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## **Transition-metal-catalyzed reactions** of 5-methylene-2-oxazolidinone and 5-methylene-1,3-thiazolidine-2-thione with isocyanates

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5-Methylene-2-oxazolidinone (1) and 5-methylene-1,3-thiazolidine-2-thione (4) react with various isocyanates to give the corresponding urethanes 3 and 5 in high yields in the presence of palladium(0) or palladium(II) catalyst under mild reaction conditions. A mechanism is proposed. Copyright © 2003 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Advantage has been taken of the coordination of transition metals to stabilize reactive intermediates, such as carbene, cyclobutadiene, trimethylenemethane (TMM; Fig. 1), etc. There is also much that can be learned by the preparation of new transition-metal complexes of otherwise unstable and highly reactive chemical species.1 Carbene complexes have shown widespread utility for organic synthesis,2 and the introduction of the TMM-palladium complex by Trost and coworkers, amongst others, has provided fruitful chemistry in cycloaddition constructing cyclopentane skeletons.3-6 Transition-metal complexes of heterotrimethylenemethane, 7-12 silatrimethylenemethane, 13,14 and thiatrimethylenemethane 15,16 have been investigated from the point of view of their structural interest and synthetic utility. Especially, the reaction of 5-methylene-1,3-dioxolan-2-one with aromatic isocyanates to give the

corresponding oxazolidinones as a result of [3+2] cycloaddition is very attractive. 17,18 During our own investigation on the fixation of carbon dioxide using propargylamine in the presence of palladium(0) catalyst, we found that cyclic enol carbamate 1 and cyclic urethane 2 could be obtained in moderate yields (Scheme 1). (Mitsudo et al. 19 have reported ruthenium-catalyzed selective synthesis of enol carbamates (5-methylene-2-oxazolidinines).) Thus, we examined the reaction of enol carbamate (5-methylene-2-oxazolidinone) (1) or cyclic urethane 2 with isocyanates in the presence of metal catalysts because we expected that [3+2] cycloadditions in the fashion of Murai would take place. Herein, we wish to report the full details of the reactions of 1,2 and 5-methylene-1,3-thiazolidine-2-thione (4) with isocyanates in the presence of transition-metal catalysts, along with a proposed reaction mechanism.

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$$CH \equiv C - CH_2NH_2 + CO_2 \xrightarrow{Pd(PPh_3)_4} O \xrightarrow{NH} + HC \equiv C - CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{NH} NH$$

$$0 \xrightarrow{NH} + HC \equiv C - CH_2 - N \xrightarrow{NH} NH$$

$$1, 40\%$$

$$2, 40\%$$

Scheme 1.



Figure 1. TMM-PdL<sub>2</sub> complexes.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

We found that 5-methylene-2-oxazolidinone (1) can react with benzylisocyanate in the presence of  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ ,  $Pd_2(dba)_3$ , or  $Pd(OAc)_2$  catalyst to give the condensed product 3a in excellent yields under mild reaction conditions rather than a [3+2] cycloaddition product (Scheme 2; Table 1, entries 1–3). However, the other transition-metal catalysts, such as  $RuH_4(PPh_3)_2$ , CuBr,  $Ni(acac)_2$ , gave low yields of 3a under the same reaction conditions (Table 1, entries 4–9). No reactions occurred in the absence of metal catalysts. The aliphatic isocyanate can also react with 1 to give the condensed product 3b at room temperature (Scheme 3; Table 2, entry 1). As can be seen from Table 2, aromatic isocyanates needed higher temperature to complete the reaction and 73–95% of the condensed products could be obtained at  $60\,^{\circ}$ C (Scheme 3; Table 2, entries 2–9).

In fact, the reactivities of isocyanates have been well documented,<sup>20</sup> and it is known that tertiaryl amines,<sup>20</sup> organolithium,<sup>21</sup> lead<sup>22</sup> and tin<sup>23–26</sup> compounds have good to excellent catalytic activities for the reaction of alcohols and

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ NH + C_6H_3CH_2N = C = O \\ \hline \\ 1 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{metal catalyst} \\ \text{toluene, r.t.} \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} O \\ N-C-NH-CH_2C_6H_5 \\ \hline \\ 3a \end{array}$$

## Scheme 2.

**Table 1.** Transition-metal-catalyzed reactions of 5-methylene-2-oxazolidinone (1) with benzylisocyanate

Entry	Transition-metal catalyst	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)
1	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	99
2	$Pd(OAc)_2$	99
3	$Pd_2(dba)_3$	99
4	$RuH_4(PPh_3)_2$	5
5	$Ir(CO)Cl(PPh_3)_2$	5
6	$NiBr_2(PPh_3)_2$	3
7	CuBr	$30^{b}$
8	Ni(acac) <sub>2</sub>	20 <sup>c</sup>
9	$V(acac)_2$	5 <sup>d</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Isolated yield.

**Table 2.** Palladium-catalyzed reactions of 5-methylene-2-oxazolidinone (1) with isocyanate

Entry	Isocyanate RN=C=O	Temperature (°C)	Product	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)
1	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>17</sub>	20	3b	99
2	p-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	20	3c	79
3	p-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	3c	95
4	m-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	20	3d	38
5	m-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	3d	71
6	o-EtOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	20	3e	47
7	o-EtOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	3e	95
8	$p$ -CIC $_6$ H $_4$	20	3f	34
9	p-CIC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	3f	90

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Isolated yield.

Scheme 3.

amines with isocyanates. However, the reactions of amides or carbamates with isocyanates are, in general, very difficult to carry out. Only some very special amides and carbamates can react with isocyanate under basic conditions. Amoreover, the palladium-catalyzed reactions of carbamates with isocyanate have been seldom reported so far. The crystal structure of **3a** was found by X-ray analysis (Fig. 2).

On the other hand, we also found that the reaction of propargylamine with carbon disulfide in the presence

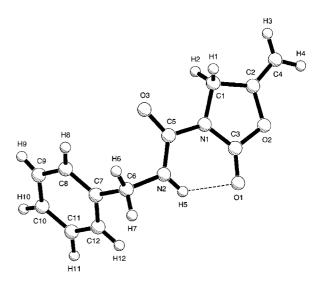


Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of 3a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> 99% at 60°C.

c 60% at 60 °C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> 7% at 60 °C.



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of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> can give the corresponding 5-methylene-1,3-thiazolidine-2-thione (4) in excellent yield (99%; Scheme 4). (Hanefild and Bercin<sup>32</sup> have reported the synthesis of 5-methylene-1,3-thiazolidine-2-thione from the direct reaction of propargylamine with carbon disulfide in 45% yield.) Thus, we also examined the reactions of 5-methylene-1,3-thiazolidine-2-thione (4) with isocyanates in the presence of Pd(PPd<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (10 mol%; Scheme 5). Among these isocyanates, the aliphatic isocyanates, such as benzylisocyanate or octadecylisocyanate, gave the corresponding products 5 in 50% yield at room temperature, but almost quantitatively gave the final products in 99% yield at 60 °C. By contrast, the aromatic isocyanates gave the products in high yields only at 60 °C. The results are summarized in Table 3. The crystal structure of 5a was found by X-ray analysis (Fig. 3).

Furthermore, we also found that 1H-imidazole-2-one, 1,2-dihydro-4-methyl-3-(2-propynyl) (2) can react with benzylisocyanate in toluene in the presence of palladium catalyst at  $60\,^{\circ}\text{C}$  to give the corresponding condensed compound 6 in moderate yield (Scheme 6). In comparison, compound 1 is the most reactive substrate with isocyanates. Compound 4 is more reactive than 2 with isocyanates.

#### Scheme 4.

#### Scheme 5.

**Table 3.** Palladium-catalyzed reactions of 5-methylene-1,3-thi-azolidine-2-thione (4) with isocyanate

Entry	Isocyanates RN=C=O	Temperature (°C)	Product	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)
1	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	20	5a	50
2	$C_6H_5CH_2$	60	5a	99
3	$C_6H_5CH_2$	60	5a	99 <sup>b</sup>
4	$CH_3(CH_2)_{17}$	60	5b	97 <sup>c</sup>
5	p-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	5c	80
6	$m$ -MeOC $_6$ H $_4$	60	5d	70
7	o-EtOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	5e	78
8	p-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	60	5f	60

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Isolated yield.

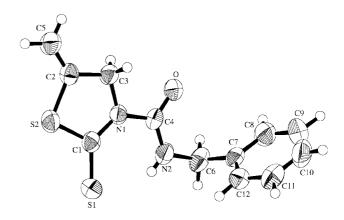


Figure 3. ORTEP drawing of 5a.

#### Scheme 6.

It should be emphasized here that two isomers (the endo and exo forms) of 3a-g and 5a-f may be produced at the same time, owing to the C-N bond of carbamate having double bond character, but during the above reactions only one isomer of 3a-g and 5a-f, which has been determined as the syn form by X-ray analysis, was formed exclusively. From the crystal structures of 3a and 5a (Figs 2 and 3 and Tables 4 and 5; data deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and allocated the deposition numbers CCDC 160760 and 160761 respectively.), it is very clear that the intramolecular hydrogen bond between the carbonyl oxygen atom or the thiocarbonyl sulfur atom and the hydrogen atom of amide to form a six-membered ring is the driving force to give the endo form configurations of 3 and 5  $(O1 \cdot H5 = 2.064 \text{ Å}, S1 \cdot H5 = 2.417 \text{ Å}; Fig. 4)$ . We believe that the endo form is more stable than the exo one because of the intramolecular hydrogen bonding. Selected bond lengths and angles for 3a and 5a are listed in Tables 6 and 7 respectively.

Figure 4. The intramolecular hydrogen bonds of 3a and 5a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> was used as a catalyst.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> 50% isolated yield at room temperature.

**Table 4.** Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement parameters for **3a** 

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Crystal data	
Empirical formula	$C_{12}H_{12}N_2O_3$
Formula weight	232.24
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	$0.20\times0.20\times0.30$
Crystal color, habit	Colorless, primitive
Temperature (°C)	20
Radiation, wavelength (Å)	Mo K $\alpha$ , 0.71069
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	$P\overline{1}$ (no. 2)
Unit cell dimensions	
a (Å)	10.621(2)
b (Å)	12.393(3)
c (Å)	4.4400(9)
$\alpha(^{\circ})$	92.721(10)
$\beta$ (°)	95.086(10)
γ(°)	96.772(10)
$V(\text{Å}^3)$	577.1(2)
Z	2
$D_{\rm calc}({ m g~cm^{-3}})$	1.337
Absorption coefficient	0.98
$\mu(\text{cm}^{-1})$	0.70
Crystallization solvent	Ethyl
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Determination	accuate frequenc
Data collection	D' - 1 - AFC7D
Instrument	Rigaku AFC7R
Scan	$\omega$ -2 $\theta$ , 16° min <sup>-1</sup>
Massauradus Gastiana	$(in \omega)$ —up to 3 scans
Measured reflections	2161
Independent reflections	2040
Reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	5667
Intensity check	3 representative
	reflections every 200
	reflections
Corrections	Lorentz and
	polarization
Secondary extinction	$1.59956 \times 10^{-5}$
coefficient	0.017
R <sub>int</sub>	0.017
$\theta_{max}(^{\circ})$	25
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	
H atoms constrained	
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0388, wR_2 =$
	0.0983
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0663, wR_2 =$
	0.1109
Goodness-of-fit indicator	1.012
Parameters	203
Extinction coefficient	0.097(10)
Largest difference peak	0.143  and  -0.156
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 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Table 5.} & \textbf{Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement} \\ \textbf{parameters for 5a} \end{tabular}$ 

Crystal data	
Empirical formula	$C_{12}H_{12}N_2O_3S_2$
Formula weight	264.36
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	$0.20\times0.20\times0.30$
Crystal color, habit	Colorless, primitive
Temperature (°C)	20
Radiation, wavelength (Å)	Mo Kα, 0.710 69
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> <del>1</del> (no. 2)
Unit cell dimensions	
a (Å)	10.769(1)
b (Å)	12.311(2)
c (Å)	4.7820(7)
$\alpha(^{\circ})$	97.058(10)
$oldsymbol{eta}(^{\circ})$	97.173(10)
γ(°)	88.613(10)
$V(\text{Å}^3)$	642.2(2)
Z	2
$D_{\rm calc}({ m g~cm^{-3}})$	1.406
Absorption coefficient	4.10
$\mu(\text{cm}^{-1})$	
Crystallization solvent	Ethyl acetate-hexane
Data collection	·
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Instrument	Rigaku AFC7R
Instrument Scan	Rigaku AFC7R $\omega - 2\theta$ , $16^{\circ}$ min <sup>-1</sup> (in $\omega$ )—up
	Rigaku AFC7R $\omega - 2\theta$ , $16^{\circ}$ min <sup>-1</sup> (in $\omega$ )—up to 4 scans
	$\omega - 2\theta$ , $16^{\circ} \min^{-1} (in\omega)$ —up
Scan  Measured reflections	$\omega - 2\theta$ , $16^{\circ} \min^{-1} (in\omega)$ —up to 4 scans
Scan  Measured reflections Independent reflections	$\omega - 2\theta$ , $16^{\circ} \min^{-1}(\text{in}\omega)$ —up to 4 scans 3009
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In order to clarify the scope and limitations of this novel palladium-catalyzed reaction, we carried out the reaction of linear amides with isocyanate but found that no reaction could take place under the same reaction conditions (Scheme 7).

Table 6. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for 3a

Table 7. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for 5a

Table 6. Selected bond lengths (A) and angles (*) for 3a	Table 1. Octobroa borta longino (1) ana c	Table 7. Selected bond lengths (A) and angles (*) for 5a	
O(1)-C(3) 1.1	192(2) S(1)-C(1)	1.641(3)	
O(2)-C(2) 1.3	S(2) - C(1)	1.741(3)	
O(2)-C(3) 1.3	S(2) - C(2)	1.755(3)	
O(3)-C(5) 1.2	O-C(4)	1.221(3)	
N(1)-C(1) 1.4	N(1) - C(1)	1.369(4)	
N(1)-C(3) 1.3	N(1) - C(3)	1.468(4)	
N(1)-C(5) 1.4	N(1) - C(4)	1.440(3)	
N(2)-C(5) 1.3	N(2) - C(4)	1.312(4)	
N(2)-C(6) 1.4	N(2) - C(6)	1.471(4)	
C(1)-C(2) 1.4	195(3) C(2)–C(3)	1.506(4)	
C(2)-C(4) 1.2	C(2) - C(5)	1.305(4)	
C(6)-C(7) 1.4	198(3) $C(6)-C(7)$	1.513(4)	
C(7)-C(8) 1.3	C(7) - C(8)	1.378(4)	
C(7)-C(12) 1.3	C(7) - C(12)	1.380(4)	
C(8)-C(9) 1.3	C(8) - C(9)	1.374(6)	
C(9)-C(10) 1.3	C(9) - C(10)	1.375(6)	
C(10)-C(11) 1.3	C(10) - C(11)	1.363(6)	
C(11)-C(12) 1.3	366(3) C(11)–C(12)	1.384(5)	
C(2)-O(2)-C(3) 11	0.1(1) $C(1)-S(2)-C(2)$	94.5(1)	
C(1)-N(1)-C(3) 11	1.6(2) $C(1)-N(1)-C(3)$	117.1(2)	
C(1)-N(1)-C(5) 12	0.3(1) $C(1)-N(1)-C(4)$	128.4(3)	
C(3)-N(1)-C(5) 12	8.0(2) $C(3)-N(1)-C(4)$	114.4(2)	
C(5)-N(2)-C(6) 12	0.6(2) $C(4)-N(2)-C(6)$	120.7(3)	
N(1)-C(1)-C(2) 10	1.2(1) $S(1)-C(1)-S(2)$	118.8(2)	
O(2)-C(2)-C(1) 10	S(1)-C(1)-N(1)	130.6(2)	
O(2)-C(2)-C(4) 12	0.9(2) $S(2)-C(1)-N(1)$	110.6(2)	
C(1)-C(2)-C(4) 13	1.0(2) $S(2)-C(2)-C(3)$	109.7(2)	
O(1)-C(3)-O(2) 12	S(2) - C(2) - C(5)	124.9(2)	
O(1)-C(3)-N(1) 12	8.7(2) $C(3)-C(2)-C(5)$	125.4(3)	
O(2)-C(3)-N(1) 10	8.9(2) $N(1)-C(3)-C(2)$	108.0(2)	
O(3)-C(5)-N(1) 11	8.2(2) $O-C(4)-N(1)$	117.0(3)	
O(3)-C(5)-N(2) 12	5.2(2) $O-C(4)-N(2)$	125.2(3)	
N(1)-C(5)-N(2) 11	6.5(2) $N(1)-C(4)-N(2)$	117.8(3)	
N(2)-C(6)-C(7) 11	3.2(2) $N(2)-C(6)-C(7)$	113.5(3)	
C(6)-C(7)-C(8) 12	1.8(2) $C(6)-C(7)-C(8)$	120.3(3)	
	C(6) - C(7) - C(12)	121.3(3)	
C(8)-C(7)-C(12) 11	8.0(2) $C(8)-C(7)-C(12)$	118.4(3)	
C(7)-C(8)-C(9) 12	C(7) - C(8) - C(9)	121.1(4)	
	C(8) - C(9) - C(10)	119.9(4)	
	9.4(3) $C(9)-C(10)-C(11)$	119.9(4)	
	C(10) - C(11) - C(12)	120.1(4)	
C(7)-C(12)-C(11) 12	$\frac{1.0(2)}{} \qquad \frac{C(7) - C(12) - C(11)}{}$	120.6(3)	

For the cyclic carbamate 7, the reaction could take place, but the condensed product 8 was obtained in only 30% yield (Scheme 7). At present, we do not understand why 1 and 4 can react with isocyanates to give the coupling products in such high yields.

Concerning the reaction mechanism, three fundamental mechanisms of base-catalyzed reactions of isocyanates with hydrogen-acidic compounds have been discovered, <sup>32</sup> but the transition-metal-catalyzed reaction remains uncertain.

Recently, Roy and coworkers<sup>33</sup> reported efficient organotin catalysts for the formation of urethanes and carried out kinetic and mechanistic investigations by spectroscopic analysis. Based on their findings, we believe that the reaction of **1,2** or **4** with isocyanates proceeded via a similar mechanism. A mechanism is proposed in Scheme 8, which consists of two stages: an initiation step and a propagation step. In the first stage, pre-coordination of isocyanates to palladium occurred to produce intermediate **A**, which underwent further attack

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$$C_{6}H_{5}CH_{2}NH - \overset{O}{C} - O - CH_{2}C_{6}H_{5} + C_{6}H_{5}CH_{2}N = C = O$$

$$O \longrightarrow NH + C_{6}H_{5}CH_{2}N = C = O$$

$$O \longrightarrow NH + C_{6}H_{5}CH_{2}N = C = O$$

$$O \longrightarrow NH + C_{6}H_{5}CH_{2}N = C = O$$

$$O \longrightarrow NHCH_{2}C_{6}H_{5}$$

#### Scheme 7.

Initiation:

$$X = X$$
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Scheme 8.

by 1,2 or 4 at the carbonyl group to give the intermediate B. Elimination took place to afford intermediate C. The active catalyst D was generated through the coordination of isocyanates to C. The propagation step involved the generation of intermediate B', which is similar to intermediate **B**, from the isocyanate activation of **D**. The final product was afforded via a similar process, as shown in the initiation step (Scheme 8).

## **CONCLUSION**

We have discovered a new reaction of cyclic carbamates with isocyanate in the presence of a transition-metal catalyst under

mild reaction conditions. This new reaction using transitionmetal catalysts will create new opportunities in this field. Efforts are under way to elucidate the more mechanistic details of this reaction and to identify systems enabling other carbamates or amides to react with isocyanates, and the subsequent transformations thereof.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

#### General

Melting points were obtained with a Yanagimoto micromelting point apparatus and are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 spectrometer for solution in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard; J values are in hertz;.  $\delta$  is in parts per million. IR: KBr; v is given in wavenumbers. Mass spectra were recorded with an HP-5989 instrument and high-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was undertaken using a Finnigan MA+ mass spectrometer. Organic solvents were dried by standard methods when necessary. Some of the solid compounds reported in this paper gave satisfactory CHN microanalyses with a Carlo-Erba 1106 analyzer. Commercially obtained reagents were used without further purification. All reactions were monitored by thinlayer chromatography with Huanghai GF<sub>254</sub> silica-gel-coated plates. Flash column chromatography was carried out using 200-300 mesh silica gel.

General procedure for the formation of oxazolidinone 1 To a solution of propargylamine (550 mg, 10 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (20 ml) was added a catalytic amount of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (45 mg, 0.05 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under carbon dioxide atmosphere (40 kg cm<sup>-2</sup>) for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/4) to give 1 as a white solid. This solid was further recrystallized from dichloromethane/petroleum ether (1/4) to afford a crystal: 350 mg, 35% yield; m.p. 50-52°C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1780 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  4.20 (2H, dd, J = 2.1, 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.31 (1H, dd, J = 2.9, 2.1, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.78 (1H, dd, J = 2.1, 2.1, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.77 (1H, s, NH).  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  44.35, 86.86, 151.34, 157.64 (C=O). EI-MS: m/z 100 (100) (MH)<sup>+</sup>, 71 (24.71) (M<sup>+</sup> – 28), 43 (66.17) (M<sup>+</sup> – 56); EI-HRMS: m/z99.0321, C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> requires M, 99.0320. Anal. Found: C, 48.39; H, 5.03; N, 14.15. Calc. for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 48.48; H, 5.05; N, 14.14%.

General procedure for the palladium-catalyzed reactions of cyclic carbamate 1 with isocyanates 5-Methylene-2-oxazolidinone (1; 40 mg, 0.40 mmol) in toluene (10 ml), benzyl isocyanate (60 mg, 0.44 mmol), and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (5.0 mg, 0.040 mmol) was added into a 50 ml round-bottom flask with a magnetic stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by a silica-gel column chromatograph (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to give **3a** as a white solid: 93 mg, 99% yield; m.p. 83–85 °C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1780 and 1702 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  4.49 (2H, d, J = 5.7, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.49 (1H, dd, J = 4.1, 2.2, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.63 (2H, t, J = 2.4, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.88 (1H, dd, J = 6.3, 2.7, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.26–7.38 (5H, m, Ar), 7.98 (1H, s, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  44.19, 46.23, 88.91, 127.63, 127.69, 128.77, 137.63, 147.30, 150.63 (C=O), 153.23 (C=O). EI-MS: m/z 232 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Found: C, 61.90; H, 5.23; N, 11.97. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (232.2354): C, 62.06; H, 5.21; N, 12.06%.

## *The formation of compound* **3***b*

This compound was prepared in the same manner as that described above. A white solid, 158 mg, 99% yield; m.p.  $80-82\,^{\circ}$ C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1780 and 1704 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  0.85 (3H, t, J = 7.0, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.16–1.27 (30H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.32–1.60 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.27 (2H, q, J = 7.0, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.32 (1H, dd, J = 4.3, 1.6, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.57 (2H, t, J = 2.3, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.84 (1H, dd, J = 5.6, 2.9, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  14.13, 22.71, 26.83, 29.26, 29.38, 29.53, 29.58, 29.60, 29.66, 29.72, 31.95, 40.34, 46.22, 88.67, 147.41, 150.52 (C=O), 153.27 (C=O). EI-MS: m/z 395 (MH<sup>+</sup>); EI-HRMS: calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (394.5913), requires M, 394.3195; found: M<sup>+</sup> 394.3190. Anal. Found: C, 70.10; H, 10.63; N, 7.07. calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (394.5913): C, 70.01; H, 10.73; N, 7.10%.

## The formation of compound 3c

This compound was prepared in the same manner as that described above. A white solid, 95 mg, 95% yield; m.p.  $116-118\,^{\circ}$ C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1778 and 1704 (C=O).  $^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  3.81 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.54 (1H, dd, J = 4.0, 2.2, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.69 (2H, t, J = 2.3, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.94 (1H, dd, J = 6.3, 2.7, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.88–6.92 (2H, m, Ar), 7.39–7.42 (2H, m, Ar), 9.48 (1H, s, NH).  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  46.17, 55.51, 89.23, 114.34, 122.03, 129.65, 147.05, 148.51, 153.02 (C=O), 156.79 (C=O). EI-MS: m/z 248 (M<sup>+</sup>); EI-HRMS: calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (248.2348), requires M, 248.0797; found: M<sup>+</sup> 248.0796. Anal. Found: C, 58.04; H, 4.73; N, 11.27. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (248.2348): C, 58.06; H, 4.87; N, 11.29%.

#### *The formation of compound 3d*

A white solid, 71 mg, 71% yield; m.p. 116-118 °C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>: ν 1770 and 1713 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz): δ 3.80 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.52 (1H, dd, J = 3.9, 2.2, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.66 (2H, t, J = 2.4, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.92 (1H, dd, J = 5.8, 3.0, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.68 (1H, dt, J = 8.1, 0.8, Ar), 7.0 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 1.3, Ar), 7.10–7.30 (2H, m, Ar), 9.62 (1H, s, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz): δ 46.07, 55.31, 89.26, 105.61, 110.46, 112.15, 129.80, 137.90, 146.93, 147.77, 153.28 (C=O), 160.24 (C=O). EI-MS: m/z 248 (M<sup>+</sup>); EI-HRMS: calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (248.2348), requires M, 248.0797; found: M<sup>+</sup> 248.0779. Anal. Found: C, 57.94; H, 4.78; N, 11.33. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (248.2348): C, 58.06; H, 4.87; N, 11.29%.

## The formation of compound **3e**

A white solid, 101 mg, 95% yield; m.p. 117–119 °C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1780 and 1704 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  1.48 (3H, t, J = 7.0, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.08 (2H, q, J = 7.0, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.49 (1H, dd, J = 4.1, 2.3, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.66 (2H, t, J = 2.3, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.89 (1H, dd, J = 6.1, 2.8, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.90 (1H, dt, J = 6.5, 1.3, Ar), 6.93 (1H, dd, J = 7.9, 1.4, Ar), 7.02 (1H, dt, J = 6.1, 1.6, Ar), 8.15 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.6, Ar). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  14.75, 46.14, 64.54, 88.98, 111.35, 119.35, 120.92, 123.99, 127.10, 147.19, 147.73, 147.94 (C=O), 153.01 (C=O). EI-MS: m/z 262 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Found: C, 59.46; H, 5.51; N, 10.73. Calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 59.54; H, 5.34; N, 10.68.

### *The formation of compound 3f*

A white solid, 93 mg, 90% yield; m.p. 162-164 °C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>: ν 1778 and 1700 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz): δ 4.54 (1H, dd,  $J = 4.1, 2.2, \text{CH}_2$ ), 4.67 (2H, t,  $J = 2.4, \text{CH}_2$ ), 4.94 (1H, dd,  $J = 6.3, 2.8, \text{CH}_2$ ), 7.26–7.32 (2H, m, Ar), 7.42–7.47 (2H, m, Ar), 9.65 (1H, s, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz): δ 46.06, 89.49, 121.20, 129.16, 129.69, 135.31, 146.80, 147.82 (C=O), 153.31 (C=O). EI-MS: m/z 252 (M<sup>+</sup>); EI-HRMS: calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl (252.6535), requires M, 252.0302; found: M<sup>+</sup> 252.0299. Anal. Found: C, 52.35; H, 3.62; N, 11.13. Calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 52.29; H, 3.59; N, 11.09%.

## The formation of compound 4

A white solid, 472 mg, 99% yield; m.p. 120-121 °C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1626, 1490, 902. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  4.67 (2H, t, J = 2.7, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.14 (1H, dd, J = 5.4, 2.7, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.24 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 2.4, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.96 (1H, s, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  57.05, 105.67, 141.13, 199.11 (C=S). EI-MS: m/z 131 (M<sup>+</sup>); EI-HRMS: calc. for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NS<sub>2</sub> (132.2292) (M + 1)<sup>+</sup>, requires M, 131.9942; found: M<sup>+</sup> 131.9954. Anal. Found: C, 36.55; H, 3.72; N, 10.81. Calc. for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NS<sub>2</sub>: C, 36.61; H, 3.84; N, 10.67%.

#### *The formation of compound* **5***a*

A white solid, 103 mg, 99% yield; m.p.  $40-42\,^{\circ}$ C; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1731 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  4.53 (2H, d, J = 5.6, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.07 (1H, dd, J = 5.1, 2.7, CH), 5.25 (3H, d, J = 2.4, CH), 7.26–7.36 (5H, m, Ar). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  44.53, 62.00, 105.22, 127.49, 127.51, 128.66, 134.03, 137.27, 151.81 (C=O), 197.49 (C=S). EI-MS: m/z 264 (M<sup>+</sup>); HR-EIMS: calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> (264.3686), requires M, 264.0391; found: M<sup>+</sup> 264.0386. Anal. Found: C, 54.66; H, 4.63; N, 10.77. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>: C, 54.52; H, 4.58; N, 10.60%.

## *The formation of compound* **5***b*

A white solid, 95 mg, 97% yield; m.p. 76–78 °C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1705 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  0.88 (3H, t, J = 6.3, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19–1.31 (30H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.52–1.59 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.32 (2H, q, J = 6.8, CH), 5.07 (1H, dd, J = 5.1, 2.6, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.25 (3H, d, J = 2.5, CH). <sup>13</sup>C



NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  14.11, 22.69, 26.97, 29.10, 29.18, 29.37, 29.49, 29.57, 29.64, 29.70, 31.93, 40.74, 62.10, 105.08, 134.26, 151.76 (C=O), 197.33 (C=S). EI-MS: m/z 426 (M<sup>+</sup>); EI-HRMS: calc. for  $C_{23}H_{42}N_2OS_2$  (426.7245), requires M, 426.2739; found: M<sup>+</sup> 426.2713. Anal. Found: C, 64.63; H, 9.87; N, 5.63. Calc. for  $C_{23}H_{42}N_2OS_2$ : C, 64.74; H, 9.92; N, 5.56%.

## *The formation of compound* 5*c*

A white solid, 89 mg, 80% yield; m.p. 104-106 °C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1705 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  3.79 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.11 (1H, dd, J = 5.0, 2.6, CH), 5.30 (3H, d, J = 4.3, CH), 6.85–6.89 (2H, m, Ar), 7.39–7.42 (2H, m, Ar). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  55.51, 62.03, 105.52, 114.37, 122.29, 129.62, 133.61, 149.26, 156.92 (C=O), 197.13 (C=S). EI-MS: m/z 280 (M<sup>+</sup>); EI-HRMS: calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (280.3680), requires M, 280.0340; found: M<sup>+</sup> 280.0351. Anal. Found: C, 51.36; H, 4.26; N, 9.85. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 51.41; H, 4.31; N, 9.99%.

## *The formation of compound* 5*d*

A white solid, 78 mg, 70% yield; m.p.  $106-108\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ . IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1704 (C=O).  $^{1}\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  3.82 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.13 (1H, dd, J=5.2, 2.6, CH), 5.33 (3H, d, J=2.6, CH), 6.70 (1H, dd, J=8.2, 1.9, Ar), 7.04 (1H, dd, J=6.7, 1.3, Ar), 7.20 (1H, dd, J=4.4, 2.2, Ar), 7.26 (1H, d, J=7.8, Ar).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  55.31, 61.91, 105.58, 106.17, 110.67, 112.72, 129.77, 133.41, 137.82, 146.89, 160.20 (C=O), 197.79 (C=S). EI-MS: m/z 280 (M+); EI-HRMS: calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (280.3680), requires M, 280.0340; found: M+ 280.0338. Anal. Found: C, 51.53; H, 4.23; N, 10.03. Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 51.41; H, 4.31; N, 9.99%.

#### *The formation of compound 5e*

A white solid, 92 mg, 78% yield; m.p. 117–119 °C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1704 (C=O). ¹H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  1.45 (3H, t, J = 7.0, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.09 (2H, q, J = 7.0, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.10 (1H, dd, J = 5.0, 2.6, CH), 5.29 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 2.4, CH), 5.33 (2H, dd, J = 5.0, 2.4, CH), 6.89 (1H, td, J = 8.1, 1.3, Ar), 6.95 (1H, td, J = 8.1, 6.6, 1.6, Ar). ¹³C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  15.05, 29.72, 62.11, 64.52, 105.24, 111.29, 120.42, 120.78, 125.04, 126.68, 134.15, 148.50 (C=O), 197.22 (C=S). EI-MS: m/z 294 (M<sup>+</sup>); EI-HRMS: calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (294.3945), requires M, 294.0497; found: M<sup>+</sup> 294.0483. Anal. Found: C, 53.16; H, 4.83; N, 9.55. Calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 53.04; H, 4.79; N, 9.52%.

## *The formation of compound 5f*

A white solid, 68 mg, 60% yield; m.p. 152–154 °C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1724 (C=O). ¹H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  5.13 (1H, dd, J = 5.0, 2.5, CH), 5.31 (3H, d, J = 2.4, CH), 7.25–7.32 (2H, m, Ar), 7.42–7.51 (2H, m, Ar). ¹³C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  61.88, 105.80, 121.67, 128.59, 129.19, 132.21, 133.29, 135.32, 148.98 (C=O), 198.03 (C=S). EI-MS: m/z 285 (MH<sup>+</sup>); EI-HRMS: calc. for  $C_{11}H_9ClN_2OS_2$  (284.7867), requires M,

283.9845; found: M<sup>+</sup> 283.9839. Anal. Found: C, 46.33; H, 3.12; N, 9.76. Calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>: C, 46.39; H, 3.19; N, 9.84%.

## *The formation of compound* **6**

A white solid, 32 mg, 30% yield; m.p. 123–125 °C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1713 (C=O). ¹H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  2.17 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.30 (1H, t, J = 2.1, CH), 4.41 (2H, d, J = 2.3, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.45 (2H, d, J = 5.8, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.74 (1H, s, CH), 6.91–7.37 (5H, m, Ar), 8.92 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  10.0, 30.18, 43.90, 72.61, 104.07, 119.77, 127.43, 127.55, 128.64, 137.88, 150.09 (C=O), 151.60 (C=O). EI-MS: m/z 269 (MH<sup>+</sup>). EI-HRMS: calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (269.2986), requires M, 269.1164; found: M<sup>+</sup> 269.1165. Anal. Found: C, 66.87; H, 5.77; N, 15.56. Calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 66.90; H, 5.61; N, 15.60%.

## *The formation of compound 8*

A white solid, 30 mg, 30% yield; m.p. 66–68 °C. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\nu$  1691 and 1749 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 300 MHz):  $\delta$  3.91 (2H, dd, J = 8.6, 7.2, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.25 (2H, dd, J = 8.6, 7.2, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.42 (2H, d, J = 5.9, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.19–7.32 (5H, m, Ar), 8.14 (1H, s, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 75 MHz):  $\delta$  42.10, 43.57, 62.09, 127.12, 127.17, 128.31, 137.84, 151.41 (C=O), 155.43 (C=O). EI-MS: m/z 220 (M<sup>+</sup>); EI-HRMS: calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (220.2247), requires M, 220.0848; found: M<sup>+</sup> 220.1165. Anal. Found: C, 59.76; H, 5.42; N, 12.79. Calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 59.99; H, 5.49; N, 12.72%.

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