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Synthesis of Functionalized Resorcinols by Rhodium-Catalyzed [5+1] Cycloaddition Reaction of 1,4-Enyne Esters with CO

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General

¹H NMR spectra were recorded using JEOL JMN-500 (500 MHz) or JMN-400 (400 MHz) spectrometer in CDCl₃. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using JEOL JMN-500 (125 MHz) or JMN-400 (100 MHz) spectrometer. NMR shifts are reported relative to the residual solvent signal (7.27 ppm) for ¹H NMR and solvent central peak for carbon spectra (77.0 ppm). Chemical shifts are given in parts per million (δ). Infrared spectra were obtained using a JASCO FT-IR 4100 spectrometer; absorptions are reported in reciprocal centimetres. Both conventional and high resolution mass spectra were recoded with JEOL JMS700 spectometer. The products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Nacalai Tesque Inc., Silica Gel 60, 230-400 mesh). All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. 1,4-enynes were prepared from aldehyde in two steps.

Preparation of (*E*)-1-phenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl pivalate (1a).

Trans-cinnamaldehyde (2.5 mL, 20 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of ethynylmagnesiumbromide (c = 0.44 M, 45 mL, 20 mmol) at -78°C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt. After completion the reaction, aqueous NH₄Cl was added, and aqueous layer was extracted by Et₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated *in vacuo* to give 3.1 g of the crude (*E*)-1-phenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-ol. The yellow solid was used in the next step without further purification.

Pivaloyl chloride (0.7 mL, 5.5 mmol) was added to a solution of (*E*)-1-phenylpent-1-en-4yn-3-ol (796 mg, 5 mmol) in triethylamine (0.8 mL, 5.5 mmol) and 17 mL of DCM. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours and was then quenched with aqueous NH₄Cl, and aqueous layer was extracted by DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with NaCl and dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated *in vacuo* to give 1.23 g of the crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (5% AcOEt/hexane) gave (*E*)-1-phenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl pivalate as a yellow oil (1.03 g, 84 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.29 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.06-6.04 (m, 1H), 2.62 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 1.25 (s, 9H).

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(E)-1-phenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl acetate (1b)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.42-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 2.11

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(E)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl pivalate (1c)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.59 (d, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (dd, *J* = *J* = 16.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 16.0, 1H), 2.63 (br, 1H), 1.25 (s, 9H): ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 177.3, 139.3, 133.0, 127.3, 126.4, 125.7, 79.3, 75.5, 63.6, 39.0, 27.2; IR (KBr) 2126, 1735, 1617 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 310 (M⁺, 19), 209 (74), 208 (68), 139 (36), 57 (100); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₇O₂F₃: 310.1181, found: 310.1182.

(E)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl pivalate (1d)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 177.3, 160.0, 134.2, 128.5, 128.3, 121.4, 114.2, 79.9, 74.9, 64.2, 55.4, 38.9, 27.1; IR (neat) 2124, 1730, 1607 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 272 (M⁺, 19), 171 (100), 170 (77), 155 (35), 128 (61), 57 (65); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O₃: 272.1412, found: 272.1411.

(E)-2-methyl-1-phenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl pivalate (1e)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.37-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 5.93 (bs, 1H), 2.56 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 177.2, 136.8, 132.9, 129.6, 129.2, 128.3, 127.2, 79.9, 74.8, 68.9, 39.0, 27.2, 14.3. IR (neat) 2123, 1732, 1600 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 256 (M⁺, 25), 155 (59), 154 (82), 153 (100), 57 (60); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O₂: 272.1596, found: 272.1592.

3-methyl-1-phenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl acetate (1f)

Obtained as an *E*/*Z* mixture (*E*:*Z* = 1:0.22), ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) *E* isomer : δ 7.43-7.25 (m, 5H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (s, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H) ; *Z* isomer : 7.43-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H) ; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) *E* isomer : δ 168.8, 139.0, 135.7, 131.1, 128.4, 126.7, 126.2, 82.2, 75.0, 28.6, 21.7; *Z* isomer : δ 169.6, 139.6, 129.3, 128.0, 127.9, 126.6, 120.6, 83.3, 73.9, 22.8, 21.0. IR (neat) 1743 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m*/*z* (relative intensity) 214 (M⁺, 21), 171 (60), 154 (65), 153 (68), 85 (97), 83 (100); HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₄O₂: 214.0994, found: 214.0980.

(E)-hex-4-en-1-yn-3-yl pivalate (1g)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 6.03-5.93 (m, 1H), 5.79-5.77 (m, 1H), 5.56-5.51 (m, 1H), 2.50 (bs, 1H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 177.2, 131.4, 126.0, 80.2, 74.4, 63.9, 38.8, 27.1, 17.7; IR (neat) 2147, 1732 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₆O₂: 180.1150, found: 180.1148.

(*E*)-non-4-en-1-yn-3-yl pivalate (1h)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.01-5.95 (m, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 2.09-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.28 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 177.3, 136.7, 124.7, 80.3, 74.4, 64.0, 38.8, 31.8, 31.0, 27.1, 22.3, 14.0; IR (neat) 2117, 1734 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₂₂O₂: 222.1620, found: 222.1624.

(E)-6-methylhept-4-en-1-yn-3-yl pivalate (1i)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 5.96 (ddd, *J* = 15.6, 6.9, 1.4 Hz), 5.81 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (ddd, *J_t*= 15.5, 6.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.31-2.37 (m, 1H), 1.20 (s, 9H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 177.3, 143.2, 122.0, 80.3, 74.4, 64.0, 38.8, 30.7, 27.1, 22.0; IR (neat) 2125, 1735 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₂₀O₂: 208.2967, found: 208.1457.

1-cyclohexenylprop-2-ynyl pivalate (1j)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 5.98 (bs, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 2.48 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.22-1.98 (m, 4H), 1.64-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 177.3, 133.2, 127.3, 80.1, 74.1, 67.4, 38.9, 27.1, 25.1, 24.4, 22.5, 22.1.; IR (neat) 2122, 1735 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 220 (M⁺, 4), 117 (34), 91 (23), 83 (22), 57 (100).; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₂₀O₂: 220.1463, found: 220.1468.

4-pentylpent-4-en-1-yn-3-yl pivalate (1k)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 5.81 (s, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 2.50 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.12-2.18 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.35 (m, 4H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 176.7, 144.1, 113.4, 79.7, 74.2, 65.9, 38.6, 31.8, 31.4, 27.1, 26.9, 22.4, 13.9; IR (neat) 2125, 1737 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 236 (M⁺, 0.2), 152 (46), 119 (72), 105 (88), 91 (100), 77 (55), 67 (16) ; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₂₄O₂: 236.1776, found: 236.1771.

Typical procedure for the rhodium-catalyzed carbonylation of enyne esters: A magnetic stir bar, (*E*)-1-phenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl pivalate (**1a**, 128.5 mg, 0.53 mmol), tetracarbonyl-dichlorodirhodium (4.9 mg, 0.013 mmol) and 10 mL of CH_2Cl_2 were placed in a 50 mL stainless steel autoclave. The autoclave was closed, purged three times with carbon monoxide, pressurized with 80 atm of carbon monoxide and then heated at 80 °C for 5 h. Excess of CO was discharged at room temperature. The autoclave was washed with ether and solvents were removed under reduced pressure to give 135 mg of crude reaction mixture as a brown oil. The residue was then purified by short flash chromatography on SiO₂ (30 % Et₂O/hexane) to give **3a** as an orange solid (108.7 mg, 76%).

2-hydroxybiphenyl-4-yl pivalate (3a)

Reaction was carried out with 0.05 M in CH₂Cl₂. orange solid; (R_f = 0.15, hexane:EtOAc = 9:1); mp = 97–99 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.48-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.72-6.71 (m, 2H), 5.57 (bs, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 177.2, 153.2, 151.4, 136.5, 130.6, 129.1, 127.7, 125.8, 113.8, 109.3, 39.1, 27.1; IR (KBr) 3600-3100 (br), 3052, 2965, 2872, 2933, 1744, 1732, 1610, 1591, 1129, 1150 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 270 (M⁺, 32), 187 (20), 186 (100), 185 (21), 69 (24), 57 (49); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₈O₃ (M⁺): 270.1256, found: 270.1252.

2-hydroxybiphenyl-4-yl acetate (3b)

Reaction was carried out with 0.016 M in CH₂Cl₂. orange solid; (R_f = 0.25, hexane:EtOAc = 4:1); mp = 109–111 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.73 (m, 2H), 5.36 (bs, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 169.5, 153.2, 151.0, 136.4, 130.7, 129.2, 127.9, 126.0, 113.9, 109.3, 21.1; IR (KBr) 3500-3100 (br), 3070, 2924, 1732, 1604, 1227, 1196 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 228 (M⁺, 37), 187 (34), 187 (34), 186 (100), 185 (62), 128 (21); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₂O₃ (M⁺): 228.0786, found: 228.0782.

2-hydroxy-4'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-4-yl pivalate (3c)

5.27 (bs, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 177.6, 153.4, 151.7, 140.7, 130.9,

129.5, 125.6, 123.0, 114.0, 109.8, 39.2, 27.1; IR (KBr) 3600-3200, 2982, 2942, 2879, 1724, 1605, 1328, 1161, 1069 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 338 (M⁺, 31), 254 (100), 205 (17), 177 (22), 57 (37); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for $C_{18}H_{17}O_3F_3$ (M⁺): 338.1130, found: 338.1143.

2-hydroxy-4'-methoxybiphenyl-4-yl pivalate (3d)

^{OPiv} Reaction was carried out with 0.016 M in CH₂Cl₂. yellow solid; (R_f= 0.28, hexane:Et₂O = 5:2); mp = 112–114 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.37 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J =

8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.70-6.68 (m, 2H), 5.22 (bs, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 177.1, 159.3, 153.2, 151.2, 130.5, 130.3, 128.6, 125.4, 114.7, 113.7, 109.1, 55.3, 39.1, 27.1; IR (KBr) 3500-3300, 2974, 2935, 1732, 1604, 1500, 1246, 11579 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 300 (M⁺, 25), 216 (63), 73 (100), 60 (67), 57 (89), 55 (67); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₀O₄ (M⁺): 300.1362, found: 300.1363.

2-hydroxy-6-methylbiphenyl-4-yl pivalate (3e)

Reaction was carried out with 0.016 M in CH₂Cl₂. orange solid; (R_f= 0.28, hexane:AcOEt = 9:1); mp = 93–95 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.57 (s, 2H), 4.85 (bs, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 177.3, 153.7, 151.1, 138.3, 134.8, 130.5, 129.6, 128.4, 125.7, 115.1, 106.4, 39.2, 27.3, 20.6; IR (KBr) 3600-3100, 2973, 2933, 2872, 1752, 1616, 1137 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 284 (M⁺, 33), 200 (100), 83 (17), 57 (34). HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₀O₃ (M⁺): 284.1412, found: 284.1414.

2-hydroxy-5-methylbiphenyl-4-yl acetate (3f)



Reaction was carried out with 0.05 M in CH₂Cl₂. orange solid; (R_f= 0.26, hexane:AcOEt = 8:2); mp = 111–113 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.49-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.18 (bs, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 169.2, 151.1, 149.3, 136.5,

132.2, 129.2, 129.1, 127.9, 126.1, 122.0, 109.6, 20.8, 15.3; IR (KBr) 3500-3200 (br), 3028, 2931, 1720, 1612, 1038 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 242 (M⁺, 16), 200 (100), 199 (22), 69 (19). HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O₃ (M⁺): 242.0943, found: 242.0943.

3-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl pivalate (3g)



(bs, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 178.4, 154.8, 149.6, 131.2, 122.0, 112.9, 108.7, 39.2, 27.2, 15.5. IR (KBr) 3600-3100 (br), 2975, 2933, 2873, 1727, 1608, 1153 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 208 (M⁺, 24), 124 (100), 57 (37); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for $C_{12}H_{16}O_3(M^+)$: 208.1099, found: 208.1104.

4-butyl-3-hydroxyphenyl pivalate (3h)

Reaction was carried out with 0.016 M in CH_2Cl_2 . orange oil, ($R_f = 0.52$, hexane:AcOEt = 8:2). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.10-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.56 (dd, J = 8.3 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (bs, 1H), 2.56 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.59-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 178.2, 154.3, 145.3, 130.2, 126.7, 112.6, 108.6, 39.1, 31.7, 29.2, 27.1, 22.5, 13.9; IR (neat) 3600-3100 (br), 2958, 2932, 2872, 2861, 1728, 1606, 1156, 1124 cm⁻¹; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 250 (M⁺, 29), 166 (62), 123 (100), 57 (59). HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₂₂O₃ (M⁺): 250.1569, found: 250.1560.

3-hydroxy-4-isopropylphenyl pivalate (3i)

Reaction was carried out with 0.05 M in CH_2Cl_2 . orange solid; ($R_f = 0.23$, hexane:AcOEt = 9:1); mp = 52–54 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.16 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, J = 8.3 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H),

4.73 (bs, 1H), 3.13-3.18 (m, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) & 178.3, 153.8, 149.2, 132.5, 126.8, 112.9, 108.8, 39.2, 27.2, 26.8, 22.6; IR (KBr) 3600-3300 (br), 2960, 2931, 2871, 1720, 1606, 1164 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 236 $(M^+, 55)$, 152 (80), 137 (100), 57 (70). HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{20}O_3(M^+)$: 236.1412, found: 236.1422.

4-hydroxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl pivalate (3j)

Reaction was carried out with 0.01 M in CH_2Cl_2 . orange solid; ($R_f = 0.26$, hexane: AcOEt = 9:1); mp = 99–101 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.35 (s, óн 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.2-5.5 (br, 1H), 2.71-2.52 (m, 4H), 1.81-1.72

(m, 4H), 1.34 (m, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) & 178.0, 154.3, 149.0, 139.7, 121.1, 113.7, 105.8, 39.2, 29.8, 27.3, 22.8, 22.7, 22.6; IR (KBr) 3600-3300, 3424, 2940, 2842, 1720, 1598, 1154 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 248 (M⁺, 25), 164 (100), 136 (30), 85 (25), 83 (39), 57 (44); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O₃ (M⁺): 248.1412, found: 248.1402.

5-pentyl-3-hydroxyphenyl pivalate (3k)

3-pentylcyclopenten-2-one (4k)

yellow oil; (R_f = 0.13, hexane:Et₂O = 5:1); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 5.94 (s, 1H), 2.59-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.41-2.38 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.29 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 13.9, 22.4, 26.7, 29.7, 31.3, 33.5, 35.3, 129.4, 183.4, 210.3; IR (neat) 1709, 1673, 1614 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 152 (M⁺, 22), 96 (100), 95 (31), 81 (53), 68 (30), 67 (29) ; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₆O: 152.1201, found: 152.1200.

3-(2,2-dimethyl-1-oxopropoxy)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,5-hexadienoic acid methyl ester

OMe Obtained as an E/Z mixture. yellow oil; (R_f = 0.20, hexane:Et2O = 5:2); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) major isomer: δ 7.28 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (dd, J = 15.6, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.51

(d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H); minor isomer: δ 7.25 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, J = 11.5 Hz), 6.30 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (dd, J = 11.5, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 176.2, 169.7, 169.6, 159.4, 158.9, 143.3, 141.3, 132.8, 131.0, 130.3, 129.8, 129.6, 127.6, 120.5, 120.2, 118.9, 116.6, 114.1, 113.7, 55.2, 52.1, 39.7, 39.5, 39.2, 27.1; IR (neat) 2972, 1746, 1662, 1605 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) major isomer: 332 (M⁺, 13), 248 (36), 174 (40), 147 (32), 57 (100); minor isomer: 332 (M⁺, 12), 248 (34), 174 (41), 147 (33), 57 (100); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₄O₅ (M⁺): 332.1624, found: major isomer : 332.1626, minor isomer : 332.1629.

hydrolysis of 4-butyl-3-hydroxyphenyl pivalate (3h) to 4-butylbenzene-1,3-diol



A mixture of a 2N NaOH aq. (8 mL) and 67 mg (0.26 mmol) of 4-butyl-3-hydroxyphenyl pivalate (**3h**) was vigorously stirred at rt. After 7 h, the reaction mixture was acidified by conc. HCl. The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated *in vacuo* to give 49.5 mg of a crude brown oil. Purification was achieved by flash chromatography on silica gel (20 % AcOEt/hexane) to give 4-buthylbenzene-1,3-diol as a pale yellow oil (31.7 mg, 73 %).

pale yellow oil; (R_f = 0.13, hexane:AcOEt = 4:1) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 6.95 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, J = 8.3 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (bs, 2H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.57-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.35 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); IR (neat) 3600-3000 (br), 2931, 1612, 1515, 1458; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 166 (M⁺, 23), 123 (100); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₄O₂ (M⁺) 166.0994, found: 166.0999.







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