

# Synthesis of Methyl (*R*)-2-*O*-Propargylglycerate, a Precursor to Analogues of the 2-*O*-Alkylglycerate Part of the Moenomycins

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Conditions allowing optically active methyl glycerate to be converted, without racemization, into the 2-*O*-propargyl derivative, via the 2-*O*-allyl derivative, are reported.

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## Introduction

The antibiotic activity of the moenomycin antibiotics [see moenomycin A (**1**), Scheme 1] and structural analogues has been shown to be critically dependent on the presence of a suitable lipid component attached to the 2-position of the glyceric acid moiety.<sup>[1,2]</sup> Synthesis of structural analogues with modified lipid chains has been hampered by the inconvenience of access to 2-*O*-alkyl glycerates.<sup>[3–7]</sup>

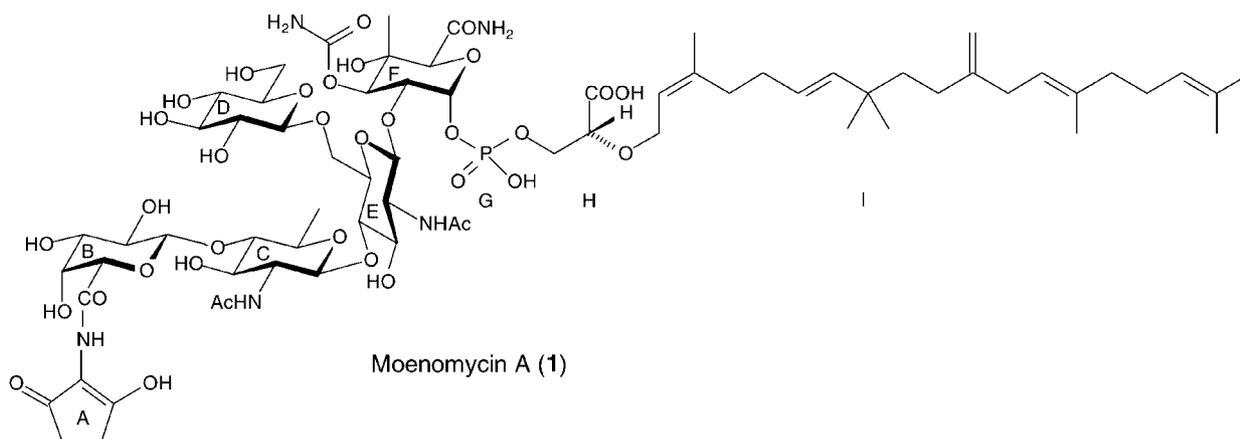
The only efficient procedure so far reported is the silver oxide-promoted reaction between a suitably protected glycerate **2** and allyl bromide, which gives the 2-*O*-allylated derivative **4** in very high yield (Scheme 2) and without measurable racemization. The 2-allyl derivative could then

be used to prepare an array of new 2-*O*-alkylglycerates by cross metathesis followed by catalytic hydrogenation.<sup>[8]</sup>

Here we wish to describe the synthesis of methyl 2-*O*-propargylglycerate (**4b**). This compound should also allow various 2-*O*-substituted glycerates to be prepared by known methods.

## Results

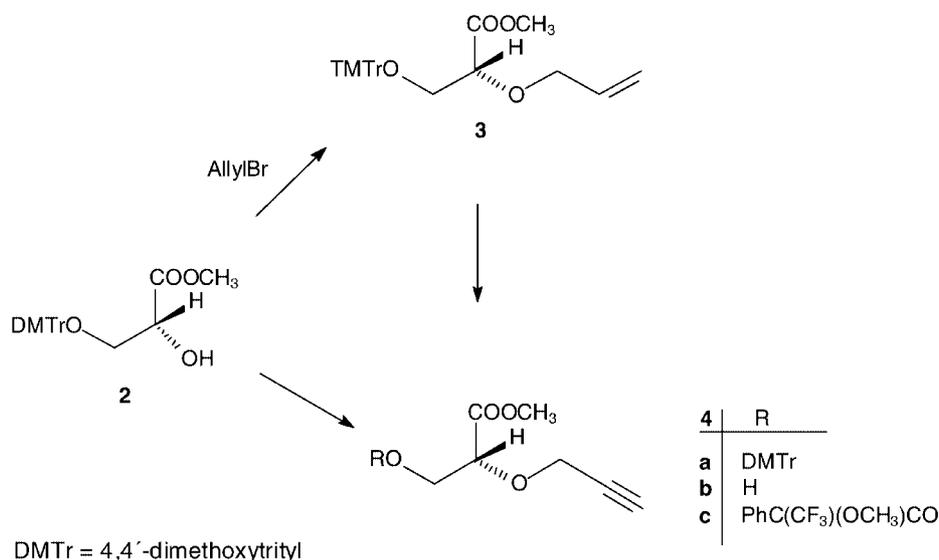
Direct treatment of **2** with propargyl bromide failed.<sup>[9]</sup> It is known, however, that nucleophilic reagents such as electron-rich aromatic compounds,<sup>[10]</sup> β-dicarbonyl compounds,<sup>[11]</sup> allylsilanes,<sup>[12]</sup> enols<sup>[13]</sup> and alcohols react with



Scheme 1

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α-[alkynyl-hexacarbonyldicobalt]carbenium ions to give the corresponding substitution products (Nicholas reaction).<sup>[14]</sup> The activating [Co<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>] moieties can be efficiently intro-

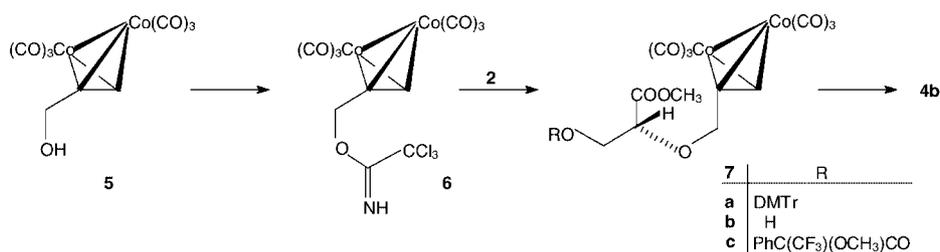


Scheme 2

duced (by treatment of the alkyne with octacarbonyldicobalt) and removed (by treatment with ceriumammonium nitrate).<sup>[15,16]</sup> The reaction between **2** and **6** in the presence of several Lewis acids as promoters, at  $-20$  to  $0$  °C, was unsuccessful.<sup>[17]</sup> When, however, the OH group of **5** was activated as a trichloroacetimidate,<sup>[18]</sup> the thus formed **6** gave the desired ether **7a** in a BF<sub>3</sub>-mediated reaction in yields of 30–40%. Careful optimization of the reaction conditions (i.e., reduction both of the excess of trichloroacetonitrile used in the formation of **6** and of the amount of BF<sub>3</sub>-diethyl ether used in the formation of **7a**) increased the yield of **6** to 91% and that of **7a** to 78% (Scheme 3). Use of other Lewis acids (see Table 1) gave lower yields. On the pathway to **4b** it turned out to be advantageous first to

remove the dimethoxytrityl group and then to release the triple bond with ceriumammonium nitrate. Mosher ester analysis<sup>[19]</sup> performed both with **4b** (sample obtained from **7b**) and with **7b** revealed that the Nicholas reaction between **2** and **7** was accompanied by substantial racemization, the ratio of the two stereoisomers being about 1:1.6. The analysis showed that racemization occurred in the coupling step rather than during cleavage of the cobalt complex. Analysis of the Mosher esters **7c** obtained by making use of other Lewis acids in the substitution step revealed somewhat better stereoisomer ratios (<sup>19</sup>F NMR).

The results called for a more suitable method for the preparation of stereohomogeneous **4b**. It is known that aldehydes can be converted into terminal alkynes by use of



Scheme 3

Table 1. Reaction between **2** and **7**<sup>[17]</sup>

Lewis-acid	Yield of <b>7a</b>	Reaction temperature	Amount of promoter	Ratio of stereoisomers <b>7c</b> ( <sup>19</sup> F NMR)
BF <sub>3</sub> ·Et <sub>2</sub> O	78%	$-20$ °C	0.33 equiv.	1:1.6
Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub> <sup>[19]</sup>	35%	$-10$ °C	0.10 equiv.	1:2.23
TfOH	23%	$0$ °C	0.20 equiv.	1:1.86
TfOSiMe <sub>3</sub>	<10%	$-20$ °C	0.10–0.50 equiv.	not determined
B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>[20]</sup>	<10%	$-20$ °C	0.10–0.50 equiv.	not determined

the Ohira-Bestmann modification<sup>[22,23]</sup> of a reaction discovered by Colvin and Hamill.<sup>[24]</sup> In the event, treatment of the anion of dimethoxy(diazomethyl)phosphonate with the aldehyde obtained from **3** on treatment with OsO<sub>4</sub>/NaIO<sub>4</sub> afforded alkyne **4a** in 84% yield (Scheme 2). 2-*O*-Propargylglycerate **4b** was converted into the corresponding Mosher ester **4c**. NMR revealed that no racemization had occurred under these conditions.

Thus, as well as the allyl ether **3**, the new building block **4a** is now available for the preparation of glycerates with different substituents connected to the 2-position through an ether linkage.

## Experimental Section

**General Methods:** see ref.<sup>[25]</sup>

NMR spectra: The protons and carbons of the glyceric acid unit are labelled as <sup>H</sup> and those of the 2-*O*-substituent as <sup>I</sup>, according to moenomycin nomenclature (see Scheme 1).

**Propargyl Trichloroacetimidate Hexacarbonyldicobalt Complex (6):** Trichloroacetonitrile (2.7 mL, 26.8 mmol) and DBU (dropwise, 4.47 mmol, 700 μL) were added at -10 °C to a solution of the hexacarbonyldicobalt complex of propargyl alcohol (**5**,<sup>[26]</sup> 6.10 g, 17.89 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (60 mL). After completion of the reaction (monitoring by TLC) the mixture was quickly filtered through silica gel. Washing with dichloromethane and solvent evaporation furnished crude **6** as a red oil (7.98 g, 91%), which was unstable and was used without further purification. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.60 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone, 25:1). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 1707, 1514, 1230, 824 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.45 (br. s, 1 H, NH), 6.10 (s, 1 H,  $\equiv$ CH), 5.45 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 199.1 (br. s, 6  $\times$  C=O), 162.8 (C=NH), 91.3 (CCl<sub>3</sub>), 87.3 (C $\equiv$ CH), 72.3 ( $\equiv$ CH), 70.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm. C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>Co<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>7</sub> (486.38, 484.772), FAB MS: *m/z* (%) = 429 (65) [**8** - 2CO]<sup>+</sup>, 401 (29) [**8** - 3CO]<sup>+</sup>, 325 (84), 317 (35) [**8** - 6CO]<sup>+</sup>, 297 (100), 269 (45), 241 (31).

**Methyl (R)-3-*O*-(4,4'-Dimethoxytrityl)-2-*O*-propargylglycerate Hexacarbonyldicobalt Complex (7a):** Borontrifluoride-diethyl ether (142 mg, 127 μL, 1 mmol) was slowly added at -20 °C to a solution of **2** (1.267 g, 3 mmol) and **6** (1.703 g, 3.5 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (60 mL). The mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 2 h. With vigorous stirring, the reaction mixture was then added to an ice-cold saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL). Aqueous workup (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and FC (toluene/acetone, 30:1) furnished **7a** (1.747 g, 78% based on **2**) as a dark red oil. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.63 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone, 25:1). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 1749, 1606, 1506, 1250, 1178, 1132, 1034, 829 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.45–7.41 (d, 2 H, Ar H), 7.34–7.16 (m, 7 H, Ar H), 6.84–6.79 (d, 4 H, Ar H), 6.09 (s, 1 H,  $\equiv$ CH), 4.92 and 4.75 (AB system, *J*<sub>AB</sub> = 13.0 Hz, 2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.34–4.28 (m, 1 H, 2-H<sup>glyc</sup>), 3.84 (s, 6 H, 2  $\times$  Ar-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.79 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.53 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>-3<sup>glyc</sup>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 200.0 (br. s, 6  $\times$  C=O), 171.1 (-COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 158.7 (2  $\times$  C-4<sup>methoxyphenyl</sup>), 144.9 (C-1<sup>phenyl</sup>), 136.0 (2  $\times$  C-1<sup>methoxyphenyl</sup>), 130.3 (4  $\times$  C-2<sup>methoxyphenyl</sup>), 128.4 (2  $\times$  C-2<sup>phenyl</sup>), 128.1 (2  $\times$  C-3<sup>phenyl</sup>), 127.0 (C-Ar<sub>4</sub><sup>phenyl</sup>), 113.3 (4  $\times$  C-3<sup>methoxyphenyl</sup>), 90.7 (C<sup>Co</sup> complex), 86.4 [C(Ar<sub>3</sub>)], 78.9 (C-2<sup>glyc</sup>), 71.9 ( $\equiv$ CH<sup>Co</sup> complex), 71.2 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-C $\equiv$ ), 64.4 (C-3<sup>glyc</sup>), 55.3 (2  $\times$  Aryl-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 52.0 (-COOCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Co<sub>2</sub>O<sub>12</sub> (746.46, 746.025), FAB MS: *m/z* (%) = 662 (20) [**7a** - 3CO]<sup>+</sup>, 578 (53) [**7a**

- 6CO]<sup>+</sup>, 555 (3) [**7a** - 3CO - ArOMe]<sup>+</sup>, 471 (20) [**7a** - 6CO - ArOMe]<sup>+</sup>, 460 (9) [**7a** - Co<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 353 (14) [**7a** - Co<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub> - ArOMe]<sup>+</sup>, 303 (100) [4,4'-dimethoxytrityl]<sup>+</sup>.

**Methyl (R)-3-*O*-(4,4'-Dimethoxytrityl)-2-*O*-propargylglycerate (4a).** a) **From 7a:** Ceriumammonium nitrate (CAN, 660 mg, 1.20 mmol) was added at 0 °C to a solution of **7a** (300 mg, 0.40 mmol) in acetone (8 mL). After the mixture had been stirred at 0 °C for 10 min, evolution of CO was no longer observed and TLC (toluene/acetone, 10:1) indicated completion of the reaction. Solvent evaporation, addition of water and usual workup (diethyl ether), followed by FC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone, 20:1) provided **4a** (103 mg, 56%) as a pink oil slightly contaminated with DMT-OH. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.54 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone, 25:1). IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 1747, 1608, 1508, 1248, 1176, 1101, 1034, 785, 762 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

b) **From 4a:** A catalytic amount of OsO<sub>4</sub> (0.05 mL) in water (1 mL) was added to a solution of **4a** (400 mg, 0.85 mmol) in diethyl ether (10 mL). After the reaction mixture had turned black (15 min), NaIO<sub>4</sub> (370 mg, 2 equiv.) in water (5 mL) was added. After 18 h the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, and the organic layer was separated and washed with water, dried with NaSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. TLC showed only one substance. Because of its very low stability the aldehyde was used in the next step without any purification. A solution of dimethoxy(diazomethyl)phosphonate (210 mg, 1.5 equiv.) and the crude aldehyde (350 mg) in dry methanol (5 mL) and THF (3 mL) was added at 0 °C under argon to a suspension of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (250 mg, 2.2 equiv.) in THF (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and at room temperature for 6 h. After addition of aqueous saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (5 mL), petroleum ether (10 mL) and diethyl ether (10 mL), the organic layer was separated, dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude product was purified by FC on silica gel, eluted with toluene/acetone (50:1), to give **4a** (290 mg, 84% after two steps). *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.45 (toluene/acetone, 9:1). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +9 (*c* = 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (film):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 1743 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, HH COSY, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.49–7.16 (m, 9 H, Ar H), 6.89–6.83 (m, 4 H, Ar H), 4.39–4.34 (m, 3 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>, 2-H<sup>I</sup>), 3.81 (s, 6 H, 2  $\times$  Ar-O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.44 (d, *J*<sub>3,2</sub> = 4.4 Hz, 2 H, 3-CH<sub>2</sub><sup>I</sup>), 2.46 (broad s, 1 H,  $\equiv$ CH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.3 MHz, HETCOR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 170.86 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 158.69 (*p*-methoxyphenyl-C), 144.83 (C-1<sup>phenyl</sup>), 139.68 (C'-1<sup>methoxyphenyl</sup>), 135.98 (C-1<sup>methoxyphenyl</sup>), 130.22 (C-3<sup>methoxyphenyl</sup>), 129.28, 129.15 (2  $\times$  C-3<sup>phenyl</sup>), 128.32, 127.91 (2  $\times$  C-2<sup>phenyl</sup>), 125.43 (C-4<sup>phenyl</sup>), 113.35, 113.19 (2  $\times$  C-2<sup>methoxyphenyl</sup>), 86.33 (CAr<sub>3</sub>), 79.10 (C $\equiv$ CH), 77.10 (C-2<sup>H</sup>), 75.42 (C $\equiv$ CH), 64.28 (C-3<sup>H</sup>), 57.87 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 55.34 (2  $\times$  Ar-O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.09 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (460.52, 460.19), ESI MS: *m/z* = [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd. 483.17781; found 483.17804.

### Methyl 2-*O*-Propargylglycerate (4b)

#### a) Mixture of Enantiomers Obtained by the Nicholas Route:

aa) A solution of **4a** (80 mg, 0.174 mmol) in aqueous acetic acid (80%, 5 mL) was stirred at 20 °C for 48 h. Azeotropic solvent removal [toluene (5 mL) and pyridine (1 mL)] and subsequent FC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone, 10:1) provided **4b** (15 mg, 55%) as a pink oil.

ab) Compound **7a** (312 mg, 0.703 mmol) was treated with CAN (1.156 g, 2.11 mmol) as described above. Workup and FC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone, 10:1) furnished **4b** (64 mg, 58%) as a pink oil.

#### b) Compound 4b Obtained by the Ohira-Bestmann Route:

A solution of **4a** (35 mg, 0.08 mmol) in acetic acid (80%, 3 mL) was stirred at 20 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with a pyridine/water mixture and the solvents were evaporated.

Dry pyridine (2 mL) was added and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. FC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone, 50:1) provided **4b** (10 mg, 84%) as a colourless oil. *R*<sub>F</sub> = 0.25 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone, 9:1). [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +176.5 (*c* = 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (film):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3380 (OH), 1743 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, HH COSY, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 4.43 (dd, *J*<sub>1,3</sub> = 2.6, *J*<sub>1,1'</sub> = 16.1 Hz, 1 H, 1-H<sup>1</sup>), 4.25 (dd, *J*<sub>1,3</sub> = 2.5, *J*<sub>1',1</sub> = 16.1 Hz, 1 H, 1-H<sup>1'</sup>), 4.29 (m, 1 H, 2-H<sup>H</sup>), 3.92 (dd, *J*<sub>3,2</sub> = 3.6, *J*<sub>3,3'</sub> = 11.7 Hz, 1 H, 3-H<sup>H</sup>), 3.82 (dd, *J*<sub>3',2</sub> = 5.5, *J*<sub>3',3</sub> = 11.7 Hz, 1 H, 3-H<sup>H'</sup>), 3.78 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.50 (t, *J*<sub>3,1,11</sub> = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, C≡CH), 2.30 (s, 1 H, OH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50.3 MHz, HETCOR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 171.23 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 79.33 (C≡CH), 78.43 (C-2<sup>H</sup>), 76.44 (C≡CH), 64.02 (C-3<sup>H</sup>), 58.60 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 52.97 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (158.15, 158.06), ESI MS: *m/z* = 159.0 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 278.9 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>.

**Methyl 2-*O*-Propargyl-glycerate Hexacarboxyldicobalt Complex (7b, Mixture of Enantiomers):** The dimethoxytrityl group was removed from **7a** (300 mg, 0.402 mmol) as described for **4a**. FC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone, 15:1) furnished **7b** (107 mg, 60%) as a dark red oil. *R*<sub>F</sub> = 0.31 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone, 25:1). IR (film):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 1525, 1350, 1093, 1038, 804, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 6.05 (s, 1 H, ≡CH), 4.98 (d, *J*<sub>1,1'</sub> = 12.8 Hz, 1 H, 1-H<sup>1</sup>), 4.64 (d, *J*<sub>1',1</sub> = 12.8 Hz, 1 H, 1-H<sup>1'</sup>), 4.28–4.24 (dd, *J*<sub>2,3</sub> = 3.7, *J*<sub>2,3'</sub> = 5.1 Hz, 1 H, 2-H<sup>H</sup>), 4.05–3.96 (dt, *J*<sub>3,3'</sub> = 11.7, *J*<sub>3,2</sub> = 3.7, *J*<sub>3,OH</sub> = 6.2 Hz, 1 H, 3-H<sup>H</sup>), 3.93–3.84 (dt, *J*<sub>3',3</sub> = 11.7, *J*<sub>3',2</sub> = 5.1, *J*<sub>3',OH</sub> = 7.3 Hz, 1 H, 3-H<sup>H'</sup>), 3.80 (s, 3 H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.27 (t, *J*<sub>3,OH</sub> = 6.2, *J*<sub>3',OH</sub> = 7.3 Hz, 1 H, OH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 200.0 (br. s, 6 × C=O), 172.8 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 91.94 (C≡CH), 81.2 (C-2<sup>H</sup>), 73.1 (≡CH), 72.9 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 65.7 (C-3<sup>H</sup>), 54.2 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Co<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub> (444.08, 443.894), FAB MS: *m/z* (%) = 467 (2) [7b + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 416 (6) [7b - CO]<sup>+</sup>, 388 (52) [7b - 2CO]<sup>+</sup>, 360 (65) [7b - 3CO]<sup>+</sup>, 332 (100) [7b - 4CO]<sup>+</sup>, 325 (46), 304 (8) [7b - 5CO]<sup>+</sup>, 297 (49), 276 (64) [7b - 6CO]<sup>+</sup>, 269 (18), 241 (14).

**Methyl 2-*O*-Propargyl-3-*O*-{[(*R*)-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-methoxy-2-phenyl]propionyl}glycerate (4c)**

**a) Mixture of Stereoisomers Obtained by the Nicholas Route:** DMAP (0.7 mg, 6.3 μmol), triethylamine (18.2 mg, 25 μL, 0.18 mmol) and 3,3,3-trifluoro-2-methoxy-2-phenylpropionyl chloride (63 mg, 47 μL, 0.24 mmol) were added at 20 °C to a solution of **4b** (20 mg, 0.12 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (2 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 20 °C overnight. TLC indicated complete consumption of **4b**. Solvent evaporation and FC (toluene/acetone, 25:1) furnished **4c** (38.4 mg 83%) as a colourless oil. *R*<sub>F</sub> = 0.56 (toluene/acetone, 10:1). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): two CF<sub>3</sub> signals, Δδ = 0.2 ppm [ratio 1:1.6].

**b) Compound 4c Obtained by the Ohira–Bestmann Route:** A mixture of **4b** (10 mg, 0.06 mmol), 3,3,3-trifluoro-2-methoxy-2-phenylpropionyl chloride (40 μL, 0.30 mmol, 5 equiv.), triethylamine (40 μL) and a catalytic amount of 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) was stirred under argon for 15 h. The solvents were evaporated. Purification by FC (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 3:1) furnished **4c** (18 mg, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.68–7.63 (m, 2 H, Ar H), 7.07–6.94 (m, 3 H, Ar H), 4.42 (dd, *J*<sub>3,2</sub> = 3.3, *J*<sub>3,3'</sub> = 11.4 Hz, 1 H, 3-H<sup>H</sup>), 4.08 (dd, *J*<sub>3',2</sub> = 5.1, *J*<sub>3',3</sub> = 11.4 Hz, 1 H, 3-H<sup>H'</sup>), 4.23–4.15 (dd, *J*<sub>2,3</sub> = 3.3, *J*<sub>2,3'</sub> = 5.1 Hz, 1 H, 2-H<sup>H</sup>), 3.96 (t, *J*<sub>1,3</sub> = 2.6 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.42 (q, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3 H, OCOC(=O)CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.07 (s, 3 H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.86 (t, *J*<sub>3,1,11</sub> = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, C≡CH) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (188.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 4.46 (CF<sub>3</sub>COOH as standard) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (188.3 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ = 4.50 (CF<sub>3</sub>COOH as standard) ppm.

**Methyl 2-*O*-Propargyl-3-*O*-{[(*R*)-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-methoxy-2-phenyl]propionyl}glycerate Hexacarboxyldicobalt Complex (7c, Mixture of Stereoisomers):** Complex **7b** was converted into **7c** as described for **4b**. FC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/acetone, 10:1) furnished **7c** (not completely pure, 20 mg, 84%) as a red oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ = 7.78–7.65 (dd, 2 H, 2-H<sup>Ar</sup>), 7.16–7.08 (m, 3 H, 3-H<sup>Ar</sup>, 4-H<sup>Ar</sup>), 5.40 (s, 1 H, ≡CH), 4.42, 4.09 (2 × d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>11,1'1</sub> = 12.3 Hz, 2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.51–4.43 (dd, *J*<sub>3,3'</sub> = 11.7, *J*<sub>3,2</sub> = 3.7 Hz, 1 H, 3-H<sup>H</sup>), 4.38–4.29 (dd, *J*<sub>3',3</sub> = 11.7, *J*<sub>3',2</sub> = 5.1 Hz, 1 H, 3-H<sup>H'</sup>), 3.82–3.78 (dd, *J*<sub>2,3</sub> = 3.7, *J*<sub>2,3'</sub> = 5.1 Hz, 1 H, 2-H<sup>H</sup>), 3.47 (br. s, 3 H, C<sub>quat</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.20, 3.18 (2 × s, ratio 1:1.67, 3 H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.65–7.41 (m, 5 H, Ar H), 5.99 (s, 1 H, ≡CH), 4.87 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>11,1'1</sub> = 12.3 Hz, 1 H, 1-H<sup>1</sup>), 4.69–4.56 (m, 3 H, CH<sub>2</sub><sup>H</sup>, 1-H<sup>1'</sup>), 4.41 (m, 1 H, 2-H<sup>H</sup>), 3.68 (br. s, 3 H, C<sub>quat</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.81, 3.54 (2 × s, ratio 1:1.65, 3 H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ = 199.9 (br. s, 6 × C=O), 168.9 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 164.6 (C<sub>quat</sub>-COO), 132.7, 129.8 (C<sup>Ar</sup>, the other signals were hidden by the benzene signals), 124.1 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C,F</sub> = 288 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 90.8 (C≡CH), 76.5 (C-2<sup>H</sup>), 71.3 (≡CH), 70.9 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 65.7 (C-3<sup>H</sup>), 55.5, 55.1 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 51.7 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 199.4 (br. s, 6 × C=O), 169.6 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 166.4 (C<sub>quat</sub>-COO), 132.1 (C-1<sup>Ar</sup>), 130.0, 129.8 (C-4<sup>Ar</sup>), 128.8, 128.6 (C-3<sup>Ar</sup>), 127.5, 127.4 (C-2<sup>Ar</sup>), 123.3 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>F,C</sub> = 289 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 90.0 (C≡CH), 76.5 (C-2<sup>H</sup>), 71.4 (≡CH, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 66.0 (C-3<sup>H</sup>), 55.8, 55.6 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 52.4 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): two CF<sub>3</sub> signals δ = 4.82, 4.53 ppm [ratio 1:1.7] (CF<sub>3</sub>COOH as standard).

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