# **Photo-Fries Rearrangement in Flow under Aqueous Micellar Conditions**

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### **General Information**

All air-sensitive reactions were conducted in flame-dried glassware under N2 atmosphere by using Schenk techniques. Acetonitrile, 1,4-dioxane, tetrahydrofuran (THF), and dichloromethane (DCM) were purified by passage over activated alumina using a commercial solvent purification system. All other solvents (ACS grade) and commercially obtained reagents were used as received. Aluminum heating blocks were applied to all thermal reactions. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel 60 Å F254 plates, visualized by UV (254 nm) and KMnO<sub>4</sub> (or phosphomolybdic acid) staining solution. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel (230-400 mesh) with indicated eluents. Melting points were uncorrected. NMR spectra were measured at 400 or 600 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H spectra and 100 or 150 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C spectra and calibrated from residual solvent signals ( $\delta$ 7.26 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and 77.16 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ2.5 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and 39.51 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR in DMSO). Chemical shifts were denoted in ppm ( $\delta$ ), and the following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, br = broad, br s = broad singlet, br d = broad doublet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentate, dd = doublet of doublets, td = triple of doublets, dt = double of triplets, m = multiplet. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz). FTIR spectra were recorded with ATR sampling technique and were reported in wave number (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Mass spectra were recorded by using EI or ESI as specified in each case. For the flow reaction, syringe pump (NE-1000) was purchased from New Era Pump System, Inc.; UV light source (G8T5, 8W) was purchased from SANKYO DENKI Co.; FEP tubing (1 mm i.d.) was purchased from mK Company Ltd.

### Synthesis and Characterization Data

#### General Procedure A for the Synthesis of Phenolic Esters

A round-bottom flask containing a phenol and an acid was vacuumed for 2 minutes. The whole system was backfilled with  $N_2$ , and then DCM (10 mL) was added to the flask. After the solution became clear, the flask was placed in an ice/water bath and then 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide (EDC; 1.0 equiv.) and 4-Dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP; 0.2 equiv.) was sequentially added to the flask. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. After the limiting reagent (either the phenol or the acid) was consumed as indicated by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM and extracted with water. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography.

### 4-Methoxyphenyl benzoate (1a)<sup>1</sup>



The reaction was conducted with 4-methoxyphenol (2.0 mmol) and benzoic acid (2.2 mmol) following the general procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 30/1) to afford **1a** (353 mg, 78 %) as white solid (m.p. 91-92 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.78 (hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1). **IR** (cast): 1728, 1503, 1453, 1265, 1245, 1193, 1181, 1172, 1102, 1081, 1061, 1032, 1022, 869, 828, 808, 754, 699, 683 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta 8.22$  (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta 165.50$ , 157.40, 144.51, 133.58, 130.20, 129.73, 128.62, 122.53, 114.60, 55.67; HRMS (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calcd. 228.0781, found: 228.0782.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> W. Zu, C. Day, L. Wei, X. Jia and L. Xu, Chem. Commun., 2020, 56, 8273-8276.

#### 4-Cyanophenyl benzoate (1b)<sup>1</sup>



The reaction was conducted with 4-hydroxybenzonitrile (4.0 mmol) and benzoic acid (2.0 mmol) following the general procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1) to afford **1b** (366 mg, 82 %) as white solid (m.p. 95-97 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.78 (hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1). **IR** (cast): 2361, 2225, 1731, 1593, 1500, 1449, 1257, 1206, 1166, 1075, 1060, 1019, 879, 815, 698, 680, 665 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta 8.16$  (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta 164.16, 154.13, 134.07, 133.59, 130.16, 128.67, 128.53, 122.83, 118.17, 109.61;$ **HRMS**(EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> calcd. 223.0627, found: 223.0625.

#### 4-(2-Amino-2-oxoethyl)phenyl benzoate (1c)



A round-bottom flask containing 2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide (2 equiv.) and benzoic acid (2 mmol) was vacuumed for 2 minutes. The whole system was backfilled with N<sub>2</sub>, and then 10 mL of methanol was added to the flask. After the solution became clear, the flask was placed in an ice/water bath, and then EDC (1.0 equiv.) and DMAP (0.2 equiv.) was sequentially added to the flask. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. After the acid was consumed as indicated by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM and extracted with water. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (DCM/methanol = 19/1) to afford **1c** (155 mg, 30 %) as white solid (m.p. 218-220 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.25 (DCM/methanol = 19/1). **IR** (cast): 3368, 3170, 1732, 1630, 1509, 1452, 1396, 1275, 1215, 1196, 1159, 1063, 1024, 789, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$ 8.09 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 3.38 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz,

DMSO):  $\delta$ 172.07, 164.65, 149.10, 134.26, 134.00, 130.11, 129.74, 128.96, 121.52, 41.50 [one sp<sup>2</sup> carbon is missing due to peak overlap]; HRMS (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> calcd. 255.0889, found: 255.0888.

### 4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl benzoate (1d)<sup>2</sup>



The reaction was conducted with 4-(*tert*-butyl)phenol (2.0 mmol) and benzoic acid (1.0 mmol) following the general procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 50/1 to 30/1) to afford **1d** (199 mg, 79 %) as white solid (m.p. 97-99 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.71 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). **IR** (cast): 2964, 1763, 1731, 1593, 1506, 1452, 1362, 1261, 1201, 1169, 1075, 1059, 1019, 871, 806, 703, 681 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta 8.24$  (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.17 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta 165.42$ , 148.77, 148.70, 133.58, 130.25, 129.81, 128.63, 126.40, 121.10, 34.60, 31.55; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calcd. 254.1301, found: 254.1300.

### *N*-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)benzamide (1d')<sup>3</sup>



A round-bottom flask containing 4-(*tert*-butyl)aniline (4 mmol) and benzoyl chloride (4.4 mmol) was vacuumed for 2 minutes. The whole system was backfilled with  $N_2$ , and then 20 mL of DCM was added to the flask. After the solution became clear, the flask was placed in an ice/water bath, and then *N*,*N*-diethylethanamine (1.1 equiv., 0.6 mL)was added to the flask. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 hours at room temperature. After the aniline was consumed as indicated by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM and extracted with water. The organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> S. Chun and Y. K. Chung, Org. Lett., 2017, 19, 3787–3790.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> S. De, J. Yin and D. Ma, Org. Lett., 2017, **19**, 4864–4867.

thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 60/1 to 30/1) to afford **1d'** (977 mg, 97 %) as white solid (m.p. 144-146 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.63 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). **IR** (cast): 3289, 2959, 1645, 1514, 1486, 1267, 819, 707, 688, 647, 626, 611 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz , 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz , 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz , 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 166.05, 147.59, 135.45, 135.13, 131.72, 128.72, 127.18, 125.90, 120.34, 34.49, 31.46; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO calcd. 253.1461, found: 253.1462.

#### 4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl undec-10-enoate (1e)



The reaction was conducted with 4-(*tert*-butyl)phenol (10 mmol) and undec-10-enoic acid (5 mmol) following the general procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 30/1) to afford **1e** (1310 mg, 83 %) as colorless oil.  $R_f$ : 0.27 (hexanes/EtOAc = 30/1). **IR** (film): 2924, 2849, 1757, 1508, 1206, 1170, 1136, 1104, 1015, 992, 908, 851, 836, 722, 634 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.03-4.93 (m, 2H), 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.32 (m, 19H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 172.59, 148.57, 148.52, 139.26, 126.38, 120.97, 114.29, 34.54, 33.92, 31.54, 29.42, 29.33, 29.21, 29.18, 29.02, 25.10; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calcd. 316.2396, found: 316.2393

### 4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl pivalate (1f)<sup>4</sup>



A round-bottom flask containing pivalic acid (1 mmol) was vacuumed for 2 minutes. The whole system was backfilled with  $N_2$ . After the addition of DCM (12 mL), the flask was placed in an ice/water bath. Thionyl chloride (2 equiv., 0.15 mL) and DMF (1.3 equiv.,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> H. Kitano, H. Ito and K. Itami, Org. Lett., 2018, 20, 2428–2432.

0.1 mL) was subsequently added to the flask at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was maintained at 0 °C and stirred for 1 hour. A solution of 4-(*tert*-butyl)phenol (1.05 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) was then introduced to the flask at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 4 hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM and extracted with water. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 50/1 to 30/1) to afford **1f** (124 mg, 53 %) as white solid (m.p. 63-66 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.68 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). **IR** (cast): 2964, 1746, 1507, 1260, 1205, 1169, 1123, 1102, 1077, 1056, 1022, 1015, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 177.38, 148.88, 148.51, 126.36, 120.89, 39.19, 34.60, 31.57, 27.31; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calcd. 234.1614, found: 234.1615.

### 1-(5-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (1g)<sup>5</sup>



The reaction was conducted with 4-(*tert*-butyl)phenol (6.0 mmol) and furan-2-carboxylic acid (4.0 mmol) following the general procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 30/1) to afford **1g** (793 mg, 82 %) as white solid (m.p. 117-120 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.37 (hexanes/EtOAc = 30/1). **IR** (cast): 2959, 1733, 1718, 1466, 1294, 1203, 1174, 1081, 1067, 1008, 926, 866, 775, 754, 595 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 0.96 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 157.02, 148.85, 147.89, 147.05, 144.03, 126.41, 120.94, 119.27, 112.18; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calcd. 244.1094, found: 244.1093.

#### 4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl furan-2-carboxylate (1h)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> K. Gondo, J. Oyamada and T. Kitamura, Org. Lett., 2015, **17**, 4778–4781.

The reaction was conducted with 4-(*tert*-butyl)phenol (6.0 mmol) and furan-2-carboxylic acid (4.0 mmol) following the general procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 30/1) to afford **1h** (793 mg, 82 %) as white solid (m.p. 117-120 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.37 (hexanes/EtOAc = 30/1). **IR** (cast): 2959, 1733, 1718, 1466, 1294, 1203, 1174, 1081, 1067, 1008, 926, 866, 775, 754, 595 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 0.96 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 157.02, 148.85, 147.89, 147.05, 144.03, 126.41, 120.94, 119.27, 112.18, 34.51, 31.39; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calcd. 244.1094, found: 244.1093.

#### 4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl 5-oxohexanoate (1i)



The reaction was conducted with 4-(*tert*-butyl)phenol (3.6 mmol) and 5-oxohexanoic acid (4.0 mmol) following the general procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1 to 10/1) to afford **1i** (609 mg, 86 %) as colorless oil.  $R_f$ : 0.32 (hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1). **IR** (film): 2970, 1754, 1711, 1508, 1361, 1206, 1170, 1133, 1107, 1015 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6,99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.61-2.57 (m, 4H), 2,16 (s, 3H), 2.04-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 208.55, 172.51, 149.23, 148.88, 126.92, 121.45, 42.92, 35.09, 33.91, 32.05, 30.59, 19.47 [one sp<sup>2</sup> carbon is missing due to peak overlap]; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calcd. 262.1563, found: 262.1558.

### 4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl 4-oxopentanoate (1j)



The reaction was conducted with 4-(*tert*-butyl)phenol (2.0 mmol) and 4-oxopentanoic acid (1.0 mmol) following the general procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 8/1) to afford **1j** (196 mg, 78 %) as colorless oil.  $R_f$ : 0.14 (hexanes/EtOAc = 8/1). **IR** (film): 2956, 2866, 1755, 1716, 1507, 1360, 1205, 1170, 1137, 1106, 1015, 914, 849 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.36

(d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (m, 4H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 206.42, 171.56, 148.53, 148.31, 126.22, 120.79, 37.86, 34.40, 31.37, 29.78, 28.15; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calcd. 248.1407, found: 248.1412.

### 1-(tert-Butyl) 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl) pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylate (1k)



round-bottom А flask containing 4-(*tert*-butyl)phenol (0.8)equiv.) and (tert-butoxycarbonyl)proline (2 mmol) was vacuumed for 2 minutes. The whole system was backfilled with N<sub>2</sub>, and then 10 mL of THF was added to the flask. After the solution became clear, EDC (1.0 equiv.) and DMAP (0.2 equiv.) was added at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. After the phenol was consumed as indicated by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM and extracted with water. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1) to afford 1k (344 mg, 61 %) as white solid (m.p. 71-73 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.14 (hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1). The spectral data are reported as a mixture of *cis/trans* amide isomers. IR (cast): 2967, 2874, 1768, 1740, 1697, 1506, 1390, 1364, 1207, 1169, 1144, 1085, 917, 771 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ7.35 (m, 2H), 7.00 (m, 2H), 4.50-4.40 (m, 1H), 3.62-3.39 (m, 2H), 2.38-1.86 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.29 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ171.67, 154.36, 153.68, 148.65, 148.42, 148.22, 126.31, 126.16, 120.74, 120.42, 80.04, 79.78, 59.14, 59.04, 46.57, 46.40, 31.38, 31.01, 29.98, 28.40, 24.41, 23.63; **HRMS** (EI,  $[M+H]^+$ ) for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> calcd. 348.2169, found: 348.2166.

### 2-Isopropyl-3-methoxyphenyl cyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylate (11)



The reaction was conducted with 2-isopropyl-3-methoxyphenol (2.0 mmol) and cyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylic acid (2.0 mmol) following the general procedure A. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 40/1 to

20/1) to afford **11** (364 mg, 65 %) as white solid (m.p. 77-78 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.46 (hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1). **IR** (cast): 2925, 2860, 1741, 1715, 1434, 1262, 1235, 1216, 1139, 1097, 1066, 1042, 1025, 771, 743, 732, 707, 683 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 2.41 (m, 2H), 2.29 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.28 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 166.21, 159.00, 149.78, 141.83, 130.04, 128.59, 126.55, 115.55, 108.61, 55.71, 26.10, 25.37, 24.40, 22.15, 21.49, 20.83; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calcd. 174.1563, found: 174.1560.

### 3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-2-yloxy)-3-oxopropanoic acid (1m)



A round-bottom flask containing 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione (6.9 mmol) and [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol (8.3 mmol) was vacuumed for 2 minutes. The whole system was backfilled with N<sub>2</sub>. Then the mixture was stirred for 6 hours under refluxing conditions (oil bath temperature: 110-120 °C). After completion of the reaction indicated by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool down and then diluted with DCM and extracted with water. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (DCM/methanol = 19/1) to afford **1m** (1547 mg, 87 %) as colorless oil.  $R_f$ : 0.22 (DCM/methanol = 19/1). **IR** (film): 3419 (br), 3009, 1706, 1359, 1220, 1186, 1134, 754, 734, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 9.50 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.36 (m, 8H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 3.47 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 171.44, 164.85, 147.36, 137.13, 134.85, 131.07, 128.94, 128.69, 128.43, 127.73, 126.92, 122.60, 40.96; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub> calcd. 256.0730, found: 256.0727.

#### [1,1'-Biphenyl]-2-yl 3-morpholino-3-oxopropanoate (1n)



A round-bottom flask containing 1m (1 mmol) and morpholine (1.5 mmol) was vacuumed for 2 minutes. The whole system was backfilled with N<sub>2</sub>, and then 10 mL of DCM was added to the flask. To the stirring mixture was added EDC (1.2 equiv.) at 0 °C.

The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. After completion of the reaction indicated by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM and extracted with water. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1 to 2/7) to afford **1n** (179 mg, 58 %) as white solid (m.p. 95-97 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.17 (hexanes/EtOAc = 1/1). **IR** (cast): 2956, 2860, 1748, 1649, 1469, 1431, 1333, 1260, 1185, 1141, 1109, 1045, 971, 797, 772, 753, 737, 703, 595, 576 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.42-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz ,1H), 3.54-3.53 (m, 4H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 165.99, 163.58, 147.41, 137.51, 134.69, 130.88, 128.98, 128.78, 128.37, 127.52, 126.81, 122.60, 66.47, 66.25, 46.41, 42.14, 40.77; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> calcd. 325.1308, found: 325.1306.

#### **General Procedure B for the Photo-Fries rearrangement**

The phenolic ester 1 (125 mg) was added into a 100 mL of 0.1 M aqueous solution of cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB). The mixture was stirred vigorously until compound 1 is fully dissolved. The mixture was pumped through an aluminum foil-covered FEP-tubing reactor (1.0 mm i.d.; 4.71 mL) at a rate determined by the indicated retention time (See **Figure S1**). The FEP tubing is coiled around a quartz cylinder (43 mm i.d.) and the UVC light (8W) is set up at the center (*NOTE: UVC light can cause eye and skin damage, so a precaution is essential for safety concerns*). The reaction mixture eluted from the outlet during the first 1 hour was discarded, and the subsequent portion was collected in a flask over 4 hours. The obtained mixture was diluted with DCM and extracted with brine. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The mixture was then filtered through a pad of silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc = 5/1). The crude residue thus obtained was purified by flash column chromatography.



Figure S1. Experimental Setup (aluminum foil was removed for clarity) for the reaction.

(2-Hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (2a)<sup>6</sup>



The reaction was conducted with **1a** (19 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 1.5 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1) to afford **2a** (10 mg, 51 %) as yellow oil.  $R_f$ : 0.29 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). **IR** (film): 3441, 3001, 1708, 1418, 1358, 1220, 1091, 1037, 961, 906, 753, 705, 658 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 11.58 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 201.29, 157.65, 151.57, 138.03, 132.12, 129.22, 128.52, 124.20, 119.38, 118.83, 116.48, 56.07; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calcd. 228.0781, found: 228.0774.

### **3-Benzoyl-4-hydroxybenzonitrile (2b)**<sup>7</sup>



The reaction was conducted with **1b** (20 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 1 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1 to 15/1) to afford **2b** (11 mg, 53 %) as white solid (m.p. 122-124 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.19 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). **IR** (cast): 2229, 1621, 1592, 1477, 1443, 1342, 1299, 1255, 1225, 1179, 961, 846, 765, 696, 662, 572 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 12.47 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 200.54, 166.42, 138.73, 138.39, 136.62, 133.10, 129.31, 128.97, 120.22, 119.44, 118.32, 102.64; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> calcd. 223.0627, found: 223.0621.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> J. Hu, E. A. Adogla, Y. Ju, D. Fan and Q. Wang, Chem. Commun., 2012, 48,

<sup>11256-11258.</sup> 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> G. Slano, S. Crespi, M. Mella and S. M. Bonesi, J. Org. Chem., 2019, 84, 4338–4352.

2-(3-Benzoyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide (2c)



The reaction was conducted with **1c** (47 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 1 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (DCM/methanol = 19/1) to afford **2c** (24 mg, 51 %) as brown solid (m.p. 177-180 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.5 (DCM/methanol = 19/1). **IR** (cast): 3368, 3170, 1732, 1630, 1509, 1452, 1396, 1275, 1215, 1196, 1159, 1063, 1024, 789, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 11.96 (s, 1H), 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 3.47 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 201.43, 173.37, 162.62, 137.75, 137.37, 134.22, 132.33, 129.31, 128.64, 124.96, 119.31, 119.26, 42.11; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> calcd. 255.0889, found: 255.0890.

#### (5-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (2d)<sup>8</sup>



The reaction was conducted with **1d** (19 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 1 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 50/1 to 30/1) to afford **2d** (13 mg, 67 %) as yellow oil. R<sub>f</sub>: 0.66 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). **IR** (film): 3069, 2964, 1629, 1597, 1482, 1445, 1337, 1298, 1262, 1245, 1226, 958, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 11.84 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 201.77, 161.12, 141.44, 138.23, 134.05, 132.07, 129.93, 129.40, 128.44, 118.56, 118.04, 34.23, 31.39; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calcd. 254.1301, found: 254.1299.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Z. Tong, Z. Tang, C.-T. Au and R. Qiu, J. Org. Chem., 2020, 85, 8533-8543.

(2-Amino-5-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone (2d')<sup>9</sup>



The reaction was conducted with **1d'** (20 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 3 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1 to 15/1) to afford **2d'** (8 mg, 40 %) as yellow solid (m.p. 80-82 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.19 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). **IR** (cast): 3464, 3344, 2957, 1628, 1576, 1545, 1486, 1362, 1304, 1172, 955, 860, 822, 760, 711, 696, 653, 590 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 7.65 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.35 (dd, J = 2.3 Hz, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 199.20, 148.72, 140.29, 138.34, 131.93, 131.25, 130.76, 129.42, 128.15, 117.93, 116.98, 33.93, 31.36; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO calcd. 253.1461, found: 253.1461.





The reaction was conducted with **1e** (51 mg) following the general procedure B. The reaction time was 1.5 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1) to afford **2e** (31 mg, 62 %) as colorless oil.  $R_f$ : 0.3 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). **IR** (film): 2923, 2854, 1763, 1639, 1486, 1462, 1363, 1262, 1206, 1170, 1138, 1105, 1015, 989, 907, 834, 785, 722, 620 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 12.24 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.85-5.75 (m, 1H), 5.00-4.91 (m, 2H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.31 (m, 19H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 207.11, 160.48, 141.53, 139.28, 134.02, 125.91, 118.76, 118.21, 114.30, 38.41, 34.24, 33.92, 31.48, 29.85, 29.54, 29.45, 29.20, 29.04, 24.74; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calcd. 316.2396, found: 316.2390.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> E.-Q. Ma, P. Wang, P.-H. Li and L.-P. Mo, *Res. Chem. Intermed.*, 2015, **41**, 6433–6441.

1-(5-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (2f)<sup>10</sup>



The reaction was conducted with **1f** (19 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 1.5 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 50/1 to 30/1) to afford **2f** (12 mg, 60 %) as colorless oil.  $R_f$ : 0.60 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). **IR** (film): 2958, 2920, 2849, 2358, 1633, 1600, 1478, 1365, 1347, 1298, 1261, 1228, 1204, 1166, 976, 874, 824, 806, 772, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 12.46 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 212.21, 161.43, 140.33, 133.10, 127.24, 118.81, 116.97, 44.60, 34.30, 31.56, 29.02; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calcd. 234.1614, found: 234.1610.

### 1-(5-(tert-Butyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (2g)<sup>11</sup>



The reaction was conducted with **1g** (16 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 1.5 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 40/1 to 30/1) to afford **2g** (12 mg, 60 %) as colorless oil.  $R_f$ : 0.46 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). IR (film): 2964, 1644, 1487, 1365, 1322, 1263, 1244, 1223, 1198, 958, 634 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 12.12 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 2.4 Hz, 8.8 Hz , 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz , 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 204.72, 160.39, 141.71, 134.37, 126.61, 119.17, 118.15, 34.24, 31.47, 26.78; HRMS (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calcd. 192.1144, found: 192.1150.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> T. Kitagawa, A. Miyabo, H. Fujii, T. Okazaki, T. Mori, M. Matsudou, T. Sugie and K. Takeuchi, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1997, **62**, 888–892.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> T.-S. Jiang, B. Gan, X. Wang and X. Zhang, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 2017, **58**, 4197–4199.

(5-(tert-Butyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl)(furan-2-yl)methanone (2h)



The reaction was conducted with **1h** (50 mg) following the general procedure B. The reaction time was 1 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1) to afford **2h** (28 mg, 56 %) as yellow oil.  $R_f$ : 0.35 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). **IR** (film): 2962, 1626, 1584, 1558, 1485, 1461, 1363, 1335, 1300, 1253, 1235, 1176, 1015, 842, 815, 785, 758, 659, 592 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 11.83 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (m, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 185.24, 161.17, 152.12, 147.24, 141.76, 133.89, 127.69, 120.87, 118.19, 118.03, 112.52, 34.35, 31.47; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calcd. 244.1094, found: 244.1091.

#### 1-(5-(tert-Butyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl)hexane-1,5-dione (2i)



The reaction was conducted with **1i** (56 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 1.5 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 30/1 to 10/1) to afford **2i** (31 mg, 56 %) as colorless oil.  $R_f$ : 0.45 (hexanes/EtOAc = 10/1). **IR** (film): 2962, 1712, 1638, 1486, 1363, 1295, 1261, 1206, 1171, 1137, 833, 779, 620 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 12.14 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.06-3.02 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.05-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 208.32, 206.26, 160.39, 141.75, 134.21, 125.91, 118.66, 118.16, 42.51, 37.23, 34,25, 31.44, 30.10, 18.41; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calcd. 262.1563, found: 262.1560.

1-(5-(tert-Butyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl)pentane-1,4-dione (2j)



The reaction was conducted with **1j** (17 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 1.5 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 15/1 to 10/1) to afford **2j** (8 mg, 49 %) as white solid (m.p. 63-65 °C).  $R_f$ : 0.14 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). **IR** (cast): 2959, 2868, 1716, 1639, 1486, 1363, 1290, 1260, 1192, 1161, 998, 823, 779, 623 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 11.93 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 207.16, 204.48, 160.23, 141.77, 134.29, 125.72, 118.67, 118.17, 36.77, 34.28, 32.19, 31.48, 30.24; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calcd. 248.1407, found: 248.1400.





The reaction was conducted with **1k** (21 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 30 minutes. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1 to 10/1) to afford **2k** (8 mg, 38 %) as white solid (m.p. 137-138 °C).  $[\alpha]^{24}_{D}$  –10.22° (c 0.00587, chloroform)  $R_f$ : 0.1 (hexanes/EtOAc = 20/1). The spectral data are reported as a mixture of *cis/trans* amide isomers. **IR** (cast): 3373, 2967, 2871, 2372, 2330, 1700, 1684, 1636, 1399, 1388, 1363, 1260, 1157, 1119, 1111, 1081, 835, 788, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 11.99-11.93 (m, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.91 (m, 1H), 5.40-5.19 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.47 (m, 2H), 2.44-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.91 (m, 3H), 1.47 (s, 4H), 1.31-1.29 (m, 9H), 1.24 (s, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 204.97, 203.89, 160.77, 160.64, 154.46, 153.63, 141.56, 141.41, 134.29, 125.18, 124.83, 118.23, 116.85, 116.75, 79.98, 60.82, 46.79, 46.64, 31.45, 31.31, 31.27, 30.43, 28.45, 28.12, 24.20, 23.73; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> calcd. 347.2091, found: 347.2091.

Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl(2-hydroxy-3-isopropyl-4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (21)



The reaction was conducted with **11** (27 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 1 hour. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 100/0 to 50/1) to afford **21** (12 mg, 43 %) as colorless oil.  $R_f$ : 0.17 (hexanes). **IR** (film): 3393, 2919, 2866, 1712, 1591, 1492, 1359, 1270, 1257, 1218, 1115, 1096, 1076, 790, 683 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 12.70 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.61 (heptet, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.72 (m, 4H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 202.73, 163.76, 163.05, 137.80, 136.69, 132.49, 123.09, 113.50, 101.88, 55.68, 25.55, 25.27, 23.93, 22.23, 21.82, 20.31; **HRMS** (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub> calcd. 274.1563, found: 274.1559.

### 1-(2-Hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-3-morpholinopropane-1,3-dione (2m)<sup>12</sup>



The reaction was conducted with **1n** (50 mg) following the general procedure B. The retention time was 40 minutes. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1 to 1/2) to afford **2m** (16 mg, 33 %) as colorless oil.  $R_f$ : 0.27 (DCM/methanol = 19/1). **IR** (film): 3370, 2956, 2922, 2854, 1632, 1422, 1362, 1229, 1112 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 12.43 (s, 1H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.70 (m, 6H), 3.54 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 200.09, 164.93, 160.35, 138.24, 136.82, 131.61, 130.34, 129.47, 128.37, 127.76, 119.38, 119.33, 66.88, 66.72, 47.19, 45.76, 42.62; HRMS (EI, [M]<sup>+</sup>) for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> calcd. 325.1308, found: 325.1308.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> R. J. Griffin, G. Fontana, B. T. Golding, S. Guiard, I. R. Hardcastle, J. J. J. Leahy, N. Martin, C. Richardson, L. Rigoreau, M. Stockley and G. C. M. Smith, *J. Med. Chem.*, 2005, **48**, 569–585.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1a



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1a



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1b



### <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1b CARBON\_01 **—** 164.16 134.07 133.59 130.16 128.67 128.53 128.53 122.83 122.83 118.17 109.61 **—** 154.13 300 77.48 77.16 76.84 sample-5-ester 280 260 - 240 - 220 CN 1b - 200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 - 20 0 -20 230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 0 -10 20 10 f1 (ppm)

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1c



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#### CARBON\_01 - 36 134.26 134.00 130.11 129.74 128.96 121.52 - 172.07 **—** 164.65 149.10 40.14 39.93 39.72 39.51 39.30 39.09 38.88 41.50 sample-8-ester-c - 34 32 - 30 - 28 - 26 $NH_2$ - 24 Ô. 1c 22 - 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2 0 -2 -4 T 230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 0 -10 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 fl (ppm)

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1c

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1d





# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1d

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1d'



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## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1d'



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1e



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# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1e



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# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1f



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1f



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1g



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# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1g
## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1h





# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1h

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1i



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1i



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1j





### <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1j

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1k



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1k



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1I





<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1m



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1m



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1n



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1n





## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2a



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2b





## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2b



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2c



### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2d



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2d



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2d'





## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2e



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2e



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2f



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2f



### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2g



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2g



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2h





### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2i







## <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2j


PBOTON\_01 sample-12-H 7100 5716 5443 55443 55360 5138 9738 9518 9518 9380 9159 4119 3484 0396 9152 4765 3193 2943 2943 4097 4029 3789 2331 2005 .7059 .6632 .6130 .5157 .4897 210 200 ວ. ວ. ວ. ວ. ວ. ຕໍ ຕໍ ຕໍ ຕໍ ຕໍ ιÓ. 000 NNN 12 5 190 12 180 OH 0 II 170 160 BocŇ 150 \_\_\_ 17 / . t-B∕u 140 2k 130 120 110 100 .90 80 70 60 50 40 - 30 20 - 10 ۸A. A 0 D.88\_T  $1.00_{-1}$ 1.00<u>∎</u> 1.00<u>∓</u> 1.08 2.33] 1.154 3.37<u>H</u> --10 5.00 9.95 12.0 11.5 11.0 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 fl (ppm)

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2k

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2k





# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2I

# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2I



### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2m



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2m

