# **Supporting Information**

# Pd-Catalyzed Direct Oxidative mono-Aroyloxylation of O-

# **Aralkyl Substituted Acetoxime Ethers**

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#### 1. General Information

Unless otherwise indicated, all reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used as received without further purification. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware and monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC, pre-coated silica gel plates containing HF<sub>254</sub>). All solvents were only dried over 4 Å molecular sieves. Reaction products were purified *via* column chromatography on silica gel (300–400 mesh). Melting points were determined using an open capillaries and uncorrected. NMR spectra were determined on Bruker AV400 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with TMS as internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz), respectively. HRMS were measured on a QSTAR Pulsar I LC/TOF MS mass spectrometer or Micromass GCTTM gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer.

## 2. General Procedures and Characterization Data of Compounds

catalvst (n₁ mol-%) соон oxidant (n2 equiv.) solvent (6 mL), 80 °C, 10 h 2a Catalyst (n1 mol-Oxidant (n<sub>2</sub> Yield Entry Solvent (%)<sup>[b]</sup> %) equiv.) 1 Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10)  $K_2S_2O_8$  (2.0) DCE 67 2 Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>(10) oxone (2.0) DCE 65 3 Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10) PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.0) DCE 61 Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10) Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (2.0) DCE 4 59 5 Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10) TBHP (2.0) DCE 0 Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10) AgOAc (2.0) DCE 0 6 Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10) 7 K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (2.0) CH<sub>3</sub>CN 71 8 Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10) K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (2.0) DCM 61 9  $Pd(OAc)_2(10)$  $K_2S_2O_8$  (2.0) DMSO 0 10 Pd(OAc)2 (10) K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (3.0) **CH**<sub>3</sub>**CN** 76 Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>(10) K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (4.0) 76 11 CH₃CN 12<sup>C]</sup> Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10)  $K_2S_2O_8$  (3.0) CH₃CN 70 13<sup>[d]</sup> Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10)  $K_2S_2O_8$  (3.0)  $CH_3CN$ 55  $(n^{3}-C_{3}H_{5})_{2}Pd_{2}Cl_{2}$ 14  $K_2S_2O_8$  (3.0) CH<sub>3</sub>CN 31 (10) PdCl<sub>2</sub> (10) CH<sub>3</sub>CN 15  $K_2S_2O_8$  (3.0) 0 16 (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>2</sub> (10)  $K_2S_2O_8$  (3.0) CH<sub>3</sub>CN 0 17 Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (15) K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (3.0) CH₃CN 67 18  $Pd(OAc)_2(5)$  $K_2S_2O_8$  (3.0) CH<sub>3</sub>CN 65

2.1 Investigations of the reaction parameters (Table 1).<sup>[a]</sup>

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (1.0 mmol), **2a** (2.0 mmol), catalyst ( $n_1$  mol- %), oxidant ( $n_2$  equiv.), solvent (6 mL) at 80 °C for 10 h; [b] Isolated yields; [c] 60 °C; [d] 100 °C. DMSO = dimethylsulfoxide; DCM = dichloromethane; DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane.

**General procedure**: A mixture of substrate **1a** (1.0 mmol), **2a** (2.0 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  ( $n_1$  mol-%), oxidant ( $n_2$  equiv.) and solvent (6 mL) was stirred at specific temperature for 10 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the mixture was dropped into the saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (30 mL).

The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (25 mL×3), and then the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Finally, the solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a crude product, which was purified *via* a column chromatography on silica gel (eluents: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1) to supply the desired product **3a**.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl benzoate (3a)**: white solid, 215.2 mg (76%), m.p. 72–74 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3063, 2930, 2855, 1728, 1599, 1452, 1370, 1217, 1107, 954, 763, 703; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.22 (s, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dt,  $J_I$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd,  $J_I$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd,  $J_I$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  165.0, 155.4, 149.1, 133.6, 130.5, 130.3 (2C), 129.9, 129.5, 128.9, 128.6 (2C), 126.0, 122.6, 70.7, 21.7, 15.6; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 283.1208, found: 283.1204.

## 2.2 X-Ray crystallographic data of 3a



Crystal data and structure refinement for cd16181.

Identification code	cd16181	
Empirical formula	C17 H17 N O3	
Formula weight	283.31	
Temperature	293(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	P b c a	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.049(3)  Å	a= 90°.
	b = 7.1678(19)  Å	b= 90°.
	c = 35.147(9)  Å	$g = 90^{\circ}$ .

Volume 7	3035.4(14) Å <sup>3</sup>
Density (calculated)	8 1.240 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient F(000)	0.085 mm <sup>-1</sup> 1200
Crystal size Theta range for data collection	0.180 x 0.150 x 0.120 mm <sup>3</sup> 2.049 to 25.499°.
Index ranges	-14<=h<=14, -8<=k<=6, -42<=l<=42
Reflections collected	16093
Independent reflections	2827 [R(int) = 0.0783]
Completeness to theta = $25.242^{\circ}$	99.9 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6359
Refinement method Data / restraints / parameters	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup> 2827 / 0 / 193
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.023
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0553, $wR2 = 0.1462$
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0913, $wR2 = 0.1661$
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.172 and -0.154 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

#### 2.3 Investigation on the substrate scope of aromatic acids (Scheme 3)

**General procedure**: A mixture of substrate **1a** (1.0 mmol), **2** (2.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.10 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (6 mL), then the reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 10 h, or a specific time of 15 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the mixture was dropped into the saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (30 mL). The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (25 mL×3), and then the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Finally, the solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a crude product, which was purified *via* a column chromatography on silica gel (eluents: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1) to supply the desired product **3**.

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**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl 4-methoxybenzoate (3b)**: white solid, 253.6 mg (81%), m.p. 74–76 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3066, 2919, 2849, 1729, 1455, 1316, 1251, 1162, 1065, 918, 845, 749; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.15 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  164.7, 163.9, 155.4, 149.2, 132.4 (2C), 130.6, 129.8, 128.9, 125.9, 122.7, 121.9, 113.9 (2C), 70.7, 55.6, 21.8, 15.7; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 313.1314, found 313.1316.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl 4-methylbenzoate (3c)**: white solid, 226.8 mg (79%), m.p. 86–88 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3063, 2929, 1726, 1655, 1492, 1446, 1374, 1217, 1107, 978, 879, 824, 781;<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.78 (s, 3H) , 1.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  165.0, 155.4, 149.2, 144.4, 130.6, 130.4 (2C), 129.9, 129.3 (2C), 128.9, 126.8, 126.0, 122.7, 70.7, 21.84, 21.82, 15.7; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 297.1365, found 297.1362.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl 4-nitrobenzoate (3d)**: yellow solid, 196.9 mg (60%), m.p. 65–67 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3112, 2923, 2855, 1744, 1605, 1519, 1453, 1344, 1259, 1025, 988, 869, 750, 711; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.37 (dd,  $J_1$  = 14.4 Hz,  $J_2$  = 9.2 Hz, 4H), 7.50 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (td,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  163.2, 155.6, 151.0, 148.9, 135.1, 131.4 (2C), 130.4, 130.3, 129.7, 126.7, 123.8 (2C), 122.4, 70.8, 21.8, 15.7; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 328.1059, found 328.1051.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl 4-fluorobenzoate (3e)**: yellow oil, 201.7 mg (67%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3073, 2921, 2851, 1737, 1601, 1505, 1453, 1366, 1261, 1152, 1066, 1014, 852, 749, 684; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.25–8.21 (m, 2H), 7.74 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dt,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.15 (m, 3H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  166.2 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{CF} = 254.9$  Hz), 164.0, 155.4, 149.1, 132.9 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{CF} = 9.4$  Hz, 2C), 130.5, 130.1, 129.0, 126.2, 125.8 (d, <sup>4</sup> $J_{CF} = 3.0$  Hz), 122.6, 115.9 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J_{CF} = 22.0$  Hz, 2C), 70.8, 21.8, 15.7; HRMS (EI): *m/z* [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>: 301.1114, found 301.1119.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (3f)**: white solid, 228.2 mg (65%), m.p. 69–71 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3080, 2951, 2915, 1740, 1267, 1166, 1109, 1077, 1006, 989, 860, 766, 701; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dt,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dt,  $J_1$  = 7.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  163.8, 155.4, 149.0, 135.0 (q, <sup>2</sup> $_{CF}$  = 32.5 Hz), 132.9, 130.7 (2C), 130.4, 130.3, 129.2, 123.7 (q, <sup>1</sup> $_{CF}$  = 271.1 Hz), 126.4, 125.7 (q, <sup>3</sup> $_{CF}$  = 3.6

Hz, 2C), 122.5, 70.8, 21.8, 15.6 ( $C_{18}H_{16}O_3NF_3$ ); HRMS (EI): m/z [M-NO- $C_3H_6$ ]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{10}O_2F_3$ : 279.0633, found 279.0634.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl 3-methoxybenzoate (3g)**: yellow oil, 247.4 mg (79%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3075, 2919, 2840, 1744, 1599, 1488, 1455, 1365, 1295, 1236, 1211, 1169, 1021, 880, 751, 694; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  164.1, 159.8, 155.2, 149.0, 134.3, 132.3, 130.5, 129.6, 128.7, 125.8, 122.7, 120.1, 119.0, 112.1, 70.6, 55.9, 21.8, 15.6; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 313.1314, found 313.1317.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl 3-chlorobenzoate (3h)**: white oil, 218.8 mg (69%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3068, 2920, 2851, 1738, 1575, 1453, 1370, 1285, 1243, 1170, 1061, 882, 790, 739; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.19 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 1.77 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  163.8, 155.5, 149.1, 134.8, 133.7, 131.4, 130.4, 130.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.1, 128.4, 126.3, 122.5, 70.9, 21.8, 15.7 (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NCl); HRMS (EI): m/z [M-NO-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>35</sup>Cl: 245.0369, found 245.0365.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl 2-methoxybenzoate (3i)**: yellow oil, 244.2 mg (78%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3075, 2919, 2841, 1759, 1599, 1488, 1455, 1366, 1236, 1210, 1174, 1021, 880, 750; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.05 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dt,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dt,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.16 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  164.2, 159.9, 155.4, 149.1, 134.3, 132.4, 130.6, 129.7, 128.8, 125.9, 122.8, 120.2, 119.1, 77.2, 70.7, 56.0, 21.9, 15.8; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 313.1314, found 313.1315.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl 2-methylbenzoate (3j)**: yellow oil, 219.9 mg (74%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3066, 2919, 2851, 1736, 1487, 1454, 1453, 1362, 1239, 1212, 1175, 1040, 880, 735; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 1.79 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  165.5, 155.3, 149.1, 141.4, 132.8, 132.0, 131.4, 130.5, 129.9, 128.9, 128.4, 126.0, 125.9, 122.7, 70.7, 22.0, 21.7, 15.6; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 297.1365, found 297.1366.



**2-propanone,***O*-((**2-(2-chloro-benoyloxy)phenyl)methy)oximes** (**3k**): yellow oil, 193.4 mg (61%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3066, 2921, 2871, 1747, 1590, 1489, 1366, 1284, 1213, 1239, 1174, 1111, 1032, 1071, 918, 879, 745; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 1.80 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  162.7, 154.6, 148.0, 133.7, 132.3, 131.2, 130.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.2, 128.1, 125.8, 125.3, 121.6, 60.8, 20.9, 14.8 (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NCl); HRMS (EI): *m/z* [M-NO-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>35</sup>Cl: 245.0369, found 245.0366.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl 2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzoate (31)**: yellow oil, 181.1 mg (51%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3081, 2923, 2854, 1741, 1627, 1524, 1484, 1367, 1192, 1087, 1016, 879, 742; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.83–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.49 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dt,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dt,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  160.3, 155.6, 149.8, 148.7, 147.2, 142.9, 130.6, 130.3, 129.2, 126.7, 122.3, 114.6, 113.8 (d, J = 34.0 Hz), 113.6 (d, J = 35.0 Hz), 70.77, 21.81, 15.65; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>4</sub>: 355.0832, found 355.0834.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl thiophene-2-carboxylate (2r)**: yellow oil, 176.3 mg (61%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3102, 2963, 2930, 2865, 1707, 1491, 1218, 1006, 979, 875, 822, 732, 755; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.91 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  159.5, 154.6, 147.8, 133.8, 132.6, 131.8, 129.6, 129.0, 128.0, 127.1, 125.2, 121.6, 69.7, 20.8, 14.7 (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS); HRMS (EI): m/z [M-NO-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 217.0323, found 217.0317.



**1-(2-acetoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-4-propyl-1***H***-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (3n)**: white solid, 231.9 mg (75%); m.p. 62–64 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3062, 2933, 2865, 1720, 1637, 1491, 1449, 1303, 1140, 974, 878, 825, 765, 704; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.87 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.6 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 0.8 Hz,, 1H), 7.44–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.36 (dt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  165.3, 155.7, 148.9, 146.7, 134.2, 130.8, 130.4, 129.8, 129.1 (2C), 128.9, 128.4 (2C), 126.0, 122.5, 117.1, 70.6, 21.9, 15.8; HRMS (EI): *m/z* [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 309.1365, found 309.1364.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl acetate (3p)**: yellow oil, 163.6 mg (74%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  2921, 2852, 1764, 1488, 1453, 1366, 1203, 1166, 1010, 879, 750; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.44 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.8 Hz,1H), 7.33 (dt,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  169.3, 155.4, 148.9, 130.3, 129.9, 128.9, 126.0, 122.4, 70.5, 21.8, 20.9, 15.6; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 221.1052, found 221.1050.



**2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl propionate (3q)**: yellow oil, 148.1 mg (63%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  2984, 2919, 2881, 1759, 1488, 1454, 1364, 1174, 1136, 1071, 878, 752; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  7.43 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dt,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz,, 1H), 7.22 (dt,  $J_1$  = 7.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz,, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 2.60 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (s, 3H) , 1.85 (s, 3H) , 1.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  165.2, 157.3, 155.4, 142.4, 133.5, 131.5, 130.2, 129.6, 128.5, 123.2, 114.9, 113.7, 70.6, 55.6, 21.7, 15.6; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 235.1208, found 235.1199.

#### 2.4 Investigation on the substrate scope of masked aralkylalcohols (Scheme 4).

**General procedure**: A mixture of substrate 1 (1.0 mmol), 2 (2.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.10 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (6 mL), then the reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 10 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the mixture was dropped into the saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (30 mL). The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (25 mL×3), and then the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Finally, the solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a crude product, which was purified *via* a column chromatography on silica gel (eluents: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1) to supply the desired product **4**.



**5-methyl-2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl benzoate (4a)**: yellow solid, 243.7 mg (82%); m.p. 34–36 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3060, 2921, 2854, 1735, 1450, 1365, 1237, 1115, 1060, 1024, 880, 705; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.20 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.04 (m, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  165.2, 155.4, 149.2, 139.4, 133.6, 130.3 (2C), 130.1, 129.7, 128.6 (2C), 127.4, 126.9, 123.3, 70.8, 21.8, 21.3, 15.7; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 297.1365, found 297.1371.



**5-chloro-2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl benzoate (4b)**: yellow solid, 197.0 mg (62%); m.p. 70–72 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3069, 2966, 2923, 2866, 1734, 1601, 1485, 1451, 1255, 1217, 1058, 895, 699; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  164.5, 155.7, 149.4, 133.9, 133.8, 130.7, 130.3 (2C), 129.3, 129.0, 128.7 (2C), 126.3, 123.1, 70.1, 21.7, 15.6 (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NCl); HRMS (EI): *m/z* [M-NO-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>35</sup>Cl: 245.0369, found 245.0327.



**5-fluoro-2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl benzoate (4c):** white solid, 180.7 mg (60%); m.p. 68–70 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3075, 2948, 2923, 2853, 1729, 1599, 1500, 1452, 1248, 1144, 1062, 986, 873, 823, 702; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.22–8.18 (m, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.04–7.69 (m, 2H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 1.76 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  164.5, 162.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 246.3 Hz), 155.5, 149.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 10.9 Hz), 133.8, 131.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 9.4 Hz), 130.3 (2C), 129.1, 128.6 (2C), 126.5 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 3.5 Hz), 113.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 20.9 Hz), 110.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 24.3 Hz), 70.2, 21.7, 15.6; HRMS (EI): *m*/*z* [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F: 301.1114, found 301.1119.



**4-methyl-2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl benzoate (4d):** yellow solid, 222.8 mg (74%); m.p. 36–38 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  2920, 2858, 1734, 1498, 1450, 1262, 1194, 1059, 1024, 871, 705; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.24–8.19 (m, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.20–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  165.1, 155.3, 147.0, 135.7, 133.5, 130.6, 130.2

(2C), 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 128.5 (2C), 122.3, 70.9, 21.8, 21.0, 15.6; HRMS (EI): *m*/*z* [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 297.1368, found 297.1368.



**4-bromo-2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl benzoate (4e):** yellow oil, 246.9 mg (68%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3066, 2923, 2853, 1738, 1478, 1363, 1261, 1170, 1055, 1023, 877, 705; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.19 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.67–7.60 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  164.6, 155.9, 147.9, 133.8, 132.9, 132.5, 131.7, 130.3 (2C), 129.1, 128.6 (2C), 124.3, 119.2, 69.9, 29.7, 21.7, 15.7; HRMS (EI): *m/z* [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>81</sup>Br: 363.0293, found 363.0300.



**3-methyl-2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl benzoate (4f):** white solid, 235.8 mg (81%); m.p. 96–98 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3068, 2956, 2918, 2853, 1729, 1465, 1450, 1267, 1224, 1065, 985, 906, 780, 702; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.22 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  165.3, 155.0, 150.4, 140.2, 133.5, 130.3 (2C), 129.7, 129.0 (2C), 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 120.4, 67.1, 21.8, 20.0, 15.4; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 297.1365, found 297.1364.



**3-fluoro-2-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl benzoate (4g):** yellow solid, 189.7 mg (63%); m.p. 93–95 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3065, 2990, 2958, 2922, 2852, 1731, 1618, 1468, 1365, 1250, 1070, 996, 922, 867, 786, 703; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.15–8.12 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.00–6.92 (m, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  164.8, 161.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 248.0 Hz), 155.3, 151.1 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 6.6 Hz), 133.7, 130.3 (2C), 129.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 10.0 Hz), 129.4,128.6 (2C), 118.8 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 3.5 Hz), 118.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 17.5 Hz), 113.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> = 22.3 Hz), 63.7, 21.7, 15.4; HRMS (EI): *m*/*z* [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F: 301.1114, found 301.1117.



**2-(1-((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)ethyl)phenyl benzoate (4h):** yellow oil, 216.8 mg (73%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3070, 2977, 2928, 1734, 1487, 1449, 1257, 1213, 1061, 936, 751, 705, 670; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.22 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dd,  $J_I$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td,  $J_I$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd,  $J_I$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J_I$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H) , 1.51 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  165.0, 154.8, 148.0, 135.7, 133.6, 130.3 (2C), 129.6, 128.6 (2C), 128.1, 127.2, 126.1, 122.7, 75.3, 21.8, 21.1, 15.7 (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (EI): m/z [M-NO-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 226.0994, found 226.0967.



**3-((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl benzoate (4i):** yellow solid, 219.5 mg (71%); m.p. 85–87 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3061, 2921, 2851, 1736, 1469, 1450, 1263, 1226, 1170, 1065, 1024, 705; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.20 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.79–5.76 (m, 1H), 3.19–3.11 (m, 1H), 2.93–2.85 (m, 1H), 2.52–2.42 (m, 1H), 2.27–2.18 (m, 1H), 1.55 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  164.7, 154.4, 148.4, 147.3, 134.1, 133.2, 130.3 (2C), 130.0, 129.9, 128.4 (2C), 122.5, 120.2, 84.6, 32.3, 30.5, 21.5, 15.4; HRMS (EI): *m/z* [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 309.1365, found 309.1367.



**2-(phenyl((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl benzoate (4j):** yellow oil, 214.9 mg (71%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3065, 3028, 2910, 1735, 1484, 1450, 1258, 1210, 1170, 1059, 1023, 927, 753, 699; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 4H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  164.7, 155.6, 148.7, 140.5, 133.9, 133.5, 130.3 (2C), 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.5, 127.5 (2C), 125.9, 123.0, 81.4, 21.8, 16.0 (C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (EI): m/z [M-NO-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 288.1150, found 288.1114.



**2-methoxy-6-(((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)methyl)phenyl benzoate (4k)**: yellow oil, 279.8 mg (84%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3063, 2919, 2851, 1734, 1497, 1450, 1262, 1174, 1060, 1031, 878, 706; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 3.2 Hz, 1H),

5.07 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  172.7, 155.3, 149.0, 130.3, 129.9, 128.8, 125.9, 122.4, 70.5, 27.6, 21.8, 15.6, 9.1; HRMS (EI): *m/z* [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 333.1314, found 333.1313.

#### 2.5 Investigation on the substrate scope of extended aralkylalcohols (Scheme 5)

**General procedure**: A mixture of substrate **1** (1.0 mmol), **2** (2.0 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.10 mmol) and  $K_2S_2O_2$  (3.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (6 mL), then the reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 10 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the mixture was dropped into the saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (30 mL). The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (25 mL×3), and then the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Finally, the solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a crude product, which was purified *via* a column chromatography on silica gel (eluents: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1) to supply the desired product **5**.



**2-(2-((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)ethyl)phenyl benzoate (5c):** yellow oil, 204.9 mg (69%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  2972, 2930, 2877, 1655, 1451, 1365, 1263, 1215, 1171, 1063, 831, 753; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.25 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dt,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dt,  $J_1 = 6.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  165.1, 155.0, 149.5, 133.6, 131.1, 131.0, 130.3 (2C), 129.6, 128.6 (2C), 127.5, 126.1, 122.4, 72.6, 30.3, 21.8, 15.7; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 297.1365, found 297.1367.



**2-(3-((propan-2-ylideneamino)oxy)propyl)phenyl 4-methoxybenzoate (5d):** yellow oil, 143.3 mg (42%); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3209, 2921, 2853, 1728, 1605, 1510, 1456, 1252, 1162, 1068, 1017, 846, 763; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.17 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (td,  $J_1 = 8.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  164.7, 163.8, 154.4, 149.2, 134.0, 132.2 (2C), 130.3, 127.0, 125.9, 122.4, 121.8, 113.8 (2C), 72.4, 55.4, 29.6, 26.8, 21.7, 15.3; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 341.1627, found 341.1605.

### 3. Selectively removal of the acetoxime directing group (Scheme 6)



**Procedure**: To a mixture of compound **3a** (141.5mg, 0.5 mmol) in acetonitrile (4.0 mL) containing water (1.0 mL), molybdenum hexacarbony (132.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added. The flask was evacuated and backfilled with N<sub>2</sub> three times and then heated at reflux. The reaction was nonitored by TLC (silica gel, eluent: EtOAc/hexanes = 1:5). On completion of the reaction, silica gel (0.3 g) was added to the cooled mixture. After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was purified by flash column chramatography on silica gel (eluents: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1) to give the corresponding product **6**.



**2-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl benzoate (6):** white solid, 90.1 mg (79%); m.p. 71–73 °C; IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\bar{v}$  3338, 3064, 3036, 2957, 1685, 1598, 1455, 1373, 1273, 1180, 1107, 869, 749, 707; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.13 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd,  $J_I = 1.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  168.8, 155.6, 133.6, 132.3, 131.2, 130.0 (2C), 129.2, 128.5 (2C), 121.7, 120.6, 117.8, 63.7; HRMS (EI): m/z [M<sup>+</sup>] calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 228.0786, found 228.0785.

## 4. Kinetic isotope effect experiment (Scheme 7)



**Procedure**: A mixture of substrate **1a** (0. 5 mmol), **1a'**-  $d_7$  (0. 5 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.1 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (3.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (6 mL), then the reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 40 min. Upon completion of the reaction, the mixture was dropped into the saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (30 mL). The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (25 mL×3), and then combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Finally, the solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to provide a crude product, which was purified *via* a column chromatography on silica gel (eluents: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1) to supply the desired product. The product distribution ( $k_H/k_D = 3.44$ ) was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

# 5. All Copies of Spectra

5.1 Copies of the spectra for Scheme 3



Single Mass Analysis Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off



# Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

1392 formula(e) evaluated with 89 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) Elements Used:









#### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 838 formula(e) evaluated with 34 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) Elements Used: C: 0-18 H: 0-19 N: 0-1 0:0-3 JYF-8-219 20160387 429 (7.150) Cm (429-(38+73)) GCT Premier TOF MS EI+ 1.94e+004 119.0486 100 225.0912 91.0548 1,36.0529 2,26.0958 56.0496 92.0581 107.0503 223.08 78.0461 121.0421 149.0299 162.0914 297.1362 m/z 270 -1.5 Minimum: 0.10 100.00 5.0 50.0 Maximum: 10.0 RA Calc. Mass PPM DBE i-FIT Formula Mass mDa







#### Single Mass Analysis

328.1051 0.12

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off

328.1059

-0.8

5546028.5 C17 H16 N2 O5

N

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 1947 formula(e) evaluated with 103 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) Elements Used: C: 0-17 H: 0-16 N: 0-2 0:0-5 JYF-8-228 20160639 404 (6.733) Cm (404-(142+193)) GCT Premier TOF MS EI+ 2.03e+004 150.0190 100 256 120.0441 257.0645 62 0925 8.0868 272.0572 -----226.0891 240.0671 207.0808 298.1179 328.1051 -220 230 290 310 250 Minimum: 0.11 -1.5 5.0 Maximum: 100.00 10.0 50.0 Mass RA Calc. Mass PPM DBE Formula mDa i-FIT

-2.4

11.0





 Mass
 Calc. Mass
 mDa
 PPM
 DBE
 i-FIT
 Formula

 301.1119
 301.1114
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 1.7
 10.0
 n/a
 C17 H16 N O3 F



#### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 254 formula(e) evaluated with 17 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass)





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#### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron IonsCI462 formula(e) evaluated with 29 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass)Elements Used:C: 0-17H: 0-16N: 0-1O: 0-335CI: 0-137CI: 0-1

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#### Single Mass Analysis

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5.0

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off



Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 333 formula(e) evaluated with 29 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) Elements Used:



.N. Me 85 Мe 2 473 798 3k 2 7.1 7.6 7.2 7.5 7.4 fl (ppm) 7.3 -5.133 123 2.00-6.00-F-00.1 00.0 8.8

4.0 fl (ppm)

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3.0

3.5

2.5

2.0

1.5

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1.0

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S32

#### **Single Mass Analysis**

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off



## Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions





Minimum						-1.5
Maximum	:		5.0		10.0	50.0
Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT	Formula
355.0834	355.0832	0.2	0.6	10.0	n/a	C17 H13 N O3 F4







Single Mass Analysis Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 702 formula(e) evaluated with 48 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) Elements Used:







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210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 fl (ppm)



Single Mass Analysis Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 766 formula(e) evaluated with 49 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) Elements Used:



5.2 Copies of the spectra for Scheme 4







#### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off



Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 991 formula(e) evaluated with 58 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass)





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#### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa 1

N. Me Me Me 4d

DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 384 formula(e) evaluated with 31 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) **Elements Used:** C: 0-18 H: 0-19 N: 0-1 0:0-3 S GCT Premier 2-32 20153069 138 (2.300) Cm (138-(23+216)) TOF MS EI+ 1.05e+004 105.0334 10











#### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off



Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 96 formula(e) evaluated with 8 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) Elements Used:



297.1364 4.17 297.1365 -0.1 -0.3 10.0 2773157.8 C18 H19 N O3





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#### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa 1 DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off



Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 103 formula(e) evaluated with 8 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) Elements Used: 0:0-3 C: 0-18 H: 0-19 N: 0-1 Waters GCT Premier JYF-6-311 20160689 193 (3.217) Cm (193-(316+321)) 105.0339 100









Single Mass Analysis

288.1114 21.80

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off

288.1150

-3.6





-12.5

121.1

C20 H16 O2





5.3 Copies of the spectra for Scheme 5





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Multiple Mass Analysis Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off



Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions 3398 formula(e) evaluated with 162 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass)



#### 5.4 Copies of the spectra for Scheme 6





5.5 Copies of the spectra for Scheme 7

