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Co-catalyzed decarbonylative alkylative esterification of styrenes with aliphatic aldehydes and hypervalent iodine(III) reagents

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I. General information

Unless otherwise noted, all commercially available compounds were used as purchased without further purification. Dry solvents (toluene, ethyl acetate, dichloromethane, acetonitrile, chlorobenzene, fluorobenzene, trifluoromethyl benzene) were used as commercially available. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated plates (0.25 mm) or Sorbent Silica Gel 60 F254 plates. The developed chromatography was analyzed by UV lamp (254 nm). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained from a JEOL JMS-700 instrument (ESI) or Thermo Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL (ESI). Melting points are uncorrected. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts for ¹H NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (chloroform: δ 7.26 ppm). Chemical shifts for ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as the internal standard (CDCl₃: δ 77.16 ppm). Data are reported as following: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad signal), coupling constant (Hz), and integration.

II. General experimental procedure

A general experimental procedure for the synthesis of **acetates (3a-3m, 4b-4m)** is described as following:

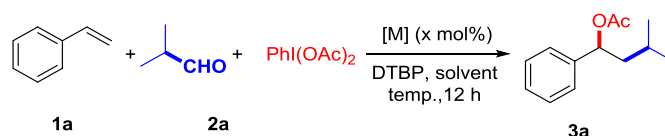
An oven-dried reaction vessel was successively charged with Co(OAc)₂·4H₂O (0.01 mmol, 5 mol%), iodobenzene diacetate (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), styrene (**1a**, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), isobutyraldehyde (**2a**, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv), trifluoromethyl benzene (1.0 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl

peroxide (DTBP, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The vessel was sealed and stirred at 120 °C (oil bath temperature) for 12 h. Afterwards the resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed in vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of dichloromethane/petroleum ether as eluent to give products **3a**.

A general experimental procedure for the synthesis of **benzoates (6a-6f)** is described as following:

An oven-dried reaction vessel was successively charged with Co(OAc)₂·4H₂O (0.01 mmol, 5 mol%), iodobenzene diacetate (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), PhCOOH (0.64 mmol, 3.2 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (0.32 mmol, 1.6 equiv), styrene (**1a**, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), isobutyraldehyde (**2a**, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv), trifluoromethyl benzene (1.2 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (DTBP, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv). The vessel was sealed and stirred at 120 °C (oil bath temperature) for 12 h. Afterwards the resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed in vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of dichloromethane/petroleum ether as eluent to give products **6a**.

III. Condition optimization



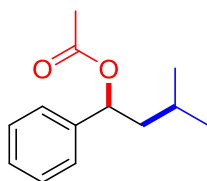
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1	--	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	0
2	FeCl ₃ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	0
3	Fe(acac) ₃ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	0
4	Fe(OAc) ₂ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	0
5	CuCl ₂ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	0
6	Cu(OAc) ₂ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	0
7	Cu(acac) ₂ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	0
8	MnCl ₂ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	0
9	NiCl ₂ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	0
10	CoCl ₂ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	25
11	Co ₂ (CO) ₈ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	15
12	Co(OAc) ₂ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	34
13	CoSO ₄ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	0
14	Co(acac) ₂ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	22
15	Co(acac) ₃ (5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	19
16	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	CH ₃ CN	DTBP	120	43
17	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(7.5)	PhCF ₃	DTBP	120	51
18	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCF ₃	DTBP	120	75
19	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(2.5)	PhCF ₃	DTBP	120	66
20	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCl	DTBP	120	53
21	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCH ₃	DTBP	120	0

22	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	DMF	DTBP	120	0
23	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	DMSO	DTBP	120	0
24	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	DCM	DTBP	120	0
25	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	EA	DTBP	120	0
26	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhF	DTBP	120	68
27	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCF ₃	DTBP	120	75
28	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCF ₃	TBHP in decane	120	0
29	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCF ₃	H ₂ O ₂	120	0
30	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCF ₃	DTBP(1)	120	84
31	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCF ₃	DTBP(1.2)	120	90
32	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCF ₃	DTBP(1.5)	120	86
33	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCF ₃	DTBP(1.2)	110	81
34	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCF ₃	DTBP(1.2)	120	90
35	Co(OAc) ₂ ·4H ₂ O(5)	PhCF ₃	DTBP(1.2)	130	50

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), PhI(OAc)₂ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), DTBP (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Cat. (0.01 mmol, x mol%), solvent (1.0 mL), stirred at y °C for 12 h under air.

IV Spectra data of products **3a-3m**, **4b-4m**, **6a-6f**

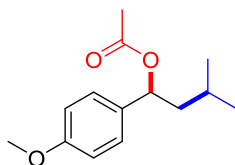
(**3a**) 3-methyl-1-phenylbutyl acetate¹



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (37.1 mg, 90%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.83 – 5.80 (m, 1H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 1.85 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 1.62 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.48, 141.23, 128.54, 127.93, 126.63, 74.66, 45.54, 24.83, 22.88, 22.48, 21.40. IR (cm⁻¹): 2958, 2871, 2837, 1736, 1073, 699.

(**3b**) 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylbutyl acetate

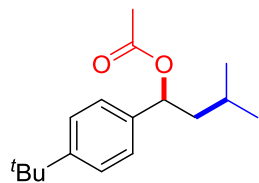


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between 4-methoxystyrene (**1b**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (27.4 mg, 58%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.88 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 0.92 (dd, *J* = 10.8,

6.4 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.58, 159.34, 133.24, 128.16, 113.91, 74.41, 55.38, 45.21, 24.86, 22.77, 22.60, 21.49. IR (cm^{-1}): 2958, 2871, 2837, 1736, 1073, 699. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 259.1305; Found: 259.1293.

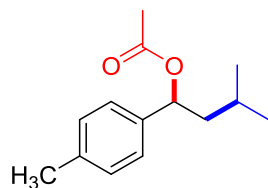
(3c) 1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3-methylbutyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between 4-*tert*-butylstyrene (**1c**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (47.3 mg, 83%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 5.83 – 5.80 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.88 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H), 0.96 – 0.92 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.58, 150.84, 138.15, 126.42, 125.45, 74.51, 45.49, 34.66, 31.57, 31.47, 24.88, 22.92, 22.52, 21.48. IR (cm^{-1}): 2959, 2870, 1736, 1192, 833. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 285.1825; Found: 285.1818.

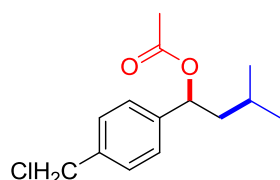
(3d) 3-methyl-1-(p-tolyl)butyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between 4-methylstyrene (**1d**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (34.3 mg, 78%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.23 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.80 – 5.77 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.88 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 0.93 (dd, J = 10.4, 6.4 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.49, 138.19, 137.66, 129.21, 126.67, 74.58, 45.38, 24.83, 22.81, 22.53, 21.42, 21.24. IR (cm^{-1}): 2957, 2870, 1736, 1240, 812. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 243.1356; Found: 243.1348.

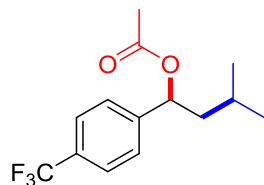
(3e) 1-(4-(chloromethyl)phenyl)-3-methylbutyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between 4-chloromethylstyrene (**1e**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (47.6 mg, 86%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 5.82 – 5.79 (m, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.89 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.59 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 0.95 – 0.92 (dd, $J = 9.2, 6.4$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.47, 141.59, 137.12, 128.84, 127.05, 74.30, 46.04, 45.49, 24.83, 22.88, 22.47, 21.39. IR (cm^{-1}): 2958, 2870, 1735, 1236, 826. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClO}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 277.0966; Found: 277.0951.

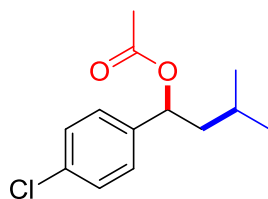
(3f) 3-methyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between 4-trifluoromethylstyrene (**1f**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (33.8 mg, 57%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 5.85 – 5.81 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.89 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.59 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 0.97 – 0.93 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.45, 145.36, 130.12 (q, $J = 32.1$ Hz), 127.06, 125.61 (q, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 124.18 (d, $J = 270.6$ Hz), 74.03, 45.55, 24.82, 22.91, 22.38, 21.30. IR (cm^{-1}): 2959, 2870, 1741, 1125, 825. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 297.1073; Found: 297.1074.

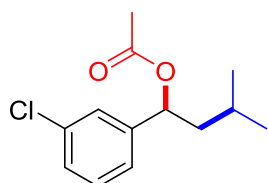
(3g) 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methylbutyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between 4-chlorostyrene (**1g**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (45.2 mg, 86%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.78 – 5.75 (m, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.87 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 0.93 (dd, $J = 9.2, 6.4$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.43, 139.79, 133.71, 128.77, 128.10, 73.99, 45.40, 24.82, 22.85, 22.47, 21.37. IR (cm^{-1}): 2959, 2870, 2097, 1736, 699. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClO}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 263.0809; Found: 263.0795.

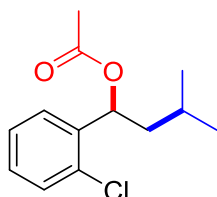
(3h) 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-methylbutyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between 3-chlorostyrene (**1h**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (42.1 mg, 80%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.25(m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 5.78 – 5.74 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.59 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 0.96 – 0.92 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.38, 143.42, 134.48, 129.86, 128.10, 126.69, 124.85, 73.93, 45.53, 24.81, 22.92, 22.39, 21.33. IR (cm^{-1}): 2959, 2871, 1736, 1158, 867. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClO}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 263.0809; Found: 263.0809.

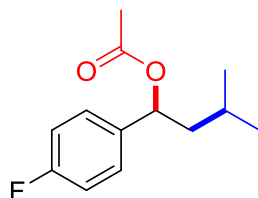
(3i) 1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methylbutyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between 2-chlorostyrene (**1i**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (38.9 mg, 74%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 (dd, J = 8, 2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.21 (dd, J = 9.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.80 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 0.97 (dd, J = 17.2, 6.4 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.20, 139.65, 132.14, 129.71, 128.73, 127.17, 126.81, 71.37, 44.86, 25.11, 23.43, 21.89, 21.25. IR (cm^{-1}): 2958, 2870, 1736, 1123, 785. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClO}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 263.0809; Found: 263.0795.

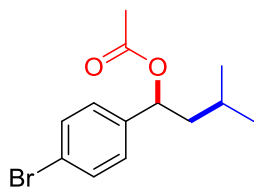
(3j) 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-methylbutyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between 4-fluorostyrene (**1j**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (39.0 mg, 79%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 5.80 – 5.77 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 0.95 – 0.91 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.49, 162.42 (d, J = 244.6 Hz), 137.04 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 128.47 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 115.45 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 74.02, 45.44, 24.83, 22.83, 22.50, 21.41. IR (cm^{-1}): 2959, 2871, 1740, 1158, 837. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{FO}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 247.1105; Found: 247.1091.

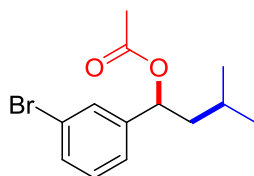
(3k) 1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methylbutyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between 4-bromostyrene (**1k**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (45.4 mg, 74%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.77 - 5.73 (m, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.88 - 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.59 - 1.50 (m, 2H), 0.93 (dd, $J = 2, 6.4$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.40, 140.30, 131.71, 128.41, 121.82, 74.01, 45.35, 24.79, 22.84, 22.45, 21.34. IR (cm^{-1}): 2958, 2870, 1736, 1299, 817. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrO}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 307.0304; Found: 307.0296.

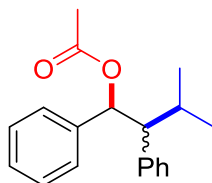
(3l) 1-(3-bromophenyl)-3-methylbutyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between 3-bromostyrene (**1l**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (47.9 mg, 78%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.25 - 7.18 (m, 2H), 5.76 - 5.73 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.87 - 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.58 - 1.50 (m, 2H), 0.94 (dd, $J = 4.8, 6.8$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.37, 143.67, 131.04, 130.16, 129.59, 125.33, 122.68, 73.86, 45.54, 24.81, 22.92, 22.38, 21.34. IR (cm^{-1}): 2958, 2870, 1739, 782. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrO}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 307.0304; Found: 307.0296.

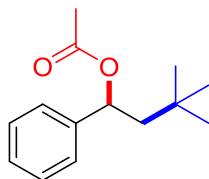
(3m) 3-methyl-1,2-diphenylbutyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between trans-1,2-diphenylethene (**1m**) with iodobenzene diacetate and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (32.9 mg, 54%, d.r. = 1.7 : 1).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.24 - 7.07 (m, 9H), 6.93 - 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.25 (dd, $J = 17.6, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 - 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.80 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 0.37 \times 1H), 2.28 - 2.20 (m, 0.6 \times 1H), 2.08 (s, 1.88 \times 1H), 1.90 (s, 1.12 \times 1H), 1.88 - 1.83 (m, 0.37 \times 1H), 0.87 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.33, 170.24, 140.08, 139.42, 138.85, 137.93, 130.31, 129.84, 128.24, 127.86, 127.78, 127.66, 127.64, 127.56, 126.93, 126.44, 76.53, 76.18, 58.36, 57.01, 28.74, 28.44, 21.88, 21.86, 21.44, 21.10, 19.29, 18.44. IR (cm^{-1}): 2960, 2930, 2873, 1739, 1234, 761. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 305.1512; Found: 305.1503.

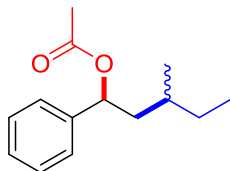
(4b) 3,3-dimethyl-1-phenylbutyl acetate²



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and pivaldehyde (**2b**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (37.8 mg, 86%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.88 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.99 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 0.95 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.42, 142.56, 128.58, 127.80, 126.45, 74.11, 50.05, 30.60, 30.02, 21.60. IR (cm⁻¹): 3030, 2955, 2870, 1739, 1239, 699.

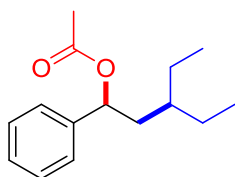
(4c) 3-methyl-1-phenylpentyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and 2-methylbutanal (**2c**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (36.5 mg, 75%, d.r. = 1.2 : 1).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.86 – 5.80 (m, 1H), 2.05 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.76 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.50 – 1.12 (m, 4H), 0.93 – 0.81 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.56, 170.50, 141.59, 141.03, 128.56, 128.01, 127.89, 126.84, 126.52, 74.89, 74.36, 43.72, 43.08, 31.05, 29.78, 29.33, 21.48, 21.42, 19.36, 19.05, 11.26, 11.10. IR (cm⁻¹): 2964, 2930, 2875, 1739, 1236, 698. HRMS: calcd. For C₁₄H₂₀O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 243.1356; Found: 243.1348.

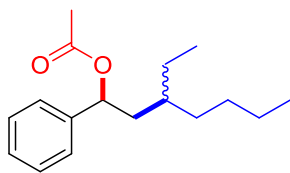
(4d) 3-ethyl-1-phenylpentyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and 2-ethylbutanal (**2d**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (41.6 mg, 81%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 5.81 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.91 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.65 (dd, J = 13.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.40 – 1.28 (m, 4H), 1.22 (dd, J = 12.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 0.83 (dt, J = 19.2, 7.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.53, 141.36, 128.54, 127.93, 126.66, 74.70, 39.98, 36.79, 25.48, 25.15, 21.42, 10.67, 10.51. IR (cm⁻¹): 2963, 2932, 2875, 1736, 1236, 699. HRMS: calcd. For C₁₅H₂₂O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 257.1512; Found: 257.1509.

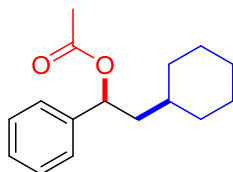
(4e) 3-ethyl-1-phenylheptyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and 2-ethylhexanal (**2e**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (47.9 mg, 84%, d.r. = 1.2 : 1).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 5.81 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.89 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.35 – 1.21 (m, 9H), 0.89 – 0.79 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.52, 141.40, 141.34, 128.53, 127.92, 126.68, 126.64, 74.77, 74.72, 40.45, 40.40, 35.38, 32.87, 32.59, 28.72, 28.58, 26.03, 25.66, 23.16, 23.10, 21.42, 14.25, 14.22, 10.62, 10.47. IR (cm^{-1}): 2963, 2932, 2875, 1739, 1235, 699. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 285.1825; Found: 285.1822.

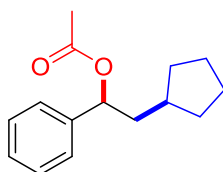
(4f) 2-cyclohexyl-1-phenylethyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde (**2f**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (43.0 mg, 80%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.84 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.88 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.61 (m, 6H), 1.29 – 1.14 (m, 4H), 1.01 – 0.90 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.52, 141.37, 128.54, 127.90, 126.63, 74.11, 44.20, 34.19, 33.60, 33.09, 26.58, 26.27, 26.18, 21.45. IR (cm^{-1}): 3064, 2923, 2851, 1736, 1237, 699. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 269.1512; Found: 269.1503.

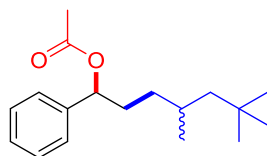
(4g) 2-cyclopentyl-1-phenylethyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and cyclopentanecarbaldehyde (**2g**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (37.6 mg, 81%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.78 – 5.74 (m, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.99 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.59 – 1.41 (m, 4H), 1.20 – 1.08 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.52, 141.37, 128.54, 127.90, 126.63, 74.11, 44.20, 34.19, 33.60, 33.09, 26.58, 26.27, 26.18, 21.45. IR (cm^{-1}): 3064, 2950, 2867, 1736, 1237, 699. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 255.1356; Found: 255.1370.

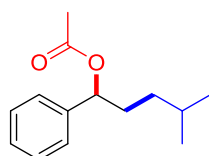
(4h) 4,6,6-trimethyl-1-phenylheptyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and 3,5,5-trimethylhexanal (**2h**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (40.9 mg, 78%, d.r. = 1.2 : 1).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.72 – 5.64 (m, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.23 – 1.14 (m, 2H), 1.10 – 1.01 (m, 2H), 0.90 – 0.85 (m, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.56, 141.06, 140.94, 128.53, 127.96, 126.73, 126.67, 126.65, 76.62, 76.48, 51.15, 50.69, 38.33, 35.12 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 34.07, 31.31, 31.16, 30.13, 29.19, 29.11, 27.73, 25.62, 24.22, 22.64, 22.61, 21.43. IR (cm^{-1}): 3064, 2950, 2867, 1736, 1236, 699. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 299.1982; Found: 299.1987.

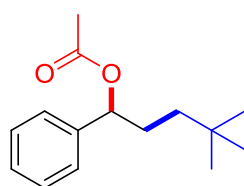
(4i) 5-methyl-1-phenylhexyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and 4-methylpentanal (**2i**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (33.7 mg, 72%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.70 (dd, $J = 7.2, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.26 – 1.19 (m, 1H), 1.13 – 1.06 (m, 1H), 0.86 (dd, $J = 6.4, 2.4$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.56, 141.01, 128.54, 127.95, 126.68, 76.56, 34.66, 34.35, 27.98, 22.63, 22.60, 21.44. IR (cm^{-1}): 3064, 2956, 2870, 1736, 1237, 700. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 243.1356; Found: 243.1366.

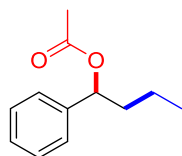
(4j) 4,4-dimethyl-1-phenylpentyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and 3,3-dimethylbutanal (**2j**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (29.6 mg, 63%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.69 – 5.65 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.26 – 1.21 (m, 1H), 1.10 – 0.94 (m, 1H), 0.85 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.57, 141.00, 128.55, 127.97, 126.72, 76.99, 39.63, 31.68, 30.19, 29.39, 21.45. IR (cm^{-1}): 3064, 2956, 2870, 1736, 1236, 699. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 257.1512; Found: 257.1499.

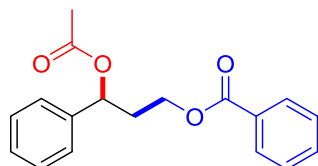
(4k) 1-phenylbutyl acetate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and propionaldehyde (**2k**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (20.7 mg, 54%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.76 – 5.72 (m, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.93 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.29 – 1.23 (m, 1H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.56, 141.00, 128.52, 127.93, 126.65, 76.05, 38.56, 21.42, 18.92, 13.92. IR (cm^{-1}): 3064, 2956, 2870, 1736, 1236, 699. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 215.1043; Found: 215.1050.

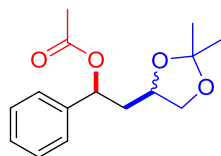
(4l) 3-acetoxy-3-phenylpropyl benzoate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and 2-oxopropyl benzoate (**2l**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (32.2 mg, 54%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.97 (dd, J = 8.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 2.45 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.31, 166.57, 139.99, 133.30, 133.16, 130.14, 129.84, 129.72, 128.78, 128.51, 128.32, 126.55, 73.23, 61.36, 35.49, 21.33. IR (cm^{-1}): 3063, 2962, 2933, 1720, 1275, 700. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 321.1097; Found: 321.1083.

(4m) 2-(2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-1-phenylethyl acetate

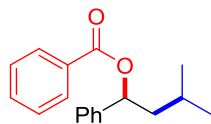


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with iodobenzene diacetate and (R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carbaldehyde (**2m**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (33.8 mg, 64%, d.r. = 1.5 : 1).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 5.89 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 4.18 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 4.05 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.59 – 3.52 (m, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.42 – 1.34 (m, 6H), 1.30 (s, 1H), 1.26 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.18, 140.64, 128.72, 128.20, 126.69, 126.31, 108.93, 73.39,

73.06, 69.60, 41.08, 40.32, 27.13, 25.86, 21.34. IR (cm⁻¹): 2959, 2870, 2097, 1245, 699. HRMS: calcd. For C₁₅H₂₀O₄Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 301.1410; Found: 301.1420.

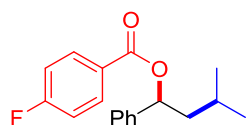
(6a) 3-methyl-1-phenylbutyl benzoate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with benzoic acid (**5a**) and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (43.4 mg, 81%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.05 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 0.97 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.93, 141.32, 132.96, 130.62, 129.71, 128.57, 128.42, 127.94, 126.52, 75.29, 45.82, 24.95, 23.01, 22.47. IR (cm⁻¹): 3089, 3064, 2957, 2870, 1716, 1271, 712. HRMS: calcd. For C₁₈H₂₀O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 291.1356; Found: 291.1360.

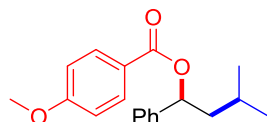
(6b) 3-methyl-1-phenylbutyl 4-fluorobenzoate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with 4-fluorobenzoic acid (**5b**) and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (42.3 mg, 74%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.05 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 0.98 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.13, 165.04, 164.61, 141.18, 132.33, 132.23, 128.65, 128.07, 126.57, 115.71, 115.49, 75.55, 45.76, 24.98, 23.00, 22.51. IR (cm⁻¹): 2958, 2871, 2837, 1736, 1073, 699. HRMS: calcd. For C₁₈H₁₉FO₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 309.1261; Found: 309.1257.

(6c) 4-methoxybenzoic acid

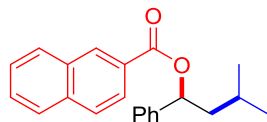


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with 4-methoxybenzoic acid (**5c**) and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (50.1 mg, 84%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.03 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 0.97 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 6.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

165.76, 163.44, 141.58, 131.77, 128.57, 127.87, 126.51, 123.05, 113.70, 77.48, 77.16, 76.84, 74.95, 55.54, 45.91, 24.97, 23.06, 22.51. IR (cm⁻¹): 3018, 2871, 2834, 1746, 1073, 699. HRMS: calcd. For C₁₉H₂₂O₃Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 321.1461; Found: 321.1476.

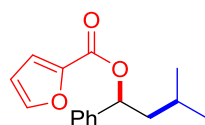
(6d) 3-methyl-1-phenylbutyl 2-naphthoate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with 2-naphthoic acid (**5d**) and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (50 mg, 79%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.09 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.01 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.18, 141.40, 135.67, 132.65, 131.17, 129.49, 128.65, 128.33, 128.25, 128.01, 127.89, 126.74, 126.64, 125.46, 75.51, 45.89, 25.05, 23.07, 22.57. IR (cm⁻¹): 2958, 2871, 2837, 1736, 1073, 699. HRMS: calcd. For C₂₂H₂₂O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 341.1512; Found: 341.1517.

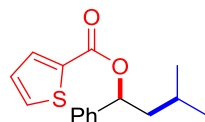
(6e) 3-methyl-1-phenylbutyl furan-2-carboxylate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with furan-2-carboxylic acid (**5e**) and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (30 mg, 58%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 6.06 – 6.03 (m, 1H), 2.01 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.73 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.26, 146.39, 145.10, 140.92, 128.63, 128.11, 126.71, 117.99, 111.89, 75.32, 45.62, 24.93, 23.00, 22.49. IR (cm⁻¹): 2958, 2871, 2837, 1736, 1073, 699. HRMS: calcd. For C₁₆H₁₈O₃Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 281.1148; Found: 281.1151.

(6f) 3-methyl-1-phenylbutyl thiophene-2-carboxylate



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure described above by the reaction between styrene (**1a**) with thiophene-2-carboxylic acid (**5f**) and isobutyraldehyde (**2a**), and purified by flash column chromatography as colorless oil (35.1 mg, 64%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, $J = 8.8, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.71, 141.15, 134.32, 133.51, 132.42, 128.63, 128.04, 127.86, 126.58, 75.64, 45.80, 24.99, 23.05, 22.52. IR (cm^{-1}): 2958, 2871, 2837, 1736, 1073, 699. HRMS: calcd. For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 297.0920; Found: 297.0936.

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VI. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of products 3a-3m, 4b-4m, 6a-6f

