**IC$_{50}$**

- EGFR: 0.019 µM
- HER2: 0.035 µM
- A549: 4.49 µM
- SK-BR3: 0.47 µM
- HELF: >100 µM
Design, synthesis and biological evaluation of novel EGFR/HER2
dual inhibitors bearing a oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one scaffold
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Abstract
For the purpose of developing novel EGFR/HER2 tyrosine kinases inhibitors with
high inhibition activity and low toxicity, two novel series of
oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one derivatives as EGFR/HER2 dual inhibitors
introducing two electrophiles 2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl and 2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl
group as side-chain at 1-position respectively and evaluated their EGFR and HER2
inhibition activity and toxicity comparing with Lapatinib. All these compounds were
evaluated by EGFR and HER2 kinase inhibition and two anti-proliferation assays in
vitro. Most of the designed compounds exhibited moderate to high inhibition activity
against EGFR and HER2. Especially, compounds 11o, 11p, 12e and 12f presented
high inhibition against EGFR and HER2. Furthermore, compounds 11p and 12f also
had well exhibition to excellent anti-proliferation activity against human lung
adenocarcinoma cell line (A549) and human breast cancer cell line (SK-Br3), and 12f
also exhibited the lowest toxicity against human embryonic lung fibroblast cell line

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(HELF) cell. Finally, compound 12f presented remarkably higher inhibition efficacy towards tumour growth than Lapatinib in a mouse lewis lung cancer (LLC) xenograft model.

**Keywords:** EGFR/HER2 dual inhibitor, oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one scaffold, antitumor proliferation, molecular docking, SAR

1. **Introduction**

EGFR family contains four structurally related receptors, EGFR (ErbB1/HER1), ErbB2 (HER2), ErbB3 (HER3) and ErbB4 (HER4), for which a variety of different ligands have been characterized. EGFR has become one of the targets in anticancer drug research because of its wide distribution and essential role in cell proliferation, differentiation and migration [1-2]. Overexpression of the EGFR and HER2 is frequently observed in various solid tumors, and coexpression of EGFR and HER2 has been found in different tumors such as breast, ovarian, prostate and colon cancer [3]. Therefore, EGFR and HER2 have been the most well studied targets in current drug research, and EGFR/HER2 dual inhibitors can be more effective than just EGFR or HER2 inhibitors because of HER2 binding either EGFR or HER2 to form a hetero- or homodimer for the signal transduction of EGFR signal cascade [4-5]. In recent years, several EGFR/HER2 dual inhibitors have been approved for cancer by U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), such as the first generation EGFR/HER2 inhibitor Lapatinib (Tykerb) [6] and the second generation EGFR/HER2 inhibitor Afatinib (Gilotrif) [7]. As shown in Fig. 1, Lapatinib is a reversible EGFR/HER2 dual
inhibitor while Afatinib is an irreversible EGFR/HER2 dual inhibitor. Quinoline moiety in Lapatinib and Afatinib is an important pharmacophore for anticancer activity and represents an attractive scaffold for EGFR inhibitors [8], and Afatinib has higher inhibition activity than Lapatinib because Afatinib is an irreversible inhibitor which contains a Michael addition receptor moiety which can form a covalent bind with the conserved cysteine residue present in the lip of the EGFR ATP binding site (Cys797) to achieve occupancy greater than the reversible inhibitor Lapatinib [9]. Unfortunately, due to toxicity-related dose-limitation, Afatinib only displayed 7% response rate for gefitinib-resistant non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients in a phase III clinical trial [10].

For the purpose of developing novel EGFR/HER2 tyrosine kinases inhibitors with high inhibition activity and low toxicity, we designed two novel series of oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one derivatives as EGFR/HER2 dual inhibitors introducing two electrophiles 2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl and 2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl group as side-chain at 1-position respectively and evaluated their EGFR and HER2 inhibition activity and toxicity comparing with Lapatinib (Fig. 2). Eventually, compounds 11o, 11p, 12e and 12f presented higher inhibition against EGFR and HER2 than Lapatinib. Moreover, compounds 11p and 12f also had well exhibition to excellent anti-proliferation activity against human lung adenocarcinoma cell line (A549) and human breast cancer cell line (SK-Br3), and among which 12f showed the lowest toxicity. Furthermore, compound 12f presented remarkably higher inhibition efficacy towards tumour growth than Lapatinib in a mouse lewis lung cancer (LLC)
xenograft model (P<0.05). Therefore, we reported compound \textbf{12f} as a promising candidate for clinical development as novel EGFR/HER2 dual inhibitors.

\textbf{2. Results and Discussion}

\subsection*{2.1 Rational and design}

Based on our earlier work with oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one inhibitors [11-12], we planned to develop EGFR/HER2 dual inhibitors with high inhibition activity and low toxicity by exploring the different electrophiles at 1-position. 2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl and 2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl were expected to be more promiscuous because of their (expectedly) high reactivity [13-14]. These two side-chains in target compounds were responsible for the covalent binding to an active site cysteine residue.

With respect to the high inhibition activity, 2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl group was adopted at 1-position due to its high electrophilic reactivity and nucleophilic displacement with aniline at 8-position to give series I compounds. Then, 2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl group which was less reactive [15] compared with 2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl group was introduced at 1-position, and aniline was displaced at 8-position according to the inhibition activity results of series I compounds to give series II compounds (Fig. 2).

\subsection*{2.2 Chemistry}

The synthetic method for target compounds was showed in Scheme \textbf{1} and Scheme 2. Compounds \textbf{2}~\textbf{6} were synthesized in as described in our earlier research [12].

The series I compounds were obtained by alkylation of compound \textbf{6} with 2-bromoethan-1-ol, cyclization with formamidine acetate in EtOH, esterification with
bromoacetyl bromide, chlorination with thionyl chloride using DMF as catalyst, and nucleophilic displacement with aniline (Scheme 1). Likewise, the series II compounds were synthesized in as described in Scheme 2.

2.2. Biological activities

Kinase Inhibitory Activity and Cancer Cell Proliferation Inhibitory Activity. Our principle behind the designed compounds is to improve the inhibition activity and reduce toxicity. Therefore, EGFR and HER2 tyrosine kinase inhibition assay and cancer cell proliferation inhibition assay were used to assess the in vitro antitumor activities of designed compounds. EGFR and HER2 kinase inhibition assay was performed according to the instructions of the manufacturer, and human lung adenocarcinoma cell line (A549) [16] which overexpresses EGFR\textsuperscript{WT} and human breast cancer cell line (SK-Br3) [17] overexpressing HER2 were selected as cell models to evaluate the anti-proliferation of the designed compounds. As shown in Table 1, most of the designed compounds exhibited moderate to high inhibition activity against EGFR and HER2, which revealed that introducing 2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl at 1-position of oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one scaffold contributed to the activity. As indicated by the results that compounds containing some functional groups (such as halogens, alkoxy groups etc.) at 8-position caused an increase in EGFR and HER2 inhibition with the exception of compounds 11a, 11b, 11d, 11i, 11o and 11p. Among these, the compounds which contained polar groups (such as piperazinyl, morpholino etc.) would also demonstrate increased inhibition activities towards EGFR and HER kinase like 11o and 11p. However, compounds containing some big functional groups
would demonstrate decreased inhibition activities like 11e, 11f, 11g and 11h. This may be due to their relatively large structures, which sterically hindered their interaction with the active site on kinase. Above all, compounds 11o and 11p exhibited promising activities with IC\textsubscript{50} values of 0.008 µM and 0.0010 µM on EGFR, 0.033 µM and 0.021 µM on HER2, respectively. This was a significant improvement when compared to Lapatinib which had IC\textsubscript{50} values of 0.026 µM on EGFR and 0.017 µM on HER2 (Table 1).

The cellular anti-proliferative effects were mainly coincident with kinase inhibition activity, most compounds exhibited moderate to high inhibition activities and cytotoxicities to A549 and SK-Br3 cell. Compounds 11o and 11p exhibited high activities with IC\textsubscript{50} values of 2.03 µM and 3.60 µM against A549, 12.50 µM and 2.30 µM against SK-Br3, respectively. And, Lapatinib had IC\textsubscript{50} values of 6.74 µM on EGFR and 0.47 µM against SK-Br3 (Table 1).

According the inhibition activity result of 11a-11q, 2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl group was introduced at 1-position, and aniline was displaced at 8-position to give compounds 12a-12g. As shown in Table 1, almost all of compounds had potent activity on EGFR and HER2 as well as A549 and SK-Br3 cells except compound 12d. The EGFR and HER2 kinase inhibition activities of compounds 12a-12g had a slight decrease compared with compounds 11a-11q when they had the same aniline displaced at 8-position, such as 11d vs. 12c, 11i vs. 12b, 11p vs. 12f, etc.. The cancer cell proliferation inhibitory activities of compounds 12a-12g were also mainly coincident with kinase inhibition activity, most compounds exhibited moderate to
high inhibition activities and cytotoxicities to A549 and SK-Br3 cell. We were excited finding that compound 12f exhibited equivalent inhibition activity towards EGFR and HER2 kinase as well as A549 and SK-Br3 cells (Table 1).

Normal Cell Cytotoxicity

As further evaluation for the selective cytotoxicity of the most promising compounds (11p and 12f), they have been tested over normal human embryonic lung fibroblast cell line (HELF) [18] using MTT assay. As illustrated in Table 2, compounds 11p and 12f had lower cytotoxicity to HELF cell compared with Lapatinib, and compound 12f exhibited the lowest cytotoxicity to normal human lung cell and normal human breast cell.

In Vivo Antitumor Activity. The xenograft mouse lewis lung cancer (LLC) tumor mice model [12] was used to investigate the in vivo antitumor activity of designed compound 12f. As shown in Figure 3, compound 12f and Lapatinib were well tolerated and displayed significant in vivo antitumor efficacy when compared with water as vehicle control, and compound 12f presented remarkably higher inhibition efficacy towards tumour growth than Lapatinib (P<0.05) (Fig. 3A). The images of the tumor harvested from the mice visually showed the greatest tumor shrinkage after treatment with compound 12f (Fig. 3B), and no significant change of the body weight during the study.

2.3 Structure-activity relationships

As illustrated in our earlier research, N₁, N₃ atoms in pyrimidine ring are ATP competitive binding sites, which is pharmacophore of EGFR inhibitors. And also, the
proton in aniline at 8-position is essential. As shown in Figure 4, introducing electrophiles side-chain, such as 2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl and 2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl group can achieve medium to high inhibition activity, and the EGFR and HER2 kinase inhibition activities had a slight decrease when X = Cl compared with X = Br when they had the same aniline displaced at 8-position because 2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl was less reactive compared with 2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl group, such as 11d vs. 12c, 11i vs. 12b, 11p vs. 12f, etc.. Halogen introduced in phenyl amines can improve the inhibition activity (Cl> F> H), such as compounds 11a, 11i, 11k, and morpholinyl, 4-methylpiperazin-1-yl introduced in phenyl amines may increase the compound inhibition activity, such as compounds 11o, 11p, 12e, 12f. However, tert-butyl and some big functional groups such as 4-(morpholine-4-carboxamido)phenyl, 4-(3-cyclopentylureido)phenyl, 4-(piperidine-1-carboxamido)phenyl, 4-(3-cyclohexyl ureido)phenyl groups introduced in phenyl amines would decreased inhibition activities like 11c, 11e, 11f, 11g and 11h. This may be due to their relatively large structures, which sterically hindered their interaction with the active site on kinase. (Fig. 4 and Table 1).

2.4 Molecular Docking Study
Docking study using GOLD 4.1 was performed. GOLD is a genetic algorithm based docking program that allows a wide range of flexibility for the ligand and the protein [19]. It is used to predict the binding modes and orientation of the synthesized compounds at the active site of the ATP binding site of EGFR-TK. The crystal structure of the enzyme with Lapatinib (ID: 1XKK) was obtained from protein data
bank (PDB). The kinase or catalytic domain includes an N-terminal lobe, which consists mainly of β-strands but contains one α-helix and C helix. The C-terminal lobe is mainly α-helical, and a short strand termed the hinge region connects the two lobes [20]. The docking studies were progressed by positioning the compound 12f in the Lapatinib binding site, and the results had revealed that the oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one ring bounded to a narrow hydrophobic pocket in the N-terminal domain of EGFR active site where N5 of the oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one core interacted with the backbone NH of Met793 via a hydrogen bond. A water molecule-mediated hydrogen bonding interaction between the N7 and the Thr854 side chain was observed which was similar to Lapatinib. These interactions underscored the importance of nitrogen atoms for the binding and the subsequent inhibitory capacity. The aniline moiety at the C4 lay in a deep hydrophobic pocket. The morpholinyl at the C4 of aniline moiety lay in the same site of the 3-fluorobenzyl)oxy)phenyl moiety of Lapatinib. It was glad to found a covalent bonding interaction existing between the 2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl side-chains and the Cys797 cysteine residue which revealed that 12f could form the covalent binding to an active site cysteine residue of EGFR (Fig. 5).

3. Conclusion

In summary, a series of novel oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one derivatives as EGFR/HER2 dual inhibitors were synthesized and subjected to pharmacological evaluation. The results showed that most of oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one derivatives exhibited moderate to high EGFR inhibition activities. Protein tyrosine
kinase inhibitions assay indicated that many of these derivatives exerted potent activity on both EGFR and HER2 kinases. Moreover, these derivatives demonstrated high anti-proliferation potencies against A549 and SK-Br3 cells. Among them two designed compounds 11p and 12f exhibited more potent inhibition activities than the reference compounds Lapatinib which merited further evaluation. Especially, 12f also exhibited the lowest toxicity against HELF cell compared with Lapatinib and 11p. Furthermore, compound 12f presented remarkably higher inhibition efficacy towards tumour growth than Lapatinib. In conclusion, the findings presented herein showed that introducing electrophiles (such as 2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl and 2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl) at 1-position of oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one scaffold is an excellent strategy for the development of EGFR/HER2 dual inhibitors.

4. Experimental sections

4.1 Chemistry experiment

4.1.1 Chemistry: General procedures

All commercially available starting materials, reagents and solvents were used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Melting points were determined with an Electro thermal melting point apparatus, and are uncorrected. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on QSTAR XL Hybrid MS/MS mass spectrometer. $^1$H -NMR and $^{13}$C-NMR spectra on a Bruker AV 300 300 or 500 MHz spectrometer were recorded in DMSO-d$_6$. Chemical shifts are reported in d (ppm) units relative to the internal standard tetramethylsilane (TMS). The reaction conditions
were not optimized for reaction yields. All oxygen-sensitive or moisture-sensitive reactions were run under nitrogen atmosphere. All the reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on pre-coated silica gel G plates at 254 nm under a UV lamp using ethyl petroleum ether/acetate or DCM/MeOH as eluent. Column chromatography separations were obtained on silica gel (200–300 mesh).

4.1.2 Purity analysis

The purity of the synthesized compounds were measured by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC, Shimadzu LC-2010 system, Kyoto, Japan) equipped with a Diamonsil C18 column (5 µm particle size, 250 mm × 4.6 mm). The mobile phase consisted of acetonitrile and water with a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. The detection wavelength was 344 nm and sample injected volume was 20 µL. All compounds evaluated for EGFR/HER2 inhibitory potency had a purity of ≧ 95%.

4.1.3 Ethyl 6-amino-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydrobenzo[d]oxazole-5-carboxylate (7)

Compound 6 (13.2 g, 60.0 mmol) was dissolved in 75 mL DMF, and MeCN 150 mL, 2-bromoethan-1-ol (22.5 g, 180 mmol) and K$_2$CO$_3$ (24.8 g, 180 mmol) were successively added, and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 4 h. After cooled to room temperature, ice water (500 mL) was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with AcOEt (4×200 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried (Na$_2$SO$_4$) and concentrated to give the crude product. The crude product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc, 4/1), R$_f$ = 0.25. Drying gave compound 7 (12.8 g, yield, 80.1%); mp: 159-161 °C; $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 10.37 (1H, s), 7.65
(1H, s), 6.75 (2H, s), 6.68 (1H, s), 4.37 (2H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.21 (2H, q, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 3.77 (2H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.27 (3H, t, $J = 6.9$ Hz).

4.1.4 1-(2-hydroxyethyl) oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazoline-2,8(1H,7H)-dione (8)

Compound 7 (12.0 g, 45.0 mmol) and formamidine acetate (5.15 g, 49.5 mmol) and ethanol (120 mL) was successively added and the mixture was refluxed for 24 h under the protection of $\text{N}_2$. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered, and the solid was washed with cold EtOH (50 mL) and water (50 mL), and dried to give compound as white powder (9.2 g, yield, 82.9%); mp: 237-239 °C; $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) $\delta$ 12.27 (1H, br s), 8.04 (1H, s), 7.91 (1H, s), 7.57 (1H, s), 4.96 (1H, t, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 3.95 (2H, t, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 3.70 (2H, t, $J = 5.4$ Hz).

4.1.5 General procedure for the synthesis of 1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl) oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one derivatives (11a-q)

4.1.5.1 1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazoline-2,8(1H,7H)-dione (9a)

Compound 8 (3.0 g, 12.1 mmol) was dissolved in 50 mL DMF, and bromoacetyl bromide (7.3 g, 36.4 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, and then the mixture was poured into ice water (200 mL) and stirred for 15 min, followed by filtering and distilling under a reduced pressure. The white product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 100/1), $R_f = 0.15$. Drying give compound 9a (3.8 g, yield, 85.4%); mp: 245-246 °C; $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) $\delta$ 12.27 (1H, br s), 8.05 (1H, s), 7.98 (1H, s), 7.57 (1H, s), 4.46 (2H, t, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 4.24-4.23 (4H, m).
4.1.5.2 1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-Chlorooxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (10a)

Compound 9a (3.7 g, 10 mmol), thionyl chloride (40 mL) and DMF (4 drops) was successively added and the mixture was refluxed for 24 h. After cooled to room temperature, most of the excess of thionyl chloride and DMF was removed under reduced pressure to give the yellow residue. The crude product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM), Rf = 0.21. Drying gave compound 10a (3.3 g, yield, 85.4%); mp: 184-185 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 8.43 (1H, s), 8.02 (1H, s), 7.65 (1H, s), 4.43 (2H, t, J = 4.4 Hz), 4.24-4.22 (4H, m).

4.1.5.2.1 1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-(3-Chloro-4-fluorophenylamino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (11a)

A mixture of compound 10a (155 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 3-chloro-4-fluoroaniline (70 mg, 0.48 mmol) in isopropanol (6 mL) was stirred for 24 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered and washed with chill isopropanol (3 mL) and the residue was treated with aqueous NaHCO3 (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc/MeOH (20:1, 20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na2SO4, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 100/1), Rf = 0.23. Drying gave 163 mg (yield, 82.3%) of the title compound as white solid; mp: 229-231 °C; HPLC purity: 98%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C19H14BrClFN4O4 (M+H)+, 494.9881; found, 494.9879; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 11.60 (1H, br s), 9.01 (1H, s), 8.90 (1H, s), 8.08 (1H, ...
dd, $J = 6.8, 2.5$ Hz), 7.82-7.78 (2H, m), 7.54 (1H, t, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 4.57 (2H, t, $J = 4.7$ Hz), 4.29 (2H, s), 4.20 (2H, t, $J = 4.7$ Hz); $^{13}$C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 167.06, 159.15, 153.10, 149.82, 147.69, 136.44, 134.13 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 132.49, 126.28, 125.04 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 116.85 (d, $J = 21.8$ Hz), 110.37, 103.58, 99.88, 62.05, 41.88, 25.61.

4.1.5.2.2

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((3-chloro-4-((3-fluorobenzyl)oxy)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (11b)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 100/1), $R_f = 0.20$. Light yellow solid, 200 mg, yield, 83.3%; mp: 252-254 °C; HPLC purity: 97%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C$_{26}$H$_{20}$BrClFNaO$_5$ (M+H)$^+$, 601.0289; found, 601.0285; $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 11.71 (1H, br s), 9.16 (1H, s), 8.91 (1H, s), 7.75-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.10 (m, 1H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 4.60 (2H, t, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.24 (2H, t, $J = 4.6$ Hz); $^{13}$C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 167.06, 163.80, 160.58, 158.92, 153.12, 151.54, 149.81, 147.57, 136.28, 132.39, 130.61 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 126.05 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 124.37, 123.32 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 121.10, 114.75 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 114.14 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 113.91, 110.29, 103.46, 99.89, 69.38, 62.05, 41.84, 25.62.

4.1.5.2.3

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((3-chloro-4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (11c)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 200/1), $R_f = 0.22$. Light yellow solid, 172 mg, yield, 86.1%; mp: 224-226 °C; HPLC purity: 97%; HRMS,
ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C_{23}H_{24}BrN_{4}O_{4} (M+H)^+, 499.0981; found, 499.0978; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 11.64 (1H, br s), 9.01 (1H, s), 8.86 (1H, s), 7.86 (1H, s), 7.66 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.51 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.60 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.24 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 1.32 (9H, s); ¹H NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 167.04.

4.1.5.2.4

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((3-chloro-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (ⅠId)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 70/1), R_f = 0.23. Light yellow solid, 214 mg, yield, 83.9%; mp: 257-259 °C; HPLC purity: 98%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C_{26}H_{18}BrClF_3N_4O_5 (M+H)^+, 637.0001; found, 636.9997; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 11.76 (1H, br s), 9.18 (1H, s), 8.96 (1H, s), 8.20 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 7.90 (1H, dd, J = 8.8, 2.5 Hz), 7.86 (1H, s), 7.64 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.38 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.32-7.20 (2H, m), 4.59 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.31 (2H, s), 4.23 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 167.04.

4.1.5.2.5

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((4-(morpholine-4-carboxamido)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (ⅠIe)

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Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 50/1), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.22. Light yellow solid, 197 mg, yield, 86.0%; mp: 263-265 °C; HPLC purity: 98%; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup>, m/z: Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 571.0940; found, 571.0933; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.52 (1H, br s), 9.02 (1H, s), 8.88 (1H, s), 8.78 (1H, s), 7.86 (1H, s), 7.65-7.58 (4H, m), 4.62 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6 Hz), 4.34 (2H, s), 4.25 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6 Hz), 3.66-3.63 (4H, m), 3.49-3.46 (4H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 167.06, 158.69, 155.06, 153.10, 149.59, 147.44, 138.91, 135.90, 132.30, 130.42, 124.61, 119.41, 110.18, 103.41, 99.68, 65.98, 62.00, 44.19, 41.80, 25.63.

4.1.5.2.6

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((4-(3-cyclopentylureido)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (11f)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 50/1), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.21. Light yellow solid, 189 mg, yield, 83.2%; mp: 266-268 °C; HPLC purity: 96%; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup>, m/z: Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 569.1132; found, 569.1128; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.60 (1H, br s), 9.02 (1H, s), 8.86 (1H, s), 8.76 (1H, s), 7.86 (1H, s), 7.65-7.58 (4H, m), 6.24 (1H, bs), 4.60 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6 Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.23 (2H, t, <i>J</i> = 4.6 Hz), 1.78-1.69 (2H, m), 1.67-1.56 (2H, m), 1.54-1.42 (1H, m), 1.30-1.03 (4H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 167.07, 159.01, 156.89, 154.30, 153.12, 149.90, 149.41, 147.69, 142.44, 136.53, 133.63, 132.51, 129.97, 126.20, 124.63, 124.28, 121.09, 118.66, 112.40, 110.41, 109.70, 106.07, 103.38, 100.00, 89.40, 62.03, 47.43, 41.85, 32.86, 25.61, 22.43.

4.1.5.2.7
1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((4-(piperidine-1-carboxamido)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (11g)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 50/1), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.20. Light yellow solid, 185 mg, yield, 81.1%; mp: 259-261 °C; HPLC purity: 97%; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup>, m/z: Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 569.1148; found, 569.1143; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.39 (1H, br s), 8.89 (1H, s), 8.86 (1H, s), 8.63 (1H, s), 7.84 (1H, s), 7.62-7.54 (4H, m), 4.61 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.32 (2H, s), 4.24 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 3.47-3.43 (4H, m), 1.59-1.51 (6H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 167.05, 158.74, 154.78, 153.13, 149.66, 147.48, 139.39, 135.96, 132.35, 130.13, 124.63, 119.40, 110.20, 103.31, 99.76, 62.02, 44.68, 41.81, 25.62, 25.51, 24.08.

4.1.5.2.8

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((4-(3-cyclohexylureido)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (11h)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 50/1), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.21. Light yellow solid, 192 mg, yield, 82.4%; mp: 267-268 °C; HPLC purity: 97%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 583.1204; found, 583.1200; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 11.45 (1H, br s), 8.92 (1H, s), 8.86 (1H, s), 8.80 (1H, s), 7.84 (1H, s), 7.59-7.48 (4H, m), 6.36 (1H, br s), 4.60 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.22 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 1.88-1.46 (5H, m), 1.40-1.08 (6H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 167.02, 158.74, 154.43, 153.10, 149.60, 147.46, 139.32, 132.33, 129.40, 125.05, 117.20, 110.15, 103.25, 99.68, 61.99, 47.48, 41.79, 25.63, 25.25, 24.24.

4.1.5.2.9
1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((3,4-difluorophenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (IIIi)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 100/1), Rf = 0.24. White solid, 159 mg, yield, 82.8%; mp: 228-230 °C; HPLC purity: 98%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C_{19}H_{14}BrF_{2}N_{4}O_{4} (M+H)^+, 479.0166; found, 479.0164; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 11.71 (1H, br s), 9.14 (1H,s), 8.95 (1H,s), 8.03 (1H, ddd, J = 12.5, 7.5, 2.5 Hz), 7.87 (1H, s), 7.70 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.58 (1H, dd, J = 19.4, 9.0 Hz), 4.61 (2H, t, J = 4.8 Hz), 4.32 (2H, s), 4.25 (2H, t, J = 4.8 Hz); ^13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 167.05, 159.11, 153.11, 149.93, 147.72, 136.74, 132.53, 121.19 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 117.42 (d, J = 18.0 Hz), 114.90 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 110.37, 103.25, 100.16, 62.02, 41.84, 25.62.

4.1.5.2.10

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (IIIj)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 70/1), Rf = 0.25. Light yellow solid, 182mg, yield, 82.7%; mp: 250-251 °C; HPLC purity: 97%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C_{26}H_{22}BrN_{4}O_{5} (M+H)^+, 549.0773; found, 549.0771; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 11.48 (1H, br s), 8.97 (1H, s), 8.83 (1H, s), 7.65 (1H, s), 7.62 (1H, s), 7.48-7.33 (5H, m), 7.14 (1H, s), 7.11 (1H, s), 5.15 (2H, s), 4.59 (2H, t, J = 4.9 Hz), 4.34 (2H, s), 4.22 (2H, t, J = 4.9 Hz); ^13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 167.02, 158.79, 156.62, 153.12, 149.82, 147.41, 136.92, 132.24, 129.72, 128.43, 127.85, 127.67, 125.96, 114.84, 110.22, 103.29, 100.02, 69.46, 62.03, 41.80, 25.61.
4.1.5.2.11

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((4-((4-chlorobenzyl)oxy)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (IIk)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 70/1), Rf = 0.25. Light yellow solid, 187mg, yield, 79.9%; mp: 251-252 °C; HPLC purity: 98%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C26H21BrClN4O5 (M+H)+, 583.0333; found, 583.0331; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 11.58 (1H, br s), 9.10 (1H, s), 8.97 (1H, s), 8.14-8.05 (4H, m), 7.90 (1H, s), 7.57-7.48 (4H, m), 4.63 (2H, t, J = 4.9 Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.28 (2H, t, J = 4.9 Hz); 13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 167.02, 164.92, 158.97, 153.08, 149.81, 147.69, 141.73, 137.14, 135.17, 132.70, 132.48, 129.84, 129.76, 128.49, 126.33, 123.74, 110.70, 103.49, 100.19, 65.35, 62.04, 41.84, 25.62.

4.1.5.2.12   Ethyl-4-((1-(2-(2-bromoacetoxy)ethyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydrooxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-8-yl)amino)benzoate (III)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 100/1), Rf = 0.20. Light yellow solid, 175 mg, yield, 85.0%; mp: 227-229 °C; HPLC purity: 96%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C22H20BrN4O6 (M+H)+, 515.0566; found, 515.0567; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 11.63 (1H, br s), 9.15 (1H, s), 8.95 (1H, s), 8.03 (4H, s), 7.88 (1H, s), 4.61 (2H, t, J = 4.8 Hz), 4.36-4.30 (4H, m), 4.25 (2H, t, J = 4.8 Hz), 1.34 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz); 13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 167.05, 165.14, 158.97, 153.10, 149.92, 147.72, 141.44, 137.20, 132.51, 129.70, 126.85, 123.71, 110.67, 103.29, 100.28, 62.05, 60.74, 41.82, 25.63, 14.17.
4.1.5.2.13

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((4-((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (**11m**)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 70/1), R_f = 0.23. Light yellow solid, 190 mg, yield, 81.9%; mp: 256-258 °C; HPLC purity: 97%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C_{27}H_{24}BrN_{4}O_{6} (M+H)^{+}, 579.0879; found, 579.0873; ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_{6}) δ 11.55 (1H, br s), 9.02 (1H, s), 8.86 (1H, s), 7.87 (1H, s), 7.66 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.43 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.13 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 6.97 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 5.10 (2H, s), 4.62 (2H, t, J = 5.0 Hz), 4.34 (2H, s), 4.25 (2H, t, J = 5.0 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d_{6}) δ 167.08, 167.25, 159.01, 158.89, 156.79, 153.12, 149.73, 147.50, 135.99, 132.37, 129.52, 128.73, 126.06, 114.89, 113.82, 110.14, 103.22, 99.80, 69.21, 62.03, 61.30, 55.08, 41.81, 25.63.

4.1.5.2.14

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((3-ethynylphenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (**11n**)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 200/1), R_f = 0.25. Light yellow solid, 158 mg, yield, 84.5%; mp: 230-231 °C; HPLC purity: 98%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C_{21}H_{16}BrFN_{4}O_{4} (M+H)^{+}, 467.0355; found, 467.0357; ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_{6}) δ 11.71 (1H, br s), 9.17 (1H, s), 8.95 (1H, s), 7.96 (1H, s), 7.88 (1H, s), 7.52 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.43 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 4.61 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.30 (1H, s), 4.26 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d_{6}) δ 167.04, 159.18, 153.10, 149.82, 147.69, 137.15, 136.42, 132.51, 129.47, 20
129.20, 127.41, 125.10, 122.06, 110.37, 103.40, 99.91, 82.84, 81.39, 62.05, 41.84, 25.62.

4.1.5.2.15

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((3-chloro-4-(4-methyl piperazin-1-yl)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (11o)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 30/1), Rf = 0.23. Yellow solid, 184 mg, yield, 80.0%; mp: 272-275 °C; HPLC purity: 97%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C24H25BrClN6O4 (M+H)+, 575.0709; found, 575.0710; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 9.88 (1H, br s), 8.57 (1H, s), 8.53 (1H, s), 8.09 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 7.86 (1H,dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz), 7.69(1H, s), 7.28 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 4.60 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.34 (2H, s), 4.25 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 3.22-3.05 (4H, m), 2.96 (3H, s), 2.56-2.52 (4H, m); 13C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 167.04, 159.04, 153.13, 149.72, 147.67, 132.51, 127.04, 126.29, 124.19, 120.58, 110.36, 103.61, 99.76, 62.08, 57.04, 52.31, 46.64, 41.92, 25.62.

4.1.5.2.16

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((3-chloro-4-morpholinophenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (11p)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 40/1), Rf = 0.22. Yellow solid, 190 mg, yield, 84.4%; mp: 275-277 °C; HPLC purity: 98%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C23H22BrClN5O5 (M+H)+, 562.0493; found, 562.0492; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 11.63 (1H, br s), 9.10 (1H, s), 8.94 (1H, s), 7.95 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 7.87 (1H, s), 7.76 (1H, dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz), 7.30 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 4.60 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.40 (2H, d, J = 4.6 Hz), 3.22-3.05 (4H, m), 2.96 (3H, s), 2.56-2.52 (4H, m).
4.1.5.2.17

1-(2-(2-bromoacetyl)ethyl)-8-((3-chloro-4-(piperidin-1-yl)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (11q)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 35/1), R_f = 0.22. Yellow solid, 181 mg, yield, 80.8%; mp: 271-273 °C; HPLC purity: 97%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C_{24}H_{24}BrClN_5O_4 (M+H)^+, 560.0600; found, 560.0599; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 9.61 (1H, br s), 8.55 (1H, s), 8.23 (1H, s), 7.96 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 7.75 (1H,dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz), 7.64 (1H, s), 7.20 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 4.60 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.24 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 3.01-2.85 (4H, m), 1.79-1.64 (4H, m), 1.63-1.48 (2H, m); ^13C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 167.05, 159.02, 153.15, 149.74, 147.69, 132.53, 127.06, 126.31, 124.21, 120.60, 110.38, 103.63, 99.77, 66.35, 62.10, 54.93, 41.92, 25.61.

4.1.6 General procedure for the synthesis of 1-(2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl) oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one derivatives (12a-g)

4.1.6.1 1-(2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl) oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazoline-2, 8(1H,7H)-dione (9b)

Compound 8 (2.0 g, 8.1 mmol) was dissolved in 50 mL DMF, and bromoacetyl bromide (2.9 g, 24.3 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was
stirred at room temperature for 30 min, and then the mixture was poured into ice water (200 mL) and stirred for 15 min, followed by filtering and distilling under a reduced pressure. The white product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 100/1); \( R_f = 0.17 \). Drying gave compound \( 9b \) (2.3 g, yield, 87.8%); mp: 233-234 °C; \(^1\)H NMR (DMSO-\(d_6\)) \( \delta \) 12.27 (1H, br s), 8.05 (1H, s), 7.98 (1H, s), 7.57 (1H, s), 4.60 (2H, t, \( J = 4.6 \) Hz), 4.32 (2H, s), 4.24 (2H, t, \( J = 4.6 \) Hz).

4.1.6.2 1-(2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl)-8-Chlorooxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (10b)

Compound \( 9a \) (2.0 g, 6.1 mmol), thionyl chloride (25 mL) and DMF (4 drops) was successively added and the mixture was refluxed for 24 h. After cooled to room temperature, most of the excess of thionyl chloride and DMF was removed under reduced pressure to give the yellow residue. The crude product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM); \( R_f = 0.23 \). Drying gave compound \( 10b \) (1.7 g, yield, 81.5%); mp: 182-184 °C; \(^1\)H NMR (DMSO-\(d_6\)) \( \delta \) 8.43 (1H, s), 8.02 (1H, s), 7.65 (1H, s), 4.60 (2H, t, \( J = 4.6 \) Hz), 4.32 (2H, s), 4.24 (2H, t, \( J = 4.6 \) Hz).

4.1.6.2.1 1-(2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl)-8-(3-Chloro-4-fluorophenylamino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (12a)

A mixture of compound \( 10b \) (137 mg, 0.4 mmol) and 3-chloro-4-fluoroaniline (70 mg, 0.48 mmol) in isopropanol (6 mL) was stirred for 12 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered and washed with chill isopropanol (3 mL) and...
the residue was treated with aqueous NaHCO$_3$ (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc/MeOH (20:1, 20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na$_2$SO$_4$, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 100/1), R$_f$ = 0.23. Drying gave 154 mg (yield, 85.6%)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 100/1), R$_f$ = 0.24. White solid, 144 mg, yield, 82.8%; mp: 227-228 °C; HPLC purity: 96%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{14}$Cl$_2$F$_2$N$_4$O$_4$ (M+H)$^+$, 435.0666; found, 435.0674; $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 11.83 (1H, br s), 9.24 (1H, s), 8.96 (1H, s), 8.08-8.01 (1H, m), 7.88 (1H, s), 7.73-7.70 (1H, m), 7.63-7.53 (1H, m), 4.61 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.25 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz); $^{13}$C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 167.21, 159.07, 153.08, 149.85, 147.67, 136.73, 132.47, 121.11 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 117.33 (d, J = 18.0 Hz), 113.80 (d, J = 20.0 Hz), 110.38, 103.39, 100.10, 62.00, 41.83, 40.95.
4.1.6.2.3

1-(2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl)-8-((3-chloro-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (12c)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 100/1), Rf = 0.24. Light yellow solid, 208 mg, yield, 87.8%; mp: 255-256 °C; HPLC purity: 97%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C_{26}H_{18}Cl_{2}F_{3}N_{4}O_{5} (M+H)^{+}, 593.0601; found, 593.0603; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 11.82 (1H, br s), 9.23 (1H, s), 8.98 (1H, s), 8.22 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz), 7.94-7.89 (2H, m), 7.66 (1H, t, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.53 (1H, d, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.40 (1H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 7.34-7.23 (2H, m), 4.60 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.32 (2H, s), 4.23 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz); ^13C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 167.29, 159.01, 157.11, 153.17, 150.08, 148.08, 147.86 (d, J = 16.5 Hz), 134.90, 132.55, 131.62, 126.28, 124.83, 122.12, 120.85, 120.03 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 113.47 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 110.53, 103.18, 100.43, 62.07, 41.87, 40.99.

4.1.6.2.4

1-(2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl)-8-((3-chloro-4-((3-fluorobenzyl)oxy)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (12d)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 100/1), Rf = 0.25. Light yellow solid, 191 mg, yield, 85.7%; mp: 251-252 °C; HPLC purity: 98%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C_{26}H_{20}Cl_{2}F_{2}N_{4}O_{5} (M+H)^{+}, 557.0789; found, 557.0797; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 11.88 (1H, br s), 9.23 (1H, s), 8.94 (1H, s), 7.97 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 7.89 (1H, s), 7.75-7.71(1H, m), 7.52-7.43 (1H, m), 7.37-7.30 (2H, m),
7.22-7.15 (1H, m), 4.60 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.24 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz); $^{13}$C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 167.26, 163.81, 160.60, 158.92, 153.12, 151.54, 149.82, 147.57, 136.28, 132.40, 130.61 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 126.11, 124.37, 121.10, 114.75 (d, J = 17.3 Hz), 114.14 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 113.93, 110.29, 103.46, 99.92, 69.40, 62.04, 41.86, 40.98.

4.1.6.2.5

1-(2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl)-8-((3-chloro-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (12e)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 30/1), R$_f$ = 0.24. Yellow solid, 176 mg, yield, 82.6%; mp: 265-266 °C; HPLC purity: 98%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C$_{24}$H$_{25}$Cl$_2$N$_6$O$_4$ (M+H)$^+$, 531.1309; found, 531.1314; $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 9.87 (1H, br s), 8.59 (1H, s), 8.54 (1H, s), 8.09 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz), 7.86 (1H,dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz), 7.69(1H, s), 7.28 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 4.62 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.20 (2H, t, J = 4.6 Hz), 3.21-3.06 (4H, m), 2.95 (3H, s), 2.57-2.54 (4H, m); $^{13}$C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) δ 167.24, 159.00, 153.13, 149.72, 147.67, 132.51, 127.04, 126.29, 124.19, 120.58, 110.36, 103.61, 99.76, 62.08, 57.04, 52.31, 46.63, 41.92, 41.02.

4.1.6.2.6

1-(2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl)-8-((3-chloro-4-morpholinophenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (12f)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 40/1), R$_f$ = 0.22. Yellow solid, 167 mg, yield, 80.7%; mp: 269-271 °C; HPLC purity: 98%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z:
Calcd for C_{23}H_{22}Cl_{2}N_{5}O_{5} (M+H)^{+}, 518.0993; found, 518.0990; $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) $\delta$ 11.86 (1H, br s), 9.25 (1H, s), 8.94 (1H, s), 7.94 (1H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 7.88 (1H, s), 7.75 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.2$ Hz), 7.27 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 4.60 (2H, t, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.24 (2H, t, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 3.79-3.73 (4H, m), 3.05-2.99 (4H, m); $^{13}$C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) $\delta$ 167.28, 159.02, 153.15, 149.74, 147.69, 132.53, 127.06, 126.31, 124.21, 120.60, 110.38, 103.63, 99.77, 66.35, 62.10, 54.93, 41.92, 41.02.

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1-(2-(2-chloroacetoxy)ethyl)-8-((3-chloro-4-(piperidin-1-yl)phenyl)amino)oxazolo[4,5-g]quinazolin-2(1H)-one (12g)

Purified by silica-gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH, 35/1), $R_f = 0.21$. Yellow solid, 185 mg, yield, 89.4%; mp: 270-272 °C; HPLC purity: 98%; HRMS, ESI+, m/z: Calcd for C_{24}H_{24}Cl_{2}N_{5}O_{4} (M+H)+, 516.1200; found, 516.1206; $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) $\delta$ 9.64 (1H, br s), 8.54 (1H, s), 8.26 (1H, s), 7.95 (1H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 7.74 (1H, dd, $J = 8.8, 2.4$ Hz), 7.66 (1H, s), 7.20 (1H, d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 4.60 (2H, t, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 4.33 (2H, s), 4.24 (2H, t, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 2.97-2.88 (4H, m), 1.75-1.62 (4H, m), 1.61-1.50 (2H, m); $^{13}$C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) $\delta$ 167.28, 159.02, 153.15, 149.74, 147.69, 132.53, 127.06, 126.31, 124.21, 120.60, 110.38, 103.63, 99.77, 66.35, 62.10, 49.52, 41.92, 41.02, 26.13, 24.74.

4.2 Biological evaluation

4.2.1 In Vitro Enzymatic Activity Assay.
EGFR\textsuperscript{WT}, HER2 and the Z’-Lyte Kinase Kit were purchased from Invitrogen. The experiments were performed according to the instructions of the manufacturer. Briefly, the respective final concentrations of different kinases were determined as follows: EGFR (PV3872, Invitrogen), 0.200 µg/mL; HER2 (PV3366, Invitrogen), 0.192 µg/mL. Six concentration (0.0001-10 µM) gradients were set for all the tested compounds in DMSO, and a 4× compound solution was prepared. An ATP solution and a kinase/peptide mixture were prepared right before use. The 10 µL kinase reaction consisted of 2.5 µL of compound solution, 5 µL of kinase/peptide mixture, and 2.5 µL of ATP solution. A 100% phosphorylation control was provided by 5 µL of phosphopeptide solution instead of the kinase/peptide mixture. A 100% inhibition control was prepared using 2.5 µL of kinase buffer instead of the ATP solution, and 2.5 µL of 4% DMSO instead of the compound solution was used as a 0% inhibition control. The solutions on the plate were mixed thoroughly, and the plate was incubated for 1 h at room temperature. After 5 µL of development solution was added to each well, the plate was incubated for 1 h at room temperature; the non-phosphopeptides were cleaved in this time. Finally, 5 µL of stop reagent was added to stop the reaction. The activity was measured with an Infinite M100 Pro multilabel reader. Curve fitting and data presentations were performed using GraphPad Prism 5.0. Every experiment was repeated at least three times. Data represented as means ± SD from three independent experiments.

4.2.2 Cancer Cell Proliferation Inhibition and Normal Cell Cytotoxicity Assay.

Human lung adenocarcinoma cell line (A549), human breast cancer cell line (SK-Br3),
human embryonic lung fibroblast cell line (HELF) were provided by Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences. A549 cell was cultured in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% FBS, and Penicillin 100 U/mL and Streptomycin 100U/mL were added. Cell cultures were maintained in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO$_2$ at 37 °C. Cells were seeded at respective density (2–4×10$^4$/mL) in 96-well plates in a volume of 180 µL per well. After seeding 24 h, the medium was removed. The test compounds were dissolved in DMSO and diluted with culture medium to different concentrations (the final concentration of DMSO was 0.1%). 20 µL of the test compound solution was added in duplicates, and incubation continued for 48 h in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO$_2$ at 37 °C. Remove the medium, methylthiazolyldiphenyl-tetrazolium bromide (MTT) 20 µL was added to each well and incubated for additional 3-4 h. The medium was replaced by 150 mL DMSO to solubilize the purple formazan crystals produced and the absorbance was measured on a microplate reader at 570 nm. The compound IC$_{50}$ values were calculated using Graph Pad Prism 5.0. Data represented as means ± SD from three independent experiments. The cell proliferation inhibition assay of SK-Br3 cell was the same as A549 cell. HELF cell in the normal cell cytotoxicity assay were cultured the same as A549 cell except cultured in DMEM medium.

4.2.3 In vivo antitumor activity assay

Six week old C57BL/6 mice were weighed and randomly divided into three groups 1) Control; 2) Lapatinib; 3) Compound 12f (n=6 mice/group). LLC xenografts were initiated by subcutaneous implantation of 2×10$^6$ cells in the right flank. Upon
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