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Solvent-free synthesis of symmetric methylene diesters via direct reaction of armatic carboxylates with 1,*n*-dihaloalkanes

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1. Experimental installation

The 80mL Pyrex Vessel is microwave synthesis system accessory of CEM Discover(**Figure 1**), an internal volume of 80mL with a working volume of 50mL. It has a maximum operating temperature of 220°C and a maximum operating pressure of 200 psi (13.789 bar).



Figure 1 80mL Vessel kit

2. Characterization data of the products

Compounds 4, 9, 18, 26 and 29 were known and the data for these compounds have been published in a previous paper we reported.¹ The yield is that of dibromoalkane as reactant. Specific detailed data for each of the other compounds are given below.

Methylene dibenzoate (1)



White crystal, (1.192g, yield-93%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 97-98 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 8.05-8.06 (m, 4H), 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.67 (m, 4H), 6.26 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 205.97, 164.79, 133.81, 129.66, 129.08, 128.72, 80.54. HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₂O₄Na [M + Na]⁺, 279.0634, found 279.0626. The melting point and ¹H NMR data are in good agreement with literature report.²

Ethylene dibenzoate(ethanediol dibenzoate) (2)



White crystal, (1.189g, yield-88%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 70-71°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 8.04-8.05 (m, 4H), 7.62-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.52 (m, 4H), 4.42 (s, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 205.94, 165.86, 133.17, 130.04, 129.37, 128.53, 62.74. HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O₄Na [M + Na]⁺, 293.0793, found 293.0782.

1,3-Propanediol-1,3-dibenzoate (trimethylene dibenzoate) (3)



White solid, (1.265g, yield-89%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 56-57 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 8.01-8.02 (m, 4H), 7.59-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.48(m, 4H), 4.51(t, 4H), 2.25-2.29(m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm):205.95, 165.95, 133.00, 130.27, 129.30, 128.47, 61.80. HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₄Na [M + Na]⁺, 307.0947, found 307.0938.

1,4-Butamethylene dibenzoate (4)



White crystal, (1.268g, yield-85%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 82-83°C

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 8.04-8.05 (m, 4H), 7.62-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.52(m, 4H), 4.41-4.43(t, 4H), 1.96-1.99(m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 206.29,166.80, 132.79, 129.47, 129.24, 128.49, 128.39, 64.54, 25.33.

HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}O_4Na \ [M + Na]^+$, 321.1103, found 321.1093.

These data are in good agreement with literature report.¹

1,5-Pentamethylene dibenzoate(1,5-pentanediol-1,5-dibenzoate) (5)



White crystal, (1.405g, yield-90%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 110-112 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.99-8.03(m, 2H), 7.74-7.76(m, 3H), 7.58-7.60(m, 2H), 7.43-

7.49(m, 3H), 4.54(m, 4H), 1.73-1.79(m, 2H), 1.36-1.42(m, 2H), 0.92-0.94(m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 205.90, 166.39, 132.79, 130.73, 129.47, 129.20, 128.49, 64.25, 25.36.

HRMS calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}O_4Na \ [M + Na]^+$, 335.1260, found 335.1252.

1,6-Hexanediol dibenzoate (1,6-bis-benzoyloxy-hexane) (6)



White crystal, (1.501g, yield-92%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 59-60 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 8.00-8.01(m, 4H), 7.60-7.62(m, 2H), 7.47-7.50(m, 4H), 4.30-

4.33(m, 4H), 1.79-1.81(m, 4H), 1.54-1.56(m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 205.90, 166.00, 132.91, 130.50, 129.21, 128.48, 64.53, 25.54. HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₂₂O₄Na [M + Na]⁺, 349.1416, found 349.1407.

Methylene di-*p*-methylbenzoate (7)



White crystal, (1.364g, yield-96%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 95-96°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.94-7.96 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.35 (m, 4H), 6.24 (s, 2H), 2.40(s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 205.89, 164.89, 144.72, 129.72, 129.32, 126.36, 80.15, 20.46. HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₄Na [M + Na]⁺, 307.0947, found 307.0938.

The melting point and ¹H NMR data are in good agreement with literature report.²

1,3-Propanediol-di-p-methylbenzoate (8)



White crystal, (1.437g, yield-92%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 89-90°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.88-7.90 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.27 (m, 4H), 4.46-4.48(m, 4H), 2.37(s, 6H), 2.22-2.26(m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 205.89, 165.97, 143.60, 129.35, 129.06, 127.55, 61.52, 20.58. HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₂₀O₄Na [M + Na]⁺, 335.1260, found 335.1250.

1,4-Butamethylene-di-p-methylbenzoate (1,4-Butylene glycol di-p-methylbenzoate) (9)



White crystal, (1.550g, yield-95%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 115-116 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.93-7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.23-7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 4.37-4.41 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 4H), 2.42 (s, 6H),1.93-1.96 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 166.6, 143.6, 129.6, 129.1, 127.6, 64.3, 25.6, 21.6. MS (*m*/*z*): Calculated for C₂₀H₂₂O₄: 326.15, Found: 326. These data have been reported in the literature 1.

1,5-Pentamethylene-di-p-methylbenzoate (10)



White crystal, (1.531g, yield-90%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 49-51 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.87-7.89 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 2H), 4.30(m, 4H), 2.37(s, 6H), 1.80-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.59-1.64 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm):205.86, 165.86, 143.46, 129.29, 129.08, 127.77, 64.55, 22.42, 20.68.

HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{24}O_4Na \ [M + Na]^+$, 363.1573, found 363.1562.

1,6-Hexanediol-di-p-methylbenzoate(11)



White crystal, (1.630g, yield-92%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 84.5-85.5 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.88-7.89 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.29 (m, 4H), 4.27-4.29(m, 4H), 2.37(s, 6H), 1.77-1.79 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.54 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 205.93, 165.94, 143.52, 129.19, 128.99, 127.75, 64.07, 25.54, 20.65.

HRMS calcd for $C_{22}H_{26}O_4Na \ [M + Na]^+$, 377.1729, found 377.1718.

Methylene di-p-methoxylbenzoate (12)



White crystal, (1.518g, yield-96%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 112-113°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.99-8.00 (m, 4H), 7.03-7.04 (m, 4H), 6.18 (s, 2H), 3.87(s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 206.14, 164.15, 131.78, 121.21, 114.05, 113.45, 80.14, 55.07.

HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_{16}O_6Na \ [M + Na]^+$, 339.0845, found 339.0838.

The melting point and ¹H NMR data are in good agreement with literature report.²

1,4-Butamethylene-di-*p*-methoxylbenzoate (13)



White crystal, (1.756g, yield-98%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 150-151°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.96-7.98 (m, 4H), 7.00-7.02 (m, 4H), 4.34-4.37 (t, 4H), 3.87 (s, 6H), 1.92-1.94 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 165.71, 163.63, 131.39, 122.76, 113.78, 64.02, 55.09, 25.50. HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₂₂O₆Na [M + Na]⁺, 381.1314, found 381.1309.

1,5-Pentamethylene -di-*p*-methoxylbenzoate (14)



White crystal, (1.806g, yield-97%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 70-71°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.94-7.96 (m, 4H), 6.98-7.00 (m, 4H), 4.29-4.32 (t, 4H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 1.80-1.86 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.65 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 165.77, 163.58, 131.36, 122.81, 113.78, 64.15, 55.10, 28.29, 22.50.

HRMS calcd for $C_{22}H_{27}O_6 [M + H]^+$, 387.1808, found 387.1807.

1,6-Hexanediol-di-*p*-methoxylbenzoate (15)



White crystal, (1.855g, yield-96%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 89-90 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.95-7.97 (m, 4H), 6.99-7.01 (m, 4H), 4.26-4.29 (t, 4H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 1.77-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.56 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 165.76, 163.58, 131.35, 122.85, 113.78, 64.31, 55.09, 28.60, 25.67.

HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{24}O_6Na \ [M + Na]^+$, 395.1471, found 395.1465.

Methylene di-p-bromobenzoate (16)



White solid. (1.966g, yield-95%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 118-119 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.95-7.98 (m, 4H), 7.71-7.74 (m, 4H), 6.25 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 205.83, 164.19, 132.12, 131.58, 128.28, 80.58. HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₀Br₂O₄Na [M + Na]⁺ 434.88381, found 434.88382. These data are in good agreement with literature report.³

1,3-Propanediol-di-*p*-bromobenzoate(17)



White solid. (2.012g, yield-91%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 102-103 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.90-7.93 (m, 4H), 7.65-7.68 (m, 4H), 4.49-4.52(t, 4H), 2.24-2.31 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 205.86, 165.26, 131.82, 131.23, 129.48, 127.51, 62.22. HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}Br_2O_4K$ [M + K]⁺, 478.88904, found 478.88874.

1,4-Butamethylene di-p-bromobenzoate (18)



White crystal, (2.016g, yield-88%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 127-128 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* (ppm): 7.87-7.89 (m, 4H). 7.55-7.58 (m, 4H), 4.39 (m, 4H), 1.92-1.94 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 165.9, 131.2, 131.8, 129.2, 128.2, 64.8, 25.6.

MS (m/z): Calculated for $C_{18}H_{16}Br_2O_4$: 455.94, Found: 456.

These data have been reported in the literature 1.

1,5-Pentamethylene-di-*p*-bromobenzoate (19)



White crystal, (1.998g, yield-85%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 45-46 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.90-7.94 (m, 4H), 7.66-7.69 (m, 4H), 4.33-4.37(t, 4H), 1.82-1.90 (m, 4H), 1.62-1.66 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 205.62, 165.26, 131.85, 131.17, 129.71, 127.40, 64.78, 22.38. HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₁₉Br₂O₄ [M + H]⁺ 468.96446, found 468.96431. Methylene di-o-nitrobenzoate (20)



Light yellow crystal, (1.574g, yield-91%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 90.5-91.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.94-8.10 (m, 4H), 7.88-7.92 (m, 4H), 6.21 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 205.35, 163.73, 133.58, 133.20, 130.29, 125.98, 124.30, 80.62. HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N₂O₈Na [M + Na]⁺ 369.03294, found 369.03293.

Ethanediol di-o-nitrobenzoate(21)



Light yellow crystal, (1.675g, yield-93%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 135.5-136.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.91-8.02 (m, 4H), 7.83-7.87 (m, 4H), 4.67 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 205.94, 164.72, 133.30, 132.78, 130.21, 126.63, 124.04, 63.68. HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₂N₂O₈K [M + K]⁺ 399.02252, found 399.02251.

1,4-Butamethylene di-*o*-nitrobenzoate(22)



Light yellow crystal, (1.825g, yield-94%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 86-87 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.88-8.01 (m, 4H), 7.80-7.87 (m, 4H), 4.37-4.40(m, 4H), 1.86-1.89 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 206.12, 164.90, 133.27, 132.58, 130.07, 127.13, 123.98, 65.62, 24.90.

HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}N_2O_8K$ [M + K]⁺ 427.05382, found 427.05384.

Methylene di-cinnamate (23)



White crystal, (1.403g, yield-91%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 83-84°C.

IR (KBr) v: 3020, 2955, 2868, 1930, 1713, 1610, 1473, 1443, 1271, 1018, 965, 754, 690 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.77-7.79 (d, 2H), 7.69-7.70 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.44(m, 4H), 6.57-6.59 (d, 2H), 6.01(s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 205.99, 165.05, 146.43, 134.15, 130.75, 128.92, 128.38, 116.83, 79.36.

HRMS calcd for $C_{19}H_{16}NaO_4$ [M + Na]⁺, 331.0946, found 331.0939.

The melting point and ¹H NMR data are in good agreement with literature report.²

Ethanediol di-cinnamate (24)



White crystal, (1.434g, yield-89%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 90-91°C.

IR (KBr) v: 3037, 2955, 2868, 1930, 1713, 1610, 1461, 1443, 1271, 1035, 965, 754, 691 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.70-7.73 (d, 2H), 7.66-7.67 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.42(m, 6H), 6.56-6.58 (d, 2H), 4.48(s, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 205.97, 166.22, 145.02, 134.29, 130.46, 128.93, 128.16, 117.70, 62.22.

HRMS calcd for $C_{20}H_{18}NaO_4$ [M + Na]⁺, 345.1103, found 345.1094.

1,3-Propanediol-di-cinnamate (25)



White crystal, (1.463g, yield-87%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 89-90°C.

IR (KBr) v: 3032, 2955, 2868, 1930, 1712, 1610, 1468, 1440, 1271, 1024, 965, 754, 690 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.65-7.72 (m, 6H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 6H), 6.54-6.58 (d, 2H), 4.32-

4.35(t, 4H), 2.09-2.15(m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 205.87, 166.30, 144.64, 134.51, 130.39, 128.99, 128.23, 118.11, 61.28.

HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{21}O_4$ [M + H]⁺ 337.14344, found 337.14341.

1,4-Butamethylene di-cinnamate (1,4-Butylene glycol dicinnamate) (26)



White crystal, (1.576g, yield-90%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 92-93°C.

IR (KBr) *v*: 3028, 2961, 2863, 1930, 1710, 1609, 1466, 1457, 1273, 1021, 965, 755, 690 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.66-7.70 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.38 (m, 6H), 6.42-6.46 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.25-4.28 (m, 4H), 1.82-1.86 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 167.1, 144.9, 134.5, 130.4, 129.0, 128.2, 118.1, 64.2, 25.6. MS (*m*/*z*): Calculated for C₂₂H₂₂O₄: 350.15, Found: 350. These data have been reported in the literature 1.

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Metylene di-2-furoate (27)



White crystal, (1.026g, yield-87%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 124-125 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.87-7.88 (s, 2H), 7.36-7.37 (s, 2H), 6.67-6.68 (s, 2H), 6.17 (s, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 205.88, 156.58, 148.14, 143.48, 119.74, 112.38, 79.40. HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₉O₆ [M + H]⁺237.03936, found 237.03936.

The melting point, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR data are in good agreement with literature report.⁴

Ethanediol di-2-furoate (28)



White crystal, (1.050g, yield-84%), recrystallized with ethanol. mp 109-111 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.80-7.81 (s, 2H), 7.24-7.25 (s, 2H), 6.62-6.64 (s, 2H), 4.61 (s, 4H) ppm.

 $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, acetone- $d_6)$ δ (ppm): 206.11, 157.99, 147.27, 118.39, 112.08, 62.50.

HRMS calcd for $C_{12}H_{11}O_6\ [M+H]^+\,251.05501,$ found 251.05503.

1,4-Butamethylene di-2-furoate (1,4-Butylene glycol di-2-furoate) (29)



White crystal, (1.127g, yield-81%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 61-62°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.55-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.48-6.51 (m, 2H), 4.30-4.40 (m, 4H), 1.89-1.92 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* (ppm): 158.7, 146.3, 144.7, 117.9, 111.8, 64.4, 25.4.

MS (m/z): Calculated for C₁₄H₁₄O₆: 278.08, Found: 278.

These data have been reported in the literature 1.

1,6-Hexanediol-di-2-furoate (30)



White crystal, (1.195g, yield-78%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 71-72°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 7.79 (s, 2H), 7.21-7.22 (s, 2H), 6.61-6.63 (s, 2H), 4.26-4.29(t, 4H), 1.73-1.78(m, 4H), 1.49-1.52 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 206.11, 158.27, 146.93, 144.87, 117.77, 111.97, 64.45, 25.47. HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₉O₆ [M + H]⁺ 307.11761, found 307.11746.

Ethanediol di-2-(5-bromo)furoate (31)



White crystal, (1.832 g, yield-93%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 159-160°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.38-7.39 (s, 2H), 6.76-6.77 (s, 2H), 6.15 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 155.51, 145.19, 128.57, 122.11, 114.80, 79.66. HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₆Br₂O₆Na [M + Na]⁺414.8429, found 414.8425.

1,3-Propanediol-di-2-(5-bromo)furoate (32)



White crystal, (2.004 g, yield-95%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 152-153 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.24-7.25 (s, 2H), 6.69-6.70 (s, 2H), 4.43-4.46 (t, 4H), 2.17-2.23 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 157.03, 146.45, 127.14, 120.33, 114.35, 61.89, 27.94. HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₀Br₂O₆Na [M + Na]⁺ 446.8701, found 446.8695.

1,5-Pentamethylene-di-(5-bromo)furoate (33)



White crystal, (2.160 g, yield-96%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 60-61 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 7.23-7.24 (s, 2H), 6.70-6.71 (s, 2H), 4.29-4.32 (t, 4H), 1.78-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.59 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 157.11, 146.65, 127.00, 120.09, 114.31, 64.62, 28.12, 22.20. HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₄Br₂O₆Na [M + Na]⁺ 474.9014, found 474.9008.

Methylene di-3-picolinate (34)



Brown crystal, (0.877g, yield-68%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 79-80 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6) δ (ppm): 9.17-9.18 (d, 2H), 8.82-8.83 (d, 2H), 8.36-8.39 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.59 (m, 2H), 6.32 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 206.02, 163.90, 154.27, 150.70, 137.28, 123.89, 80.54. HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₁N₂O₄ [M + H]⁺ 259.07133, found 259.07095.

Ethanediol di-3-picolinate (35)



Brown crystal, (0.844g, yield-62%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 127-128 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ (ppm): 9.14-9.15 (d, 2H), 8.78-8.79 (d, 2H), 8.32-8.35 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.55 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 205.97, 164.93, 153.72, 150.49, 136.94, 123.75, 64.13. HRMS calcd for $C_{14}H_{13}N_2O_4$ [M + H]⁺ 273.08698, found 273.08658.

1,4-Butamethylene-di-3-picolinate (36)



Brown crystal, (0.901g, yield-60%), recrystallized with ethanol. m.p. 96-97 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ (ppm): 9.14 (d, 2H), 8.78-8.79 (d, 2H), 8.31-8.34 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H), 4.44-7.47 (t, 4H), 2.00-2.03 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 164.95, 153.57, 150.43, 136.73, 126.28, 123.63, 64.78, 25.28. HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₄ [M + H]⁺ 323.1008, found 323.1002.

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4. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of the Products

















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 $^1\mathrm{H}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectra of compound 14













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¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra of compound **36**

5. HRMS Spectra of the Products



HRMS of 1






































HRMS of 15









































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