporting Information) usually favors (*Z*)-isomer in equilibrium because of intramolecular hydrogen bonding.^{15,16} In contrast, density functional theory (DFT) calculations indicated a reverse trend for compounds with a substituted nitrogen, such as **5aa**. In this case, the (*Z*)-isomer was found to be 7.3 kcal mol⁻¹ higher in energy compared to the (*E*)-isomer (Scheme 4a).¹⁷ A plausible mechanism for initial formation of (*Z*)-isomer of compound **5** and its subsequent isomerization is outlined in Scheme 4b. We speculated that, during the 6-exo-dig ring-closure with *N*-benzyloxy group leading to **5**, the protonation step of the

Scheme 4. (a) Relative Gibbs Free Energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) of the Four Isomers of 5aa Computed at COSMO(THF)-ZORA-BLYP-D3(BJ)/TZ2P. (b) Plausible Mechanism for Z-E Isomerization of Compound 5



putative vinylic carbanion locked the ensuing olefin residue in its Z-configuration. Strong hydrogen-bond donor ability of HFIP most likely facilitated this process and overrode the steric effect through formation of a favorable hydrogen bonded transition state (Scheme 4b).

In the presence of catalytic acid (CDCl₃ or 10 mol % *p*-TsOH), push-pull protonation at the oxygen center of the vinylogous amide moiety¹⁸ and single-bond rotation transformed the (*Z*)-isomer to the more stable (*E*)-**5**.

After having established the unified [3 + 3]-annulation of azaoxyallyl cation with two different 1,3-amphoteric agents to functionalized morpholine derivatives, we next embarked on a more daunting task to develop a [4 + 3]-annulation by employing 1,4-amphoteric agents 7 for the preparation of various seven-membered 1,4-oxazepanes (Scheme 5). Synthesis of medium-sized heterocycles via [4 + 3] cycloaddition is a challenging endeavor, and only one such cycloaddition is known for azaoxyallyl cation with cyclic dienes as the reaction partner.^{10f}

Initial reaction of 1a with 7a under the optimized conditions proved futile. Side-product formation from 1a and unreacted 7a were only detected in the reaction mixture. To our satisfaction, elevated reaction temperature ($60 \, ^\circ C$) favored the desired annulation process and afforded seven-membered 1,4oxazepane derivative 8aa in good yield (67%). The structure of the product was unambiguously determined by X-ray crystal structure analysis. This reaction also displayed a broad substrate scope; compound 7 with varied aromatic substitutions (8ab-8af) or with naphthyl and thiophene moieties were competent (8ag-8ah, 8bh).

Scope and limitations of the transformation with other closely related 1,4-amphoteric systems such as compound 9 and 12 were next investigated (Scheme 6). These systems were analogous to compound 7 by virtue of the presence of nucleophilic hydroxyl site and π -centered electrophilic site within the molecular skeleton, but these were embedded in a distinct electronic and steric environment to that of compound 7. Curiously, reaction of 1a with 9a or 9b only afforded acyclic compounds 10a-b. Cyclization of 10a and 10b to compounds 11a-b however could be achieved, after few optimization



Scheme 5. Study of [3 + 4]-Annulation of α -Halo

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: α -bromo hydroxamate 1 (2.0 equiv), hydroxyl enones 7 (1.0 equiv), and Na₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv) in (CF₃)₂CHOH (0.2 M).

Scheme 6. Evaluation of Other Related 1,4-Amphoteric Systems



trials, with Et_3N in MeOH at 60 °C. Another related compound 12 was primarily reacted through the carbonyl moiety and afforded 13 (65%) as the major product along with some *O*-alkylated product (14).

The utility of our method was further demonstrated via synthetic elaboration of some selected compounds prepared herein into important and synthetically challenging fused biand tricyclic systems (Scheme 7). For example, hydrogenolysis of **3aa** with Pd/C furnished **15** (48%), which was cyclized under Mitsunobu condition¹⁹ to afford compound **16** (68%) as a single diastereomer. Relative stereochemistry of **16** was established by NOE experiments. In another case, the benzyloxy group of **8af** was first deprotected with $Mo(CO)_6$ to afford **17** (70%). Next, a Pd-catalyzed intramolecular aromatic amination²⁰ was performed involving free NH and aromatic bromide residue, which afforded a fused tricyclic 1,4-oxazepane derivative, **18** (56%).

Scheme 7. Follow-Up Studies^a



^aReaction conditions: (a) H_{22} 10% Pd/C, MeOH, 20 h; (b) di-*tert*butyl azodicarboxylate, PPh₃, DCM, 0 °C-rt, 16 h; (c) $Mo(CO)_{62}$, CH₃CN-H₂O (9:1), 120 °C, 12 h; (d) 5 mol % Pd(OAc)₂₂, 50 mol % Cu(OAc)₂₂, K₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv), toluene, 110 °C, and 24 h.

CONCLUSIONS

In summary, we have developed a new and efficient annulation strategy to synthesize different saturated medium-ring nitrogen heterocycles by employing azaoxyallyl cation and 1,3/1,4amphoteric compounds. Use of hydroxyl-alkynones resulted in sterically less favored Z-exocyclic olefin in the product, which was rationalized on the basis of involvement of HFIP in stabilizing the corresponding transition state. DFT calculations were also performed to corroborate with the experimental results. A more challenging [3 + 4]-annulation using 1,4amphoteric compounds was also successfully demonstrated. Overall, the present work showcases the use of different [1,m]amphoteric system as a new trapping modality of azaoxyallyl cation, which is very distinct from the growing body of literature on the azaoxyallyl cation and afforded a new strategy for the preparation of saturated N-heterocycles.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Experimental Section. Unless otherwise noted, all the reactions presented in the manuscript were performed maintaining an inert atmosphere (i.e., under a positive pressure of nitrogen or argon) and, oven or flame-dried glasswares was used. Dry solvents were used in the study; either dried following the standard procedures or obtained commercially and for tetrahydrofuran (THF), it was freshly distilled before use. Solvent distillation was performed on heating mantle, and oil baths were used for heating reactions performed in the study. Unless otherwise mentioned, the reagents and catalysts used in the study were purchased commercially and used without any purification. Reaction monitoring was performed by thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis, and Merck silica gel 60 F 254 plates were used. Visualization of the TLC plates was made under UV light (254 nm) or by using 10% ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid or 1% aqueous KMnO4 or iodine. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed by using silica gel of 230-400 mesh. ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on AVANCE III, Bruker at 400, 100, and 376 MHz spectrometers, respectively, using CDCl₃. ¹H NMR chemical shift are expressed in ppm (δ) relative to δ = 7.26 for $CDCl_3$. ¹³C{¹H} NMR chemical shift is expressed in ppm (δ) relative to δ = 77.16 for CDCl₃ resonance. Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) experiments were performed on PerkinElmer Spectrum Version 10.03.08. HRMS and Electron spray ionization (ESI) (m/z) spectra were recorded on Agilent Technologies 6530 Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS.

The α -halo hydroxamate derivatives (1a-1f) are known compounds and were prepared according to the literature method.^{91,10f} Trans-hydroxyl enone derivatives (2a-2i) and compounds 4a and 4e-4f are known in the literature and were prepared according to the reported method.^{21,22} We additionally prepared compound 4b-4d using the similar procedure as reported for related compounds. Among the linear trans-hydroxyenone derivatives, 7a-7e and 7g-7h are the known compound and prepared according to the literature

method.²³ Compound 7f was additionally prepared following the similar method described for the preparation of related compounds.

4-Hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-yn-1-one (**4b**). This compound was prepared from the THP-protected alcohol (1.0 g, 3.65 mmol) in the presence of PPTS, following the same literature procedure as described for related compounds.²² The final compound was purified by silica gel column chromatography (2:3 EtOAC/ hexane) to obtain the product as the yellow solid 67% (0.46 g) yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.8, 164.8, 132.3, 129.6, 114.0, 92.3, 83.2, 55.7, 51.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₀NaO₃, 213.0528; found, 213.0524.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-hydroxybut-2-yn-1-one (4c). Starting from the THP-protected alcohol (0.7 g, 2.52 mmol), PPTS treatment in refluxing ethanol afforded the free alcohol 4b as the yellow solid in 70% (0.34 g) yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.5, 141.2, 134.8, 131.1, 129.2, 92.7, 83.2, 51.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₇ClNaO₂, 217.0032; found, 217.0027.

4-Hydroxy-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)but-2-yn-1-one (4d). This compound was prepared similarly as compound 4b. Starting from the corresponding THP-protected alcohol (0.8 g, 2.92 mmol), PPTS treatment in refluxing ethanol afforded the free alcohol 4d as the yellow solid in 65% (0.36 g) yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.8, 159.6, 137.4, 129.6, 122.9, 121.1, 112.8, 93.2, 82.9, 55.3, 50.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₀NaO₃, 213.0528; found, 213.0522.

(*E*)-1-(2-Bromophenyl)-5-hydroxypent-2-en-1-one (**7f**). This compound was prepared following the same literature procedure as described for related compounds²³ and was obtained as the white solid in 62% (0.43 g) yield from the corresponding TBS-protected alcohol (1.0 g, 2.72 mmol); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 3H), 6.74–6.66 (m, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.0, 148.8, 140.9, 133.5, 132.1, 131.4, 129.2, 127.4, 119.5, 60.9, 36.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₁BrNaO₂, 276.9840; found, 276.9836.

General Procedure for [3 + 3]-Annulation of α -Halo Hydroxamates (Precursor to Azaoxyallyl Cation) and Hydroxyl Enone Derivatives (2) to Morpholin-3-ones, (3). To a solution of α -bromo hydroxamate 1 (2.0 equiv) and hydroxyl enones 2 (1.0 equiv) in (CF₃)₂CHOH (0.2 M), was added Na₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction (ca. 6–8 h), HFIP was removed under the reduced pressure, and the crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (using ether–hexane mixture as eluent) to afford the corresponding annulation products 3aa–3ai.

4-(Benzyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)morpholin-3-one (**3aa**). Following the general procedure, reaction between (*E*)-4-hydroxy-1-phenylbut-2-en-1-one, **2a** (0.10 g, 0.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate **1a** (0.334 g, 1.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding morpholin-3-one **3aa**, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/hexane as eluent) to give the title compound as the yellow solid in 95% (0.209 g) yield.

[Gram Scale synthesis]. 1a (3.36 g, 12.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and 2a (1.0 g, 6.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were taken in 20 mL HFIP and was added Na₂CO₃ (1.97 g, 18.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at room temperature, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The title compound was isolated in 91% (1.98 g) yield, following same chromatographic separation process as described above. R_f 0.4 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); FT-IR (ν cm⁻¹): 2979, 2936, 1739, 1677, 1285, 1176; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.34 (m, 3H), 5.02 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.12–4.09 (m, 1H), 4.00–3.96 (m, 1H), 3.75 (dd, J = 12.5,

2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50–3.44 (m, 1H) 3.34 (dd, J = 17.7, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.7, 170.3, 136.4, 134.7, 133.7, 130.0, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 78.7, 76.3, 62.2, 57.1, 38.0, 26.4, 23.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₃NNaO₄, 376.1525; found, 376.1519.

4-(Benzyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)morpholin-3-one (3ab). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-4-hydroxy-1-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-en-1-one **2b** (0.05 g, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.163 g, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding morpholin-3-one 3ab, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/hexane as eluent) to give the title compound as colorless liquid in 81% (0.84 g) yield. Rf 0.36 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.04-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 17.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J = 17.6, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.3, 170.3, 144.5, 134.8, 134.0, 130.0, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 78.7, 76.3, 62.3, 57.2, 37.8, 26.4, 23.9, 21.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{25}NNaO_4$, 390.1681; found, 390,1675.

4-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2-dimethylmorpholin-3-one (3ac). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-4-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-en-1-one **2c** (0.10 g, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.271 g, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding morpholin-3-one 3ac, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (2:3 Et₂O/ hexane as eluent) to give the title compound as colorless liquid in 91% (0.182 g) yield. $R_f 0.3 (2:3 \text{ Et}_2 \text{O/hexane})$; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$: δ 7.86 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.33 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H, 4.11 - 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.74 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, J = 17.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, J = 17.4, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.1, 170.3, 163.9, 134.7, 130.4, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 113.9, 78.6, 76.3, 62.2, 57.2, 55.5, 37.5, 26.4, 23.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺calcd for C22H25NNaO5, 406.1630; found, 406.1626.

4-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2-dimethylmorpholin-3-one (3ad). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-hydroxybut-2-en-1-one 2d (0.10 g, 0.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.301 g, 1.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding morpholin-3-one 3ad, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/ hexane as eluent) to give the title compound as colorless liquid in 90% (0.186 g) yield. R_f 0.35 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.91 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.36– 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.07 (m, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 12.5, 1.9 Hz,1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 17.6, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.2, 170.4, 166.1 (d, I = 254.2Hz),134.8, 133.0 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.9 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 130.0, 129.2, 128.7, 116.0 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 78.8, 76.4, 62.3, 57.2, 38.0, 26.4, 24.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{22}FNNaO_4$, 394.1431; found, 394.1427.

4-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2-dimethylmorpholin-3-one (**3ae**). Following the general procedure, reaction between (*E*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-4-hydroxybut-2-en-1-one **2e** (0.10 g, 0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α-bromo hydroxamate **1a** (0.217 g, 0.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding morpholin-3-one **3ae**, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/ hexane as eluent) to give the title compound as the white solid in 87% (0.156 g) yield. R_f 0.36 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); mp 103.4–105.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 5H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08–4.06 (m, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.7, 170.3, 135.2, 134.7, 132.1, 130.0, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 78.8, 76.4, 62.2, 57.2, 38.0, 26.4, 24.0; HRMS (ESITOF) *m*/*z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₂BrNNaO₄, 454.0630; found, 454.0623.

4-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2-dimethylmorpholin-3-one (3af). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-4-hydroxy-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)but-2-en-1-one 2af (0.10 g, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.271 g, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding morpholin-3-one 3af, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (2:3 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid in 89% (0.186 g) yield. Rf 0.3 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45–7.38 (m, 4H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 10.2 Hz)1H), 4.09-4.06 (m, 1H), 3.95 (d, I = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.72 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 17.6, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.4, 170.2, 159.8, 137.7, 134.6, 129.8, 129.6, 129.0, 128.5, 120.7, 120.0, 112.1, 78.6, 76.2, 62.1, 57.1, 55.4, 38.0, 26.3, 23.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for C22H25NNaO5, 406.1630; found, 406.1627.

4-(Benzyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-(o-tolyl)ethyl)morpholin-3-one (3ag). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-4-hydroxy-1-(o-tolyl)but-2-en-1-one 2g (0.10 g, 0.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.325 g, 1.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding morpholin-3-one 3ag, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/hexane as eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid in 84% (0.175 g) yield. Rf 0.35 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50 (d, I = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.12 (app t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 3.98-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.85 (dd, J = 12.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 17.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 17.6, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H)3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.2, 170.3, 138.7, 136.8, 134.8, 132.2, 132.0, 129.9, 129.1, 129(2), 128.6, 125.9, 78.7, 76.4, 62.4, 57.3, 40.7, 26.4, 24.0, 21.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₅NNaO₄, 390.1681; found, 390.1677.

4-(Benzyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl)morpholin-3-one (3ah). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-4-hydroxy-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-2-en-1-one 2h (0.10 g, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.271 g, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding morpholin-3-one 3ah, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/ hexane as eluent) to give the title compound as colorless liquid in 88% (0.169 g) yield. R_f 0.4 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.95 (app t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (dd, J =8.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 3H), 5.06 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.15 (m, 1H), 4.02 (dd, J = 12.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, J = 12.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, J = 17.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, J = 17.6, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.7, 170.5, 135.9, 134.8, 133.8, 132.6, 130.2, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.1, 123.6, 78.8, 76.5, 62.4, 57.4, 38.1, 26.5, 24.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{25}H_{25}NNaO_4$, 426.1681; found, 426.1678.

4-Methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-5-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl)morpholin-3-one (**3bh**). Following the general procedure, reaction between (*E*)-4-hydroxy-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-2-en-1-one **2h** (0.10 g, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α-bromo hydroxamate **1b** (0.271 g, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding morpholin-3-one **3bh**, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/ hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as the white solid in 91% (0.139 g) yield. R_f 0.37 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); mp 102.1–103.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (app t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (app t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (app t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47–4.44 (m, 1H), 4.15 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.6, 169.8, 135.8, 133.7, 132.5, 130.0, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.0, 123.5,

78.6, 62.5, 61.7, 55.7, 38.1, 26.3, 23.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₁NNaO₄, 350.1368; found, 350.1364.

4-(Benzyloxy)-3-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-1-oxa-4azaspiro[5.5]undecan-5-one (3ch). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-4-hydroxy-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-2-en-1-one 2h (0.10 g, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1c (0.311 g, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding morpholin-3-one 3ch, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (1:3 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as colorless liquid in 84% (0.175 g) yield. R_{i}^{2} 0.45 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.95 (app t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (app t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.35 (m, 3H), 5.04 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.14-4.11 (m, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 12.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 12.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, J = 17.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, J = 17.6, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.05-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.43 (m, 4H), 1.34-1.26 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.8, 170.8, 135.9, 134.9, 133.9, 132.6, 130.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.1, 123.6, 79.8, 76.4, 61.8, 57.2, 38.3, 33.8, 30.2, 25.2, 20.9, 20.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{28}H_{29}NNaO_4$, 466.1994; found, 466.1989.

4-(Benzvloxy)-2.2-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-4-phenylbutyl)morpholin-3-one (3ai). Following the general procedure, reaction between following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-6-hydroxy-1phenylhex-4-en-3-one 2i (0.10 g, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.271 g, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding morpholin-3-one 3ai, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as the white solid in 69% (0.138 g) yield. $R_f 0.4$ (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.21 (app t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (app t, J = 7.1Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 12.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, J = 12.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.71 (m, 3H), 2.68-2.58 (m, 3H), 1.39 (s, 6H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.5, 170.0, 140.6, 134.6, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 128.6(2), 128.3, 126.3, 78.7, 76.2, 62.4, 56.5, 44.9, 42.3, 29.5, 25.9, 24.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for C₂₃H₂₇NNaO₄, 404.1838; found, 404.1834.

General Procedure for [3 + 3]-Annulation of α -Halo Hydroxamates (Precursor to Azaoxyallyl Cation) and Hydroxyl Alkynone Derivatives (4) to Morpholin-3-one Derivatives, 5. To a solution of α -bromo hydroxamate 1 (2.0 equiv) and hydroxyl alkynones 4 (1.0 equiv) in $(CF_3)_2$ CHOH (0.2 M), was added Na₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature, and the reaction progress was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction (ca. 5–6 h), HFIP was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (using ether–hexane mixture as the eluent) to afford the corresponding annulated products, **5aa–5ae**.

(Z)-4-(Benzyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-phenylethylidene)morpholin-3-one (**5aa**). Following the general procedure, reaction between 4-hydroxy-1-phenylbut-2-yn-1-one **4a** (0.05 g, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate **1a** (0.163 g, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding (Z)-4-(benzyloxy)-morpholin-3-one **5aa**, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/ hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as colorless liquid in 68% (0.075 g) yield. R_f 0.4 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (app t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.19 (m, 5H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 1.50 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.2, 168.2, 137.4, 136.8, 133.2, 133.2(2), 130.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 102.0, 78.9, 76.6, 62.5, 24.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NNaO₄, 374.1368; found, 374.1364.

(Z)-4-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethylidene)-2,2dimethylmorpholin-3-one (**5ab**). Following the general procedure, reaction between 4-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-yn-1-one **4b** (0.05 g, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate **1a** (0.163 g, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding (Z)-4-(benzyloxy)morpholin-3-one **5ab**, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (2:3 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid in 70% (0.070 g) yield. R_f 0.3 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.25 (m, 5H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.0, 168.2, 163.7, 136.2, 133.3, 131.6, 130.6, 130.3, 128.9, 128.2, 113.8, 102.5, 78.9, 76.6, 62.6, 55.6, 24.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for C₂₂H₂₃NNaO₅, 404.1474; found, 404.1467.

(*Z*)-4-Methoxy-5-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethylidene)-2,2-dimethylmorpholin-3-one (**5bb**). Following the general procedure, reaction between 4-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-yn-1-one 4b (0.05 g, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α-bromo hydroxamate 1b (0.118 g, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding (*Z*)-4-methoxymorpholin-3-one 5bb, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (2:3 Et₂O/hexane as eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid in 64% (0.051 g) yield. R_f 0.3 (2:3 Et₂O/ hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 192.0, 168.2, 164.2, 136.3, 131.6, 131.3, 114.3, 102.3, 79.1, 62.9, 62.8, 56.1, 24.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₉NNaO₅, 328.1161; found, 328.1154.

(Z)-4-Methoxy-3-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethylidene)-1-oxa-4-azaspiro[5.5]undecan-5-one (5cb). Following the general procedure, reaction between 4-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-yn-1one 4b (0.05 g, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1c (0.187 g, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding (Z)-4methoxy-morpholin-3-one 5cb, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et_2O /hexane as eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid in 58% (0.064 g) yield. $R_f 0.42$ (2:3 Et₂O/ hexane); FT-IR (ν cm⁻¹): 2932, 1697, 1663, 1598, 1309, 1249, 1166, 1026; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.28 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.00-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.61 (m, 4H), 1.37-1.29 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.1, 168.4, 163.7, 136.2, 133.4, 131.5, 130.7, 130.3, 128.9, 128.2, 113.8, 102.1, 79.9, 76.6, 62.1, 55.6, 31.5, 25.1, 20.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for C25H27NNaO5, 444.1787; found, 444.1781.

(Z)-4-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethylidene)-2,2-dimethylmorpholin-3-one (**5ac**). Following the general procedure, reaction between 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-hydroxybut-2-yn-1-one **4c** (0.05 g, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α-bromo hydroxamate **1a** (0.136 g, 0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding (Z)-4-(benzyloxy)-morpholin-3-one **5ac**, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid in 67% (0.066 g) yield. R_f 0.4 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.25 (m, 7H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 1.51 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.1, 168.2, 139.6, 137.3, 135.9, 133.1, 130.5, 130.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 101.3, 79.0, 76.7, 62.5, 24.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₀ClNNaO₄, 408.0979; found, 408.0954.

(*Z*)-4-(*Benzyloxy*)-5-(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethylidene)-2,2dimethylmorpholin-3-one (*5ad*). Following the general procedure, reaction between 4-hydroxy-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)but-2-yn-1-one 4d (0.05 g, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α-bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.163 g, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding (*Z*)-4-(benzyloxy)morpholin-3-one 5ad, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (2:3 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid in 65% (0.065 g) yield. *R_f* 0.3 (2:3 Et₂O/ hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 6H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.0, 168.2, 159.8, 138.9, 136.8, 133.3, 130.2, 129.5, 128.9, 128.2, 122.4, 120.2, 112.5, 102.1, 78.9, 76.6, 62.5, 55.4, 24.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₃NNaO₅, 404.1474; found, 404.1468.

(*Z*)-4-(*Benzyloxy*)-2,2-*dimethyl*-5-(2-oxo-4-phenylbutylidene)morpholin-3-one (**5ae**). Following the general procedure, reaction between 6-hydroxy-1-phenylhex-4-yn-3-one **4e** (0.05 g, 0.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α-bromo hydroxamate **1a** (0.141 g, 0.52 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding (*Z*)-4-(benzyloxy)-morpholin-3one **5ae**, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid in 62% (0.062 g) yield. R_f 0.35 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.2, 168.8, 150.1, 141.2, 133.6, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.3, 100.3, 77.5, 77.3, 60.8, 46.1, 30.6, 23.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₅NNaO₄, 402.1681; found, 402.1672.

4-(Benzyloxy)-5-((3-(benzyloxy)-2,5,5-trimethyl-4-oxooxazolidin-2-yl)methylene)-2,2-dimethylmorpholin-3-one (6). Following the general procedure, reaction between 5-hydroxypent-3-yn-2-one 4f (0.05 g, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.136 g, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding (Z)-4-(benzyloxy)morpholin-3-one 6, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as the white solid in 59% (0.144 g) yield. Rf 0.35 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); mp 122.8–124.0 °C; FT-IR (ν cm⁻¹): 3304, 2982, 2935, 1730, 1692, 1661, 1456, 1320, 1201, 1071; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 5.15 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H),5.07 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 2H), 4.67 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.7, 167.9, 135.3, 134.6, 133.7, 130.3, 129.8, 129.3, 129.3(2), 128.7, 128.7(2), 104.1, 91.4, 79.2, 78.2, 77.6, 76.5, 58.4, 28.2, 26.6, 24.9, 24.7, 23.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₃₂N₂NaO₆, 503.2158; found, 503.2142.

Procedure for (Z)-5 to (E)-5 Isomerization.

- (a) In CDCl₃: Compounds (Z)-**5ab**/(Z)-**5bb** (20 mg) were dissolved in the CDCl₃ (0.5 mL) in the NMR tube and was kept on standing for 24 h at room temperature. The sample was analyzed by NMR spectroscopy. A quantitative conversion was observed by NMR analysis.
- (b) With *p*-TsOH: compound (*Z*)-**Sab** (40 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in dry DCM (1.0 mL) and was added *p*-TsOH (0.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was analyzed by NMR spectroscopy, and quantitative conversion of (*Z*)-**Sab** to (*E*)-**Sab** was observed.

(E)-4-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethylidene)-2,2dimethylmorpholin-3-one (**E-5ab**). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.41 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 188.9, 168.7, 163.3, 151.0, 133.8, 132.1, 130.3, 130.1, 129.6, 129.0, 113.9, 98.0, 77.6, 77.4, 61.1, 55.6, 23.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₃NNaO₅, 404.1474; found, 404.1467.

(E)-4-Methoxy-5-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethylidene)-2,2-dimethylmorpholin-3-one (**E-5bb**). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.1, 168.2, 163.4, 150.3, 132.1, 130.4, 113.9, 97.3, 77.4, 62.6, 61.1, 55.6, 23.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₉NNaO₅, 328.1161; found, 328.1154.

(Z)-5-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethylidene)-2,2-dimethylmorpholin-3-one (**5ab**'). To a solution of (E)-/(Z)-**Sab** (0.100 g, 0.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in acetonitrile/water (9:1, 2 mL), Mo(CO)₆ (0.083 g, 0.30 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, and the reaction was stirred at 120 °C under argon for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was then filtered through Celite and thoroughly washed with ethyl acetate. Then, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuo, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 EtOAc/hexane) to afford (**Z**)-**Sab**' as the white solid in 74%

(0.053 g) and 76% (0.055 g) yields. R_f 0.3 (3:7 EtOAc/hexane); mp 124.5–125.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.82 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 190.1, 172.2, 163.5, 151.4, 131.3, 130.1, 114.0, 94.0, 77.1, 60.3, 55.6, 23.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₇NNaO₄, 298.1055; found, 298.1047.

General Procedure for [3 + 4]-Annulation of α -Halo Hydroxamates (Precursor to Azaoxyallyl Cation) and Hydroxyl Enone Derivatives (7) to 1,4-Oxazepan-3-ones, 8. To a solution of α -bromo hydroxamate 1 (2.0 equiv) and hydroxyl enones 7 (1.0 equiv) in (CF₃)₂CHOH (0.2 M), was added Na₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C overnight, and the reaction progress was monitored by TLC. Upon completion of the reaction, HFIP was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (using ether– hexane mixture as the eluent) to afford the corresponding cyclic products, 8aa–8bh.

4-(Benzyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1,4-oxazepan-3-one (8aa). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-5-hydroxy-1-phenylpent-2-en-1-one 7a (0.10 g, 0.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.325 g, 1.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding 1,4-oxazepan-3-one 8aa, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as the yellowish solid in 67% (0.140 g) yield. R_f 0.4 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); mp 79.5-80.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (app t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.30 (m, 3H), 4.89 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.54-4.48 (m, 1H), 3.84-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 17.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 17.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.15-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.9, 176.2, 136.5, 135.8, 133.6, 130.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 79.0, 76.2, 59.5, 57.8, 39.8, 31.1, 29.4, 22.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{25}NNaO_4$, 390.1681; found, 390.1677.

4-(Benzyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-1,4-oxazepan-3-one (8ab). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-5-hydroxy-1-(p-tolyl)pent-2-en-1-one 7b (0.10 g, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.271 g, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding 1,4-oxazepan-3-one 8ab, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as colorless liquid in 61% (0.122 g) yield. Rf 0.42 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$: δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.51–4.45 (m, 1H), 3.81–3.76 (m, 1H), 3.65–3.58 (m, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 17.7, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, J = 17.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.15-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.5, 176.2, 144.4, 135.8, 134.0, 130.0, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 78.9, 76.2, 59.5, 57.9, 39.5, 31.1, 29.4, 22.8, 21.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C23H27NNaO4, 404.1838; found, 404.1827.

4-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-oxazepan-3-one (8ac). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-5-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-2-en-1-one 7c (0.10 g, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.108 g, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding 1,4-oxazepan-3one 8ac, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (9:11 Et_2O /hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid in 60% (0.058 g) yield. Rf 0.3 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.53–4.47 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.83-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.69-3.61 (m, 1H), 3.35 (dd, J = 17.4, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J = 17.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.14–2.04 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.4, 176.2, 163.9, 135.8, 130.5, 130.0, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 113.9, 78.9, 76.2, 59.5, 58.0, 55.6, 39.4, 31.1, 29.4, 22.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{23}H_{27}NNaO_5$, 420.1787; found, 420.1782.

4-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-oxazepan-3-one (8ad). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-hydroxypent-2-en-1-one 7d (0.07 g, 0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.217 g, 0.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding 1,4oxazepan-3-one 8ad, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as the white solid in 77% (0.107 g) yield. Rf 0.35 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); mp 91.6–92.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₂): δ 7.87 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.11 (app t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50-4.45 (m, 1H), 3.84-3.79 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.59 (m, 1H), 3.34 (dd, J = 17.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 17.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.13–2.08 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.2, 176.2, 166.1 (d, J = 254.0 Hz),135.9, 132.9 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.9 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 130.0, 128.9, 128.6, 115.9 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 79.0, 76.2, 59.4, 57.8, 39.6, 31.1, 29.4, 22.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{24}FNNaO_4$, 408.1587; found, 408.1581.

4-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-oxazepan-3-one (8ae). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-5-hydroxypent-2-en-1-one 7e (0.10 g, 0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.217 g, 0.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding 1,4-oxazepan-3-one 8ae, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/ hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as the white solid in 75% (0.131 g) yield. Rf 0.38 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); mp 82.5-83.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.69 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 3H), 4.87 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.49-4.44 (m, 1H), 3.84-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.66-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.31 (dd, J = 17.8, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, J = 17.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.12-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.8, 176.2, 135.9, 135.2, 132.1, 130.0, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 79.0, 76.3, 59.4, 57.8, 39.7, 31.1, 29.4, 22.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C22H24BrNNaO4, 468.0786; found, 468.0784.

4-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-(2-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-oxazepan-3-one (8af). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-1-(2-bromophenyl)-5-hydroxypent-2-en-1-one 7f (0.10 g, 0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.217 g, 0.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding 1,4-oxazepan-3-one 8af, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/ hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as colorless liquid in 70% (0.123 g) yield. Rf 0.36 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.59 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36– 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 3H), 4.91 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, I = 10.5 Hz, 1H, 4.53–4.47 (m, 1H), 3.86–3.80 (m, 1H), 3.73–3.65 (m, 1H), 3.39 (dd, J = 18.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 18.0, 5.2 Hz, J)1H), 2.09–2.06 (m, 2H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.2, 175.7, 140.8, 135.6, 133.8, 131.9, 129.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.5, 118.6, 79.0, 76.4, 59.5, 57.4, 44.0, 31.3, 28.9, 23.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{24}BrNNaO_4$, 468.0786; found, 468.0789.

4-(Benzyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-1,4-oxazepan-3-one (8ag). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-5-hydroxy-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)pent-2-en-1-one 7g (0.07 g, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.163 g, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding 1,4-oxazepan-3one 8ag, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid in 66% (0.085 g) yield. R_f 0.4 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); FT-IR (ν cm⁻¹): 3031, 2977, 2935, 1677, 1629, 1468, 1374, 1184, 996; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (app t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (app t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 3H), 4.91 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.58-4.53 (m, 1H), 3.87-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.64 (m, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 17.7, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 17.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.21-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.59 (s, 3H),1.55 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.8, 176.3, 135.9, 135.8, 133.7, 132.5, 130.2, 130.1, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6,

127.9, 127.0, 123.7, 78.9, 76.2, 59.5, 58.0, 39.6, 31.1, 29.5, 22.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₇NNaO₄, 440.1838; found, 440.1826.

4-(Benzyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)-1,4oxazepan-3-one (8ah). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-5-hydroxy-1-(thiophen-2-yl)pent-2-en-1-one 7h (0.10 g, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.271 g, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding 1,4-oxazepan-3-one 8ah, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 Et₂O/ hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as colorless liquid in 72% (0.148 g) yield. R_f 0.42 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$: δ 7.65 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H),7.35–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.11 (app t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.51-4.46 (m, 1H),3.84-3.79 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.64 (m, 1H), 3.33 (dd, J = 17.0, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 17.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.10–2.06 (m, 2H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.7, 176.2, 143.9, 135.7, 134.3, 132.5, 130.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 78.9, 76.3, 59.5, 57.9, 40.5, 31.2, 29.4, 22.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₂₃NNaO₄S, 396.1245; found, 396.1239.

4-Methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-5-(2-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)-1,4oxazepan-3-one (8bh). Following the general procedure, reaction between (E)-5-hydroxy-1-(thiophen-2-yl)pent-2-en-1-one 7h (0.08 g, 0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1b (0.217 g, 0.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv) afforded the corresponding 1,4-oxazepan-3-one 8bh, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 $Et_2O/$ hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as the yellow solid in 69% (0.090 g) yield. Rf 0.4 (2:3 Et₂O/hexane); mp 60.8–62.0 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.79 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 4.9Hz, 1H), 7.15 (app t, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.61-4.56 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.76–3.71 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.58 (dd, J = 16.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, J = 16.7, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.20–2.12 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 6H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.6, 175.6, 144.0, 134.5, 132.5, 128.5, 78.9, 62.3, 59.6, 57.0, 40.9, 31.6, 29.1, 23.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{14}H_{19}NNaO_4S$, 320.0932; found, 320.0926.

Methyl 2-(((1-((Benzyloxy)amino)-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)acrylate (10a). Methyl 2-(hydroxymethyl)acrylate 9a (0.100 g, 0.86 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.467 g, 1.7 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were taken in HFIP (0.2 M) and was added Na₂CO₃ (0.274 g, 2.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h until the disappearance of the starting materials was observed (TLC controlled). The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (1:4 EtOAc/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as colorless oil 10a in 89% (0.235 g) yield. R_f 0.4 (3:7 EtOAc/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.34 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 3H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.7, 166.7, 136.3, 135.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 79.1, 77.8, 63.8, 52.2, 24.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}NNaO_{5}$, 330.1317; found, 330.1313.

N-(Benzyloxy)-2-methyl-2-(2-methylene-3-oxobutoxy)propanamide (10b). Compound 9b (0.05 g, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.467 g, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were taken in HFIP (0.2 M) and was added Na₂CO₃ (0.159 g, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h until the disappearance of the starting materials was observed (TLC controlled). The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (7:3 $Et_2O/$ hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound 10b as colorless oil in 85% (0.124 g) yield. R_f 0.4 (7:3 Et₂O/hexane); δ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.39 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 3H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 6H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.8, 171.9, 144.6, 135.5, 129.6, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 79.3, 77.9, 63.4, 26.0, 24.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{16}H_{21}NNaO_4$, 314.1368; found, 314.1366.

Methyl 4-(Benzyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-3-oxo-1,4-oxazepane-6-carboxylate (11a). Compound 10a (0.05 g, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv)

was taken in MeOH (0.2 M) and was added Et₃N (30 μ L, 0.18 mmol, 1.1 equiv) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C overnight until the disappearance of the starting materials was observed (TLC controlled). The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (1:5 EtOAc/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as white solid **11a** in 66% (0.033 g) yield. R_f 0.5 (3:7 EtOAc/hexane); mp 85.4–86.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.37 (m, 3H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84–3.74 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.77–2.71 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.4, 171.9, 135.4, 129.9, 129.1, 128.7, 81.5, 76.7, 62.7, 52.4, 50.7, 43.4, 25.9, 25.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₁NNaO₅, 330.1317; found, 330.1308.

6-Acetyl-4-(benzyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-oxazepan-3-one (11b). Following the same procedure as was used for the preparation of **11a**, compound **10b** (0.05 g, 0.17 mmol) was transformed into compound **11b** as colorless oil in 58% (0.029 g) yield. R_f 0.4 (2:3 EtOAc/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 3H), 4.99 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd, J = 15.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 13.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77–3.68 (m, 2H), 2.73–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.3, 172.3, 135.5, 130.0, 129.1, 128.7,81.3, 76.7, 62.1, 51.2, 50.6, 28.8, 26.0, 25.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₁NNaO₄, 314.1368; found, 314.1364.

(E)-3-(Benzyloxy)-2-(2-hydroxystyryl)-5,5-dimethyl-2-phenyloxazolidin-4-one (13). (E)-3-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1one 12 (0.100 g, 0.45 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.121 g, 0.45 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were taken in HFIP (0.2 M) and was added Na₂CO₃ (0.142 g, 1.34 mmol, 3.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 7 h until the disappearance of the starting materials was observed (TLC controlled). The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (1:4 EtOAc/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as white solid 13 in 65% (0.120 g) yield. R_f 0.4 (3:7 EtOAc/hexane); mp 167.1-168.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.7Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.22 (m, 5H), 7.16–7.09 (m, 2H), 6.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (br s, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.5, 154.2, 140.0, 134.1, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 129.0(2), 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.3, 123.0, 120.7, 116.3, 93.4, 79.0, 78.2, 26.1, 25.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₅NNaO₄, 438.1681; found, 438,1668.

(E)-N-(Benzyloxy)-2-(2-(2-(3-(benzyloxy)-5,5-dimethyl-4-oxo-2phenyloxazolidin-2-yl)vinyl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanamide (14). (E)-3-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one 12 (0.100 g, 0.45 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and α -bromo hydroxamate 1a (0.121 g, 0.45 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were taken in HFIP (0.2 M) and was added Na₂CO₃ (0.142 g, 1.34 mmol, 3.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 7 h until the disappearance of the starting materials was observed (TLC controlled). The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 EtOAc/hexane as the eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid 14 in 25% (0.068 g) yield. Rf 0.37 (3:7 EtOAc/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.00 (s, 1H), 7.67– 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.19–7.03 (m, 3H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.50 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 6H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}^{1}NMR$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.1, 170.2, 152.1, 139.7, 135.0, 134.1, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5(2), 128.3, 127.2, 123.5, 120.3, 93.0, 82.1, 78.9, 78.3, 78.0, 26.2, 25.6, 25.3, 25.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{37}H_{38}N_2NaO_6$, 629.2628; found, 629.2612.

4-Hydroxy-5-(2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-2,2-dimethylmorpholin-3-one (15). Palladium on carbon (10% w/w, 0.03 g) was added to a solution of **3aa** (0.10 g, 0.3 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature under a hydrogen balloon for 20 h. The mixture was then filtered through Celite and thoroughly washed with ethyl acetate. Then, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuo, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 EtOAc/hexane) to afford **15** as the yellow solid in 48% (0.064 g) yield. R_f 0.25 (3:7 EtOAc/hexane); mp 108.5–109.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39–7.36 (m, 4H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 9.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, J = 12.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.02–3.96 (m, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 12.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31–2.25 (m, 1H), 2.16–2.08 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.2, 144.1, 128.8, 128.0, 125.7, 77.6, 72.0, 63.5, 57.9, 40.6, 26.2, 24.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NNaO₄, 288.1212; found, 288.1201.

6,6-Dimethyl-2-phenyltetrahydroisoxazolo[3,2-c][1,4]oxazin-7(6H)-one (16). To a cooled (0 °C) solution of 15 (0.05 g, 1.0 mmol) and PPh₃ (0.066 g, 1.2 mmol) in DCM (10 mL) was added a solution of ditert-butyl azodicarboxylate (0.056 g, 1.2 mmol) in DCM (2.0 mL) slowly via a syringe pump over a period of 30 min. The reaction was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred for 16 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (1:4 EtOAc/hexane as eluent) to give the title compound as yellow liquid 16 in 68% (0.032 g) yield. R_{f} 0.38 (3:7 EtOAc/hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.30 (m, 3H), 5.36 (dd, I = 9.0, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.40-4.32 (m, 1H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, J = 11.7, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.82-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.08-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 137.9, 128.9, 128.8, 126.2, 81.4, 78.5, 64.7, 59.4, 40.1, 27.3, 23.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{14}H_{17}NNaO_{3}$ 270.1106; found, 270.1101.

5-(2-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,4-oxazepan-3-one (17). To a solution of 8af (0.11 g, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in acetonitrile/water (9:1, 2 mL), Mo(CO)₆ (0.078 g, 0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, and the reaction was stirred at 120 °C under argon for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was then filtered through Celite and thoroughly washed with ethyl acetate. Then, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuo, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (3:7 EtOAc/hexane) to afford 17 as the white solid in 70% (0.059 g) yield. R_f 0.25 (3:7 EtOAc/hexane); mp 110.5–111.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.49-4.41 (m, 1H),3.93-3.88 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.22-3.20 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.09 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.3, 178.1, 141.0, 133.9, 132.2, 128.8, 127.8, 118.8, 81.5, 61.3, 47.2, 46.1, 34.9, 26.1, 25.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{18}BrNNaO_{3}$, 362.0368; found, 362.0353.

2,2-Dimethyl-4,5,5a,6-tetrahydro-1H-[1,4]oxazepino[4,5-a]quinoline-1,7(2H)-dione (18). Pd(OAc)₂ (0.005 g, 0.007 mmol), $Cu(OAc)_2$ (0.014 g, 0.075 mmol), and K_2CO_3 (0.069 g, 0.5 mmol) were added under an Ar atmosphere to a stirred solution of 17 (0.05 g, 0.15 mmol) in toluene (3.0 mL). The mixture was heated at reflux for 24 h, allowed to cool, and filtered through a Celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated to give a crude product, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (1:4 EtOAc/hexane) to afford 18 as the yellow solid in 56% (0.021 g) yield. R_f 0.35 (3:7 EtOAc/ hexane); mp 116.8–118.0 °C; FT-IR (ν cm⁻¹): 2931, 1672, 1599, 1477, 1458, 1264, 1192, 1089; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H),7.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.65–4.59 (m, 1H), 3.92–3.86 (m, 1H), 3.81-3.75 (m, 1H), 2.93 (dd, J = 16.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J =16.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.6, 179.9, 144.2, 135.2, 127.4, 123.4, 123.0, 121.0, 81.8, 61.3, 52.8, 43.0, 32.3, 28.3, 25.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for C15H17NNaO3, 282.1106; found, 282.1095.

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