

Supporting Information

NBS-activated cross-dehydrogenative esterification of carboxylic acids with DMSO

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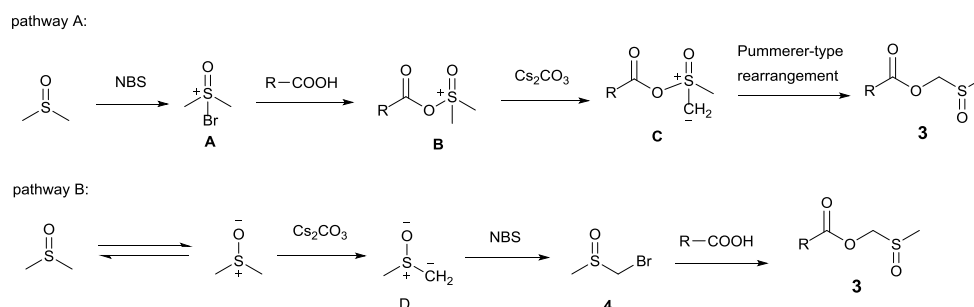
General remarks

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H NMR) spectra, carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (^{13}C NMR) spectra and ^{19}F fluorine spectra (^{19}F NMR) were recorded on a JNM-ECZ600R/S3 (^1H NMR 600 MHz, ^{13}C NMR 150 MHz, ^{19}F NMR 564 MHz). HRMS were recorded on a MicroMass Waters Xevo G2-XS QToF. GC and MS samples were recorded on an Agilent 7890A-5975C GC-MS system. Unless otherwise indicated, all reagents were purchased commercially without further purification.

Typical reaction procedure for the synthesis of compounds 3

To a 10 mL schlenk tube was added carboxylic acids **1** (0.25 mmol), CS_2CO_3 (0.25 mmol), DMSO (1.0 mL) and NBS (0.375 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 20 hours. When the reaction was finished, appropriate ethyl acetate was added to the mixture and DMSO was extracted by saturated NaCl solution. The obtained organic phase was evaporated to remove the solvent and the resulting residue was further purified by flash column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the products **3**.

Possible reaction pathway



Scheme S1 Possible reaction pathway for synthesis of **3a**.

^{81}Br NMR monitoring the reaction residue

To a 10 mL schlenk tube was added NBS (3.0 mmol) and DMSO (1.0 mL), and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. When the reaction was finished, the reaction mixture was filtrated, and the obtained residue was detected by ^{81}Br NMR with D_2O as solvent. ^{81}Br NMR signal ($\delta = -8.05$ ppm) of the reaction mixture was determined, which indicates that bromine-containing sulfur cation A

should be generated.

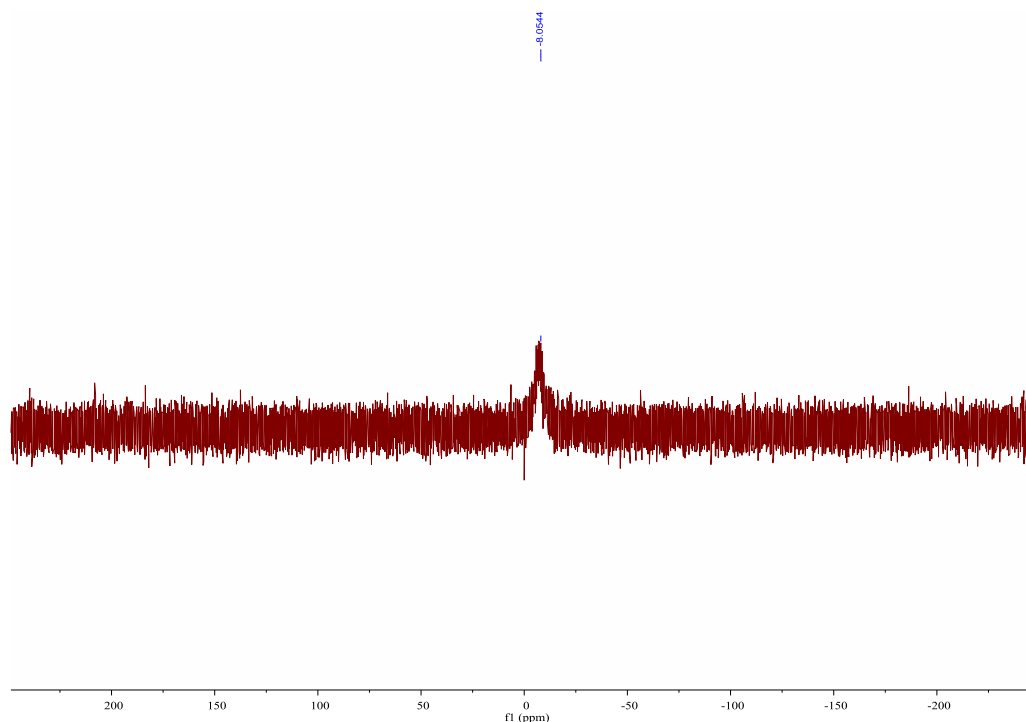


Figure S1 ^{81}Br NMR spectrum of residue

Kinetic hydrogen isotope experiment

To a 10 mL schlenk tube was added **1a** (0.25 mmol), CS_2CO_3 (0.25 mmol), DMSO (0.5 mL), deuterium-labelled DMSO (0.5 mL) and NBS (0.375 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 hours. When the reaction was finished, appropriate ethyl acetate was added to the mixture and DMSO was extracted by saturated NaCl solution. The obtained organic phase was evaporated to remove the solvent and the resulting residue was further purified by flash column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the products **3aa** and **3aa-d₅**. The ^1H NMR spectrum of the products **3aa** and **3aa-d₅** shows that the ratio of **3aa**/**3aa-d₅** is about 9:1.

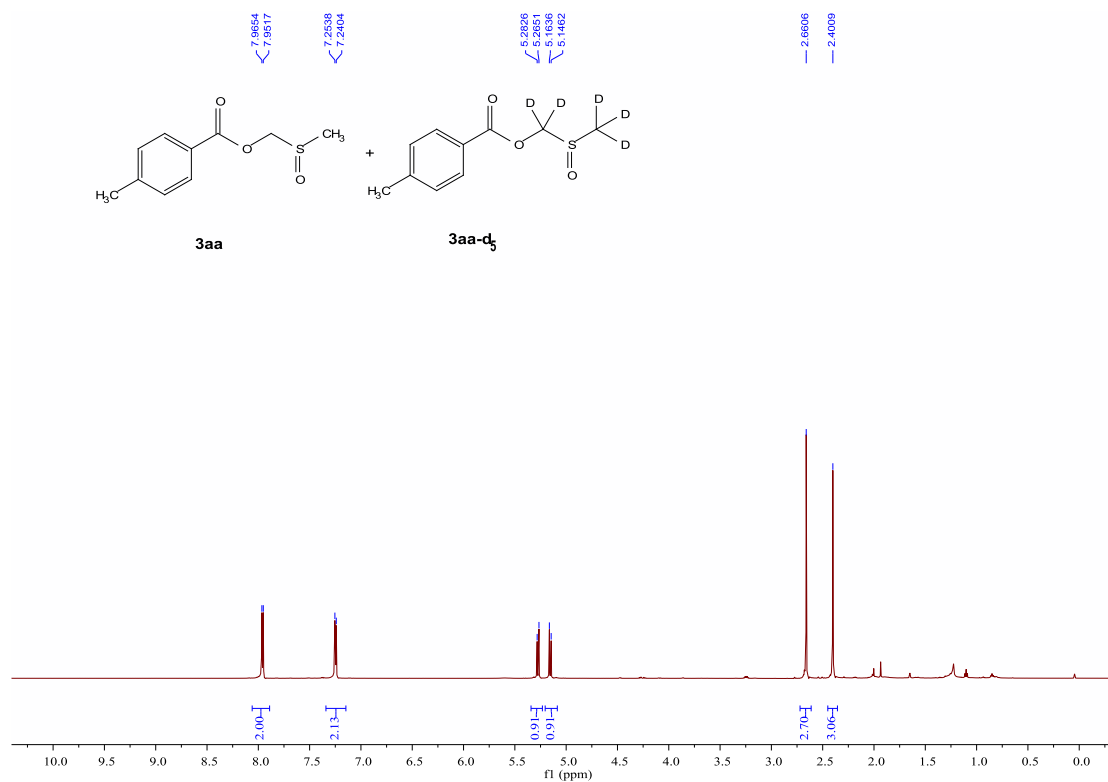
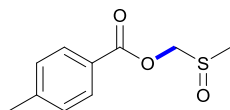


Figure S2 ¹H NMR spectrum of the products **3aa** and **3aa-d₅**

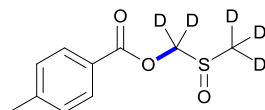
Characterization data of products

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 4-methylbenzoate (**3aa**)



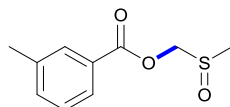
Colorless oil; 37.7 mg, 71%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.95-7.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.22 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.27-5.25 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.12 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 165.4, 145.2, 130.3, 129.5, 125.4, 79.0, 36.0, 21.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 213.0585, found 213.0578.

((methyl- d_3)sulfinyl)methyl- d_2 4-methylbenzoate (**3aa- d_5**)



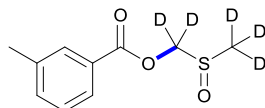
Colorless oil; 37.1 mg, 69%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, d^6 -DMSO): δ [ppm] = 7.94-7.93 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.38 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 3-methylbenzoate (**3ba**)



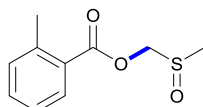
Colorless oil; 37.0 mg, 70%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.89-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.40 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.29-5.28 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.16-5.14 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 165.5, 138.7, 135.0, 130.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.4, 79.0, 35.9, 21.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 213.0585, found 213.0589.

((methyl- d_3)sulfinyl)methyl- d_2 3-methylbenzoate (**3ba- d_5**)



Colorless oil; 38.0 mg, 70%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, d^6 -DMSO): δ [ppm] = 7.85-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

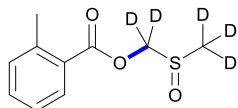
(methylsulfinyl)methyl 2-methylbenzoate (**3ca**)



Colorless oil; 38.6 mg, 73%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 8.01-8.00 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 5.29-5.27 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.12

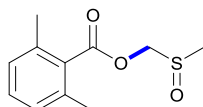
(d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 165.7, 141.5, 133.3, 132.1, 131.2, 127.3, 126.1, 78.9, 36.0, 22.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 213.0585, found 213.0578.

((methyl- d_3)sulfinyl)methyl- d_2 2-methylbenzoate (**3ca-d₅**)



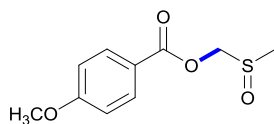
Colorless oil; 39.1 mg, 72%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, d^6 -DMSO): δ [ppm] = 7.94-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.53 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H).

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 2,6-dimethylbenzoate (**3da**)



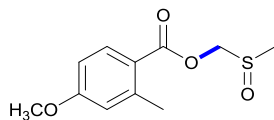
Colorless oil; 37.9 mg, 67%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.23-7.21 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.03 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 5.35-5.33 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.11-5.09 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 168.5, 135.7, 131.8, 130.3, 127.9, 79.0, 36.2, 20.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 227.0742, found 227.0751.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 4-methoxybenzoate (**3ea**)



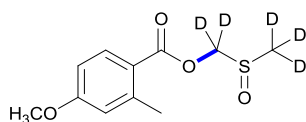
Colorless oil; 37.0 mg, 65%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 8.02-8.01 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.92-6.90 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.26-5.25 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.12 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.65 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 165.0, 164.3, 132.4, 120.4, 114.0, 78.9, 55.6, 35.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 229.0535, found 229.0536.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 4-methoxy-2-methylbenzoate (**3fa**)



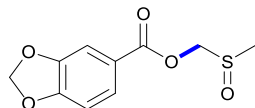
Colorless oil; 39.9 mg, 66%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 8.03-8.01 (m, 1H), 6.75-6.73 (m, 2H), 5.24-5.23 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.12-5.10 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 165.1, 163.3, 144.6, 133.7, 119.3, 117.3, 111.3, 78.8, 55.5, 36.0, 22.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 243.0691, found 243.0699.

((methyl- d_3)sulfinyl)methyl- d_2 4-methoxy-2-methylbenzoate (**3fa-d₅**)



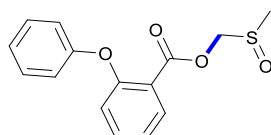
Colorless oil; 40.8 mg, 66%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{d}^6\text{-DMSO}$): δ [ppm] = 7.96-7.94 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.89 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H).

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 6-methylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carboxylate (**3ga**)



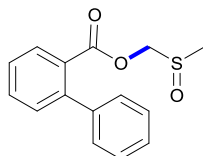
Colorless oil; 36.9 mg, 61%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.70-7.68 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.84-6.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (s, 2H), 5.26-5.25 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.12-5.10 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 164.6, 152.7, 148.1, 126.4, 122.0, 109.8, 108.3, 102.2, 79.1, 35.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 243.0327, found 243.0332.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 2-phenoxybenzoate (**3ha**)



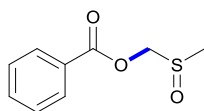
Colorless oil; 46.4 mg, 64%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.99-7.98 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 3H), 5.15-5.13 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.12-5.11 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 164.2, 157.1, 157.0, 134.9, 132.5, 130.0, 123.8, 123.6, 120.7, 120.5, 118.6, 78.4, 36.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 291.0691, found 291.0680.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate (**3ia**)



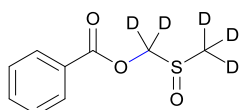
Colorless oil; 47.2 mg, 69%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.91-7.90 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (td, J = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.42 (td, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.29 (m, 2H), 5.00-4.99 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.86-4.84 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 167.1, 143.1, 141.2, 132.4, 131.2, 130.6, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 78.2, 36.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 275.0742, found 275.0740.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl benzoate (**3ja**)



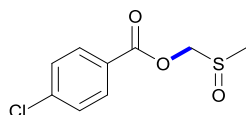
Colorless oil; 36.1 mg, 73%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 8.09-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 5.31-5.30 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.16 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 1653, 134.2, 130.2, 128.8, 128.2, 79.1, 36.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 199.0429, found 199.0430.

((methyl- d_3)sulfinyl)methyl- d_2 benzoate (**3ja-d₅**)



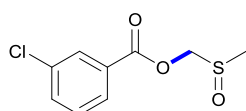
Colorless oil; 35.5 mg, 70%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, d^6 -DMSO): δ [ppm] = 8.05-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 2H).

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**3ka**)



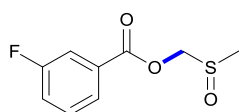
Colorless oil; 31.8 mg, 55%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 8.02-8.01 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.43 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.33-5.32 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.12 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 164.6, 140.8, 131.6, 129.2, 126.6, 79.2, 35.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{ClO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 233.0039, found 233.0034.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 3-chlorobenzoate (**3la**)



Colorless oil; 26.1 mg, 45%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 8.02-8.01 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95-7.94 (dt, J = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.38 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.35-5.33 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.15 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 178.4, 164.2, 134.9, 134.2, 130.1, 129.9, 128.3, 79.1, 35.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{ClO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 233.0039, found 233.0032.

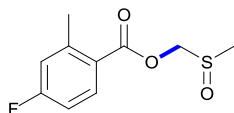
(methylsulfinyl)methyl 3-fluorobenzoate (**3ma**)



Colorless oil; 22.7 mg, 42%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.80-7.79 (dt, J = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 5.31-5.30 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.12-5.10 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR

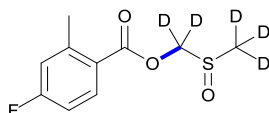
(150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 178.9, 164.2 (d, J_{CF} = 2.5 Hz), 162.5 (d, J_{CF} = 246.5 Hz), 130.5 (d, J_{CF} = 8.1 Hz), 125.9 (d, J_{CF} = 2.4 Hz), 121.2 (d, J_{CF} = 21.0 Hz), 116.9 (d, J_{CF} = 23.5 Hz), 78.9, 35.5; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = -111.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for C₉H₁₀FO₃S [M+H]⁺ 217.0335, found 217.0325.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 4-fluoro-2-methylbenzoate (**3na**)



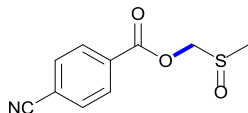
Colorless oil; 32.2 mg, 56%; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 8.08-8.05 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.93 (m, 2H), 5.30-5.29 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11-5.09 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.62 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 165.4 (d, J_{CF} = 253.7 Hz), 164.8, 145.3 (d, J_{CF} = 9.2 Hz), 134.0 (d, J_{CF} = 9.7 Hz), 123.4 (d, J_{CF} = 2.9 Hz), 118.9 (d, J_{CF} = 21.4 Hz), 113.2 (d, J_{CF} = 21.3 Hz), 79.0, 36.0, 22.3 (d, J_{CF} = 1.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = -105.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for C₁₀H₁₂FO₃S [M+H]⁺ 231.0491, found 231.0490.

((methyl-d₃)sulfinyl)methyl-d₂ 4-fluoro-2-methylbenzoate (**3na-d₅**)



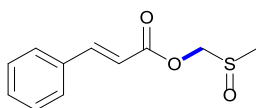
Colorless oil; 30.0 mg, 51%; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, d⁶-DMSO): δ [ppm] = 8.03-8.00 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H).

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 4-cyanobenzoate (**3oa**)



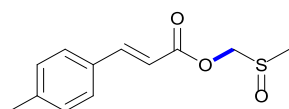
Colorless oil; 19.5 mg, 35%; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 8.19-8.18 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77-7.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.41-5.39 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.15-5.13 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 163.7, 132.6, 132.1, 130.7, 117.7, 117.5, 79.4, 35.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for C₁₀H₁₀NO₃S [M+H]⁺ 224.0381, found 224.0395.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl cinnamate (**3pa**)



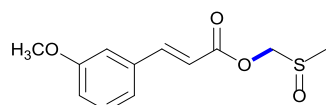
Colorless oil; 38.0 mg, 68%; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 7.82-7.80 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 3H), 6.52-6.49 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22-5.20 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.07-5.05 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ [ppm] = 165.6, 147.8, 133.9, 131.1, 129.1, 128.5, 115.7, 78.7, 35.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃O₃S [M+H]⁺ 225.0585, found 225.0581.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl (E)-3-(p-tolyl)acrylate (**3qa**)



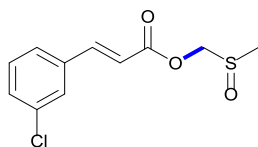
Colorless oil; 41.7 mg, 70%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.79-7.76 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.42 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.19 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.46-6.44 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.18 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06-5.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 165.8, 147.8, 141.8, 131.2, 129.9, 128.5, 114.6, 78.6, 35.8, 21.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 239.0742, found 239.0735.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl (E)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (**3ra**)



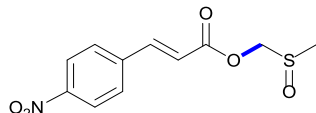
Colorless oil; 47.0 mg, 74%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.79-7.76 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.12 (dt, J = 8.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.04 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.51-6.48 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 5.22-5.20 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.06-5.05 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 165.5, 160.0, 147.7, 135.2, 130.1, 121.2, 117.1, 116.0, 113.2, 78.6, 55.4, 35.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 255.0691, found 255.0689.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl (E)-3-(3-chlorophenyl)acrylate (**3sa**)



Colorless oil; 38.7 mg, 60%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.74-7.71 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.25 (m, 3H), 6.51-6.48 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 5.22-5.20 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.04-5.03 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 165.2, 146.0, 135.6, 135.2, 131.0, 130.4, 128.2, 126.6, 117.2, 78.7, 35.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 259.0196, found 259.0187.

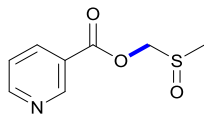
(methylsulfinyl)methyl (E)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylate (**3ta**)



Colorless oil; 27.6 mg, 41%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 8.26-8.24 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.84-7.81 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.64-6.62 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.28-5.26 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.04-5.02 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 164.7, 148.9, 144.5, 139.8, 129.1, 124.4, 120.1, 78.8, 35.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$

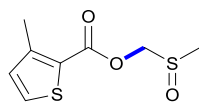
$[M+H]^+$ 270.0436, found 270.0429.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl nicotinate (**3ua**)



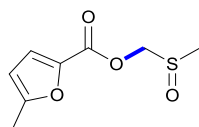
Colorless oil; 22.4 mg, 45%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 9.28-9.27 (dd, J = 2.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.84-8.82 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.37-8.35 (dt, J = 8.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 1H), 5.40-5.38 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.15 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 164.1, 154.5, 151.3, 137.7, 124.4, 123.7, 79.1, 36.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[M+H]^+$ 200.0381, found 200.0389.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 3-methylthiophene-2-carboxylate (**3va**)



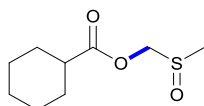
Colorless oil; 38.7 mg, 71%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.46-7.45 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.93-6.92 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.24-5.22 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.12 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 161.1, 148.8, 132.1, 132.0, 124.3, 78.2, 35.8, 16.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$ $[M+H]^+$ 219.0150, found 219.0164.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 5-methylfuran-2-carboxylate (**3wa**)



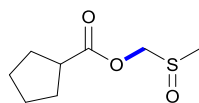
Colorless oil; 32.3 mg, 64%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.25-7.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.17-6.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26-5.24 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.12-5.11 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 159.1, 157.1, 141.1, 122.0, 109.1, 78.4, 35.9, 14.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[M+H]^+$ 203.0378, found 203.0384.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl cyclohexanecarboxylate (**3xa**)



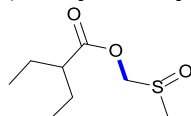
Colorless oil; 38.3 mg, 75%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 5.06-5.04 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.92-4.90 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.43-2.38 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.46-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.16 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 178.5, 174.8, 78.0, 42.8, 35.5, 28.9, 28.9, 25.6, 25.3, 25.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[M+H]^+$ 205.0898, found 205.0899.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl cyclopentanecarboxylate (**3ya**)



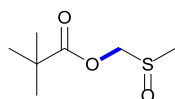
Colorless oil; 34.2 mg, 72%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 5.08-5.06 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.92-4.90 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.85-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.92-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.53 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 178.4, 175.6, 78.2, 43.3, 35.5, 30.1, 25.9, 25.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 191.0742, found 191.0736.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl 2-ethylbutanoate (**3za**)



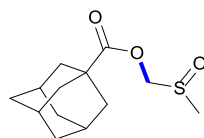
Colorless oil; 33.1 mg, 69%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 5.11-5.09 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.94-4.93 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.32 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.52 (m, 2H), 0.91-0.87 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 177.9, 175.1, 78.4, 48.6, 35.8, 29.7, 24.9, 24.9, 11.8, 11.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 193.0898, found 193.0905.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl pivalate (**3ab**)



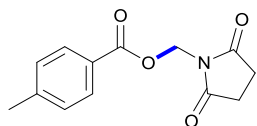
Colorless oil; 19.1 mg, 43%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 5.03-5.02 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.90-4.88 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 178.7, 177.3, 78.2, 39.1, 35.5, 27.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 179.0742, found 179.0742.

(methylsulfinyl)methyl (3r,5r,7r)-adamantane-1-carboxylate (**3ac**)



Colorless oil; 34.6 mg, 54%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 5.04-5.02 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.91-4.90 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.94-1.91 (m, 6H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 176.3, 78.1, 41.1, 38.8, 36.3, 35.8, 27.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF): calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 257.1211, found 257.1225.

(2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl)methyl 4-methylbenzoate (**x**)



White solid, 125-127 °C; 25.9 mg, 35%; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 7.88-7.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.20 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.74 (s, 2H), 2.81 (s, 4H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ [ppm] = 175.7, 165.4, 144.4, 130.0, 129.2, 126.3, 61.5, 28.3, 21.8.^[1]

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