

Supporting Information

SeO₂ in water: a mild and efficient promoter for deprotection of acetyl, methoxymethyl and tetrahydropyranyl ethers and sequel oxidation of methyl/methylene carbons of alpha carbonyl carbon

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1. General methods

Organic solvents were dried by standard method, the reagents (chemicals) were purchased from commercial sources, and used without further purification. All reactions were monitored by TLC using precoated silica gel aluminum plates. Visualization of TLC plates was accomplished with an UV lamp. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60–120 mesh size (RANKEM Limited) with EtOAc–hexanes as eluent. Melting points were recorded on Perfit apparatus and are uncorrected. All products were characterized by NMR, IR and MS spectra. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃) on a 500 MHz and 125 MHz spectrometer (Bruker), respectively. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm, δ) downfield from

tetramethylsilane. Proton coupling patterns are described as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m), and broad (br).

2. Experimental Section

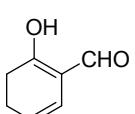
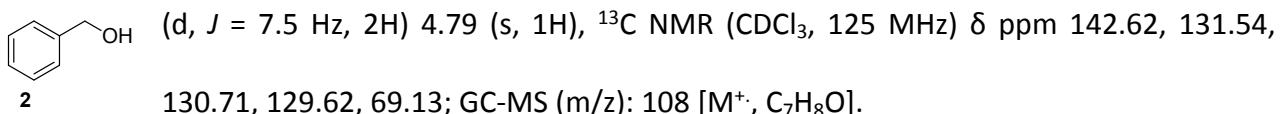
General procedure for deprotection of acetyl esters, tetrahydropyranyl and methoxymethyl ethers of alcohol and phenol: SeO_2 (1 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of Esters and ethers (1 mmol) in a water (1ml) and 3-4 drops of dioxane, suspension obtained, applied heating to 80°C. After TLC monitoring, the resulting reaction mixture was poured in cold water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried with anhyd. Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the corresponding product which was purified by silica gel column chromatography with hexane- EtOAc eluent to obtain the products **1 to 11** (table 3) in excellent yield 85-95% and 30-40% for deacetylation, detetrahydropyranylation and demethoxymethylation respectively.

General procedure for deprotection of acetyl esters, tetrahydropyranyl ethers and methoxymethyl ethers of alcohols and phenols and sequel oxidation of alpha carbonyl carbon: SeO_2 (3 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of Esters and ethers (1 mmol) in a water (1ml) and 3 to 4 drops of dioxane, suspension obtained, applied heating to 80°C, gave products **12 to 21** (table 4) in excellent yield 85-95% and 30-40% for deacetylation, detetrahydropyranylation and demethoxymethylation followed by sequel oxidation of alpha carbonyl carbon respectively.

3. Characterization data for selected synthesized compounds.

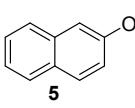
 **Cyclohexanol (1):** ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm 3.75 (s, 1H), 3.08-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.32 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 1H), 1.64-1.61 (m, 4H), 1.51 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ ppm 69.148, 36.270, 25.144, 23.100; GC-MS (m/z): 100 [M^+ , $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$].

Phenylmethanol (2): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.15



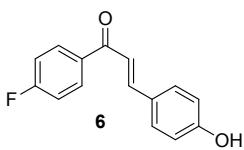
2-Hydroxybenzaldehyde (4): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm 11.01 (s, 1H), 9.88 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H)), 7.52 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t, J = 10 Hz, 2H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ ppm 194.36, 162.15, 136.27, 131.54, 122.37, 122.13, 117.69; GC-MS (m/z): 124 [M^+ for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$].

2-Naphthol (5): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm 7.76 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H)), 7.68 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 7.44



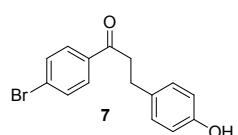
(d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.15 (m, 2H), 5.02 (s, 1H), ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ ppm 153.36, 134.65, 129.98, 129.03, 127.87, 126.65, 126.46, 123.75, 117.80, 109.58; GC-MS (m/z): 144 [M^+ for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{O}$].

(E)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (6): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm



8.02 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 16 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (s, 1H, br, D_2O exchangeable). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ ppm 187.50, 164.68, 162.67, 141.94, 132.02, 131.52, 131.45, 129.53, 122.46, 116.42, 116.25. IR ν_{max} (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3415 (OH str), 2931, 2873 (aromatic C-H str), 1681 (C=O str), 1597 (aromatic, C=C str), 1263, 1081, 860, 737. GC-MS (m/z): 242 [M^+ , $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{FO}_2$].

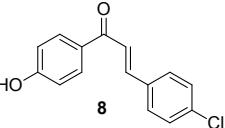
1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propan-1-one (7): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm 8.02 (



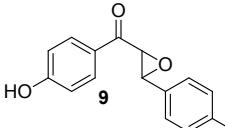
d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 2.80 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ ppm 199.12, 157.13, 136.27, 133.63, 131.54, 130.78,

129.62, 129.30, 115.19, 45.81, 30.17; IR ν_{max} (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3425 (OH str), 2928, 2885 (aromatic C-H str), 1705 (C=O str), 1599 (aromatic, C=C str), 1265, 1079, 862, 725; GC-MS (m/z): 304, 306 [M⁺, C₁₅H₁₃BrO₂].

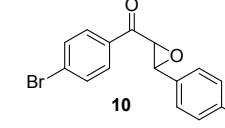
(E)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (8): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ ppm

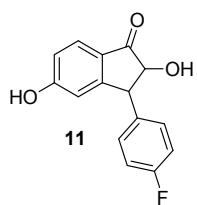
 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H, br, D₂O exchangeable); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ ppm 187.20, 162.37, 141.64, 131.72, 131.22, 131.15, 129.23, 122.16, 116.12, 115.95; IR ν_{max} (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3411 (OH str), 2930, 2881 (aromatic C-H str), 1688 (C=O str), 1594 (aromatic, C=C str), 1270, 1089, 868, 729. GC-MS (m/z): 258 [M⁺, C₁₅H₁₁ClO₂].

(3-(4-fluorophenyl)oxiran-2-yl)(4-hydroxyphenyl)methanone (9): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ ppm

 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ ppm 197.32, 156.54, 138.65, 130.97, 130.68, 129.97, 129.68, 128.68, 127.96, 126.67, 116.65, 71.12, 59.35; IR ν_{max} (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3421 (OH str), 2937, 2879 (aromatic C-H str), 1686 (C=O str), 1596 (aromatic, C=C str), 1267, 1088, 867, 733; GC-MS (m/z): 258 [M⁺, C₁₅H₁₁FO₃].

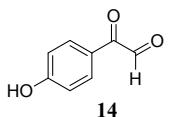
(4-bromophenyl)(3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)oxiran-2-yl)methanone (10): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ

 ppm 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ ppm 198.01, 159.07, 133.01, 130.92, 129.62, 129.29, 128.66, 128.07, 117.13, 73.13, 60.17; IR ν_{max} (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3411 (OH str), 2933, 2879 (aromatic C-H str), 1689 (C=O str), 1595 (aromatic, C=C str), 1275, 1079, 869, 725; GC-MS (m/z): 318, 320 [M⁺, C₁₅H₁₁BrO₃].



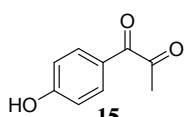
3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,5-dihydroxy-2,3-dihydroinden-1-one (14): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm 7.87 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 9$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 9$ Hz, 2H), 6.4 (s, 1H) 5.29 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ ppm 195.55, 161.83, 137.36, 131.82, 131.42, 129.79, 125.99, 123.01, 116.23, 75.01, 63.53. IR ν_{max} (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3405 (OH str), 2922, 2875 (aromatic C-H str), 1688 (C=O str), 1595 (aromatic, C=C str), 1266, 1089, 858, 731. GC-MS (m/z): 258 [M^+ , $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{FO}_3$].

2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-oxoacetaldehyde (14): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm 9.50(s, 1H), 7.88-



7.86 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.87 (m, 2H), 5.58 (s, 1H, br, D_2O exchangeable); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ ppm 190.69, 187.73, 163.98, 132.91, 130.67, 116.55; GC-MS (m/z): 150 [M^+ for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$].

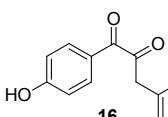
1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (15): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm 7.93-7.90 (m, 2H),



6.92-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ ppm 197.85, 192.83, 164.85, 131.44, 124.80, 117.22, 23.05; GC-MS (m/z): 164 [M^+ , $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$].

3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (16): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm

7.73(d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J =$

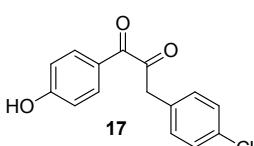


8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ ppm 197.12, 191.10, 166.42, 163.17, 131.54, 130.71, 129.62,

129.30, 122.38, 117.19, 116.11, 50.89;; IR ν_{max} (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3415 (OH str), 2935, 2879 (aromatic C-H str), 1705, 1715 (C=O str), 1593 (aromatic, C=C str), 1268, 1087, 865, 731; GC-MS (m/z): 258 [M^+ , $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{FO}_3$].

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione(17): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm

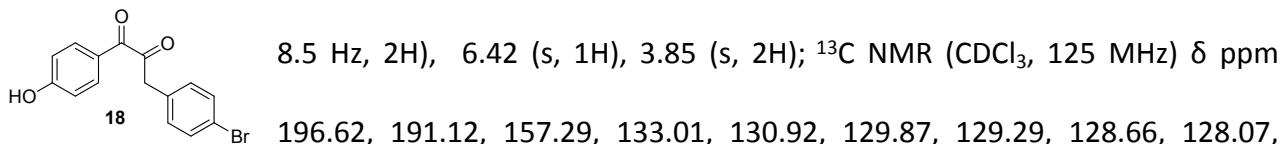
8.02 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d,



J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ ppm 197.41, 190.12, 157.13, 140.10, 133.63, 131.54, 130.78, 129.62, 129.30, 116.19, 50.81; IR ν_{max} (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3407 (OH str), 2933, 2875 (aromatic C-H str), 1689 (C=O str), 1594 (aromatic, C=C str), 1270, 1090, 870, 729; GC-MS (m/z): 274 [M^+ , $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}_3$].

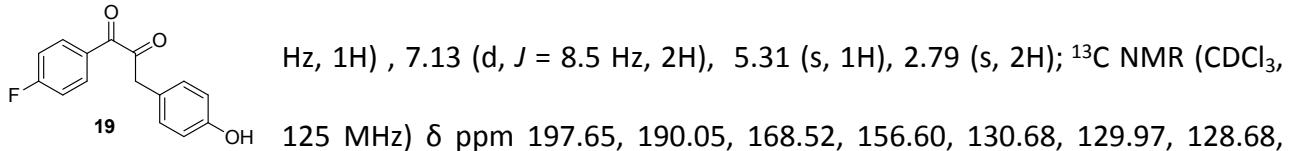
3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione(18): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm

7.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* =



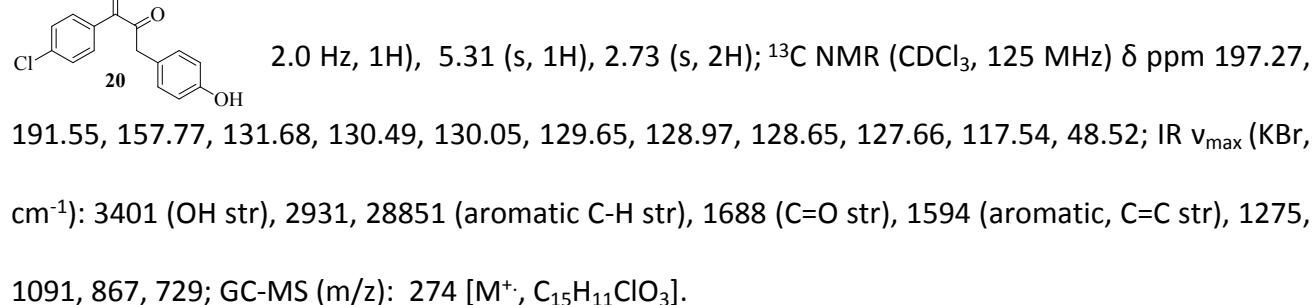
1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (19): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm

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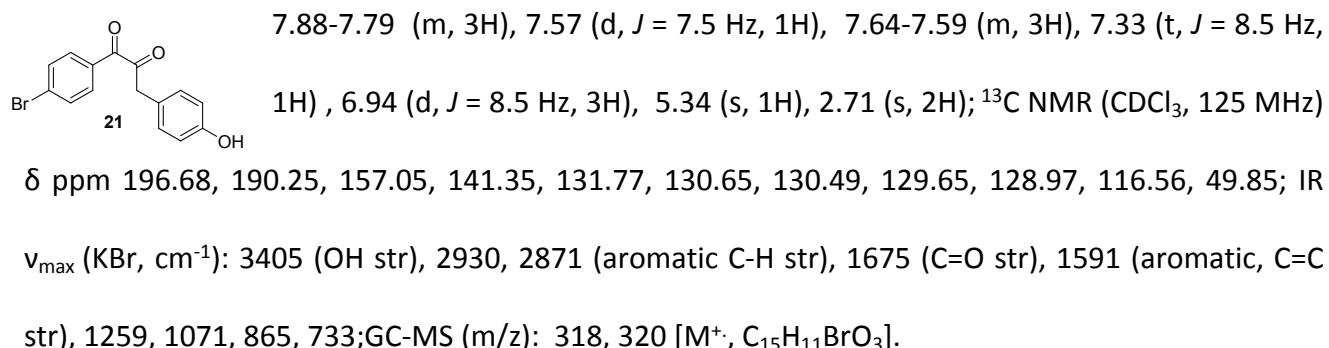


1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (20): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm

7.97-7.94 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 8.5,



1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,2-dione (21): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ ppm



4. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR Spectra for selected synthesized

