

Supporting Information

Rhodium-Catalyzed Synthesis of Esters from Aryl Iodides and Alcohols: Use of Alcohols with/without the Assistance of Aldehydes as Carbon Monoxide and Nucleophile Sources

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I. General Information

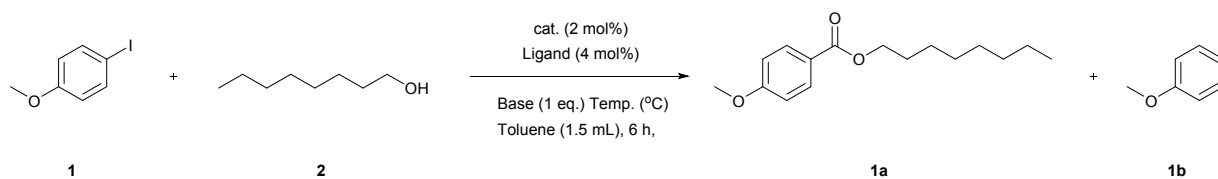
Chemicals and Reagents All solvents were dried and distilled according to standard methods before use. Solvents utilized in this work were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich and Samchun Pure Chemicals (hexanes, ethyl acetate, diethyl ether, dichloromethane, and acetone). Toluene were dried over Na and distilled under nitrogen. *n*-Hexane, diethyl ether, and ethyl acetate were used without further purification. Reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, or TCI and were used as received. $[\text{Rh}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}]_2$ were purchased from Pressure Chem. DPEPhos((oxybis(2,1-phenylene))bis(diphenylphosphane)) were purchased from Alfa Aesar. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography on 0.25 mm E. Merck silica gel plates (60F-254). The TLC plates were visualized by UV-light (254 nm) and treatment with acidic *p*-anisaldehyde and KMnO_4 stain followed by gentle heating. Workup procedures were done in air. Flash column chromatography was carried out on Merck 60 silica gel (230 – 400 mesh).

Physical Methods ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded with Agilent 400-MR DD2 (400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) spectrometer. ^1H NMR spectra were taken in CDCl_3 and were referenced to residual TMS (7.26 ppm) and reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublet, m = multiplet). Chemical shifts of the ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured relative to CDCl_3 (77.00 ppm). High-Resolution Mass Spectra were obtained at the Korea Basic Science Institute (Daegu, South Korea) on a Jeol JMS 700 high resolution mass spectrometer. GC-MS analyses were performed with a HP-6890 series with a HP-5 capillary column (30 m x 0.25 mm; coating thickness 0.25 μm) and Agilent 5973 Network Mass Selective detector. Analytical condition – initial temperature: 50 $^\circ\text{C}$, raising temperature 10 $^\circ\text{C}$ / min, final temperature : 280 $^\circ\text{C}$, He gas, Pressure : 7.56 psi, Total flow : 53.7 mL / min.

II. General Procedure for the entries reported Table 1 from aryl iodide and alcohol

Reactions were performed in a schlenk tube equipped with a stirring bar and capped with a rubber septum. The followings were placed in the tube in order: 5 mg (c.a. 2 mol%) of catalyst, 10 mg of ligand (4 mol%) 0.5 mmol of aryl iodide, 1 equiv (86 μL) of base, 3 equiv of 1-octanol and 1.5 mL of toluene. The mixture was stirred at 120 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 18 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with aqueous NH_4Cl solution and diethyl ether and dried

over anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered, and finally evaporated under reduced pressure. The concentrated reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford the product.

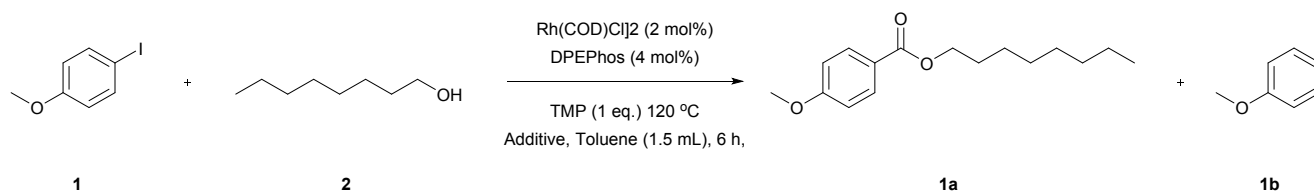
Table S1. Screening reaction conditions

entry	cat (mol %)	Ligand	Base	Temperature	Yield (%) ^{a,b}
1	Rh(COD)Cl ₂	DPEPhos	TMP	120	50 (45)
2	RhCl ₃	DPEPhos	TMP	120	40 (40)
3	Rh(OAc) ₂	DPEPhos	TMP	120	42 (50)
4	Rh(IMes)(COD)Cl	DPEPhos	TMP	120	25 (60)
5	Ir(COD)Cl ₂	DPEPhos	TMP	120	N.R.
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	DPEPhos	TMP	120	(4) ^c
7	NiCl ₂	DPEPhos	TMP	120	N.R.
8	PtCl ₂	DPEPhos	TMP	120	N.R.
9	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	PPh ₃	TMP	120	8 (75)
10	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	dppm	TMP	120	trace (80)
11	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	dppe	TMP	120	4 (95)
12	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	dppp	TMP	120	32 (57)
13	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	dppb	TMP	120	22 (60)
14	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	dppf	TMP	120	29 (34)
15	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	dtbpy	TMP	120	N.R.
16	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	DCyOs	TMP	120	N.R.
17	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	Xantphos	TMP	120	13 (51)
18	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	DPEphos	DIPEA	120	3 (77)
19	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	DPEPhos	Dicyclohexylamine	120	5 (82)
20	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	DPEPhos	DABCO	120	18 (70)
21	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	DPEPhos	PMP	120	26 (58)
22	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	DPEPhos	TBD	120	(62)

23	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	DPEPhos	NaOtBu	120	(99)
24	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	DPEPhos	TMP	70	trace
25	[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	DPEPhos	TMP	100	6 (19)

^a GC yield with 1,3,5-trimethyl as an internal standard ^b Yield of anisole are in parenthesis ^c decomposed product was obtained.

Table S2. Screening additives



entry	Additive	1a ^a	1b ^a	1 ^a
1	p-Benzoquinone	trace		
2	1-dodecene	48	44	
3	nitrosobenzene			78
4	pinacolone	18	70	
5	triphenylsilane		60	
6	Cu(OAc) ₂		99	
7	Oxone			57
8	TEMPO	trace	58	
9	BHT ^b	32	58	
10	hydroquinone	trace	61	
11	O ₂ (1 atm)		80	
12	Mn(0) powder	10	90	

^a GC yield with 1,3,5-trimethyl as an internal standard ^b 2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenol

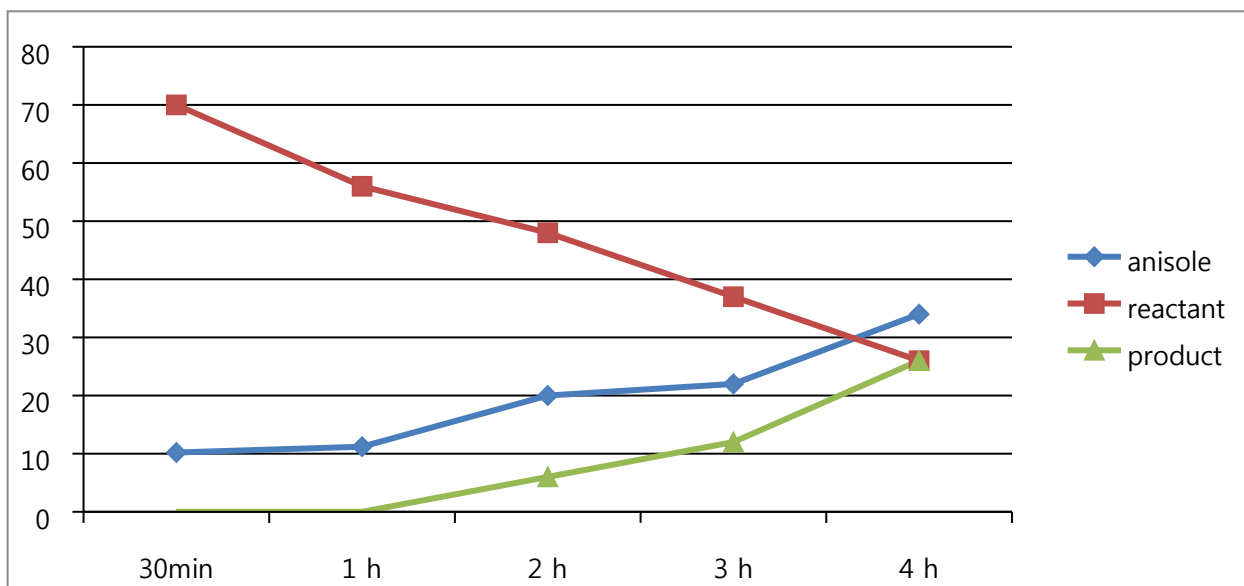


Figure S1. Time-Scale experiment

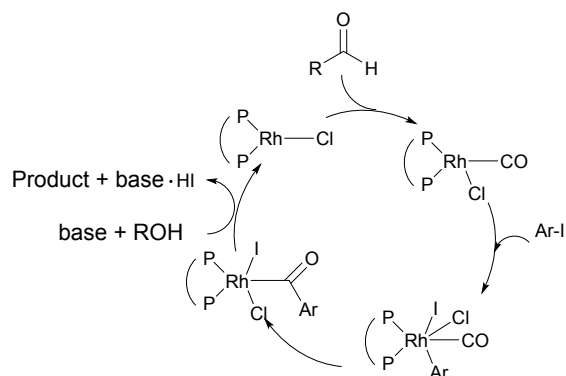
III. General Procedure for the entries reported Table 3 from aryl iodide and alcohol with aldehyde

Reactions were performed in a schlenk tube equipped with a stirring bar and capped with a rubber septum. The followings were placed in the tube in order: 5 mg (c.a. 2 mol%) of catalyst, 10 mg of ligand (4 mol%) 0.5 mmol of aryl iodide, 1 equiv (86 μ L) of base, 1equiv. of aldehyde, 3 equiv of 1-octanol and 1.5 mL of toluene. The mixture was stirred at 130 $^{\circ}$ C for 18 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with aqueous NH_4Cl solution and diethyl ether and dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered, and finally evaporated under reduced pressure. The concentrated reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford the product.

Table S3. Screening reaction conditions with aldehyde

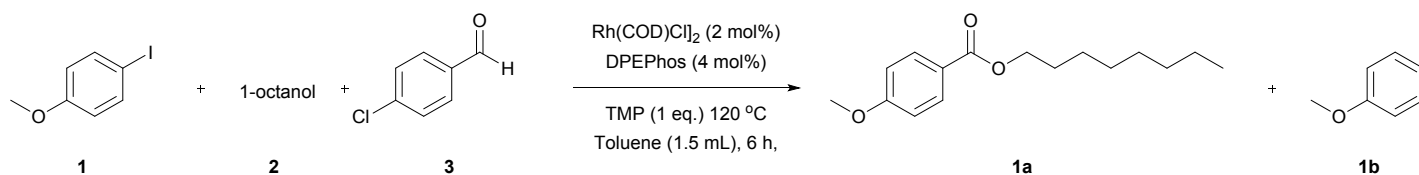
entry	1-octanol	cat	R	ligand	Rh(COD)Cl ₂ (2 mol%) DPEPhos (4 mol%)	Base	Temperature	Yield (%) ^{a,b}	
1		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		DPEPhos	TMP (1 eq.) Toluene (1.5 mL), 6 h,	TMP	120	90 (10)	1a
2		RhCl ₃		DPEPhos	Me	TMP	120	7 (2)	1b
3		Rh(OAc) ₂		DPEPhos	Me	TMP	120	75 (17)	
4		Rh(COD)Cl ₂ (4 mol%)		DPEPhos	Me	TMP	120	51 (18)	
5		Ir(COD)Cl ₂		DPEPhos	TMP	TMP	120	N.R.	
6		Pd(OAc) ₂		DPEPhos	TMP	TMP	120	(4) ^c	
7		NiCl ₂		DPEPhos	TMP	TMP	120	N.R.	
8		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		PPh ₃	Me	TMP	120	7 (46)	
9		[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂		dppm	Me	TMP	120	trace (67)	
10		[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂		dppe	Me	TMP	120	3 (54)	
11		[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂		dppp	Me	TMP	120	52 (43)	
12		[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂		dppb	Me	TMP	120	58 (39)	
13		[Rh(COD)Cl] ₂		dpppent	Me	TMP	120	49 (31)	
14		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		dppbenz	Me	TMP	120	trace (48)	
15		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		BINAP	Me	TMP	120	52 (13)	
16		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		DPEPhos	Cl	TMP	120	75 (5)	
17		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		DPEPhos	Br	TMP	120	45 (12)	
18		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		DPEPhos	NO ₂	TMP	120	70 (4)	
19		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		DPEPhos	dodecyl aldehyde	TMP	120	73 (19)	
20		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		DPEPhos	propionaldehyde	TMP	120	2 (24)	
21		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		DPEPhos	Me	DIPEA	120	27 (56)	
22		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		DPEPhos	Me	DABCO	120	10 (32)	
23		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		DPEPhos	Me	K ₂ CO ₃	120	37 (2)	
24		Rh(COD)Cl ₂		DPEPhos	Me	DIPEA	110	52 (9)	

^a GC yield using 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene as an internal standard. ^b Reduction product yield are in parenthesis. ^c Decomposed product were observed



Scheme S1. Proposed mechanism with aldehyde.

Table S4. Control Experiment for proposed mechanism



entry	Variation from initial conditions	Yield ^b
1	Without [Rh(COD)Cl] ₂	trace
2	Without alcohol	No Reaction
3	Without Ligand	No Reaction
4	Without Aldehyde	44
5	Without Base	No Reaction

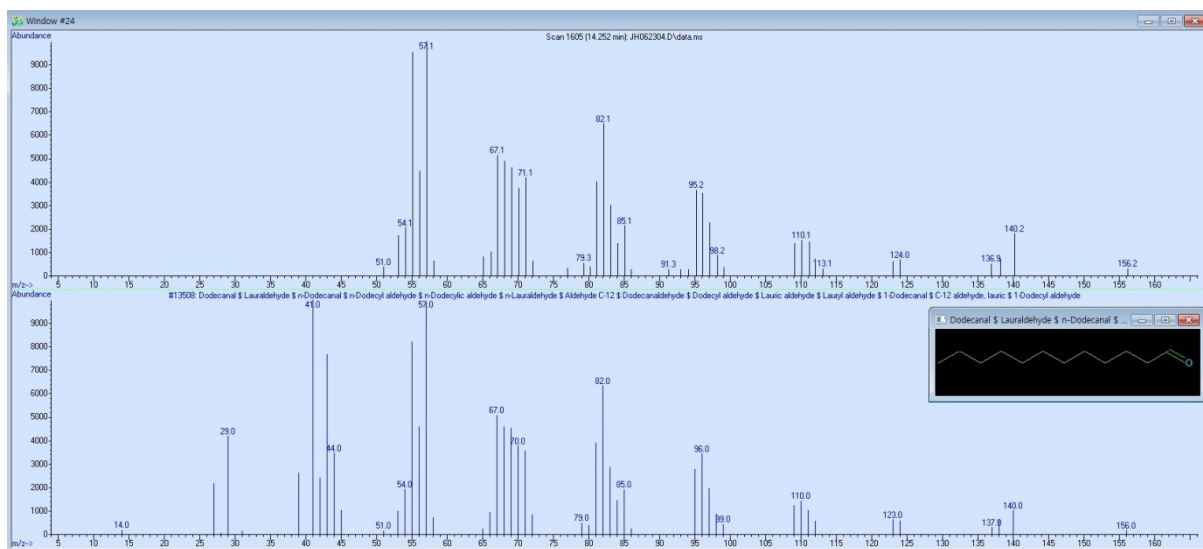
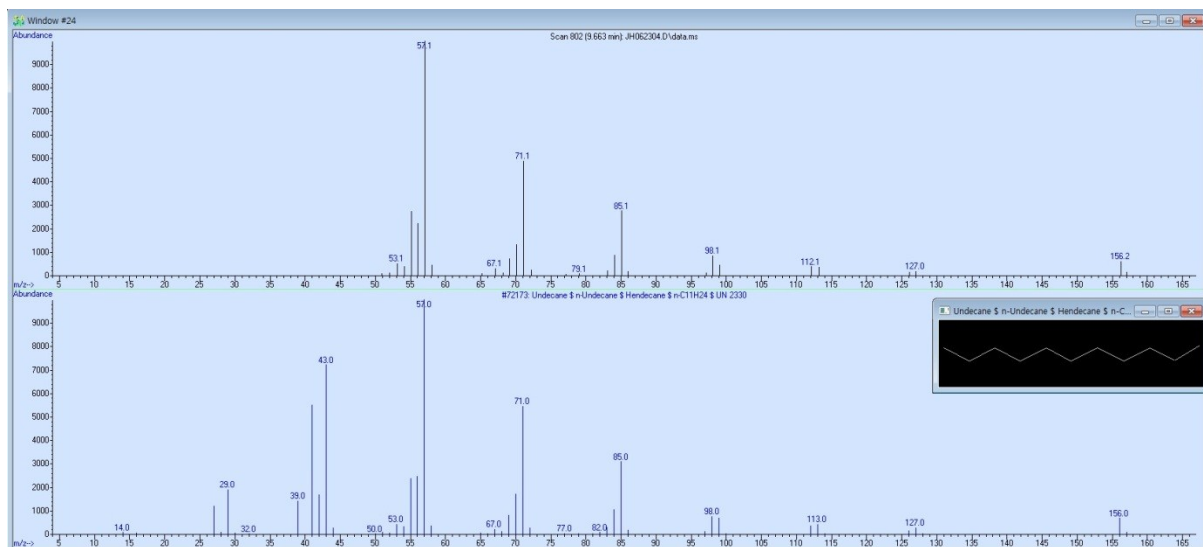
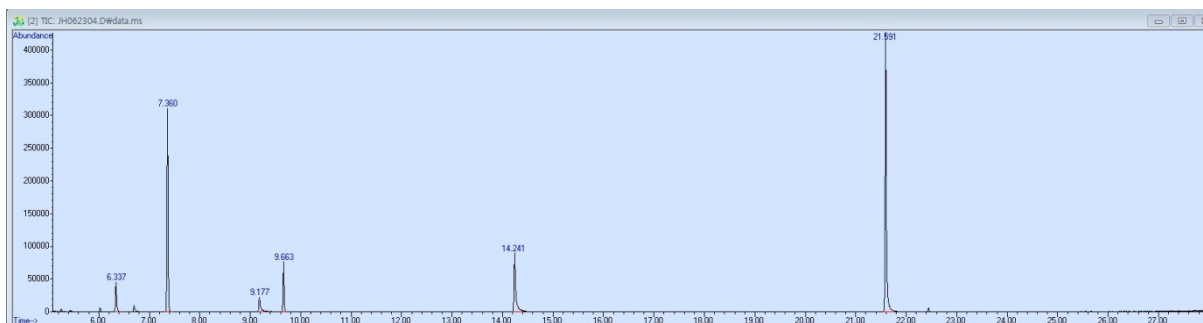


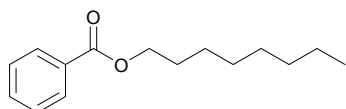
Figure S2. GC data using dodecyl aldehyde as a CO source

Retention time – 9.663 min : undecane (R-H moiety)

14.241 min : dodecyl aldehyde (CO surrogate)

21.591 min : product

Characterization Data for the Isolated Products

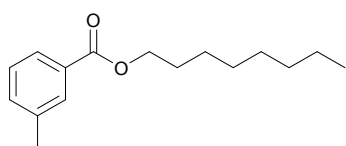


Octyl benzoate: colorless liquid (Table 3, **4ba**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2 H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2 H), 4.24 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2 H), 1.83 – 1.59 (m, 2 H), 1.57 – 1.32 (m, 2 H), 1.24 (m, 8 H), 0.81 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3 H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 132.7, 130.5, 129.5, 128.3, 65.1, 31.7, 29.2, 29.1, 28.7, 26.0, 22.6, 14.1.

IR (ATR): 1723 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2, \text{M}]^+$ 234.1620, found 234.1620

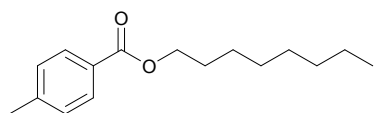


Octyl 3-methylbenzoate: colorless liquid (Table 3, **4ca**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.25 (m, 2 H), 4.23 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 1.72 – 1.65 (m, 2 H), 1.40 – 1.33 (m, 2 H), 1.28 – 1.19 (m, 8 H), 0.81 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3 H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 138.0, 133.5, 130.4, 130.0, 128.2, 126.6, 65.1, 31.8, 29.22, 29.16, 28.7, 26.0, 22.6, 21.2, 14.1.

IR (ATR): 1721 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2, \text{M}]^+$ 248.1776, found 248.1777

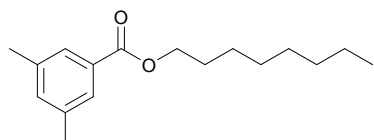


Octyl 4-methylbenzoate: colorless liquid (Table 3, **4da**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 4.22 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 1.72 – 1.63 (m, 2 H), 1.41 – 1.32 (m, 2 H), 1.24 (m, 8 H), 0.81 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3 H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 143.4, 129.5, 129.0, 127.8, 64.9, 31.8, 29.23, 29.17, 28.7, 26.0, 22.6, 21.6, 14.1.

IR (ATR): 1721 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2, \text{M}]^+$ 248.1776, found 248.1777

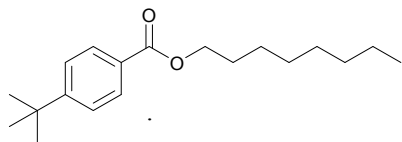


Octyl 3,5-dimethylbenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table 3, **4ea**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 (s, 2 H), 7.09 (s, 1 H), 4.21 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2 H), 2.27 (s, 6 H), 1.71 – 1.65 (m, 2 H), 1.39 – 1.32 (m, 2 H), 1.27 – 1.16 (m, 8 H), 0.80 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3 H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.0, 137.9, 134.4, 130.4, 127.2, 65.0, 31.8, 29.23, 29.16, 28.7, 26.0, 22.6, 21.1, 14.1.

IR (ATR): 1719 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2, \text{M}]^+$ 262.1933, found 262.1933

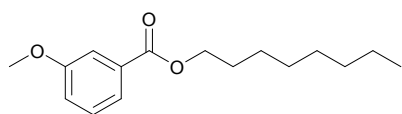


Octyl 4-(tert-butyl)benzoate: colorless liquid. (Table3, **4fa**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 4.22 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2 H), 1.68 (dd, $J = 14.2, 7.1$ Hz, 2 H), 1.39 – 1.32 (m, 2 H), 1.26 (s, 9 H), 1.29 – 1.22 (m, 8 H), 0.81 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3 H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 156.4, 129.4, 127.7, 125.2, 64.9, 35.0, 31.8, 31.1, 29.23, 29.18, 28.7, 26.0, 22.6, 14.1.

IR (ATR): 1721 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2, \text{M}]^+$ 290.2246, found 290.2246

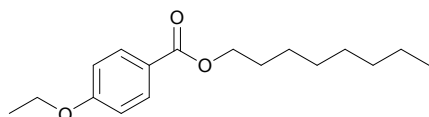


Octyl 3-methoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table3, **4ga**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (s, 1 H), 7.26 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.23 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 1.72 – 1.65 (m, 2 H), 1.35 (m, 2 H), 1.22 (m, 8 H), 0.80 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 3 H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5, 159.5, 131.8, 129.4, 121.9, 119.2, 114.0, 65.2, 55.4, 31.8, 29.21, 29.16, 28.7, 26.0, 22.6, 14.1.

IR (ATR): 1700 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2, \text{M}]^+$ 264.1725, found 264.1727

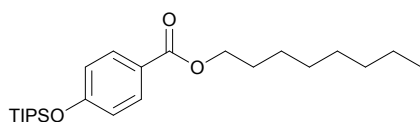


Octyl 4-ethoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table3, **4ha**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 4.18 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2 H), 3.96 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2 H), 1.68 – 1.61 (m, 2 H), 1.34 – 1.30 (m, 5 H), 1.28 – 1.12 (m, 8 H), 0.79 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3 H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 162.5, 131.4, 122.6, 113.8, 64.7, 63.5, 31.7, 29.17, 29.11, 28.7, 26.0, 22.5, 14.5, 14.0.

IR (ATR): 1717 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3, \text{M}]^+$ 278.1882, found 278.1884



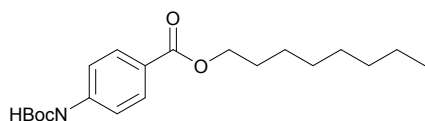
Octyl 4-(triisopropylsilyloxy)benzoate: colorless liquid. (Table3, **4ia**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2 H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 4.20 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2 H), 1.71 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.23 (m, 10 H), 1.04 (s, 9 H), 1.02 (s, 7 H), 0.81 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3 H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5, 160.3, 131.5, 123.3, 119.6, 64.8, 31.8, 29.26, 29.20, 28.8, 26.1, 22.6, 17.9,

14.1, 12.7.

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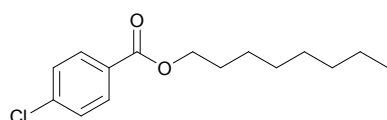


Octyl 4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)benzoate: colorless liquid. (Table3, **4ja**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 6.86 (s, 1 H), 4.21 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2 H), 1.70 – 1.63 (m, 2 H), 1.43 (s, 9 H), 1.37 – 1.33 (m, 2 H), 1.23 – 1.20 (m, 8 H), 0.79 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 152.2, 142.7, 130.8, 124.6, 117.3, 81.0, 64.9, 31.7, 29.19, 29.13, 28.7, 28.2, 26.0, 22.6, 14.0.

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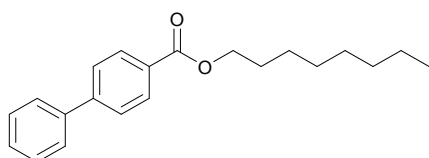


Octyl 4-chlorobenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table3, **4ka**) with octyl ester impurities

^1H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl_3) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 4.23 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2 H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 2 H), 1.38 – 1.32 (m, 2 H), 1.23 – 1.20 (m, 8 H), 0.81 (t, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 139.2, 130.9, 128.9, 128.6, 65.4, 31.8, 29.20, 29.15, 28.6, 26.0, 22.6, 14.1.

IR (ATR): 1700 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{Cl}, \text{M}]^+$ 268.1230, found 268.1233

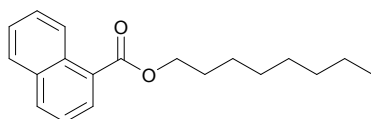


Octyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate: colorless liquid. (Table3, **4la**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.57 (dd, $J = 13.8, 7.8$ Hz, 4 H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.27 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2 H), 1.76 – 1.67 (m, 2 H), 1.42 – 1.35 (m, 2 H), 1.31 – 1.18 (m, 8 H), 0.82 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, cdcl_3) δ 166.6, 145.5, 140.1, 130.0, 129.3, 128.9, 128.1, 127.3, 127.0, 65.2, 31.8, 29.26, 29.20, 28.8, 26.1, 22.6, 14.1.

IR (ATR): 1720 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2, \text{M}]^+$ 310.1933, found 310.1934

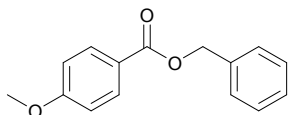


Octyl 1-naphthoate: colorless liquid. (Table3, **4ma**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.83 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1 H), 8.08 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1 H), 7.90 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (dt, $J = 14.1, 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 4.32 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2 H), 1.78 – 1.68 (m, 2 H), 1.42 – 1.35 (m, 2 H), 1.31 – 1.15 (m, 8 H), 0.80 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.6, 133.8, 133.1, 131.3, 130.0, 128.4, 127.6, 127.4, 126.1, 125.8, 124.4, 65.2, 31.7, 29.20, 29.15, 28.7, 26.1, 22.6, 14.0.

IR (ATR): 1716 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2, \text{M}]^+$ 284.1776, found 284.1779

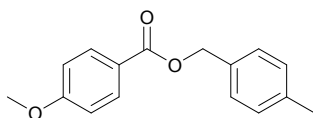


Benzyl 4-methoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table 4, **4ab**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 3 H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 5.26 (s, 2 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.1, 163.4, 136.3, 131.7, 128.5, 128.10, 128.06, 122.5, 113.6, 66.4, 55.4.

IR (ATR): 1715 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3, \text{M}]^+$ 242.0943, found 242.0941

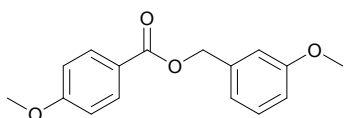


4-Methylbenzyl 4-methoxybenzoate: white crystal. (Table 4, **4ac**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2 H), 5.19 (s, 2 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 2.25 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.1, 163.3, 137.9, 133.2, 131.6, 129.1, 128.2, 122.6, 113.5, 66.3, 55.4, 21.1.

IR (ATR): 1708 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3, \text{M}]^+$ 256.1099, found 256.1102, m.p. $38.4\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

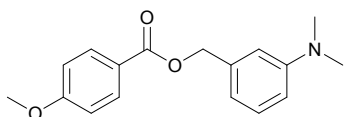


3-Methoxybenzyl 4-methoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table 4, **4ad**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1 H), 6.98 – 6.85 (m, 2 H), 6.85 – 6.71 (m, 3 H), 5.21 (s, 2 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 163.4, 159.7, 137.8, 131.7, 129.5, 122.4, 120.2, 113.6, 113.5, 113.6, 66.2, 55.3, 55.2.

IR (ATR): 1712 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4, \text{M}]^+$ 272.1049, found 272.1051



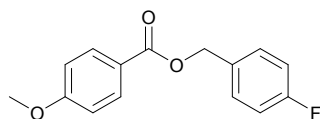
3-(Dimethylamino)benzyl 4-methoxybenzoate: dark green liquid. (Table 4, **4ae**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 6.70 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H), 6.60 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1 H), 5.19 (s, 2 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 2.85 (s, 6 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.2, 163.3, 150.7, 137.0, 131.7, 129.2, 122.6, 116.2, 113.5, 112.2, 112.1, 67.0,

55.3, 40.5.

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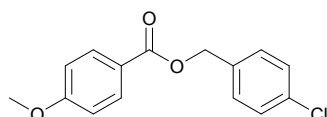


4-Fluorobenzyl 4-methoxybenzoate: white solid. (Table 4, **4af**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 8.5, 5.5$ Hz, 2 H), 6.96 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2 H), 5.19 (s, 2 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.1, 163.8, 163.4, 161.3, 132.11, 132.08, 131.7, 130.9, 130.02, 122.4, 115.5, 115.3, 113.6, 65.6, 55.4.

IR (ATR): 1711 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{F}, \text{M}]^+$ 260.0849, found 260.0850, m.p.: 54 $^\circ\text{C}$

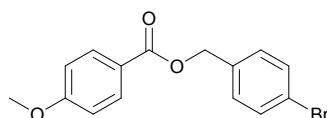


4-Chlorobenzyl 4-methoxybenzoate: white solid. (Table 4, **4ag**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.24 (q, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 4 H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 5.18 (s, 2 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 163.4, 134.7, 133.9, 131.6, 129.4, 128.6, 122.2, 113.6, 65.4, 55.3.

IR (ATR): 1712 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{Cl}, \text{M}]^+$ 276.0553, found 276.0552, m.p. : 86 $^\circ\text{C}$

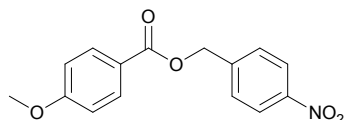


4-Bromobenzyl 4-methoxybenzoate: white solid. (Table 4, **4ah**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2 H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2 H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2 H), 5.17 (s, 2 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 163.4, 135.3, 131.64, 131.61, 129.7, 122.2, 122.1, 113.6, 65.5, 55.3.

IR (ATR): 1713 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{Br}, \text{M}]^+$ 320.0048, found 320.0049, m.p. : 94 $^\circ\text{C}$

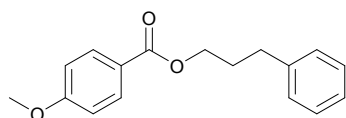


4-Nitrobenzyl 4-methoxybenzoate: yellow crystal. (Table 4, **4ai**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2 H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 5.33 (s, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 163.6, 147.5, 143.6, 131.7, 128.1, 123.7, 121.7, 113.7, 64.8, 55.4.

IR (ATR): 1714 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_5\text{N}, \text{M}]^+$ 287.0794, found 287.0795, m.p. : $132\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

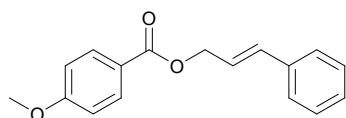


3-Phenylpropyl 4-methoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table 4, **4aj**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.10 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3 H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2 H), 4.20 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 2.67 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2 H), 1.98 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.2, 163.2, 141.2, 131.6, 131.5, 128.3, 125.9, 122.7, 113.5, 63.9, 55.3, 32.2, 30.3.

IR (ATR): 1716 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3, \text{M}]^+$ 270.1256, found 270.1253,

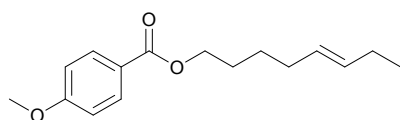


Cinnamyl 4-methoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table 4, **4ak**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 6.62 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1 H), 6.29 (dt, $J = 13.1, 6.3$ Hz, 1 H), 4.84 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 163.3, 136.2, 133.9, 131.6, 128.5, 127.9, 126.5, 123.5, 122.5, 113.5, 65.1, 55.3.

IR (ATR): 1709 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3, \text{M}]^+$ 268.1099 found 268.1097

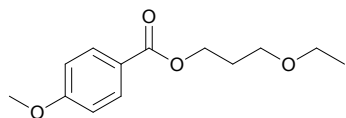


(E)-Oct-5-en-1-yl 4-methoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table 4, **4al**) with regioisomer

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2 H), 5.42 – 5.20 (m, 2 H), 4.20 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 2.04 – 1.92 (m, 4 H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 2 H), 1.45 – 1.37 (m, 2 H), 0.87 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 163.2, 132.1, 131.4, 128.4, 122.8, 113.4, 64.5, 55.3, 28.2, 26.6, 26.1, 20.5, 14.3.

IR (ATR): 1702 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3, \text{M}]^+$ 262.1569 found 262.1568

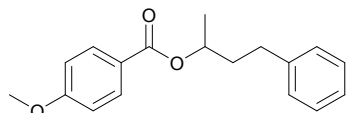


3-Ethoxypropyl 4-methoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table 4, **4am**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2 H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2 H), 4.29 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2 H), 3.75 (s, 3 H), 3.47 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2 H), 3.40 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2 H), 1.98 – 1.90 (m, 2 H), 1.10 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.1, 163.2, 131.4, 122.7, 113.4, 67.0, 66.1, 61.8, 55.3, 29.1, 15.0.

IR (ATR): 1713 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4, \text{M}]^+$ 238.1205 found 238.1206

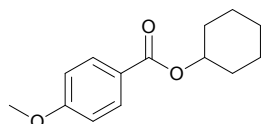


4-Phenylbutan-2-yl 4-methoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table 4, **4an**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3 H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 5.06 (dd, $J = 12.4, 6.2$ Hz, 1 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 2.68 – 2.56 (m, 2 H), 2.02 – 1.94 (m, 1 H), 1.86 – 1.79 (m, 1 H), 1.26 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.8, 163.2, 141.5, 131.4, 128.3, 128.2, 125.8, 123.1, 113.5, 70.7, 55.3, 37.7, 31.8, 20.1.

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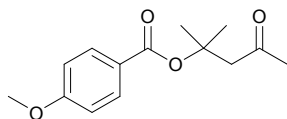


Cyclohexyl 4-methoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table 4, **4ao**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 4.94 – 4.85 (m, 1 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 1.87 – 1.83 (m, 2 H), 1.73 – 1.65 (m, 2 H), 1.53 – 1.44 (m, 3 H), 1.38 – 1.22 (m, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 163.1, 131.4, 123.3, 113.4, 72.5, 55.3, 31.6, 25.4, 23.6.

IR (ATR): 1704 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3, \text{M}]^+$ 234.1256 found 234.1258

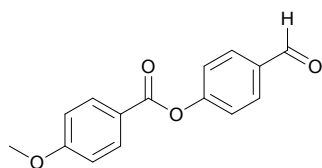


2-Methyl-4-oxopent-2-yl 4-methoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table 4, **4ap**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 2 H), 6.82 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 2 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 3.09 (s, 2 H), 2.08 (s, 3 H), 1.57 (s, 6 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.0, 165.6, 163.2, 131.4, 123.8, 113.5, 80.4, 55.4, 52.4, 31.7, 26.6.

IR (ATR): 1703 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4, \text{M}]^+$ 250.1205 found 250.1205



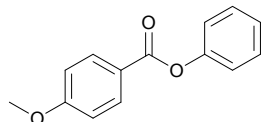
4-Formylphenyl 4-methoxybenzoate: colorless liquid. (Table 4, **4aq**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.94 (s, 1 H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.3$

Hz, 2 H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.0, 164.2, 164.1, 155.8, 133.9, 132.4, 131.2, 122.6, 121.1, 114.0, 55.5.

IR (ATR): 1724, 1695 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4, \text{M}]^+$ 256.0736 found 256.0733

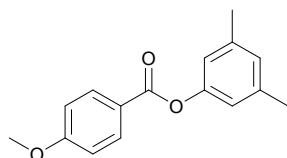


Phenyl 4-methoxybenzoate: pale brown crystal. (Table 4, **4ar**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 3 H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.8, 163.8, 151.0, 132.2, 129.4, 125.6, 121.8, 121.7, 113.8, 55.4.

IR (ATR): 1732 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3, \text{M}]^+$ 228.0786 found 228.0782, m.p.: 74 °C

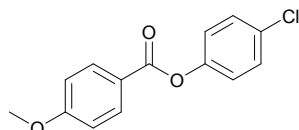


3,5-Dimethylphenyl 4-methoxybenzoate: pale brown solid. (Table 4, **4as**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 6.78 (s, 1 H), 6.72 (s, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 2.23 (s, 6 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.0, 163.7, 150.9, 139.1, 132.1, 127.4, 121.9, 119.3, 113.7, 55.4, 21.2.

IR (ATR): 1725 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3, \text{M}]^+$ 256.1099 found 256.1103, m.p.: 62 °C

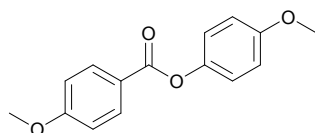


4-Chlorophenyl 4-methoxybenzoate: pale brown crystal. (Table 4, **4at**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.02 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2 H), 6.84 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.5, 163.9, 149.4, 132.2, 130.9, 129.3, 123.1, 121.3, 113.8, 55.4.

IR (ATR): 1728 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_3\text{Cl}, \text{M}]^+$ 262.0397 found 262.0400, m.p.: 96 °C

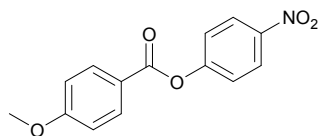


4-Methoxyphenyl 4-methoxybenzoate: pale brown crystal. (Table 4, **4au**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 16.4, 8.7$ Hz, 4 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 3.70 (s, 3 H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.2, 163.7, 157.1, 144.4, 132.1, 122.4, 121.8, 114.4, 113.7, 55.46, 55.40.

IR (ATR): 1728 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4, \text{M}]^+$ 258.0892 found 258.0890, m.p.: 124 °C

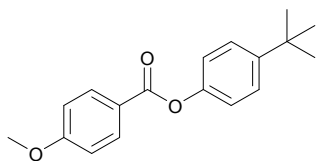


4-Nitrophenyl 4-methoxybenzoate: pale brown crystal. (Table 4, **4av**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.4, 163.9, 155.9, 145.2, 132.5, 125.2, 122.6, 120.7, 114.0, 55.6.

IR (ATR): 1735 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_5\text{N}, \text{M}]^+$ 273.0637 found 273.0639, m.p.: $167\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

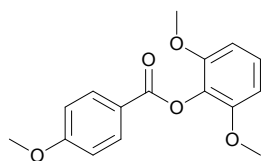


4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl 4-methoxybenzoate: pale brown crystal. (Table 4, **4aw**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2 H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.04 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2 H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 1.25 (s, 9 H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.0, 163.8, 148.6, 148.4, 132.2, 126.3, 122.0, 121.0, 113.7, 55.4, 34.4, 31.4.

IR (ATR): 1729 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3, \text{M}]^+$ 284.1412 found 284.1411, m.p.: $103\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$



2,6-Dimethoxyphenyl 4-methoxybenzoate: pale brown crystal. (Table 4, **4ax**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.2, 163.6, 152.5, 132.4, 128.9, 126.1, 121.7, 113.6, 104.9, 56.1, 55.4.

IR (ATR): 1734 cm^{-1} , HRMS (EI) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5, \text{M}]^+$ 288.0998 found 288.0999, m.p.: $119\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

VI. NMR Spectra of Isolated Products

