# **CHAPTER III**

### **EXPERIMENTAL**

# 3.1 Phenoxy acid methyl esters

Forty-six phenoxy acid methyl esters used in this study were synthesized by Rodthongkum [23]. Chemical structure and abbreviation of all phenoxy acid methyl esters used in this study are shown in Table 3.1.

 Table 3.1
 Chemical structure and abbreviation of phenoxy acid methyl esters

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chemical structure	abbreviation	(g/mol)	compound name
	1	180.20	methyl 2-phenoxypropanoate
group 1: phenoxy acid meth	yl esters with n	nono-subst	itution on the aromatic ring
Br	2Br	259.10	methyl 2-(2'-bromophenoxy) propanoate
Br	3Br	259.10	methyl 2-(3'-bromophenoxy) propanoate
Br	4Br	259.10	methyl 2-(4'-bromophenoxy) propanoate
CI	2CI	214.65	methyl 2-(2'-chlorophenoxy) propanoate
CI	3Cl	214.65	methyl 2-(3'-chlorophenoxy) propanoate

chemical structure	abbreviation	MW (g/mol)	compound name
CI	4Cl	214.65	methyl 2-(4'-chlorophenoxy) propanoate
CN O	2CN	205.21	methyl 2-(2'-cyanophenoxy) propanoate
NC O O	3CN	205.21	methyl 2-(3'-cyanophenoxy) propanoate
NC O O	4CN	205.21	methyl 2-(4'-cyanophenoxy) propanoate
For	2F	198.19	methyl 2-(2'-fluorophenoxy) propanoate
F 0 0	3F	198.19	methyl 2-(3'-fluorophenoxy) propanoate
F	4F	198.19	methyl 2-(4'-fluorophenoxy) propanoate
OMe O	20Me	210.23	methyl 2-(2'-methoxyphenoxy) propanoate
MeO O	ЗОМе	210.23	methyl 2-(3'-methoxyphenoxy) propanoate

chemical structure	abbreviation	MW (g/mol)	compound name
MeO O	40Me	210.23	methyl 2-(4'-methoxyphenoxy) propanoate
	2Me	194.23	methyl 2-(2'-methylphenoxy) propanoate
	3Me	194.23	methyl 2-(3'-methylphenoxy) propanoate
	4Me	194.23	methyl 2-(4'-methylphenoxy) propanoate
NO <sub>2</sub> O	2NO <sub>2</sub>	225.20	methyl 2-(2'-nitrophenoxy) propanoate
O <sub>2</sub> N O	3NO <sub>2</sub>	225.20	methyl 2-(3'-nitrophenoxy) propanoate
O <sub>2</sub> N O	4NO <sub>2</sub>	225.20	methyl 2-(4'-nitrophenoxy) propanoate
CF <sub>3</sub> O O	2CF <sub>3</sub>	248.20	methyl 2- (2'-trifluoromethylphenoxy) propanoate
F <sub>3</sub> C 0 0	3CF <sub>3</sub>	248.20	methyl 2- (3'-trifluoromethylphenoxy) propanoate

chemical structure	abbreviation	MW (g/mol)	compound name
F <sub>3</sub> C	4CF <sub>3</sub>	248.20	methyl 2- (4'-trifluoromethylphenoxy) propanoate
group 2: phenoxy acid meth	yl esters with d	i-substitut	ion on the aromatic ring
CI	2,3Cl	249.09	methyl 2-(2',3'-dichlorophenoxy) propanoate
CI	2,4Cl	249.09	methyl 2-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy) propanoate
CI	2,5Cl	249.09	methyl 2-(2',5'-dichlorophenoxy) propanoate
CI	2,6Cl	249.09	methyl 2-(2',6'-dichlorophenoxy) propanoate
CI	3,4Cl	249.09	methyl 2-(3',4'-dichlorophenoxy) propanoate
CI	3,5Cl	249.09	methyl 2-(3',5'-dichlorophenoxy) propanoate
F O O	2,3F	216.18	methyl 2-(2',3'-difluorophenoxy) propanoate

chemical structure	abbreviation	MW (g/mol)	compound name
F	2,4F	216.18	methyl 2-(2',4'-difluorophenoxy) propanoate
F	2,5F	216.18	methyl 2-(2',5'-difluorophenoxy) propanoate
F O O	2,6F	216.18	methyl 2-(2',6'-difluorophenoxy) propanoate
F O O	3,4F	216.18	methyl 2-(3',4'-difluorophenoxy) propanoate
F O O	3,5F	216.18	methyl 2-(3',5'-difluorophenoxy) propanoate
	2,3Me	208.25	methyl 2-(2',3'dimethylphenoxy) propanoate
John	2,4Me	208.25	methyl 2-(2',4'-dimethylphenoxy) propanoate
	2,5Me	208.25	methyl 2-(2',5'-dimethylphenoxy) propanoate

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chemical structure	abbreviation	(g/mol)	compound name		
	2,6Me	208.25	methyl 2-(2',6'-dimethylphenoxy) propanoate		
	3,4Me	208.25	methyl 2-(3',4'-dimethylphenoxy) propanoate		
	3,5Me	208.25	methyl 2-(3',5'-dimethylphenoxy) propanoate		
group 3: other phenoxy acid	group 3: other phenoxy acid methyl esters with substitution on the aromatic ring				
F O O	pentaF	270.15	methyl 2-(2',3',4',5',6'- pentafluorophenoxy) propanoate		
CI	2,4,6Cl	283.54	methyl 2-(2',4',6'-trichlorophenoxy) propanoate		
F O O	2,4,6F	234.17	methyl 2-(2',4',6'-trifluorophenoxy) propanoate		

## 3.2 Gas chromatographic analyses

All GC separations were performed on an Agilent 6890 series gas chromatograph equipped with a split injector and a flame ionization detector (FID). The injector and detector temperature were maintained at 250 °C. Hydrogen was used as a carrier gas with an average linear velocity of 50 cm/s. The separation was carried out on the 15 m  $\times$  0.25 mm i.d. capillary column coated with a 0.25  $\mu m$  thick film of stationary phase. Two chiral columns were prepared to contain identical molality of

cyclodextrin derivatives in polysiloxane. Two types of stationary phases used in this research were:

- 26.8 % hexakis(2,3-di-*O*-methyl-6-*O*-tert-butyldimethylsilyl)cyclomaltohexaose (or ASiMe) diluted in polysiloxane OV-1701
- 32.8 % octakis(2,3-di-*O*-methyl-6-*O-tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)cyclomaltooctaose (or GSiMe) diluted in polysiloxane OV-1701

All columns were conditioned at 220 °C until a stable baseline was observed. Efficiency was determined at 140 °C with *n*-pentadecane which gave the plate number (N) above 3000 plates/m for both columns. Each phenoxy acid methyl ester was dissolved in dichloromethane. Approximately 0.2-0.8 µL of solution was injected at least in duplicate with a split ratio of 100:1. All thermodynamic studies were performed isothermally in the temperature range of 70-220 °C with 10 °C increments. Retention factors and enantioselectivities of all analytes were calculated from GC chromatograms and used for thermodynamic studies. Finally, the thermodynamic parameters were determined by means of van't Hoff approach.