

*Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for*

## **CuCl/TMEDA/nor-AZADO-catalyzed aerobic oxidative acylation of amides with alcohols to produce imides**

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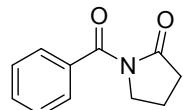
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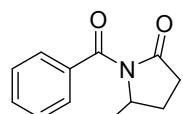
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### **Spectral Data of Imides**



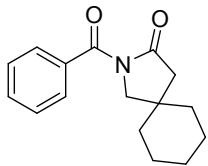
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**N-Benzoyl-2-pyrrolidone (3aa):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  2.09–2.15 (m, 2H), 2.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.61 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  17.76, 33.41, 46.65, 127.90, 129.02, 132.03, 134.46, 170.81, 174.70. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 189 (20) [ $M^+$ ], 106 (10), 105 (100), 77 (56), 51 (19).



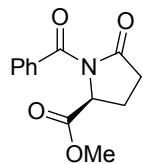
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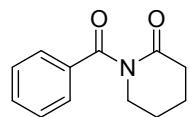
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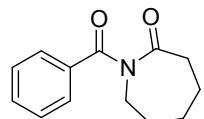
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**Methyl (S)-1-benzoyl-5-oxopyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (3ad):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  2.13–2.19 (m, 1H), 2.41–2.49 (m, 1H), 2.55–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.70–2.77 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.89–4.91 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0 and 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.67 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  21.98, 31.84, 52.93, 58.81, 128.01, 129.31, 132.48, 133.78, 170.55, 171.71, 173.54. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 247 (9) [ $M^+$ ], 188 (23), 105 (100), 77 (39), 51 (11). The enantiomeric excess was >99%ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol 1:1, 0.5 mL/min). Retention time: 16.6 min.



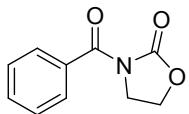
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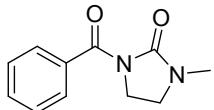
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**N-Benzoylazepan-2-one (3af):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.81–1.89 (m, 6H), 2.68–2.71 (m, 2H), 3.96–3.97 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.56 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  23.89, 29.37, 29.77, 38.99, 45.31, 127.84, 128.30, 131.48, 136.75, 174.31, 177.75. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 217 (18) [ $M^+$ ], 216 (19), 189 (13), 105 (100), 77 (31).



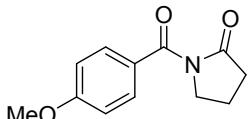
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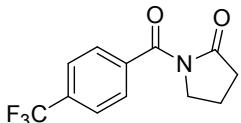
**3ah**

**1-Benzoyl-3-methyl-2-imidazolidinone (3ah):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 2.86 (s, 3H), 3.49–3.52 (m, 2H), 3.99–4.02 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.56–7.58 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 30.88, 40.61, 43.30, 127.64, 128.67, 131.28, 134.80, 154.47, 170.52. MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* (%): 204 (28) [*M*<sup>+</sup>], 105 (100), 99 (35), 77 (36).



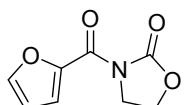
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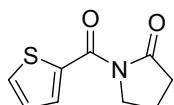
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**N-[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl]-2-pyrrolidone (3ca):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 2.14–2.20 (m, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64–7.71 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ 17.75, 33.34, 46.50, 123.87 (q, *J* = 272.7 Hz), 125.03 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 129.20, 133.27 (q, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 138.00, 169.52, 174.80. MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* (%): 257 (25) [*M*<sup>+</sup>], 174 (13), 173 (100), 145 (65), 95 (11), 84 (27).



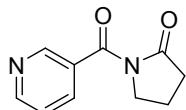
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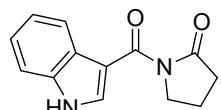
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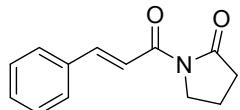
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**N-(3-Pyridinylcarbonyl)-2-pyrrolidone (3fa):** MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* (%): 190 (38) [*M*<sup>+</sup>], 162 (20), 107 (16), 106 (100), 84 (14), 79 (24), 78 (75), 51 (36), 50 (11).



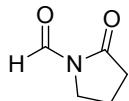
**3ga**

**3-[(2-Pyrrolidonyl)carbonyl]indole (3ga):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): *δ* 1.98–2.04 (m, 2H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.49 (m, 1H), 8.01–8.02 (m, 1H), 8.11–8.12 (m, 1H), 11.95 (brs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): *δ* 17.47, 33.20, 46.72, 108.83, 112.21, 120.71, 121.43, 122.38, 126.73, 135.22, 135.80, 164.85, 174.46. MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* (%): 228 (32) [*M*<sup>+</sup>], 145 (11), 144 (100), 116 (20), 89 (16).



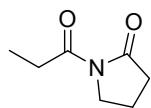
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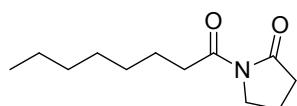
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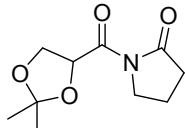
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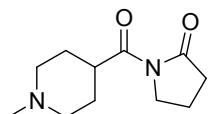
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**N-Octanoyl-2-pyrrolidone (3ka):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  0.88 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.28–1.38 (m, 8H), 1.60–1.66 (m, 2H), 2.00–2.06 (m, 2H), 2.60 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.81 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  14.26, 17.38, 22.79, 24.39, 29.24, 29.34, 31.87, 33.93, 37.00, 45.64, 174.71, 175.50. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 211 (1) [ $M^+$ ], 140 (74), 127 (81), 99 (47), 98 (22), 86 (100), 85 (15), 84 (13), 69 (14), 57 (44), 56 (18), 55 (43).



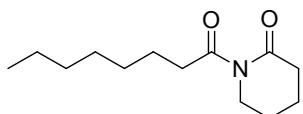
**3la**

**N-[(2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)carbonyl]-2-pyrrolidone (3la):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.42 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 2.05–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.56–2.67 (m, 2H), 3.80–3.88 (m, 2H), 4.02–4.05 (dd,  $J = 9.5$  and 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40–4.43 (dd,  $J = 9.3$  and 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38–5.40 (dd,  $J = 7.3$  and 3.8 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  17.94, 25.63, 26.25, 33.39, 45.51, 68.03, 76.55, 111.68, 172.13, 176.10. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 198 (40), 155 (33), 138 (64), 101 (100), 100 (10), 86 (57), 85 (19), 83 (11), 73 (30), 69 (11), 56 (18), 55 (14).



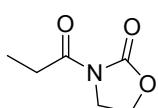
**3ma**

**1-Methyl-4-[(2-pyrrolidonyl)carbonyl]piperidine (3ma):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.73–1.85 (m, 4H), 2.01–2.07 (m, 4H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.61 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.87–2.90 (m, 2H), 3.38–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.79–3.82 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  17.31, 28.36, 34.11, 41.28, 45.98, 46.50, 55.24, 175.21, 176.72. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 210 (33) [ $M^+$ ], 140 (46), 125 (18), 98 (56), 97 (65), 96 (73), 86 (18), 82 (22), 71 (70), 70 (100), 69 (11), 68 (11), 58 (14), 57 (18), 56 (18), 55 (45).



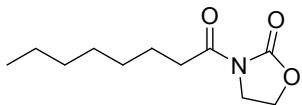
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**N-Octanoyl-2-piperidone (3ke):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  0.88 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.24–1.35 (m, 8H), 1.60–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.87 (m, 4H), 2.54–2.56 (m, 2H), 2.89 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.72 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  14.27, 20.47, 22.65, 22.80, 25.13, 29.29, 29.39, 31.90, 35.10, 39.79, 44.05, 173.52, 177.38. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 225 (2) [ $M^+$ ], 154 (40), 141 (25), 113 (15), 100 (100), 99 (38), 98 (11), 57 (23), 55 (17).



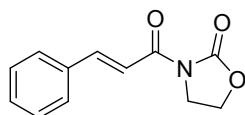
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**3-Propionyl-2-oxazolidinone (3jg):** MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* (%): 143 (9) [*M*<sup>+</sup>], 115 (24), 88 (51), 57 (100), 56 (15).



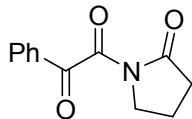
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**3-Octanoyl-2-oxazolidinone (3kg):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.26–1.38 (m, 8H), 1.63–1.69 (m, 2H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  14.27, 22.79, 24.43, 29.21, 29.25, 31.85, 35.29, 42.70, 62.18, 153.74, 173.81. MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* (%): 213 (0.4) [*M*<sup>+</sup>], 142 (64), 129 (100), 127 (24), 101 (24), 88 (46), 57 (45), 55 (20).



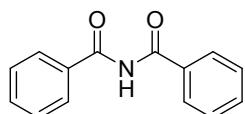
**3hg (CAS No. 109299-93-6)**

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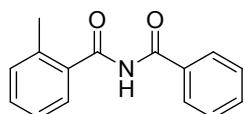
**3va (CAS No. 2399-66-8)**

**1-(2-Oxo-1-pyrrolidinyl)-2-phenyl-1,2-ethanedione (3va):** MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* (%): 217 (1) [*M*<sup>+</sup>], 189 (15), 105 (100), 77 (44), 51 (16).



**3ai (CAS No. 614-28-8)**

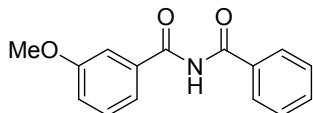
**N-Benzoylbenzamide (3ai):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.86–7.88 (m, 4H), 8.98 (brs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  128.13, 129.10, 133.33, 133.54, 166.55. MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* (%): 225 (16) [*M*<sup>+</sup>], 122 (11), 105 (100), 103 (26), 77 (69), 76 (13), 51 (31), 50 (14).



**3ni (CAS No. 80791-90-8)**

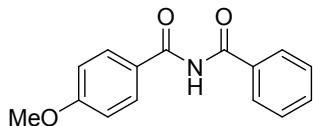
**N-Benzoyl-2-methylbenzamide (3ni):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  2.47 (s, 3H), 7.25–7.27 (m, 2H),

7.37–7.40 (dt,  $J$  = 1.3 and 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.58–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.87–7.89 (m, 2H), 9.11 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  20.02, 125.98, 127.15, 128.13, 129.07, 131.17, 131.41, 132.97, 133.41, 134.90, 136.85, 165.78, 170.10.



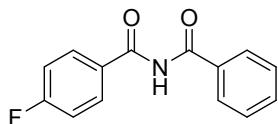
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**N-Benzoyl-3-methoxybenzamide (3oi and 3ak):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  3.81 (s, 3H), 7.08–7.10 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0 and 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 9.30 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  55.56, 113.24, 119.28, 119.80, 128.09, 128.80, 129.86, 133.05, 133.43, 134.77, 159.93, 166.25, 166.74.



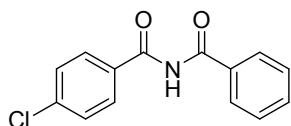
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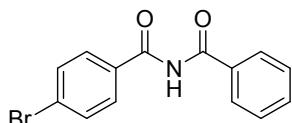
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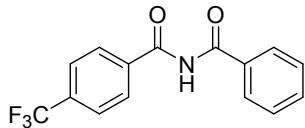
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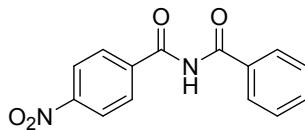
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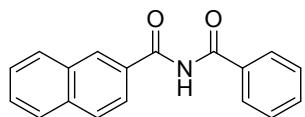
### 3ci

**N-Benzoyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (3ci):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.48–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.86–7.89 (m, 2H), 7.94 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 9.32 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  123.58 (q,  $J = 272.7$  Hz), 125.74 (q,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 128.29, 128.78, 128.93, 132.91, 133.46, 134.31 (q,  $J = 32.8$  Hz), 136.85, 166.78, 166.84.



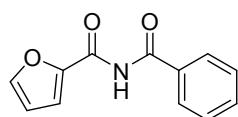
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**N-Benzoyl-4-nitrobenzamide (3si):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.54–7.57 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.65–7.68 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 11.65 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ , TMS):  $\delta$  123.42, 128.45, 128.76, 129.90, 132.94, 133.27, 139.86, 149.42, 167.07, 167.41.



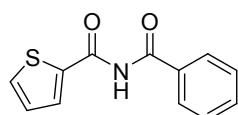
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**N-Benzoyl-2-naphthamide (3ti):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.44 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.81–7.83 (m, 3H), 7.85–7.88 (m, 3H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 9.46 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  124.00, 127.00, 127.79, 128.14, 128.48, 128.65, 128.75, 129.21, 129.24, 130.50, 132.30, 132.99, 133.36, 135.32, 166.78, 166.80.



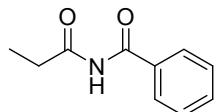
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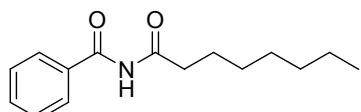
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**N-Benzoyl-2-thiophenecarboxamide (3ei):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.12–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.63–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.81–7.86 (m, 3H), 9.24 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  128.18, 128.32, 128.87, 131.47, 133.13, 133.54, 133.65, 137.78, 160.24, 166.79.



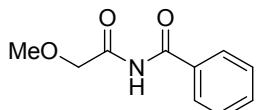
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**N-Propionylbenzamide (3ji):** MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 177 (29) [ $M^+$ ], 149 (15), 122 (27), 105 (100), 77 (33), 57 (12).



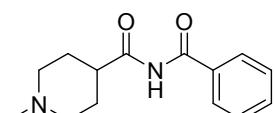
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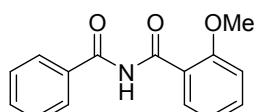
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**N-(2-Methoxyacetyl)-benzamide (3ui):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  3.53 (s, 3H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 7.49–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.87–7.89 (m, 2H), 9.42 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  59.58, 73.13, 127.94, 129.16, 132.57, 133.52, 165.29, 171.14. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 193 (5) [ $M^+$ ], 178 (11), 163 (16), 105 (100), 77 (54), 51 (19).



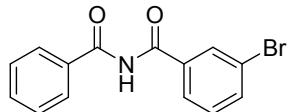
**3mi**

**N-Benzoyl-1-methyl-4-piperidinecarboxamide (3mi):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.79–1.87 (m, 2H), 1.96–1.99 (m, 2H), 2.04–2.10 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.90–2.93 (m, 2H), 3.37–3.43 (tt,  $J = 11.3$  and 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.91–7.93 (m, 2H), 9.32 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  28.36, 42.41, 46.55, 55.26, 128.00, 129.02, 132.95, 133.32, 165.83, 178.92. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 246 (18) [ $M^+$ ], 176 (19), 105 (43), 98 (20), 97 (55), 96 (100), 82 (13), 77 (31), 71 (27), 70 (60), 57 (10), 55 (25), 51 (11).



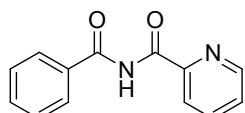
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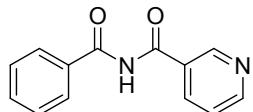
### 3an (CAS No. 109312-13-2)

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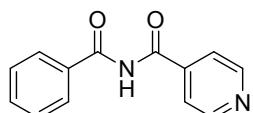
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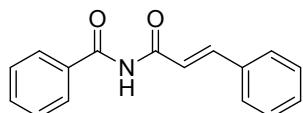
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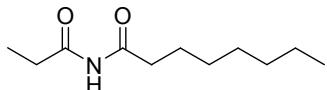
### 3aq

**N-Benzoyl-4-pyridinecarboxamide (3aq):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.53–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.78–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.95–7.97 (m, 2H), 8.78–8.79 (m, 2H), 11.61 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ , TMS):  $\delta$  121.97, 128.46, 128.78, 132.96, 133.27, 141.34, 150.16, 167.12, 167.36.



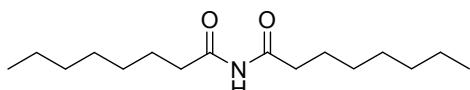
### 3ar (CAS No. 173909-83-6)

**N-Cinnamoylbenzamide (3ar):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.40–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.52 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.65 (m, 3H), 7.84–7.97 (m, 4H), 9.28 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  119.65, 128.11, 128.82, 129.07, 129.09, 130.87, 133.14, 133.40, 134.76, 146.82, 166.31, 168.23.



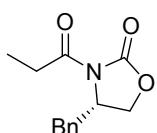
### 3js (CAS No. 109777-03-9)

**N-Propionyloctaneamide (3js):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  0.88 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 1.28–1.36 (m, 8H), 1.62–1.68 (m, 2H), 2.58–2.68 (m, 4H), 9.13 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  8.53, 14.23, 22.77, 24.62, 29.17, 29.25, 30.90, 31.84, 37.58, 174.94, 175.83. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 199 (3) [ $M^+$ ], 156 (11), 144 (15), 142 (11), 128 (61), 127 (22), 126 (11), 115 (100), 98 (10), 87 (24), 86 (10), 74 (62), 73 (95), 72 (47), 60 (12), 59 (64), 57 (100), 55 (21).



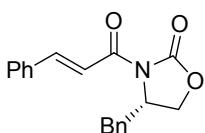
### 3ks (CAS No. 13916-42-2)

**N-Octanoyloctaneamide (3ks):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  0.88 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 6H), 1.28–1.36 (m, 16H), 1.61–1.67 (m, 4H), 2.60 (t,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 4H), 8.89 (brs, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  14.26, 22.80, 24.59, 29.21, 29.26, 31.87, 37.63, 174.90. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 269 (10) [ $M^+$ ], 226 (22), 212 (12), 198 (60), 185 (25), 144 (100), 143 (17), 142 (19), 128 (17), 127 (63), 126 (61), 114 (49), 101 (20), 100 (21), 98 (21), 86 (26), 84 (14), 73 (11), 72 (99), 60 (31), 59 (53), 57 (78), 55 (28).



### 3jt (CAS No. 101711-78-8)

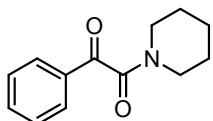
**(S)-4-Benzyl-3-propionyl-2-oxazolidinone (3jt):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.21 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 2.75–2.80 (dd,  $J = 13.3$  and 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89–3.03 (m, 2H), 3.29–3.32 (dd,  $J = 13.5$  and 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.16–4.22 (m, 2H), 4.65–4.70 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.35 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  8.48, 29.40, 38.10, 55.36, 66.40, 127.53, 129.15, 129.61, 135.52, 153.71, 174.27. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 233 (14) [ $M^+$ ], 142 (24), 91 (19), 57 (100). The enantiomeric excess was >99%ee, determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol 1:1, 0.5 mL/min). Retention time: 12.6 min.



### 3ht (CAS No. 128891-66-7)

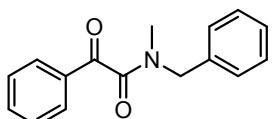
**(S)-4-Benzyl-3-cinnamoyl-2-oxazolidinone (3ht):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  2.83–2.88 (dd,  $J = 13.3$  and 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.36–3.39 (dd,  $J = 13.3$  and 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20–4.27 (m, 2H), 4.78–4.83 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.42 (m, 8H), 7.62–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.89–7.96 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  38.11, 55.62, 66.37, 117.16, 127.54, 128.88, 129.10, 129.17, 129.67, 130.94, 134.72, 135.53, 146.68, 153.74, 165.40.

MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* (%): 307 (17) [*M*<sup>+</sup>], 132 (10), 131 (100), 103 (31), 77 (18). The enantiomeric excess was >99%*ee*, determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/2-propanol 1:1, 0.5 mL/min). Retention time: 18.9 min.



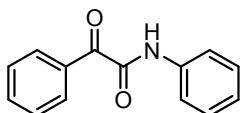
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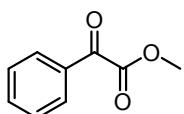
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**N-Benzyl-N-methyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (8vb):** MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* (%): 253 (3) [*M*<sup>+</sup>], 148 (10), 120 (54), 105 (89), 91 (100), 77 (45), 65 (12), 51 (14).



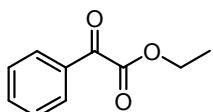
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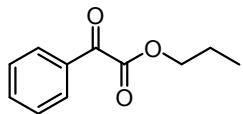
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**Methyl phenylglyoxylate (9vi):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  3.99 (s, 3H), 7.51–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.69 (m, 1H), 8.02–8.03 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  52.81, 128.92, 130.10, 132.41, 135.02, 164.04, 186.06. MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* (%): 164 (1) [*M*<sup>+</sup>], 105 (100), 77 (62), 51 (25).



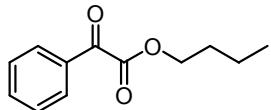
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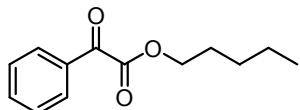
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**n-Propyl phenylglyoxylate (9vj):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  1.02 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 1.82 (sext,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.36 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.68 (m, 1H), 8.00–8.02 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  10.32, 21.89, 67.79, 128.91, 130.02, 132.49, 134.91, 164.02, 186.51. MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 192 (0.4) [ $M^+$ ], 105 (100), 77 (42), 51 (13).



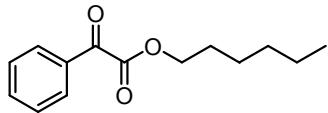
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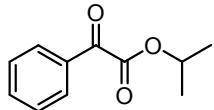
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**Pentyl phenylglyoxylate (9va):** MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 220 (0.3) [ $M^+$ ], 105 (100), 77 (33), 51 (10).



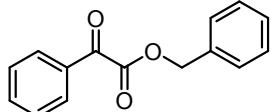
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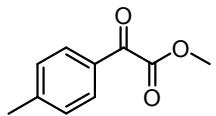
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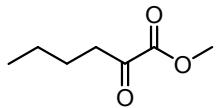
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**Benzyl phenylglyoxylate (9vd):** MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 105 (100), 91 (88), 77 (53), 65 (12), 51 (20).



**9wi (CAS No. 34966-53-5)**

**Methyl (4-methylphenyl)glyoxylate (9wi):** MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 178 (2) [ $M^+$ ], 119 (100), 91 (53), 65 (21).



**9xi (CAS No. 6395-83-1)**

**Methyl 2-oxohexanoate (9xi):** MS (70 eV, EI):  $m/z$  (%): 144 (8) [ $M^+$ ], 85 (84), 57 (100), 55 (10).

**Table S1** Solvent effect<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Solvent	Conv. of <b>1a</b> (%)		Yield (%)	
				<b>3aa</b>	<b>4a</b>
1	THF	>99		>99	<1
2	DCM	>99		13	78
3	MeCN	84		1	72

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (5 mol%), TMEDA (5 mol%), nor-AZADO (3 mol%), MS 3A (200 mg), solvent (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), room temp. (ca. 23°C), 5 min. Conversions and yields were determined by GC analysis.

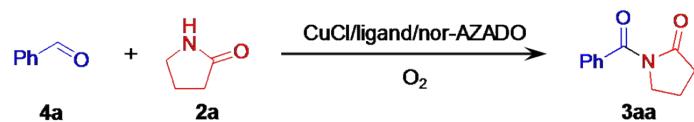
**Table S2** Optimization of the reaction conditions for the reaction of benzyl alcohol (**1a**) and benzamide (**2i**)<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Ligand	N-Oxyl	Base	Conv. of <b>1a</b> (%)	Yield (%)
					<b>3ai</b> <b>4a</b>
1 <sup>b</sup>	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	none	>99	12    74
2 <sup>c</sup>	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	none	>99	24    73
3 <sup>d</sup>	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	none	>99	84    12
4 <sup>c,e</sup>	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	none	83	<1    70
<b>5<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>TMEDA</b>	<b>nor-AZADO</b>	<b>'BuOK</b>	<b>&gt;99</b>	<b>&gt;99</b> <b>&lt;1</b>
6	bpy	nor-AZADO	'BuOK	>99	13    81
7	<sup>4</sup> Me'bpy	nor-AZADO	'BuOK	82	1    63
8	<sup>6</sup> Me'bpy	nor-AZADO	'BuOK	85	1    77
9	<sup>4</sup> MeO'bpy	nor-AZADO	'BuOK	>99	51    42
10	phen	nor-AZADO	'BuOK	>99	44    47
11	<sup>MeO</sup> phen	nor-AZADO	'BuOK	46	<1    33
<b>12</b>	<b>TMEDA</b>	<b>nor-AZADO</b>	<b>'BuOK</b>	<b>&gt;99</b>	<b>72</b> <b>25</b>
<b>13<sup>f</sup></b>	<b>TMEDA</b>	<b>nor-AZADO</b>	<b>'BuOK</b>	<b>&gt;99</b>	<b>&gt;99</b> <b>&lt;1</b>
14	TEEDA	nor-AZADO	'BuOK	>99	60    35
15	TMEDA	TEMPO	'BuOK	43	<1    30
16	TMEDA	ABNO	'BuOK	>99	26    61
17	TMEDA	keto-ABNO	'BuOK	34	<1    24
18	TMEDA	AZADO	'BuOK	>99	69    24

19	TMEDA	1-Me-AZADO	'BuOK	>99	29	46
20	TMEDA	5-F-AZADO	'BuOK	>99	67	26
21	TMEDA	4-Cl-AZADO	'BuOK	>99	16	64
22	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	DBU	>99	10	77
23	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	DMAP	>99	5	80
24	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	>99	13	74

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions for entries 1–5: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2i** (0.55 mmol), CuCl, TMEDA (1 eq.), nor-AZADO (5 mol%), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), room temp. (ca. 23°C), 1 h; for 6–24: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2i** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (5 mol%), ligand (5 mol%), *N*-oxyl (3 mol%), base (1 eq.), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), room temp. (ca. 23°C), 1 h. Conversions and yields were determined by GC and HPLC analysis. <sup>b</sup>CuCl (10 mol%). <sup>c</sup>CuCl (20 mol%), <sup>d</sup>CuCl (100 mol%). <sup>e</sup>**3ai** (20 mol%), half scale, <sup>f</sup>4 h.

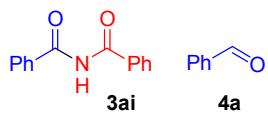
**Table S3** Control experiments for the reaction of benzaldehyde (**4a**) and 2-pyrrolidone (**2a**)<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Cu source	Ligand	<i>N</i> -Oxyl	Time (min)	Conv. of <b>4a</b> (%)	Yield of <b>3aa</b> (%)
1	CuCl	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	2.5	98	98
2	CuCl	bpy	nor-AZADO	2.5	25	17
3	CuCl	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	5	>99	>99
4	–	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	5	21	<1
5	CuCl	–	nor-AZADO	5	19	<1
6	CuCl	TMEDA	–	5	24	<1
7 <sup>b</sup>	CuCl	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	5	24	6
8 <sup>c</sup>	CuCl	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	5	7	1

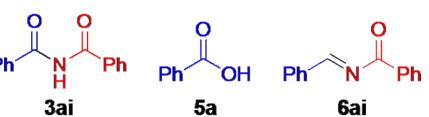
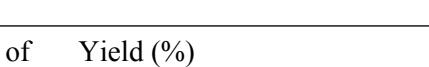
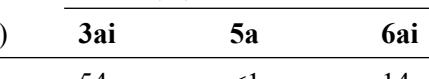
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (5 mol%), ligand (5 mol%), nor-AZADO (3 mol%), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), room temp. (ca. 23°C). Conversion and yields were determined by GC analysis. <sup>b</sup>Without MS 3A. <sup>c</sup>Ar (1 atm).

**Table S4** Effect of copper sources for the reaction of benzaldehyde (**4a**) and benzamide (**2i**) in the presence of *t*BuOK<sup>a</sup>

				Cu/TMEDA/nor-AZADO/ <i>t</i> BuOK		
Entry	Cu source	Time (h)	Conv. of <b>1a</b> (%)		<b>3ai</b>	<b>4a</b>
1	CuCl	1	>99		72	25
2	CuCl	4	>99		>99	<1
3	CuBr	1	>99		75	23
4	CuBr	4	>99		>99	<1
5	CuI	1	>99		66	27
6	CuI	4	>99		>99	<1
7	CuOAc	1	>99		69	28
8	CuOAc	4	>99		>99	<1
9	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	1	>99		74	22
10	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	4	>99		>99	<1

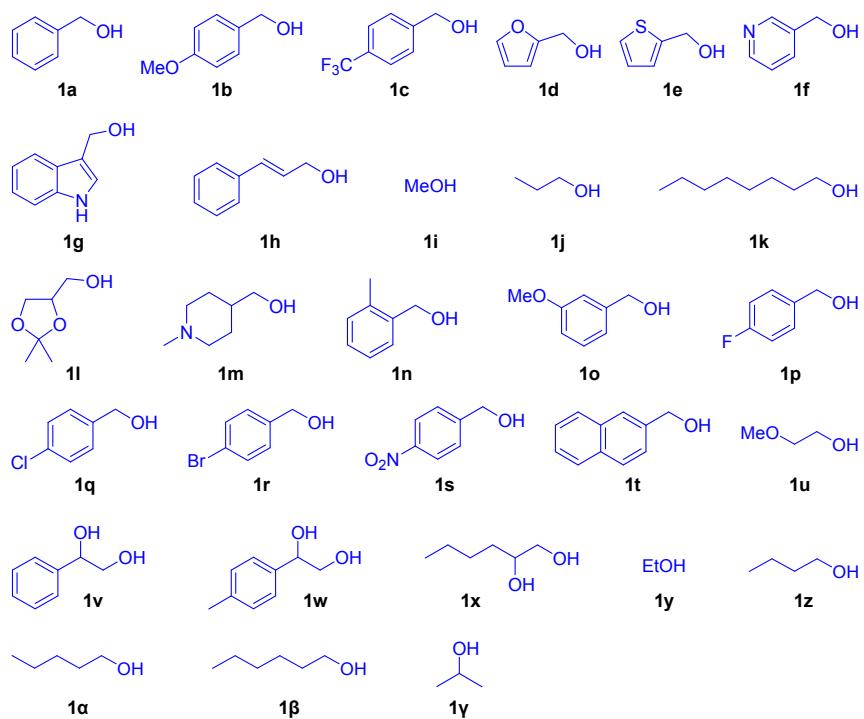
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2i** (0.55 mmol), Cu source (5 mol%), TMEDA (5 mol%), nor-AZADO (3 mol%), *t*BuOK (1 eq.), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), room temp. (ca. 23°C). Conversion and yields were determined by GC and HPLC analysis.

**Table S5** Control experiments for the reaction of benzaldehyde (**4a**) and benzamide (**2i**)<sup>a</sup>

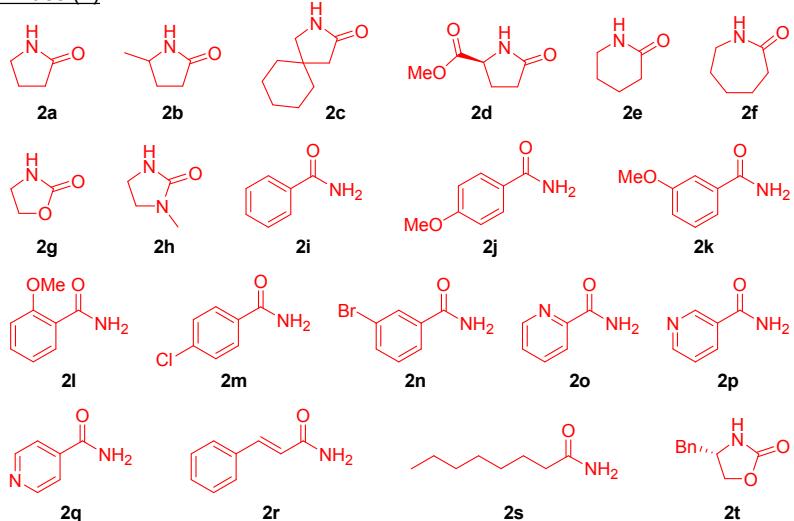
				CuCl/TMEDA/nor-AZADO				
Entry	Cu source	Ligand	N-Oxyl	Conv. of <b>4a</b> (%)		<b>3ai</b>	<b>5a</b>	<b>6ai</b>
1	CuCl	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	69		54	<1	14
2	–	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	10		<1	<1	<1
3	CuCl	–	nor-AZADO	42		28	<1	7
4	CuCl	TMEDA	–	34		<1	<1	24
5 <sup>b</sup>	CuCl	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	34		14	7	<1
6 <sup>c</sup>	CuCl	TMEDA	nor-AZADO	13		2	<1	<1

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **4a** (0.5 mmol), **2i** (0.55 mmol), CuCl (5 mol%), TMEDA (5 mol%), nor-AZADO (3 mol%), *t*BuOK (1 eq.), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (balloon), room temp. (ca. 23°C), 1 h. Conversion and yields were determined by GC and HPLC analysis. <sup>b</sup>Without MS 3A. <sup>c</sup>Ar (1 atm).

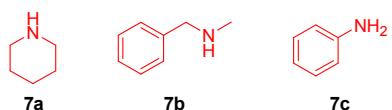
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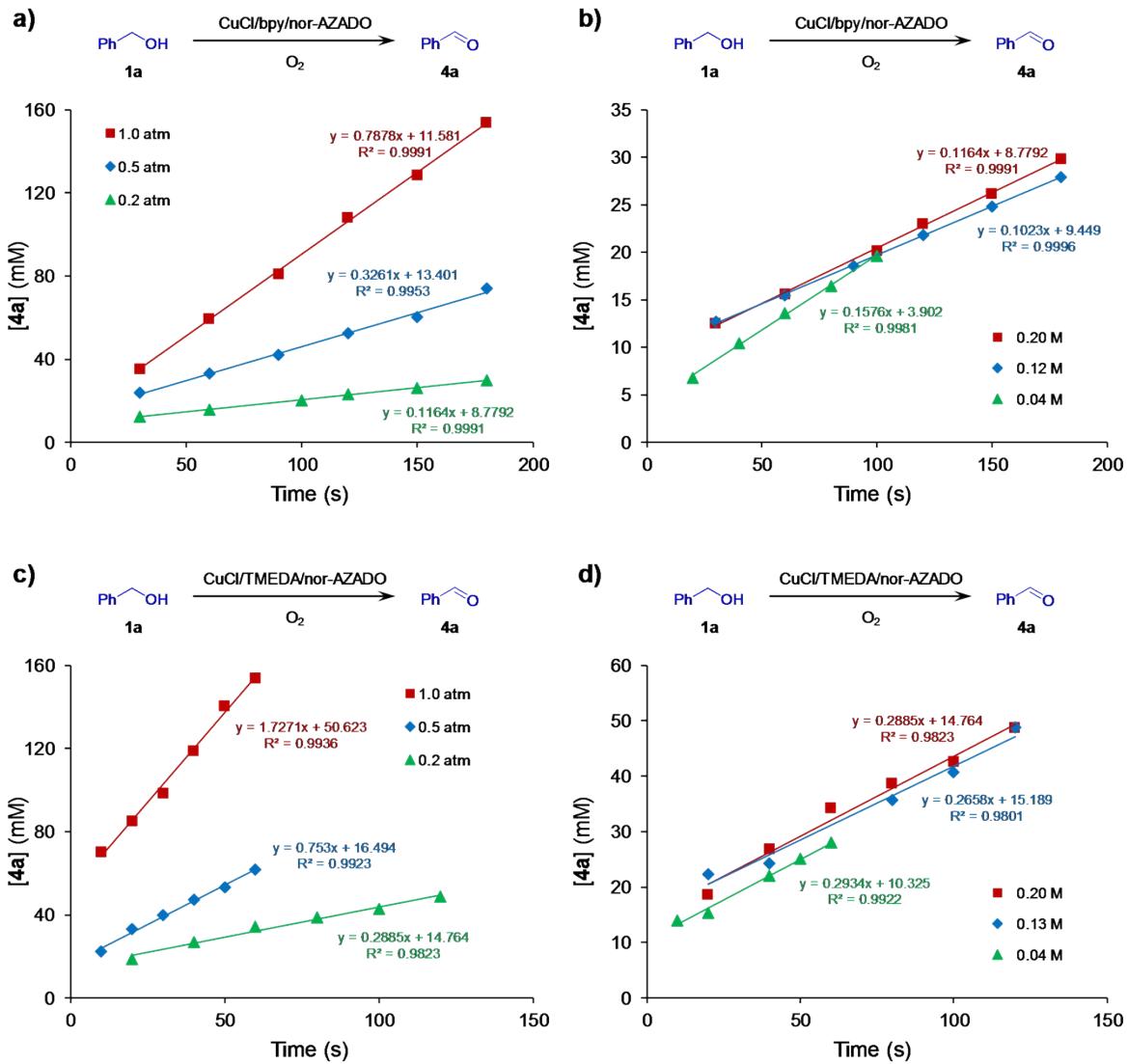
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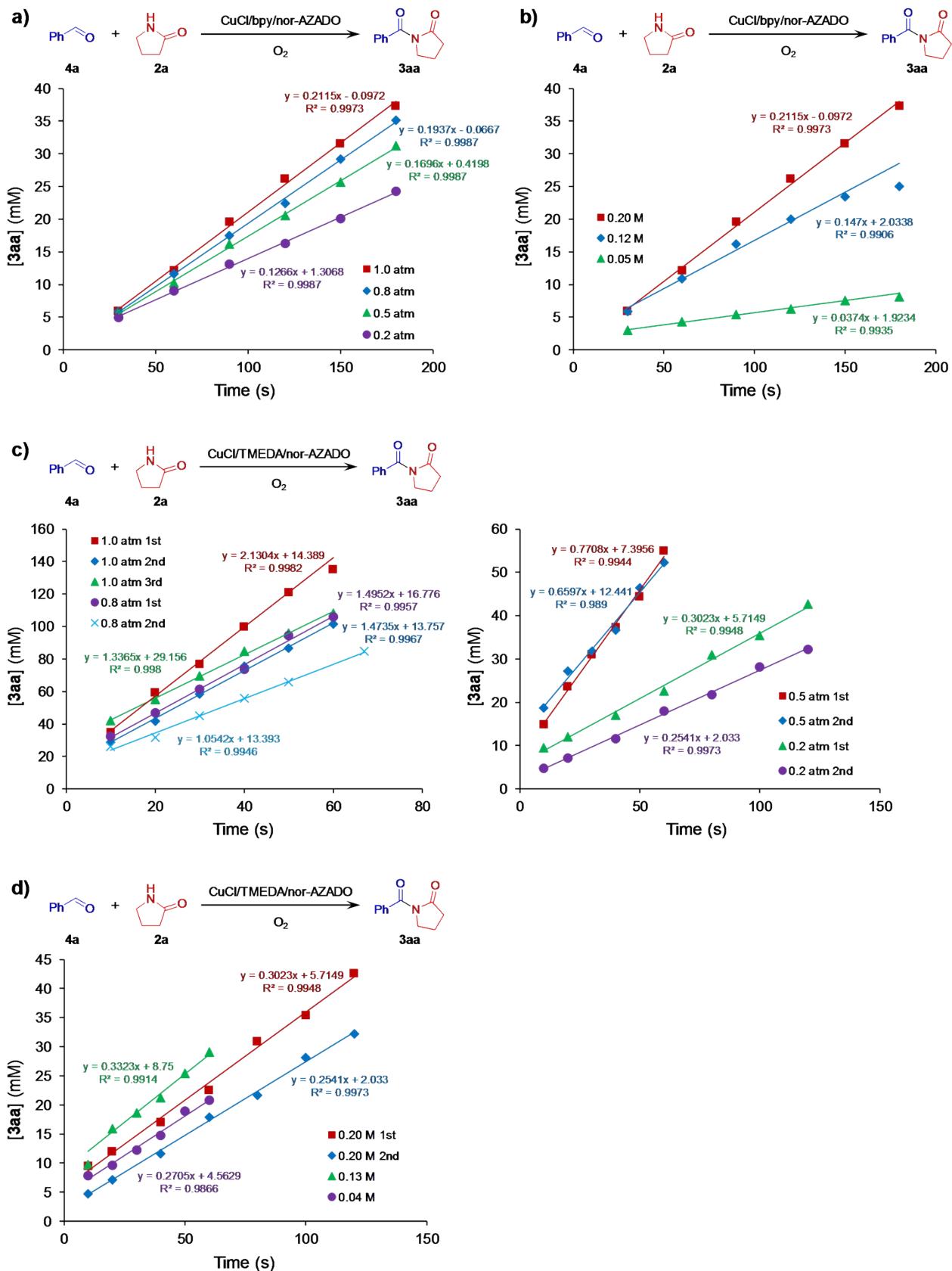
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**Fig. S1** Substrates used in this study.



**Fig. S2** Reaction profiles for a) the yield of **4a** with different partial pressure of O<sub>2</sub> in the presence of CuCl/bpy/nor-AZADO catalyst, b) the yield of **4a** with different initial concentrations of **1a** in the presence of CuCl/bpy/nor-AZADO catalyst, c) the yield of **4a** with different partial pressure of O<sub>2</sub> in the presence of CuCl/TMEDA/nor-AZADO catalyst, and d) the yield of **4a** with different initial concentrations of **1a** in the presence of CuCl/TMEDA/nor-AZADO catalyst. Reaction conditions for a): **1a** (0.2 M), CuCl (10 mM), bpy (10 mM), nor-AZADO (6 mM), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (0.2–1.0 atm), room temp. (ca. 23°C); for b): **1a** (0.04–0.20 M), CuCl (10 mM), bpy (10 mM), nor-AZADO (6 mM), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (0.2 atm), room temp. (ca. 23°C); for c): **1a** (0.2 M), CuCl (10 mM), TMEDA (10 mM), nor-AZADO (6 mM), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (0.2–1.0 atm), room temp. (ca. 23°C); for d): **1a** (0.04–0.20 M), CuCl (10 mM), TMEDA (10 mM), nor-AZADO (6 mM), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (0.2 atm), room temp. (ca. 23°C). Yields were determined by GC analysis.



**Fig. S3** Reaction profiles for a) the yield of **3aa** with different partial pressure of  $\text{O}_2$  in the presence of  $\text{CuCl}/\text{bpy}/\text{nor-AZADO}$  catalyst, b) the yield of **3aa** with different initial concentrations of **4a** in the presence

of CuCl/bpy/nor-AZADO catalyst, c) the yield of **3aa** with different partial pressure of O<sub>2</sub> in the presence of CuCl/TMEDA/nor-AZADO catalyst, and d) the yield of **3aa** with different initial concentrations of **4a** in the presence of CuCl/TMEDA/nor-AZADO catalyst. Reaction conditions for a): **4a** (0.20 M), **2a** (0.22 M), CuCl (10 mM), bpy (10 mM), nor-AZADO (6 mM), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (0.1–1.0 atm), room temp. (ca. 23°C); for b): **4a** (0.05–0.20 M), **2a** (0.22 M), CuCl (10 mM), bpy (10 mM), nor-AZADO (6 mM), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (1.0 atm), room temp. (ca. 23°C); for c): **4a** (0.20 M), **2a** (0.22 M), CuCl (10 mM), bpy (10 mM), nor-AZADO (6 mM), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (0.1–1.0 atm), room temp. (ca. 23°C); for d): **4a** (0.04–0.20 M), **2a** (0.22 M), CuCl (10 mM), bpy (10 mM), nor-AZADO (6 mM), MS 3A (200 mg), THF (2.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub> (0.2 atm), room temp. (ca. 23°C). Yields were determined by GC analysis.