Supporting Information

Highly Regioselective Palladium-Catalysed Oxidative Allylic C-H Carbonylation of Alkenes*

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A. General method

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER DRX-400 spectrometer using CDCl₃ as solvent and TMS as an internal standard. Gas chromatograph mass spectra were obtained with a SHIMADZU model GCMS–QP 5000 spectrometer. HRMS was carried out on a MAT 95XP (Thermo).

1. Typical reaction procedure for the synthesis of alkenes 1.¹



3. Optimization of Reaction Conditions

R = Ar

2. The deuterium-labeled substrates *d*,*d*-1c and *d*-1c were synthesized from AlLiD₄ according to a previously reported literature.¹

Ph	Pd(OAc)	O Ph	OMe ∪	o
	Oxidant	OMe	+ Ph OMe +	Ph
1a	MeCN: MeOH(4:1)	2a	3a	4a
	CO(1atm) , 50 ^O C			

1a	MeCN: MeC CO(1atm) ,	DH(4:1) 2a 50 ^O C	3a
	Entry	Ratio of the Oxidant	Yield (%) ^[b]

Entry	Ratio of the Oxidant	Yield (%) ¹³			
		2a	3a	4a	
1	BQ(2.0 eq.)/ DDQ(0.5 eq.)	82	3	5	
2	BQ(1.5 eq.)/ DDQ(0.5 eq.)	13	28	11	
3	BQ(1.0 eq.)/ DDQ(0.5 eq.)	8	77	3	
4	BQ(1.0 eq.)/ DDQ(1.0 eq.)	22	3	38	
5	BQ(1.0 eq.)/ DDQ(1.5 eq.)	14	0	53	



B. General Procedure

General procedure for direct carbonylation of allylic C-H bond with alkenes 1. Pd(OAc)₂ (0.03 mol, 6.7 mg), BQ (0.6 mmol, 64.8 mg) and DDQ (0.15 mmol, 34.1 mg) were mixed with alcohol (0.5 ml)/acetonitrile (2 ml) in a glass vial or roundbottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. Then, alkene 1 was added. The mixture was stirred under a CO atmosphere (1atm) at 50 °C for 24 h. After cooling down to room temperature and concentrating in vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to obtain the desired products 2 by using light petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1, v/v) as eluent.

C. Analytical data for compound 2.



Methyl (E)-4-phenyl-3-butenoate (2a)², colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.25 (dd, J = 1.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 6.26-6.33

(m, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.38 (m, 5 H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 38.2, 51.9, 121.7, 126.3, 127.6, 128.6, 133.5, 136.8, 172.0 ppm.



Butyl (E)-4-phenyl-3-butenoate (2a')², colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 0.94 (t, 3H), 1.36-1.42 (m, 2 H), 1.57-1.65 (m, 2 H), 3.24 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (t, 3H), 6.28-6.34 (m, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.38 (m, 5 H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 13.7, 19.1, 30.7, 38.5, 64.7, 121.9, 126.3, 127.5, 128.5, 133.3, 136.9, 171.7 ppm.



Isopropyl (*E*)-4-phenyl-3-butenoate $(2a'')^2$, colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.18 (d, 6H), 3.13 (d, 2 H), 4.94-5.0 (m, 1 H), 6.18-

6.26 (m, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.30 (m, 5 H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 21.8, 38.8, 68.1, 122.1, 126.3, 127.5, 128.5, 133.2, 137.0, 171.1 ppm.



Methyl (E)-4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3-butenoate (2b)¹⁰, colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.29 (d, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 6.36-6.44 (m, 1H), 6.53 (d,

J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 5 H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 37.151.0, 123.5, 124.5(quartet), 127.8, 128.1, 129.9, 131.2, 139.2170.6 ppm.



Methyl (E)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-butenoate (2c)², colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.23 (dd, J = 1.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3

H), 6.11-6.19 (m, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 38.2, 51.9, 55.3, 114.0, 119.4, 127.5, 129.7, 132.9, 159.2, 172.2 ppm.



Methyl (E)-4-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-butenoate (2d)², colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.31 (s, 9H), 3.24 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3 H), 6.21-6.29 (m, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 31.3, 34.6, 38.3, 51.9, 120.9, 125.5, 126.0, 133.2, 134.1, 150.7, 172.1 ppm.



Methyl (E)-4-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-butenoate (2e), colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 2.30 (s, 6H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3 H),

6.22-6.30 (m, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.99 (s, 2H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 21.2, 38.3, 51.9, 121.2, 124.2, 129.3, 133.6, 136.7,

138.0, 172.1 ppm.

HRMS EI (m/z): calcd for $C_{13}H_{16}O_2$, 204.1155; found, 204.1150.



Methyl (E)-4-(2-methylphenyl)-3-butenoate (2f)³, colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 2.33 (s, 3H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3 H),

6.14-6.21 (m, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, 1H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 19.8, 38.5, 51.9, 122.9, 125.7, 126.1, 127.5, 130.2, 131.4, 135.2, 136.0, 172.1 ppm.



Methyl (E)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-butenoate (2g)², pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.28 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 6.18-6.25 (m, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, 2H), 7.43 (t, 2H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 38.1, 52.0, 115.4 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 121.4 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 127.8 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 129.7, 132.3, 162.2 (d, *J* = 245 Hz), 172.0 ppm.



Methyl (E)- 3-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3-butenoate (2h), colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.32 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 6.39-6.47 (m,

1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.77-

7.80 (m, 3H)

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 38.4, 52.0, 122.0, 123.5, 125.9, 126.2, 126.3, 127.7,

128.0, 128.2, 133.0, 133.6, 133.6, 134.3, 172.1 ppm.

HRMS EI (m/z): calcd for C₁₅H₁₄O₂, 226.0989; found, 226.0994.



Methyl (E)-3-methyl-4-phenyl-3-butenoate (2ia)⁴, colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.94 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 6.39 (s, 1H),

7.20-7.33 (m, 5 H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 18.0, 45.7, 51.9, 126.4, 128.1, 128.4, 128.9, 129.1, 129.1, 172.0 ppm.

Methyl 3-benzyl-3-butenoate (2ib)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 2.99 (s, 2H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 4.96 (s, 1H),

4.99 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.33 (m, 5 H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 40.9, 42.7, 51.8, 115.8, 126.5, 131.5, 137.6, 138.7, 141.8, 171.8 ppm.



Methyl (E)-5-phenyl-4-pentenoate (2ja)⁸, colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 2.49-2.55 (m, 4H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 6.66-6.24 (m, 1H),

6.43 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.34 (m, 5 H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 28.3, 33.8, 51.6, 126.1, 127.2, 128.4, 128.5, 131.0,

137.4, 173.4 ppm.

Methyl (E)-5-phenyl-3-pentenoate (2jb)⁹

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.07 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 5.63-5.74 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.34 (m, 5 H).



Methyl 3-phenyl-3-butenoate (2k)⁶, colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.53 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H),

7.27-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, 2H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 41.1, 52.0, 116.3, 125.8, 127.8, 128.4, 139.7, 140.8, 171.8 ppm.



Methyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-butenoate (2l)⁶, pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.50 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H),

7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 41.0, 52.1, 117.0, 125.4, 127.8, 128.4, 139.7, 140.8, 171.8 ppm.



Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-butenoate (2m)⁶, yellow oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 3.50 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H),

7.01 (t, 2H), 7.40 (t, 2H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 41.2, 52.0, 115.2 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 116.3, 127.5 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 135.8 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 139.9, 162.5 (d, J = 245 Hz), 171.6 ppm.



Methyl 3-(4-methylphenyl)-3-butenoate (2n)⁸, colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H),

5.18 (s, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 21.1, 41.1, 52.0, 115.4, 125.6, 129.1, 136.8, 137.7, 140.6, 171.9 ppm.



Methyl (E)-5-methyl-3,5-diphenyl-3-hexenoate (30), yellow oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.53 (s, 6H), 3.01 (s, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 6.25 (s, 1H),

7.16-7.41 (m, 10H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 31.6, 35.7, 40.3, 51.6, 125.8, 126.2, 126.3, 127.1, 128.3, 128.4, 133.5, 142.5, 142.9, 149.5, 171.3 ppm.

HRMS EI (m/z): calcd for C₂₀H₂₂O₂, 294.1618; found, 294.1620.

E. Mechanistic studies











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F. NMR Spectra













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