**Methyl 2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate, OSM-S-336**

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Representative Example: http://malaria.ourexperiment.org/uri/67c

DL-Mandelic acid (5.0 g, 32.9 mmol, 1 equiv.) and *p*-TsOH (57 mg, 0.33 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) were dissolved in MeOH (66 mL) and the reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 3 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give the title compound as a yellow oil (5.46 g, quant. yield) that was used without further purification in the subsequent reaction; **IR** νmax (film) /cm-1 XX; **1H NMR** (200 MHz, CDCl­3) δ: 7.48–7.31 (5H, m), 5.18 (1H, s), 3.76 (3H, s); **13C NMR** (X MHz, CDCl3) δ: XX; **HRMS** (XX) found XX [M+X]+, XXrequiresXX.

*OC(C(OC)=O)C1=CC=CC=C1*

*InChI=1S/C9H10O3/c1-12-9(11)8(10)7-5-3-2-4-6-7/h2-6,8,10H,1H3*