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Table 1S: First Order Rate Constant (k_{obs}) Measured at Various pH in Different Buffers ($\mu = 0.10$ M (KCl)) for Thio Esters **10-13** at 50°C^a .

pH ^b	Buffer	10	11	12	13
	[Buffer]	$k_{obs} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_{obs} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_{obs} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_{obs} \text{ s}^{-1}$
1.98	HCl		$(4.63 \pm 1.00) \times 10^{-6}$		
	0.01				
2.33	HCl		$(5.67 \pm 1.00) \times 10^{-6}$		
	.005				
3.85	Acetate		$(1.60 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-5}$		
	0.05				
3.83	Acetate		$(1.75 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-5}$		
	0.10				
4.75	Acetate		$(2.23 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-5}$		
	0.05				
4.77	Acetate		$(2.73 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-5}$		
	0.10				
6.58	MES	$(2.88 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-6}$	$(2.53 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-5}$	$(6.05 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-4}$	$(1.14 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-3}$
	0.05				
6.61	MES	$(4.23 \pm 0.26) \times 10^{-6}$	$(2.78 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-5}$	$(8.15 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-4}$	$(1.54 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-5}$
	0.10				
7.62	MOPS	$(3.95 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-5}$	$(3.33 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-5}$	$(4.05 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-5}$	
	0.05				
7.59	MOPS	$(4.08 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-5}$	$(3.57 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-5}$	$(4.68 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-5}$	
	0.10				
7.71	MOPS				$(6.69 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-5}$
	0.05				
7.74	MOPS				$(7.18 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-5}$
	0.10				
8.06	MOPS	$(8.72 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-5}$		$(7.46 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-5}$	$(1.38 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-4}$
	0.05				
8.04	MOPS	$(9.02 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-5}$		$(8.12 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-5}$	$(1.45 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-4}$
	0.10				
8.55	EPPS				$(5.06 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-4}$
	0.05				
8.57	EPPS				$(5.18 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-4}$
	0.10				
8.70	EPPS	$(2.60 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-4}$	$(6.83 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-5}$	$(1.53 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-2}$	$(6.38 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-4}$
	0.05				

8.68	EPPS 0.10	$(3.47 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-4}$	$(7.77 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-5}$	$(1.63 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$	$(6.63 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-4}$
9.72	Et ₃ N 0.05				$(3.18 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-3}$
9.70	Et ₃ N 0.10				$(3.36 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-3}$
9.80	Et ₃ N 0.05	$(2.43 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-3}$	$(5.48 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-4}$	$(1.80 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$	
9.77	Et ₃ N 0.10	$(2.60 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-3}$	$(5.98 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-4}$	$(1.92 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$	
11.46	NaOH 0.003	$(8.30 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-2c}$	$(1.37 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$	$(3.05 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-2}$	

^a errors are standard errors of means of at least 2-4 replicates^b The error in the pH readings is ± 0.04 for replicates^c 46°C by stopped flow kinetics.Table 2S. Second order rate constant for buffer catalysis for ester 10-13 at different pH, T = 50 °C, μ = 0.10 M(KCl)

pH ^a	Buffer	10 $k_{2\text{buf}} (\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1})$	11 $k_{2\text{buf}} (\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1})$	12 $k_{2\text{buf}} (\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1})$	13 $k_{2\text{buf}} (\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1})$
3.83	Acetate		3.34×10^{-5}		
4.77	Acetate		9.98×10^{-5}		
6.60	MES	2.77×10^{-5}	6.67×10^{-5}	4.05×10^{-3}	8.60×10^{-5}
7.61	MOPS	2.51×10^{-5}	4.97×10^{-5}	1.53×10^{-2}	
7.72	MOPS				9.80×10^{-5}
8.04	MOPS	7.33×10^{-5}		1.14×10^{-2}	1.33×10^{-4}
8.55	EPPS				2.40×10^{-4}
8.70	EPPS	1.75×10^{-3}	1.92×10^{-4}	3.74×10^{-2}	5.00×10^{-4}
9.70	Et ₃ N				4.47×10^{-3}
9.78	Et ₃ N	3.67×10^{-3}	1.00×10^{-3}	3.81×10^{-2}	

^a The error in the pH readings for two different buffer concentration is ± 0.06