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# **Supporting Information**

# Sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate-mediated photocatalytic aerobic oxidative esterification of aromatic aldehydes and alcohols

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#### **1.** General information

#### A. Materials and general procedures

All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers Adamas, Bide, TCI, J&K Chemical, Energy Chemical and Meryer, and they were directly used without further purification. CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na (purity  $\geq$  99%) was purchased from Shandong xiya reagents, PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na (purity  $\geq$  99%) and EtSO<sub>2</sub>Na (purity  $\geq$  99%) were purchased from Bide. All reactions were conducted in oven-dried reaction vessel under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (purity  $\geq$  99.99%) unless otherwise mentioned.

#### **B.** Analytical methods

Gas chromatographic-mass spectrometric (GC-MS) analysis was acquired on a JEOL JMS-Q1050GC system equipped with a flame-ionization detector. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECS-400 or JNM-ECA 600 spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts were internally referenced to tetramethylsilane (TMS) (<sup>1</sup>H NMR: TMS references at 0.00 ppm) and residual proton signals of solvents (<sup>1</sup>H NMR: CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 7.26 ppm, and DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 2.50 ppm), and <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts were internally referenced to carbon signals of solvents (<sup>1</sup>H NMR: CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 7.26 ppm, and DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 2.50 ppm), and <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts were internally referenced to carbon signals of solvents (<sup>1</sup>C NMR: CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 77.16 ppm, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 39.52 ppm). Coupling constants (*J*) were reported in Hz with the following splitting abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, and br = broad. High resolution mass spectroscopic data of the products were collected on an Agilent Technologies 6540 UHD Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS (ESI). Chromatographic purification of products was accomplished by column chromatography on silica gel (Qingdao Haiyang, 200-300 mesh).

# 2. Investigations of the reaction conditions

СНО	CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> Na (25 mol%) MeOH (15 eq)	OMe
1a	hv (X nm) EA (0.5 mL) O <sub>2</sub> , rt, 12 h	2a
Entry	Light source (X nm)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	400	84
2	dark	nr
3	360	46
4	380	73
5	420	np
6	450	np
7	White light	trace

Table S1 Different light sources for the esterification reaction<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na (25 mol%), MeOH (15 eq), ethyl acetate (EA) (0.5 mL) under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and 3 W light irradiation at room temperature for 12 h. The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using *p*-nitrotoluene as the internal standard

СНО	CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> Na (25 mol%) MeOH (15 eq)	OMe
1a	LED (400-405 nm) Solvent (0.5 mL) O <sub>2</sub> , rt, 12 h	2a
Entry	Solvent	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	EA	84
2	MeCN	59
3	$CH_2Cl_2$	74
4	THF	76
5	DCE	73
6	Acetone	np
7	Dioxane	np
8	DMF	nr
9	DMSO	nr

Table S2 Different solvents for the esterification reaction<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol),  $CF_3SO_2Na$  (25 mol%), MeOH (15 eq), solvent (0.5 mL) under  $O_2$  atmosphere and 3 W light irradiation at room temperature for 12 h. The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using *p*-nitrotoluene as the internal standard.

СНО	CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> Na (25 mol%) MeOH (15 eq)	OMa	
1a	LED (400-405 nm) EA (X mL) O <sub>2</sub> , rt, 12 h	2a	
Entry	Solvent dosage (X mL)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	
1	0.25	78	
2	0.5	84	
3	0.75	79	
4	1.0	72	

Table S3 Different solvent dosages for the esterification reaction<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na (25 mol%), MeOH (15 eq), EA (X mL) under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and 3 W light irradiation at room temperature for 12 h. The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using *p*-nitrotoluene as the internal standard

СНО	CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> Na (25 mol%) MeOH (X eq)	OMe
1a	LED (400-405 nm) EA (0.5 mL) O <sub>2</sub> , rt, 12 h	2a
Entry	MeOH dosage (X eq)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	9	59
2	12	75
3	15	84
4	18	76
5	21	77
6	24	57

Table S4 Different methanol dosages for the esterification reaction<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na (25 mol%), MeOH (X eq), EA (0.5 mL) under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and 3 W light irradiation at room temperature for 12 h. The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using *p*-nitrotoluene as the internal standard

	CHO CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> Na (X mol%) MeOH (15 eq)	OMe
1a	LED (400-405 nm) EA (0.5 mL) O <sub>2</sub> , rt, 12 h	2a
Entry	CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> Na loading (X mol %)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	5	23
2	10	36
3	25	84
4	50	76
5	75	53
6	100	37

Table S5 Different CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na loadings for the esterification reaction<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na (X mol%), MeOH (15 eq), EA (0.5 mL) under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and 3 W light irradiation at room temperature for 12 h. The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using *p*-nitrotoluene as the internal standard.

CHC	Cat. (25 mol%) MeOH (15 eq)	OMe
	۔ blue LED (400-405 nm) EA (0.5 mL)	
1a	O <sub>2</sub> , rt, 12 h	2a
Entry	Cat. (25 mol %)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	MeSO <sub>2</sub> Na	nr
2	CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> Na	nr
3	PhSO <sub>2</sub> Na	np
4	EtSO <sub>2</sub> Na	np
5	CF <sub>3</sub> SOC1	np

Table S6 Different catalyst for the esterification reaction<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na (25 mol%), MeOH (15 eq), EA (0.5 mL) under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and 3 W light irradiation at room temperature for 12 h. The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using *p*-nitrotoluene as the internal standard.

СНО	CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> Na (25 mol%) MeOH (15 eq)	OMe
1a	LED (400-405 nm) EA (0.5 mL) O <sub>2</sub> , rt, X h	2a
Entry	Reaction time (X h)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	4	64
2	8	79
3	12	84
4	24	85

Table S7 Different reaction time for the esterification reaction<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Cat. (25 mol%), MeOH (15 eq), EA (0.5 mL) under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and 3 W light irradiation at room temperature. The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using *p*-nitrotoluene as the internal standard.

#### 3. General experimental procedures

#### **3.1 Experimental procedures**

#### General procedure A



Aromatic aldehyde (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (25 mol%), MeOH (120 uL, 15 equiv) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction tube was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 12 h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (1 atm). After the reaction was completed, solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1-1:2) to give the corresponding ester.

#### **General procedure B**



Aromatic aldehyde (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (25 mol%), R'OH (2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction tube was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 12 h under  $O_2$  atmosphere (1 atm). After the reaction was completed, solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give the corresponding ester.

#### **3.2 Scale-up reaction for the oxidative esterification**



4-Bromobenzaldehyde (5.0 mmol, 925 mg, 1.0 equiv), sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate

(25 mol%, 195 mg), MeOH (75 mmol, 2.4 g, 15 equiv) and ethyl acetate (12.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction vessel (50 mL) equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction vessel was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 24 h under  $O_2$  atmosphere (1 atm). After the reaction was completed, the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give product **3l** in 61% yield.



Figure S1 Scale-up reaction for the esterification of 4-bromobenzaldehyde and MeOH

### 4. Investigations on the reaction mechanism

#### **4.1 Control experiments**

In order to explore the possible mechanism of the present transformation, some control experiments were conducted as follows.

#### 4.1.1 Investigation of atmosphere



Benzaldehyde (**1a**, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (25 mol%), MeOH (3.0 mmol, 15 equiv) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction tube was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 12 h under Ar atmosphere. GCMS showed that only trace amount of (dimethoxymethyl)benzene (**4a**) was found without **3a** appearing.





Benzoic acid (5, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (25 mol%), MeOH (3.0 mmol, 15 equiv) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction tube was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 12 h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. GCMS showed that no **3a** was foundd. When benzaldehyde dimethyl acetal (**4a**) was used as the reactant, 60% yield of **3a** was obtained, which showed that benzaldehyde dimethyl acetal (**4a**) maybe an intermediate in the reaction.

#### 4.1.3 Control experiment of precatalyst CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na



Benzaldehyde (**1a**, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MeOH (3.0 mmol, 15 equiv) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction tube was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 12 h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. GCMS showed that no **3a** and **4a** were found. The result indicated that precatalyst CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na was indispensable in this transformation. The UV-vis absorption spectrum of CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na and CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>Na was recorded in our previous work.<sup>1</sup>

#### 4.1.4 Control experiment in the absence of alcohol



Benzaldehyde (**1a**, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (25 mol%) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction tube was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 12 h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. GCMS showed that benzoic acid (**5**) was obtained in 71% yield.

#### 4.1.5 Other control experiments



(i) Benzaldehyde (**1a**, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MeOH (3.0 mmol, 15 equiv) sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (25 mol%) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an ovendried reaction tube equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction tube was stirred without light for 12 h under  $O_2$  atmosphere. GCMS showed that only trace amount of **4a** was detected.

(ii) Sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (0.05 mmol) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction vessel equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction vessel was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 8 h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After the reaction was completed, the resulting solution was detected by <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrometer. The result showed that the CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na (**A**) converted into pentacoordinate sulfide **B**. When benzaldehyde (1a, 0.2 mmol) was added to the above resulting solution, and the solution was treated without light for another 12 h under  $O_2$  atmosphere, GCMS showed that only trace amount of **4a** was detected. (iii) When the reaction system was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for another 12 h under  $O_2$  atmosphere, 86% yield of **3a** was found. The result indicates light is essential for formation of **3a**.

C 1a	HO + MeC 2a	( 0H (15 eq) — 1	CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> Na (25 r LED (400-405 MeCOOEt (0.4 O <sub>2</sub> (x equiv), rf	mol%) nm) 5 mL) c, 12 h	OMe OMe 4a	O OMe 3a	
O <sub>2</sub> (equiv)	1	2	4	10	20	30	40
Yield of 4a	9%	23%	37%	40%	23%	10%	0
Yield of <b>3a</b>	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	41%	65%

#### 4.2 Investigation of oxygen dosage

Benzaldehyde (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MeOH (**2a**) (3.0 mmol, 15 equiv), sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (25 mol%) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an ovendried reaction tube equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction tube was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 12 h with different O<sub>2</sub> dosage. Acetal (**4a**) gradually reduced and ester (**3a**) gradually increased with further increase of O<sub>2</sub> dosage. Note: Inject oxygen into the tube with a syringe after vacuumizing a reaction tube (Calculation method of the oxygen dosage: At first calculated the molar amount of oxygen, and then calculated the mass of oxygen. According to the density of oxygen (about 1.429 mg/mL under one atmosphere), the corresponding volume of oxygen under one atmosphere was calculated under one atmosphere. Finally, oxygen was extracted with a syringe under one atmosphere and injected into the tube.)

#### 4.3 Radical quenching experiment



Benzaldehyde (**1a**, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (25 mol%), MeOH (3.0 mmol, 15 equiv), 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxyl (TEMPO, 3.0 equiv) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction vessel equipped with

magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction vessel was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 12 h under  $O_2$  atmosphere. No desired product **3a** or intermediate **4a** was detected by TLC and GC-MS, indicating that the reaction was completely inhibited, and a radical progress was involved in this transformation.

#### 4.4 Singlet oxygen inhibition experiment



Benzaldehyde (**1a**, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (25 mol%), MeOH (120 uL,15 equiv), triethylenediamine (DABCO) (2.0 equiv) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction vessel equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction vessel was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 12 h under  $O_2$ atmosphere. No desired product **3a** or intermediate **4a** was detected by TLC and GC-MS, DABCO as a singlet oxygen quencher successfully suppressed the reaction, indicating the presence of singlet oxygen species in the reaction.

#### 4.5 Superoxide radical anion inhibition experiment



Benzaldehyde (**1a**, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (25 mol%), MeOH (3.0 mmol, 15 equiv), 1,4-benzoquinone (2.0 equiv) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction vessel equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction vessel was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 12 h under  $O_2$  atmosphere. No desired product **3a** or intermediate **4a** was detected by TLC and GC-MS, 1,4benzoquinone as a superoxide radical anion inhibitor successfully suppressed the reaction, indicating the presence of superoxide radical anion species in the reaction.

#### 4.6 The on/off experiments with LED (400-405 nm)

Benzaldehyde (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate (25 mol%), MeOH (**2a**) (3.0 mmol, 15 equiv) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction vessel equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction vessel was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) under  $O_2$  atmosphere. The process of photocatalytic reaction with and without light was monitored by GC-MS (Figure S2).



Figure S2 Time profile of the photocatalytic reaction with and without visible light using 1a and 2a as the substrates under the standard conditions.

#### 4.7 Synthesis of benzocaine (3al)



*tert*-Butyl (4-formylphenyl)carbamate (**1ac**) (0.2 mmol, 44.2 mg, 1.0 equiv), EtOH (3.0 mmol, 10 equiv) and ethyl acetate (0.5 mL) were added to an oven-dried reaction tube equipped with magnetic stirring bar, and the reaction tube was irradiated with 3 W LED (400-405 nm) for 12 h under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3ak** as a white solid (32.9 mg, 62%).

Trifluoroacetic acid (141 mg, 2.0 mmol, 10 equiv) was added to a solution of ethyl 4-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl) amino) benzoate (**3ak**) (0.124 mmol, 32.9 mg, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.1M) at 0 °C and stir for 2 h. The excess reagent and solvent were removed under reduced pressure, and the solution was extracted with dichloromethane (2×3 mL) after neutralizing with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give **3al** (19.6 mg) in 96% yield.

#### 5. Characteriation data of products 3a-3aj



**Benzoic acid methyl ester** (**3a**):<sup>2</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3a** as a colorless oil (19.9 mg, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3a** is identical with the spectra of the known compound. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.05 - 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.56 - 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45 - 7.39 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  167.19, 133.01, 130.23, 129.65, 128.45, 52.18. EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (**3a**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 136.



**Methyl 2-methylbenzoate** (**3b**):<sup>3</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3b** as a colorless oil (18.9 mg, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3b** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.93 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.38 (td, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  168.15, 140.28, 132.06, 131.78, 130.66, 129.61, 125.78, 51.88, 21.82. EI-MS of C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (**3b**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 150.



**Methyl 3-methylbenzoate** (3c):<sup>3</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give 3c as a white solid (21.3 mg, 71%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3c is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.89 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dt, J = 15.0, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 167.21, 138.12, 133.55, 130.39, 130.15, 128.23, 126.75, 51.81, 21.12.

EI-MS of C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (**3c**):  $M^+$  m/z 150.0.



**Methyl 4-methylbenzoate** (3d):<sup>2</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3d** as a white solid (19.8 mg, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3d** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.94 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 168.16, 140.29, 132.06, 131.78, 130.66, 129.61, 125.79, 51.89, 21.83.

EI-MS of C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (**3d**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 150.0.



**Methyl 4-***(tert-butyl)* benzoate (3e):<sup>4</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give 3e as a colorless oil (28.8 mg, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3e is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 167.27, 156.64, 129.53, 127.45, 125.44, 52.06, 35.16, 31.21. EI-MS of C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (**3e**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 1 192.



**Methyl 4-methoxybenzoate** (**3f**):<sup>2</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3f** as a colorless oil (27.9 mg, 84%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3f** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.03–7.93 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 3.88 – 3.86 (m, 3H), 3.86–3.83 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 166.97, 163.41, 131.68, 122.67, 113.68, 55.50, 51.97.

EI-MS of  $C_9H_{10}O_3$  (**3f**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 166.



**Methyl 3,4-dimethoxybenzoate** (**3g**):<sup>3</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3g** as a white solid (29.8 mg, 76%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3g** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.67 (dt, J = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 6H), 3.88 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 166.98, 153.01, 148.66, 123.66, 122.75, 111.99, 110.30, 56.09, 52.09.

EI-MS of  $C_{10}H_{12}O_4$  (**3g**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 196.



**Methyl 4-fluorobenzoate** (**3h**):<sup>2</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3h** as a colorless oil (24.4 mg, 79%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3h** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.04–8.00 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 3.88 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 167.07, 166.20, 164.55, 132.23, 132.14, 126.47, 126.44, 115.68, 115.46, 52.25. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ - 105.73.

EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>FO<sub>2</sub> (**3h**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 154.



**Methyl 4-chlorobenzoate (3i):**<sup>2</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3i** as a white solid (31.7 mg, 93%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3i** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 166.32, 139.46, 131.07, 128.80, 128.66, 52.37. EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub> (**3i**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 170.



**Methyl 2-bromobenzoate** (**3j**):<sup>5</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3j** as a white solid (35.7 mg, 83%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3j** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.78 (td, J =7.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 1H),

7.41 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 3.92 (d, J =7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  166.73, 134.44, 132.68, 132.21, 131.40, 127.25, 121.75, 52.58. EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> (**3j**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 214, 216.



**Methyl 3-bromobenzoate** (3k):<sup>3</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3k** as a white solid (34.0 mg, 79%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3k** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.19 (d, J = 31.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.69 (d, J =25.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 4.23–3.56 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  165.90, 136.00 (d, J =6.5 Hz), 132.73 (d, J =6.1 Hz), 132.16, 130.11, 128.28 (d, J =6.7 Hz), 122.54, 52.58.

EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> (**3k**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 214, 216.



**Methyl 4-bromobenzoate** (**31**):<sup>2</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **31** as a white solid (32.3 mg, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **31** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.80 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  166.73, 134.44, 132.68, 132.21, 131.40, 127.25, 121.75, 52.58. EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> (**3**I): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 214, 216.



**Methyl 2-iodobenzoate (3m):**<sup>5</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3m** as a white solid (44.0 mg, 84%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3m** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.83 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 167.05, 141.41, 135.14, 132.77, 131.04, 128.00, 94.20, 52.61.

EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>IO<sub>2</sub> (**3m**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 262.



**Methyl 4-iodobenzoate** (**3n**):<sup>5</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3n** as a white solid (45.1 mg, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3n** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.73 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.70, 137.81, 131.13, 129.69, 100.84, 52.40.

EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>IO<sub>2</sub> (**3n**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 262.



**Methyl 3-iodo-4-methylbenzoate (30):**<sup>6</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **30** as a white solid (34.2 mg, 62%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **30** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.65 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 8.12 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.28 (dt, J = 13.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.14 – 3.42 (m, 3H), 2.84 – 1.96 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.69, 146.89, 140.11, 129.61, 129.38, 100.58, 52.33, 28.45 EI-MS of C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>IO<sub>2</sub> (**3o**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 276.



Methyl 2-chloro-6-fluorobenzoate (3p):<sup>7</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give 3p as a white solid (20.4 mg, 54%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3p is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.75 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 8.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.30, 160.33, 157.86, 133.74, 131.66, 131.60, 126.21, 126.17, 117.56, 117.32, 114.89, 114.68, 52.38. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -105.92.

EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>ClFO<sub>2</sub> (**3p**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 188.



**Methyl 2-bromo-6-fluorobenzoate** (**3q**):<sup>7</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3q** as a light yellow solid (28.0 mg, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3q** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.86 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.64, 165.20, 162.64, 133.52, 133.43, 128.03, 128.00, 123.27, 123.18, 122.11, 121.86, 114.73, 114.52, 52.62. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -105.66. EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>BrFO<sub>2</sub> (**3q**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 232, 234.



Methyl 2-bromo-4-fluorobenzoate (3r):<sup>7</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum

ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give  $3\mathbf{r}$  as a white solid (27.5 mg, 59%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of  $3\mathbf{r}$  is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.86 (dd, J = 8.9, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.64, 165.20, 162.64, 133.52, 133.43, 128.03, 128.00, 123.27, 123.18, 122.11, 121.86, 114.73, 114.52, 52.62<sup>-19</sup>F (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -105.69.

EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>BrFO<sub>2</sub> (**3r**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 232, 234.



**Methyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3s):**<sup>8</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3s** as a white solid (36.5 mg, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3s** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.14 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  167.12, 145.73, 140.10, 130.21, 129.04, 128.94, 128.25, 127.39, 127.16, 52.25. EI-MS of C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (**3**s): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 212.



Methyl 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (3t):<sup>2</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give 3t as a white solid (31.0 mg, 76%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3t is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.29 – 8.24 (m, 2H), 8.21 – 8.17 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.26, 150.64, 135.58, 130.79, 123.62, 52.90. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -62.91.

EI-MS of C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (**3**t):  $M^+$  m/z 204.



**Methyl 4-cyanobenzoate** (**3u**):<sup>2</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3u** as a white solid (28.0 mg, 59%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3u** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.16 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.53, 134.01, 132.32, 130.19, 118.07, 116.48, 52.83.

EI-MS of C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (**3u**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 161.



**Methyl 3-nitrobenzoate** (**3v**):<sup>3</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3v** as a white solid (24.3 mg, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3v** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.88 (d, J = 21.5 Hz, 1H), 8.52 – 8.24 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 4.00 (d, J = 22.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  165.11, 148.37, 135.41 (d, J = 4.7 Hz), 131.97, 129.78 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 127.53 (d, J = 4.7 Hz), 124.73 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 52.93.

EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (**3v**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 181.



**Methyl 4-nitrobenzoate** (3w):<sup>2</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give 3w as a white solid (32.6 mg, 90%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3w is identical with

the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.27 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.26, 150.64, 135.58, 130.79, 123.62, 52.90. EI-MS of C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (**3**w): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 181.



**Dimethyl phthalate** (3x):<sup>5</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give 3x as a white solid (33.0 mg, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3x is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.72 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 2H), 3.97 – 3.66 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.11, 132.01, 131.18, 128.94, 52.68. EI-MS of C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (**3x**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 194.



**4-(Methoxycarbonyl) benzoic acid (3y):**<sup>9</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:2) to give 3y as a white solid (26.3 mg, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3y is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.01 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (s, 3H). 13C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  167.09, 166.15, 135.35, 133.68, 130.10, 129.86, 52.96.

EI-MS of C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (**3**y):  $M^+$  m/z 180.



Methyl 4-borinobenzoate (3z):<sup>10</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The

reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 1:2) to give 3z as a white solid (31.7 mg, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3z is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.42 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, J = 8.8, 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.64, 152.95, 142.40, 134.58, 130.93, 121.16, 118.81, 114.32, 80.55, 52.25, 28.38.

EI-MS of C<sub>13</sub>H1<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (**3z**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 251.



**Methyl 3-nitrobenzoate** (**3aa**):<sup>5</sup> Prepared according to general procedure A. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3aa** as a white solid (29.9 mg, 77%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3aa** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.66 (q, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.25 – 8.13 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.32, 133.89, 130.79, 130.65, 128.72, 52.45.

EI-MS of  $C_{10}H_{10}O_4$  (**3aa**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 194.



**Dimethyl terephthalate (3ab):**<sup>3</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3ab** as a white solid (24.3 mg, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3ab** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.08 (s, 4H), 3.93 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  166.38, 133.98, 129.64, 52.54. EI-MS of C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (**3ab**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 194.



**Ethyl 4-bromobenzoate (3ac):**<sup>4</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3ac** as a Colorless oil (33.9 mg, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3ac** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.08 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 4.36 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  165.99, 131.74, 131.18, 129.47, 127.99, 61.33, 14.38.

EI-MS of C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> (**3ac**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 228, 230.



**Propyl 4-bromobenzoate** (3ad):<sup>4</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give 3ad as a Colorless oil (19.9 mg, 41%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3ad is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.89 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (h, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.04, 131.75, 131.18, 129.48, 127.99, 66.89, 22.14, 10.59. EI-MS of C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> (**3ad**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 242, 244.



**Isopropyl 4-bromobenzoate** (**3ae**):<sup>4</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3ae** as a Colorless oil (30.6 mg, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3ae** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.34 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 5.31 –

5.15 (m, 1H), 1.35 (dd, J = 6.4, 1.0 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  165.47, 131.68, 131.17, 129.88, 127.85, 68.85, 22.00. EI-MS of C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> (**3ae**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 242, 244.



**Isobutyl 4-bromobenzoate** (**3af**):<sup>4</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3af** as a white solid (33.4 mg, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3af** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (dt, J = 13.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.00, 131.77, 131.17, 129.49, 128.01, 71.34, 27.95, 19.26

EI-MS of C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> (**3af**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 256, 258



**Pentyl 4-bromobenzoate** (3ag):<sup>11</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3ag** as a colorless oil (32.0 mg, 59%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3ag** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (p, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.45 – 1.36 (m, 4H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.88, 131.39 (d, J = 59.7 Hz), 129.72, 127.85, 65.38, 28.45, 28.21, 22.30, 13.82.

EI-MS of  $C_{12}H_{15}BrO_2$  (**3ag**): M<sup>+</sup> m/z 270, 272.



**Octyl 4-bromobenzoate** (**3ah**):<sup>12</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3ah** as a white solid (37.0 mg, 59%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3ah** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.90 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.83 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.23 (m, 8H), 0.95 – 0.79 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  165.82, 131.68, 131.09, 129.73, 127.83, 65.38, 31.77, 29.22, 29.14, 28.77, 26.04, 22.58, 13.94.

HR-ESIMS: calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> m/z 313.0798; found 313.0794



**Octan-2-yl 4-bromobenzoate** (**3ai**):<sup>12</sup> Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3ai** as a white solid (23.2 mg, 37%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3ai** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.14 (h, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.81 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.22 (m, 11H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  165.40, 131.63, 131.07, 130.13, 127.70, 72.16, 36.10, 31.72, 29.12, 25.36, 22.52, 19.97, 13.90.

HR-ESIMS: calculated for  $C_{15}H_{22}BrO_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> m/z 313.0798; found 313.0797



**Octan-3-yl 4-bromobenzoate** (**3aj**): Prepared according to general procedure B. The reaction solution was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give **3aj** as a white solid (23.2 mg, 37%). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3aj** is identical with the spectra of the known compound.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.88 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (m, 1H), 1.64 (dtt, *J* = 51.1, 9.5, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 1.49 – 1.16 (m, 11H), 0.97 –

0.68 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.51, 131.67, 131.14, 129.92, 127.82, 72.21, 36.09, 31.80, 29.22, 25.47, 22.65, 20.10, 14.13. HR-ESIMS: calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> m/z 313.0798; found 313.0793



**Ethyl 4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl) amino) benzoate (3ak):**<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3ak** is identical with the spectra of the known compound. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 4.34 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  166.39, 152.31, 142.72, 130.93, 124.80, 117.40, 81.26, 60.84, 28.36, 14.45.



**Ethyl 4-aminobenzoate** (**3al**):<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **3ak** is identical with the spectra of the known compound. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.86 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 6.64 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  166.87, 150.97, 131.64, 120.04, 113.85, 60.41, 14.51.

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# 7. NMR Spectra of products 3a-3al







































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