## Supporting Information for

Phosphine-Mediated Olefination between Aldehydes and Allenes: AnEfficient Synthesis of Trisubstituted 1,3-Dienes with HighE-SelectivitySilong Xu, Lili Zhou, San Zeng, Renqin Ma, Zhihong Wang, Zhengjie He*The State Key Laboratory of Elemento-Organic Chemistry and Department ofChemistry, Nankai University, 94 Weijin Road, Tianjin 300071, P. R. China
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## General Remarks

Unless otherwise mentioned, all reactions were carried out in nitrogen atmosphere under anhydrous conditions. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a Variant 400 or a Bruker AV 300 spectrometer in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. NOESY spectra were obtained on a Bruker AV 600 spectrometer in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. Melting points were measured on a RY-I apparatus and uncorrected. High resolution ESI mass spectra were acquired with IonSpec QFT-ESI instrument. CHN microanalyses were measured with a Yanaco CHN Corder MT-3 automatic analyzer. X-ray crystallographic data were collected using a Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer with Mo $\mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation $(\lambda=0.7107 \AA$ ) at room temperature. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) using a mixture of petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluant. Commercially available reagents were used without further purification. PTA was prepared from tetrahydroxymethylphosphonium sulfate according to a reported procedure. ${ }^{1}$

## Preparation of Allenoates 2

## Synthesis of ethyl 5-phenylpenta-2, 3-dienoate ${ }^{2}$ (2a)



Allenoate 2a is a known compound and was synthesized according to a similar method developed by Hansen ${ }^{3}$ and co-workers. To a solution of (ethoxycarbonylmethylene)triphenylphosphorane ( $50 \mathrm{mmol}, 17.4 \mathrm{~g}) \quad$ in dichloromethane ( 200 mL ) was added 1.1 equiv of triethylamine ( $55 \mathrm{mmol}, 5.6 \mathrm{~g}$ ). After stirred for about 10 minutes, 1.1 equiv of 3-phenylpropanoyl chloride ( 55 mmol , 9.24 g ) was dropwise added over 30 minutes at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Then the reaction mixture was allowed to be warmed up to room temperature and stirred overnight. The resulting mixture was carefully evaporated to remove most of the solvent, and the residue was extracted by petroleum ether (bp $30-60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 5 \times 100 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined extracting
was concentrated and the crude product was subjected to column chromatography purification (eluant: 5\% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to provide the allenoate 2a as yellow oil ( $9.4 \mathrm{~g}, 93 \%$ yield). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}$ ): $\delta=7.36-7.15$ ( m , $5 \mathrm{H}), 5.78-5.73(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.62-5.59(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.24-4.15(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.49-3.44(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.30(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=212.7,166.0,138.5$, $128.4,126.5,94.7,88.6,60.8,34.0,14.2$.

## Synthesis of 1-ethyl 6-methyl 2, 3-hexadienedioate (2b)




3-Carbomethoxypropionyl chloride was prepared according to a procedure described in literature ${ }^{4}$. Preparation of the allenoate $\mathbf{2 b}$ was followed a similar procedure for $\mathbf{2 a}$ described above.

Allenoate 2b (colorless oil, $76 \%$ yield); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}$ ): $\delta=$ 5.83-5.78 (m, 1H), 5.69-5.67 (m, 1H), $4.20(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.73(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, 3.23-3.18 (m, 2H), $1.28(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=$ $212.3,170.3,165.2,89.0,88.6,60.8,51.9,32.6,14.0$; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$ requires 207.0628, found 207.0632.

## General Olefination Procedure

## $\mathbf{P h}_{3} \mathbf{P}$-mediated olefination of allenoate 2 a with aldehydes:

At room temperature and under nitrogen atmosphere, to a stirred solution of aldehyde $(0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}(0.6 \mathrm{mmol}, 157 \mathrm{mg})$ in dichloromethane $(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added allenoate $2 \mathbf{a}(0.6 \mathrm{mmol}, 121 \mathrm{mg})$ by the means of a microsyringe over 5 minutes. The resulting reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature and monitored by TLC. When the aldehyde disappeared, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel
(gradient eluant: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1-5:1) to give diene 3.

## PTA-mediated olefination of allenoate 2a or 2b with aldehydes:

At room temperature and under nitrogen atmosphere, to a stirred solution of aldehyde $(0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ and PTA ( $0.6 \mathrm{mmol}, 94 \mathrm{mg}$ ) in dichloromethane $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added allenoate $2 \mathbf{a}(0.6 \mathrm{mmol}, 121 \mathrm{mg})$ or $\mathbf{2 b}(0.6 \mathrm{mmol}, 110 \mathrm{mg})$ by the means of a microsyringe over 5 minutes. The reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature and monitored by TLC. When the aldehyde disappeared, water ( 15 mL ) was added to dissolve the PTA oxide. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane $(3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined extracting was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (gradient eluant: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1-5:1) to afford diene 3.

## Analytical Data for Dienes 3 and 4


(3E,4E)-ethyl 3-(2-chlorobenzylidene)-5-phenylpent-4-enoate (3a) obtained from $o$-chlorobenzaldehyde ( $70 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a white solid ( $131 \mathrm{mg}, 80 \%$ yield): mp $87-88^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; IR (thin film): $v_{\max } 3024,2987,2897,1741,1467,1448,1319,1184,1151$, 1028, 964, 831, 761, 751, 691, $657 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}$ ): $\delta=7.56$ $(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=7.0,2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.47-7.19(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 7.02(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.93(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.69(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.21(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.47(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=171.4,137.0,135.2,134.1,134.0,131.7$, 131.6, 130.3, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 126.6, 126.5, 61.0, 34.3, 14.2; Anal. calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{ClO}_{2}$ : C, $73.50 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.86 \%$; found: C, $73.55 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.95 \%$.

(3E,4E)-ethyl 3-(2-nitrobenzylidene)-5-phenylpent-4-enoate (3b) obtained from $o$-nitrobenzaldehyde ( $76 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a yellow solid ( $167 \mathrm{mg}, 99 \%$ yield): mp
$81-82^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; IR (thin film): $v_{\max } 3022,2985,2922,1721,1514,1335,1239,1195,1140$, 1025, $963,870,741,685,548 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=8.07(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}$ $=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.68-7.59(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.48-7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.00(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.3$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.70(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.18(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.37(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=$ $7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=171.1,148.1,136.8,134.1,133.1$, $132.3,131.6,131.0,130.3,129.9,128.6,128.3,127.8,126.6,124.7,61.0,34.3,14.1 ;$ Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ : C, $71.20 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.68 ; \mathrm{N}, 4.15 \%$; found: C, $71.07 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.99 ; \mathrm{N}$, 3.99\%.

(3E,4E)-ethyl 3-(3-nitrobenzylidene)-5-phenylpent-4-enoate (3c) obtained from $m$-nitrobenzaldehyde ( $76 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a yellow solid ( $167 \mathrm{mg}, 99 \%$ yield): mp $68-69^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; IR (thin film): $v_{\max } 3072,2976,2902,1726,1533,1351,1305,1199,1130$, 1068, $966,810,731,696,607,549 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=8.32$ (s, 1H), $8.11(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.74(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.54-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.23 (m, 3H), $6.96(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.86(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.78(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.26(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.53(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.32(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75\right.$ MHz, TMS): $\delta=170.8,148.3,138.4,136.7,135.1,134.7,131.7,131.2,130.3,129.2$, 128.6, 127.9, 126.6, 123.4, 121.9, 61.3, 34.0, 14.1; Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ : C, 71.20; H, 5.68; N, 4.15\%; found: C, 70.96; H, 5.87; N, 4.12\%.

(3E,4E)-ethyl 3-(4-nitrobenzylidene)-5-phenylpent-4-enoate (3d) obtained from p-nitrobenzaldehyde ( $76 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a yellow solid ( $155 \mathrm{mg}, 92 \%$ yield): mp $98-99^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; IR (thin film): $v_{\max } 3021,2977,1727,1591,1514,1446,1334,1197,1107$, 1030, 963, 889, 840, 741, 686, $634 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}$ ): $\delta=8.16$ (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = $8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.44(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.36-7.23(\mathrm{~m}$, $3 H), 6.95(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.86(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.78(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.24(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.54(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.30(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{CNMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=$
170.7, 146.5, 143.4, 136.6, 135.7, 132.1, 131.3, 130.6, 129.4, 128.6, 128.0, 126.6, 123.5, 61.2, 34.0, 14.1; Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ : C, 71.20; H, 5.68; $\mathrm{N}, 4.15 \%$; found: C, 71.21; H, 5.29; N, 4.19\%.

(3E,4E)-ethyl 3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)-5-phenylpent-4-enoate (3e) obtained from $p$-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde ( $87 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a white solid ( $144 \mathrm{mg}, 80 \%$ yield): $\mathrm{mp} 49-50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; IR (thin film): $v_{\max } 3027,2989,1728,1608,1444$, 1324, 1252, 1163, 1114, 1066, 1027, 958, 889, 849, 749, 694, $598 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=7.61(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.51(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.45$ $(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.36-7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.96(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.73(\mathrm{~d}$, $\mathrm{J}=16.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.53(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=171.1,140.5,137.0,134.6,133.1,131.6,129.8$, 129.0 , 128.7, 128.7 (q, J = $36.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{C}$ ), 127.9, 126.6, 125.3 (q, J = $3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{C}$ ), $124.2(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=271.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{C}), 61.1,34.1,14.2$; Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}: \mathrm{C}, 69.99 ; \mathrm{H}$, 5.31\%; found: C, 70.13; H, 5.38\%.

(3E,4E)-ethyl 3-(2-cyanobenzylidene)-5-phenylpent-4-enoate (3f) obtained from $o$-cyanobenzaldehyde ( $66 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a white solid ( $157 \mathrm{mg}, 99 \%$ yield): mp $77-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; IR (thin film): $v_{\max } 3028,2981,2933,2220,1723,1593,1478,1446,1364$, $1324,1195,1142,1026,958,841,764,684,540 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$, TMS): $\delta=7.74(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.69(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.61-7.56(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.60$ $(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.39-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.02(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.03(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.77(\mathrm{~d}$, $\mathrm{J}=16.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.51(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=170.9,140.2,136.6,136.3,132.9,132.5,131.1$, 130.7, 130.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 126.7, 117.7, 112.4, 61.1, 34.2, 14.1; Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ : C, 79.47; $\mathrm{H}, 6.03$; $\mathrm{N}, 4.41 \%$; found: C, $79.18 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.00$; N , 4.44\%.

(3E,4E)-ethyl 3-(furan-2-ylmethylene)-5-phenylpent-4-enoate $\mathbf{( 3 g}$ ) obtained from 2-furylaldehyde ( $48 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as yellow oil ( $102 \mathrm{mg}, 72 \%$ yield); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=7.42-7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.90(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.62(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}$ $=16.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.52(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.45-6.39(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.17(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.82(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.22(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=170.9,152.5,142.6$, $137.1,131.9,129.9,128.5,128.3,127.4,126.3,121.6,111.6,111.5,60.7,33.9,14.1$; Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ : C, $76.57 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.43 \%$; found: $\mathrm{C}, 76.50 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.64 \%$.

(3E,4E)-ethyl 5-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-ylmethylene)pent-4-enoate (3h) obtained from 2-pyridylaldehyde ( $54 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as colorless oil $\left(103 \mathrm{mg}, 70 \%\right.$ yield); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ $\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=8.55(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{dt}, \mathrm{J}=7.7,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.44(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.33-7.21(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.04-7.00(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.72(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.71(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.25(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.20(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.23(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=171.3,155.9,148.9$, $136.9,136.3,135.9,132.6,132.0,129.7,128.5,127.6,126.5,125.1,121.1,60.4,33.5$, 14.1; Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{2}: \mathrm{C}, 77.79 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.53 ; \mathrm{N}, 4.77 \%$; found: $\mathrm{C}, 77.72 ; \mathrm{H}$, 6.73 ; N, 4.71\%.

(3E,4E)-ethyl 5-phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-ylmethylene)pent-4-enoate (3i) obtained from 3-pyridylaldehyde ( $54 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as colorless oil ( $111 \mathrm{mg}, 76 \%$ yield); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=8.54(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.38(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.64(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.9$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.23-7.09(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.85(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.67$ $(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.61(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.10(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.41(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.61(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=$ $7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=170.8,149.7,148.0,136.6,135.4$, $134.6,132.4,131.3,130.5,129.5,128.4,127.6,126.4,123.0,60.9,33.8,14.0$; Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{2}: \mathrm{C}, 77.79 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.53 ; \mathrm{N}, 4.77 \%$; found: $\mathrm{C}, 77.68 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.35 ; \mathrm{N}$,
4.59\%.

( $3 E, 4 E$ )-ethyl 5-phenyl-3-(pyridin-4-ylmethylene)pent-4-enoate ( $\mathbf{3 j}$ ) obtained from 4-pyridylaldehyde ( $54 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as colorless oil ( $111 \mathrm{mg}, 76 \%$ yield); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=8.48(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 7.25-7.11 (m, 5H), $6.83(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.66(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.63(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.12(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.44(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.17(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75\right.$ MHz, TMS): $\delta=170.6,149.7,144.1,136.5,135.8,131.5,131.2,130.4,128.5,128.9$, 126.5, 123.1, 61.0, 33.9, 14.0; Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ : C, 77.79; H, 6.53; $\mathrm{N}, 4.77 \%$; found: C, $77.70 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.60 ; \mathrm{N}, 4.77 \%$.

( $3 E, 4 E$ )-ethyl 5-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)pent-4-enoate ( 3 k ) obtained from 2-thiofurylaldehyde ( $56 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as colorless oil ( $106 \mathrm{mg}, 71 \%$ yield); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=7.44-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 7.03(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.91(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.63(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.20(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.75(\mathrm{~s}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=170.5,139.8$, 137.2, 132.1, 130.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 61.0, 34.2, 14.1; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SNa}^{+}$requires 321.0920, found 321.0927.

(3E,4E)-ethyl 3-benzylidene-5-phenylpent-4-enoate (31) obtained from benzaldehyde ( $53 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as colorless oil ( $133 \mathrm{mg}, 91 \%$ yield); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=7.45-7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 6.96(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.88(\mathrm{~s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.65(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.22(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.57(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=171.5,137.2,136.9,134.9,132.7$, 132.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 127.3, 126.4, 60.9, 34.1, 14.2; Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, 82.16 ; H, 6.89\%; found: C, 81.96 ; H, $6.89 \%$.

( $3 E, 4 E$ )-ethyl 3-(4-methylbenzylidene)-5-phenylpent-4-enoate ( 3 m ) obtained from p-methylbenzaldehyde ( $60 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as colorless oil ( $78 \mathrm{mg}, 51 \%$ yield); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=7.43(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 6.96$ $(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.86(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.63(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.22(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.57(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.36(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$, TMS): $\delta=171.6,137.2,137.1,135.0,133.9,132.3,132.0,129.0,128.7,128.5,128.1$, 127.4, 126.3, 60.9, 34.0, 21.2, 14.2; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$requires 329.1512, found 329.1518 .

(3E,4E)-ethyl 3-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-5-phenylpent-4-enoate (3n) obtained from p-methoxybenzaldehyde ( $68 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a white solid ( $81 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$ yield): mp. $49-51^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; IR (thin film): $v_{\max } 3024,2956,2839,1729,1601,1508,1442,1299$, 1251, 1181, 1142, 1027, 961, 844, 749, 693, $528 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}$, TMS): $\delta=7.43(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.18(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.95(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.90$ $(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.82(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.62(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.22(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.80(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.57(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}$, TMS): $\delta=171.6,158.8,137.3,134.7,132.4,131.2,130.1,129.3,128.5,127.7,127.3$, 126.3, 113.8, 60.9, 55.1, 34.0, 14.2; Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ : C, $78.23 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.88 \%$; found: C, 78.34; H, 6.41\%.

( $3 E, 4 E$ )-ethyl 3-(4-(dimethylamino)benzylidene)-5-phenylpent-4-enoate
obtained from $p$ - $(N, N$-dimethylamino)benzaldehyde ( $75 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a yellow solid ( $72 \mathrm{mg}, 43 \%$ yield): mp. $73-76{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}$ ): $\delta=7.43$ (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.17 (m, 5H), $6.97(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.79(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.71(\mathrm{~d}$, $\mathrm{J}=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.57(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.62(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.97$ $(\mathrm{s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=171.9,149.7$,
137.7, 135.5, 133.2, 130.1, 129.5, 128.5, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 125.0, 112.0, 60.8, 40.3, 34.2, 14.2; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \mathrm{H}^{+}$requires 336.1958, found 336.1961.

(3E,5E)-ethyl 6-phenyl-3-( $(E)$-styryl)hexa-3,5-dienoate (3p) obtained from trans-cinnamaldehyde ( $66 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a yellow solid ( $48 \mathrm{mg}, 30 \%$ yield): mp $71-74{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=7.46-7.21(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 7.16(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=$ $15.4,11.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.90(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.69(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.67(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $16.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.54(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=11.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.17(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.58(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.24(\mathrm{t}$, $\mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=170.7,137.4,137.3,134.9$, $134.5,132.3,131.7,128.6,128.5,128.4,127.8,127.5,126.6,126.5,124.7,60.9,33.4$, 14.2; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$requires 341.1512, found 341.1517.

( $\boldsymbol{E}$ )-ethyl 3-( $(\boldsymbol{E})$-styryl)hex-3-enoate ( $\mathbf{3 q}$ ) obtained from propylaldehyde ( $29 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5$ mmol ) as colorless oil ( $54 \mathrm{mg}, 44 \%$ yield); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}$ ): $\delta=$ 7.32-7.10 (m, 5H), $6.71(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.42(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.75(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.05(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.29(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.19-2.15(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.17(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 0.98(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=171.2,138.8$, 137.5, 132.0, 130.6, 128.5, 127.0, 126.3, 126.2, 60.7, 32.9, 22.0, 14.2, 14.1; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$requires 267.1355, found 267.1358.

( $\boldsymbol{E}$ )-ethyl 3-( $(\boldsymbol{E})$-styryl)hept-3-enoate ( $\mathbf{3 r}$ ) obtained from $n$-butylaldehyde ( 36 mg , 0.5 mmol ) as colorless oil ( $59 \mathrm{mg}, 46 \%$ yield), contaminated by the minor product $(Z, E)$-isomer with a ratio of $(E, E):(Z, E)=8: 1 ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right)$ : $\delta=7.39(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.31-7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.79(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=16.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.49(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $16.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.85(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.14(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.38(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 2.24-2.18 (m, 2H ), 1.53-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), $0.96(t, J=7.4 H z, 3 H) ;$ ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=171.2,137.6,137.1,132.1,131.3,128.5,127.0$,
$126.4,126.2,60.7,33.0,30.8,22.5,14.2,13.8$; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$ requires 281.1512, found 281.1515 .

(2E,4E)-6-ethyl 1-methyl 4-(2-chlorobenzylidene)hex-2-enedioate (3s) obtained from $o$-chlorobenzaldehyde ( $70 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a white solid ( $83 \mathrm{mg}, 54 \%$ yield): $\mathrm{mp} 55-57{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; IR (thin film): $v_{\max } 3060,2972,2947,1730,1709,1619,1464,1434$, $1316,1251,1224,1197,1003,858,764,687,459 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$, TMS): $\delta=7.46(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.32(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.05$ (s, 1H), $5.93(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.10(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.28(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.18(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=170.4,167.0,147.1$, 138.3, 134.0, 132.3, 130.0, 129.5, 129.4, 126.6, 118.5, 61.0, 51.5, 33.8, 14.0; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{ClO}_{4} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$requires 331.0708, found 331.0702.

( $2 E, 4 E$ )-6-ethyl 1-methyl 4-(3-nitrobenzylidene)hex-2-enedioate (3t) obtained from $m$-nitrobenzaldehyde ( $76 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a white solid ( $116 \mathrm{mg}, 73 \%$ yield): $\mathrm{mp} 69-70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; IR (thin film): $v_{\max } 3064,2979,2954,1714,1624,1524,1463,1432$, $1348,1319,1238,1199,1132,1093,991,856,810,736,711 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}): \delta=8.34(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.20(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.75(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.61-7.56 (m, 1H), $7.50(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.12(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.25(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.44(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.32(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=170.1,167.0,148.4,146.8,138.3,137.3,134.8,133.5$, 129.6, 123.7, 123.0, 119.6, 61.6, 51.7, 33.9, 14.1; Anal calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}_{6}$ : C, 60.18; H, 5.37; N, 4.39\%; found: C, 59.94; H, 5.47; N, 4.25\%.

( $2 E, 4 E$ )-6-ethyl 1-methyl 4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)hex-2-enedioate: 6e (3u) obtained from $p$-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde ( $87 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as a white solid ( $120 \mathrm{mg}, 70 \%$ yield): mp. $45-47{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=7.65(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}$
$=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.53(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.06$ $(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=15.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.22(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.78(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.44(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.30(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=$ $7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=170.4,167.1,147.3,139.8,139.2$, 132.7, 130.0 (q, J = $32.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{C}$ ), 129.1, $125.4(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=3.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{C}), 118.8,61.4,51.7$, 33.7, 14.1; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$requires 365.0971, found 365.0966.

(2E,4E)-6-ethyl 1-methyl 4-benzylidenehex-2-enedioate (3v) obtained from benzaldehyde ( $53 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as colorless oil ( $86 \mathrm{mg}, 63 \%$ yield); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=7.51(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.41-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.07(\mathrm{~s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.00(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.21(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.47(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.28(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=170.5,167.1,148.0$, 141.6, 135.6, 130.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 117.6, 61.0, 51.4, 33.6, 14.0; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$requires 297.1097, found 297.1100.

(2E,4E)-6-ethyl 1-methyl 4-(4-methoxybenzylidene)hex-2-enedioate (3w) obtained from p-methoxybenzaldehyde ( $68 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as colorless oil ( $50 \mathrm{mg}, 33 \%$ yield); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=7.50(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.37(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.01(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.92(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.96(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.22(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.77(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.49(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=170.9,167.5,159.7,148.6,141.7,130.6,129.2,128.2$, 116.6, 114.0, 61.2, 55.2, 51.6, 33.8, 14.1; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$requires 327.1203, found 327.1207.

( $2 E, 4 E$ )-6-ethyl 1-methyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzylidene)hex-2-enedioate ( $\mathbf{3 x}$ ) obtained from salicylaldehyde ( $61 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) as colorless oil ( $103 \mathrm{mg}, 71 \%$ yield), contaminated by the minor product $(Z, E)$-isomer with a ratio of $(E, E):(Z, E)=8: 1$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=7.56(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=15.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.44(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$,
7.27 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.85 (m, 2H), 5.92 (d, J = 15.8 Hz , $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.18(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.42(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.25(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{TMS}\right): \delta=171.5,168.0,154.4,148.4,138.2,131.5,130.0$, $129.4,122.6,120.0,116.8,116.0,61.3,51.7,33.9,13.9$; HRMS calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$requires 313.1046, found 313.1038.

(2E,4E)-ethyl 5-phenylpenta-2,4-dienoate ${ }^{5}$ (4) obtained from allenoate 2a ( 101 mg , 0.5 mmol ) as slightly yellow oil ( $79 \mathrm{mg}, 78 \%$ yield) ; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$, TMS) 7.45-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 3H), 6.91-6.82 (m, 2H), 5.98 (d, J = 15.3 Hz , $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.22(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.31(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$, TMS): $\delta=166.9,144.4,140.3,136.0,128.9,128.7,127.1,126.2,121.3,60.2,14.2$.

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NOSEY Spectra of 3d and 3t


## ORTEP Representation of $3 c$ and $3 t$



Table 1. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 3c

| Identification code | 3c |
| :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | C20H19NO4 |
| Formula weight | 337.36 |
| Temperature | 294(2) K |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 £ |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic |
| Space group | P2(1)/c |
| Unit cell dimensions | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{a}=6.854(2) \AA \text { alpha }=90^{\circ} \\ & \mathrm{b}=7.879(2) \AA \text { beta }=90^{\circ} \\ & \mathrm{c}=32.765(10) \AA \text { gamma }=90^{\circ} \end{aligned}$ |
| Volume | 1769.4(10) $\AA^{3}$ |
| Z | 4 |
| Calculated density | $1.266 \mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Absorption coefficient | $0.088 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| F(000) | 712 |
| Crystal size | $0.26 \times 0.22 \times 0.20 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ |
| Theta range for data collection | 1.24 to $26.42^{\circ}$ |
| Limiting indices | $-8<=\mathrm{h}<=8,-9<=\mathrm{k}<=7,-40<=1<=40$ |
| Reflections collected | 9978 |
| Independent reflections | 3639 [R(int) $=0.0449]$ |
| Completeness to theta $=26.42^{\circ}$ | 99.7 \% |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalents |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.9825 and 0.9774 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 3639 / 0 / 227 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 0.998 |
| Final R indices $[1>2 \operatorname{sigma}(\mathrm{I})$ ] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0474, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1033$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.1189, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1288$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.137 and -0.177 e. $\AA^{-3}$ |



Table 2. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for 3t

| Identification code | $\mathbf{3 t}$ |
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| Empirical formula | C 16 H 17 NO 6 |
| Formula weight | 319.31 |
| Temperature | $113(2) \mathrm{K}$ |
| Wavelength | $0.71073 \AA$ |
| Crystal system | Triclinic |
| Space group | $\mathrm{P}-1$ |
| Unit cell dimensions | $\mathrm{a}=8.2434(16) \AA$ alpha $=82.63(3)^{\circ}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{b}=9.3954(19) \AA$ beta $=84.66(3)^{\circ}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{c}=10.116(2) \AA$ gamma $=80.19(3)^{\circ}$ |
| Volume | $763.6(3) \AA^{3}$ |
| Z | 2 |
| Calculated density | $1.389 \mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Absorption coefficient | $0.107 \mathrm{~mm}{ }^{-1}$ |
| $\mathrm{~F}(000)$ | 336 |
| Crystal size | $0.16 \times 0.12 \times 0.08 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.04 to $25.01^{\circ}$ |
| Limiting indices | $-9<=\mathrm{h}<=7,-11<=\mathrm{k}<=11,-12<=1<=11$ |
| Reflections collected | 5656 |
| Independent reflections | $2666[\mathrm{R}($ int $)=0.0248]$ |
| Completeness to theta $=25.01^{\circ}$ | $99.3 \%$ |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalents |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.9915 and 0.9831 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ |
| Data / restraints $/$ parameters | $2666 / 0 / 210$ |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.072 |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0327, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.0915$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0424, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.0962$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.169 and $-0.228 \mathrm{e} . \AA^{-3}$ |


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