

Synthesis of 5-Methoxy-4-benzyloxazoles from Tyrosine and *m*-Tyrosine under Bischler-Napieralski Conditions*

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Various 2-substituted 5-methoxy-4-benzyloxazoles **6** and **9** were obtained from tyrosine and *m*-tyrosine derived amides **5** and **8** by treatment with phosphoryl chloride. A mechanism is proposed in order to explain the observed steric effects of the substituents in 2-position.

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