***I. General experimental details***

All commercially available reagents and solvents were purchased and used as received from Sigma-Aldrich or Alfa-Aesar. Drying of glassware at 115 ˚C overnight and activation of molecular sieves in a microwave was performed when anhydrous conditions were required. Dichloromethane was distilled over calcium hydride. Reflux reactions were performed with a paraffin oil bath. Flash column chromatography was performed with Grace Silica Gel 60 (40 – 63 μm, 230 – 400 mesh), with solvent ratios as specified. All novel compounds listed below are italicised.

Melting points were obtained on an Optimelt Automated Melting Point System and reported in degrees Celsius. Optical rotation was recorded on a Perkin Elmer 341 polarimeter with Na lamp (589 nm).

1H and 13C nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy was conducted on a Bruker Avance III 500 (1H at 500.1 MHz, 13C at 125.8 MHz, 19Fat 470.6 MHz), a Bruker Avance III 400 (1H at 400.1 MHz, 13C at 100.6 MHz, 19Fat 376.5 MHz), a Bruker Avance 300 (1H at 300.1 MHz, 13C at 75.5 Hz, 19Fat 282.4 MHz) or a Bruker Avance 200 (1H at 200.1 MHz) with deuterated solvents (CDCl3, *d*-DMSO, MeOD) used without further purification. Signals are reported in the order chemical shift (ppm downfield with respect to the solvent residual), integration, multiplicity, coupling constants *J* (in Hertz) and assignments.

Low-resolution mass spectrometry was performed on a Finnigan LCQ mass spectrometer, with either electrospray ionisation (ESI) mode or atmospheric-pressure chemical ionisation (APCI) under positive mode. High-resonance mass spectrometry was performed on a Bruker 7T Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance mass spectrometer, with either electrospray ionisation (ESI) mode or atmospheric-pressure chemical ionisation (APCI) under positive mode.

Infrared spectroscopy was performed on a Bruker Alpha FT-IR spectrometer under transmission mode, with absorbances reported as wave numbers.

Each experimental entry contains a publically accessible hyperlink to the representative example from the Open Source Malaria electronic lab notebook (ELN, http://malaria.ourexperiment.org) reported in this experimental section and also to a page where all attempts at the reaction are collated. Raw and processed data is available on the ELN.