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## **Supporting Information:**

# -S1- Experimental Section:

## -S1.1. Materials and Methods.

All the reactions were performed in oven dried apparatus and were stirred using magnetic stir bars. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100-200µm). TLC was carried out on Kieselgel coated on aluminium sheets. Compounds were visualized by one of the (or all of the) following methods: (1) fluorescence quenching, (2) spray with a 0.2% (w/v) ninhydrin solution in absolute ethanol, (3) spray with 1% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution in EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:5 v/v), (4) charring on hot plate. Ethylacetate and hexanes (or petroleum ether) were obtained from Sd-fine chemicals and were fractionally distilled at their respective boiling points, before use. Dichloromethane was dried by distillation over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. NMM was distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>. NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometers in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm) from the residual non-deuterated chloroform in CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.26$ ,  $\delta_{\rm C} = 77.00$ ). *J* values are in Hz. Multiplicities are indicated using the following abbreviations: s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublets), t (triplet), q (quartet), quin (quintet), hept (heptet), m (multiplet), bs (broad singlet). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded in a FT/IR spectrometer, for thin-films (0.1 mmol) made from solutions in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10 mmol) on sodium chloride plates or in neat (KBr pellets), with frequencies given in reciprocal centimetres (cm<sup>-1</sup>). High resolution mass spectra were obtained by the ESI technique.

#### -S2. Spectral Details:

#### -S2.1. Methyl pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (1):



To a cold (0 °C) solution of **pyrrolidine** (500 mg, 7.03 mmol) in 14 mL Dichloromethane (DCM) added Methyl chloroformate (MCF) (435  $\mu$ L, 5.62 mmol), triethylamine (Et<sub>3</sub>N) (1.95 mL, 14.1 mmol) and the mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 10 min, then allowed to stir at rt for 4 h. Removal of solvent resulted in a residue which was dissolved in ethyl acetate (EtOAc) (10 mL), washed with 10 mL water (2 X 5 mL) and 1N HCl solution (2 X 5 mL) and



saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (2 X 5 mL) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and the organic layer was concentrated to get a residue which was subjected to purification by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane – 1 : 49) yielded the desired product as a colourless oil (377 mg, 3.66 mmol, 52%) (TLC: EtOAc –  $R_f$  = 0.68). IR (NaCl, 10 mM in CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3018, 2982, 2958, 2881, 1685, 1457, 1396, 1132 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.39 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.82 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 155.5, 52.1, 46.0, 45.6, 25.6, 24.8; HRMS *m*/*z* Calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na 152.0687, Found 152.0690.

#### -S2.2. Ethyl pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2):



To a cold (0 °C) solution of **pyrrolidine** (500 mg, 7.03 mmol) in 14 mL Dichloromethane (DCM) added Ethyl chloroformate (ECF) (537  $\mu$ L, 5.62 mmol), triethylamine (Et<sub>3</sub>N) (1.95 mL, 14.1 mmol) and the mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 10 min, then allowed to stir at rt for 5 h. Removal of solvent resulted in a residue which was dissolved in ethyl acetate (EtOAc) (10 mL), washed with 10 mL water (2 X 5 mL) and 1N HCl solution (2 X 5 mL)



and saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (2 X 5 mL) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and the organic layer was concentrated to get a residue which was subjected to purification by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane – 2 : 48) yielded the desired product as a colourless oil (423 mg, 3.73 mmol, 53%) (TLC: EtOAc –  $R_f$  = 0.69). IR (NaCl, 10 mM in CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3016, 2982, 2880, 1679.1, 1436, 1384, 1130, 1109 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 155.0, 60.5, 45.8, 45.4, 25.5, 24.7, 14.6; HRMS *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na 166.0844, Found 166.0841.

#### -S2.3. Isopropyl pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3):



To a cold (0 °C) solution of **pyrrolidine** (500 mg, 7.03 mmol) in 14 mL Dichloromethane (DCM) added Isopropyl chloroformate (7 mL, 5.62 mmol) (1M in toluene), triethylamine (Et<sub>3</sub>N) (1.95 mL, 14.1 mmol) and the mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 10 min, then allowed to stir at rt for 5 h. Removal of solvent resulted in a residue which was dissolved in ethyl acetate (EtOAc) (10 mL), washed with 10 mL water (2 X 5 mL) and 1N HCl solution (2 X 5



mL) and saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (2 X 5 mL) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and the organic layer was concentrated to get a residue which was subjected to purification by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane -2 : 48) yielded the

desired product as a colourless oil (564 mg, 3.66 mmol, 52%) (TLC: EtOAc:Hexane (1:1) –  $R_f$  = 0.58). IR (NaCl, 10 mM in CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3016, 2982, 2879, 1673.7, 1429, 1215, 1111, 908 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 4.96-4.87 (m, 1H), 3.37 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.87-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 154.7, 67.6, 45.7, 45.4, 25.5, 24.7, 22.1; HRMS *m*/*z* Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na 180.1000, Found 180.1000.

-S2.4. tert-Butyl pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (4):



To a cold (0 °C) solution of **pyrrolidine** (500 mg, 7.03 mmol) in 14 mL Dichloromethane (DCM) added Di-tert-butyl dicarbonate ( $(Boc)_2O$ ) (1380 mg, 6.33 mmol), triethylamine (Et<sub>3</sub>N) (1.95 mL, 14.1 mmol) and the mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 10 min, then allowed to stir at rt for 4 h. Removal of solvent resulted in a residue which was dissolved in ethyl acetate (EtOAc) (10 mL), washed with 10 mL water (2 X 5 mL) and 1N HCl solution (2 X 5 mL)



and saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (2 X 5 mL) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and the organic layer was concentrated to get a residue which was subjected to purification by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc : Hexane – 1 : 49) yielded the desired product as a colourless oil (650 mg, 3.8 mmol, 54%) (TLC: EtOAc:Hexane (1:1) –  $R_f$  = 0.68). IR (NaCl, 10 mM in CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 3006, 2980, 2880, 1683.4, 1417, 1259, 1165, 758, 688 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 3.35-3.31 (m, 2H), 3.29-3.26 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.81 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 154.5, 78.7, 45.8, 45.5, 28.4, 25.6, 24.8; HRMS *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na 194.1157, Found 194.1152.

-S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectram of carbamates (1-4). -S3.1. Figure 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz, 10 mmol).



-S3.2. Figure 2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz, 60 mmol).



-S3.3. Figure 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz, 10 mmol).



-S3.4. Figure 4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz, 60 mmol).



-S3.5. Figure 5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz, 10 mmol).



-S3.6. Figure 6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz, 60 mmol).







-S3.8. Figure 8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz, 60 mmol).



-S4. Figure 9. Stacked FT-IR spectra (C=O stretching frequency region) of 1 to 4 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 10 mmol)



-S5.a. Table. 1 Comparison of relevant <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and FT-IR spectral data (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) of homologous Pyrrolidine carbamates (1-4).

a)							R	R'	<u>R''</u>		
				N		1	Н	Н	Н		
							Me	Н	Н		
								Me	Н		
				R'~/ R	$R'' (H^{\alpha})$	4	Me	Me	Me		
b)											
				<sup>13</sup> C NMR		13(	CNMR	<sup>1</sup> H NMR		<sup>13</sup> C NMR	<sup>1</sup> H NMR
	R	R'	R''	$C^\alpha$ of O-C	0-0111K		O=C	$OC^{\alpha}$ -H		$C^\beta$ of O-C- $C^\beta$	Ο-C-C <sup>β</sup> -Η
				$\delta$ ppm	0 cm	$\delta$ ppm		$\delta$ ppm		$\delta$ ppm	$\delta$ ppm
1	Н	Н	Н	52.1	1685.0	1	55.5	5 3.69		NA	NA
2	Me	Н	Н	60.5	1679.1	1	55.0	4.	.13	14.6	1.26
3	Me	Me	Н	67.6	1673.7	1	.54.7	4.	.92	22.1	1.23
4	Me	Me	Me	78.7	1683.4	1	54.5	Ν	١A	28.4	1.46

a)							R	R'	R''			
				Ň	н	5	Н	Н	Н			
					··· • • • • •	6	Me	Н	Н			
				0	La Ca	7	Me	Me	Н			
b)				R'´	<sup>// `</sup> R'' (Η <sup>α</sup> ) R	8	Me	Me	Me			
				<sup>13</sup> C NMR		<sup>13</sup> C NIV	IR <sup>2</sup>	<sup>1</sup> H NMF	<sup>1</sup> ۲	<sup>L3</sup> C NMR	<sup>1</sup> H NMR	
	R	R'	R''	$C^\alpha$ of O-C	C=0 FIR	O=C		$OC^{\alpha} ext{-}H$	C <sup>β</sup>	of O-C-C $^\beta$	$\text{O-C-C}^\beta\text{-H}$	Ref
				$\delta ppm$	0 cm	δppm	ו	$\delta$ ppm		δppm	$\delta$ ppm	
5	Н	Н	н	52.3	1705	154.1		3.78		NA	NA	1
6	Me	Н	н	61.1	1701	153.6	5	4.23		14.5	1.31	1
7	Me	Me	Н	68.7	-	153.7	,	5.05		22.1	1.30	2
8	Me	Me	Me	80.4	1689	152.7	,	NA		28.3	1.51	3

-S5.b. Table. 2 Comparison of relevant <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and FT-IR spectral data (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) of homologous N-phenyl carbamates (5-8)<sup>1-3</sup>.

-S5.c. Table. 3 Comparison of relevant <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and FT-IR spectral data of homologous Alkyl acetates (9-12).

a)	••		R	R'	R''
	:0 R ∥ ⊬R'	9	Н	н	Н
	0 R"	10	Me	Н	Н
	$\Gamma^{\alpha}$	11	Me	Me	Н
	C	12	Me	Me	Me
b)					

	R	R'	R"	$^{13}$ C NMR C $^{lpha}$ of O-C $\delta$ ppm	C=O FTIR ບ cm <sup>-1</sup>	<sup>13</sup> C NMR O=C δ ppm	<sup>1</sup> H NMR OC <sup>α</sup> -H δ ppm	$^{13}$ C NMR C $^{eta}$ of O-C-C $^{eta}$ $\delta$ ppm	<sup>1</sup> H NMR O-C-C <sup>β</sup> -H δ ppm
9	н	Н	Н	51.6	1748	171.5	3.67	NA	NA
10	Н	Н	Me	60.5	1740	171.4	4.12	14.2	1.25
11	н	Me	Me	67.6	1736	170.6	4.99	21.8	1.23
12	Me	Ме	Me	80.1	1738	170.4	NA	28.1	1.45

-S5.d. Table. 4 Comparison of relevant <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and FT-IR spectral data of homologous Alkyl benzoates (13-16)<sup>4-9</sup>.

a)							R	R'	R''		
				•	O R ∥  ∠R	' 13	Н	Н	Н		
					<sup>^</sup> Ó ∖R	" 14	Me	Н	Н		
						15	Me	Me	Н		
					C	16	Me	Me	Me		
b)											
		<sup>13</sup> C NMR			<sup>13</sup> C NMR	<sup>1</sup> H I	NMR	<sup>13</sup> C NMR	<sup>1</sup> H NMR		
	R	R'	R"	C $^{lpha}$ of O-C	C=0 FIIR	O=C	$OC^{\alpha} ext{-}H$		$C^\beta$ of O-C-C^\beta	$O-C-C^{\beta}-H$	Ref
				$\delta$ ppm	0 cm	$\delta$ ppm	δŗ	pm	$\delta$ ppm	$\delta$ ppm	
13	Н	Н	Н	51.5	1725	165.9	3.	.92	NA	NA	4,5,6
14	Н	Н	Me	60.8	1720	166.5	4	.33	14.3	1.33	7,8
15	Н	Me	Me	68.3	1716	166.1	5	.24	21.9	1.35	6,9
16	Me	Me	Me	80.9	-	165.8	٢	١A	28.2	1.58	6

-S5.e. Table. 5 Comparison of relevant <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and FT-IR spectral data of homologous alcohols (17-20)<sup>10, 11</sup>.

				_		R	R'	R''			
a)			R'\	R 1	.7	Н	Н	Н			
,				¥_0H 1	.8	Me	Н	Н			
			R.,	$\int_{\alpha}$ 1	.9	Me	Me	Н			
b)				2	20	Me	Me	Me			
				<sup>13</sup> C NMR	1	ним	R	<sup>13</sup> C NM	ИR	<sup>1</sup> H NMR	
	R	R'	R"	C $^{lpha}$ of O-C	C ΟC <sup>α</sup> -Η		l C	$C^\beta$ of O-C- $C^\beta$		$\text{O-C-C}^\beta\text{-H}$	
				$\delta$ ppm		δppm		δppr	n	$\delta$ ppm	
17	Н	Н	Н	50.41		3.48		NA		NA	
18	Н	Н	Ме	58.3		3.72		18.4		1.24	
19	Н	Ме	Me	64.50		4.03		25.1		1.20	
20	Ме	Ме	Me	69.15		NA		31.2	5	1.27	



-S6.a. Figure 10. The incremental downfield shift in <sup>13</sup>C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup> nuclear signals as the number of methyl substituents on C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup>-O increase in homologous alcohols. The steeper incremental shifts in corresponding pyrrolidine carbamates and acetates. Note the similarity in shifts between carbamates and esters. Such significant shifts indicate hyperconjugative resonance stabilization of the positive charge polarization at C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup> of alcohol. These are further highlighted in the difference chemical shift plot in the next figure.



**-S6.b. Figure 11.** The plot of the difference in  $C^{\alpha}$  chemical shifts between Pyrrolidine carbamate (C; 1-4), Alkyl acetate (E; 9-12) and Alcohol (A; 17-20) against the increasing number of methyl substituents on  $C^{\alpha}$  of alcohol. Similar patterns were observed for N-phenyl carbamate (5-8) and Alkyl benzoate (13-16).



-S6.c. Figure 12. The incremental downfield shift in  ${}^{1}\text{H}^{\alpha}$  nuclear signals as the number of methyl substituents on C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup>-O increase in homologous alcohols. The steeper incremental shifts in corresponding pyrrolidine carbamates and acetates. Note the similarity in shifts between carbamates and esters. Such significant shifts indicate hyperconjugative resonance stabilization of the positive charge polarization at C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup> of alcohol. These are further highlighted in the difference chemical shift plot in the next figure.



-S6.d. Figure 13. The plot of the difference in H<sup> $\alpha$ </sup> chemical shifts between Pyrrolidine carbamate (C; 1-4), Alkyl acetate (E; 9-12) and Alcohol (A; 17-20) against the increasing number of methyl substituents on C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup> of alcohol. Similar patterns were observed for N-phenyl carbamate (5-8) and Alkyl benzoate (13-16).



-S6.e. Figure 14. The incremental downfield shift in  ${}^{13}C^{\beta}$  nuclear signals as the number of methyl substituents on C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup>-O increase in homologous alcohols. The similar incremental shifts in corresponding pyrrolidine carbamates and acetates are more upfield shifted compared to the corresponding alcohols. Such significant upfield shifts substantiate the back donation of electronic charge from carbonyl oxygen to the C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup> of alcohol (O...C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup>). Note the similarity in shifts between carbamates and esters.



-S6.f. Figure 15. Plot of difference in <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts of  $C^{\beta}$  between Pyrrolidine carbamate (C; 1-4), Alkyl acetate (E; 9-12) and Alcohol (A; 17-20) against the increasing number of methyl substituents on  $C^{\alpha}$  of alcohol. Note that the  $C^{\beta}$  in esters are slightly more upfield shifted compared to those in carbamates, indicating greater electronic charge on their carbonyl oxygen. Similar patterns were observed for N-phenyl carbamate (5-8) and Alkyl benzoate (13-16).



-S6.g. Figure 16. The plot of <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shift of H<sup> $\beta$ </sup> of alcohol group in esters, carbamates and alcohols against the number of methyl substituents on C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup>.



-S6.h. Figure 17. Plot of difference in <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts of H<sup> $\beta$ </sup> between Pyrrolidine carbamate (C; 1-4), Alkyl acetate (E; 9-12) and Alcohol (A; 17-20) against the increasing number of methyl substituents on C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup> of alcohol. Similar patterns were observed for N-phenyl carbamate (5-8) and Alkyl benzoate (13-16).



-S6.i. Figure 18. The downfield shift in <sup>13</sup>C nuclear signals of C=O in carbamates compared to acetates of homologous alcohols. Both of them are relatively unperturbed by increasing number of methyl substituents on  $C^{\alpha}$  of alcohol. Note that the trend is uniform and non-incremental between the two.



-S6.j. Figure 19. The correlation plots of the <sup>13</sup>C nuclear signals of carbonyls in Pyrrolidine carbamate (C; 1-4), Alkyl acetate (E; 9-12) of homologous alcohols versus the number of methyl substituents at C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup>. The difference plot for C-E is also shown in blue, highlighting their non-dependence on the number of methyl substituents at C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup>. Similar patterns were observed for N-phenyl carbamate (5-8) and Alkyl benzoate (13-16).



-S6.k. Figure 20. The decrease in C=O stretching frequencies in carbamates and Ester of homologous alcohols, with increasing number of methyl substituents on  $C^{\alpha}$  of alcohol. Note that the trend is uniform rather than incremental between the two.



-S6.1. Figure 21. The correlation plots of the C=O stretching frequency in FT-IR spectra of Pyrrolidine carbamate (C; 1-4), Alkyl acetate (E; 9-12) of homologous alcohols versus the number of methyl substituents at C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup>. The difference plot for C-E is also shown in blue. Similar patterns were observed for N-phenyl carbamate (5-8) and Alkyl benzoate (13-16).



-S6.m. Figure 22. The combined correlation plots of the  $C^{\alpha}$  and  $H^{\alpha}$  nuclear chemical shifts of carbamates versus the FT-IR stretching frequencies of the corresponding homologous alcohols. Note the negative slopes and hence the inverse correlation between the NMR and FT-IR data, indicating the influence of the number of substituents at  $C^{\alpha}$  on the bond order of C=O and hence the electronic charge at the carbonyl oxygen.



**S6.n. Figure 23.** The combined correlation plots of the  $C^{\alpha}$  and  $H^{\alpha}$  nuclear chemical shifts of esters versus the FT-IR stretching frequencies of the corresponding homologous alcohols. Note the negative slopes and hence the inverse correlation between the NMR and FT-IR data, indicating the influence of the number of substituents at  $C^{\alpha}$  on the bond order of C=O and hence the electronic charge at the carbonyl oxygen.



-S6.0. Figure 24. The correlation plots of the difference in  $C^{\beta}$  chemical shifts between Pyrrolidine carbamate (C; 1-4), Alkyl acetate (E; 9-12) and Alcohol (A; 17-20) against the increasing number of methyl substituents on  $C^{\alpha}$  of alcohol. Note the reversal in trend – where the  $C^{\beta}$  of carbamates and esters are upfield shifted compared to those in alcohols, in contrast to their  $C^{\alpha}$  which are downfield shifted. Similar patterns were observed for N-phenyl carbamate (5-8) and Alkyl benzoate (13-16).



-S6.p. Figure 25. The correlation plots of the difference in H<sup> $\beta$ </sup> chemical shifts between Pyrrolidine carbamate (C; 1-4), Alkyl acetate (E; 9-12) and Alcohol (A; 17-20) against the increasing number of methyl substituents on C<sup> $\alpha$ </sup> of alcohol. Note the reversal in trend – where the H<sup> $\beta$ </sup> of carbamates and esters are upfield shifted compared to those in alcohols, in contrast to their H<sup> $\alpha$ </sup> which are

downfield shifted. Similar patterns were observed for N-phenyl carbamate (5-8) and Alkyl benzoate (13-16).

-S7. Table 6. Structural parameters at the R-O-C=O register (s-trans conformation) in carbamates and esters and from corresponding crystal structures<sup>12-30</sup>.

	x C ob	C <sup>α</sup> C <sup>β</sup>	1 x~		3	•						
	atom labels & dist	tances		anç	gles		Torsions					
			dista (/	ances Å)	angles (degrees)				Tors (deg	ions rees)		
_	Molecule (	CCDC No	r	d	1	2	3	4	θ	τ	Ref	
	NH <sub>2</sub> O	1154688	1.23	2.63	124.2	122.9	115.2	164.4	1.32	171.45	12	
		1148417	1.22	2.66	124.9	123.4	115.6	162.6	1.04	-178.08	13	
		723495	1.21	2.72	126.4	124.7	117.3	146.2	-3.84	150.34	14	
		1238012	1.21	2.75	123.9	126.4	117.3	149.4	7.12	-156.74	15	
s		1110475	1.22	2.81	124.4	125.0	121.2	156.1	2.75	179.06	16	
carbamate	NH O	1168367	1.24	2.70	124.9	123.1	118.3	167.5	1.62	179.37	17	
	NHO	1216833	1.21	2.65	125.2	123.8	115.6	170.6	-0.21	179.63	-	
	O NH O	1223404	1.21	2.68	126.2	123.8	116.5	165.9	-0.14	-161.55	18	
		1144641	1.19	2.69	122.1	130.4	113.9	132.9	3.18	-143.24	19	
		785134	1.22	2.82	125.0	125.2	120.8	171.9	3.78	176.58	20	
	Br O NH O	1535842	1.21	2.82	124.9	125.6	121.5	172.1	-3.47	-175.03	21	
		1105316	1.20	2.61	125.7	122.5	114.9	153.7	-1.28	178.90	22	
		904088	1.20	2.66	125.3	123.0	116.4	164.4	-0.31	179.14	23	
	Ĵ	794904	1.21	2.70	124.9	123.7	117.3	150.2	5.74	-155.61	24	
	j_k	748622	1.20	2.81	124.5	125.3	121.0	153.1	2.18	172.33	25	
Esters		844082	1.21	2.65	124.3	123.6	115.9	165.0	2.22	179.58	26	
		144210	1.20	2.64	124.7	122.2	115.8	168.9	-1.21	177.96	27	
		160615	1.21	2.63	126.6	121.9	115.0	156.8	-2.23	-174.54	28	
		1248195	1.22	2.75	123.7	124.1	119.9	144.9	-1.97	160.28	29	
	O <sub>2</sub> N	850675	1.21	2.73	123.2	124.9	117.8	132.6	2.85	140.64	30	

angle  $\angle 4 = O^a - C^{\alpha} - H^{\alpha}$  (degrees)

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{angle}\ \ensuremath{\angle}\ 1 = X-C'=O \ (degrees) & r = C=O \ distance \ (\mbox{$\dot{A}$}) \\ \mbox{angle}\ \ensuremath{\angle}\ 2 = O^b-C'=O \ (degrees) & d = \ distance \ between \ O^a \ and \ C^\alpha \ (\mbox{$\dot{A}$}) \\ \mbox{angle}\ \ensuremath{\angle}\ 3 = C'-O^b-C^\alpha \ (degrees) & Torsion \ \theta = O^a-C'-O^b-C^\alpha \ (degrees) \\ \end{array}$ Torsion  $\tau = C'-O^b-C^{\alpha}-C^{\beta}$  (degrees)

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