

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

¹⁷O NMR study of *ortho* and *alkyl* substituent effects in substituted phenyl and alkyl esters of benzoic acid

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1. EXPERIMENTAL

a. Synthesis of compounds

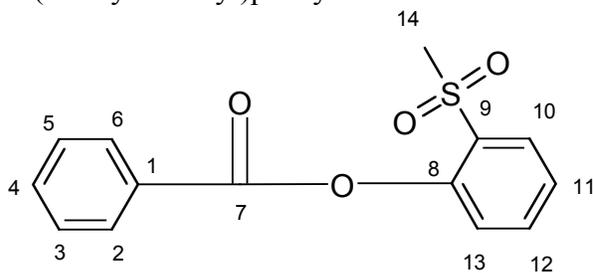
The preparation procedure and characteristics for the most *ortho*-, *meta*-, and *para*-substituted phenyl esters of benzoic acids, C₆H₅CO₂C₆H₄-X, and alkyl esters of benzoic acid, C₆H₅CO₂R, have been previously described^{9, 51-55}.

The phenyl benzoates, C₆H₅CO₂C₆H₄-X, (X = 2-SO₂CH₃, 2-COCH₃, 2-CF₃, 3-Cl, 4-SO₂CH₃, 4-CF₃) were prepared by the addition of benzoyl chloride to the corresponding substituted phenol in pyridine with stirring at 0 °C (the Einhorn method)⁵⁶. The crude esters were recrystallized from aqueous ethanol. 2-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl benzoate: yield 42 %, m.p. 172-173 °C. 2-Acetylphenyl benzoate: yield 66 %, m.p. 84-86 °C, Reference⁵⁷, m.p. 87-88 °C. 2-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl benzoate: yield 56 %, m.p. 39-40 °C, Reference⁵, b.p. 125-126 °C. 3-Chlorophenyl benzoate: yield 73 %, m.p. 70-71 °C, Reference⁵⁸, 70 °C. 4-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl benzoate: yield 61 %, m.p. 155-156 °C. 4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl benzoate: yield 67 %, m.p. 113-114 °C. The phenyl benzoates, C₆H₅CO₂C₆H₄-X, (X = 3-Br, 3-N(CH₃)₂, 3-CF₃, 2-Br) and 2,6-dimethylphenyl benzoate, were prepared by addition the benzoyl chloride to the mixture of the corresponding substituted phenol in aqueous 10 % sodium hydroxide (the Schotten-Baumann method). 3-Bromophenyl benzoate: yield 54 %, m.p. 85-86 °C, Reference²⁷, m.p. 83-85 °C. 3-(Dimethylamino)phenyl benzoate: yield 55 %, m.p. 92-93 °C, Reference⁵⁹, m.p. 94 °C. 3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl benzoate: yield 43 %, b.p. 118-120 °C/1.9 mbar. 2-Bromophenyl benzoate: yield 24 %, b.p. 148-149 °C/1.8 mbar. 2,6-Dimethylphenyl benzoate: yield 49 %, m.p. 41-42 °C, Reference⁶⁰, m.p. 42-42.8 °C. 2,6-Dinitrophenyl benzoate was synthesized by the addition of the thionyl chloride to the mixture of benzoic acid and 2,6-dinitrophenol in pyridine with stirring at 0 °C.⁶¹ 2,6-Dinitrophenyl benzoate: yield 54 %, m.p. 116-117 °C, Reference⁶², m.p. 112 °C. 2,2,2-Trichloroethyl benzoate¹² was purified by distillation, b.p. 108 °C/2.2 mbar.

b. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of phenyl benzoates

Purity of synthesized phenyl benzoates, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{X}$ ($\text{X} = 2\text{-SO}_2\text{CH}_3$, 2-COCH_3 , 2-CF_3 , 2-Br , $2,6\text{-(CH}_3)_2$, $2,6\text{-(NO}_2)_2$, 3-Cl , 3-Br , $3\text{-N(CH}_3)_2$, 3-CF_3 , $4\text{-SO}_2\text{CH}_3$, 4-CF_3) and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl benzoate was confirmed by ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy in deuterated chloroform at 25°C .

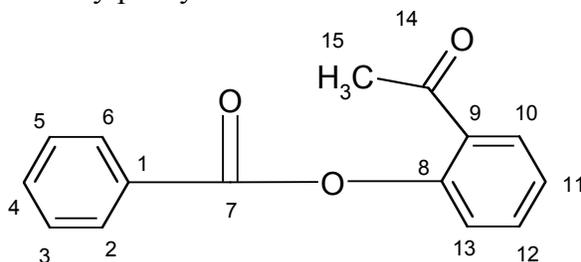
2-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl benzoate



^1H NMR: 8.24 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.55 t, 2H (H-3,5) $^3J_{av} = 7.6$; 7.65-7.78 m, 2H (H-4,12); 8.10 m, 1H (H-10); 7.44-7.51 m, 2H (H-11,13), 3.16 s, 3H (H-14).

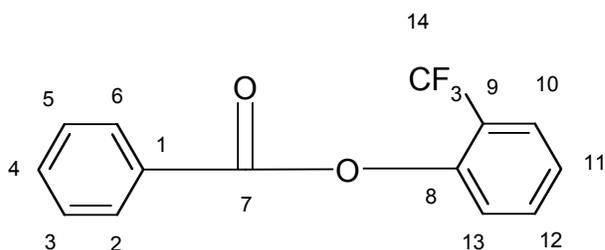
^{13}C NMR: 129.00 (C-1); 130.47 (C-2,6); 128.90 (C-3,5); 134.13 (C-4); 164.37 (C-7); 148.99 (C-8); 133.12 (C-9); 130.07 (C-10); 126.50 (C-11); 135.03 (C-12); 124.80 (C-13); 44.01 (C-14).

2-Acetylphenyl benzoate



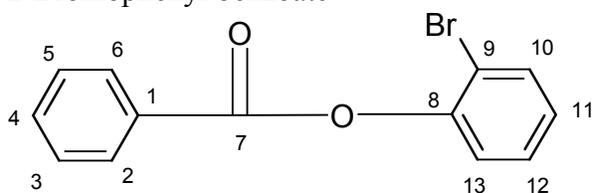
^1H NMR: 8.21 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.46-7.68 m, 4H (H-3,4,5,12); 7.85 dd, 1H (H-10), $^3J = 7.8$, $^4J = 1.8$; 7.34 dt, 1H (H-11), $^3J_{av} = 7.6$, $^4J = 1.3$; 7.22 dd, 1H (H-13) 2.53 s, 3H (H-15). ^{13}C NMR: 129.33 (C-1); 130.28 (C-2,6); 128.69 (C-3,5); 133.78 (C-4); 165.10 (C-7); 149.38 (C-8); 131.38 (C-9); 130.23 (C-10); 126.14 (C-11); 133.33 (C-12); 123.90 (C-13); 197.40 (C-14); 29.70 (C-15).

2-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl benzoate



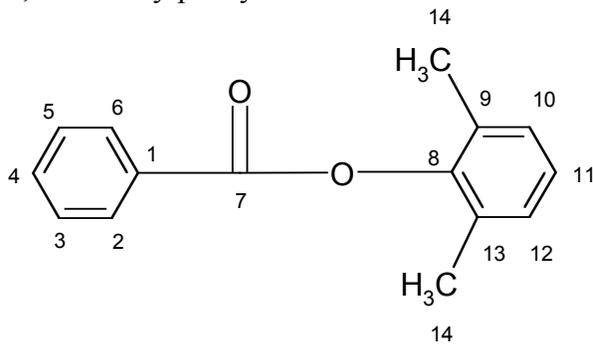
^1H NMR: 7.2-7.7 m, 7H (H-3,4,5,10,11,12,13); 8.21 m, 2H (H-2,6). ^{13}C NMR: 129.10 (C-1); 130.46 (C-2,6); 128.76 (C-3,5); 133.93 (C-4); 164.52 (C-7); 148.70 q (C-8), $^3J_{\text{C-F}}=2.0$; 123.20 q (C-9), $^2J_{\text{C-F}}=31.2$; 127.00 q (C-10), $^3J_{\text{C-F}}=5.0$; 125.92 (C-11); 133.05 (C-12); 124.55 (C-13); 123.30 q (C-14), $^1J_{\text{C-F}}=273.0$.

2-Bromophenyl benzoate



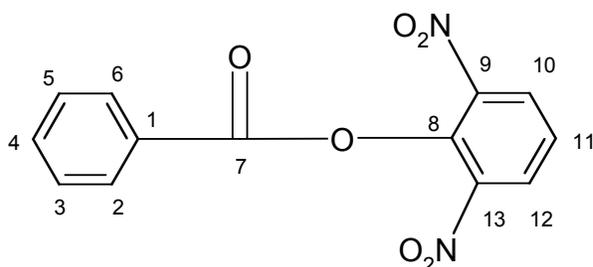
^1H NMR: 8.23 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.47 m, 2H (H-3,5); 7.56-7.64 m, 2H (H-4, 10); 7.10 ddd, 1H (H-11), $^3J=7.9$, $^3J=7.0$, $^4J=2.0$; 7.31 ddd, 1H (H-12), $^3J=8.0$, $^3J=7.0$, $^4J=1.5$; 7.25 ddd, 1H (H-13), $^3J=8.0$, $^4J=2.0$, $^5J=0.5$. ^{13}C NMR: 129.10 (C-1); 130.33 (C-2,6,10); 128.61 (C-3,5); 133.36 (C-4); 164.13 (C-7); 148.53 (C-8); 116.27 (C-9); 133.75 (C-10); 127.26 (C-11); 128.43 (C-12); 123.92 (C-13).

2,6-Dimethylphenyl benzoate



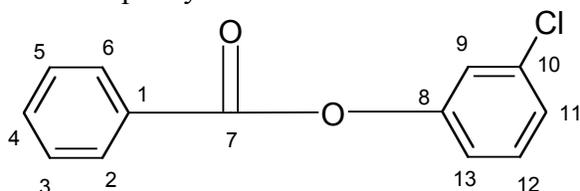
^1H NMR: 8.25 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.50 m, 2H (H-3,5); 7.62 m, 1H (H-4), $^3J=7.3$; 7.09 br s, 2H (H-10, 12) 7.08 br s, 1H (H-11). ^{13}C NMR: 129.59 (C-1); 130.18 (C-2,6); 128.65 (C-3,5,10,12); 133.51 (C-4); 164.31 (C-7); 148.54 (C-8); 130.43 (C-9,13); 125.90 (C-11); 16.34 (C-14).

2,6-Dinitrophenyl benzoate



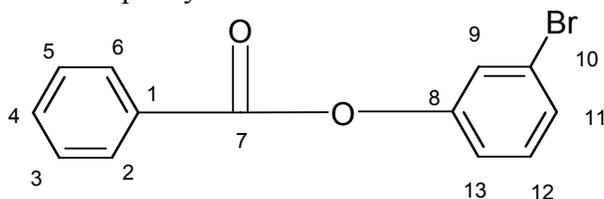
$^1\text{H NMR}$: 7.50-7.74 m, 4H (H-3,4,5,11); 8.17 m, 2H (H-2,6); 8.34 d, 2H (H-10,12), $^3J = 8.2$. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$: 127.39 (C-1); 129.94 (C-2,6); 128.91 (C-3,5); 134.77 (C-4); 163.21 (C-7); 139.03 (C-8); 144.03 (C-9,13); 130.86 (C-10,12); 126.61 (C-11).

3-Chlorophenyl benzoate



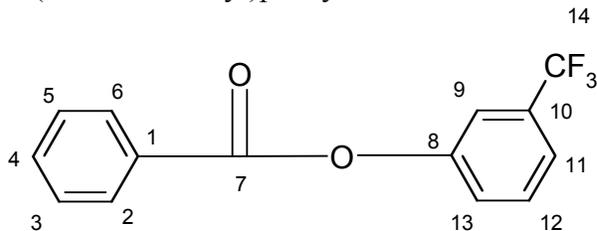
$^1\text{H NMR}$: 8.18 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.50 m, 2H (H-3,5); 7.64 m, 1H (H-4); 7.22-7.29 m, 2H (H-9,11); 7.35 m, 1H (H-12); 7.13 ddd, 1H (H-13), $^3J = 7.9$ $^4J = 1.5$ $^4J = 2.1$. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$: 129.32 (C-1); 130.24 (C-2,6); 128.67 (C-3,5); 133.79 (C-4); 164.71 (C-7); 151.63 (C-8); 122.46 (C-9); 134.85 (C-10); 126.16 (C-11); 130.24 (C-12); 120.15.

3-Bromophenyl benzoate



$^1\text{H NMR}$: 8.17 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.49 m, 2H (H-3,5); 7.63 m, 1H (H-4) $^3J = 7.3$; 7.37-7.42 m, 2H (H-9,11); 7.28 t, 1H (H-12), $^3J_{av} = 8.2$; 7.16 ddd, 1H (H-13), $^3J = 8.1$, $^4J = 1.5$, $^4J = 2.0$. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$: 129.27 (C-1); 130.22 (C-2,6); 128.65 (C-3,5); 133.78 (C-4); 164.66 (C-7); 151.64 (C-8); 125.29 (C-9); 122.46 (C-10); 129.05 (C-11); 130.48 (C-12); 120.61 (C-13).

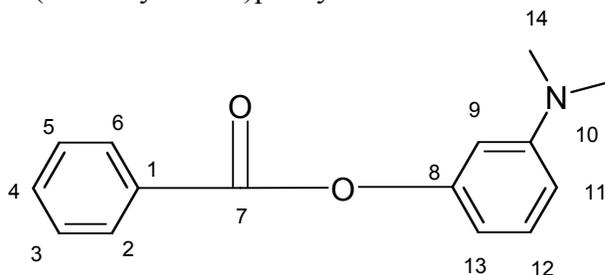
3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl benzoate



$^1\text{H NMR}$: 8.18 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.37-7.51 m, 6H (H-3,5,9,11,12,13); 7.62 m, 1H (H-4) $^3J = 7.3$.

^{13}C NMR: 129.30 (C-1); 130.34 (C-2,6); 128.79 (C-3,5); 133.98 (C-4); 164.78 (C-7); 151.40 (C-8); 119.18 (C-9), $^3J_{F-C}=3.9$; 132.25 (C-10), $^2J_{F-C}=33.2$; 122.72 (C-11), $^3J_{F-C}=3.8$; 130.14 (C-12); 125.57 (C-13), $^5J_{F-C}=1.2$; 123.81 (C-14), $^1J_{F-C}=272.4$.

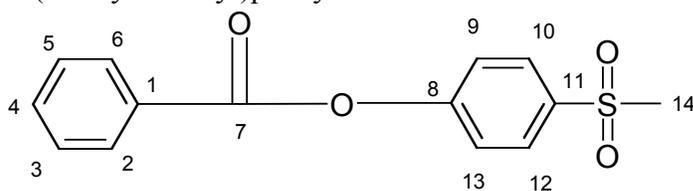
3-(Dimethylamino)phenyl benzoate



^1H NMR: 8.20 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.48 m, 2H (H-3,5); 7.61 m, 1H (H-4) $^3J=7.3$; 6.51-6.64 m, 3H (H-9,11,13); 7.26 t, 1H (H-12), $^3J_{av}=8.0$; 2.94 s, 6H (H-14).

^{13}C NMR: 130.18 (C-1); 130.17 (C-2,6); 128.52 (C-3,5); 133.34 (C-4); 165.24 (C-7); 152.27 (C-8); 105.75 (C-9); 151.92 (C-10); 110.09 (C-11); 129.69 (C-12); 109.47 (C-13); 40.44 (C-14).

4-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl benzoate

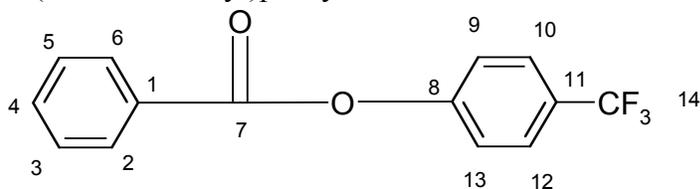


CD_3CN , 40°C , shifts relative to the solvent residual peak

^1H NMR: 8.20 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.50-7.63 m, 4H (H-3,5,9,13); 7.73 m, 1H (H-4), $^3J=7.7$, $^4J=1.3$; 8.03 d, 2H (H-10,12), $^3J=8.7$; 3.10 s, 3H (H-14).

^{13}C NMR: 130.36 (C-1); 131.21 (C-2,6); 130.04 (C-3,5); 135.25 (C-4); 165.72 (C-7); 156.29 (C-8); 124.09 (C-9,13); 130.22 (C-10,12); 139.88 (C-11); 44.92 (C-14).

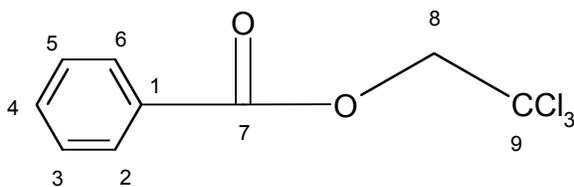
4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl benzoate



^1H NMR: 8.20 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.51 m, 2H (H-3,5); 7.61-7.71 m, 3H (H-4,10,12); 7.34 d, 2H (H-9,13), $^3J=8.5$.

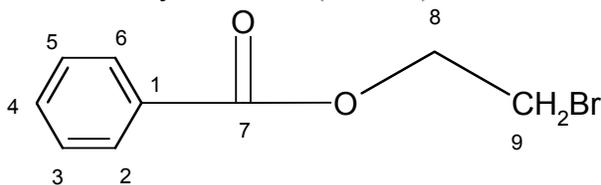
^{13}C NMR: 129.28 (C-1); 130.35 (C-2,6); 128.77 (C-3,5); 133.97 (C-4); 164.66 (C-7); 153.76 (C-8), $^5J_{F-C}=1.5$; 122.32 (C-9,13); 126.91 (C-10,12), $^3J_{F-C}=3.7$; 128.34 (C-11), $^2J_{F-C}=32.8$; 124.07 (C-14), $^1J_{F-C}=272.2$.

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl benzoate



^1H NMR: 8.12 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.44 m, 2H (H-3,5); 7.58 m, 1H (H-4); 4.95 s, 2H (H-8). ^{13}C NMR: 128.72 (C-1); 130.00 (C-2,6); 128.54 (C-3,5); 133.69 (C-4); 164.68 (C-7); 74.36 (C-8); 95.12 (C-9).

2-Bromoethyl benzoate (Aldrich)



^1H NMR: 8.05 m, 2H (H-2,6); 7.41 m, 2H (H-3,5); 7.54 m, 1H (H-4); 4.58 t, 2H (H-8), $^3J = 6.1$; 3.60 t, 2H (H-9), $^3J = 6.1$. ^{13}C NMR: 129.75 (C-1); 129.70 (C-2,6); 128.40 (C-3,5); 133.17 (C-4); 165.87 (C-7); 64.19 (C-8); 28.83 (C-9).

2. DATA PROCESSING

The values of chemical shifts, $\delta(^{17}\text{O})$, for the carbonyl oxygen and the single-bonded oxygen in the *ortho*-, *para*- and *meta*-substituted phenyl esters of benzoic acid, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-X}$, given in Table I were treated according to the Taft and Charton equations using the Taft's σ° ^{63,64}, inductive σ_{I} ^{64,65}, and the resonance σ°_{R} ($\sigma^\circ_{\text{R}} = \sigma^\circ_{\text{p}} - \sigma_{\text{I}}$)^{64,66} substituent constants:

$$\delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{para(meta)}} = \delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{H}} + (\rho)_{\text{para(meta)}}\sigma^\circ \quad (1)$$

$$\delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{para(meta)}} = \delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{H}} + (\rho_{\text{I}})_{\text{para(meta)}}\sigma_{\text{I}} + (\rho_{\text{R}})_{\text{para(meta)}}\sigma^\circ_{\text{R}} \quad (2)$$

In the case of *ortho* derivatives the significance of the inductive, resonance and steric effects to the substituent-induced chemical shift, $\delta(^{17}\text{O})$, was estimated using the following Charton equations⁵⁰ (3) and (4):

$$\delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{ortho}} = \delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{H}} + (\rho_{\text{I}})_{\text{ortho}}\sigma_{\text{I}} + (\rho_{\text{R}})_{\text{ortho}}\sigma^\circ_{\text{R}} + \delta_{\text{ortho}}E_{\text{s}}^{\text{B}} \quad (3)$$

$$\delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{ortho}} = \delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{H}} + (\rho_{\text{I}})_{\text{ortho}}\sigma_{\text{I}} + (\rho_{\text{R}})_{\text{ortho}}\sigma^\circ_{\text{R}} + \delta_{\text{ortho}}\nu \quad (4)$$

Eqs (1) and (2) were used separately for *ortho*-substituted derivatives containing the *ortho* electron-donating +R substituents (X = H, OCH₃, CH₃, (CH₃)₂, C(CH₃)₃, F, Cl, Br)

and derivatives with the *ortho* electron-withdrawing $-R$ substituents ($X = \text{H}, \text{NO}_2, \text{CN}, \text{CF}_3, \text{SO}_2\text{CH}_3, \text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3, \text{COCH}_3, 2,6\text{-(NO}_2)_2$).

To compare of the substituent effects on the carbonyl oxygen chemical shifts, $\delta(^{17}\text{O})$, for *ortho*-, *para*-, and *meta*-substituted phenyl and *alkyl* esters of benzoic acid ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-X}$, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CO}_2\text{R}$) with those in the corresponding carbonyl carbon ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts, δ_{CO} , the infrared stretching frequencies of the carbonyl group, ν_{CO} , and the $\Delta \log k$ values of the alkaline hydrolysis following relationships were used:

$$\delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{ortho}} = \delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{H}} + a_{1(\text{ortho})}((\Delta\delta_{\text{CO}})_{\text{X}}(\Delta\nu_{\text{CO}})_{\text{X}}(\Delta \log k)_{\text{X}}) + a_{2(\text{ortho})}\sigma_{\text{R}}^{\circ} + a_{3(\text{ortho})}E_{\text{s}}^{\text{B}} \quad (6)$$

$$\delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{para}} = \delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{H}} + a_{1(\text{para})}((\Delta\delta_{\text{CO}})_{\text{X}}(\Delta\nu_{\text{CO}})_{\text{X}}(\Delta \log k)_{\text{X}}) + a_{2(\text{para})}\sigma_{\text{R}}^{\circ} \quad (7)$$

$$\delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{meta}} = \delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{H}} + a_{1(\text{meta})}((\Delta\delta_{\text{CO}})_{\text{X}}(\Delta\nu_{\text{CO}})_{\text{X}}(\Delta \log k)_{\text{X}}) + a_{2(\text{meta})}\sigma_{\text{R}}^{\circ} \quad (8)$$

$$\delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{Alk}} = \delta(^{17}\text{O})_{\text{CH}_3} + a_{1(\text{Alk})}((\Delta\delta_{\text{CO}})_{\text{R}}(\Delta\nu_{\text{CO}})_{\text{R}}(\Delta \log k)_{\text{R}}) + a_{2}E_{\text{s}}^{\text{B}} \quad (9)$$

In Eqs (6)-(9) $(\Delta\delta_{\text{CO}})_{\text{X}} = (\delta_{\text{CO}})_{\text{X}} - (\delta_{\text{CO}})_{\text{H}}$, $(\Delta\nu_{\text{CO}})_{\text{X}} = (\nu_{\text{CO}})_{\text{X}} - (\nu_{\text{CO}})_{\text{H}}$, and $\Delta \log k_{\text{X}} = \log k_{\text{H}} - \log k_{\text{X}}$. In correlations with Eqs (6)-(9) the carbonyl carbon ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts, δ_{CO} , given in Reference¹², the IR stretching frequencies of the carbonyl group, ν_{CO} , in Reference¹³ and the $\log k$ values for alkaline hydrolysis in water and aqueous 0.5 M Bu_4NNBr for phenyl benzoates, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-X}$, and alkylbenzoates, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CO}_2\text{R}$, in Reference^{5,10,11,51,52} were used.

The slope a_1 in Eqs (6)-(9) is the ratio of the inductive effects in the ^{17}O NMR chemical shifts and in the corresponding process compared. In Eqs (6)-(9) $a_1 = \rho_{\text{I}}(^{17}\text{O})/\rho_{\text{I}}(\delta_{\text{CO}})$, $\rho_{\text{I}}(\delta(^{17}\text{O}))/\rho_{\text{I}}(\nu_{\text{CO}})$, $\rho_{\text{I}}(^{17}\text{O})/\rho_{\text{I}}(\text{AH})$, $a_2 = \rho_{\text{R}}(\delta^{17}\text{O}) - a_1\rho_{\text{R}}(\delta_{\text{CO}})$, $\rho_{\text{R}}(\delta^{17}\text{O}) - a_1\rho_{\text{R}}(\nu_{\text{CO}})$, $\rho_{\text{R}}(\delta^{17}\text{O}) - a_1\rho_{\text{R}}(\text{AH})$ and $a_3 = \delta_{\text{S}}(\delta^{17}\text{O}) - a_1\delta_{\text{S}}(\delta_{\text{CO}})$, $\delta_{\text{S}}(\delta^{17}\text{O}) - a_1\delta_{\text{S}}(\nu_{\text{CO}})$, $\delta_{\text{S}}(\delta^{17}\text{O}) - a_1\delta_{\text{S}}(\text{AH})$. In relations shown the carbonyl carbon ^{13}C chemical shifts is denoted by (δ_{CO}) , the IR carbonyl stretching frequencies by (ν_{CO}) , the alkaline hydrolysis is denoted by (AH), and the susceptibility to the steric factor by δ_{S} .

The results of correlations of the carbonyl and the single-bonded oxygen ^{17}O NMR chemical shifts, $\delta(^{17}\text{O})$, for *para*-, *meta*-, and *ortho*-substituted phenyl esters of benzoic acid, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-X}$, and alkyl benzoates, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CO}_2\text{R}$, with Eqs (6)-(9) are shown in Table IV.