

# Supplementary Materials: Polycyclic Ketone Monooxygenase (PockeMO): A Robust Biocatalyst for the Synthesis of Optically Active Sulfoxides

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## S.1. Study of the Thioanisole Concentration Effect on the PockeMO-Catalytic Properties

Thioanisole **1a** (10, 50, 100 or 200 mM) was added to 1.0 mL Tris/HCl 50 mM (pH 8.0) containing NADPH (0.2 mM), sodium phosphite (1.0 equivalent) and PockeMO (1.0  $\mu$ M). The reactions were stirred at 25, 45 or 60 °C at 220 rpm for the times established. Once finished, the reactions were extracted with EtOAc (2 x 0.5 mL) and dried onto Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The samples were directly analysed by GC/MS and HPLC in order to determine, respectively, the level of conversion, the percentage of chiral methyl phenyl sulfoxide (*R*)-**1b** and methyl phenyl sulfone **1c**, as well as the enantiomeric excesses of sulfoxide (*R*)-**1b**. Results are summarized in Table S.1.

**Table S1.** Enantiomeric excesses, conversions and space time yields obtained in the PockeMO-catalyzed sulfoxidation of thioanisole at different concentrations and temperatures.

[ <b>1a</b> ] (mM)	T (°C)	t (h)	conversion (%) <sup>a</sup>	Space time yield (mmol L <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> )	ee ( <i>R</i> )- <b>1b</b> (%)
10	25	16	>97	61.9	88
50	25	16	45	140.6	89
100	25	30	13	43.3	86
200	25	48	7	29.2	85
10	45	8	>97	123.8	87
50	45	20	96	240.0	86
100	45	24	43	179.2	86
200	45	24	17	141.7	84
10	60	7	>97	138.1	82
50	60	24	92	191.7	80
100	60	24	35	145.8	80
200	60	24	11	91.7	79

<sup>a</sup> For all the reactions studied, the amount of sulfone **1c** was below 5%.

## S.2. GC Analyses

GC Analyses were performed on a HP-5MS cross-linked methyl siloxane column (30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25  $\mu$ m, 1.0 bar N<sub>2</sub>) and were used for the determination of the conversions and the amount of both sulfoxides **1-12b** and sulfones **1-12c** (Table S2). For all the compounds, the following program was employed: 50 °C (5 min), 10 °C/min, 200 °C (3 min).

**Table S2.** Determination of conversions and amounts of sulfoxides and sulfones by employing GC.

Substrate	t <sub>R</sub> (min) Sulfide	t <sub>R</sub> (min) Sulfoxide	t <sub>R</sub> (min) Sulfone
<b>1</b>	11.0	15.1	15.7

2	12.2	16.2	16.9
3	15.4	18.7	19.5
4	16.5	18.9	19.5
5	14.9	18.6	19.3
6	14.1	17.1	17.7
7	14.1	17.2	17.7
8	13.9	16.6	17.0
9	12.5	17.0	17.7
10	18.9	21.8	22.3
11	19.5	21.9	22.5
12	12.8	15.8	16.6

### S.3. HPLC Analyses

For the determination of the enantiomeric excesses of compounds **1–12b** (Table S3), the following columns were employed: column A: Chiralcel OB (0.46 cm × 25 cm), column B: Chiralcel OD (0.46 cm × 25 cm) and column C: Chiralcel OJ-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm), all three from Daicel.

**Table S3.** Determination of enantiomeric excesses by HPLC.

Substrate	Column	Flow rate (mL min <sup>-1</sup> )	T (°C)	Eluent <sup>a</sup>	Retention time (min)
<b>1b</b>	B	1.0	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 9:1	10.2 (R); 12.0 (S)
<b>2b</b>	B	1.0	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 95:5	12.9 (R); 16.5 (S)
<b>3b</b>	B	1.0	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 95:5	16.9 (R); 18.2 (S)
<b>4b</b>	C	1.0	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 9:1	47.1 (R); 52.3 (S)
<b>5b</b>	B	1.0	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 9:1	14.1 (R); 15.2 (S)
<b>6b</b>	A	1.0	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 9:1	13.5 (S); 20.7 (R)
<b>7b</b>	A	1.0	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 9:1	12.8 (S); 18.8 (R)
<b>8b</b>	A	1.0	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 9:1	15.4 (S); 22.6 (R)
<b>9b</b>	B	1.0	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 9:1	17.0 (R); 18.7 (S)
<b>10b</b>	B	1.0	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 95:5	26.1 (R); 29.0 (S)
<b>11b</b>	B	0.5	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 9:1	22.1 (R); 26.7 (S)
<b>12b</b>	A	0.5	30	<i>n</i> -hexane-IPA 9:1	14.7 (S); 17.1 (R)

<sup>a</sup> All the experiments were performed with isocratic eluent.



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