

Influence of Sulfonyl Substituents on the Decomposition of *N*-Sulfonylhydrazones at Room Temperature

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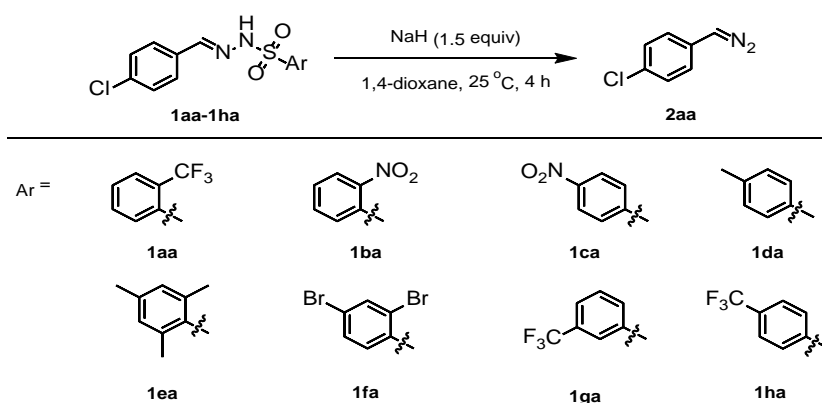
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I. General information

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out in standard Schlenk techniques with magnetic stirring bar under air. All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without purification unless otherwise mentioned. The products were purified by column chromatography over silica gel (200-400 size). ^1H and ^{13}C Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded at 25 °C on a Varian 600 MHz and 151 MHz, and TMS was used as internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the deuterium solvent as the internal standard (e.g. CDCl_3 : 77.0 ppm). Mass spectra were recorded on BRUKER AutoflexIII Smartbeam MS-spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Bruker microTof by using ESI method.

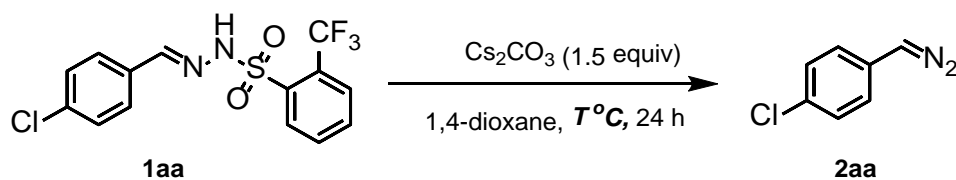
II. Optimization of the decomposition of *N*-sulfonylhydrazone

General procedure A (with **1aa** as an example): In a rubber capped reaction vial, *N'*-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-2-trifluoromethylbenzenesulfonylhydrazide **1aa** (181.4 mg, 0.5 mmol) 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (42.05 mg, 0.25 mmol), and NaH (30.0 mg, 60 wt%, 0.75 mmol) were added. After sealed the tube was evacuated and backfilled with N_2 for three times, followed by dry 1,4-dioxane (10 mL) addition via syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 4 h. At the indicated reaction time, 200 μL reaction mixture was extracted with a syringe, which was dissolved in DMSO-d_6 for NMR analysis.

Table S1. Effect of substituent on the aryl ring of sulfonyl group^a

Time (min)	1aa	1ba	1ca	1da	1ea	1fa	1ga	1ha
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	45	18	0	0	13	0	0	0
20	60	27	0	0	25	24	0	0
30	70	33	1	1	36	32	2	2
60	80	44	1	2	46	37	4	3
120	82	60	2	3	39	33	8	4
180	85	69	3	4	35	33	8	6
240	89	75	4	5	33	20	6	4

^aReaction conditions: **1** (0.5 mmol), NaH (0.75 mmol), in 1,4-dioxane (10.0 mL) for 4 h under N₂ atmosphere. Yield calculated from ¹H-NMR spectroscopy with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard and the yield is the average of three repeated experiments.

Table S2. Effect of temperature on the decomposition of **1aa**^a

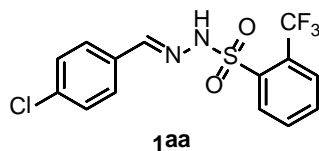
Time	-25 °C	0 °C	25 °C	40 °C
10 min	2	5	27	43
30 min	5	12	57	80
1 h	6	16	72	91
1.5 h	7	18	88	88

2 h	8	22	93	84
4 h	10	28	87	70
6 h	12	35	83	60
9 h	14	42	79	53
18 h	18	51	77	45
24 h	20	55	76	40

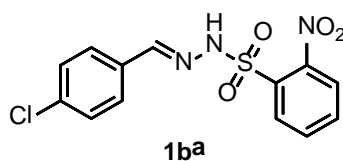
^a Reaction conditions: 1 (0.5 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.75 mmol), in 1,4-dioxane (10.0 mL) for 24 h under N₂ atmosphere. Yield calculated from ¹H-NMR spectroscopy with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard and the yield is the average of three repeated experiments.

III. General procedure for the synthesis of *N*-sulfonylhydrazone

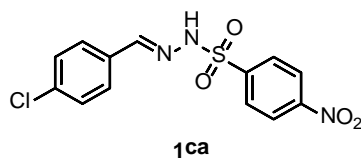
General procedure B: To a stirred solution of ArSO₂NHNH₂ (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in methanol (2 mL) were added carbonyl compounds (2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and the mixture was stirred for 1-2 h at room temperature. The mixture was filtered and the resulting solid was washed with ice cold diethyl ether and dried under reduced pressure to give pure *N*-Sulfonylhydrazones. The yields were around 80% in general.



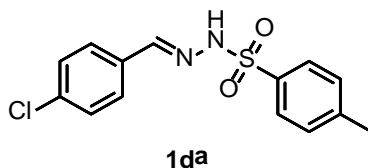
***N'*-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1aa).** White solid, m.p. 151-152 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 12.19 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 123.2 (q, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 126.9 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 128.91 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 128.92, 129.4, 131.7, 132.9, 133.8, 134.0, 135.1, 138.5, 146.1; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.23 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₁₀ClF₃N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 384.9996, found 384.9999.



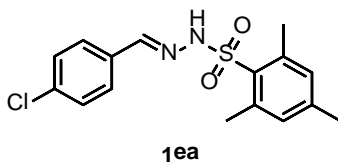
***N'*-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonohydrazide (1ba)**. White solid, m.p. 152-153 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.86-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.99-8.02 (m, 1H), 8.05-8.08 (m, 2H), 12.25 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 125.0, 129.0, 129.4, 131.0, 131.4, 132.8, 133.1, 135.28, 135.32, 146.9, 148.3; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₃H₁₀ClN₃O₄SNa [M+Na]⁺ 361.9973, found 361.9968.



***N'*-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonohydrazide (1ca)**. Yellow solid, m.p. 175-176 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 11.97 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 125.1, 129.1, 129.3, 129.4, 132.8, 135.3, 144.7, 147.5, 151.5; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₃H₁₀ClN₃O₄SNa [M+Na]⁺ 361.9973, found 361.9965.

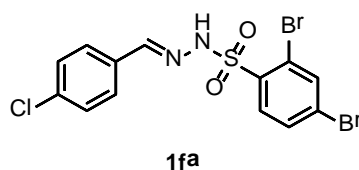


***N'*-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (1da)**. White solid, m.p. 147-148 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 11.54 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 21.5, 127.7, 128.9, 129.4, 130.2, 133.1, 135.0, 136.6, 144.0, 146.1; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₁₃ClN₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 331.0278, found 331.0281.

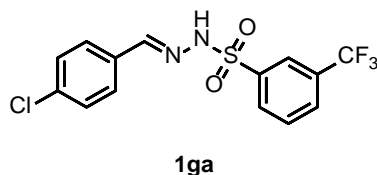


***N'*-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (1ea)**. Yellow solid, m.p. 143-144 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 6H), 7.04 (s, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 11.70 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz,

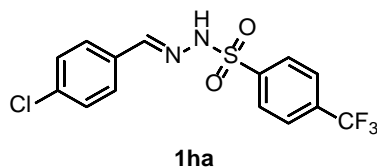
DMSO- d_6) δ 20.9, 23.2, 128.6, 129.4, 132.1, 133.2, 133.8, 134.8, 139.7, 142.8, 144.4; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{16}H_{17}ClN_2O_2SNa$ $[M+Na]^+$ 359.0591, found 359.0599.



***N'*-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-2,4-dibromo-benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1fa)**. Yellow solid, m.p. 143-144 °C; **¹H-NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.83-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 8.12-8.13 (m, 1H), 12.25 (s, 1H); **¹³C-NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 120.9, 127.9, 128.9, 129.3, 131.9, 132.8, 133.5, 135.1, 137.7, 138.1, 145.8.

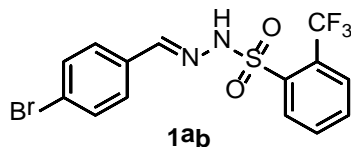


***N'*-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1ga)**. White solid, m.p. 152-153 °C; **¹H-NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.79 (s, 1H); **¹³C-NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 124.0 (q, J = 272.8 Hz), 124.2 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 129.0, 129.4, 130.3 (q, J = 32.8 Hz), 130.4 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 131.5, 131.8, 132.8, 135.4, 140.4, 147.5; **¹⁹F-NMR** (564 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -61.55 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{10}ClF_3N_2O_2SNa$ $[M+Na]^+$ 384.9996, found 384.9999.

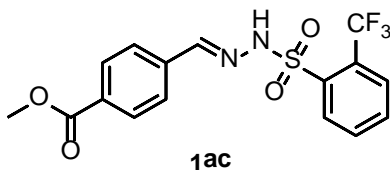


***N'*-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1ha)**. Yellow solid, m.p. 154-155 °C; **¹H-NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.37-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.95-7.99 (m, 3H), 8.11 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 11.90 (s, 1H); **¹³C-NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ

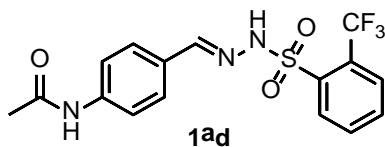
123.8 (q, $J = 272.0$ Hz), 126.9 (q, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 128.7, 129.0, 129.3, 132.8, 133.3 (q, $J = 32.5$ Hz), 135.3, 143.3, 147.2; $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (564 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -61.82 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 384.9996, found 384.9999.



***N'*-(4-Bromobenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1ab)**. White solid, m.p. 158-159 °C; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.50 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.88 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 12.21 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 123.2 (q, $J = 273.0$ Hz), 123.9, 126.9 (q, $J = 33.0$ Hz), 128.9 (q, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 129.2, 131.7, 132.3, 133.3, 133.8, 134.0, 138.5, 146.2; $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (564 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -56.22 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 428.9491, found 428.9499.

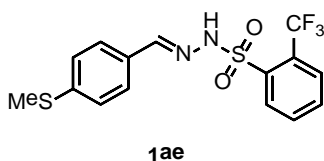


Methyl 4-((2-((2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)hydrazono)methyl)benzoate (1ac). White solid, m.p. 156-157 °C; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 3.83 (s, 3H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.86 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.95 (m, 3H), 8.01 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 12.36 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 52.7, 123.2 (q, $J = 274.5$ Hz), 126.8 (q, $J = 33.0$ Hz), 127.5, 128.9 (q, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 130.1, 131.0, 131.7, 133.9, 134.1, 138.3, 138.5, 146.0, 166.2; $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (564 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -56.25 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 409.0440, found 409.0447.



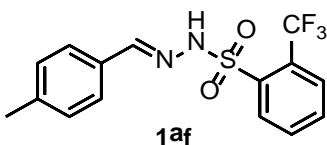
***N*'**-4-((2-((2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)hydrazono)methyl)phenyl)acetamide (**1ad**).

Yellow solid, m.p. 156-157 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.04 (s, 3H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98-8.01 (m, 2H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 10.10 (s, 1H), 11.94 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 24.6, 119.3, 123.3 (q, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 126.9 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 128.1, 128.6, 128.9 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 131.7, 133.8, 133.9, 138.7, 141.6, 147.4, 169.0; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.19 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₄F₃N₃O₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ 408.0600, found 408.0606.



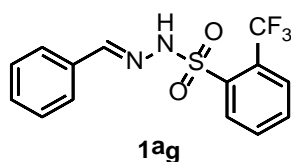
***N*'**-4-(Methylthio)benzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (**1ae**). Yellow

solid, m.p. 118-119 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99-8.01 (m, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 12.03 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 14.7, 123.3 (q, *J* = 273.6 Hz), 126.1, 126.9 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 127.7, 128.9 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 130.4, 131.7, 133.8, 133.9, 138.6, 141.7, 147.1; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.20 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₃F₃N₂O₂S₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 397.0263, found 397.0270.

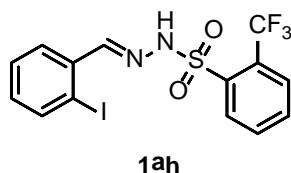


***N*'**-4-(Methylbenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (**1af**). Yellow solid,

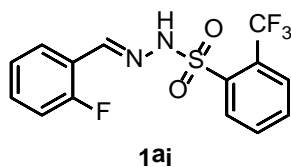
m.p. 110-111°C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.27 (s, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.99 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 21.4, 123.3 (q, *J* = 274.4 Hz), 126.9 (q, *J* = 33.1 Hz), 127.3, 128.9 (q, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 129.9, 131.3, 131.7, 133.7, 133.9, 138.6, 140.5, 147.6; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.22 (s, 3F); HRMS(ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₃F₃N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 365.0542, found 365.0548.



***N'*-(benzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1ag).** White solid, m.p. 119-120 °C; **¹H-NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.36-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 12.10 (s, 1H); **¹³C-NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 123.3 (q, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 126.9 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 127.3, 128.9 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 129.3, 130.7, 131.8, 133.8, 133.96, 134.01, 138.6, 147.5; **¹⁹F-NMR** (564 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -56.23 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₁₁F₃N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 351.0386, found 351.0390.

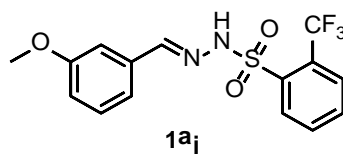


***N'*-(2-iodobenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1ah).** Yellow solid, m.p. 152-153 °C; **¹H-NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.11-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 12.33 (s, 1H); **¹³C-NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 100.2, 123.2 (q, *J* = 274.3 Hz), 126.8 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 127.1, 128.9 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 129.1, 131.8, 132.4, 133.9, 134.1, 135.5, 138.3, 140.1, 151.2; **¹⁹F-NMR** (564 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -56.26 (s, 3F); **HRMS**(ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₁₀F₃IN₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 476.9352, found 476.9358.

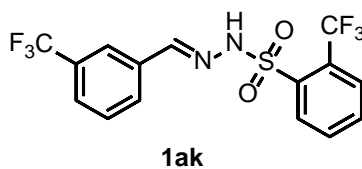


***N'*-(2-fluorobenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1ai).** White solid, m.p. 137-138 °C; **¹H-NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 12.24 (s, 1H); **¹³C-NMR** (151 MHz,

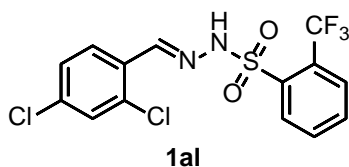
DMSO- d_6) δ 116.5 (d, $J = 20.8$ Hz), 121.5 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 123.2 (q, $J = 274.0$ Hz), 125.4 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 126.5 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 126.9 (q, $J = 32.9$ Hz), 128.9 (q, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 131.9, 132.6 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 133.9, 134.1, 138.4, 140.1 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 161.0 (d, $J = 250.0$ Hz); **$^{19}\text{F-NMR}$** (564 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -56.27 (s, 3F), -120.94 – -120.92 (m, 1F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 369.0297, found 369.0301.



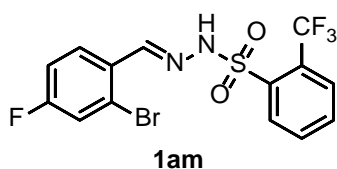
N' -(3-Methoxybenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1aj). **$^1\text{H-NMR}$** (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 3.74 (s, 3H), 6.96 (dd, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.00-8.02 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 12.09 (s, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$** (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 55.6, 112.0, 116.6, 119.8, 123.2 (q, $J = 273.0$ Hz), 126.9 (q, $J = 31.5$ Hz), 128.8 (q, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 130.4, 131.9, 133.8, 134.0, 135.4, 138.5, 147.2, 159.9; **$^{19}\text{F-NMR}$** (564 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -56.20 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 381.0491, found 381.0494.



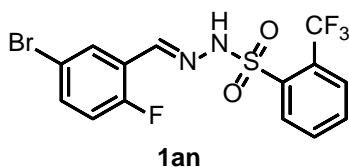
2-(Trifluoromethyl)- N' -(3-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1ak). White solid, m.p. 103-104 °C; **$^1\text{H-NMR}$** (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.61 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.87 (m, 3H), 7.92 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 12.36 (s, 1H); **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$** (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 123.4 (q, $J = 272.4$ Hz, CF_3), 123.7 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 123.8 (q, $J = 274.2$ Hz, CF_3), 126.8 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 126.9 (q, $J = 32.1$ Hz), 128.9 (q, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 130.1 (q, $J = 32.1$ Hz), 130.5, 130.9, 131.7, 133.8, 134.1, 135.2, 138.5, 145.7; **$^{19}\text{F-NMR}$** (564 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -56.26 (s, 3F), -61.47 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 419.0260, found 419.0268.



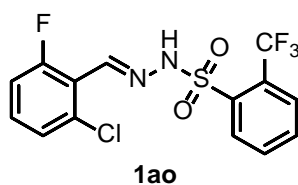
***N'*-(2,4-Dichlorobenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonohydrazide (1a)**. White solid, m.p. 153-154 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.41 (dd, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 12.41 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 123.2 (q, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 126.8 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 128.2, 128.5, 128.9 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 129.8, 130.3, 131.8, 133.9, 134.15, 134.16, 135.7, 138.3, 142.1; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.30 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₉Cl₂F₃N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 418.9606, found 418.9608.



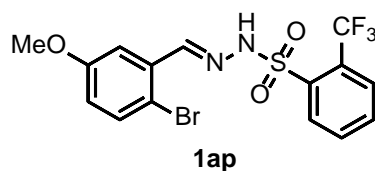
***N'*-(2-Bromo-4-fluorobenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonohydrazide (1am)**. White solid, m.p. 162-163 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.24 (td, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 12.35 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 116.2 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 120.5 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 122.5 (d, *J* = 272.2 Hz), 124.1 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 126.8 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 128.9 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 129.5 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 131.9, 133.9, 134.1, 138.3, 144.6, 163.1 (d, *J* = 252.8 Hz); ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.32 (s, 3F), -108.36 – -108.41 (m, 1F); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₉BrF₄N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 446.9397, found 446.9402.



N'- (5-Bromo-2-fluorobenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonohydrazide (**1an**). White solid, m.p. 159-161 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.22-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14-8.17 (m, 2H), 12.41 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 117.2 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 119.1 (d, *J* = 22.6 Hz), 122.5 (q, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 123.8 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 126.8 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 129.0 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 131.8, 133.9, 134.2, 134.9 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 138.3, 138.6 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 160.0 (d, *J* = 251.1 Hz); ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.30 (d, 3F), -122.23 – -122.20 (m, 1F); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₉BrF₄N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 446.9397, found 446.9402.

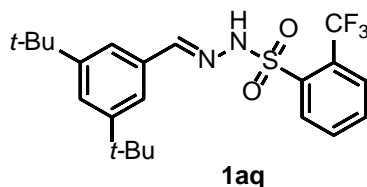


N'-(2-Chloro-6-fluorobenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonohydrazide (**1ao**). White solid, m.p. 160-161 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 12.37 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 115.9 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 120.4 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 123.2 (q, *J* = 274.1 Hz), 126.5 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 126.8 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 128.8 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 132.2, 132.3 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 133.7, 134.0 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 134.1, 138.1, 140.1, 160.5 (d, *J* = 256.5 Hz); ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.37 (d, 3F), -110.73 – -110.76 (m, 1F); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₉ClF₄N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 402.9902, found 402.9916.

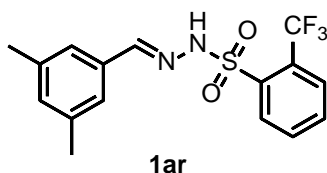


N'-(2-Bromo-5-methoxybenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonohydrazide (**1ap**). White solid, m.p. 157-158 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 3.70 (s, 3H), 6.88-6.93 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s,

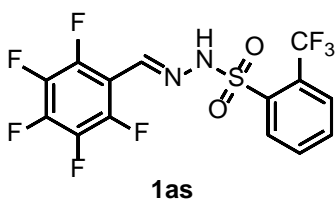
1H), 8.19-8.22 (m, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 12.32 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 55.8, 111.6, 114.4, 118.8, 123.2 (q, *J* = 273.1 Hz), 126.9 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 128.9 (s), 132.2, 133.4, 133.8, 134.2, 134.4, 138.2, 145.4, 159.0; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.30 (s, 3F).



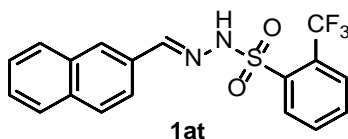
N'-(2,4-Dichlorobenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (**1aq**). White solid, m.p. 162-163 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 1.24 (s, 18H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.95 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 31.5, 34.9, 121.4, 123.2 (q, *J* = 273.6 Hz), 124.6, 127.0 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 128.7 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 132.1, 133.4, 133.6, 134.0, 138.6, 148.2, 151.3; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.16 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₂₂H₂₇Cl₂F₃N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 463.1638, found 463.1630.



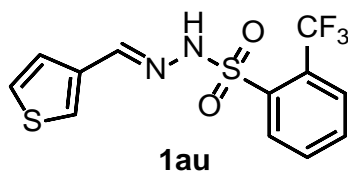
N'-(3,5-Dimethylbenzylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (**1ar**). White solid, m.p. 149-150 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.24 (s, 6H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 12.04 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 21.2, 123.2 (q, *J* = 274.1 Hz), 125.0, 126.8 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 128.9 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 131.5, 132.2, 133.8, 133.88, 133.89, 138.4, 138.7, 147.8; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.21 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₆H₁₅F₃N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 379.0699, found 379.0704.



***N'*-(Perfluorophenyl)methylene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonohydrazide (1as).** White solid, m.p. 164-166 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 12.52 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 109.5 (t, *J* = 10.9 Hz), 123.2 (q, *J* = 272.6 Hz, CF₃), 126.8 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 128.9 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 132.4, 133.8, 134.3, 135.0, 137.7, 137.8 (dt, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 249.8 Hz), 141.4 (dt, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 255.0 Hz), 144.9 (d, *J* = 253.6 Hz); ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.53 (s, 3F), -142.48 (dd, *J* = 24.0 Hz, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2F), -153.19 (t, *J* = 24.0 Hz, 1F), -162.73 (td, *J* = 24.0 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 2F); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₆F₈N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 440.9915, found 440.9921.

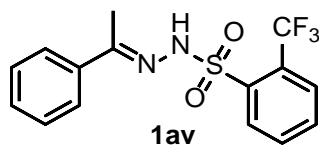


***N'*-(Naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonohydrazide (1at).** White solid, m.p. 162-163 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.51-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.91 (m, 3H), 7.92-7.96 (m, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 12.20 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 122.6, 123.3 (q, *J* = 274.2 Hz), 126.9 (q, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 127.3, 127.7, 128.2, 128.8, 128.9 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 129.0, 129.3, 131.68, 131.73, 133.2, 133.8, 134.0, 134.2, 138.6, 147.5; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.18 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₈H₁₃F₃N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 401.0542, found 401.0546.

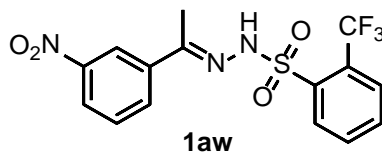


***N'*-(Thiophen-3-ylmethylene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonohydrazide (1au).** Brown solid, m.p. 135-136 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.23 (dd, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 11.91 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 123.2 (q, *J* = 271.5 Hz), 124.7, 126.8 (q, *J* = 31.5 Hz), 128.2, 128.8 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 129.0, 131.7, 133.8,

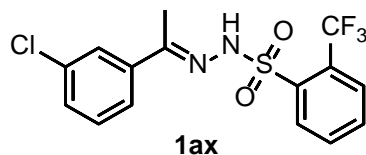
133.9, 137.1, 138.6, 143.2; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.20 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₂H₉F₃N₂O₂S₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 356.9950, found 356.9944.



***N'*-(1-Phenylethylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1av).** White solid, m.p. 111-112 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.29 (s, 3H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.21 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 15.1, 123.3 (q, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 126.6, 127.1 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 128.7 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 128.8, 130.0, 131.4, 133.6, 133.8, 137.8, 138.8, 153.9; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.05 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₄F₃N₂O₂S [M+H]⁺ 343.0723, found 343.0722.

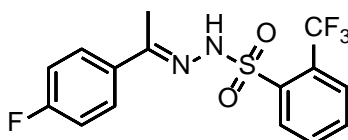


***N'*-(1-(3-Nitrophenyl)ethylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1aw).** Yellow solid, m.p. 153-154 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 11.50 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 15.0, 120.9, 123.3 (q, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 124.3, 127.2 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 128.8 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 130.5, 131.6, 132.8, 133.7, 134.0, 138.6, 139.4, 148.4, 151.3; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.10 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₂F₃N₃O₄SNa [M+Na]⁺ 410.0398, found 410.0403.



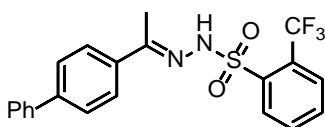
***N'*-(1-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1ax).** Yellow solid, m.p. 118-119 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.28 (s, 3H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz,

1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.86 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 11.36 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 15.0, 123.3 (q, $J = 274.1$ Hz), 125.2, 126.2, 127.2 (q, $J = 32.8$ Hz), 128.8 (q, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 129.7, 130.7, 131.5, 133.66, 133.75, 133.85, 138.8, 139.9, 152.2; $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (564 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -56.08 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 399.0152, found 399.0157.



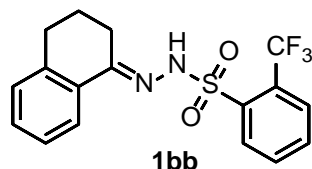
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***N'*-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1ay).** White solid, m.p. 162-163 °C; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 2.28 (s, 3H), 7.17 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 11.23 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 15.1, 115.7 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 123.3 (q, $J = 274.2$ Hz), 127.2 (q, $J = 32.8$ Hz), 128.77 (q, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 128.80 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 131.4, 133.6, 133.8, 134.3 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 138.8, 153.0, 163.4 (d, $J = 247.1$ Hz); $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (564 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -56.05 (s, 3F), -112.02 – -111.95 (m, 1F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 383.0453, found 383.0459.



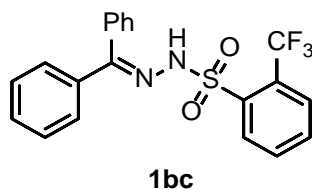
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***N'*-(1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)ethylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1az).** Yellow solid, m.p. 131-132 °C; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.69 (m, 6H), 7.86 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 11.25 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 15.0, 123.3 (q, $J = 274.2$ Hz), 127.05, 127.10, 127.14, 127.2 (q, $J = 32.0$ Hz), 128.3, 128.8 (q, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 129.5, 131.4, 133.7, 133.8, 136.8, 138.9, 139.7, 141.5, 153.4; $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (564 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -56.02 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 441.0855, found 441.0857.

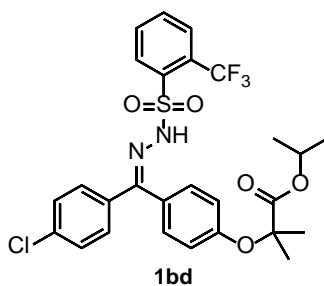


***N'*-(3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide**

(1bb). Yellow solid, m.p. 177-178 °C; **¹H-NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 1.78-1.83 (m, 2H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 11.10 (s, 1H); **¹³C-NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 21.7, 26.7, 29.2, 123.4 (q, *J* = 274.2 Hz), 124.6, 126.7, 127.3 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 128.7 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 129.1, 129.9, 131.6, 132.0, 133.6, 133.7, 139.0, 140.5, 153.5; **¹⁹F-NMR** (564 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -56.00 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₇H₁₅F₃N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 391.0699, found 391.0698.



***N'*-(Diphenylmethylene)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1bc)**. White solid, m.p. 134-135 °C; **¹H-NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.22-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.88 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 10.92 (s, 1H); **¹³C-NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 123.3 (q, *J* = 274.1 Hz), 127.2 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 127.7, 128.7 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 128.8, 129.2, 129.5, 130.1, 130.3, 131.4, 132.9, 133.7, 133.8, 137.4, 138.8, 155.4; **¹⁹F-NMR** (564 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -56.03 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₂₀H₁₅F₃N₂O₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 427.0699, found 427.0701.

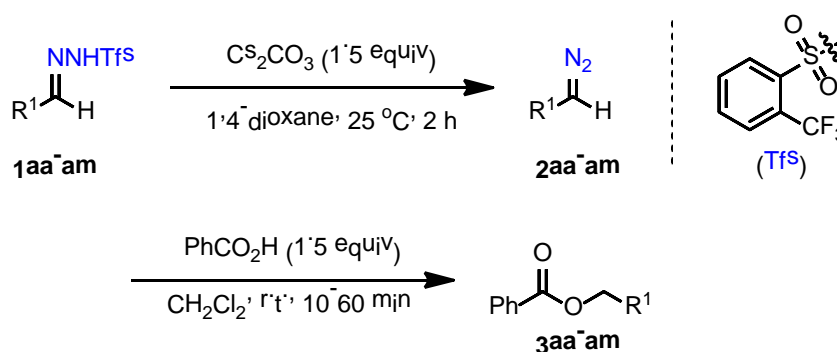


Isopropyl 2-(4-((4-chlorophenyl)(2-((2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)hydrazono)methyl)

phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (**1bd**). Yellow solid, m.p. 177-178 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.50 (s, 6H), 4.89-4.96 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01-8.05 (m, 2H), 11.02 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 21.7, 25.4, 69.2, 79.2, 118.2, 123.3 (q, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 127.2 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 128.7 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 128.8, 129.7, 130.4, 131.2, 131.3, 131.9, 133.7, 134.7, 138.9, 153.5, 157.2, 172.8; ¹⁹F-NMR (564 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.02 (s, 3F).

IV. Synthetic procedures and characterization for benzyl esters

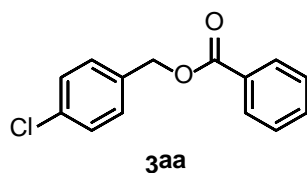
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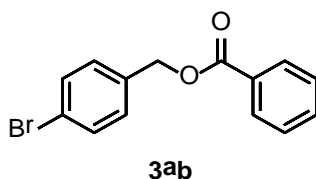
General procedure C (with **3aa** as an example): In a screw capped reaction vial, N-tfshydrazone **1aa** (181.4 mg, 0.5 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (244.4 mg, 0.75 mmol) were added. After sealed the tube was evacuated and backfilled with N₂ for three times, followed by dry 1,4-dioxane (10 mL) addition *via* syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by 5 mL saturated sodium chloride solution, the organic layer was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL). The organic

phases were combined, washed with saturated ammonium chloride solution (10 mL), dried by MgSO_4 and filtered through a short pad of silica gel to provide a clear, intensely colored solution.

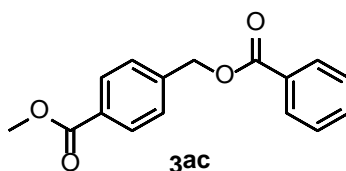
Then, the benzoic acid (0.75 mmol) was added, and stirred at room temperature until the gas evolution ceased and the colour of diazo compound disappeared. The mixture was dried with Na_2SO_4 and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the final product was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product **3aa** colorless oil.



4-Chlorobenzyl benzoate (3aa).² Colorless oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.30 (s, 2H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.03-8.07 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 65.7, 128.3, 128.7, 129.5, 129.6, 129.8, 133.0, 134.0, 134.5, 166.1; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 269.0340, found 269.0347.

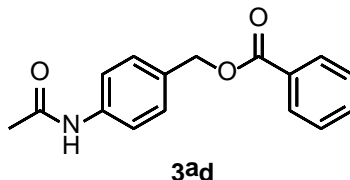


4-Bromobenzyl benzoate (3ab).² Colorless oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.32 (s, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.06-8.09 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 65.8, 122.2, 128.4, 129.6, 129.80, 129.84, 131.7, 133.1, 135.0, 166.2; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 312.9835, found 312.9826.

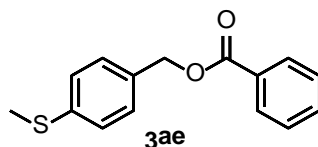


Methyl 4-((benzoyloxy)methyl)benzoate (3ac). Colorless oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.91 (s, 3H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 7.44 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 1H),

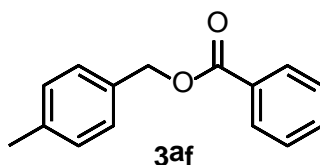
8.06 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.07-8.10 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 52.1, 65.8, 127.5, 128.4, 129.6, 129.7, 129.81, 129.85, 133.1, 141.0, 166.1, 166.6; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 293.0784, found 293.0786.



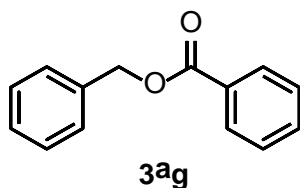
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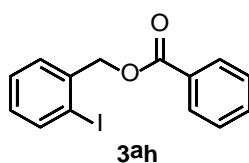
4-(Methylthio)benzyl benzoate (3ae). Yellow oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.47 (s, 3H), 5.31 (s, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.05-8.07 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.7, 66.3, 126.5, 128.3, 128.8, 129.6, 130.0, 132.7, 133.0, 138.7, 166.3; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 281.0607, found 281.0602.



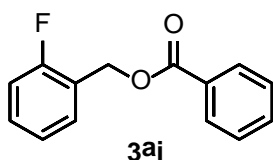
4-Methylbenzyl benzoate (3af).² Colorless oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 5.33 (s, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.03-8.08 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.2, 66.6, 128.29, 128.31, 129.2, 129.7, 130.2, 132.9, 133.0, 138.0, 166.4; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 249.0886, found 249.0903.



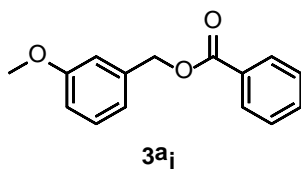
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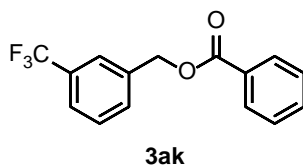
2-Iodobenzyl benzoate (3ah). Yellow oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.38 (s, 2H), 7.04 (td, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10-8.13 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 70.4, 98.4, 128.35, 128.42, 129.6, 129.8, 129.9, 133.1, 138.5, 139.6, 166.1; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{IO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 360.9696, found 360.9701.



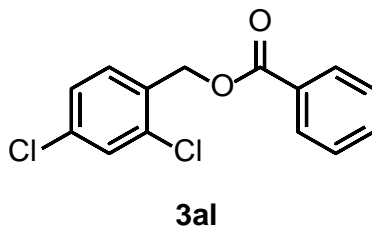
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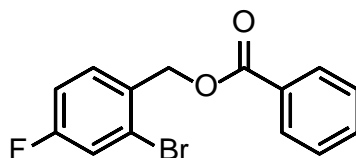
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3-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl benzoate (3ak). Colorless oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.40 (s, 2H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 8.06-8.09 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 65.7, 124.5 (q, $J = 272.3$ Hz), 124.8 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 125.0 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 128.4, 129.1, 129.68, 129.72, 131.0 (q, $J = 32.8$ Hz), 131.4, 133.2, 137.0, 166.2; $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (564 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ -62.61 (s, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 303.0604, found 303.0608.

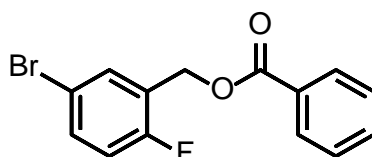


2,4-Dichlorobenzyl benzoate (3al). Colorless oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.43 (s, 2H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.06-8.09 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 63.4, 127.2, 128.5, 129.5, 129.7, 130.7, 132.4, 133.3, 134.5, 134.7, 166.1; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 302.9950, found 302.9961.



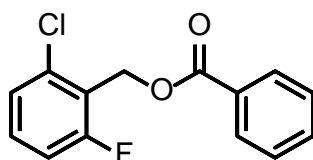
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2-Bromo-4-fluorobenzyl benzoate (3am). Colorless oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.40 (s, 2H), 7.05 (td, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.06-8.09 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 65.5, 114.6 (d, $J = 21.0$ Hz), 120.2 (d, $J = 24.6$ Hz), 123.9 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 128.4, 129.7, 129.8, 131.3 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 131.4 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 133.2, 162.1 (d, $J = 252.1$ Hz), 166.1; $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (564 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ -111.36 – -111.40 (m, 1F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrFO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 330.9741, found 330.9738.



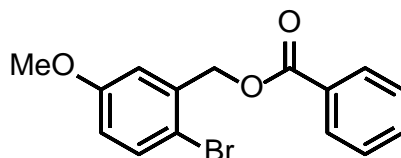
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5-Bromo-2-fluorobenzyl benzoate (3an). Colorless oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.38 (s, 2H), 6.99 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 59.8 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 116.6 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 117.3 (d, $J = 22.9$ Hz), 125.5 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 128.4, 129.6, 129.7, 132.9 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 133.0 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 133.2, 159.9 (d, $J = 249.2$ Hz), 166.1; $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (564 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ -119.75 – -119.78 (m, 1F); **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrFO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 330.9741, found 330.9738.



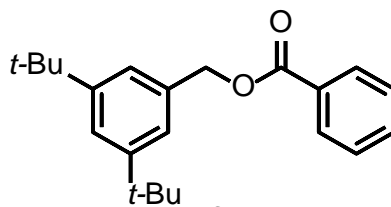
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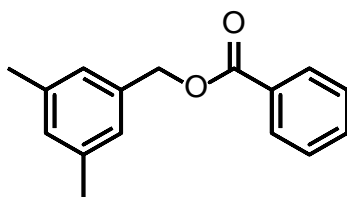
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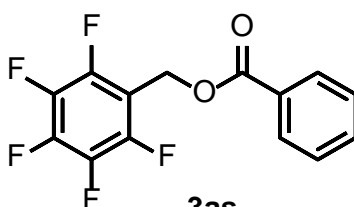
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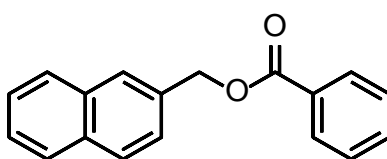
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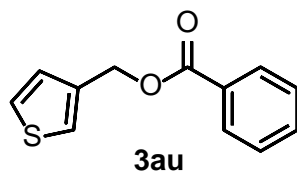
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(Perfluorophenyl)methyl benzoate (3as). Colorless oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.45 (s, 2H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.00-8.04 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 53.8, 109.5 (td, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 17.4 Hz), 128.4, 129.2, 129.7, 133.4, 136.6-138.5 (m), 140.8-142.7 (m), 144.8-146.7 (m), 165.8; $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$ (564 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ -114.72 (dd, $J = 9.8$ Hz, $J = 23.8$ Hz, 2F), -152.58 (t, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1F), -161.53 – -161.63 (m, 2F) **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_7\text{F}_5\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 325.0619, found 325.0622.

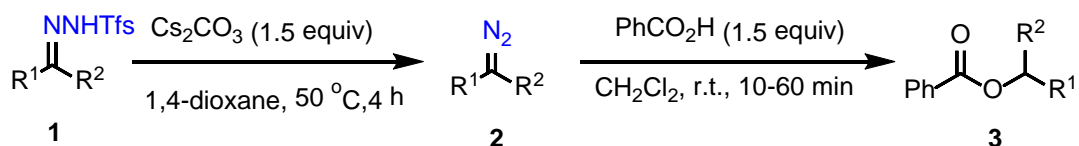


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Naphthalen-2-ylmethyl benzoate (3at).² Colorless oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.52 (s, 2H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.88 (m, 3H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 8.08-8.12 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 66.9, 125.9, 126.26, 126.30, 127.3, 127.7, 128.0, 128.38, 128.41, 129.7, 130.1, 133.0, 133.1, 133.2, 133.5, 166.5; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 285.0886, found 285.0892.

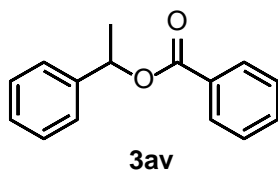


Thiophen-3-ylmethyl benzoate (3au). Yellow oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.36 (s, 2H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.05-8.07 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 61.8, 124.2, 126.2, 127.6, 128.3, 129.6, 130.1, 133.0, 136.8 166.3; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 241.0299, found 241.0301.

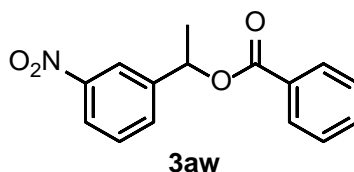


General procedure D (with **3av** as an example): In a screw capped reaction vial, *N*-Tf-sylhydrazone **1av** (171.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) and Cs_2CO_3 (244.4 mg, 0.75 mmol) were added. After sealed the tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon for three times, followed by dry 1,4-dioxane (10 mL) addition *via* syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by 5 mL saturated sodium chloride solution, the organic layer was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, washed with saturated ammonium chloride solution (10 mL), dried by MgSO_4 and filtered through a short pad of silica gel to provide a clear, intensely colored solution.

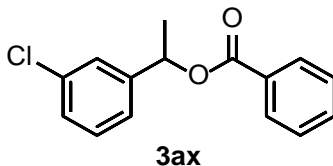
Then, the benzoic acid (0.75 mmol) was added, and stirred at room temperature until the gas evolution ceased and the colour of diazo compound disappeared.. The mixture was dried with Na_2SO_4 and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the final product was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product **3av** yellow oil.



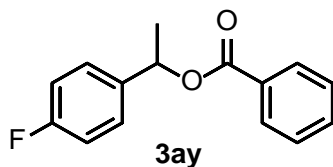
1-Phenylethyl benzoate (3av).² Yellow oil; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.67 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 6.14 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06-8.10 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 22.4, 72.9, 126.0, 127.8, 128.3, 128.5, 129.6, 130.5, 132.9, 141.8, 165.8; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₅H₁₄O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 249.0886, found 249.0900.



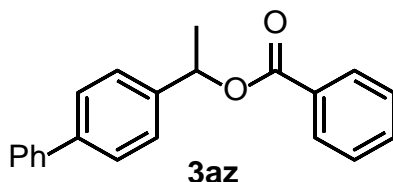
1-(3-Nitrophenyl)ethyl benzoate (3aw). Yellow solid, m.p. 64-65 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.72 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 6.19 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 22.3, 71.7, 121.0, 122.9, 128.5, 129.61, 129.63, 129.8, 132.2, 133.3, 143.9, 148.4, 165.6; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₅H₁₃NO₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 294.0737, found 294.0735.



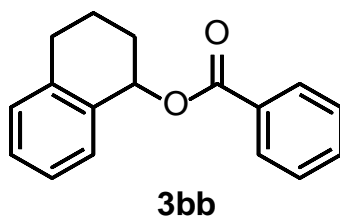
1-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethyl benzoate (3ax). Yellow oil; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.66 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 6.09 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.59 (m, 1H), 8.06-8.09 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 22.4, 72.1, 124.3, 126.2, 128.0, 128.4, 129.7, 129.9, 130.2, 133.1, 134.4, 143.8, 165.7; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₅H₁₃ClO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 283.0496, found 283.0497.



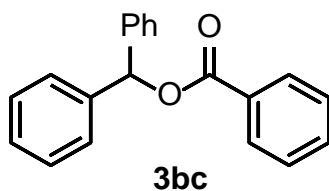
1-(4-Fluorophenyl)ethyl benzoate (3ay). Yellow oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.65 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 6.11 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.3, 72.2, 115.4 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 127.8 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 128.3, 129.6, 130.4, 133.0, 137.6 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 162.3 (d, $J = 246.0$ Hz), 165.7; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{FO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 267.0792, found 267.0801.



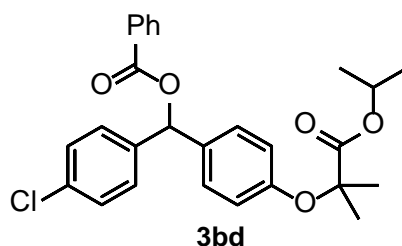
1-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)ethyl benzoate (3az). Yellow oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.71 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 6.18 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.60 (m, 5H), 8.08-8.11 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.3, 72.7, 126.5, 127.1, 127.3, 128.3, 128.7, 129.6, 130.5, 132.9, 140.74, 140.75, 140.9, 165.8; **HRMS**(ESI) m/z calculated For $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 325.1199, found 325.1203.



1,2,3,4-Tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl benzoate (3bb). Yellow oil; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.85-1.90 (m, 1H), 2.03-2.13 (m, 3H), 2.77-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.94 (m, 1H), 6.26 (t, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 19.0, 29.0, 29.2, 70.6, 126.1, 128.0, 128.3, 129.0, 129.5, 129.7, 130.6, 132.8, 134.6, 138.0, 166.2; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 275.1043, found 275.1047.

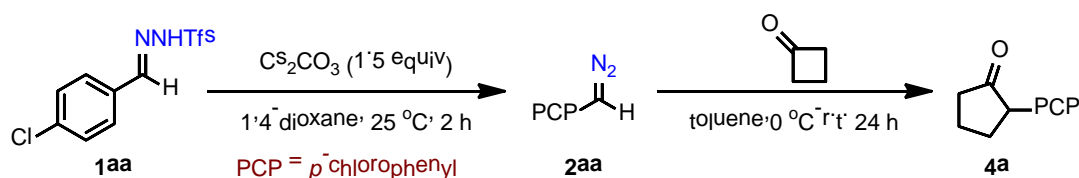


Benzhydryl benzoate (3bc).³ White solid m.p. 88-89 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.42-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.53-7.57 (m, 1H), 8.12-8.16 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 77.4, 127.1, 127.9, 128.4, 128.5, 129.8, 130.2, 133.1, 140.2, 165.5; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₂₀H₁₆O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 311.1043, found 311.1048.



(4-Chlorophenyl)(4-((1-isopropoxy-2-methyl-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)methyl benzoate (3bd). ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.19 (dd, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 5.03-5.09 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 25.31, 25.35, 68.9, 76.3, 79.1, 118.7, 128.1, 128.39, 128.41, 128.6, 129.7, 130.0, 132.9, 133.2, 133.7, 138.9, 155.5, 165.4, 173.5.

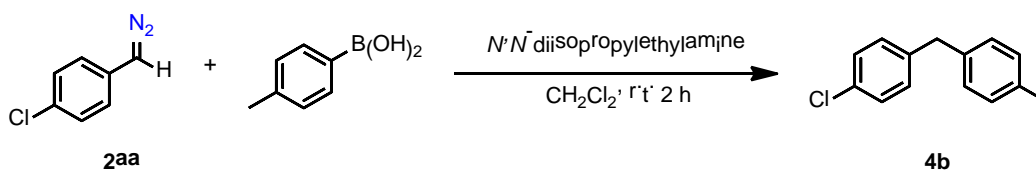
V. Synthetic applications



In a screw capped reaction vial, *N*-tfsylhydrazone **1aa** (199.5 mg, 0.6 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (269.8 mg, 0.83 mmol) were added. After sealed the tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon for three times, followed by dry 1,4-dioxane (10 mL) addition *via* syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by 5 mL saturated sodium chloride solution, the organic layer was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with toluene (3 x 10 mL). The organic phases were combined, washed with saturated ammonium chloride solution (10

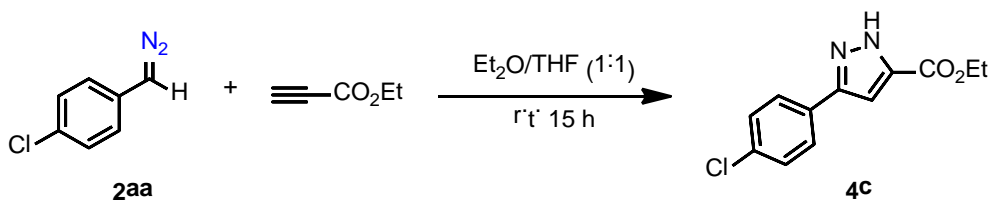
mL), and the benzoic acid (0.75 mmol) was added. Nitrogen evolution occurred, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30-60 min at room temperature. The mixture was dried with Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the final product was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product **4a** yellow oil.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)cyclopentan-1-one (4a).⁴ ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.88-1.97 (m, 1H), 2.03-2.10 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.44-2.52 (m, 2H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.7, 31.4, 38.2, 54.5, 128.6, 129.4, 132.6, 136.7, 217.3.



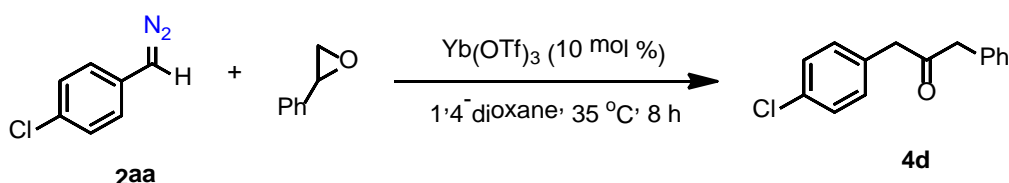
The solution of **2aa**/CH₂Cl₂ (0.75 mmol, obtained by general procedure C in 90% yield) was added to a mixture of 4-tolylboronic acid (0.5 mmol) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (1.0 mmol) in 2 mL CH₂Cl₂. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for additional 15 min after the colour of diazo compound disappeared. After evaporation of organic layer, the desired product **4b** was obtained by silica gel chromatography.

1-Chloro-4-(4-methylbenzyl)benzene (4b).⁵ ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.00, 40.8, 128.5, 128.7, 129.2, 130.2, 131.8, 135.8, 137.5, 139.9.



The solution of **2aa**/Et₂O (0.6 mmol, obtained by general procedure C in 90% yield) was added to a mixture of ethyl propiolate (0.5 mmol) in 10 mL THF. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 h. After evaporation of organic layer, the desired product **4c** was obtained by silica gel chromatography.

Ethyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (4c).⁶ ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.35 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 12.11 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 61.2, 105.1, 126.8, 129.0, 134.3, 139.6, 147.0, 160.6; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₂H₁₂ClN₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 251.0587, found 251.0592.



In a dried glass tube, styrene oxide (0.45 mmol), Yb(OTf)₃, and 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was added sequentially at room temperature. After being stirred at 35 °C for 5 min, **2aa** (0.3 mmol) in 5 mL 1,4-dioxane was added dropwise for 30 min. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir at 40 °C for 8 h. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to leave a crude mixture, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford **4d** as a white solid.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-phenylpropan-2-one (4d). White solid; m.p. 36-37 °C; ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.69 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 48.0, 49.4, 127.2, 128.76, 128.80, 129.4, 130.8, 132.3, 133.0, 133.7, 205.1; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₅H₁₃ClNaO [M+Na]⁺ 267.0548, found 267.0552.

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