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# Synthesis of $\beta$ -Haloketones by $\beta$ -Addition Reactions of $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -Unsaturated Ketones with BX<sub>3</sub> (X = Br, CI) as Halide Source

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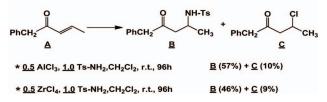
A series of  $\beta$ -bromoketones and  $\beta$ -chloroketones were synthesized by the addition reactions of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones under BX<sub>3</sub> (X = Br, Cl) and ethylene glycol reaction system. The  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ester also was successfully converted to its corresponding  $\beta$ -bromoester under the reaction condition.

**Keywords:**  $\beta$ -Bromoketone;  $\beta$ -Chloroketone;  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -Unsaturated ketone;  $\beta$ -Addition reaction; BBr<sub>3</sub>; BCl<sub>3</sub>.

## INTRODUCTION

A β-substituted carbonyl compound is potentially biological active molecule and the important synthetic intermediate in organic synthesis.<sup>1-4</sup> Synthetic methodologies for synthesis of β-substituted carbonyl compounds are typically produced by the addition reactions such as Aldoltype reaction,<sup>5,6</sup> organocopper addition reaction<sup>7,8</sup> and Michael addition reaction.9,10 Conjugate addition of organometallic reagent to  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compound is the commonly used method for specific introduction of a substituent to the  $\beta$ -position of carbonyl functionality.<sup>11</sup> Recently, our laboratory reported the synthesis of β-methoxyketones,  $\beta$ -aminoketones <u>B</u>, and  $\beta$ -amidoketones by a Lewis acids promoted  $\beta$ -addition reactions of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones under mild reaction conditions.<sup>12,13</sup> A contaminated  $\beta$ -chloroketone <u>C</u> was usually observed and characterized when Lewis acids such as AlCl<sub>3</sub> and ZrCl<sub>4</sub> were used for promotion of  $\beta$ -additional reaction of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ unsaturated ketone (Scheme 1). The formation of β-chloroketone as side product also was observed and reported by other addition reaction conditions.<sup>14,15</sup> Some synthetic applications<sup>16-22</sup> of  $\beta$ -halocarbonyl compounds such as  $\beta$ -bromoketone and  $\beta$ -bromoester have been reported in the literatures. To our knowledge, only a few direct preparation of  $\beta$ -chlorocarbonyl compounds which by reaction of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated ketone with excess Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl/H<sub>2</sub>O reaction condition<sup>23</sup> and  $\beta$ -additional reaction of  $\beta$ -methylsulfonylester<sup>24</sup> with AlCl<sub>3</sub> have been reported in the literatures. The difficult preparations of  $\beta$ -halocarbonyl compounds restrict their further synthetic applications.<sup>23-26</sup> Thus, we expected that the preparation of  $\beta$ -chloroketone may be achieved by the Michael addition reaction of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated ketone

Scheme 1. Synthesis of  $\beta$ -N-tosylaminoketones



with Lewis acid AlCl<sub>3</sub> which serves as chloride source by introducing promotion agents.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

The first test of our approach was examined by reaction of 1-phenyl-pent-3-en-2-one <u>A</u> and Lewis acid AlCl<sub>3</sub> with 2 drops of ammonia solution as promoting reagent in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (Scheme 2). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 42 hours and the expected product  $\beta$ -chloroketone <u>C</u> (47%) was obtained with recovery of 1-phenyl-pent-3-en-2-one A (18%).

The higher yield of  $\beta$ -chloroketone <u>C</u> (84%) was achieved when promoter ethylene glycol (3 equivalents to AlCl<sub>3</sub>) was used and much shorter reaction time also was observed. We think that BCl<sub>3</sub> may release chloride as nucleophile easier than AlCl<sub>3</sub> when ethylene glycol was introduced as promoter under the reaction condition. Therefore, a reaction mixture of 1-phenyl-pent-3-en-2-one <u>A</u> (1.0 equivalent), BCl<sub>3</sub> (1.0 equivalent) and ethylene glycol (1.0 equivalent) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was investigated and stirred at 0 °C. The experimental results showed that  $\beta$ -chloroketone <u>C</u> was afforded with 85% and the reaction time was shortened from 5 days to half an hour. The formation yield was dramatically improved to 96% when 1.2 equivalents of BCl<sub>3</sub>

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Scheme 2. Optimization of preparation of β-chloroketone

PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
• <u>1.0</u> AICl <sub>3</sub> , <u>2drops</u> NH <sub>3</sub> , r.t., 42h	47% ( <u>C</u> ) + 18% ( <u>A</u> )
+ <u>1.0</u> AICl <sub>3</sub> , <u>1.0</u> HOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH, r.t., 5 days	55% ( <u>C</u> ) + 13% ( <u>A</u> )
• <u>1.0</u> AICI <sub>3</sub> , <u>2.0</u> HOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH, r.t., 5 days	72% ( <u>C</u> ) + 11% ( <u>A</u> )
• <u>1.0</u> AICI <sub>3</sub> , <u>3.0</u> HOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH, r.t., 42 h	84% ( <u>C</u> )
• <u>1.0</u> BCl <sub>3</sub> , <u>1.0</u> HOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH, 0 <sup>o</sup> C, 0.5 h	85% ( <u>C</u> )
∗ <u>1.2</u> ВСІ <sub>3</sub> , <u>1.2</u> НОСН <sub>2</sub> СН <sub>2</sub> ОН, 0 °С, 0.5 h	96% ( <u>C</u> )
• <u>1.2</u> BBr <sub>3</sub> , <u>1.2</u> HOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH, 0 °C, 0.5 h	96% ( <u>C</u> )

and HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH to substrate were used as the reaction system. Thus, we further investigated this method for the preparation of  $\beta$ -bromoketone by reaction of BBr<sub>3</sub> as bromide source with 1-phenyl-pent-3-en-2-one under the reaction condition. As shown in Scheme 2,  $\beta$ -bromoketone was also obtained with high yield (96%) under the reaction condition. Herewith, we wish to report the synthesis of  $\beta$ -haloketones by the  $\beta$ -additional reactions of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones with BX<sub>3</sub> (X = Br, Cl)/HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH reaction system.

To understand and expand the scope for synthesis of  $\beta$ -haloketones by this reaction system BX<sub>3</sub> (X = Br, Cl)/HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, a series of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones was investigated and the results are shown in Table 1. The experimental results showed that alkyl and aryl  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones were successfully converted to their corresponding  $\beta$ -bromoketones and  $\beta$ -chloroketones under the reaction condition.

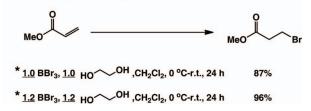
A few previous reports showed that  $\beta$ -bromoester was used for synthesis of some synthetic intermediates and biologically active compounds.<sup>16-21</sup> Therefore, we further invetigated the reaction of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ester under this reaction condition. BBr<sub>3</sub> was added dropwise to a solution of methyl acrylate and ethylene glycol in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C and then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. As shown in Scheme 3, a 96% yield of  $\beta$ -bromoester was obtained with longer reaction time which compared to  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketone under this reaction condition.

To understand and expand the synthetic applications of  $\beta$ -haloketones, we further investigated the reduction reaction of  $\beta$ -bromoketone by using AIBN/Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH reducing JOURNAL OF THE CHINESE CHEMICAL SOCIETY

$R \xrightarrow{\text{O}} CH_3 \xrightarrow{1.2 \text{ equiv. BX}_3 / 1.2 \text{ equiv. HOCH}_2CH_2OH} R \xrightarrow{\text{O}} X$					
Entry	y Substrate	Product	Yiel X = Cl	d (%) X = Br	
1	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH		88%	89%	
2	C+	Из СН3	78%	71%	
3	Ch CH	Из ССН3	74%	70%	
4	MeO	H <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	82%	85%	
5	C Cr	H <sub>3</sub> O X CH <sub>3</sub>	96%	96%	
6	Children CH		76%	<b>79%</b>	
7	<b>S</b> Сн	з С СН <sub>3</sub>	80%	84%	

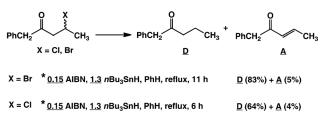
Table 1. Synthesis of  $\beta$ -bromoketones and  $\beta$ -chloroketones





agents.<sup>28</sup> The  $\beta$ -bromoketone <u>C</u> was introduced into AIBN (azobis(isobutyronitrile)) and Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (tributyltin hydride) in benzene and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 11 hours (Scheme 4).

Scheme 4. Reduction reactions of  $\beta$ -bromoketones



The experimental results showed that  $\beta$ -bromoketone undergo dehalogenation reaction and which was converted to its corresponding hydrogenated product <u>D</u> (83%) with small amount of contaminated  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketone <u>A</u> (5%).  $\beta$ -Chloroketone also underwent this dehalogenation

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reaction and a lower yield of product  $\underline{D}$  (64%) was obtained with small amount of 1-phenyl-pent-3-en-2-one <u>A</u> (4%). This reaction scheme may provide an alternative method for hydrogenation reaction of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketone to hydrogenated ketone.

As a conclusion, we demonstrate here a simple and an efficient method for the synthesis of  $\beta$ -bromoketones,  $\beta$ -chloroketones and  $\beta$ -bromoesters under BX<sub>3</sub>/HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH reaction conditions.

### **EXPERIMENTAL**

General. All reagents were purchased from Aldrich and Riedel-deHaen and all were used directly without further purification. All experiments were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere which was dried primarily by passing through a column of potassium hydroxide (KOH) layered with calcium sulfate (CaSO<sub>4</sub>). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis was performed on a plastic plate (or aluminum sheet) precoated with silica gel (Merck, 5554 Silica gel 60F254). Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (Merck 230-400 mesh) and ethyl acetate/hexane mixture as the eluent. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR (proton nuclear magnetic resonance) spectra were recorded at 300 MHz (Bruker-AC300P) with deuteriochloroform (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Aldrich 99.8 atom% D) as the solvent and the internal standard. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR (carbon nuclear magnetic resonance) spectra were recorded at 75.5 MHz (Bruker-AC300P) with CDCl3 as the solvent and the internal standard. Mass spectra (MS) were recorded on JOEL SX-102A and VG 70-250S spectrophotometers and are reported in m/z units for the most abundant peaks. Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 37 as a liquid film (neat).

A representative procedure for synthesis of  $\beta$ -bromoketone or  $\beta$ -chloroketone is as follows: BX<sub>3</sub> (X = Br, Cl) (1.2 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketone (1.0 mmol) and ethylene glycol (1.2 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes and distilled water (10 mL) was added slowly and then the reaction mixture was extracted with ether (10 mL × 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL), dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure.

**2-Chlorooctan-4-one (Table 1, Entry 1).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  0.85 (3H, H<sub>8</sub>, t, *J* = 7.3), 1.20-1.30 (2H, H<sub>7</sub>, m), 1.46-1.56 (2H, H<sub>6</sub>, m), 1.48 (3H, H<sub>1</sub>, d, *J* = 6.6), 2.38 (2H, H<sub>5</sub>, t, *J* = 7.4), 2.66 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, *J* = 16.8, 5.8), 2.90 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, *J* = 16.8, 7.7), 4.40 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, ddq, *J* = 7.7, 7.4, 5.8); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  13.7, 22.2, 25.1, 25.5, 43.2, 52.4, 207.3); IR: (neat) 2960 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 2933 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1715 (C=O, m), 1377 (m), 1132 (m), 616 (C-Cl, m).

**2-Bromooctan-4-one (Table 1, entry 1).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: δ 0.85

(3H, H<sub>8</sub>, t, J = 7.4), 1.20-1.32 (2H, H<sub>7</sub>, m), 1.46-1.56 (2H, H<sub>6</sub>, m), 1.66 (3H, H<sub>1</sub>, d, J = 6.6), 2.37 (2H, H<sub>5</sub>, t, J = 7.4), 2.80 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, J = 17.0, 6.0), 3.04 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, J = 17.0, 7.7), 4.27 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, ddq, J= 7.7, 6.0, 6.); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  13.6, 22.1, 25.4, 26.1, 43.4, 53.0, 207.2; IR: (neat) 2961 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 2934 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1716 (C=O, s), 1379 (m), 1132 (m).

**3-Chloro-1-cyclopropylbutan-1-one (Table 1, entry 2).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  0.88-0.95 (2H, m), 1.05-1.10 (2H, m), 1.55 (3H, H<sub>4</sub>, d, *J* = 6.6), 1.88-1.96 (1H, m), 2.88 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, *J* = 16.8, 7.3), 3.10 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, *J* = 16.8, 6.3), 4.48 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, ddq, *J* = 7.3, 6.6, 6.3); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  10.8, 20.9, 25.0, 52.2, 52.9, 206.9; IR: (neat) 2982 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 2931 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1698 (C=O, m), 1388 (m), 1061 (m), 618 (C-Cl, m).

**3-Bromo-1-cyclopropylbutan-1-one (Table 1, entry 2).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  1.65 (3H, H<sub>4</sub>, d, *J* = 6.6), 2.01-2.10 (2H, m), 2.54 (2H, d, *J* = 7.0), 2.82 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, *J* = 17.0, 5.6), 3.04 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, *J* = 17.0, 8.1), 3.37 (2H, t, *J* = 6.6), 4.42 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, ddq, *J* = 8.1, 5.6, 6.6); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  25.9, 26.1, 32.9, 41.1, 42.8, 53.0, 205.5; IR: (neat) 2964 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 2922 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1714 (C=O, s), 1375 (m), 1241 (m).

**3-Chloro-1-phenylbutan-1-one (Table 1, entry 3).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  1.62 (3H, H<sub>4</sub>, d, *J* = 6.6), 3.24 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, *J* = 17.0, 6.6), 3.57 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, *J* = 17.0, 6.6), 4.67 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, ddq, *J* = 6.6, 6.6, 6.6), 7.44-7.49 (2H, m), 7.55-7.60 (1H, m), 7.93-7.96 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  25.2, 48.5, 52.6, 128.0, 128.6, 133.4, 136.6, 196.5; HRMS: *m*/*z* 182.0492 (calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClO, 182.0498); MS: *m*/*z* 186 (6, M+4), 184 (3, M+2), 182 (6, M), 165 (1), 147 (15), 130 (8), 115 (8), 106 (7), 105 (base), 91 (6), 77 (43); IR: (neat) 3061 (sp<sup>2</sup>-CH, w), 2982 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 2929 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1683 (C=O, s), 1448 (m), 1217 (m), 753 (s), 688 (s), 616 (C-Cl, m).

**3-Bromo-1-phenylbutan-1-one (Table 1, entry 3).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  1.81 (3H, H<sub>4</sub>, d, J = 6.7), 3.38 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, J = 17.3, 6.7), 3.71 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, J = 17.3, 6.9), 4.69 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, ddq, J = 6.9, 6.7, 6.7), 7.44-7.49 (2H, m), 7.55-7.60 (1H, m), 7.93-7.96 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  26.4, 43.3, 49.3, 128.0, 128.6, 133.4, 136.4, 196.5; IR: (neat) 3061 (sp<sup>2</sup>-CH, w), 2979 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 2922 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1682 (C=O, m), 1448 (m), 1218 (m), 759 (m).

**3-Chloro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)butan-1-one (Table 1,** entry 4). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  1.61 (3H, H<sub>4</sub>, d, *J* = 6.6), 3.18 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, *J* = 16.8, 6.6), 3.52 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, *J* = 16.8, 6.7), 3.86 (3H, OMe, s), 4.65 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, ddq, *J* = 6.7, 6.6, 6.6), 6.94 (2H, d, *J* = 9.0), 7.93 (2H, d, *J* = 9.0); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  25.3, 48.2, 53.0, 55.5, 113.8, 130.0, 130.4, 163.8, 195.0; HRMS: *m/z* 212.0602 (calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>, 212.0604); MS: *m/z* 215 (11, M+3), 214 (20, M+2), 213 (31, M+1), 212 (57, M), 177 (75), 134 (49), 135 (base), 107 (28); IR: (neat) 2973 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 2934 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1674 (C=O, s), 1597 (s), 1167 (s), 1023 (m), 830 (s), 596 (C-C1, m). Synthesis of  $\beta$ -Haloketones from  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Ketones and BX<sub>3</sub>

**3-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)butan-1-one (Table 1,** entry 4). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  1.78 (3H, H<sub>4</sub>, d, *J* = 6.7), 3.30 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, *J* = 17.0, 6.8), 3.64 (1H, H<sub>2</sub>, dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.0), 3.84 (3H, OMe, s), 4.68 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, ddq, *J* = 7.0, 6.8, 6.7), 6.91 (2H, d, *J* = 8.9), 7.91 (2H, d, *J* = 8.9); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  26.4, 43.8, 48.9, 55.4, 113.8, 129.5, 130.3, 163.7, 195.0; HRMS: *m*/*z* 256.0114 (calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>, 256.0099); MS: *m*/*z* 259 (10, M+3), 258 (9, M+2), 257 (10, M+1), 256 (8, M), 177 (38), 176 (26), 136 (8), 135 (base); IR: (neat) 3006 (sp<sup>2</sup>-CH, w), 2988 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 2923 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1673 (C=O, m), 1597 (m), 1260 (m), 1166 (m), 764 (s).

**4-Chloro-1-phenyl-pentan-2-one (Table 1, entry 5).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  1.48 (3H, H<sub>5</sub>, d, *J* = 6.5), 2.74 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, *J* = 17.0, 6.0), 3.00 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.6), 3.72 (2H, H<sub>1</sub>, s), 4.45 (1H, H<sub>4</sub>, ddq, *J* = 7.6, 6.6, 6.0), 7.19-7.38(5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  25.0, 50.7, 51.5, 52.3, 127.2, 128.7, 129.4, 133.4, 204.5; MS: *m/z* 198 (4, M+2), 196 (12, M), 160 (8), 106 (21), 105 (71), 92 (18), 91 (base), 79 (10), 77 (52), 69 (64), 65 (28), 63 (10), 51 (6); IR: (neat) 3031 (sp<sup>2</sup>-CH, w), 2982 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1715 (C=O, s), 1127 (m), 699 (C-Cl, m).

**4-Bromo-1-phenylpentan-2-one (Table 1, entry 5).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  1.67 (3H, H<sub>5</sub>, d, J = 6.6), 2.88 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, J = 17.2, 6.2), 3.13 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, J = 17.2, 7.6), 3.71 (2H, H<sub>1</sub>, s), 4.49 (1H, H<sub>4</sub>, ddq, J = 7.6, 6.6, 6.2), 7.20-7.38(5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  26.0, 42.9, 50.4, 52.1, 127.1, 128.7, 129.4, 133.3, 204.4; HRMS: m/z 240.0149 (calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrO, 240.0150); MS: m/z 243 (9, M+3), 242 (4, M+2), 241 (9, M+1), 240 (4, M), 161 (13), 149 (13), 123 (22), 121 (25), 92 (20), 91 (base), 90 (20), 89 (0), 65 (55); IR: (neat) 3060 (sp<sup>2</sup>-CH, w), 3029 (sp<sup>2</sup>-CH, w), 2960 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 2927 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1714 (C=O, m), 1668 (m), 1285 (m), 778 (s).

**4-Chloro-1-(naphthalen-5-yl)pentan-2-one (Table 1, entry 6).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  1.43 (3H, H<sub>5</sub>, d, J = 6.6), 2.67 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, J = 17.1, 5.7), 2.98 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, J = 17.1, 7.6), 4.16 (2H, H<sub>1</sub>, dd, J = 22.1, 15.9), 4.45 (1H, H<sub>4</sub>, ddq, J = 7.6, 6.6, 5.7), 7.38~7.56 (4H, m), 7.81~7.90 (3H, m); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  25.0, 49.1, 51.1, 52.4, 123.7, 125.6, 126.0, 126.6, 128.3, 128.4, 128.8, 130.2, 132.2, 134.0, 205.1; HRMS: *m/z* 246.0816 (calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClO, 246.0811); MS: *m/z* 249 (2, M+3), 248 (6, M+2), 247 (6, M+1), 246 (18, M), 210 (1), 144 (18), 141 (base), 139 (9), 115 (22); IR: (neat) 3047 (sp<sup>2</sup>-CH, w), 2981 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1714 (C=O, s), 1126 (m), 774 (C-Cl, s).

**4-Bromo-1-(naphthalen-5-yl)pentan-2-one (Table 1, entry 6).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  1.62 (3H, H<sub>5</sub>, d, *J* = 6.6), 2.82 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, *J* = 17.3, 5.9), 3.13 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, *J* = 17.3, 7.7), 4.15 (2H, H<sub>1</sub>, dd, *J* = 22.4, 15.9), 4.49 (1H, H<sub>4</sub>, ddq, *J* = 7.7, 6.6, 5.9), 7.39-7.57 (4H, m), 7.82-7.90 (3H, m); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  26.1, 43.0, 48.8, 51.8, 123.7, 125.5, 125.9, 126.6, 128.2, 128.4, 128.8, 130.1, 132.1, 133.9,

205.0; HRMS: m/z 290.0312 (calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{15}BrO$ , 290.0306); MS: m/z 293 (2, M+3), 292 (8, M+2), 291 (2, M+1), 290 (8, M), 210 (15), 142 (17), 141 (base), 139 (17), 115 (32), 69 (48); IR: (neat) 3045 (sp<sup>2</sup>-CH, w), 2987 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 2902 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1714 (C=O, m), 1126 (m), 775 (s).

**4-Chloro-1-(thiophen-3-yl)pentan-2-one (Table 1,** entry **7).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  1.50 (3H, H<sub>5</sub>, d, J = 6.6), 2.74 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, J = 17.0, 5.7), 2.99 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, J = 17.0, 7.6), 3.74 (2H, H<sub>1</sub>, s), 4.44 (1H, H<sub>4</sub>, ddq, J = 7.6, 6.6, 5.7), 6.95 (1H, dd, J = 4.9, 1.3), 7.11 (1H, dd, J = 2.9, 1.3), 7.31 (1H, dd, J = 4.9, 2.9); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  25.0, 44.9, 51.4, 52.3, 123.2, 126.1, 128.4, 133.0, 204.0; HRMS: *m/z* 203.0816 (calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClO, 203.0811); MS: *m/z* 205 (M+2, 4), 204 (M+1, 8), 203 (M, 56), 191 (10), 167 (20), 161 (4), 138 (16), 128 (6), 111 (52), 107 (32), 105 (base); IR: (neat) 3104 (sp<sup>2</sup>-CH, w), 2980 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1715 (C=O, s), 1126 (m), 776 (C-Cl, m).

**4-Bromo-1-(thiophen-3-yl)pentan-2-one (Table 1, entry 7).** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  1.68 (3H, H<sub>5</sub>, d, J = 6.8), 2.88 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, J =17.2, 6.0), 3.13 (1H, H<sub>3</sub>, dd, J = 17.2, 7.6), 3.73 (2H, H<sub>1</sub>, s), 4.35 (1H, H<sub>4</sub>, ddq, J = 7.6, 6.8, 6.0), 6.95 (1H, dd, J = 4.9, 1.0), 7.10 (1H, dd, J = 2.9, 1.0), 7.30 (1H, dd, J = 4.9, 2.9); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$ 26.0, 42.9, 44.7, 52.1, 123.1, 126.0, 128.4, 132.9, 204.0; HRMS: m/z 245.9430 (calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrOS, 245.9714); MS: m/z 248 (15, M+2), 247 (3, M+1), 246 (25, M), 245 (12), 166 (12), 151 (34), 147 (42), 131 (36), 97 (42), 69 (13), 43 (56), 28 (base); IR: (neat) 3051 (sp<sup>2</sup>-CH, w), 2962 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 2928 (sp<sup>3</sup>-CH, w), 1713 (C=O, m), 1264 (m), 731 (s), 702 (s).

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