

Supporting Information

Rh^{III}-catalyzed site-selective C–H amidation with nitronone as a traceless directing group: an approach to functionalized arylaldehydes

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1. General considerations

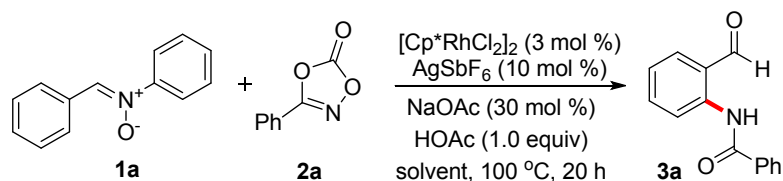
All ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz Bruker FT-NMR spectrometers (400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively). All chemical shifts are given as δ value (ppm) with reference to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; q, quartet. The coupling constants, J , are reported in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectroscopy data of the products were collected on an Agilent Technologies 6540 UHD Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS (ESI).

Arylnitrones were prepared according to reported methods,¹ and they must be recrystallized from ethanol/petroleum ether before use. Dioxazolones were prepared according to reported methods.² All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers, Aldrich of USA, or Shanghai Chemical Company of China. All the solvents were dried and freshly distilled in N_2 prior to use. Products were purified by flash chromatography on 200–300 mesh silica gels, SiO_2 .

2. Typical procedure for the reaction of **1a** with **2a**

A 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with (*Z*)-*N*-benzylideneaniline oxide (**1a**, 39.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**, 40.8 mg, 0.25 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (3.7 mg, 3 mol %), AgSbF_6 (6.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), NaOAc (4.9 mg, 0.06 mmol), HOAc (12.0 mg, 0.20 mmol). Then freshly distilled 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE, 1.0 mL) was injected into the Schlenk tube under air atmosphere. The reaction tube was placed in an oil bath. After the reaction was carried out at 100 °C for 20 h, the sealed tube was cooled to room temperature, detected by TLC, and extracted with dichloromethane (DCM, 3×5.0 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 20:1), affording the desired product **3a** as a white solid (36.0 mg, 80% yield).

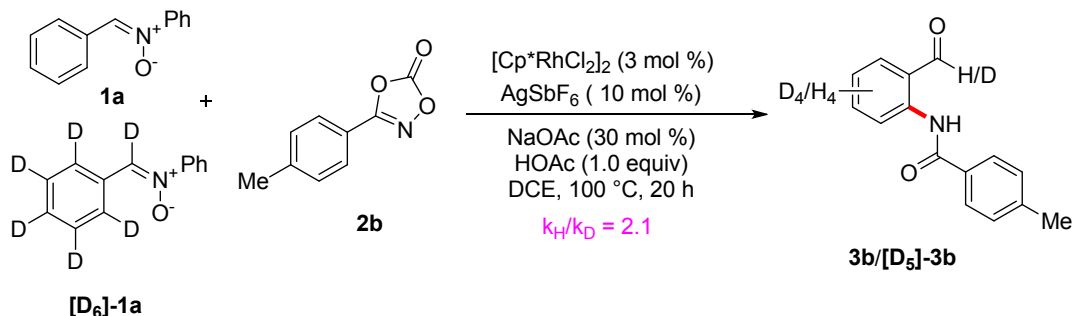
3. Optimization of the solvent on the model reaction



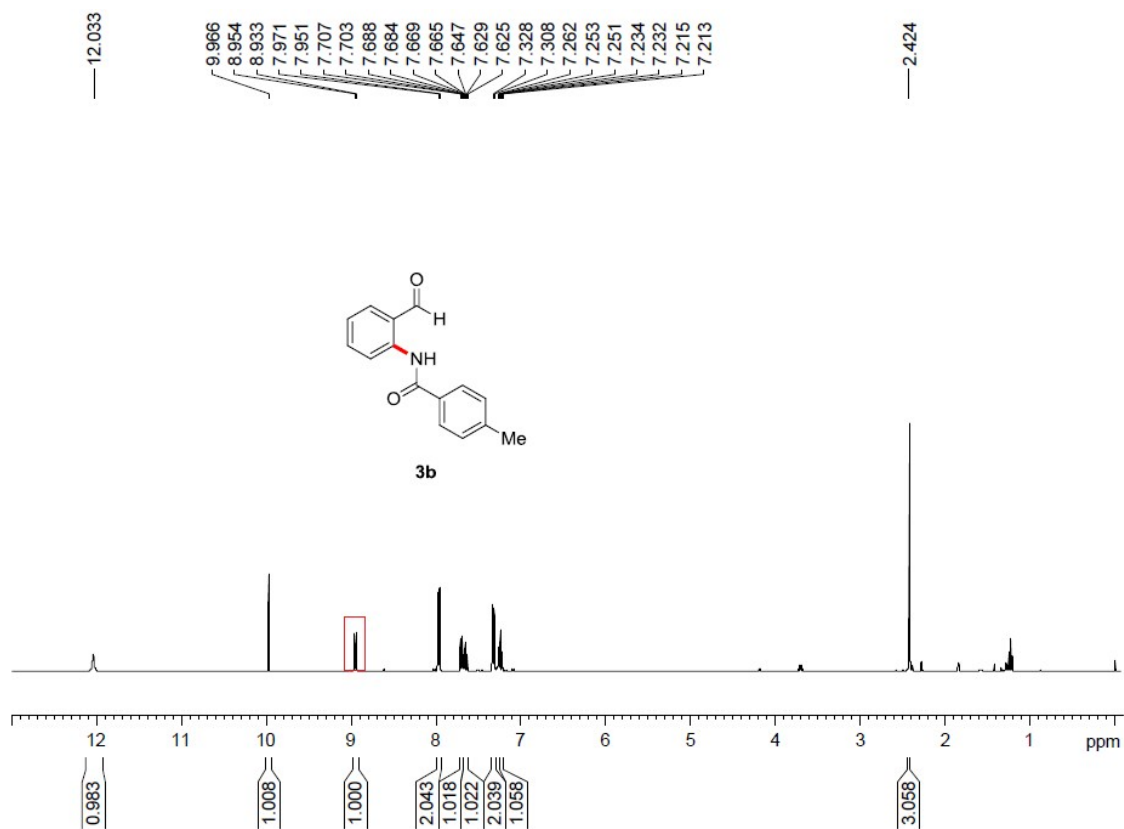
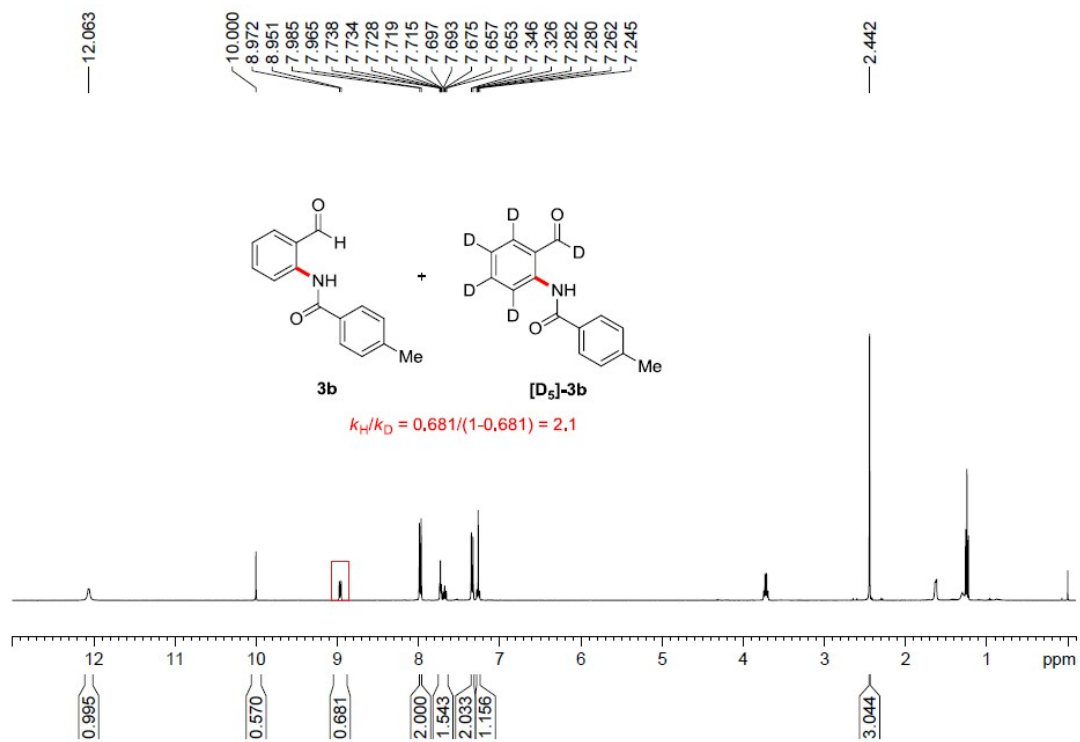
entry	solvent	yield (%) ^b
1	DCE	80
2	MeOH	n.r.
3	CH ₃ CN	7
4	THF	10
5	dioxane	trace
6	toluene	43
7	CHCl ₃	65

^aReaction conditions: (*Z*)-*N*-benzylideneaniline oxide (**1a**, 0.20 mmol), 3-phenyl-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2a**, 0.25 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3 mol %), AgSbF₆ (10 mol %), NaOAc (30 mol %), HOAc (1.0 equiv), solvent (1.0 mL), 100 °C for 20 h. ^bIsolated yield.

4. Kinetic isotope effect (KIE) experiments

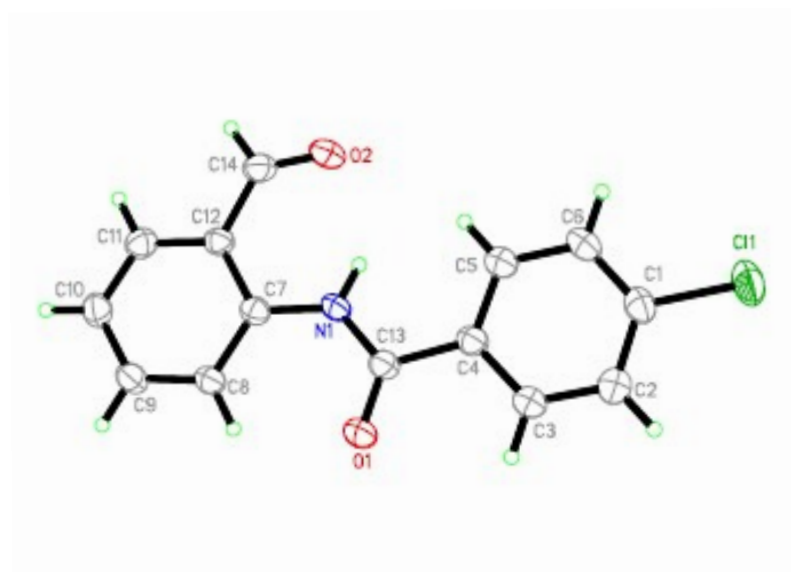


A 10 mL oven-dried reaction vessel equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar was charged with **1a** (0.10 mmol), [D₆]-**1a** (0.10 mmol), 3-(*p*-tolyl)-1,4,2-dioxazol-5-one (**2b**, 0.25 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.7 mg, 3 mol %), AgSbF₆ (6.9 mg, 10 mol %), NaOAc (4.9 mg, 0.06 mmol), HOAc (12.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), and DCE (1.0 mL). The reaction vessel was placed in an oil bath. After the reaction was carried out at 100 °C for 20 h, it was cooled to room temperature, which was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 20:1) to give the desired product **3b**/[D₅]-**3b**. The KIE value was determined by ¹H NMR of **3b** and [D₅]-**3b**.

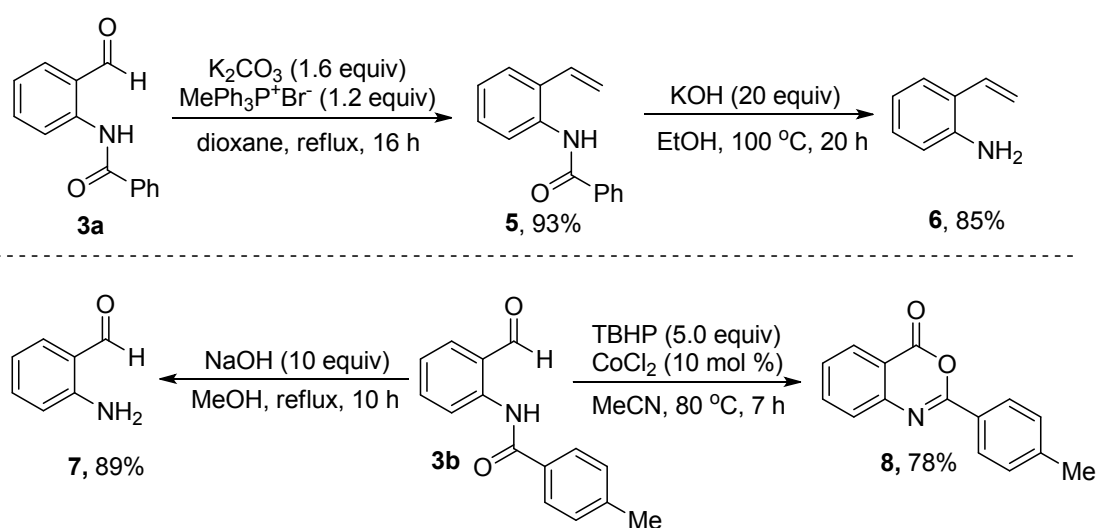


Scheme S1 Kinetic Isotope Effect (KIE) Experiments

5. X-ray single crystal structure of 3e (CCDC Number: 1553921)



6. Design for the transformation of 3a/3b



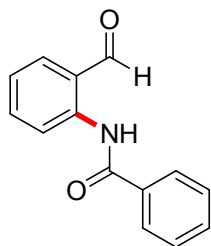
(1) A 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with **3a** (45.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), K_2CO_3 (1.6 equiv), $\text{MePh}_3\text{P}^+\text{Br}^-$ (1.2 equiv). Then dioxane (1.0 mL) was injected into the Schlenk tube under air atmosphere. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 16h, it was cooled to room temperature, detected by TLC, and extracted with dichloromethane (DCM, 3×5.0 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1 to 9:1), affording the desired product **5** as a white solid (41.4 mg, 93% yield).

(2) A 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with **5** (44.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), KOH (20 equiv). Then EtOH (1.0 mL) was injected into the Schlenk tube under air atmosphere. The reaction tube was placed in an oil bath. After the reaction was carried out at 100 °C for 20 h, it was cooled to room temperature and detected by TLC, which was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1 to 7:1), affording the desired product **6** as a brown oil (20.2 mg, 85% yield).

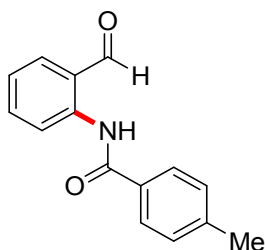
(3) A 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with **3b** (47.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), NaOH (10 equiv). Then MeOH (1.0 mL) was injected into the Schlenk tube under air atmosphere. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 10 h, it was cooled to room temperature and detected by TLC, which was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1 to 7:1), affording the desired product **7** as a white solid (21.6 mg, 89% yield).

(4) A 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with **3b** (47.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), CoCl₂ (10 mol %), TBHP (5.0 equiv). Then anhydrous MeCN (1.0 mL) was injected into the Schlenk tube under air atmosphere. The reaction tube was placed in an oil bath. After the reaction was carried out at 80 °C for 7h, it was cooled to room temperature, detected by TLC. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was mixed with water (20 mL), and the resulting solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine and dried with anhydrous MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 to 9:1), affording the desired product **8** as a white solid (37.0 mg, 78% yield).

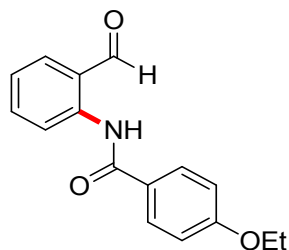
7. Characterization data for the products



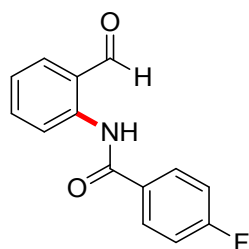
***N*-(2-Formylphenyl)benzamide (3a):** White solid; 36.0 mg, 80% yield; m.p. 69–71 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.09 (s, 1H), 10.00 (s, 1H), 8.97 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.09–8.07 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.73 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 195.84, 166.10, 141.23, 136.34, 136.15, 134.31, 132.18, 128.85, 127.49, 123.01, 121.99, 119.96. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.⁴



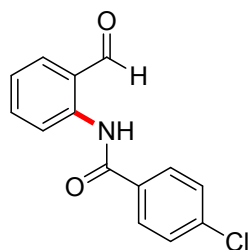
***N*-(2-Formylphenyl)-4-methylbenzamide (3b):** White solid; 34.4 mg, 72% yield; m.p. 83–85 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.03 (s, 1H), 9.97 (s, 1H), 9.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.71–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 195.76, 166.06, 142.73, 141.32, 136.25, 136.09, 131.48, 129.48, 127.47, 122.80, 121.89, 119.87, 21.44. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2]^+$: 240.1019, Found: 240.1021. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.⁵



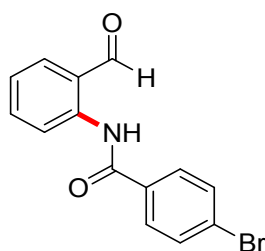
4-Ethoxy-*N*-(2-formylphenyl)benzamide (3c): White solid; 35.0 mg, 65% yield; m.p. 95–97 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.02 (s, 1H), 10.01 (s, 1H), 8.96 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.74–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 195.86, 165.78, 162.27, 141.64, 136.37, 136.15, 129.48, 126.46, 122.71, 121.92, 119.93, 114.57, 63.75, 14.69. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3]^+$: 270.1125, Found: 270.1129.



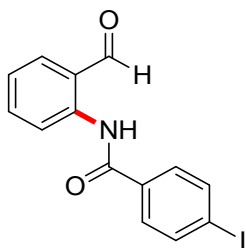
4-Fluoro-*N*-(2-formylphenyl)benzamide (3d): White solid; 34.4 mg, 71% yield; m.p. 90–92 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.06 (s, 1H), 10.00 (s, 1H), 8.93 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.11–8.07 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.73 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 195.97, 165.16 (d, $J = 251.7$ Hz), 164.95, 141.12, 136.30 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz), 130.45 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 129.97, 129.87, 123.12, 121.91, 119.87, 115.92 (d, $J = 21.9$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{FNO}_2]^+$: 244.0768, Found: 244.0771. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.⁵



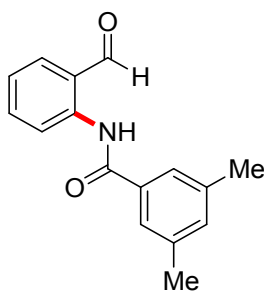
4-Chloro-*N*-(2-formylphenyl)benzamide (3e): White solid; 39.9 mg, 77% yield; m.p. 76–78 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.08 (s, 1H), 9.99 (s, 1H), 8.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.02–8.00 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 195.94, 164.98, 141.03, 138.56, 136.41, 136.16, 132.68, 129.12, 128.90, 123.22, 121.97, 119.94. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClNO}_2]^+$: 260.0473, Found: 260.0475. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.⁵



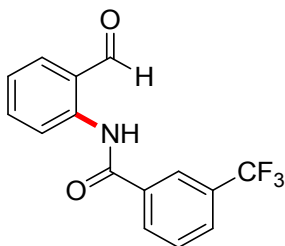
4-Bromo-*N*-(2-formylphenyl)benzamide (3f): White solid; 44.1 mg, 73% yield; m.p. 110–112 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.10 (s, 1H), 10.01 (s, 1H), 8.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.96–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.77–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.72–7.68 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 195.94, 165.05, 140.98, 136.41, 136.17, 133.10, 132.09, 129.04, 127.10, 123.23, 121.93, 119.90. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrNO}_2]^+$: 303.9968, Found: 303.9969. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.⁶



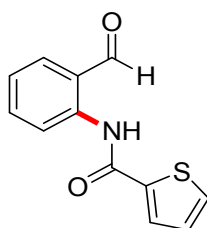
***N*-(2-Formylphenyl)-4-iodobenzamide (3g):** White solid; 43.5 mg, 62% yield; m.p. 124–126 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.07 (s, 1H), 9.99 (s, 1H), 8.92 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.88 (m, 2H), 7.79–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 195.91, 165.32, 141.05, 138.14, 136.41, 136.17, 133.80, 129.02, 123.26, 122.04, 120.01, 99.54. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{INO}_2]^+$: 351.9829, Found:351.9833.



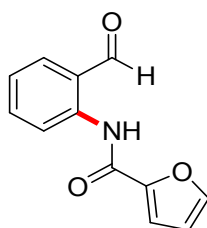
***N*-(2-Formylphenyl)-3,5-dimethylbenzamide (3h):** White solid; 31.9 mg, 63% yield; m.p. 107–109 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.01 (s, 1H), 10.00 (s, 1H), 8.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.65 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 195.71, 166.63, 141.36, 138.53, 136.32, 136.11, 134.41, 133.85, 125.30, 122.88, 122.01, 120.02, 21.33. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2]^+$: 254.1176, Found: 254.1177.



***N*-(2-Formylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (3i)**: White solid; 42.8 mg, 73% yield; m.p. 84–86 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 12.21 (s, 1H), 10.01 (s, 1H), 8.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 196.03, 164.55, 140.85, 136.49, 136.20, 135.19, 131.55 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 130.25, 129.50, 128.71 (q, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 124.97 (q, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 123.50, 122.07, 120.02. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. For [C₁₅H₁₁F₃NO₂]⁺: 294.0736, Found: 294.0737.

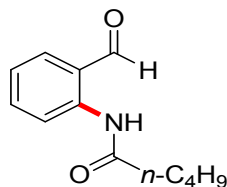


***N*-(2-Formylphenyl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (3j)**: White solid; 31.0 mg, 67% yield; m.p. 110–112 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 12.06 (s, 1H), 10.00 (s, 1H), 8.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.85 (m, 1H), 7.74–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.18 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 195.86, 160.79, 141.10, 139.84, 136.39, 136.13, 131.71, 128.97, 128.05, 123.00, 121.71, 119.84. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. For [C₁₂H₁₀NO₂S]⁺: 232.0427, Found: 232.0426. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.⁶

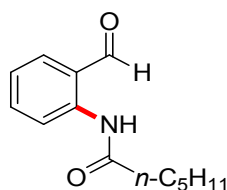


***N*-(2-Formylphenyl)furan-2-carboxamide (3k)**: White solid; 26.2 mg, 61% yield; m.p. 98–100 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 12.07 (s, 1H), 10.00 (s, 1H), 8.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 2H), 6.58–6.57 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 195.42, 157.04, 147.76, 145.10, 140.51, 136.12, 136.01, 123.05, 121.92, 119.95, 115.67, 112.35. HRMS (ESI)

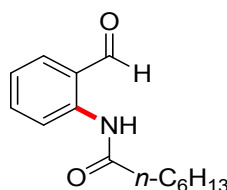
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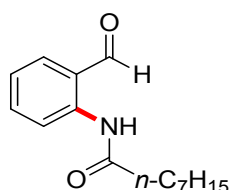
N-(2-Formylphenyl)pentanamide (3l): Colorless liquid; 32.8 mg, 80% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 11.14 (s, 1H), 9.93 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.64–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.80–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.39 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 195.51, 172.85, 141.08, 136.18, 135.99, 122.70, 121.57, 119.89, 38.27, 27.49, 22.30, 13.73. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.⁷



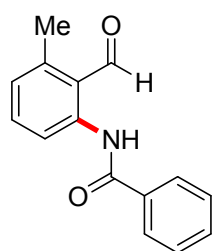
N-(2-formylphenyl)hexanamide (3m): colorless liquid; 37.3 mg, 85% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 11.14 (s, 1H), 9.92 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.80–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.39–1.36 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 195.41, 172.75, 141.01, 136.08, 135.92, 122.61, 121.51, 119.80, 38.42, 31.25, 25.02, 22.28, 13.79. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.⁵



***N*-(2-Formylphenyl)heptanamide (3n)**: Colorless liquid; 38.7 mg, 83% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 11.15 (s, 1H), 9.92 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.68–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 1H), 2.46 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.80–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.30 (m, 6H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 195.50, 172.84, 140.99, 136.14, 135.98, 122.66, 121.46, 119.79, 38.50, 31.45, 28.79, 25.33, 22.43, 13.97. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.⁷

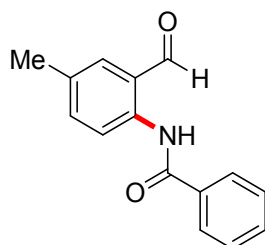


***N*-(2-Formylphenyl)octanamide (3o)**: Colorless liquid; 41.0 mg, 83% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 11.13 (s, 1H), 9.93 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.68–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 1H), 2.46 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.78–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.37–1.26 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 195.50, 172.87, 141.09, 136.18, 135.99, 122.69, 121.57, 119.89, 38.56, 31.65, 29.14, 28.97, 25.43, 22.58, 14.02. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2]^+$: 248.1645, Found: 248.1642.

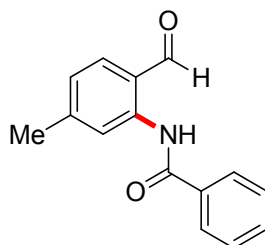


***N*-(2-Formyl-3-methylphenyl)benzamide (4a)**: White solid; 33.1 mg, 69% yield; m.p. 81–83 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.57 (s, 1H), 10.52 (s, 1H), 8.83 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.09–8.07 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.51 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 194.72, 166.23, 143.33, 142.08, 136.58,

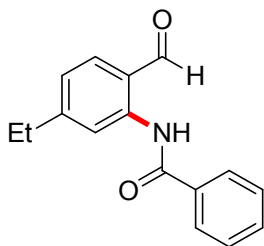
134.62, 132.05, 128.80, 127.52, 125.91, 119.57, 118.54, 19.24. HRMS (ESI) ($[M+H]^+$)
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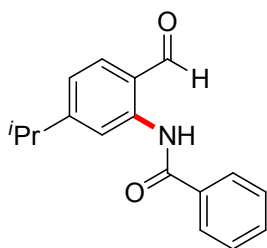
***N*-(2-Formyl-4-methylphenyl)benzamide (4b)**: White solid; 35.1 mg, 73% yield; m.p. 104–106 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 11.99 (s, 1H), 9.96 (s, 1H), 8.85 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.08–8.06 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.48 (m, 5H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 195.92, 166.00, 138.93, 137.13, 136.29, 134.47, 132.74, 132.07, 128.83, 127.47, 122.01, 120.03, 20.50. HRMS (ESI) ($[M+H]^+$) Calcd. For $[C_{15}H_{14}NO_2]^+$: 240.1019, Found:240.1017.



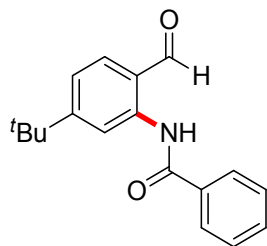
***N*-(2-Formyl-5-methylphenyl)benzamide (4c)**: White solid; 35.9 mg, 75% yield; m.p. 128–130 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 12.12 (s, 1H), 9.92 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.08–8.06 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.51 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 195.17, 166.12, 148.18, 141.19, 136.22, 134.34, 132.13, 128.83, 127.47, 124.03, 120.31, 120.01, 22.50. HRMS (ESI) ($[M+H]^+$) Calcd. For $[C_{15}H_{14}NO_2]^+$: 240.1019, Found:240.1016.



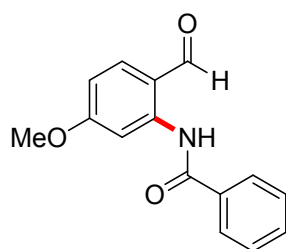
***N*-(5-Ethyl-2-formylphenyl)benzamide (4d):** White solid; 39.5 mg, 78% yield; m.p. 106–108 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 12.13 (s, 1H), 9.92 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.09–8.07 (m, 2 H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.10–7.08 (m, 1H), 2.76 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 195.19, 166.12, 154.26, 141.34, 136.34, 134.35, 132.10, 128.82, 127.45, 122.81, 120.18, 119.29, 29.69, 14.95. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. For [C₁₆H₁₆NO₂]⁺: 254.1176, Found: 254.1176.



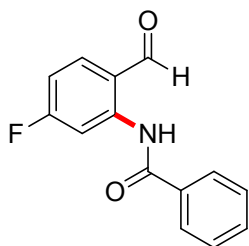
***N*-(2-Formyl-5-isopropylphenyl)benzamide (4e):** White solid; 40.6 mg, 76% yield; m.p. 99–101 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 13.13 (s, 1H), 9.94 (s, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.15–7.13 (m, 1H), 3.09–2.98 (m, 1H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 195.19, 166.21, 158.85, 141.49, 136.39, 134.46, 132.12, 128.86, 127.49, 121.37, 120.40, 118.16, 35.00, 29.67, 23.44. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. For [C₁₇H₁₈NO₂]⁺: 268.1332, Found: 268.1334.



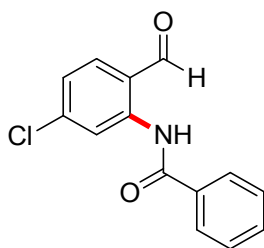
***N*-(5-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-formylphenyl)benzamide (4f):** White solid; 45.1 mg, 80% yield; m.p. 115–117 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 12.11 (s, 1H), 9.96 (s, 1H), 9.10 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.11–8.09 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.30 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 195.20, 166.24, 161.04, 141.24, 136.00, 134.45, 132.11, 128.85, 127.46, 120.40, 119.94, 117.17, 35.86, 30.94. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. For [C₁₈H₂₀NO₂]⁺: 282.1489, Found: 282.1493.



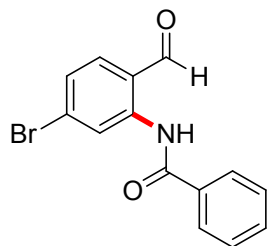
***N*-(2-Formyl-5-methoxyphenyl)benzamide (4g):** White solid; 39.8 mg, 78% yield; m.p. 132–134 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 12.38 (s, 1H), 9.83 (s, 1H), 8.60–8.60 (m, 1H), 8.09–8.07 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 4H), 6.76–6.74 (m, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 193.70, 166.30, 166.01, 143.69, 137.89, 134.16, 132.16, 128.80, 127.44, 116.06, 110.42, 103.67, 55.74. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. For [C₁₅H₁₄NO₃]⁺: 256.0968, Found: 256.0966.



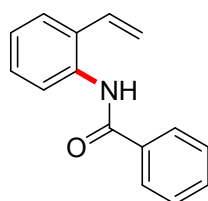
***N*-(5-Fluoro-2-formylphenyl)benzamide (4h):** White solid; 36.0 mg, 74% yield; m.p. 94–96 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.27 (s, 1H), 9.94 (s, 1H), 8.77–8.74 (m, 1H), 8.07–8.06 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.53 (m, 3H), 6.97–6.92 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 194.27, 167.43 (d, $J = 255.3$ Hz), 166.20, 143.61 (d, $J = 13.8$ Hz), 138.56 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz), 133.82, 132.44, 128.90, 127.49, 118.88, 110.48 (d, $J = 22.9$ Hz), 107.49 (d, $J = 28.7$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{FNO}_2]^+$: 244.0768, Found: 244.0765.



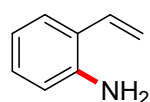
***N*-(5-Chloro-2-formylphenyl)benzamide (4i):** White solid; 40.4 mg, 78% yield; m.p. 99–101 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.14 (s, 1H), 9.95 (s, 1H), 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.06–8.04 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.22 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 194.69, 166.10, 143.14, 142.01, 133.83, 132.47, 128.94, 127.51, 123.35, 120.31, 120.11. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClNO}_2]^+$: 260.0473, Found: 260.0471.



***N*-(5-Bromo-2-formylphenyl)benzamide (4j)**: White solid; 43.1 mg, 71% yield; m.p. 115–117 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 12.12 (s, 1H), 9.96 (s, 1H), 9.24 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.08–8.06 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.44–7.41 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 194.92, 166.09, 141.87, 136.95, 133.85, 132.49, 132.11, 128.96, 127.53, 126.38, 123.11, 120.64. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrNO}_2]^+$: 303.9968, Found: 303.9969.

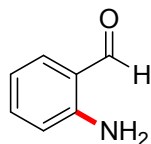


***N*-(2-Vinylphenyl)benzamide (5)**: White solid; 41.4 mg, 93% yield; m.p. 156–158 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.89–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.17 (m, 1H), 6.86 (dd, J = 17.4, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dd, J = 17.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 165.63, 134.70, 134.47, 132.31, 131.85, 130.64, 128.76, 128.52, 127.06, 127.03, 125.41, 123.58, 118.35. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.³

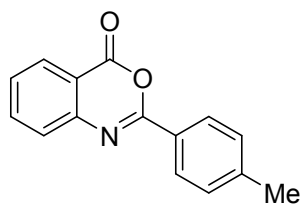


2-Vinylaniline (6): Brown oil; 20.2 mg, 85% yield; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.29–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.06 (m, 1H), 6.81–6.73 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (dd, J = 17.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (brs, 2H); ^{13}C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 143.63, 132.74, 128.70, 127.32, 124.09, 118.90, 116.05, 115.66. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.⁸



2-Aminobenzaldehyde (7): White solid; 21.6 mg, 89% yield; m.p. 39–41 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 9.88 (s, 1H), 7.50–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.30 (m, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (brs, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 194.04, 149.87, 135.68, 135.15, 118.84, 116.35, 115.99. The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.⁹



2-(*p*-Tolyl)-4H-benzo[*d*][1,3]oxazin-4-one (8): White solid; 37.0 mg, 78% yield; m.p. 154–156 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.24–8.21 (m, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.83–7.87 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.66, 157.29, 147.14, 143.36, 136.45, 129.47, 128.53, 128.29, 127.95, 127.44, 127.07, 116.93, 21.65. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. For [C₁₅H₁₂NO₂]⁺: 238.0863, Found: 238.0868

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9. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of the products

