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Organic Reactions in Low Melting Mixtures based on Carbohydrates and L-Carnitine – A Comparison

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Recycling study

The recycling experiments were conducted in resealable vials (5 mL) with septum. For workup deaerated EtOAc (3 mL) was added through a septum into the vial and the mixture

was stirred at the reaction temperature for 5 min. The organic phase was pipetted or after resolidification of the melt simply decanted off. This procedure was repeated five times (total of 15 mL EtOAc), the combined organic phases were washed with water and analysed by GC using toluene as internal standard. After the first run (75 % yield, 89 % conversion for 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene) yield and conversion dropped significantly to 32 % and 45 %, respectively. In a third run, GC analysis revealed 8 % yield and 27 % conversion. For *p*-iodo anisole the measured yields and conversions for the three runs were 62 %/87 %, 41 %/63 % and 32 %/55 %.

GC study:

To the withdrawn samples toluene (20 μ mol/L) was added as internal standard. The mixture (200 μ L sample and 200 μ L standard) was filtered and injected for quantification.

Column: Capillary Column J+W Scientific / DB-5MS / 30m x 0.25ID / 0.25um Film Max programmable temp. 325°C (350°C) GC: HP5890 II **Pressure Control:** Panel Hydrogen: 14 psi (100 kPa) Panel Air Pressure: 40 psi (260 kPa) Panel Carrier (H2): -- psi (--- kPa) Column Head Pressure: 14.5 psi-> 100 kPa -> ~1.7 ml/min Carrier = ~ 1.7 ml/min (system off) Air = -- ml/min (system off) Carrier + Air = --- ml/ml (system off) total (FID) = 290 ml/min (system on) Split: (40 ml/min) Septum Purge: 6 ml/min Liner: Supelco split/splitless Injection Sleeve 4mm ID packed w/deactivated glass wool Septum: Agilent Inlet Septa Part 5183-4757 Bleed/Temp Optimized Non-Stick 11mm Splitlesstime 0 Minutes

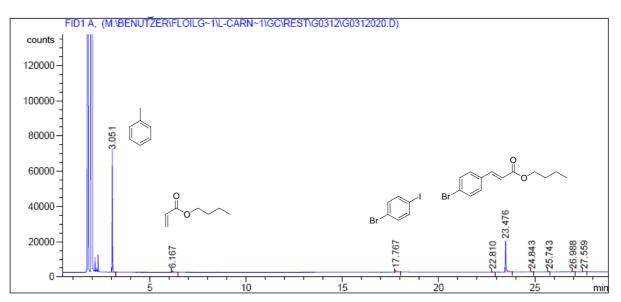


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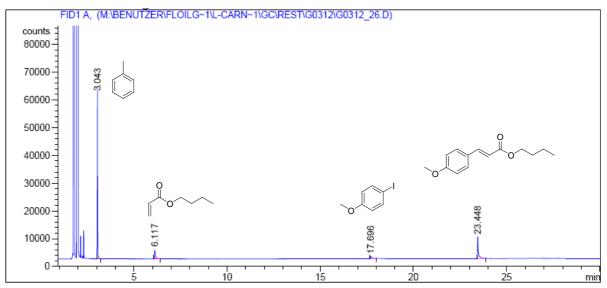


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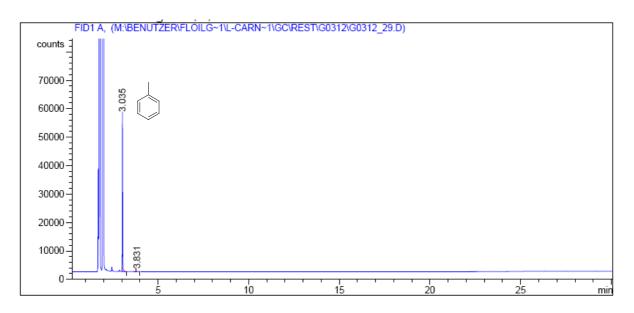


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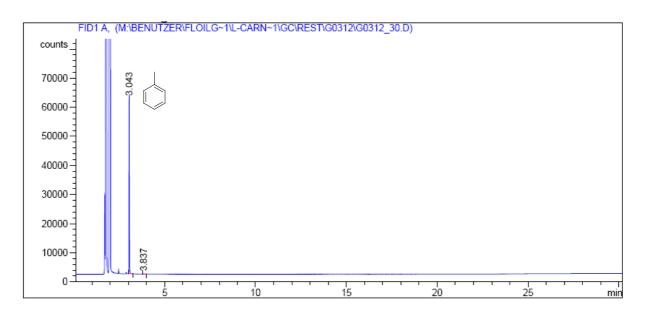


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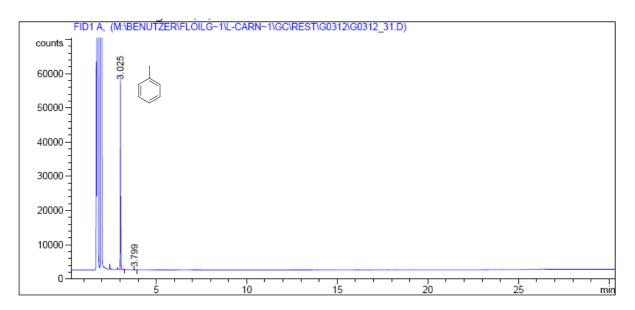


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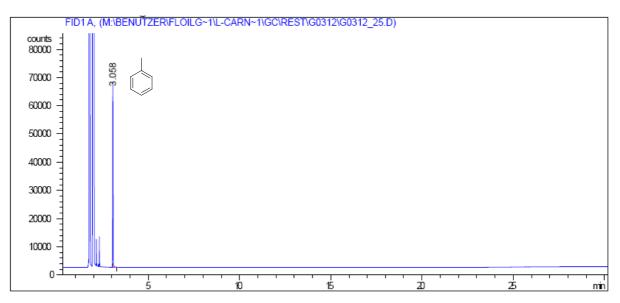


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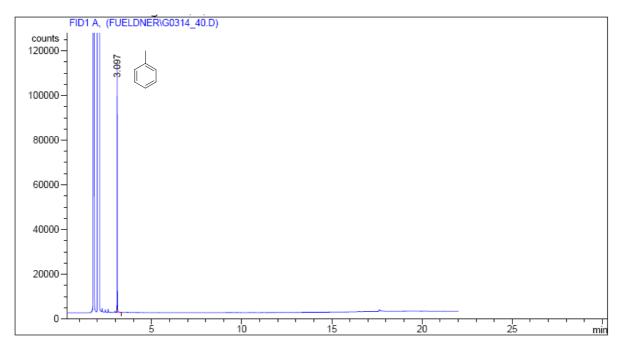


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