

Supplementary information

Bu₄NI-catalyzed construction of *tert*-butyl peresters from alcohols

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1. Instrument

NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz for protons on JOEL JNM-ECA spectrometers. ¹H NMR chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to TMS ($\delta = 0.0$). Chemical shifts for ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as the internal standard. Data Reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, br = broad signal), integration, coupling constant (Hz) and identification. All major chemicals and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification.

2. Synthesis of *tert*-butyl peresters catalysed by Bu₄NI: Under air, alcohols (0.5 mmol), TBHP (2.5 mmol), Bu₄NI (20 mol%), water (2ml) were mixed in a screw cap vial. The mixture was stirred at RT in a closed reaction vessel. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product.

3. Synthesis of allylic ester catalysed in two-step one-pot process: Under air, alcohols (0.5 mmol), TBHP (2.5 mmol), Bu₄NI (20 mol%), CH₂Cl₂ (2ml) were mixed in a screw cap vial. The mixture was stirred at RT for 16h. Then copper bromide (5 mol %), olefin (10.0 equiv) were added and stirred in an bath at 40 °C for 36 h. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product.

4. Characterization data of products:

tert-butyl benzoperoxoate (**3a**) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.42 (s), 133.35 (s), 129.12 (s), 128.63 (s), 127.75 (s), 83.97 (s), 26.25 (s).

tert-butyl 2-methylbenzoperoxoate (**3b**) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.85 (dd, $J = 12.6, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.65 (s), 135.61 (s), 132.44 (s), 130.73 (s), 129.30 (s), 128.55 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 127.84 (s), 126.95 (s), 124.89 (s), 124.49 (s), 84.08 (s), 26.34 (s).

tert-butyl 4-methylbenzoperoxoate (**3c**) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.55 (s), 144.14 (s), 129.25 (d, $J = 19.9$ Hz), 124.92 (s), 83.87 (s), 26.27 (s), 21.70 (s).

tert-butyl 3-fluorobenzoperoxoate (**3d**) IR(KBr) ν 1728, 1592, 1488, 1450, 1369 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd, $J = 9.1, 2.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J = 8.0, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (tdd, $J = 8.3, 2.6, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 10H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.51 (s), 163.28 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 161.54 (s), 130.39 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 129.75 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 124.90 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 120.58 (s), 120.41 (s), 116.21 (s), 116.03 (s), 84.27 (s), 26.22 (s). HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNaO}_3$: 235.074050 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$), Found: 235.074093.

tert-butyl 2-fluorobenzoperoxoate (**3e**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, $J = 7.2, 5.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, $J = 13.7, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 10H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.86 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 162.22 (s), 160.17 (s), 134.87 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 132.03 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz), 124.34 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 116.99 (s), 116.81 (s), 116.33 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz), 84.13 (s), 26.19 (s).

tert-butyl 4-fluorobenzoperoxoate (**3f**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.42 (s, 10H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.92 (s), 164.89 (s), 163.47 (s), 131.71 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz), 123.93 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 115.98 (s), 115.81 (s), 84.09 (s), 77.30 (s), 77.04 (s), 76.79 (s), 26.22 (s).

tert-butyl 2-bromobenzoperoxoate (**3g**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.49 (s), 134.08 (s), 132.82 (s), 130.86 (s), 127.29 (s), 120.97 (s), 84.27 (s), 26.34 (s).

tert-butyl 3-bromobenzoperoxoate (**3h**) IR(KBr) ν 1728, 1573, 1475, 1368 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.72 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 2.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 10H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.10 (s), 136.35 (s), 132.05 (s), 130.22 (s), 129.64 (s), 127.69 (s), 122.71 (s), 84.32 (s), 77.29 (s), 77.04 (s), 76.79 (s), 26.24 (s). HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNaO}_3$: 294.993810 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$), Found: 294.994027.

tert-butyl 4-bromobenzoperoxoate (**3i**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.66 (s), 130.99 (s), 129.57 (s), 127.49 (s), 125.56 (s), 83.16 (s), 25.21 (s).

tert-butyl 2-chlorobenzoperoxoate (**3j**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (dd, $J = 7.3, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.26 (ddd, $J = 7.8, 6.2, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.03 (s), 132.93 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz), 131.03 (s), 130.84 (s), 128.54 (s), 126.78 (s), 84.22 (s), 77.32 (s), 77.07 (s), 76.81 (s), 26.30 (s).

tert-butyl 4-chlorobenzoperoxoate (**3k**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.56 (s), 138.88 (s), 129.49 (s), 128.02 (s), 125.12 (s), 83.17 (s), 76.28 (s), 76.03 (s), 75.78 (s), 25.22 (s).

tert-butyl 3-chlorobenzoperoxoate (**3l**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.23 (s), 134.84 (s), 133.43 (s), 129.99 (s), 129.44 (s), 129.15 (s), 127.26 (s), 84.31 (s).

methyl 4-((tert-butyperoxy)carbonyl)benzoate (**3m**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.04 (s), 163.62 (s), 134.34 (s), 131.53 (s), 129.77 (s), 129.12 (s), 84.31 (s), 52.51 (s), 26.24 (s).

tert-butyl 4-(methylthio)benzoperoxoate (**3n**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.26 (s), 146.27 (s), 129.41 (s), 125.14 (s), 123.58 (s), 83.96 (s), 26.27 (s), 14.80 (s).

tert-butyl 3-phenoxybenzoperoxoate (**3o**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J

= 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.87 (s), 157.74 (s), 156.39 (s), 130.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 129.42 (s), 124.03 (s), 123.67 (s), 123.38 (s), 119.26 (s), 119.08 (s), 84.10 (s), 26.24 (s).

tert-butyl naphthalene-2-carboperoxoate (**3p**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 12.6, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.80 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.65 (s), 135.61 (s), 132.44 (s), 130.73 (s), 129.30 (s), 128.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 127.84 (s), 126.95 (s), 124.89 (s), 124.49 (s), 84.08 (s), 26.34 (s).

tert-butyl thiophene-2-carboxylate (**3q**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.35 (s), 133.72 (s), 132.83 (s), 129.34 (s), 127.84 (s), 84.31 (s), 26.17 (s).

tert-butyl naphthalene-1-carboperoxoate (**3r**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.54 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 21.3, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dt, J = 29.9, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.61 (s), 133.81 (s), 133.43 (s), 130.98 (s), 128.98 (s), 128.60 (s), 128.01 (s), 126.61 (s), 125.40 (s), 125.19 (s), 124.45 (s), 83.95 (s), 26.38 (s).

tert-butyl 4-methoxybenzoperoxoate (**3s**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.63 (s), 162.97 (s), 131.38 (s), 124.54 (s), 113.39 (s), 80.52 (s), 55.40 (s), 28.27 (s).

cyclohex-2-en-1-yl 4-fluorobenzoate(**4a**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (s, 2H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.11 – 5.99 (m, 1H), 5.83 (t, J = 21.0 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 2.07 (ddd, J = 35.7, 27.4, 13.6 Hz, 3H), 1.95 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.75 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.71 (s), 165.29 (s), 164.69 (s), 132.99 (s), 132.12 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 127.07 (s), 125.62 (s), 115.48 (s), 115.30 (s), 68.81 (s), 28.42 (s), 24.95 (s), 18.94 (s).

cyclohex-2-en-1-yl 4-bromobenzoate(**4b**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd, J = 26.6, 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.04 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 2.08 (dt, J = 35.4, 13.7 Hz, 3H), 1.95 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.72 (d, J = 20.7 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.49 (s), 132.08 (s), 130.59 (s), 130.13 (s), 128.72 (s), 126.81 (s), 124.48 (s), 67.97 (s), 27.36 (s), 23.92 (s), 17.89 (s), -0.00 (s).

cyclohex-2-en-1-yl 3-phenoxybenzoate(**4c**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.28 (dt, J = 16.7, 10.5 Hz, 3H), 7.12 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.90 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 2.11 – 1.84 (m, 3H), 1.83 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.61 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.66 (s), 157.32 (s), 156.88 (s), 132.97 (s), 132.69 (s), 129.90 (s), 129.65 (s), 125.60 (s), 124.42 (s), 123.63 (s), 123.17 (s), 119.96 (s), 118.94 (s), 68.91 (s), 28.39 (s), 24.95 (s), 18.92 (s).

cyclohex-2-en-1-yl thiophene-2-carboxylate (**4d**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (d, J = 22.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 36.3 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 2.02 (ddd, J = 38.4, 28.0, 14.2 Hz, 3H), 1.91 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.68 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.94 (s), 133.51 (s), 132.17 (s), 131.98 (s), 131.10 (s), 126.61 (s), 124.54 (s), 67.97 (s), 27.38 (s), 23.91 (s), 17.88 (s).

cyclohex-2-en-1-yl 4-(methylthio)benzoate(**4e**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.03 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.17 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 2.11 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.88 (dd, J = 12.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.99 (s), 145.16 (s), 132.79 (s), 129.92 (s), 127.01 (s), 125.83 (s), 124.97 (s), 68.54 (s), 28.46 (s), 24.97 (s), 18.99 (s), 14.92 (s).

cyclohex-2-en-1-yl 2-naphthoate(**4f**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.63 (d, $J = 22.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 6.03 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 2.25 – 1.99 (m, 3H), 1.92 (dd, $J = 19.8, 14.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.74 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.42 (s), 135.51 (s), 132.91 (s), 132.54 (s), 130.97 (s), 129.35 (s), 128.30 – 127.97 (m), 127.76 (s), 126.57 (s), 125.86 (s), 125.38 (s), 68.83 (s), 28.52 (s), 25.02 (s), 19.06 (s).

cyclohex-2-en-1-yl 4-chlorobenzoate(**4g**) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 24.1, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.04 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 2.21 – 1.97 (m, 3H), 1.95 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.75 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.40 (s), 139.20 (s), 133.09 (s), 131.02 (s), 129.30 (s), 128.63 (s), 125.54 (s), 68.97 (s), 28.41 (s), 24.96 (s), 18.93 (s).











































































































