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**Iron-Catalyzed Carbonylation of Aryl halides with Arylborons Using Stoichiometric Chloroform
as the Carbon Monoxide Source**

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1. General Information

Reagent Information. All the aryl halides and the arylborons were purchased from Alfa Aesar, Energy Chemical, Beijing InnoChem Science & Technology Co., Ltd., and Accela ChemBio Co., Ltd. and were used as received. PEG-400 (bought from Acros, Energy Chemical, and Aladdin) was pre-dried (toluene azeotrope) and deoxygenated. The following iron salts and reagents were used: FeCl₂ (98% from Sigma-Aldrich; 99.99% from Alfa Aesar), Na₂CO₃ (99.5% and 99.997%, Alfa Aesar), CsOH·H₂O (99%, Energy Chemical), AcOK (99%, Alfa Aesar), NaI (99%, Alfa Aesar; 99.999%, Acros), and PivOH (99%, Alfa Aesar).

Physical Methods. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of solutions in CDCl₃ or DMSO-*d*₆ were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 instrument. Chemical shifts were expressed in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane and refer to the solvent signals (CDCl₃: H 7.24 and C 77.0 ppm; DMSO-*d*₆: H 2.50 and C 39.5 ppm). The signals of water were observed at about 1.58 ppm in CDCl₃ and 3.42 ppm in DMSO-*d*₆, respectively. Abbreviations for signal couplings are: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; dd, doublet of doublets; dt, triplet of doublets; td, doublet of triplets; tt, triplet of triplets; tdd, doublet of doublet of triplets. Coupling constants, *J*, were reported in hertz unit (Hz). Infrared spectra of neat substances were recorded on a BRUKER TENSOR 27 FT-IR spectrometer. HRMS was performed on a Bruker's solarix 94 (ESI-FTICR-MS) mass spectrometer. ICP-AES analysis was measured on a Prodigy (LEEMAN LABS INC.) machine. GC-MS were determined with Agilent 7890-5975C. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 300-400 mesh (Yantai Jiangyou Silica Gel Co., Ltd., China) as the solid support.

2. General Procedure for Iron-Catalyzed Carbonylative Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling using CHCl₃ as CO Source

General Procedure A: With no precautions to exclude air or moisture, a 10-ml screw-cap vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with FeCl₂ (0.025 mmol, 3.2 mg), arylboronic acid (0.375 mmol), aryl halide (0.25 mmol), NaI (0.125 mmol, 18.9 mg), Na₂CO₃ (0.5 mmol, 53.3 mg), CsOH·H₂O (1.25

mmol, 212.0 mg), CHCl₃ (0.75 mmol, 61 μ L), PivOH (0.375 mmol, 42 μ L), and PEG-400 (2.0 mL). The vial was capped and heated to 120 °C in a heating block for the indicated time. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with 3 mL water and extracted with diethyl ether (3 $\times$ 5 mL). The organic phases were combined, and the volatile components were evaporated in a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: diethyl ether = 100 : 1 to 10 : 1).

General Procedure B: With no precautions to exclude air or moisture, a 10-ml screw-cap vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with FeCl₂ (0.025 mmol, 3.2 mg), arylboronic acid (0.375 mmol), aryl halide (0.25 mmol), NaI (0.125 mmol, 18.9 mg), Na₂CO₃ (0.5 mmol, 53.3 mg), CsOH·H₂O (1.25 mmol, 212.0 mg), CHCl₃ (0.75 mmol, 61 μ L), and PEG-400 (2.0 mL). The vial was capped and heated to 140 °C in a heating block for the indicated time. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with 3 mL water and extracted with diethyl ether (3 $\times$ 5 mL). The organic phases were combined, and the volatile components were evaporated in a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: diethyl ether = 100 : 1 to 10 : 1).

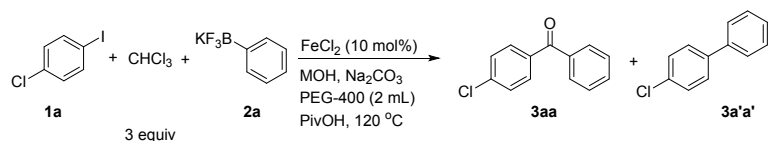
3. Optimization of Reaction Parameters

Table S1. Varying PivOH Equivalencies.^a

Entry	PivOH (equiv)	3aa (%) ^b	3a'a' (%) ^b
1	0	50	38
2	0.5	61	30
3	1.0	70	16
4	1.5	84	8
5	2.0	30	3

^a Reaction conditions (unless otherwise stated): **1a** (0.25 mmol), **2a** (1.5 equiv), FeCl₂ (10 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv), CsOH·H₂O (1.25 mmol, 5 equiv), CHCl₃ (0.75 mmol, 3.0 equiv), PivOH, PEG-400 (2.0 mL), 120 °C, and 24 h. ^b determined by GC analysis using hexadecane as internal standard.

Table S2. The Effect of Hydroxide.^a



Entry	MOH (equiv)	3aa (%) ^b	3a'a' (%) ^b
1	CsOH·H ₂ O (4.0)	64%	13%
2	CsOH·H ₂ O (5.0)	84%	8%
3	CsOH·H ₂ O (5.5)	62%	15%
4	KOH (5.0)	60%	25%
5	NaOH (5.0)	55%	10%
6	<i>t</i> -BuNOH (5.0)	-	-

^a Reaction conditions (unless otherwise stated): **1a** (0.25 mmol), **2a** (1.5 equiv), FeCl_2 (10 mol%), Na_2CO_3 (0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv), MOH, CHCl_3 (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv), PivOH (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv), PEG-400 (2.0 mL), 120 °C, and 24 h. ^b determined by GC analysis using hexadecane as internal standard.

Table S3. Varying Chloroform Equivalencies.^a

Reaction scheme showing the synthesis of **3aa** and **3a'a'** from **1a** and **2a**. **1a** (4-iodo-1-chlorobenzene) reacts with CHCl_3 and **2a** (4-phenylboronic trifluoride) in the presence of FeCl_2 (10 mol%), CsOH·H₂O, Na_2CO_3 , PEG-400 (2 mL), and PivOH at 120 °C to yield **3aa** (4-chlorobenzophenone) and **3a'a'** (4-chlorobenzene).

Entry	CHCl_3 (equiv)	3aa (%) ^b	3a'a' (%) ^b
1	2.0	49	31
2	3.0	84	8
3	5.0	72	8

^a Reaction conditions (unless otherwise stated): **1a** (0.25 mmol), **2a** (1.5 equiv), FeCl_2 (10 mol%), Na_2CO_3 (0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv), CsOH·H₂O (1.25 mmol, 5 equiv), CHCl_3 , PivOH (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv), PEG-400 (2.0 mL), 120 °C, and 24 h. ^b determined by GC analysis using hexadecane as internal standard.

Table S4. The Effect of Iodide.^a

Entry	[I] (equiv)	3aa (%) ^b	3a'a' (%) ^b
1	NaI (0.2)	72	14
2	NaI (0.5)	87	5
3	NaI (1.0)	70	10
4	KI (0.5)	50	-
5	TBAI (0.5)	75	11

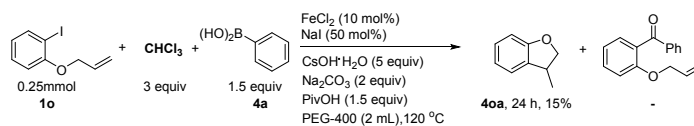
^a Reaction conditions (unless otherwise stated): **1a** (0.25 mmol), **2a** (1.5 equiv), FeCl₂ (10 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv), CsOH·H₂O (1.25 mmol, 5 equiv), CHCl₃ (0.75 mmol, 3.0 equiv), PivOH (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv), iodide, PEG-400 (2.0 mL), 120 °C, and 24 h. ^b determined by GC analysis using hexadecane as internal standard.

Table S5. The Effect of Iron Catalyst.^a

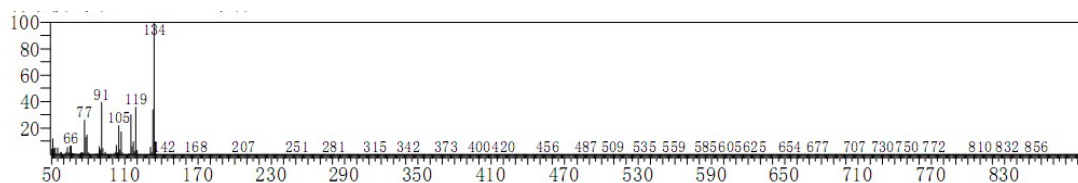
Entry	[Fe] (mol%)	3aa (%) ^b	3a'a' (%) ^b
1	FeCl ₂ (10)	87	5
2	FeCl ₂ (5)	80	7
3	FeBr ₂ (10)	72	5
4	Fe(acac) ₂ (10)	50	5
5	Fe(acac) ₃ (10)	77	15
6	FeCl ₃ (10)	72	20
7	FeF ₃ (10)	72	5

^a Reaction conditions (unless otherwise stated): **1a** (0.25 mmol), **2a** (1.5 equiv), [Fe], Na₂CO₃ (0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv), CsOH·H₂O (1.25 mmol, 5 equiv), CHCl₃ (0.75 mmol, 3.0 equiv), PivOH (0.375 mmol, 1.5 equiv), NaI (0.125 mmol, 0.5 equiv), PEG-400 (2.0 mL), 120 °C, and 24 h. ^b determined by GC analysis using hexadecane as internal standard.

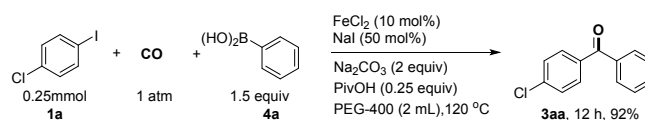
4. Effect of A Free-Radical Probe



Following *general procedure A*, a cyclization product, 3-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (**4oa**) in 15% yield was obtained based on GC-MS analysis and no any carbonylated product was observed.

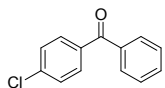


5. Reaction using CO gas

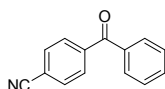


A 25 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with FeCl₂ (0.025 mmol, 3.2 mg), phenylboronic acid (0.375 mmol), NaI (0.125 mmol, 18.9 mg), Na₂CO₃ (0.5 mmol, 53.3 mg), PivOH (0.375 mmol, 7.0 μL), and PEG-400 (2 mL) before standard cycles of evacuation and back-filling with dry and pure carbon monoxide. 1-chloro-4-iodobenzene (0.25 mmol) was added successively. The mixture was then stirred at 120 °C for 12 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with 3 mL water and extracted with diethyl ether (4 × 5 mL). The organic phases were combined, and the volatile components were evaporated in a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: diethyl ether = 20 : 1) to afford the desired product as a white solid (50 mg, 92%).

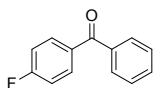
6. Analytical Data of Products



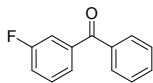
(4-Chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3aa): Following *general procedure A*, **3aa** was isolated as a white solid (46 mg, 85%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S1] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77–7.72 (m, 4 H), 7.58 (tt, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.50–7.43 ppm (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.5, 138.9, 137.2, 135.9, 132.6, 131.4, 129.9, 128.6, 128.4 ppm; mp 73.5–74.0 °C.



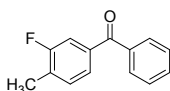
4-Benzoylbenzonitrile (3ba): Following *general procedure B*, **3ba** was isolated as a white solid (23 mg, 45%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S2] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85 (dd, J = 8, 4 Hz, 2 H), 7.77 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.75 (dd, J = 4, 2 Hz, 2 H), 7.62 (tt, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 ppm (t, J = 8 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.0, 141.2, 136.3, 133.3, 132.1, 130.2, 130.0, 128.6, 118.0, 115.6 ppm; mp 110.8–111.1 °C.



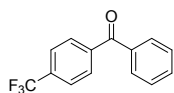
(4-Fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3ca): Following *general procedure A*, **3ca** was isolated as a light yellow oil (45 mg, 92%), known compound; The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S1] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83 (td, J = 8, 4 Hz, 2 H), 7.75 (dd, J = 8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (tt, J = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2 H); 7.14 ppm (td, J = 8, 4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.3, 165.4 (d, J = 252 Hz), 137.5, 133.8 (d, J = 3 Hz), 132.7, 132.5 (d, J = 15 Hz), 129.9, 128.3, 115.4 ppm (d, J = 22 Hz).



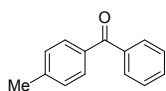
(3-Fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3da): Following *general procedure A*, **3da** was isolated as a light yellow oil (44 mg, 88%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S3] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.78 (dt, J = 8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.59 (tt, J = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.55 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.2, 1 H), 7.50 (t, J = 2 Hz, 1 H), 7.48–7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.45–7.42 (m, 1 H), 7.27 ppm (tdd, J = 8.0, 2.4, 0.8 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.3 (d, J = 2 Hz), 162.5 (d, J = 246 Hz), 139.6 (d, J = 6 Hz), 137.0, 132.8, 130.0, 129.9, 128.4, 125.8 (d, J = 4 Hz), 119.4 (d, J = 21 Hz), 116.7 ppm (d, J = 22 Hz).



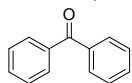
(3-Fluoro-4-methylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3ea): Following general procedure A, **3ea** was isolated as a light yellow solid (42.8 mg, 80%), known compound; The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref. [S4] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77–7.75 (m, 2 H), 7.57 (tt, $J = 7.6$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (s, 1 H), 7.45 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H), 2.35 ppm (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.2 (d, $J = 2$ Hz), 160.9 (d, $J = 245$ Hz), 137.4, 137.1 (d, $J = 7$ Hz), 132.5, 131.3 (d, $J = 5$ Hz), 130.2 (d, $J = 17$ Hz), 129.9, 128.3, 125.8 (d, $J = 4$ Hz), 116.5 (d, $J = 24$ Hz), 14.8 ppm (d, $J = 3$ Hz); mp 40.0–40.7 °C.



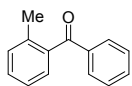
Phenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (3fa): Following general procedure A, **3fa** was isolated as a white solid (50 mg, 81%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref. [S1] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.80–7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.61 (tt, $J = 8$, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 ppm (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.5, 140.7, 136.7, 133.7 (q, $J = 33$ Hz), 133.1, 130.11, 130.08, 128.5, 125.3 (q, $J = 4$ Hz), 123.7 ppm (q, $J = 271$ Hz); mp 114.4–114.9 °C.



Phenyl(*p*-tolyl)methanone (3ga): Following general procedure A, **3ga** was isolated as a white solid with low melting point (42 mg, 86%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref. [S5] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77 (dd, $J = 8$, 4 Hz, 2 H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (tt, $J = 8$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (tt, $J = 8$, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 2.42 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.5, 143.2, 138.0, 134.9, 132.2, 130.3, 129.9, 129.0, 128.2, 21.6 ppm.

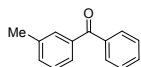


Benzophenone (3ha): Following *general procedure A*, **3ha** was isolated as a white solid with low melting point (38 mg, 85%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref. [S5] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8$, 1.6 Hz, 4 H), 7.57 (tt, $J = 8$, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 ppm (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 4 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.8, 137.6, 132.4, 130.1, 128.3 ppm.

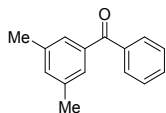


Phenyl(*o*-tolyl)methanone (3ia): Following *general procedure B*, **3ia** was isolated as a light yellow oil (29 mg, 60%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref. [S5] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80–7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.56 (tt, $J = 7.6$, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (td, $J = 8$, 4Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (t, $J = 8$ Hz), 2.32 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100

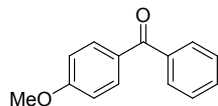
MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.6, 138.6, 137.7, 136.7, 133.1, 131.0, 130.2, 130.1, 128.5, 128.4, 125.2, 19.9 ppm.



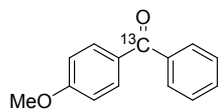
Phenyl(*m*-tolyl)methanone (3ja): Following *general procedure A*, **3ja** was isolated as a light yellow oil (39 mg, 80%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.79–7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.61 (s, 1 H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.46 (m, 2 H); 7.39–7.32 (m, 2 H), 2.40 ppm (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.0, 138.1, 137.8, 137.6, 133.2, 132.3, 130.4, 130.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 21.3 ppm.



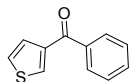
(3, 5-Dimethylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3ka): Following *general procedure A* except using KOAc (0.05 mmol) instead of PivOH, **3ka** was isolated as a light yellow solid (32 mg, 60%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S6] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8, 4 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (tt, *J* = 8, 4 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (tt, *J* = 8, 4 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (s, 2 H), 7.20 (s, 1 H), 2.35 ppm (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.2, 137.9, 137.7, 134.1, 132.2, 123.0, 128.2, 127.8, 21.2 ppm; mp 58.6–59.9 °C.



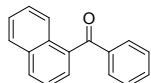
(4-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3la): Following *general procedure A*, **3la** was isolated as light white solid (34 mg, 65%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.75–7.72 (m, 2 H), 7.54 (tt, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.86 ppm (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.5, 163.2, 138.2, 132.5, 131.8, 130.1, 129.7, 128.1, 113.5, 55.4 ppm; mp 85.9–86.5 °C.



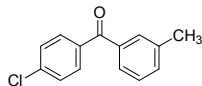
[¹³C](4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3la-¹³C): Following *general procedure A* using ¹³C-labeled CHCl₃ instead of CHCl₃, **3la-¹³C** was isolated as a low-melting solid (45 mg, 85%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S7] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82–7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.74–7.72 (m, 2 H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 3.86 ppm (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.5 (¹³C), 163.2, 138.2 (d, *J* = 55.0 Hz), 132.5 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 131.8, 130.1 (d, *J* = 57.0 Hz), 129.7 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 128.1 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 113.5 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 55.4 ppm.



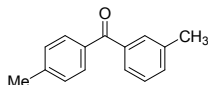
Phenyl(thiophen-3-yl)methanone (3ma): Following *general procedure A* except using reducing the amount of PivOH to 0.125 mmol, **3ma** was isolated as a light yellow oil (19 mg, 40%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 4 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (dt, *J* = 4, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (dt, *J* = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (tt, *J* = 8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H); 7.36 ppm (dd, *J* = 4.8, 3.2 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.0, 141.3, 138.6, 133.9, 132.3, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 126.2 ppm.



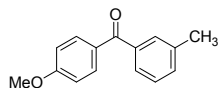
Naphthalen-1-yl(phenyl)methanone (3na): Following *general procedure B*, **3na** was isolated as a light white solid (26 mg, 45%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09–8.07 (m, 1 H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 8, 2 Hz, 1 H), 7.87–7.84 (m, 2 H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 2 H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.54–7.52 (m, 1 H), 7.51–7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.44 ppm (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.0, 138.3, 136.3, 133.7, 133.2, 131.2, 130.9, 130.4, 128.4, 128.37, 127.7, 127.2, 126.4, 125.7, 124.3 ppm; mp 64–65 °C.



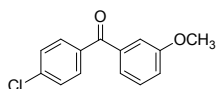
(4-Chlorophenyl)(*m*-tolyl)methanone (3ab): Following *general procedure A*, **3ab** was isolated as a light white solid (42 mg, 73%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.57 (s, 1 H); 7.52 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 1 H), 2.40 ppm (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.7, 138.8, 138.3, 137.3, 136.0, 133.4, 131.4, 130.3, 128.6, 128.2, 127.2, 21.3 ppm.; mp 102.6–102.8 °C.



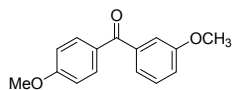
***m*-Tolyl(*p*-tolyl)methanone (3gb):** Following *general procedure A*, **3gb** was isolated as a yellow liquid (47 mg, 90%), known compound (CAS: 13152-94-8). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (s, 1 H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (d, 1 H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.40 ppm (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.7, 143.1, 138.1, 138.0, 135.0, 133.0, 130.4, 130.3, 129.0, 128.0, 127.2, 21.6, 21.3 ppm.



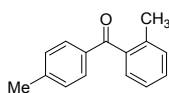
(4-Methoxyphenyl)(*m*-tolyl)methanone (31b): Following *general procedure A*, **31b** was isolated as a light white solid (40 mg, 70%), known compound (CAS: 53039-63-7); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.81 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (s, 1 H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2 H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.40 ppm (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.8, 163.1, 138.3, 138.0, 132.6, 132.5, 130.3, 130.2, 128.0, 127.0, 113.5, 55.5, 21.3; mp 55.3-56.4 °C.



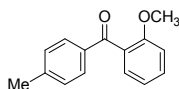
(4-Chlorophenyl)(3-methoxyphenyl)methanone (3ac): Following *general procedure A*, **3ac** was isolated as a light white solid (45 mg, 72%), known compound (CAS: 32363-45-4). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.74 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.36 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2 H), 7.12 (ddd, $J = 8, 2.7, 1.1$ Hz, 1 H), 3.84 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.3, 159.6, 138.9, 138.5, 135.9, 131.4, 129.3, 128.6, 122.6, 119.0, 114.2, 55.5 ppm; mp 108-109 °C.



(3-Methoxyphenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (31c): Following *general procedure A*, **31c** was isolated as a yellow liquid (41 mg, 67%), known compound (CAS: 75731-44-1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.82 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2 H), 7.09 (ddd, $J = 8, 2.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.84 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.3, 163.2, 159.5, 139.6, 132.5, 130.1, 129.1, 122.4, 118.2, 114.2, 113.5, 55.5, 55.4 ppm.

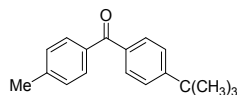


***o*-Tolyl(*p*-tolyl)methanone (3gd):** Following *general procedure A*, **3gd** was isolated as pale yellow liquid (32 mg, 60%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S8] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.36 (td, $J = 8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, $J = 12, 4$ Hz, 4 H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.30 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.4, 144.1, 139.0, 136.4, 135.1, 130.9, 130.3, 123.0, 129.2, 128.2, 125.1, 21.7, 19.9 ppm.

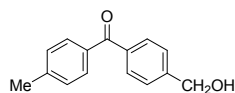


(2-Methoxyphenyl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (3ge): Following *general procedure A*, **3ge** was isolated as pale yellow solid (44 mg, 77%), known compound (CAS: 28137-36-2) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.70 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.43 (ddd, $J = 8.8, 7.5, 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 8, 1.7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8$ Hz,

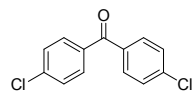
2 H), 7.01 (td, $J = 8, 0.8$ Hz, 1 H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H), 2.39 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.1, 157.2, 143.8, 135.2, 131.6, 130.1, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 120.5, 111.4, 55.6, 21.7 ppm; mp 64–65 °C.



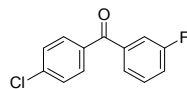
(4-(*t*-Butyl)phenyl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (3gf): Following *general procedure A*, **3gf** was isolated as a yellow liquid (44 mg, 70%), known compound (CAS: 55709-38-1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71 (t, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.47 (d, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.26 (d, $J = 8$ Hz), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 1.35 ppm (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.2, 155.9, 142.9, 135.2, 135.1, 130.2, 130.0, 128.9, 125.2, 35.1, 31.1, 21.6 ppm.



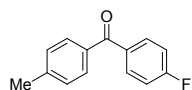
(4-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (3gg): Following *general procedure A*, **3gg** was isolated as pale yellow solid (48 mg, 85%), known compound (CAS: 460062-30-0). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 2.42 ppm (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.2, 145.2, 143.3, 137.2, 134.9, 130.3, 130.2, 129.0, 126.4, 64.8, 21.6 ppm; mp 84–85 °C



Bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanone (3ah): Following *general procedure A*, **3ah** was isolated as a light white solid (47 mg, 75%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 4 H), 7.45 ppm (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 4 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.2, 139.1, 135.5, 131.3, 128.7 ppm; mp 144.6–145.4 °C.

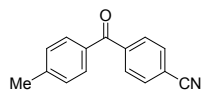


(4-Chlorophenyl)(3-fluorophenyl)methanone (3ai): Following *general procedure A*, **3ai** was isolated as a light white solid (45 mg, 77%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.73 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 4 H), 7.28 ppm (tdd, $J = 8, 2, 1.2$, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.9, 162.4 (d, $J = 247$ Hz), 139.2, 139.2, 135.2, 131.3, 129.98 (d, $J = 8$ Hz), 128.7, 125.54 (d, $J = 3$ Hz), 119.5 (d, $J = 21$ Hz), 116.5 ppm (d, $J = 22$ Hz); mp 76.6–77.3 °C.

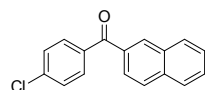


(4-Fluorophenyl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (3gj): Following *general procedure A*, **3gj** was isolated as a

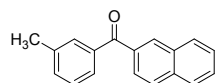
white solid (40 mg, 75%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S6] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80 (td, *J* = 6, 2.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 2.42 ppm (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.0, 165.2 (d, *J* = 252 Hz), 143.3, 134.8, 134.1 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 132.5 (d, *J* = 9 Hz), 130.1, 129.0, 115.3 (d, *J* = 12 Hz), 21.6 ppm; mp 91.8–92.3 °C.



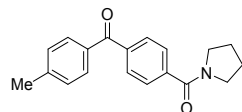
4-(4-Methylbenzoyl)benzonitrile (3gk): Following *general procedure A*, **3gk** was isolated as a white solid (50 mg, 90%), known compound (CAS: 35776-95-5). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 2.44 ppm (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.7, 144.4, 141.6, 133.7, 132.1, 130.3, 130.1, 129.3, 118.1, 115.4, 21.7 ppm; 150–151 °C



(4-Chlorophenyl)(naphthalen-2-yl)methanone (3al): Following *general procedure A*, **3al** was isolated as a light white solid (45 mg, 68%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.21 (s, 1 H), 7.95–7.88 (m, 4 H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.61 (td, *J* = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (td, *J* = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 ppm (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.5, 138.8, 136.2, 135.3, 134.5, 132.2, 131.7, 131.5, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 126.9, 125.6 ppm; mp 122.3–123.1 °C.

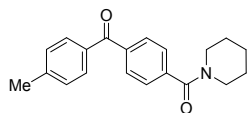


Naphthalen-2-yl(*m*-tolyl)methanone (3jl): Following *general procedure A*, **3jl** was isolated as a light white solid (44 mg, 72%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.93–7.89 (m, 4 H), 7.67 (s, 1 H), 7.63–7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.54 (td, *J* = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.43–7.36 (m, 2 H), 2.43 ppm (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.0, 138.2, 137.9, 135.2, 135.0, 133.1, 132.3, 131.8, 130.5, 129.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 126.7, 125.8, 21.4 ppm; mp 72.3–73.3 °C.

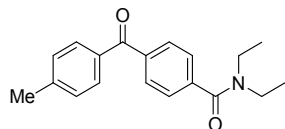


(4-(4-Methylbenzoyl)phenyl)(pyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (3gm): Following *general procedure A*, **3gm** was isolated as a white solid (64 mg, 87%), unknown compound; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8, 5.6 Hz, 4 H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 3.49 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H),

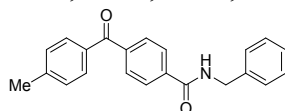
3.38 (s, 2 H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.90 - 1.80ppm(m, 4 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 195.4, 167.9, 143.9, 141.1, 138.6, 134.5, 130.4, 129.8, 129.7, 127.5, 49.3, 46.4, 26.4, 24.4, 21.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$] m/z 316.13240, found m/z 316.13080; IR: ν_{max} (KBr) = 1717, 1653, 1636, 1607, 1540, 1442, 1312, 1272, 933, 832, 712 cm^{-1} ; mp 110-111 $^{\circ}\text{C}$



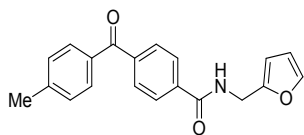
(4-(4-Methylbenzoyl)phenyl)(piperidin-1-yl)methanone (3gn): Following *general procedure A*, **3gn** was isolated as a white solid (65 mg, 85%), unknown compound. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.71 (s, 2 H), 3.31 (s, 2 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 1.67 (s, 4 H), 1.50 ppm (s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.8, 169.3, 143.6, 140.0, 138.7, 134.4, 130.3, 130.0, 129.1, 126.6, 48.7, 43.1, 26.5, 25.5, 24.5, 21.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$] m/z 330.14847, found m/z 330.14645; IR: ν_{max} (KBr) = 1717, 1653, 1636, 1607, 1540, 1442, 1312, 1272, 933, 712 cm^{-1} ; mp 113-114 $^{\circ}\text{C}$



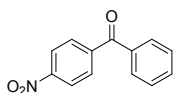
N,N-diethyl-4-(4-methylbenzoyl)benzamide (3go): Following *general procedure A*, **3go** was isolated as a yellow liquid (55 mg, 75%), unknown compound. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.76 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.53 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.21 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H), 1.22 (s, 3 H), 1.08 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.9, 170.3, 143.6, 140.7, 138.5, 134.4, 130.3, 130.0, 129.1, 126.1, 43.3, 39.3, 21.7, 14.2, 12.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] m/z 318.14783, found m/z 318.14645; IR: ν_{max} (KBr) = 1723, 1656, 1630, 1603, 1503, 1457, 1314, 1277, 927, 777, 714 cm^{-1} .



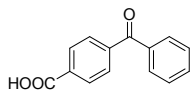
N-Benzyl-4-(4-methylbenzoyl)benzamide (3gp): Following *general procedure A*, **3gp** was isolated as a yellow solid (66 mg, 80%), unknown compound. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.86 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 4 H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 3 H), 6.59 (s, 1 H), 4.65 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 2.42 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.7, 166.5, 143.8, 140.5, 137.8, 137.4, 134.3, 130.3, 130.0, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 126.9, 44.3, 21.7 ppm.; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$] m/z 352.13132, found m/z 352.13080; IR: ν_{max} (KBr) = 3406, 2850, 1653, 1634, 1618, 1541, 1455, 930, 863, 833 cm^{-1} ; mp 162.3-163.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.



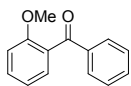
N-(furan-2-ylmethyl)-4-(4-methylbenzoyl)benzamide (3gq): Following *general procedure A*, **3gq** was isolated as a white solid (60 mg, 75%), unknown compound; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.86 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 1.6, 0.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 6.56 (s, 1 H), 6.34 – 6.29 (m, 2 H), 4.65 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 2.42 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.7, 166.4, 150.8, 143.8, 142.4, 140.6, 137.1, 134.3, 130.3, 130.0, 129.1, 126.9, 110.6, 108.0, 37.1, 21.7 ppm.; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$] m/z 342.11061, found m/z 352.11006; IR: ν_{max} (KBr) = 3472, 3118, 1641, 1606, 1541, 1511, 1398, 930, 827, 858, 728 cm^{-1} ; mp 106.4–107.8 $^\circ\text{C}$.



(4-Nitrophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (5oa): Following *general procedure A*, **5oa** was isolated as a light pink solid (49 mg, 87%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S1] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.32 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (dd, $J = 8, 1.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (tt, $J = 7.2, 1.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.50 ppm (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.8, 149.8, 142.9, 136.3, 133.4, 130.7, 130.1, 128.7, 123.5 ppm; mp 136.7–136.9 $^\circ\text{C}$.

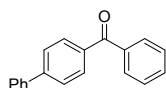


4-Benzoylbenzoic acid (5pa): Following *general procedure A* except that PivOH was not added and the amounts of both Na_2CO_3 and $\text{CsOH} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ were adjusted to be 0.75 mmol and 1.5 mmol, respectively, **5pa** was isolated as a white solid (42 mg, 75%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 8.10 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 8, 1.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.62 (tt, $J = 8, 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.51–7.48 ppm (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 195.5, 166.8, 140.6, 136.5, 134.2, 133.2, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 128.8 ppm; mp 193.2–193.5 $^\circ\text{C}$.

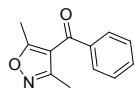


(2-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (5qa): Following *general procedure A*, **5qa** was isolated as a light yellow solid (40 mg, 75%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S9] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (tt, $J = 8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 3 H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 8, 4$, 1 H), 7.07 (td, $J = 8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1 H),

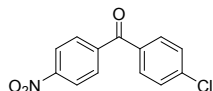
3.75 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.5, 157.3, 137.8, 132.9, 131.9, 129.8, 129.6, 128.8, 128.2, 120.5, 111.4, 55.6 ppm; mp 36-37 $^\circ\text{C}$.



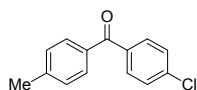
[1, 1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl(phenyl)methanone (5ra): Following *general procedure A* except reducing the amount of PivOH to 0.125 mmol, **5ra** was isolated as a light yellow solid (32 mg, 50%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S10] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.89 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.83 (dd, J = 8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.8, 2 H), 7.64 (dd, J = 8, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.59 (tt, J = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 4 H), 7.40 ppm (tt, J = 8, 2 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.3, 145.2, 140.0, 137.7, 136.2, 132.3, 130.7, 130.0, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 127.0 ppm; mp 100.7-101.5 $^\circ\text{C}$.



(3,5-Dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5sa): Following *general procedure A* except reducing the amount of PivOH to 0.125 mmol, **5sa** was isolated as a colorless liquid (33 mg, 65%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71–7.68 (m, 2 H), 7.59 (tt, J = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.46 (m, 2 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 2.28 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 190.4, 172.3, 159.6, 138.4, 133.2, 128.9, 128.8, 116.5, 13.3, 11.3 ppm.

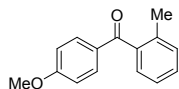


(4-Chlorophenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)methanone (5ob): Following *general procedure A*, **5ob** was isolated as a light pink solid (52 mg, 80%), known compound (CAS: 7497-60-1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.33 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.89 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.49 ppm (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.6, 149.9, 142.5, 140.1, 134.5, 131.4, 130.6, 129.1, 123.7 ppm; mp 89-90 $^\circ\text{C}$.

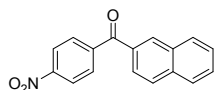


(4-Chlorophenyl)(p-tolyl)methanone (5gb): Following *general procedure A*, **5gb** was isolated as a light pink solid (47 mg, 82%), known compound (CAS: 5395-79-9). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.43 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.27 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2 H), 2.43 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.3, 143.5, 138.6, 136.2, 131.3, 130.2, 129.1, 128.5,

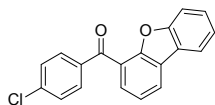
21.7 ppm; mp 123.4-123.9 °C



(4-Methoxyphenyl)(o-tolyl)methanone (5lc): Following *general procedure A*, **5lc** was isolated as a light pink solid (40 mg, 70%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S11] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (td, *J* = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 3 H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 2.28 ppm (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.3, 163.7, 139.2, 136.1, 132.5, 130.8, 130.5, 129.7, 127.9, 125.1, 113.7, 55.5, 19.7 ppm;



Naphthalen-2-yl(4-nitrophenyl)methanone (5od): Following *general procedure A*, **5od** was isolated as a yellow solid (45 mg, 65%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S1] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 8.21 (s, 1 H), 7.99 – 7.95 (m, 3 H), 7.94 – 7.90 (m, 3 H), 7.64 (tt, *J* = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 ppm (tt, *J* = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.8, 149.8, 143.3, 135.7, 133.6, 132.4, 132.2, 130.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 127.9, 127.2, 125.2, 123.6 ppm; mp 129-130 °C



(4-Chlorophenyl)(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)methanone (5ae): Following *general procedure A* except using KOAc (0.05 mmol) instead of PivOH, **5ae** was isolated as a white solid (55 mg, 72%), unknown compound. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (dd, *J* = 8 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.98 (ddd, *J* = 8, 1.6, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 1 H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 4 H), 7.37 ppm (td, *J* = 8, 0.8 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.6, 156.3, 153.7, 139.6, 136.0, 131.5, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 125.6, 124.4, 123.3, 123.2, 122.8, 122.6, 120.7, 112.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₁ClO₂H⁺ [*M* + *H*⁺] *m/z* 307.05257, found *m/z* 307.05203; IR: ν_{max} (KBr) = 3094, 2915, 1653, 1586, 1489, 1457, 1417, 1290, 1184, 1091, 850, 750 cm⁻¹; mp 127-128 °C.

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8. NMR Spectra for Products

