Supporting information

Palladium-catalyzed Selective C-H Acyloxylation using Sodium Perborate as Oxidant

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General information

Starting materials **1a,g,h** were prepared analogously to literature procedures.¹ Starting material **1c** was prepared according to literature procedures from 4-Phenyl-1-buten-4-ol.² Starting material **1d** was synthesized analogously to literature procedures.³ All other chemicals were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further preparations. All reactions were performed under air. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ (internal standard: 7.26 ppm ¹H, 77.16 ppm ¹³C, external standard α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (-63.73 ppm) ¹⁹F) using a 400 MHz instrument. A small peak at 1.5 ppm in some of the ¹H NMR spectra is due to residual water in the NMR sample. Stoichiometric NMR studies were performed on a 500 MHz instrument. HRMS data were recorded on an instrument using ESI technique. All column chromatography was performed using silica gel (35-70 microns).

Compound characterization

Benzyl but-3-enoate (1a)



This product was isolated according to general procedure C. Isolated by column chromatography (Et₂O/pentane 1:9) as a colorless oil (82%). The NMR data obtained for **1a** are in agreement with literature values.⁴ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 3.15 (2H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH} = 7.0$ Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH} = 1.4$ Hz), 5.14 (2H, s), 5.15-5.21 (2H, m), 5.95 (1H, ddt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH} = 17.4$, 9.8, 7.0 Hz), 7.30-7.40 (5H, m). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 39.3, 66.6, 118.9, 128.4, 128.4, 128.7, 130.3, 136.0, 171.5.

Benzyl pent-3-enoate (1g)



This product was isolated according to general procedure C. Isolated by column chromatography (Et₂O/pentane 1:20) as a colorless oil (76%). The NMR data obtained for **1g** are in agreement with literature values.⁴ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 1.70 (3H, m), 3.07 (2H, m), 5.13 (2H, s), 5.50-5.65 (2H, m), 7.29-7.40 (5H, m). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 18.1, 38.2, 66.5, 122.7, 128.3, 128.7, 129.7, 136.1, 172.2.

(E)-Benzyl 4-acetoxybut-2-enoate (4a)



Synthesized according to general method A. Isolated by column chromatography (EtOAc/pentane 1:5) as a colorless oil (57%). The NMR data obtained for **4a** are in agreement with literature values.⁵ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 2.11 (3H, s), 4.74 (2H, dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 4.5$ Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HH'} = 2.0$), 5.19 (2H, s), 6.08 (1H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 15.8$ Hz, 2.0 Hz), 6.98 (1H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 15.8$ Hz, 4.5 Hz), 7.30-7.39 (5H, m). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 20.8, 62.6, 66.6, 122.0, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 135.9, 141. 9, 165.7, 170.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₃H₁₄O₄+Na]⁺ 257.0784, found 257.0775.

(*E*)-4-(Acetoxy)-1-phenyl-2-buten-1-one (4c)



Synthesized according to general method A. Isolated by column chromatography (Et₂O/pentane 1:2) as a colorless oil (56%). The NMR data obtained for **4c** are in agreement with literature values.⁶ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 2.10 (3H, s), 4.85 (2H,

dd, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}} = 4.4 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{4}J_{\text{HH}} = 1.5$), 7.00 (1H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}} = 15.5 \text{ Hz}$, 4.4 Hz), 7.10 (1H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}} = 15.5 \text{ Hz}$, 1.5 Hz), 7.48 (2H, tm, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}} = 7.8 \text{ Hz}$), 7.56 (1H, tt, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}} = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{4}J_{\text{HH}} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}$), 7.91-7.97 (2H, m). ${}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 20.9, 63.3, 126.2, 128.8, 128.8, 133.2, 137.5, 141.2, 170.53. HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for $[C_{12}H_{13}O_{3}+Na]^{+}$ 227.0679, found: 227.0668.

(E)-3-Phenyl-2-propenyl acetate (4e)



Synthesized according to general method A. Isolated by column chromatography (Et₂O/pentane 1:9) as a colorless oil (57%). The NMR data obtained for **4e** are in agreement with literature values.^{7 1}H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 2.10 (3H, s), 4.71 (2H, dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.5$ Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HH'} = 1.3$), 6.28 (1H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 15.9$ Hz, 6.5 Hz), 6.65 (1H, d, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 15.9$ Hz), 7.26 (1H, tt, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.3$ Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.4$ Hz), 7.32 (2H, tm, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.3$ Hz), 7.37-7.41 (2H, m). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 21.1, 65.2, 123.3, 126.7, 128.2, 128.7, 134.4, 136.3, 171.0. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₁H₁₂O₂+Na]⁺ 199.0735, found: 199.0729.

(E)-3-(-4-Fluoro)phenyl-2-propenyl acetate (4f)



Synthesized according to general method A. Isolated by column chromatography (Et₂O/pentane 1:9) as a colorless oil (59%). The NMR data obtained for **4f** are in agreement with literature values.^{7 1}H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 2.10 (3H, s), 4.71 (2H, dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.4$ Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HH'} = 1.2$), 6.20 (1H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 15.9$ Hz, 6.4 Hz), 6.61 (1H, d, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 15.9$), 7.01(2H, dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.7$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{HF} = 8.7$ Hz), 7.36 (2H, dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.7$, ${}^{4}J_{HF} = 5.3$ Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 21.1, 65.1, 115.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF} = 22.0$ Hz), 123.1, 128.3 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CF} = 8.0$ Hz), 132.5 (d, ${}^{4}J_{CF} = 3.2$ Hz), 133.2, 162.8 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 262.7$ Hz), 171.0. ¹⁹F

NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -113.68 (s). HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₁H₁₁FO₂+Na]⁺ 217.0635, found: 217.0638.

(E)-Benzyl 4-acetoxypent-2-enoate (4g)



Synthesized according to general method A. Isolated by column chromatography (Et₂O/pentane 1:3) as a colorless oil (71%). The NMR data obtained for **4g** are in agreement with literature values.⁵ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 1.35 (3H, d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.6 Hz), 2.07 (3H, s), 5.18 (2H, s), 5.48 (1H, dqd, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 4.9 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} =1.6 Hz), 6.00 (1H, dd, ³*J*_{HH} = 15.8 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} =1.6 Hz), 6.90 (1H, dd, ³*J*_{HH} = 15.8 Hz, 4.9 Hz), 7.30-7.39 (5H, m). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 19.7, 21.2, 66.6, 69.0, 120.8, 128.5, 128.7, 135.9, 147.02, 166.0, 170.1. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₄H₁₆O₄+Na]⁺ 271.0941, found: 271.0935.

(E)-Methyl 4-acetoxynon-2-enoate (4i)



Synthesized according to general method A. Isolated by column chromatography (Et₂O/pentane 1:5) as a colorless oil (62%). The NMR data obtained for **4i** are in agreement with literature values.⁸ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 0.88 (3H, t, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.77 Hz), 1.20-1.38 (6H, m, (CH₂)₃), 1.60-1.70 (2H, m), 2.09 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 5.38 (1H, dtd, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.5 Hz, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.0 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 1.6 Hz), 5.93 (1H, dd, ³*J*_{HH} = 15.7 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 1.5 Hz), 6.85 (1H, dd, ³*J*_{HH} = 15.7 Hz, 5.38, Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 13.9, 21.0, 22.4, 24.6, 31.5, 33.7, 51.7, 72.5, 121.1, 145.8, 166.5, 170.1. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₂H₂₀O₄+Na]⁺ 251.1254, found: 251.1264.

Quinolin-8-ylmethyl acetate (4k)



Synthesized according to general method A except acetic acid (0.5 ml) was used as solvent and the reaction was run for 22 hours. Isolated by column chromatography (Et₂O/pentane 1:10) as a colorless oil (52%). The NMR data obtained for **4k** are in agreement with literature values.^{9 1}H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 2.16 (3H, s), 5.85 (2H, s), 7.44 (1H, dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH'} = 4.27, 8.36$), 7.54 (1H, t, ${}^{3}J_{HH'} = 7.17$), 7.77 (1H, d, ${}^{3}J_{HH'} = 7.17$), 7.80 (1H, d, ${}^{3}J_{HH'} = 8.36$), 8.17 (1H, dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH'} = 1.74, 8.36$), 8.96 (1H, dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH'} = 1.74$, 4.20). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 21.3, 62.9, 121.4, 126.3, 128.28, 128.31, 128.9, 134.4, 136.3, 146.3, 150.1, 171.2. HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd. for [C₁₂H₁₁NO₂+Na]⁺ 224.0682; found: 224.0675.

(E)-Methyl 4-benzoyloxybut-2-enoate (40)



Synthesized according to general method B. Isolated by column chromatography (Et₂O/pentane 1:4) as a colorless oil (62%). The NMR data obtained for **40** are in agreement with literature values.⁸ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 3.76 (3H, s), 4.99 (2H, dd, ³J_{HH} = 4.6 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 2.0 Hz), 6.14 (1H, dt, ³J_{HH} = 15.8 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 2.0 Hz), 7.07 (1H, dt, ³J_{HH} = 15.8 Hz, 4.6 Hz), 7.46 (2H, tm, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz), 7.59 (1H, tm, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz), 8.07 (2H, dm, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 51.9, 63.1, 121.9, 128.6, 129.6, 129.8, 133.5, 141. 7, 166.0, 166.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for [C₁₂H₁₂O₄+Na]⁺ 243.0628, found 243.0624.

Stoichiometric studies

Oxidation of 5 with SPB



A mixture of complex **5** (8.0 mg, 0.014 mmol), sodium perborate (43.8 mg, 0.28 mmol, 10 equiv. wrt Pd), and acetic anhydride (57.7 mg, 0.57 mmol, 20 equiv. wrt Pd) in d_3 -MeCN (0.5 ml), was stirred at 40 °C for 2 hours. ¹H NMR analysis of the crude mixture revealed complete consumption of **5**, and the formation of a complex mixture of compounds which included **4e**, and **6** which formed in a 0.6:1 ratio.

Reaction between 5 and Ac₂O without SPB



A mixture of complex **5** (8.0 mg, 0.028 mmol wrt Pd and acetic anhydride (58 mg, 0.57 mmol, 20 equiv. per Pd) in d₃-MeCN (0.5 ml), was stirred at 40 °C for 2 h min/hours. ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture revealed a 12% conversion of complex **5** to product **4e**, with the remainder unreacted.

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