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## **Supporting Informations**

### Pd<sup>(II)</sup>/CuBr<sub>2</sub> catalysed keto α-C<sub>sp3</sub>–H benzoxylation of *N*,*N*dialkylamides directed by *o*-hydroxy groups

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#### **Instrumentation and Chemicals:**

All the reagents were commercial grade and purified according to the established procedures. Organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. Solvents were removed in a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. Silica gel (60-120 mesh size) was used for the column chromatography. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel 60  $F_{254}$  (0.25mm). NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

and 600 MHz) CDCl<sub>3</sub> solvent as the internal standard for <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 and 150 MHz). MS spectra were recorded using ESI mode. IR spectra were recorded in KBr or neat.

#### **Crystallographic Description:**

Crystal data were collected with Bruker Smart Apex-II CCD diffractometer using graphite monochromatedMoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) at 298 K. Cell parameters were retrieved using SMART<sup>[a]</sup> software and refined with SAINT<sup>[a]</sup> on all observed reflections. Data reduction was performed with the SAINT software and corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. Absorption corrections were applied with the program SADABS<sup>[b]</sup>. The structure was solved by direct methods implemented in SHELX-97<sup>[c]</sup> program and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods on F2. All non-hydrogen atomic positions were placed in their geometrically generated positions. colourless crystals were isolated in rectangular shape from acetonitrile at room temperature.

- a. SMART V 4.043 Software for the CCD Detector System; Siemens Analytical Instruments Division: Madison, WI, 1995.
- SAINT V 4.035 Software for the CCD Detector System; Siemens Analytical Instruments Division: Madison, WI, 1995.
- c. Sheldrick, G. M. SHELXL-97, Program for the Refinement of Crystal Structures; University of Göttingen: Göttingen (Germany), 1997.



Fig. S1 Ortep view of compound (1a).

**CCDC number for compound 1a:** CCDC 1429212. This data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via <u>www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/datarequest/cif</u>.

**Crystallographic description of 1a:** Crystal dimension (mm): 0.38 x 0.24 x 0.22. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>, Mr = 302.13. monoclinic, space group p 21/n; a = 5.4464 (3) Å, b = 8.7160 (5) Å, c = 25.2572 (4) Å;  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta = 91.713$  (2)  $^{\circ}$ ,  $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ , V = 1198.44 (12) Å<sup>3</sup>; Z = 4;  $\rho_{cal}$ = 1.674 g/cm<sup>3</sup>;  $\mu$  (mm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3.432; *F* (000) = 608.0; Reflection collected / unique = 2071 / 2164; Refinement method = Full-matrix least-squares on *F*<sup>2</sup>; Final R indices [I>2 $\sigma_l$ ] R1 = 0.0402, wR2 = 0.0928, R indices (all data) R1 = 0.0779, wR2 = 0.1047; goodness of fit = 1.039.

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Entry	Catalyst (mol%)	Oxidant (equiv.)	Yield (%) (1a/1a'/1a'')
1	-	$Cu(OAc)_2$ (1 equiv.)	00/00/00
2	$Pd(OAc)_2(5.0)$	$Cu(OAc)_2$ (1 equiv.)	00/12/00
3	$Pd(OAc)_2(5.0)$	$CuBr_2$ (1 equiv.)	64/00/00
4	$Pd(OAc)_2(5.0)$	$CuCl_2(1 \text{ equiv.})$	00/00/40
5	$PdCl_{2}(5.0)$	$CuBr_2$ (1 equiv.)	54/00/trace
6	$PdBr_{2}(5.0)$	$CuBr_2$ (1 equiv.)	58/00/00
7	$Pd(TFA)_{2}(5.0)$	$CuBr_2$ (1 equiv.)	62/00/00
8	$Pd(OAc)_2$ (5.0)	$CuBr_2$ (1.2 equiv.)	72/00/00
9	_	$CuBr_2$ (1.2 equiv.)	00/00/00
10	$Pd(OAc)_2(5.0)$	-	00/00/00
11	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10.0)	$CuBr_2(1.2 equiv.)$	75/00/00

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction conditions: salicylaldehyde (0.5 mmol), DMA (1 mL) and Cu-salts(0.5 mmol and 0.6 mmol) at 120 °C

Table S1 Screening of reaction conditions<sup>a,b</sup>

for 20 h. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield.

#### **Experimental procedure:**

*Synthesis of 2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzoate (1a) from 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (1).* 

To an oven-dried 10 mL round bottom flask were added sequentially 2hydroxybenzaldehyde (1) (0.061 g, 0.5 mmol), CuBr<sub>2</sub> (0.134 g, 0.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.006 g, 0.025 mmol) and *N*,*N*-dimethylacetamide (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was then heated in an oil bath preheated at 120 °C. After completion of the reaction (20 h) the crude product was admixed with ethyl acetate (25 mL) and the organic layer was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2 x 5 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product so obtained was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane / ethyl acetate, 8:2) to give pure 2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzoate (**1a**) (0.109 g, yield 72%). The identity and purity of the product was confirmed by spectroscopic analysis.

#### **Mechanistic Investigation:**

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR study for the detection of reaction intermediates during $\alpha$ -bromo-esterification of 5-chlorosalicylaldehyde (3)

In order to detect the intermediate species in the reaction mixture for this  $\alpha$ -bromoesterification <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy was performed. In this study, an oven-dried flask was charged with 5-chlorosalicylaldehyde (**3**) (0.078g, 0.5 mmol), CuBr<sub>2</sub> (0.134g, 0.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.006g, 0.025 mmol) and *N*,*N*-dimethylacetamide (1.0 mL). Then the reaction mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 120 °C. After 1 h of reaction, aliquot (100 µL) was withdrawn and crude product was extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product so obtained was used for <sup>1</sup>H NMR study in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz). In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra both brominated (**3A**) and non brominated 5-chlorosalicylaldehyde (**3**) were observed. After 3 h  $\alpha$ -bromo-esterification product (**3a**) and  $\alpha$ -esterification product (**3a**') formation were observed. However, during progress of the reaction  $\alpha$ -bromo-esterification product (**3a**) formation was increased faster compare to  $\alpha$ -esterification product (**3a**') formation. This is taken as the representative example.

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR study during α-bromo-esterification of 5-Chlorosalicylaldehyde (3) at different time interval: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)



Fig. S2 Progress of the reaction monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



#### HRMS Spectra of ester (1a) from H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O labelling experiment:

Fig. S3 HRMS spectrum of  $^{18}$ O labeled (1a), water as the source of  $^{18}$ O.

#### <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> Labelling experiment:

To an oven-dried 10 mL round bottom flask were added sequentially 2hydroxybenzaldehyde (**1**) (0.061 g, 0.5 mmol), CuBr<sub>2</sub> (0.134 g, 0.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.006 g, 0.025 mmol) and *N*,*N*-dimethylacetamide (1.0 mL). The reaction was carried out in <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After completion of the reaction (20 h) the crude product was admixed with ethyl acetate (25 mL) and the organic layer was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (2 x 5 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated under reduced pressure. The identity of the product was confirmed by HRMS analysis (Fig. S4).



## HRMS Spectra of ester (1a) from <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> labelling experiment:

**Fig. S4** HRMS spectrum of  ${}^{18}$ O labeled (**1a**),  ${}^{18}$ O oxygen as the source of  ${}^{18}$ O.

Labeled 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzoate (1a): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)



Fig. S5 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of <sup>18</sup>O labeled (1a), <sup>18</sup>O oxygen as the source of <sup>18</sup>O.

#### HRMS study for the detection of reaction intermediates during α-bromo-esterification:

In order to detect the intermediate species in the reaction mixture an electrospray mass spectrometry of crude reaction mixture was performed. In this study, an oven-dried flask was charged with 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (1) (0.061 g, 0.5 mmol), CuBr<sub>2</sub> (0.134 g, 0.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.006 g, 0.025 mmol) and *N*,*N*-dimethylacetamide (1.0 mL). Then the reaction mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 120 °C. After 2 h of reaction, aliquot (100  $\mu$ L) was withdrawn and diluted with acetonitrile (2 mL). A 20  $\mu$ L of the diluted solution was injected to run APCl and ESI-MS analysis. Various intermediates viz (C) and (E) were detected in the MS analysis as shown below in Fig. S6 and S7. The species observed in the spectrum are as follows: peaks at m/z 380.5093 corresponding to [C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrO<sub>5</sub>Pd(II)] (C) (Fig. S6) and at m/z 553.2541 corresponding to [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>8</sub>Pd<sub>2</sub>(II)] (E) (Fig. S7).





Fig. S6 HRMS spectrum of the reaction mixture after 2 h.



Fig. S7 HRMS spectrum of the reaction mixture after 2 h.

#### **Spectral Data:**

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzoate (1a):



Solid; M.p. 82.6 °C–84.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  10.39 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, 1H, J = 9.2 Hz), 6.84 (d, 1H, J = 8.8 Hz), 4.96 (s, 2H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.96 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.4, 165.6, 160.6, 138.8, 132.7, 119.8, 113.9, 111.1, 62.2, 35.9, 35.8; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3203, 2998, 2956, 2923, 1689, 1667, 1604, 1573, 1471, 1435, 1399, 1133, 1243, 1177, 1137, 1100, 1023, 1000, 830, 788, 751; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 302.0029, found 302.0037.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3,5-dibromo-2-hydroxybenzoate (2a):



Solid; M.p. 171.3 °C–173.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.09 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.01 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.2, 165.4, 157.3, 141.4, 132.2, 114.7, 112.6, 111.1, 62.6, 35.95, 35.87; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3168, 2998, 2961, 2923, 2880, 1664, 1595, 1501, 1438, 1419, 1367, 1334, 1313, 1235, 1177, 1152, 1110, 1025, 872, 812, 787, 757; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 381.9114, found 381.9119.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3a):



Solid; M.p. 146.9 °C–149.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.07 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.98 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.2, 165.4, 156.9, 138.7, 129.2, 124.5, 114.1, 112.2, 62.6, 35.9, 35.8; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3164, 2993, 2952, 2926, 2877, 2850, 1668, 1596, 1501, 1442, 1424, 1395, 1369, 1338, 1314, 1274, 1260, 1234, 1179, 1153, 1143, 1116, 1093, 1061, 1026, 872, 812, 787, 758; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrClNO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 335.9639, found 335.9636.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-2-hydroxy-5-nitrobenzoate (4a):



Solid; M.p. 120.0 °C–123.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.91 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  167.9, 162.9, 140.2, 133.9, 130.9, 125.9, 113.2, 112.5, 63.1, 35.9; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3255, 3095, 2925, 2853, 1738, 1653, 1612, 1571, 1523, 1477, 1438, 1423, 1348, 1284, 1264, 1240, 1143, 1082, 1025, 917, 800, 782, 744, 728;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{11}H_{11}BrN_2O_6$  (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 346.9880, found 346.9891.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-2-hydroxy-5-methoxybenzoate (5a):



Gummy solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  10.69 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  169.0, 165.7, 152.8, 152.2, 127.3, 112.9, 112.8, 111.8, 62.4, 56.3, 35.9, 35.8; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3203, 2952, 2929, 2853, 2834, 1734, 1659, 1608, 1498, 1471, 1431, 1368, 1332, 1298, 1273, 1238, 1226, 1152, 1095, 1067, 1041, 1025, 860, 813, 784, 735; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 332.0135, found 332.0144.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzoat (6a):



Solid; M.p. 174.2 °C–176.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  10.63 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.98 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.5, 165.9, 163.2, 161.8, 134.3, 106.2, 101.8, 100.5, 61.9, 56.7, 35.9, 35.8; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3333, 3036, 2955, 2942, 1714, 1671, 1608, 1563, 1489, 1443, 1357, 1320, 1271, 1232, 1190, 1170, 1117, 1040, 1021, 974, 893, 865, 778; HRMS (ESI) calcd for for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 332.0135, found 332.0141.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-2-hydroxy-4-methylbenzoate (7a):



Solid; M.p. 120.7 °C–124.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  10.29 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.5, 165,8, 160.6, 146.9, 133.4, 119.8, 114.2, 111.7, 62.1, 36.0, 35.9, 23.7; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3212, 2955, 2926, 2874, 2847, 1668, 1614, 1559, 1502, 1477, 1436, 1418, 1398, 1368, 1331, 1252, 1229, 1197, 1167, 1112, 1066, 1022, 947, 903, 857, 807, 787, 749; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 316.0186, found 316.0179.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-3-ethoxy-2-hydroxybenzoate (8a):



Solid; M.p. 181.4 °C–183.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$ 10.65 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 4.08 (q, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.9, 165.6, 151.8, 148.9, 123.7, 121.4, 113.5, 110.5, 65.3, 62.3, 35.9, 35.8, 14.8; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3201, 3077, 2978, 2944, 2926, 2850, 1680, 1657, 1575, 1504, 1466, 1438, 1401, 1368, 1336, 1285, 1252, 1226, 1178, 1155, 1108, 1066, 965, 786, 756; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{13}H_{16}BrNO_5$  (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 346.0291, found 346.0301.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3,5-dichloro-2-hydroxybenzoat (9a):



Solid; M.p. 132.2 °C–135.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  10.96 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.98 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.3, 165.4, 155.9, 135.7, 128.4, 124.0, 123.4, 114.3, 62.5, 35.9, 35.8; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3177, 2996, 2961, 2931, 1670, 1601, 1501, 1445, 1429, 1414, 1369, 1339, 1315, 1262, 1235, 1176, 1163, 1147, 1094, 1064, 1028, 951, 872, 850, 817, 788, 757, 728; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 292.0145, found 292.0147.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-3-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (10a):



Solid; M.p. 165.8 °C–168.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.08 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.1, 165.4, 157.3, 141.3, 132.1, 131.4, 114.7, 112.5, 62.6, 35.9, 35.8; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3169, 3074, 2996, 2958, 2928, 1665, 1595, 1502, 1438, 1419, 1394, 1368, 1335, 1313, 1285, 1234, 1177, 1152, 1110, 1090, 1061, 1026, 871, 813, 787, 757, 733; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrClNO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 335.9639, found 335.9630.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (1a''):



Solid; M.p. 93.6 °C–97.0 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  10.41 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 6.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 5.01 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 3.02 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.6, 165.7, 160.2, 136.2, 129.8, 124.3, 119.5, 113.3, 62.3, 36.0, 35.9; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3200, 2950, 2934, 2920, 1750, 1688, 1668, 1609, 1470, 1431, 1378, 1329, 1281, 1241, 1200, 1105, 1082, 1019, 1003, 832, 801, 758, 717; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 258.0534, found 258.0538.

#### 2-(Diethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3b):



Solid; M.p. 94.1°C–96.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.11 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 3.42 (q, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.29 (q, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.27 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.16 (t, 3H,

J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.3, 164.6, 156.9, 138.7, 129.3, 124.6, 114.2, 112.3, 62.6, 41.2, 40.9, 14.4, 13.1; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3158, 3071, 2974, 2923, 2872, 1678, 1644, 1496, 1467, 1432, 1381, 1331, 1340, 1269, 1232, 1171, 1117, 1093, 1032, 1015, 946, 904, 887, 813, 790, 725; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrClNO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 363.9952, found 363.9962.

#### 2-(Diisopropylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3c):



Gummy; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.17 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.77–3.74 (m, 1H), 3.51–3.48 (m, 1H), 1.41 (d, 6H, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 1.28 (d, 6H, *J* = 6.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  168.0, 163.8, 156.7, 138.5, 129.3, 124.5, 114.5, 112.2, 63.3, 47.9, 46.6, 20.9, 20.6; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3222, 2996, 2969, 2935, 1689, 1662, 1598, 1473, 1448, 1369, 1302, 1284, 1235, 1171, 1152, 1135, 1092, 1043, 1019, 884, 826, 788; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrClNO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 392.0265, found 392.0260.

#### 2-Oxo-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3d):



Solid; M.p. 97.5 °C–100.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$ 11.09 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 3.55 (t, 2H, J = 4.8 Hz), 3.33 (t, 2H, J = 5.4 Hz), 1.66–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.56 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$ 168.2, 163.6, 156.8, 138.6, 129.1, 124.4, 114.2, 112.2, 62.7, 45.7, 43.4, 26.3, 25.4, 24.4; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3216, 2998, 2935, 2917, 2856, 1702, 1668, 1473, 1454, 1435, 1368, 1316, 1264, 1254, 1223, 1151, 1136, 1091, 1032, 1004, 951, 875, 849, 837, 826, 778, 759; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrClNO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 375.9952, found 375.9954.

#### 2-(4-Methylpiperidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3e):



Solid; M.p. 115.0 °C–118.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$ 11.09 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 4.51 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz), 3.61 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz), 3.08 (t, 1H, J = 12.6 Hz), 2.65 (t, 1H, J = 12.6 Hz), 1.76–1.63 (m, 3H), 1.21–1.14 (m, 2H), 1.13 (d, 3H, J = 3.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.3, 163.7, 156.9, 138.7, 129.2, 124.5, 114.2, 112.3, 62.7, 45.0, 42.9, 34.5, 33.6, 31.1, 21.8; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3234, 3001, 2954, 2907, 2857, 1704, 1671, 1651, 1473, 1451, 1430, 1316, 1270, 1238, 1222, 1149, 1087, 1036, 1013, 971, 876, 802, 786, 732; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{17}BrClNO_4$  (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 390.0109, found 390.0118.

2-Morpholino-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate and 2-Morpholino-2-oxoethyl 5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3f and 3f'):



Gummy; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.01 (s, 1H), 10.33 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 2H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 6.93 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 5.01 (s,2H), 4.99 (s,2H), 3.72 (bs, 8H), 3.64 (bs, 4H); 3.43 (bs, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.6, 168.3, 164.5, 164.2, 160.3, 156.9, 138.9, 136.3, 129.7, 129.1, 124.6, 124.3, 119.5, 113.8, 113.1, 112.3, 66.9, 66.4, 62.4, 62.0, 45.2, 45.1, 42.5; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3220, 3063, 2965, 2923, 2856, 1684, 1673, 1609, 1475, 1450, 1362, 1334, 1274, 1229, 1170, 1114, 1068, 1042, 1003, 854, 829, 791, 783, 718; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrClNO<sub>5</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 377.9745, found 377.9756, and HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO<sub>5</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 300.0640, found 300.0647.

#### 2-Morpholino-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3f):



Gummy; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.02 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s,2H), 3.75 (bs, 4H), 3.66 (bs, 2H); 3.45 (bs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.4, 164.2, 156.9, 138.9, 129.1, 124.4, 113.9, 112.7, 66.8, 66.5, 62.7, 45.2, 42.5; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3228, 3053, 2961, 2933, 2858, 1663, 1601, 1461, 1448, 1361, 1334, 1274, 1231, 1164, 1062, 1003, 832, 784, 728; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrClNO<sub>5</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 377.9745, found 377.9751.

## 2-Oxo-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate and 2-Oxo-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl 5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3g and 3g'):



Gummy; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.08 (s, 1H), 10.39 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.93 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 4.92 (s, 2H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 3.54 (t, 4H, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.44 (t, 4H, J = 6.6 Hz); 2.05–2.02 (m, 4H), 1.91–1.89 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.7, 168.3, 164.4, 164.0, 160.3, 156.9, 138.8, 136.1, 129.8, 129.2, 124.6, 124.3, 119.5, 114.1, 113.3, 112.2, 63.1, 62.7, 46.41, 46.37, 45.51, 45.46, 26.3, 24.1; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3182, 2965, 2923, 2878, 1672, 1606, 1574, 1468, 1459, 1430, 1361, 1315, 1285, 1233, 1187, 1164, 1107, 1085, 976, 875, 825, 786, 741, 724; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrClNO<sub>4</sub>

 $(M + H^{+})$  361.9796, found 361.9799 and HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{13}H_{14}CINO_4$  (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 284.0691, found 284.0695

#### 2-Oxo-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3g):



Gummy; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.06 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s,2H), 3.54 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.45 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz); 2.06–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.92–1.88 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  168.4, 164.2, 157.0, 138.8, 129.2, 124.6, 114.0, 112.3, 63.1, 46.5, 45.5, 26.2, 24.0; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3211, 2985, 2915, 2858, 1662, 1606, 1574, 1468, 1433, 1351, 1321, 1284, 1189, 1158, 1100, 1075, 875, 828, 748, 718; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{13}H_{13}BrClNO_4$  (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 361.9796, found 361.9806.

#### 1-(Dimethylamino)-1-oxopropan-2-yl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3h):



1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 5.63 (q, 1H, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.12 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 1.60 (d, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$ 169.4, 168.3, 157.0, 138.8, 129.2, 124.5, 113.9, 112.2, 69.1, 37.0, 36.3, 16.8; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3092, 2992, 2934, 2853, 1746, 1664, 1602, 1506, 1429, 1371, 1317, 1233. 1173, 1115, 1079, 1026, 880, 793, 728; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{12}H_{13}BrClNO_4$  (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 349.9796, found 349.9804.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 2-hydroxybenzoate (1a'):



Solid; M.p. 56.0 °C–58.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$ 10.45 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, 1H, J = 6.6 Hz), 7.46 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.97 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.89 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 4.98 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  169.6, 166.0, 161.7, 136.2, 130.6, 119.5, 117.8, 112.4, 62.1, 36.1, 35.8; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3220, 2957, 2922, 2850, 1685, 1659, 1613, 1584, 1501, 1482, 1435, 1415, 1329, 1303, 1246, 1197, 1180, 1151, 1131, 1096, 850, 793, 737; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 224.0924, found 224.0927.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-2-hydroxy-5-methylbenzoate (12a):



Solid; M.p. 140.2 °C-143.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz): δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  169.3, 165.7, 156.0, 140.1, 129.83, 129.80, 113.1, 110.9, 62.3, 35.9, 35.8, 20.3; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3225, 2948, 2927, 2853, 1667, 1613, 1494,

Gummy; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  11.10 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s,

1438, 1397, 1362, 1326, 1214, 1166, 1148, 1101, 1061, 1026, 927, 869, 787, 782, 743; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{12}H_{14}BrNO_4$  (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 316.0186, found 316.0180.

#### 2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 2-hydroxy-5-methylbenzoate (12a'):



Solid; M.p. 86.4 °C–89.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  10.28 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 6.89 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 4.99 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  169.6, 166.2, 159.6, 137.3, 130.2, 128.7, 117.6, 111.8, 61.9, 36.1, 35.9, 20.5; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3236, 2959, 2925, 2856, 1663, 1495, 1435, 1365, 1335, 1290, 1249, 1211, 1187, 1155, 1099, 1022, 825, 789, 740; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 238.1081, found 238.1089.

#### Spectra

2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzoate (1a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





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2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzoate (1a): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)

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2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3,5-dibromo-2-hydroxybenzoate (2a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)







2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)





2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3a): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)

2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-2-hydroxy-5-nitrobenzoate (4a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)







2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-2-hydroxy-5-methoxybenzoate (5a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)





2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-2-hydroxy-5-methoxybenzoate (5a): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)

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2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzoat (6a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)









2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-2-hydroxy-4-methylbenzoate (7a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)



2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-2-hydroxy-4-methylbenzoate (7a): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)

2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-3-ethoxy-2-hydroxybenzoate (8a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)



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2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3,5-dichloro-2-hydroxybenzoat (9a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)





2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3,5-dichloro-2-hydroxybenzoat (9a): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)

2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-bromo-3-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (10a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)







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2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (1a´´): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)





2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (1a<sup>'</sup>): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)

2-(Diethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)





2-(Diethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3b): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)

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2-(Diisopropylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3c): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)





2-(Diisopropylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3c): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)

2-Oxo-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3d): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)





2-Oxo-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3d): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)

2-(4-Methylpiperidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3e):<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)



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2-Morpholino-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate and 2-Morpholino-2-oxoethyl 5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3f and 3f'): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)



2-Morpholino-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate and 2-Morpholino-2-oxoethyl 5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3f and 3f'): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)



2-Morpholino-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3f): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





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2-Oxo-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate and 2-Oxo-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl 5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3g and 3g'): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)



2-Oxo-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate and 2-Oxo-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl 5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3g and 3g'): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)



2-Oxo-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3g): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





2-Oxo-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3g): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)

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1-(Dimethylamino)-1-oxopropan-2-yl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3h): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)



1-(Dimethylamino)-1-oxopropan-2-yl 3-bromo-5-chloro-2-hydroxybenzoate (3h): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)



2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 2-hydroxybenzoate (1a'): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)



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2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 2-hydroxybenzoate (1a´): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)

2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-2-hydroxy-5-methylbenzoate (12a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)





2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 3-bromo-2-hydroxy-5-methylbenzoate (12a): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)

2-(Dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl 2-hydroxy-5-methylbenzoate (12a'): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):





