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Sustainable oxidations with air mediated by gallic acid: Potential applicability in the reutilization of grape pomace

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Materials and Methods.

All of the starting materials and reagents are commercially available and used as received. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 600 and 500 MHz, ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 150 and 125 MHz. Chemical shifts were reported in units (ppm) by assigning TMS resonance in the ¹H NMR spectrum as 0.00 ppm (chloroform, 7.26 ppm; dimethyl sulfoxide-*d*₆ 2.50 ppm, acetonitrile-*d*₃, 1.93 ppm). Data were reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, quin = quintuplet, sex = sextet and br = broad), coupling constant (*J* values) in Hz and integration. Chemical shifts for ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in ppm from tetramethylsilane using the central peak of CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm), dimethyl sulfoxide (39.5 ppm) and methanol (49.0 ppm) as the internal standard. Accurate mass (HRMS) were determined by electronic impact (EI-TOF). Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel, 60 Å and 0.2-0.5 mm with the indicated solvent system according to standard techniques. Compounds were visualized on TLC plates by use of UV light, or vanillin with acetic and sulfuric acid in ethanol with heating. All the solvents were treated according to general methods. Gallic acid and tannic acid from ALDRICH were used. NaHCO₃ BioXtra, 99.5-100.5% from ALDRICH was

employed. For detection of peroxymonocarbonate by NMR, NaH¹³CO₃ 98 atom % ¹³C from ALDRICH was employed. Reactions were performed protected from light. Anhydrous magnesium sulfate was used for drying solutions.

General Remarks.

Procedure with gallic acid:

To a mixture of gallic acid (0.275 mmol) and boronic acid (0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2 ml), was added a 1M aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (2ml). The reaction was stirred open-flask at room temperature until the starting material disappeared. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL, saturated solution) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined extract was

over anhydrous MgSO₄. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed by silica gel to obtain the desired products.

Procedure with tannic acid:

To a mixture of tannic acid (0.11 mmol) and boronic acid (0.5 mmol) in ethanol (2 ml), was added a 1M aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (2ml). The reaction was stirred open-flask at room temperature until the starting material disappeared. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL, saturated solution) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined extract was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed by silica gel to obtain the desired products.

Procedure with grape pomace extract:

Grape pomace from a local winery was employed (E. Páez winery). The red grapes *Vitis vinifera* (*Listan Negro*, a local cultivar) were cultivated in the Canary Islands, specifically in the north of Tenerife (Finca Los Angostos, La Cruz Santa, Los Realejos) and harvested at the beginning of October 2015. The grapes were pressed right after the harvest and left in contact with the grape juice for one week, while fermentation was going on. Grape seeds and skins were pressed and dried at air for two days. The grape pomace was left with ethanol/water/HCl (37%) (7:2.9:0.1) (3ml per g of pomace), for 3 days, and then filtered. To 2ml of such extract, boronic acid was added (0.1mmol), and finally 2ml of 1M solution of sodium bicarbonate (2 ml) was added and the reaction was stirred under air for 24h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL, saturated solution) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined extract was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was

chromatographed by silica gel to obtain the desired products.

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Qualitative and Quantitative Comments on Sustainability:

Substitution of conventional chemical reagents for bio-waste extract implies economic and environmental advantages. In fact, employment of chemicals extracted from renewable sources is one of the paradigms of sustainability, particularly in this case, where just a solid-liquid extraction with ethanol is performed. Additionally, elimination of hydrogen peroxide from

industrial synthetic processes is usually desirable,¹ because hydrogen peroxide causes burns on contact with skin and is a fire and transportation hazard especially in contact with organic materials. Moreover, while the "greenness" of the oxidation reaction might be similar when H₂O₂ or grape pomace is employed, industrial generation of hydrogen peroxide is by far a more problematic process than the generation of grape pomace. Therefore, a global qualitative evaluation of both processes favours the grape pomace choice.

In order to quantify the sustainability, we have applied the EcoScale,² to the oxidation of 4tertbutyl phenylboronic acid with gallic acid, tannic acid and with grape pomace. In all cases, the excellent value obtained (> 91 in all cases) prove the high sustainability of this methodology.

| EcoScale value | | | |
|----------------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| Gallic acid | Tannic acid | Grape Pomace Extract | |
| 95 | 93 | 91.5 | |

¹⁸O Labelling experiment.

Phenylboronic acid (0.5 mmol) and gallic acid (0.275 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of solvents (1M solution NaHCO₃/EtOH) were stirred at room temperature under ¹⁸O₂ atmosphere. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC, until the starting material disappeared. The mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL, saturated solution) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined extract was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After evaporation

of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed by silica gel to

obtain the desired product **2i'**.



Figure S1. HRMS of compound 2i'.

Small amounts of ¹⁶O-phenol are detected, but we consider it a consequence of partial reaction with atmospheric oxygen instead of ¹⁸O2, either due to an inadequate reaction time or to small amounts of ¹⁶O2 present in the reaction mixture. Indeed, scrambling between ¹⁶O-phenol and ¹⁸O2 was discarded by stirring the phenol under a ¹⁸O2 atmosphere in the same conditions than the oxidation: No scrambling was observed.

Characterization of Products.

4-tertbutylphenol (**2a**). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 6.82 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 5.11 (br, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 153.1, 143.6, 126.5, 114.8, 34.1, 31.6; HRMS (EI): *m/z:* calcd for: C₁₀H₁₃O [M – 1H⁺]: 149.0966; found: 149.0969.

4-methoxyphenol (**2b**). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 6.81-6.77 (m, 4H), 5.45 (br, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 153.5, 149.7, 116.3, 115.1, 56.0; HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₇H₈O₂ [M⁺]: 124.0524, found: 124.0522.

4-(*methylmercapto*)*phenol* (**2c**).¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.27 (br, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 154.1, 130.4, 128.9, 116.1, 18.1; HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₇H₈OS [M⁺]: 140.0296; found: 140.0298.

2-bromophenol (**2d**). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 7.45 (dd, $J_1 = 1.1$; $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.02 (dd, $J_1 = 1.1$; $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H) 5.49 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 152.3, 132.0, 129.2, 121.8, 116.1, 110.3; HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₆H₅O⁸¹Br [M⁺]: 173.9503; found: 173.9503; calcd for C₆H₅O⁷⁹Br [M⁺]: 171.9524; found: 171.9524;

4-hydroxyacetophenone (*2e*). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (br, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 198.8, 161.6, 131.2, 129.5, 115.6, 26.3; HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₈H₈O₂ [M⁺]: 136.0524, found: 136.0522.

2-cyanophenol (**2f**). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 159.0, 134.8, 133.0, 120.8, 116.7, 116.6, 99.3; HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₇H₅NO [M⁺]: 119.0371; found: 119.0373.

2, 6-dimethylphenol (**2***g*). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (br, 1H), 2.27 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 152.2, 128.6, 123.0, 120.2, 15.8; HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₈H₁₀O [M⁺] : 122.0732; found: 122.0732.

4-fluorophenol (*2h*). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 6.92 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.79-6.76 (m, 2H), 5.15 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 158.2, 156.4, 151.5, 151.5, 116.3, 116.2, 116.1, 115.8; HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₆H₅OF [M⁺]: 112.0324, found: 112.0329.

Phenol (**2i**). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.75 (m, 2H), 4.82 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 155.4, 129.7, 120.9, 115.4; HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₆H₆O [M⁺]: 94.0419, found: 94.0415.

Hydroquinone (**2***j*). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 298 K): δ ppm 6.55 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 298 K): δ ppm 149.7, 115.6; HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₆H₆O₂ [M⁺]: 110.0368; found: 110.0369.

4-butylphenol (**2***k*). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.06 (br, 1H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (quin, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (sex, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.3, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 153.4, 135.2, 129.5, 115.1, 34.7, 33.9, 22.3, 13.9; HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₁₀H₁₄O [M⁺]: 150.1045; found: 152.1039.

1-decanol (**2***I*). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 3.61 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 1.74 (br, 1H), 1.56-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.25 (m, 14H), 0.86 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K): δ ppm 63.0, 32.8, 31.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 25.7, 22.6, 14.0.

3-hydroxypyridine (**2m**). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD, 298 K): δ ppm 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 7.26 (s, 2H), 5.08 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD, 298 K): δ ppm 154.6, 139.4, 136.8, 124.5, 123.1; HRMS (EI): *m/z:* calcd for: C₅H₅O [M – 1H⁺]: 94.0293; found: 94.0295.

4-hydroxybenzoic acid (2n). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆, 298 K): δ ppm 7.79 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz),
6.83 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 3.41 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d6, 298 K): δ ppm 167.6,
162.1, 132.0, 121.8, 115.6.



Figure S2. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of **2a** in CDCl₃



Figure S3. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of **2b** in CDCl₃.



Figure S4. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of 2c in CDCl₃



Figure S5. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of **2d** in CDCl₃



Figure S6. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of **2e** in CDCl₃



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Figure S7. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of **2f** in CDCl₃



Figure S8. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of 2g in CDCl₃



Figure S9. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of **2h** in CDCl₃



Figure S10. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of **2i** in CDCl₃



Figure S11. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of **2j** in DMSO- d_{6}



Figure S12. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of 2k in CDCl₃



Figure S13. 1 H (400 MHz) and 13 C (100 MHz) NMR spectra of **2I** in CDCl₃



Figure S14. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of **2m** in CD₃OD



Figure S15. 1 H (500 MHz) and 13 C (125 MHz) NMR spectra of **2n** in DMSO- d_{6}

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