

## Green alternative solvents for the copper-catalysed arylation of phenols and amides

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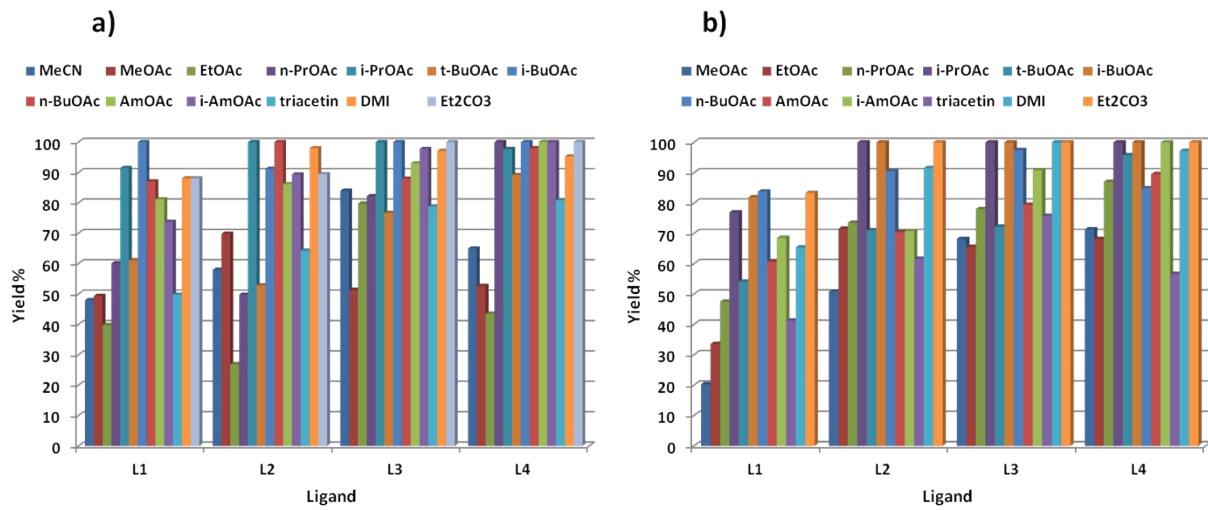
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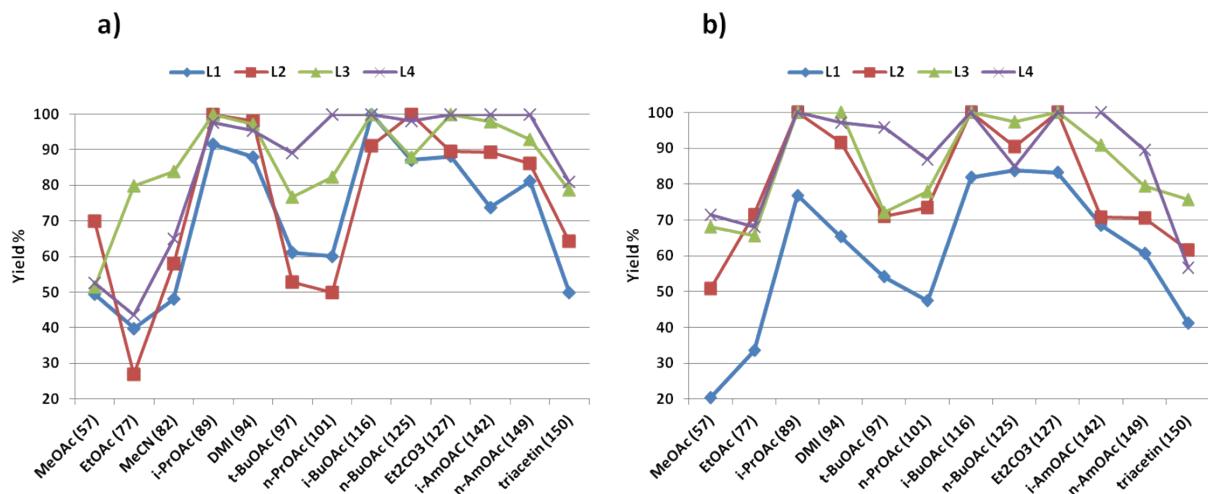
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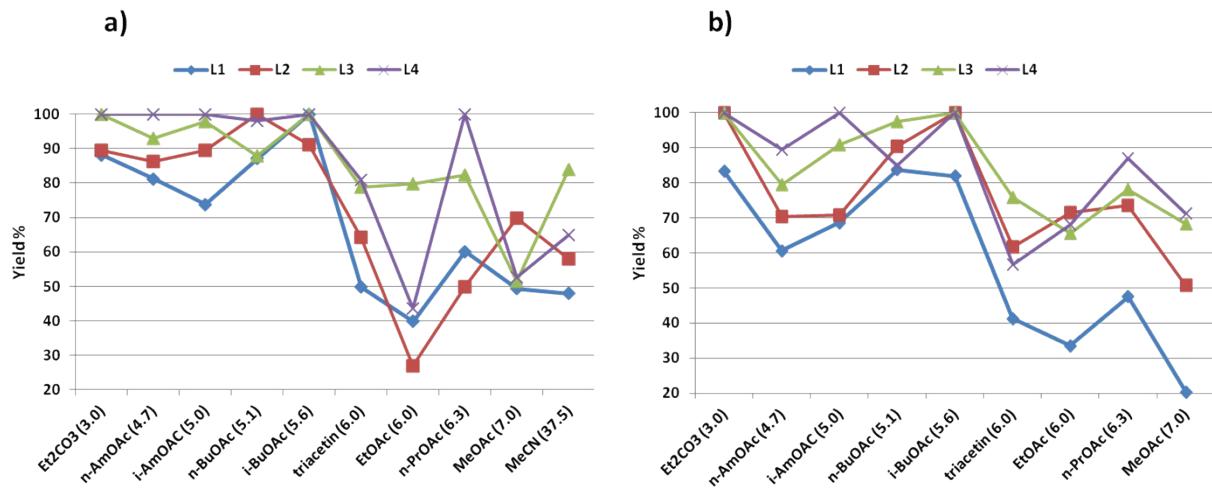
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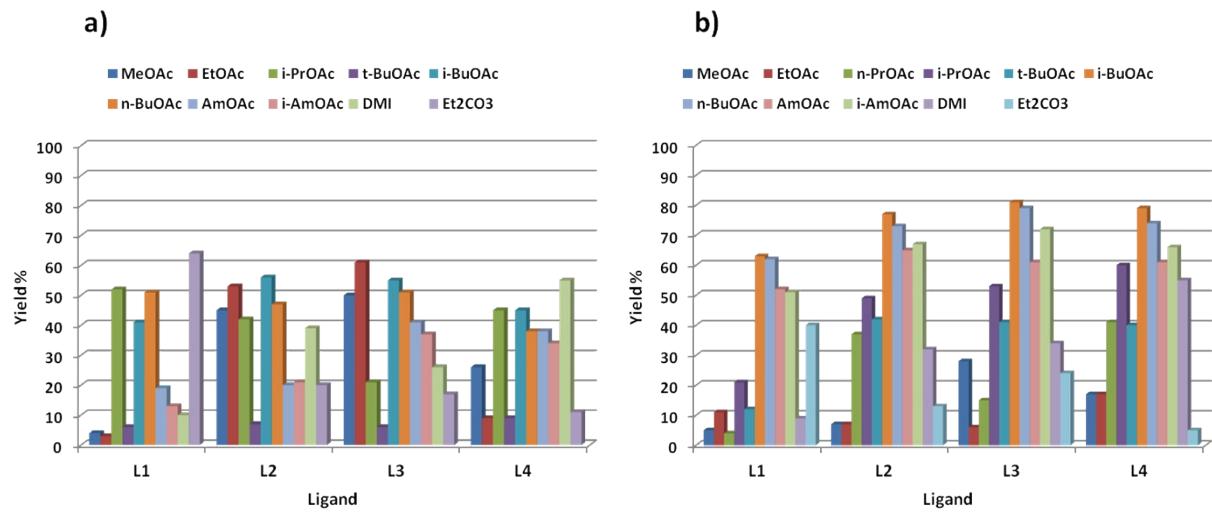
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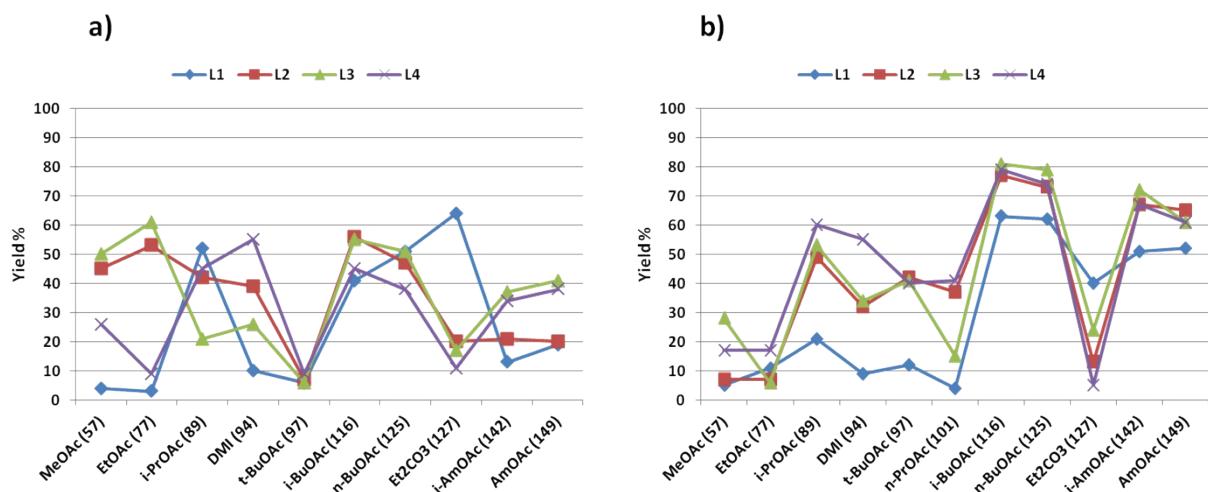
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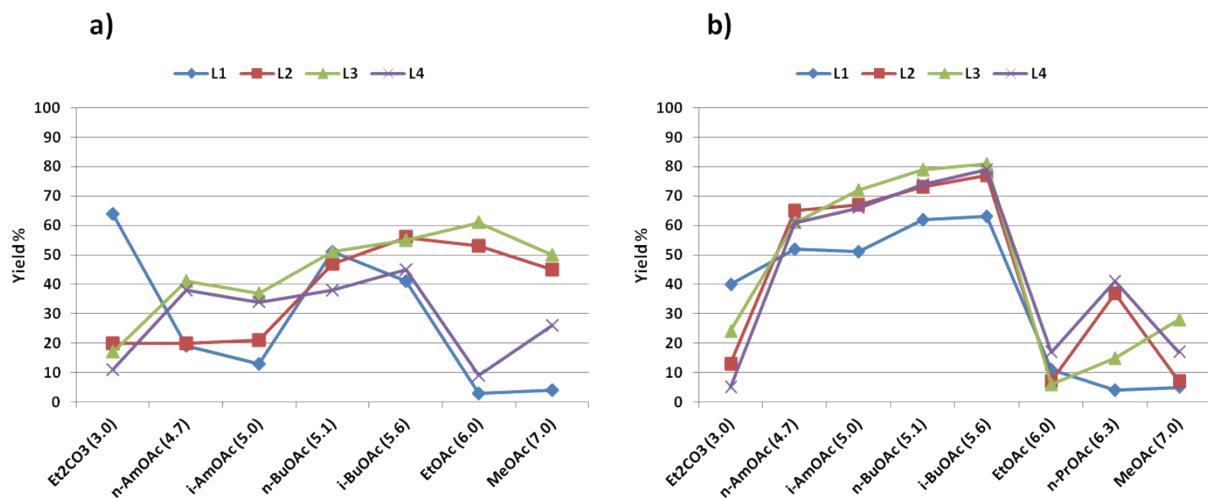
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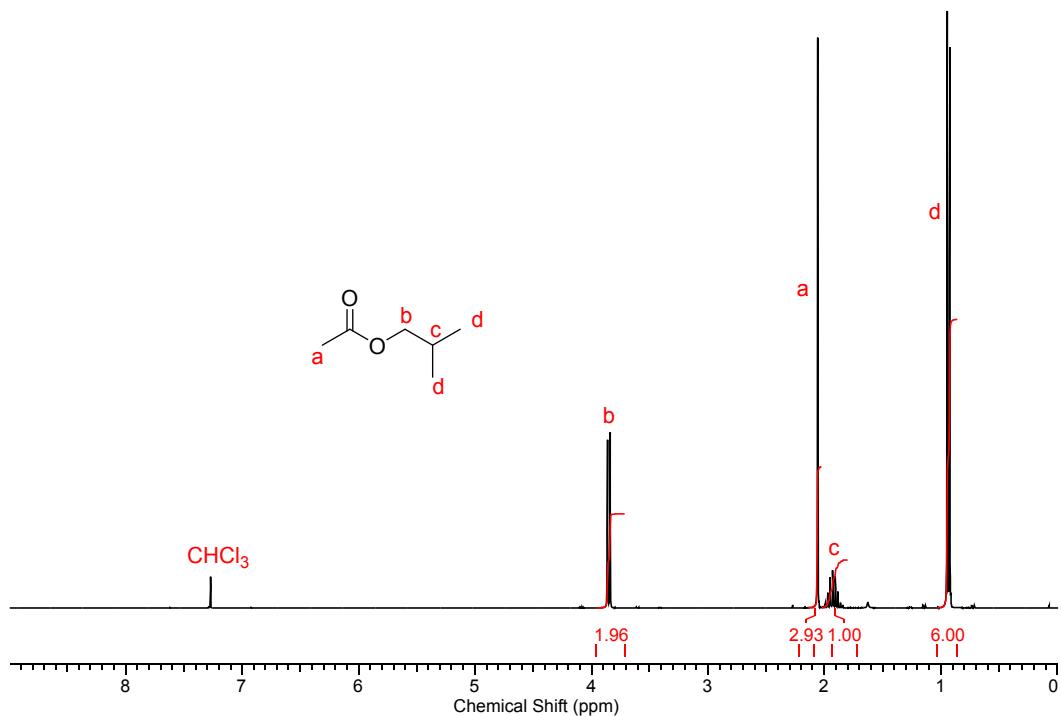
**Figure S4:** Synthesis of amide **25**. Catalytic results ordered according to the ligand: a) base = Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>; b) base = K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>



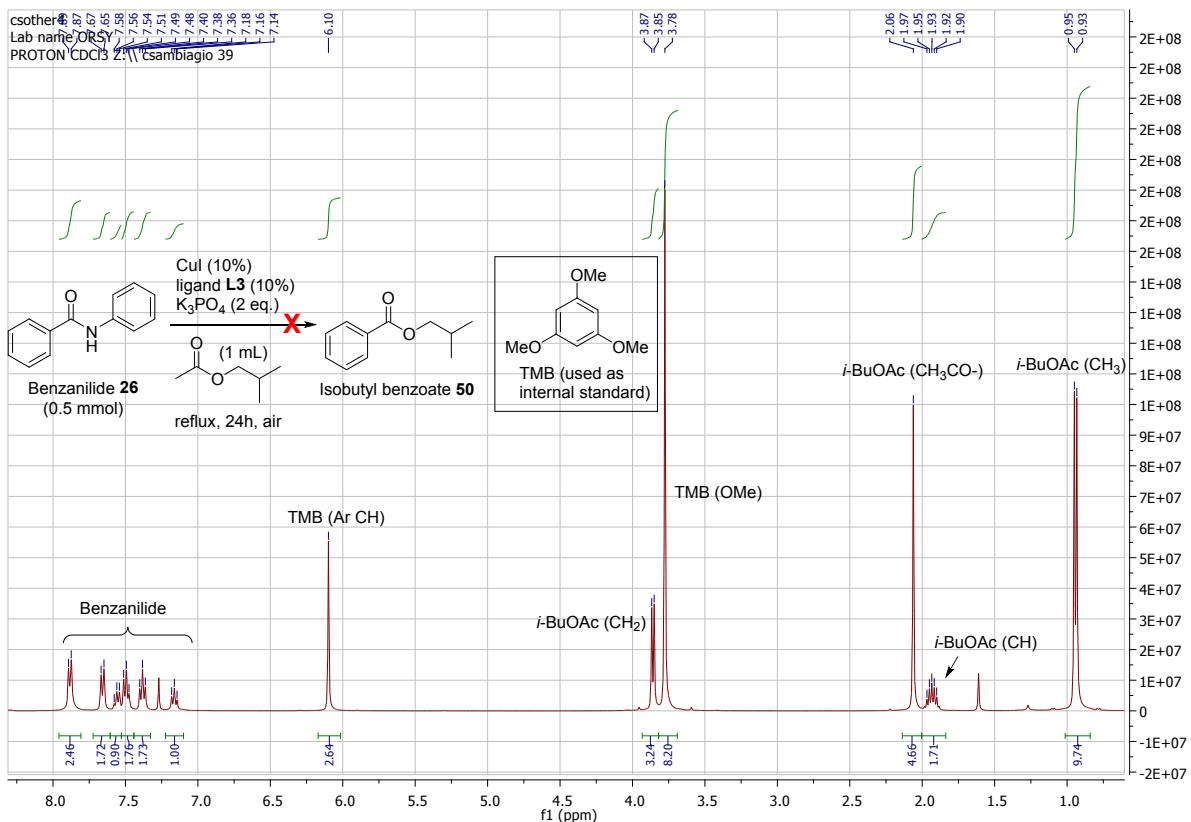
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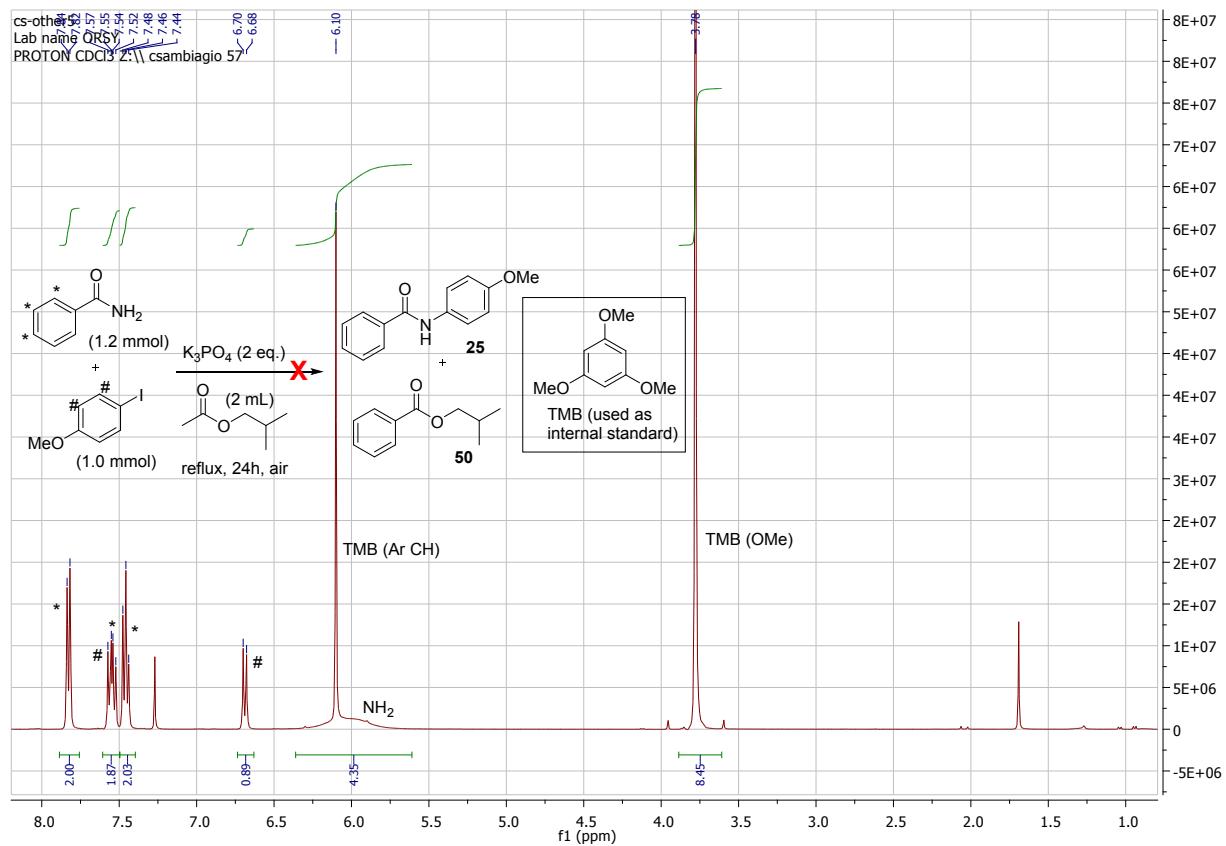
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**Figure S7:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (300 MHz) of the Isobutyl acetate used for the arylation of amides, showing that no free isobutyl alcohol is present in the solvent

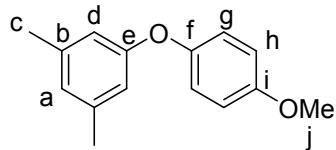


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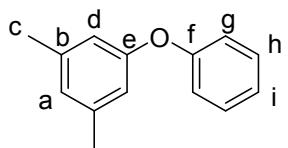
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## Characterisation data for aryl ethers 1-24



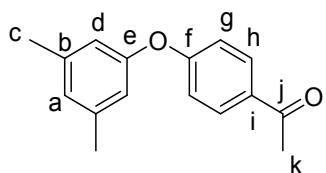
### 5-(4-Methoxyphenoxy)-1,3-dimethylbenzene (1)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc : 100/0 to 95/5); white solid, yield 90% (205 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 6.98 (d, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-h</sub> = 9.2 Hz); 6.89 (d, 2H, H<sub>h</sub>, J<sub>h-g</sub> = 8.9 Hz); 6.70 (s, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>); 6.58 (s, 2H, H<sub>d</sub>); 3.82 (s, 1H, H<sub>j</sub>); 2.28 (s, 6H, H<sub>c</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 158.5; 155.7; 150.3; 139.4; 124.2; 120.8; 115.3; 114.8; 55.6; 21.3. **M/z (HR-APCI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 229.1223. Found: 229.1227. **M.p.**: 72-74°C.



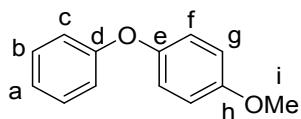
### 1,3-Dimethyl-5-phenoxybenzene (2)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane); colourless oil, yield 99% (197 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.34 (t, 2H, H<sub>h</sub>, J<sub>h-g</sub> = J<sub>h-i</sub> = 8.0 Hz); 7.10 (t, 1H, H<sub>i</sub>, J<sub>i-h</sub> = 7.4 Hz); 7.01 (d, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-h</sub> = 7.7 Hz); 6.76 (s, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>); 6.65 (s, 2H, H<sub>d</sub>); 2.30 (s, 6H, H<sub>c</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 157.4; 157.1; 139.6; 129.6; 125.0; 122.9; 118.8; 116.6; 21.3. **M/z (HR-APCI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 199.1117. Found: 199.1120.



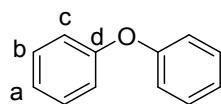
### 5-(4-Acetylphenoxy)-1,3-dimethylbenzene (3)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc : 100/0 to 95/5); yellow solid, yield 93% (222 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.94 (d, 2H, H<sub>h</sub>, J<sub>h-g</sub> = 8.8 Hz); 7.00 (d, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-h</sub> = 8.8 Hz); 6.85 (s, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>); 6.69 (s, 2H, H<sub>d</sub>); 2.58 (s, 3H, H<sub>k</sub>); 2.32 (s, 6H, H<sub>c</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 196.8; 162.2; 155.4; 139.9; 131.7; 130.5; 126.3; 117.8; 117.2; 26.4; 21.3. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 241.1223. Found: 241.1228. **M.p.**: 84-86°C.



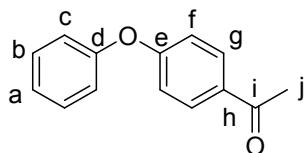
### 4-Phenoxyanisole (4)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc : 100/0 to 95/5); colourless oil, yield 79% (158 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm)**: 7.31 (t, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>, J<sub>b-a</sub> = J<sub>b-c</sub> = 8.0 Hz); 7.05 (t, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>, J<sub>a-b</sub> = 7.4 Hz); 7.00 (d, 2H, H<sub>f</sub>, J<sub>f-g</sub> = 9.0 Hz); 6.96 (d, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>, J<sub>c-b</sub> = 8.5 Hz); 6.90 (d, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-f</sub> = 9.2 Hz); 3.82 (s, 3H, H<sub>i</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm)**: 158.5; 155.9; 150.1; 129.6; 122.4; 120.8; 117.6; 114.9; 55.6. **M/z (HR-APCI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 201.0910. Found: 201.0916.



### Diphenylether (5)

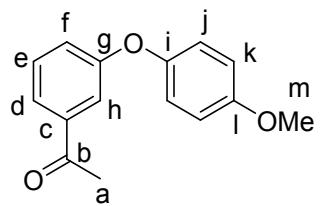
Purified by column chromatography (Hexane); white solid, yield 39% (67 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**: 7.35 (t, 4H, H<sub>b</sub>, J<sub>b-a</sub> = J<sub>b-c</sub> = 8.0 Hz); 7.11 (t, 2H, H<sub>a</sub>, J<sub>a-b</sub> = 7.3 Hz); 7.03 (d, 4H, H<sub>c</sub>, J<sub>c-b</sub> = 7.8 Hz). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**: 157.2; 129.7; 123.2; 118.9. **M/z (HR-APCI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 171.0804. Found: 171.0806. **M.p.**: 33-35°C.



### 4'-Phenoxyacetophenone (6)

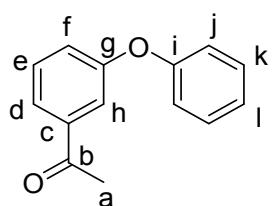
Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt : 100/0 to 95/5); brown oil, yield 97% (205 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**: 7.95 (d, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-f</sub> = 8.5 Hz); 7.41 (t, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>, J<sub>b-a</sub> = J<sub>b-c</sub> = 7.9 Hz); 7.22 (t, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>, J<sub>a-b</sub> = 7.4 Hz);

7.08 (d, 2H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-b}$  = 7.7 Hz); 7.01 (d, 2H,  $H_f$ ,  $J_{f-g}$  = 8.8 Hz); 2.58 (s, 3H,  $H_j$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 196.8; 162.0; 155.5; 131.9; 130.6; 130.0; 124.6; 120.1; 117.3; 26.4. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{NaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 235.0729. Found: 235.0730.



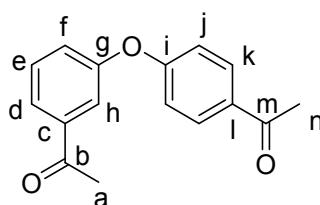
### 3'-(4-Methoxyphenoxy)acetophenone (7)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt : 100/0 to 90/10); yellow oil, yield 59% (143 mg).  **$^1\text{H-NMR (500MHz)}$**   $\delta$ : 7.63 (dd, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-h}$  = 1.1 Hz,  $J_{d-e}$  = 7.8 Hz); 7.49-7.53 (m, 1H,  $H_h$ ); 7.39 (t, 1H,  $H_e$ ,  $J_{e-d}$  =  $J_{e-f}$  = 7.9 Hz); 7.15 (ddd, 1H,  $H_f$ ,  $J_{f-d}$  = 0.9 Hz,  $J_{f-h}$  = 2.4 Hz,  $J_{f-e}$  = 8.1 Hz); 7.00 (d, 2H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-k}$  = 8.9 Hz); 6.91 (d, 2H,  $H_k$ ,  $J_{k-j}$  = 9.1 Hz); 3.83 (s, 3H,  $H_m$ ); 2.57 (s, 3H,  $H_a$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 197.5; 159.0; 156.3; 149.5; 138.8; 129.8; 122.4; 122.1; 121.0; 116.8; 115.1; 55.6; 26.7. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 243.1016. Found: 243.1016.



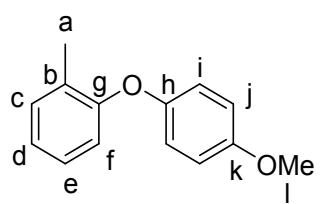
### 3'-Phenoxyacetophenone (8)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt : 100/0 to 95/5); yellow oil, yield 84% (179 mg).  **$^1\text{H-NMR (500MHz)}$**   $\delta$ : 7.69 (d, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-e}$  = 7.7 Hz); 7.58-7.60 (m, 1H,  $H_h$ ); 7.44 (t, 1H,  $H_e$ ,  $J_{e-d}$  =  $J_{e-f}$  = 7.9 Hz); 7.37 (t, 2H,  $H_k$ ,  $J_{k-j}$  =  $J_{k-l}$  = 8.0 Hz); 7.22 (ddd, 1H,  $H_f$ ,  $J_{f-d}$  = 0.9 Hz,  $J_{f-h}$  = 2.4 Hz,  $J_{f-e}$  = 8.1 Hz); 7.15 (t, 1H,  $H_l$ ,  $J_{l-k}$  = 7.4 Hz); 7.03 (d, 2H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-k}$  = 7.7 Hz); 2.59 (s, 3H,  $H_a$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 197.4; 157.8; 156.6; 138.9; 129.9; 123.8; 123.3; 123.1; 119.1; 118.1; 26.7. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{NaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 235.0729. Found: 235.0732.



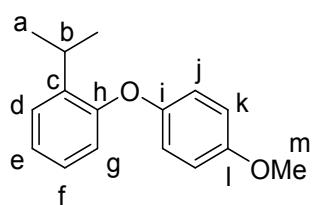
### 3'-(4-Acetylphenoxy)acetophenone (9)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt : 100/0 to 90/10); white solid, yield 90% (230 mg).  **$^1\text{H-NMR (500MHz)}$**   $\delta$ : 7.97 (d, 2H,  $H_k$ ,  $J_{k-j}$  = 9.0 Hz); 7.79 (dd, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-h}$  = 0.9 Hz,  $J_{d-e}$  = 7.7 Hz); 7.67-7.64 (m, 1H,  $H_h$ ); 7.50 (t, 1H,  $H_e$ ,  $J_{e-d}$  =  $J_{e-f}$  = 7.9 Hz); 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H,  $H_f$ ); 7.03 (d, 2H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-k}$  = 9.0 Hz); 2.60 (s, 3H,  $H_a$ ); 2.59 (s, 3H,  $H_n$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 197.1; 196.7; 161.3; 156.1; 139.2; 132.5; 130.7; 130.3; 124.6; 124.4; 119.3; 117.7; 26.7; 26.6. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 277.0835. Found: 277.0846. **M.p.**: 78-80°C.



### 4-(o-Tolyloxy)anisole (10)

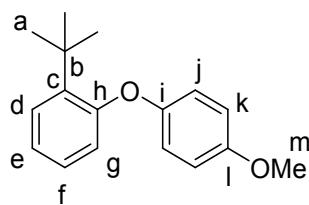
Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/ AcOEt : 100/0 to 95/5); colourless oil, yield 85% (183 mg).  **$^1\text{H-NMR (500MHz)}$**   $\delta$ : 7.24 (d, 1H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-d}$  = 7.5 Hz); 7.13 (t, 1H,  $H_e$ ,  $J_{e-d}$  =  $J_{e-f}$  = 7.5 Hz); 7.02 (t, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-c}$  =  $J_{d-e}$  = 7.3 Hz); 6.91-6.86 (m, 4H,  $H_{i,j}$ ); 6.81 (d, 1H,  $H_f$ ,  $J_{f-e}$  = 7.9 Hz); 3.81 (s, 3H,  $H_l$ ); 2.29 (s, 3H,  $H_a$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 155.8; 155.3; 151.1; 131.3; 129.1; 126.9; 123.1; 119.3; 118.0; 114.8; 55.7; 16.2. **M/z (HR-APCI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 215.1067. Found: 215.1070.



### 1-Isopropyl-2-(4-methoxyphenoxy)benzene (11)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt : 100/0 to 95/5); yellow oil, yield 72% (175 mg).  **$^1\text{H-NMR (500MHz)}$**   $\delta$ : 7.33 (dd, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-f}$  = 1.6 Hz,  $J_{d-e}$  = 7.6 Hz); 7.12 (dt, 1H,  $H_f$ ,  $J_{f-d}$  = 1.8 Hz,  $J_{f-e}$  =  $J_{f-g}$  = 7.8 Hz); 7.08 (dt, 1H,  $H_e$ ,  $J_{e-g}$  = 1.3 Hz,  $J_{e-d}$  =  $J_{e-f}$  = 7.4 Hz); 6.91 (d, 2H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-k}$  = 9.4

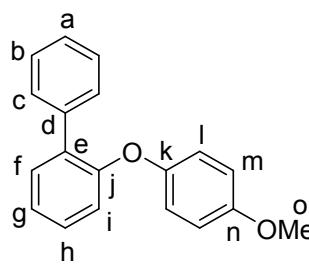
Hz); 6.87 (d, 2H,  $H_k$ ,  $J_{k-j} = 9.2$  Hz); 6.79 (dd, 1H,  $H_g$ ,  $J_{g-e} = 1.3$  Hz,  $J_{g-f} = 7.9$  Hz); 3.81 (s, 3H,  $H_m$ ); 3.37 (sept, 1H,  $H_b$ ,  $J_{b-a} = 6.9$  Hz); 1.27 (d, 6H,  $H_a$ ,  $J_{a-b} = 6.9$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)  $\delta$ : 155.3; 154.9; 151.5; 139.4; 126.8; 126.7; 123.3; 119.4; 118.2; 114.8; 55.7; 27.1; 22.9. M/z (HR-APCI+): calcd. for  $C_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 243.1380. Found: 243.1388.



### 1-(*Tert*-butyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenoxy)benzene (12)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt : 100/0 to 95/5); brown oil, yield 75% (192 mg).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.39 (dd, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-f} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{d-e} = 7.8$  Hz); 7.11 (dt, 1H,  $H_f$ ,  $J_{f-d} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{f-e} = J_{f-g} = 7.7$  Hz); 7.01 (dt, 1H,  $H_e$ ,  $J_{e-g} = 1.1$  Hz,  $J_{e-d} = J_{e-f} = 7.6$  Hz); 6.95 (d, 2H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-k} = 9.2$

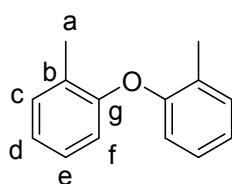
Hz); 6.89 (d, 2H,  $H_k$ ,  $J_{k-j} = 9.1$  Hz); 6.76 (dd, 1H,  $H_g$ ,  $J_{g-e} = 1.1$  Hz,  $J_{g-f} = 8.0$  Hz); 3.81 (s, 3H,  $H_m$ ); 1.45 (s, 9H,  $H_a$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)  $\delta$ : 157.0; 155.4; 151.0; 140.2; 127.0; 127.0; 122.5; 120.2; 118.8; 114.8; 55.7; 34.8; 30.0. M/z (HR-APCI+): calcd. for  $C_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 257.1536. Found: 257.1544.



### 2-(4-Methoxyphenoxy)-1,1'-biphenyl (13)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt : 100/0 to 95/5); yellow oil, yield 69% (190 mg).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.59 (d, 2H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-b} = 8.5$  Hz); 7.44 (dd, 1H,  $H_f$ ,  $J_{f-h} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{f-g} = 7.6$  Hz); 7.40 (t, 2H,  $H_b$ ,  $J_{b-a} = J_{b-c} = 7.5$  Hz); 7.32 (t, 1H,  $H_a$ ,  $J_{a-b} = 7.5$  Hz); 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H,  $H_h$ ); 7.17 (dt, 1H,  $H_g$ ,  $J_{g-i} = 1.1$  Hz,  $J_{g-f} = J_{g-h} = 7.3$  Hz); 6.93-6.91 (m, 3H,  $H_{i,j}$ ); 6.84 (d, 2H,  $H_m$ ,  $J_{m-l} = 9.2$  Hz); 3.79 (s, 3H,  $H_o$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)  $\delta$ : 155.5;

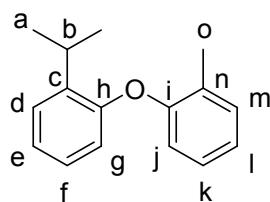
154.8; 150.9; 137.9; 132.8; 131.2; 129.3; 128.6; 128.1; 127.1; 123.2; 120.0; 118.6; 114.8; 55.6. M/z (HR-APCI+): calcd. for  $C_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 277.1223. Found: 277.1219.



### Di-(*o*-tolyl)ether (14)

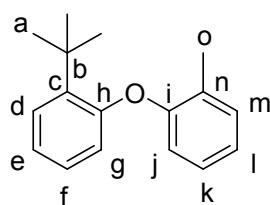
Purified by chromatography (Hexane); colourless oil, yield 24% (48 mg).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.26 (d, 2H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-d} = 6.8$  Hz); 7.13 (t, 2H,  $H_e$ ,  $J_{e-d} = J_{e-f} = 7.3$  Hz); 7.02 (t, 2H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-c} = J_{d-e} = 7.4$  Hz); 6.73 (d, 2H,  $H_f$ ,  $J_{f-e} = 8.1$  Hz); 2.30 (s, 6H,  $H_a$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)  $\delta$ : 155.2; 131.3; 128.8; 127.0; 123.0; 117.6; 16.1.

M/z (HR-APCI+): calcd. for  $C_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 199.1117. Found: 119.1124.



### 1-Isopropyl-2-(*o*-tolyloxy)benzene (15)

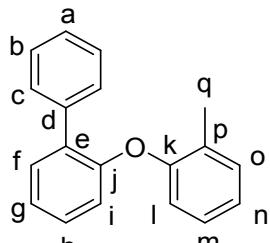
Purified by column chromatography (Hexane); colourless oil, yield 15% (33 mg).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.34 (dd, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-f} = 1.8$  Hz,  $J_{d-e} = 7.3$  Hz); 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H,  $H_m$ ); 7.15-7.06 (m, 3H,  $H_{e,f,k}$ ); 7.02 (t, 1H,  $H_l$ ,  $J_{l-k} = J_{l-m} = 7.4$  Hz); 6.76 (d, 1H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-k} = 8.0$  Hz); 6.71 (dd, 1H,  $H_g$ ,  $J_{g-e} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{g-f} = 7.8$  Hz); 3.36 (sept, 1H,  $H_b$ ,  $J_{b-a} = 6.9$  Hz); 2.32 (s, 3H,  $H_o$ ); 1.29 (d, 6H,  $H_a$ ,  $J_{a-b} = 7.1$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)  $\delta$ : 155.5; 154.3; 139.0; 131.2; 129.0; 127.0; 126.8; 126.7; 123.1; 123.0; 117.8; 117.6; 27.2; 22.9; 16.2. M/z (HR-APCI+): calcd. for  $C_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 227.1430. Found: 227.1436.



### 1-(*Tert*-butyl)-2-(*o*-tolyloxy)benzene (16)

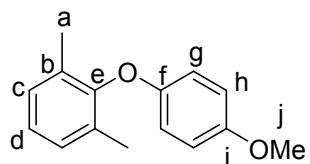
Purified by column chromatography (Hexane); colourless oil, yield 17% (41 mg).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.41 (dd, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-f} = 1.4$  Hz,  $J_{d-e} = 7.8$  Hz); 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H,  $H_m$ ); 7.15 (t, 1H,  $H_k$ ,  $J_{k-j} = J_{k-l} = 7.3$  Hz); 7.10 (t, 1H,  $H_f$ ,  $J_{f-e} = J_{f-g} = 7.7$  Hz); 7.05-7.00 (m, 2H,  $H_{e,l}$ ); 6.82 (d, 1H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-k} = 8.0$  Hz); 6.66 (dd, 1H,  $H_g$ ,

$J_{g-e} = 0.9$  Hz,  $J_{g-f} = 8.0$  Hz); 2.33 (s, 3H, H<sub>o</sub>); 1.48 (s, 9H, H<sub>a</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)** δ: 155.3; 155.1; 139.8; 131.2; 129.6; 127.1; 127.1; 127.0; 123.2; 122.4; 118.7; 118.0; 34.8; 30.1; 16.4. **M/z (HR-APCI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 241.1587. Found: 241.1591.



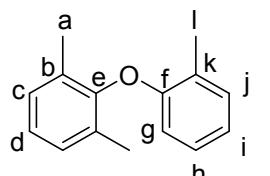
### 2-(*o*-Tolyl)oxy-1,1'-biphenyl (17)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane); colourless oil, yield 13% (35 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)** δ: 7.61 (d, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>, J<sub>c-b</sub> = 7.1 Hz); 7.46 (dd, 1H, H<sub>f</sub>, J<sub>f-h</sub> = 1.5 Hz, J<sub>f-g</sub> = 7.7 Hz); 7.39 (t, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>, J<sub>b-c</sub> = 7.6 Hz); 7.32 (t, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>, J<sub>a-b</sub> = 7.3 Hz); 7.29-7.24 (m, 1H, H<sub>h</sub>); 7.22-7.15 (m, 2H, H<sub>g,o</sub>); 7.11 (t, 1H, H<sub>m</sub>, J<sub>m-l</sub> = J<sub>m-n</sub> = 7.6 Hz); 7.00 (t, 1H, H<sub>n</sub>, J<sub>n-m</sub> = J<sub>n-o</sub> = 7.4 Hz); 6.85 (d, 1H, H<sub>i</sub>, J<sub>i-h</sub> = 8.1 Hz); 6.82 (d, 1H, H<sub>l</sub>, J<sub>l-m</sub> = 8.1 Hz); 2.24 (s, 3H, H<sub>q</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)** δ: 155.1; 154.1; 138.0; 132.7; 131.2; 129.3; 129.2; 128.5; 128.0; 127.1, 127.0; 123.2; 123.1; 118.3; 118.1; 16.3. **M/z (HR-APCI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 261.1274. Found: 261.1272.



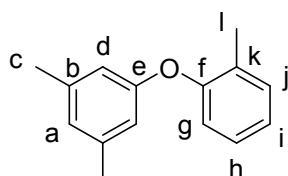
### 2-(4-Methoxyphenoxy)-1,3-dimethylbenzene (18)

Purified by chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt : 100/0 to 95/5); yellow oil, yield 37% (85 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)** δ: 7.12-7.02 (m, 3H, H<sub>c,d</sub>); 6.80 (d, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-h</sub> = 9.1 Hz); 6.69 (d, 2H, H<sub>h</sub>, J<sub>h-g</sub> = 9.2 Hz); 3.77 (s, 3H, H<sub>m</sub>); 2.14 (s, 6H, H<sub>a</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)** δ: 154.1; 152.0; 151.5; 131.6; 128.9; 124.9; 115.2; 114.7; 55.7; 16.3. **M/z (HR-APCI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 229.1223. Found: 229.1229.



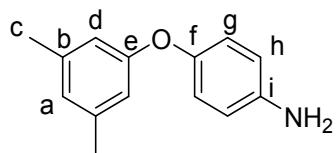
### 1,3-Dimethyl-2-(*o*-tolyl)oxybenzene (19)

Purified by chromatography (Hexane); colourless oil, yield 22% (46 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)** δ: 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H, H<sub>j</sub>); 7.12-7.04 (m, 3H, H<sub>c,d</sub>); 6.98 (dt, 1H, H<sub>h</sub>, J<sub>h-j</sub> = 1.2 Hz, J<sub>h-g</sub> = J<sub>h-i</sub> = 6.9 Hz); 6.88 (t, 1H, H<sub>i</sub>, J<sub>i-h</sub> = J<sub>i-j</sub> = 7.1 Hz); 6.27 (d, 1H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-h</sub> = 8.1 Hz); 2.44 (s, 3H, H<sub>l</sub>); 2.12 (s, 6H, H<sub>a</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)** δ: 155.7; 151.5; 131.4; 131.0; 128.9; 126.7; 126.0; 124.8; 120.9; 111.8; 16.2; 16.1. **M/z (HR-APCI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 213.1274. Found: 213.1274.



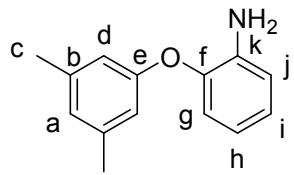
### 1,3-Dimethyl-5-(*o*-tolyl)oxybenzene (20)

Purified by chromatography (Hexane); colourless oil, yield 45% (95 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300MHz)** δ: 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H, H<sub>j</sub>); 7.17 (dt, 1H, H<sub>h</sub>, J<sub>h-j</sub> = 1.7 Hz, J<sub>h-g</sub> = J<sub>h-i</sub> = 7.7 Hz); 7.07 (dt, 1H, H<sub>i</sub>, J<sub>i-g</sub> = 1.2 Hz, J<sub>i-h</sub> = J<sub>i-j</sub> = 7.4 Hz); 6.91 (d, 1H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-h</sub> = 8.1 Hz); 6.70 (s, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>); 6.55 (s, 2H, H<sub>d</sub>); 2.28 (s, 6H, H<sub>c</sub>); 2.26 (s, 3H, H<sub>l</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (75MHz)** δ: 157.9; 154.6; 139.5; 131.3; 129.9; 127.0; 124.1; 123.7; 119.7; 115.0; 21.3; 16.2. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 213.1274. Found: 213.1270.



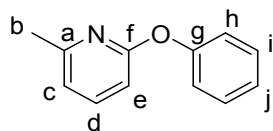
### 4-(3,5-Dimethylphenoxy)aniline (21)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt : 100/0 to 90/10); brown oil, yield 79% (168 mg). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)** δ: 6.88 (d, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-h</sub> = 8.8 Hz); 6.70 (d, 2H, H<sub>h</sub>, J<sub>h-g</sub> = 8.8 Hz); 6.68 (s, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>); 6.57 (s, 2H, H<sub>d</sub>); 3.58 (broad s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>); 2.27 (s, 6H, H<sub>c</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)** δ: 158.8; 148.9; 142.3; 139.3; 123.8; 121.1; 116.3; 114.9; 21.3. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NNaO [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 236.1046. Found: 236.1048.



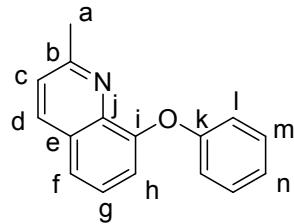
**2-(3,5-Dimethylphenoxy)aniline (22)**

Purified by chromatography (Hexane/ AcOEt : 100/0 to 90/10); brown oil, yield 71% (151 mg).  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.00 (dt, 1H,  $H_i$ ,  $J_{i-g} = 1.3$  Hz,  $J_{i-h} = J_{i-j} = 7.6$  Hz); 6.89 (dd, 1H,  $H_g$ ,  $J_{g-i} = 1.3$  Hz,  $J_{g-h} = 7.9$  Hz); 6.84 (dd, 1H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-h} = 1.3$  Hz,  $J_{j-i} = 7.9$  Hz); 6.76-6.71 (m, 2H,  $H_{a,h}$ ); 6.61 (s, 2H,  $H_d$ ); 3.73 (broad s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ); 2.29 (s, 6H,  $H_c$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}-\text{NMR}$  (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 157.5; 143.3; 139.5; 138.5; 124.6; 124.4; 120.2; 118.8; 116.5; 114.8; 21.3. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $C_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 236.1046. Found: 236.1043.



**2-Methyl-6-phenoxyypyridine (23)**

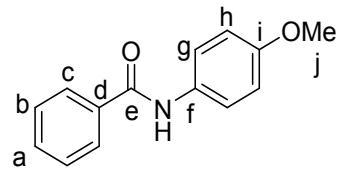
Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt : 100/0 to 95/5); yellow oil, yield 17% (31 mg).  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.54 (t, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-c} = J_{d-e} = 7.7$  Hz); 7.38 (t, 2H,  $H_i$ ,  $J_{i-h} = J_{i-j} = 8.1$  Hz); 7.18 (t, 1H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-i} = 7.4$  Hz); 7.13 (d, 2H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-i} = 7.5$  Hz); 6.88 (d, 1H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-d} = 7.5$  Hz); 6.58 (d, 1H,  $H_e$  = 8.1 Hz); 2.47 (s, 3H,  $H_b$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}-\text{NMR}$  (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 163.1; 157.6; 154.7; 139.5; 129.6; 124.3; 120.7; 118.0; 107.5; 24.1. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $C_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NNaO}$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 208.0733. Found: 208.0733.



**2-Methyl-8-phenoxyquinoline (24)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt : 100/0 to 95/5); white solid, yield 21% (50 mg).  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 8.08 (d, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-c} = 8.5$  Hz); 7.49 (dd, 1H,  $H_f$ ,  $J_{f,h} = 1.1$  Hz,  $J_{f,g} = 8.3$  Hz); 7.40-7.32 (m, 4H,  $H_{c,g,m}$ ); 7.18-7.13 (m, 3H,  $H_{l,n}$ ); 7.01 (dd, 1H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-f} = 1.1$  Hz;  $J_{h-g} = 7.6$  Hz); 2.79 (s, 3H,  $H_a$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}-\text{NMR}$  (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 159.0; 157.1; 153.6; 140.0; 136.4; 129.7; 128.0; 125.6; 123.8; 122.9; 121.9; 120.4; 115.5; 25.6. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $C_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NNaO}$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 258.0889. Found: 258.0889. **M.p.:** 97-99°C.

## Characterisation data for amides 25-49



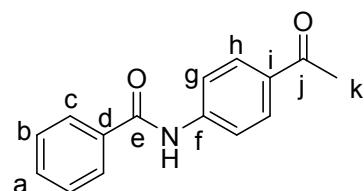
### *N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)benzamide (25)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 95/5 to 80/20). White solid, yield 83% (189 mg, 0.83 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.87 (d, 2H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-b}$  = 6.8 Hz); 7.78 (broad s, 1H, NH); 7.59-7.44 (m, 5H,  $H_{a,b,g}$ ); 6.92 (d, 2H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-g}$  = 9.1 Hz); 3.82 (s, 3H,  $H_j$ ). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (75MHz)**  $\delta$ : 165.6; 156.6; 135.0; 131.7; 131.0; 128.7; 127.0; 122.1; 114.2; 55.5. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{13}NNaO_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 250.0838. Found: 250.0837.



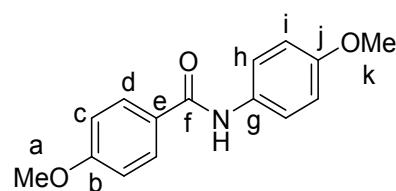
### *N*-Phenylbenzamide (26)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 90/10 to 80/20). White solid, yield 85% (167 mg, 0.85 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.89 (d, 2H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-b}$  = 7.1 Hz); 7.81 (broad s, 1H, NH); 7.66 (d, 2H,  $H_g$ ,  $J_{g-h}$  = 7.7 Hz); 7.60-7.54 (m, 1H,  $H_a$ ); 7.51 (t, 2H,  $H_b$ ,  $J_{b-a}$  =  $J_{b-c}$  = 7.5 Hz); 7.39 (t, 2H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-g}$  =  $J_{h-i}$  = 7.9 Hz); 7.17 (t, 1H,  $H_i$ ,  $J_{i-h}$  = 7.3 Hz). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 165.6; 138.1; 135.3; 131.8; 129.1; 128.8; 127.0; 124.6; 120.3. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $C_{13}H_{12}NO$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 198.0913. Found: 198.0918.



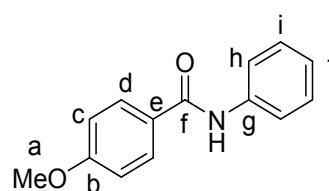
### *N*-(4-Acetylphenyl)benzamide (27)

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 85/15 to 65/35). Yellow solid, yield 59% (141 mg, 0.59 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 8.03-7.99 [(d, 2H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-g}$  = 8.8 Hz), and (broad s, 1H, NH)]; 7.90 (d, 2H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-b}$  = 7.1 Hz); 7.78 (d, 2H,  $H_g$ ,  $J_{g-h}$  = 8.8 Hz); 7.60 (t, 1H,  $H_a$ ,  $J_{a-b}$  = 7.5 Hz); 7.53 (t, 2H,  $H_b$ ,  $J_{b-a}$  =  $J_{b-c}$  = 7.6 Hz); 2.61 (s, 3H,  $H_k$ ). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 196.6; 165.7; 142.3; 134.7; 133.5; 132.2; 129.8; 129.0; 127.1; 119.4; 26.3. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{14}NO_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 240.1019. Found: 240.1020.



### 4-Methoxy-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzamide (28)

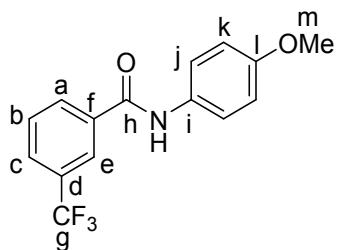
Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 90/10 to 20/80). Yellow solid, yield 67% (173 mg, 0.67 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.84 (d, 2H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-c}$  = 9.0 Hz); 7.65 (broad s, 1H, NH); 7.53 (d, 2H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-i}$  = 9.0 Hz); 6.98 (d, 2H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-d}$  = 8.8 Hz); 6.92 (d, 2H,  $H_i$ ,  $J_{i-h}$  = 9.0 Hz); 3.88 (s, 3H,  $H_a$ ); 3.82 (s, 3H,  $H_k$ ). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 165.1; 162.6; 156.8; 131.4; 128.8; 127.5; 122.2; 114.5; 114.1; 55.6; 55.5. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{15}NNaO_3$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 280.0944. Found: 280.0948.



### 4-Methoxy-*N*-phenylbenzamide (29)

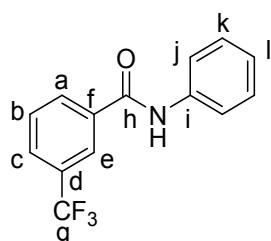
Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 95/5 to 70/30). White solid, yield 88% (200 mg, 0.88 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.85 (d, 2H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-c}$  = 8.8 Hz); 7.74 (broad s, 1H, NH); 7.64 (d, 2H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-i}$  = 8.5 Hz); 7.38 (t, 2H,  $H_i$ ,  $J_{i-h}$  =  $J_{i-j}$  = 7.9 Hz); 7.15 (t, 1H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-i}$  = 7.4 Hz);

6.99 (d, 2H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-d} = 8.8$  Hz); 3.89 (s, 3H,  $H_a$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 165.1; 162.7; 138.3; 129.1; 128.9; 127.5; 124.4; 120.3; 114.1; 55.5. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 250.0838. Found: 250.0837.



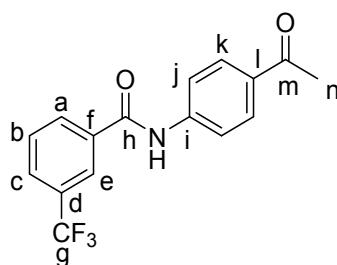
#### **N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (30)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 90/10 to 60/40). Orange solid, yield 66% (195 mg, 0.66 mmols).  **$^1\text{H-NMR (500MHz)}$**   $\delta$ : 8.12 (s, 1H,  $H_e$ ); 8.04 (d, 1H,  $H_a$ ,  $J_{a-b} = 7.5$  Hz); 7.90 (broad s, 1H, NH); 7.79 (d, 1H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-b} = 7.7$  Hz); 7.60 (t, 1H,  $H_b$ ,  $J_{b-a} = J_{b-c} = 7.7$  Hz); 7.53 (d, 2H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-k} = 8.8$  Hz); 6.91 (d, 2H,  $H_k$ ,  $J_{k-j} = 9.0$  Hz); 3.82 (s, 3H,  $H_m$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 164.3; 157.0; 135.9; 131.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 32$  Hz); 130.5; 130.3; 129.4; 128.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 3$  Hz); 124.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 3$  Hz); 123.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 272$  Hz); 122.4; 114.3; 55.5. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 318.0712. Found: 318.0713.



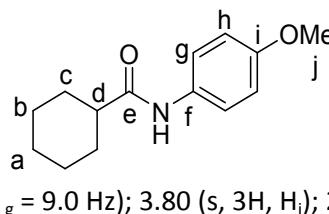
#### **N-Phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (31)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 95/5 to 80/20). Off-white solid, yield 81% (216 mg, 0.81 mmols).  **$^1\text{H-NMR (500MHz)}$**   $\delta$ : 8.12 (s, 1H,  $H_e$ ); 8.07 (broad s, 1H, NH); 8.04 (d, 1H,  $H_a$ ,  $J_{a-b} = 8.0$  Hz); 7.79 (d, 1H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-b} = 7.8$  Hz); 7.64 (d, 2H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-k} = 8.0$  Hz); 7.60 (t, 1H,  $H_b$ ,  $J_{b-a} = J_{b-c} = 7.8$  Hz); 7.37 (t, 2H,  $H_k$ ,  $J_{k-j} = J_{k-l} = 7.9$  Hz); 7.18 (t, 1H,  $H_l$ ,  $J_{l-k} = 7.3$  Hz).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 164.4; 137.5; 135.8; 131.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 33$  Hz); 130.4; 129.4; 129.1; 128.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 4$  Hz); 125.0; 124.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 4$  Hz); 123.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 273$  Hz); 120.5. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 288.0607. Found: 288.0604.



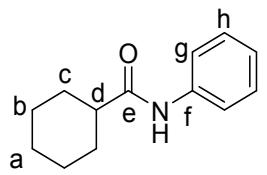
#### **N-(4-Acetylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (32)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 85/15 to 60/40). White solid, yield 56% (173 mg, 0.56 mmols).  **$^1\text{H-NMR (500MHz)}$**   $\delta$ : 8.45 (broad s, 1H, NH); 8.15 (s, 1H,  $H_e$ ); 8.09 (d, 1H,  $H_a$ ,  $J_{a-b} = 7.8$  Hz); 7.97 (d, 2H,  $H_k$ ,  $J_{k-j} = 8.5$  Hz); 7.83-7.77 (m, 3H,  $H_{c,j}$ ); 7.63 (t, 1H,  $H_b$ ,  $J_{b-a} = J_{b-c} = 7.8$  Hz); 2.59 (s, 3H,  $H_n$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 197.2; 164.5; 142.0; 135.3; 133.4; 131.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 33$  Hz); 130.5; 129.8; 129.5; 128.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 4$  Hz); 124.1 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 4$  Hz); 123.5 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 273$  Hz); 119.6; 26.4. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 308.0898. Found: 308.0909.



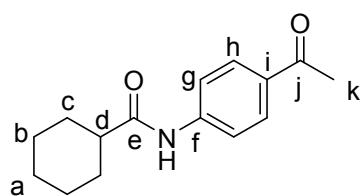
#### **N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (33)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 85/15 to 70/30). White solid, yield 71% (165 mg, 0.71 mmols).  **$^1\text{H-NMR (500MHz)}$**   $\delta$ : 7.43 (d, 2H,  $H_g$ ,  $J_{g-h} = 9.0$  Hz); 7.04 (broad s, 1H, NH); 6.86 (d, 2H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-g} = 9.0$  Hz); 3.80 (s, 3H,  $H_j$ ); 2.25-1.21 (6 multiplets, 11H,  $H_{a-d}$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 174.1; 156.3; 131.2; 121.6; 114.1; 55.5; 46.4; 29.7; 25.7. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 256.1308. Found: 256.1305.



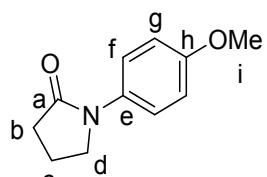
**N-Phenylcyclohexanecarboxamide (34)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 95/5 to 70/30). White solid, yield 78% (159 mg, 0.78 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.53 (d, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-h</sub> = 7.9 Hz); 7.32 (t, 2H, H<sub>h</sub>, J<sub>h-g</sub> = J<sub>h-i</sub> = 7.9 Hz); 7.16 (broad s, 1H, NH); 7.10 (t, 1H, H<sub>i</sub>, J<sub>i-h</sub> = 7.4 Hz); 2.28-1.24 (6 multiplets, 11H, H<sub>a-d</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 174.1; 138.3; 129.0; 124.1; 119.9; 46.6; 29.8; 25.8; 25.7. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 204.1383. Found: 204.1384.



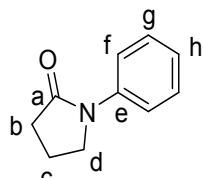
**N-(4-Acetylphenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (35)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 85/15 to 65/35). White solid, yield 72% (177 mg, 0.72 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.94 (d, 2H, H<sub>h</sub>, J<sub>h-g</sub> = 8.8 Hz); 7.64 (d, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-h</sub> = 8.8 Hz); 7.35 (broad s, 1H, NH); 2.58 (s, 3H, H<sub>k</sub>); 2.31-1.22 (6 multiplets, 11H, H<sub>a-d</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 196.6; 174.3; 142.5; 133.1; 129.7; 119.0; 46.7; 29.7; 26.2; 25.7; 25.7. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 246.1489. Found: 246.1489.



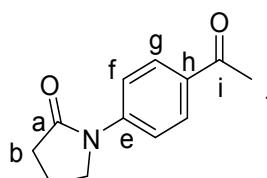
**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (36)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 85/15 to 55/45). White solid, yield 97% (185 mg, 0.97 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.50 (d, 2H, H<sub>f</sub>, J<sub>f-g</sub> = 8.9 Hz); 6.91 (d, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-f</sub> = 8.9 Hz); 3.83 (t, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>, J<sub>b-c</sub> = 7.1 Hz); 3.81 (s, 3H, H<sub>i</sub>); 2.60 (t, 2H, H<sub>d</sub>, J<sub>d-c</sub> = 8.0 Hz); 2.16 (quint, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>, J<sub>c-b</sub> = J<sub>c-d</sub> = 7.8 Hz). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 173.9; 156.6; 132.6; 121.8; 114.0; 55.5; 49.2; 32.4; 18.0. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 214.0838. Found: 214.0842.



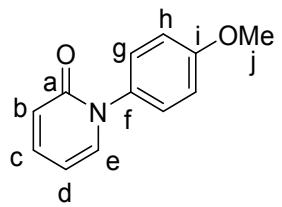
**1-Phenylpyrrolidin-2-one (37)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 90/10 to 60/40). White solid, yield 97% (157 mg, 0.97 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.62 (d, 2H, H<sub>f</sub>, J<sub>f-g</sub> = 8.0 Hz); 7.38 (t, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-f</sub> = J<sub>g-h</sub> = 7.8 Hz); 7.15 (t, 1H, H<sub>h</sub>, J<sub>h-g</sub> = 7.2 Hz); 3.87 (t, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>, J<sub>b-c</sub> = 7.0 Hz); 2.62 (t, 2H, H<sub>d</sub>, J<sub>d-c</sub> = 8.0 Hz); 2.17 (quint, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>, J<sub>c-b</sub> = J<sub>c-d</sub> = 7.5 Hz). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 174.1; 139.4; 128.8; 124.5; 119.9; 48.7; 32.7; 18.0. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 162.0913. Found: 162.0911.



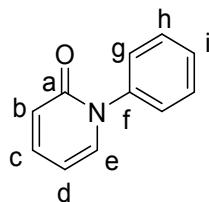
**1-(4-Acetylphenyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (38)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 85/15 to 50/50). White solid, yield 87% (176 mg, 0.87 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.98 (d, 2H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-f</sub> = 8.8 Hz); 7.76 (d, 2H, H<sub>f</sub>, J<sub>f-g</sub> = 8.8 Hz); 3.92 (t, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>, J<sub>b-c</sub> = 7.1 Hz); 2.66 (t, 2H, H<sub>d</sub>, J<sub>d-c</sub> = 8.1 Hz); 2.59 (s, 3H, H<sub>j</sub>); 2.21 (quint, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>, J<sub>c-b</sub> = J<sub>c-d</sub> = 7.6 Hz). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 196.7; 174.5; 143.7; 133.1; 129.3; 118.8; 48.5; 32.8; 26.3; 17.9. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 226.0838. Found: 226.0842.



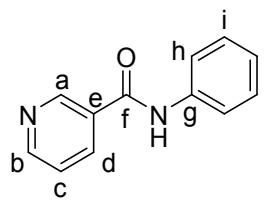
**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pyridin-2(1H)-one (39)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 90/10 to 40/60). Yellow solid, yield 95% (192 mg, 0.95 mmols).  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.38 (ddd, 1H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-e} = 2.1$  Hz,  $J_{c-d} = 6.7$  Hz,  $J_{c-b} = 9.1$  Hz); 7.34-7.27 (m, 3H,  $H_{e,g}$ ); 6.99 (d, 2H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-g} = 9.0$  Hz); 6.65 (d, 1H,  $H_b$ ,  $J_{b-c} = 9.3$  Hz); 6.22 (dt, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-b} = 1.4$  Hz,  $J_{d-c} = J_{d-e} = 6.7$  Hz); 3.84 (s, 1H,  $H_j$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}-\text{NMR}$  (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 162.6; 159.4; 139.7; 138.3; 133.8; 127.5; 121.7; 114.5; 105.7; 55.5. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 224.0682. Found: 224.0679.



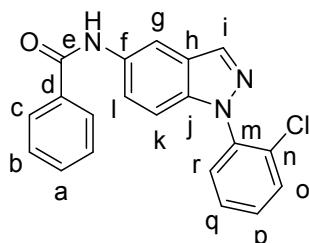
**1-Phenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (40)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 85/15 to 50/50). Off-white solid, yield 98% (167 mg, 0.98 mmols).  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.50 (t, 2H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-g} = J_{h-i} = 7.6$  Hz); 7.45-7.37 (m, 4H,  $H_{c,g,i}$ ); 7.34 (dd, 1H,  $H_e$ ,  $J_{e-c} = 2.1$  Hz,  $J_{e-d} = 6.9$  Hz); 6.68 (d, 1H,  $H_b$ ,  $J_{b-c} = 9.2$  Hz); 6.25 (t, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-c} = J_{d-e} = 6.5$  Hz).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}-\text{NMR}$  (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 162.4; 140.9; 139.8; 138.0; 129.3; 128.5; 126.5; 121.9; 105.9. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NNaO}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 194.0576. Found: 194.0574.



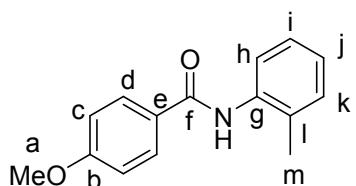
**N-Phenylnicotinamide (41)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 85/15 to 20/80). Yellow solid, yield 61% (121 mg, 0.61 mmols).  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 9.08 (s, 1H,  $H_a$ ); 8.72 (d, 1H,  $H_b$ ,  $J_{b-c} = 3.9$  Hz); 8.42 (broad s, 1H, NH); 8.20 (d, 1H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-c} = 7.9$  Hz); 7.66 (d, 2H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-i} = 7.9$  Hz); 7.43-7.33 (m, 3H,  $H_{c,i}$ ); 7.17 (t, 1H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-i} = 7.5$  Hz).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}-\text{NMR}$  (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 164.0; 152.2; 147.9; 137.5; 135.5; 130.9; 129.1; 125.0; 123.7; 120.6. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{NNaO}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 221.0685. Found: 221.0683.



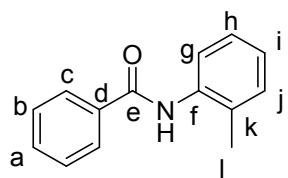
**N-(1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1H-indazol-5-yl)benzamide (42)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 90/10 to 30/70). Yellow solid, yield 31% (109 mg, 0.31 mmols).  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 8.22 (d, 1H,  $H_g$ ,  $J_{g-l} = 1.1$  Hz); 8.19 (s, 1H,  $H_i$ ); 8.14 (broad s, 1H, NH); 7.91 (d, 2H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-b} = 7.0$  Hz); 7.62-7.58 (m, 1H,  $H_r$ ); 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H,  $H_a$ ); 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H,  $H_{l,o}$ ); 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H,  $H_b$ ); 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H,  $H_{p,q}$ ); 7.22 (d, 1H,  $H_k$ ,  $J_{k-l} = 8.9$  Hz).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}-\text{NMR}$  (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 165.9; 138.2; 137.2; 135.7; 135.1; 132.1; 131.8; 131.7; 130.8; 129.9; 129.5; 128.8; 127.7; 127.1; 124.7; 122.0; 112.5; 110.9. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_3\text{NaO}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 370.0718. Found: 370.0720.



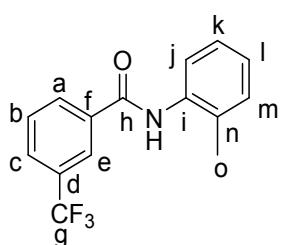
**4-Methoxy-N-(o-tolyl)benzamide (43)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 95/5 to 70/30). White solid, yield 55% (133 mg, 0.55 mmols).  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.96 (d, 1H,  $H_h$ ,  $J_{h-i} = 8.0$  Hz); 7.87 (d, 2H,  $H_d$ ,  $J_{d-c} = 8.5$  Hz); 7.60 (broad s, 1H, NH); 7.29-7.22 (m, 2H,  $H_{i,k}$ ); 7.12 (t, 1H,  $H_j$ ,  $J_{j-i} = J_{j-k} = 7.3$  Hz); 7.00 (d, 2H,  $H_c$ ,  $J_{c-d} = 8.7$  Hz); 3.89 (s, 3H,  $H_a$ ); 2.35 (s, 3H,  $H_m$ ).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}-\text{NMR}$  (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 165.1; 162.5; 136.0; 130.5; 129.0; 128.9; 127.3; 126.9; 125.1; 123.0; 114.0; 55.5; 17.8. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 264.0995. Found: 254.0997.



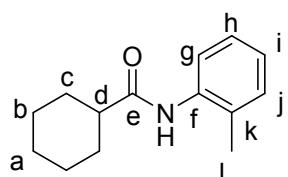
**N-(*o*-Tolyl)benzamide (44)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 90/10 to 80/20). White solid, yield 57% (121 mg, 0.57 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.97 (d, 1H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-h</sub> = 7.9 Hz); 7.90 (d, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>, H<sub>c-b</sub> = 7.3 Hz); 7.69 (broad s, 1H, NH); 7.58 (t, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>, J<sub>a-b</sub> = 7.5 Hz); 7.54-7.49 (m, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>); 7.30-7.23 (m, 2H, H<sub>j,h</sub>); 7.14 (dt, 1H, H<sub>i</sub>, J<sub>i-g</sub> = 1.1 Hz, J<sub>i-g</sub> = J<sub>i-j</sub> = 7.5 Hz); 2.36 (s, 3H, H<sub>l</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 165.6; 136.0; 135.3; 131.8; 130.6; 129.3; 128.9; 127.1; 127.0; 125.4; 123.3; 17.7. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NNaO [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 234.0889. Found: 234.0893.



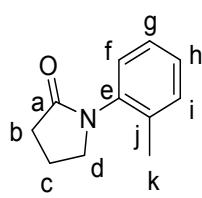
**N-(*o*-Tolyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (45)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 95/5 to 70/30). Off-white solid, yield 36% (101 mg, 0.36 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 8.16 (s, 1H, H<sub>e</sub>); 8.07 (d, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>, J<sub>a-b</sub> = 7.6 Hz); 7.87-7.81 (m, 2H, H<sub>c,j</sub>); 7.70 (broad s, 1H, NH); 7.65 (t, 1H, H<sub>b</sub>, J<sub>b-a</sub> = J<sub>b-c</sub> = 7.8 Hz); 7.30-7.22 (m, 2H, H<sub>k,m</sub>); 7.16 (t, 1H, H<sub>i</sub>, J<sub>i-k</sub> = J<sub>i-l</sub> = 7.5 Hz); 2.35 (s, 3H, H<sub>o</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 164.3; 135.8; 135.2; 131.4 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 33 Hz); 130.7; 130.2; 129.9; 129.5; 128.4 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 4 Hz); 126.9; 125.9; 124.2 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 4 Hz); 123.6; 123.6 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 273 Hz); 17.8. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 302.0763. Found: 302.0760.



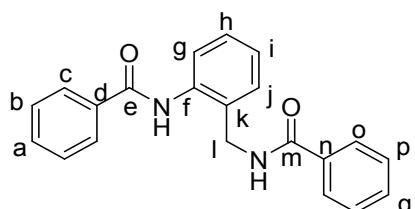
**N-(*o*-Tolyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide (46)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 95/5 to 70/30). White solid, yield 63% (138 mg, 0.63 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.90-7.84 (m, 1H, H<sub>g</sub>); 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H, H<sub>h,j</sub>); 7.09-7.05 (m, 1H, H<sub>i</sub>); 6.98 (broad s, 1H, NH); 2.33-1.22 (6 multiplets, 14H, H<sub>a-d,l</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 174.1; 135.8; 130.4; 128.7; 126.8; 124.9; 123.0; 122.8; 46.4; 29.9; 25.7; 17.7. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 240.1359. Found: 240.1357.



**1-(*o*-Tolyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (47)**

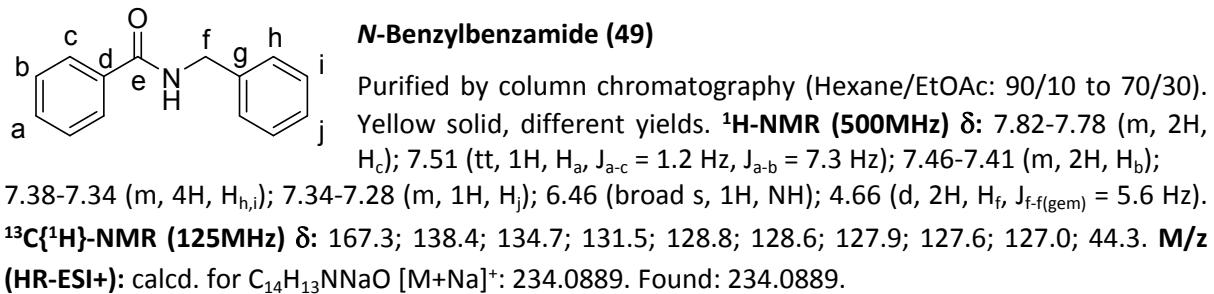
Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 90/10 to 50/50). Yellow oil, yield 81% (141 mg, 0.81 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 7.31-7.20 (m, 3H, H<sub>f,h,i</sub>); 7.19-7.11 (m, 1H, H<sub>g</sub>); 3.73 (t, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>, J<sub>b-c</sub> = 7.0 Hz); 2.59 (t, 2H, H<sub>d</sub>, J<sub>d-c</sub> = 8.0 Hz); 2.29-2.19 (m, 5H, H<sub>c,k</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 174.3; 137.4; 135.5; 131.1; 127.8; 126.8; 126.6; 50.7; 31.2; 19.1; 17.9. **M/z (HR-ESI+)**: calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NNaO [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 198.0889. Found: 198.0885.c



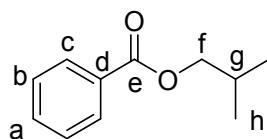
**N-(2-Benzamidobenzyl)benzamide (48)**

Purified by column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc: 85/15 to 65/35). Off-white solid, yield 30% (59 mg, 0.18 mmols). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 10.44 (broad s, 1H, NH); 8.22 (dd, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>, H<sub>c-a</sub> = 1.5 Hz, J<sub>c-b</sub> = 8.1 Hz); 8.01 (d, 1H, H<sub>g</sub>, J<sub>g-h</sub> = 7.3 Hz); 7.76 (dd, 2H, H<sub>o</sub>, J<sub>o-q</sub> = 1.3 Hz, J<sub>o-p</sub> = 8.3 Hz); 7.60-1.49 (m, 4H, H<sub>a,b,q</sub>); 7.43 (t, 2H, H<sub>p</sub>, J<sub>p-o</sub> = J<sub>p-q</sub> = 7.6 Hz); 7.38 (dt, 1H, H<sub>h</sub>, J<sub>h-j</sub> = 1.5 Hz, J<sub>h-g</sub> = J<sub>h-i</sub> = 8.1 Hz); 7.33 (dd, 1H, H<sub>j</sub>, J<sub>j-h</sub> = 1.4 Hz, J<sub>j-i</sub> = 7.6 Hz); 7.17 (dt, 1H, H<sub>i</sub>, J<sub>i-g</sub> = 1.3 Hz, J<sub>i-h</sub> = J<sub>i-j</sub> = 7.5 Hz); 6.93 (broad s, 1H, benzyl. NH); 4.59 (d,

2H, H<sub>i</sub>, J<sub>i-NH</sub> = 6.4 Hz). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (125MHz)** δ: 168.3; 166.6; 136.8; 134.9; 133.7; 131.9; 131.7; 130.6; 130.1; 128.9; 128.7; 128.5; 127.9; 127.1; 125.5; 125.3; 41.1. **M/z (HR-ESI+):** calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 353.1260. Found: 353.1263.



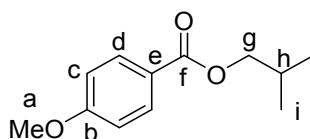
## Characterisation data for ester side-products 50-53



### Isobutyl benzoate (50)

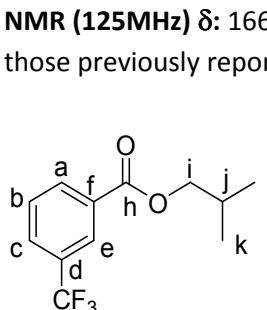
Yellow oil.  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 8.07 (d, 2H,  $\text{H}_c$ ,  $J_{c-b} = 8.3$  Hz); 7.57 (t, 1H,  $\text{H}_a$ ,  $J_{a-b} = 7.5$  Hz); 7.45 (t, 2H,  $\text{H}_b$ ,  $J_{b-a} = J_{b-c} = 7.7$  Hz); 4.12 (d, 2H,  $\text{H}_f$ ,  $J_{f-g} = 6.6$  Hz); 2.10 (sept, 1H,  $\text{H}_g$ ,  $J_{g-h} = J_{g-h} = 6.7$  Hz); 1.04 (d, 6H,  $\text{H}_h$ ,  $J_{h-g} = 6.8$  Hz).

**$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 166.6; 132.7; 130.8; 129.6; 128.3; 71.0; 28.0; 19.2. These data correspond to those previously reported.<sup>2</sup>



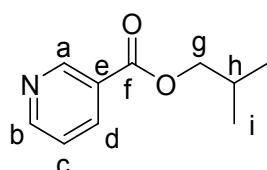
### Isobutyl 4-methoxybenzoate (51)

Yellow oil.  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 8.02 (d, 2H,  $\text{H}_d$ ,  $J_{d-c} = 8.7$  Hz); 6.93 (d, 2H,  $\text{H}_c$ ,  $J_{c-d} = 8.9$  Hz); 4.08 (d, 2H,  $\text{H}_g$ ,  $J_{g-h} = 6.4$  Hz); 3.87 (s, 3H,  $\text{H}_a$ ); 2.08 (sept, 1H,  $\text{H}_h$ ,  $J_{h-g} = J_{h-i} = 6.7$  Hz); 1.03 (d, 6H,  $\text{H}_i$ ,  $J_{i-h} = 6.6$  Hz).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 166.4; 163.3; 131.5; 123.0; 113.5; 70.7; 55.4; 27.9; 19.2. These data correspond to those previously reported.<sup>3</sup>



### Isobutyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (52)

Yellow oil.  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 8.31 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_e$ ); 8.25 (d, 1H,  $\text{H}_a$ ,  $J_{a-b} = 7.8$  Hz); 7.82 (d, 1H,  $\text{H}_c$ ,  $J_{c-b} = 7.8$  Hz); 7.60 (t, 1H,  $\text{H}_b$ ,  $J_{b-a} = J_{b-c} = 7.8$  Hz); 4.16 (d, 2H,  $\text{H}_i$ ,  $J_{i-j} = 6.6$  Hz); 2.12 (sept, 1H,  $\text{H}_j$ ,  $J_{j-i} = J_{j-k} = 6.7$  Hz); 1.04 (d, 6H,  $\text{H}_k$ ,  $J_{k-j} = 6.6$  Hz).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 165.3; 132.7; 131.4; 131.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 33$  Hz); 129.3 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 4$  Hz); 129.0; 126.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 4$  Hz); 124.7 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 272$  Hz); 71.5; 27.9; 19.1.



### Isobutyl nicotinate (53)

Orange oil.  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz)**  $\delta$ : 9.25 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_a$ ); 8.78 (d, 1H,  $\text{H}_b$ ,  $J_{b-c} = 4.1$  Hz); 8.32 (dt, 1H,  $\text{H}_d$ ,  $J_{d-a} = J_{d-b} = 1.9$  Hz,  $J_{d-c} = 8.0$  Hz); 7.41 (dd, 1H,  $\text{H}_c$ ,  $J_{c-b} = 4.9$  Hz,  $J_{c-d} = 7.9$  Hz); 4.15 (d, 2H,  $\text{H}_g$ ,  $J_{g-h} = 6.6$  Hz); 2.11 (sept, 1H,  $\text{H}_h$ ,  $J_{h-g} = J_{h-i} = 6.7$  Hz); 1.04 (d, 6H,  $\text{H}_i$ ,  $J_{i-h} = 6.8$  Hz).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR (125MHz)**  $\delta$ : 165.2; 153.2; 150.8; 137.1; 126.5; 123.3; 71.4; 27.9; 19.1.

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## <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra

