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Bromine-Radical-Mediated Site-Selective Allylation of C(sp³)–H Bonds

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Abstract The C(sp³)–H allylation of alkanes is investigated by using allyl bromides under radical reaction conditions. In many cases, methine C–H allylation preceded methylene and methyl C–H allylation with complete or a high degree of site selectivity. The C–H allylation of allylic compounds, such as allylbenzene, gives 1,5-dienes with the S_H2' reactions of the allyl radicals occurring at the less hindered carbon.

Key words $C(sp^3)$ -H allylation, bromine radicals, S_H2 reaction, S_H2' reaction, site selectivity

Site-selective alkyl C-H functionalization has become a growing area of research,¹ and useful catalytic methods have appeared in recent years.² S_H2-type hydrogen abstraction has excellent potential for alkyl C-H functionalization, and we and the Pavia group have jointly been engaged in the development of C-H functionalization methods using the decatungstate anion as a photocatalyst. Interestingly, we found that both the polar and steric effects in the $S_{H}2$ transition states strongly affect the site selectivity in C-H functionalization of compounds possessing a polar functionality, such as ketones, esters, nitriles, and pyridylalkanes.^{3,4} Radical bromination of saturated alkanes by molecular bromine has a long history, representing a textbook radical reaction (Scheme 1, eq 1). The site selectivity is in the order of methine C-H, methylene C-H, and methyl C-H, which is regarded as a reflection of the bond-dissociation energy of C-H bonds. We recently reported the results of DFT calculations with respect to the transition states derived from the hydrogen abstraction of C-H bonds by bromine radical, which are illustrated in Scheme 1.⁵ In 1941, Kharasch and co-workers reported methine selective C-H bromination of 2-methylpropane (Scheme 1).^{6a} Similarly complete site selectivity was observed for the methine C–H bond in the bromination of isooctane (Scheme 1).^{6b} Russell and Brown reported that methine selectivity with 2-methylpentane drops to a level of 90% (Scheme 1),^{6c} and it was reasoned that this decrease was due to the increased number of methylene C–H bonds competing in the process.^{6d}



 $\label{eq:scheme1} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{Bromine radical abstraction and site selectivity. Values are given in kJ/mol calculated at the BH and HLYP/6-311++G(d,p)LanL2DZ-dp(Br) levels.^{5} \end{array}$

Although allylic bromides are found to act as useful allylating reagents in a bromine-radical-mediated chain process,^{7,8} the site-selective C–H allylation of saturated alkanes has yet to be investigated.^{9,10} In this paper, we report our results on the C–H allylation of a variety of saturated alkanes by allyl bromides under radical chain reaction conditions.

In the first investigation, we carried out the allylation of isooctane (**1a**) with ethyl 2-(bromomethyl)acrylate (**2a**) using di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (DTBPO) as a radical initiator and potassium carbonate as a HBr scavenger. When the reaction mixture was heated at 130 °C for 24 hours, we were pleased

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to find that the envisaged methine-selective C-H allylation of 1a proceeded to give the expected product, ethyl 4,4,6,6tetramethyl-2-methyleneheptanoate (3aa) (Scheme 2). In this case, the yield of 3aa was moderate due to the isomerization of the initially formed 3aa into the internal olefin product 4aa. A shorter reaction time of 8 hours suppressed the isomerization and improved the isolated yield of 3aa to 55%. The use of excess amounts of alkane 1a was crucial to obtain good yields of allylated products.¹¹



Encouraged by this result, we next examined the generality of the allylation of several structurally diverse alkanes 1 with allyl bromides 2 (Table 1). The reactions of isooctane (1a) with [(3-bromoprop-1-en-2-yl)sulfonyl]benzene (2b) and 2-(bromomethyl)acrylonitrile (2c) proceeded with complete site selectivity to give the corresponding allylated products **3ab** and **3ac** (Table 1, entries 1 and 2). The reaction of 1a with (3-bromoprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (2d) was sluggish, giving product **3ad** in a low yield via methine C-H functionalization (entry 3). The C-H allylation of 3-methylpentane (1b) with 2a gave a mixture of methine and methvlene C-H allylated products 3ba and 5ba in a 92:8 ratio (entry 4). The drop in the methine selectivity is due to the increased number of methylene C-H bonds. The reactions of **1b** with **2b** and **2c** gave similar sets of products (entries 5 and 6). Interestingly the C-H allylation of 2,3-dimethylbutane (1c) with 2a gave a 62:38 mixture of 5ca and 3ca in 31% total yield (entry 7). The low methine site selectivity is

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to afford the corresponding products 3da and 3dc in 59% and 57% yields, respectively (Table 1, entries 8 and 9). The

due to the sterically congested methine C-H bonds, which

The reactions of cyclohexane (1d) with 2a and 2c took place

We then examined four cycloalkanes, 1d, 1e, 1f, and 1g.

hamper access by the bromine radical.

reaction of cyclopentane (1e) with 2a gave allylated cyclopentane 3ea in 41% yield (entry 10). The C-H allylation of methylcyclohexane (1f) with 2a proceeds with a high degree of site selectivity to give a mixture of methine C-H allylated product 3fa and other regioisomers in an 84:16 ratio (entry 11). The reaction of **1g** with **2a** gave an 86:14 mixture of **3ga** and other isomers in a 37% yield (entry 12).

The proposed reaction mechanism for the present bromine-radical-mediated site-selective C-H allvlation of alkanes is illustrated in Scheme 3 using the reaction of isooctane (1a) with 2a: (i) a tBuO radical is generated from DTBPO by homolysis under heating. (ii) the tBuO radical abstracts a hydrogen from alkane 1a to produce tertiary alkyl radical **A**, (iii) the radical **A** adds to allylic bromide **2a** to form the radical intermediate **B**, which undergoes β -fission to give the allylated alkane 3aa and a bromine radical, and (iv) the liberated bromine radical abstracts a hydrogen site selectively from another molecule of 1a to produce the carbon radical **A**, thereby sustaining the radical chain.



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Table 1 Site Selectivity in the Br' Induced C-H Allylation^a



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Entry	1	2	Products	Yield (%) ^b
1		2b	SO ₂ Ph	57
	1a		3ab	
2	1a	2c		64
3	1a	2d	Sat Ph	37
			3ad	
4	1b	2a	CO2Et + CO2Et	66 (92:8) ^c
			3ba 5ba	
5	16	2Ь	SO ₂ Ph + SO ₂ Ph	48 (83:17) ^c
			3bb 5bb	
6	16	2с	CN + CN	28 (91:9) ^c
			3bc 5bc	
7	\downarrow	2a	CO2Et + CO2Et	31 ^d (38:62) ^c
	1c		3ca 5ca	
8	\bigcirc	2a	CO ₂ Et	59
	1d		3da	
9	1d	2c		57
			3dc	
10	\bigcirc	2a	CO ₂ Et	41
	1e		Зеа	



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^a Reaction conditions: 1 (5 mL), 2 (0.5 mmol), DTBPO (20 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.5 mmol), 130 °C, 8 h.

^c Determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

^d Total yield of a mixture of **3ca** and **5ca**.

The bromine radical smoothly abstracts a hydrogen from the allylic C–H bond of terminal alkenes, as we recently reported.¹² We thought that the formation of allyl radicals by bromine-radical-induced C–H bond cleavage would be followed by allylation with allylic bromides at the least substituted site to give 1,5-dienes. As summarized in Scheme 4, both allylbenzene (**1h**) and *p*-allylanisole (**1i**) undergo the envisaged hydrogen abstraction and S_H2' reaction at their termini to give the corresponding dienes **3ha** and **3ia** in acceptable yields. In these reactions, 1,2-epoxybutane was added as a HBr trap to significantly increase the yield. 1-Hexen-3-ol is (**1j**) also participated in the allyl radical formation/allylation sequence. In the case of **1j**, we obtained the δ_{ε} -unsaturated ketone **3ja** via enol-keto tautomerization.

In summary, the C–H allylation of saturated alkanes with allyl bromides proceeds with good to excellent preference for the methine C–H bonds over methylene and meth-



yl C–H bonds. These results are in good accordance with previously investigated C–H brominations of alkanes. The degree of the methine C–H preference is affected by both increased numbers of competing C–H bonds and steric congestion of the targeted methine C–H bond. In the case of allylic compounds, C–C bond formation took place at the less hindered site of the resulting allyl radical, which led to the formation of 1,5-dienes.

Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck precoated plates (silica gel 60 F254, Art 5715, 0.25 nm). The products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel [Kanto Chem. Co. Silica Gel 60N (spherical, neutral, 40–50 µm)]; if necessary, they were further purified using recycling preparative HPLC (Japan Analytical Industry Co. Ltd., LC-918) equipped with GPC columns (JAIGEL-1H + JAIGEL-2H) with CHCl₃ as the eluent. Infrared spectra were recorded on a JAS-CO FT/IR-4100 spectrophotometer and are reported as wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). ¹H NMR spectra were recorded using JEOL ECS400 (400 MHz), JEOL ECP500 (500 MHz) and Varian MR400 (400 MHz) spectrometers and referenced to the solvent peak at 7.26 ppm for CHCl₃. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using JEOL JNM-ECS400 (100 MHz) and Varian MR400 (100 MHz) spectrometers and referenced to the solvent peak at 77.16 ppm for CHCl₃. Splitting patterns are indicated as follows: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. Highresolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed using a JEOL MS700 spectrometer and ESI-QTOF (compact-NPC, Bruker). Analytical data for compounds **3ca**,¹³ **3da**,¹⁴ **3ea**,¹⁵ and **5ca**¹⁶ have already been reported.

Ethyl 4,4,6,6-Tetramethyl-2-methyleneheptanoate (3aa); Typical Procedure

Isooctane (**1a**) (5 mL, 30 mmol), ethyl 2-(bromomethyl)acrylate (**2a**) (96.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), potassium carbonate (69.1 mg, 0.5 mmol), and di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (DTBPO) (14.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) were added to a 50 mL screw-capped pressure-resistant test tube; this test tube was then purged with argon and sealed. The mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 8 h and then filtered with Et₂O through a short plug of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 100:1) and by preparative HPLC (chloroform) to give product **3aa**. A small amount of isomerized product **4aa** was also obtained.

^b Yield of isolated products.

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Yield: 58.5 mg (55%); yellow oil; $R_f = 0.33$ (hexane/EtOAc, 20:1). IR (neat): 2953, 1720, 1626 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.93 (s, 6 H), 0.99 (s, 9 H), 1.28–1.32 (m, 5 H), 2.35 (s, 2 H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 5.43 (s, 1 H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H).

 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.42, 27.87, 32.22, 32.43, 36.01, 45.56, 55.40, 60.63, 127.17, 139.17, 168.59.

EIMS: m/z (%) = 226 [M⁺] (2), 181 [M⁺ – OEt] (7), 155 (29), 114 (100), 113 (28), 109 (28), 86 (21), 57 (97).

HRMS (EI): m/z [M – OEt]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₂₁O: 181.1587; found: 181.1589.

Ethyl (Z)-2,4,4,6,6-Pentamethylhept-2-enoate (4aa)

Yield: 5.66 mg (5%); yellow oil; *R*_f = 0.33 (hexane/EtOAc, 20:1). IR (neat): 2955, 2903, 1710, 1247 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.95 (s, 9 H), 1.22 (s, 6 H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.53 (s, 2 H), 1.95 (s, 3 H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.86 (s, 1 H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.37, 14.43, 30.62, 31.83, 32.28, 37.95, 56.70, 60.64, 125.11, 151.90, 169.54.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₂₆O₂Na: 249.1825; found: 249.1825.

[(4,4,6,6-Tetramethylhept-1-en-2-yl)sulfonyl]benzene (3ab)

Yield: 83.9 mg (57%); yellow oil; $R_f = 0.15$ (hexane/EtOAc, 30:1). IR (neat): 2956, 1446, 1365, 1151 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCI_3$): $\delta = 0.93$ (s, 9 H), 0.99 (s, 6 H), 1.25 (s, 2 H), 2.28 (s, 2 H), 5.90 (s, 1 H), 6.49 (s, 1 H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H).

 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 28.70, 32.07, 32.33, 36.23, 42.44, 55.03, 126.76, 128.50, 129.22, 133.42, 139.51, 148.98.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₆O₂NaS: 317.1546; found: 317.1554.

4,4,6,6-Tetramethyl-2-methyleneheptanenitrile (3ac)

Yield: 57.4 mg (64%); yellow oil; R_f = 0.45 (hexane/EtOAc, 30:1). IR (neat): 2953, 2902, 2221, 1473, 1367 cm⁻¹.

 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.01 (s, 9 H), 1.07 (s, 6 H), 1.33 (s, 2 H), 2.21 (s, 2 H), 5.67 (s, 1 H), 5.98 (s, 1 H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 28.24, 32.15, 32.45, 36.12, 49.58, 54.69, 120.30, 120.59, 134.28.

EIMS: m/z (%) = 180 [M⁺] (32), 124 (31), 113 [M⁺ - C₄H₄N] (20), 127 (29), 57 (100).

HRMS (EI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₂₂N: 180.1747; found: 180.1744.

(4,4,6,6-Tetramethylhept-1-en-2-yl)benzene (3ad)

Yield: 42.6 mg (37%); colorless oil; $R_f = 0.75$ (hexane).

IR (neat): 2951, 2871, 1471, 1365 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.83 (s, 6 H), 0.95 (s, 9 H), 1.25 (s, 2 H), 2.53 (s, 2 H), 5.01 (s, 1 H), 5.23 (s, 1 H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H).

 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 29.02, 32.26, 32.44, 36.40, 50.11, 56.02, 117.10, 126.75, 126.99, 128.22, 144.34, 147.72.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₆Na: 253.1927; found: 253.0922.

Ethyl 4-Ethyl-4-methyl-2-methylenehexanoate (3ba)

Yield: 65.4 mg (66%); colorless oil; *R*_f = 0.40 (hexane/EtOAc, 20:1). IR (neat): 2965, 2938, 1720, 1176 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.73 (s, 3 H), 0.80 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 6 H), 1.22 (m, 4 H), 1.29 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 3 H), 2.28 (s, 2 H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.42 (s, 1 H), 6.15 (s, 1 H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.10, 14.30, 23.46, 30.49, 36.51, 39.84, 60.75, 126.79, 139.25, 168.67.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₂₂O₂Na: 221.1512; found: 221.1513.

[(4-Ethyl-4-methylhex-1-en-2-yl)sulfonyl]benzene (3bb)

Yield: 63.9 mg (48%); orange oil; *R*_f = 0.20 (hexane/EtOAc, 20:1). IR (neat): 2965, 2938, 1305, 1148 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.74 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 6 H), 0.78 (s, 3 H), 1.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4 H), 2.17 (s, 2 H), 5.85 (s, 1 H), 6.49 (s, 1 H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.62 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.03, 24.02, 30.82, 36.54, 36.83, 126.23, 128.49, 129.21, 133.42, 139.40, 148.73.

EIMS: m/z (%) = 237 [M⁺ - C₂H₅] (5), 182 (100), 142 (26), 125 [M⁺ - SO₂Ph] (61), 95 (29), 85 (41), 83 (23), 78 (21), 77 (23).

HRMS (EI): m/z [M – C_2H_5]⁺ calcd for $C_{13}H_{17}O_2S$: 237.0944; found: 237.0946.

4-Ethyl-4-methyl-2-methylenehexanenitrile (3bc)

Yield: 21.2 mg (28%); colorless oil; $R_f = 0.50$ (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1).

IR (neat): 2924, 2852, 1719, 1178 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.83 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 6 H), 0.89 (s, 3 H), 1.28–1.33 (m, 4 H), 2.15 (s, 2 H), 5.67 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.96 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1 H).

 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.99, 23.71, 30.60, 36.66, 43.45, 120.09 120.49, 133.93.

EIMS: *m*/*z* (%) = 152 [M⁺ + H] (43), 149 (19), 121 (11), 118 (23), 85 (96), 83 (100), 57 (51).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₇NNa: 174.1253; found: 174.1254.

2-(Cyclohexylmethyl)acrylonitrile (3dc)

Yield: 42.5 mg (57%); yellow oil; $R_f = 0.40$ (hexane/EtOAc, 20:1).

IR (neat): 2924, 2852, 2222, 1449, 940 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.86–0.96 (m, 2 H), 1.08–1.34 (m, 4 H), 1.51–1.78 (m, 5 H), 2.14 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.66 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.86 (s, 1 H).

 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 26.07, 26.36, 32.72, 36.14, 42.61, 119.07, 131.32.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₅NNa: 172.1097; found: 172.1095.

Ethyl 2-[(1-Methylcyclohexyl)methyl]acrylate (3fa)

Yield: 65.2 mg (62%); colorless oil; *R*_f = 0.40 (hexane/EtOAc, 20:1). IR (neat): 2925, 2851, 1719, 1153 cm⁻¹. F

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 0.82$ (s, 3 H), 1.23–1.25 (m, 4 H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.39–1.50 (m, 6 H), 2.31 (s, 2 H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1 H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.33, 22.18, 24.27, 26.50, 34.01, 37.56, 43.49, 60.76, 127.05, 138.76, 168.62.

EIMS: *m/z* (%) = 211 [M⁺ + H] (59), 182 (100), 169 (59), 116 (24), 115 (67), 101 (30), 97 (100), 55 (51).

HRMS (EI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₂₃O₂: 211.1693; found: 211.1613.

Ethyl 2-[(1-Methylcyclopentyl)methyl]acrylate (3ga)

Yield: 36.3 mg (37%); colorless oil; R_f = 0.50 (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1). IR (neat): 2954, 2871, 1719, 1161 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.89 (s, 3 H), 1.24–1.32 (m, 5 H), 1.38– 1.45 (m, 2 H), 1.61–1.65 (m, 4 H), 2.38 (s, 2 H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.51 (s, 1 H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1 H).

 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.33, 23.97, 25.62, 38.87, 42.31, 43.10, 60.78, 126.72, 139.65, 168.54.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₂₀O₂Na: 219.1356; found: 219.1356.

Ethyl (*E*)-2-Methylene-6-phenylhex-5-enoate (3ha); Typical Procedure

Allylbenzene (**1h**) (1181.8 mg, 10.0 mmol), ethyl 2-(bromomethyl)acrylate (**2a**) (193.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), 1,2-epoxybutane (144.2 mg, 1.5 mmol), and di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (DTBPO) (29.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) were added to a 5 mL screw-capped test tube; this test tube was then purged with argon and sealed. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 16 h and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was puri_ied by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 100:1) and by preparative HPLC (chloroform) to give product **3ha**.

Yield: 126.7 mg (55%); colorless oil; $R_f = 0.50$ (hexane/EtOAc, 20:1).

IR (neat): 1725, 1182 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 2.40 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.56 (s, 1 H), 6.18–6.25 (m, 2 H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.16–7.33 (m, 5 H).

 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.13, 31.83, 31.98, 60.75, 125.11, 126.07, 127.05, 128.57, 129.65, 130.63, 137.72, 140.20, 167.25.

EIMS: *m*/*z* (%) = 230 [M⁺] (3), 155 (28), 140 (53), 117 (75), 111 (48), 91 (100).

HRMS (EI): m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₂: 230.1307; found: 230.1307.

Ethyl (E)-6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methylenehex-5-enoate (3ia)

Yield: 153.6 mg (59%); colorless oil; $R_f = 0.50$ (hexane/EtOAc, 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.30$ (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 2.37 (q, J = 6.8Hz, 2 H), 2.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 4.21 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.56 (s, 1 H), 6.04–6.07 (m, 1 H), 6.18 (s, 1 H), 6.34 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.82–6.84 (m, 2 H), 7.20–7.27 (m, 2 H).

 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.12, 31.79 (two overlapping signals), 55.14, 60.53, 113.78, 124.83, 126.96, 127.26, 129.78, 130.35, 140.09, 158.63, 167.08.

IR (neat): 2933, 1714, 1607, 1509, 1176, 1138 cm⁻¹.

EIMS: *m/z* (%) = 260 [M⁺] (9), 148 (11), 147 (100), 121 (10), 115 (12), 91 (21).

HRMS (EI): *m*/*z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₀O₃: 260.1412; found: 260.1411.

Ethyl 2-Methylene-6-oxononanoate (3ja)

Yield: 76.4 mg (36%); colorless oil; $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane/EtOAc, 20:1).

IR (neat): 2874, 1715, 1462 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.89–0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.58–1.64 (m, 2 H), 1.76 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.36–2.44 (m, 4 H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.54 (s, 1 H), 6.16 (s, 1 H).

 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 13.42, 13.88, 16.94, 22.06, 30.57, 39.33, 44.38, 60.35, 124.70, 139.88, 166.77, 210.64.

EIMS: m/z (%) = 212 [M⁺] (2), 167 (35), 166 (54), 138 (59), 123 (65), 99 (53), 95 (78), 71 (100).

HRMS (EI): m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₂₀O₃: 212.1412; found: 212.1415.

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