# Selective Oxidation of Unactivated C-H Bonds by Supramolecular Control

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Entry	Temperature (°C)	<b>1 : 2a : 2a</b> * <sup>b</sup>
1	0	87:13:0
2	25	48:47:5
3	40	60:33:7

Table S1. Oxidation of Adamantane (1) at Different Temperature<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were carried out by **1** (0.1 mmol) and 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone (0.1 mmol) in  $H_2O$  (1 mL) and  $CH_3CN$  (1.5 mL), with Oxone (0.5 mmol) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.55 mmol). <sup>*b*</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

**Table S2.** Oxidation of **1** with Different Bases<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Base	pН	<b>1</b> : <b>2a</b> : <b>2a</b> ' <sup>b</sup>	
1	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	6.9	48:47:5	
2	CaCO <sub>3</sub>	6.4	44 : 41 : 15	
3	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	9.0	98:2:0	
4	$K_2CO_3$	8.7	97:3:0	
5	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	9.1	100 : 0 : 0	

<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were carried out by **1** (0.1 mmol) and 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone (0.1 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.5 mL) at room temperature, with Oxone (0.5 mmol) and base (1.55 mmol). <sup>*b*</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

Entry	Oxone (mmol)	NaHCO <sub>3</sub> (mmol)	Time	1 : 2a : 2a' <sup>b</sup>	
1	0.5	1.55	2 h	48:47:5	
2	0.5×2	1.55×2	4 h	24:67:9	
3	0.5×3	1.55×3	6 h	7:50:43	
4	0.5×4	1.55×4	8 h	16 : 59 : 25	
5	0.25×8	0.775×8	8 h	12:54:34	

Table S3. Oxidation of 1 with Different Amounts of Oxone and NaHCO<sub>3</sub><sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were carried out by **1** (0.1 mmol) and 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone (0.1 mmol) in  $H_2O$  (1 mL) and  $CH_3CN$  (1.5 mL) at room temperature, with different amounts of Oxone and NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. <sup>*b*</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

**Table S4.** Effect of Loading of 1,1,1-Trifluoroacetone on Oxidation of  $\mathbf{1}^{a}$ 

Entry	1,1,1-trifluoroacetone (equiv)	1 : 2a : 2a' <sup>b</sup>
1	2	23 : 52 : 25
2	1	7 : 50: 43
3	0.5	51:38:11
4	0.1	64 : 31 : 5

<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were carried out by **1** (0.1 mmol) and different amounts of 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone in H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.5 mL) at room temperature with Oxone (0.5 mmol  $\times$  3) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.55 mmol  $\times$  3). (total reaction time: 6 h). <sup>*b*</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

Entry	Oxone (mmol)	NaHCO <sub>3</sub> (mmol)	Time	<b>3a</b> : <b>4a</b> : <b>4a</b> <sup>*</sup>
1	1×4	3.1×4	8 h	69:27:4
$2^{\rm c}$	0.5×8	1.55×8	8 h	44:48:8

Table S5. Oxidation of 3a with Different Loading of Oxone and NaHCO<sub>3</sub><sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were carried out by **3a** (0.2 mmol) and 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone (0.2 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (4 mL) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (6 mL) at room temperature with Oxone (1 mmol  $\times$  4) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3.1 mmol  $\times$  4). <sup>*b*</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. <sup>*c*</sup> The reaction was conducted with Oxone (0.5 mmol  $\times$  8) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.55 mmol  $\times$  8).

Entry	$\beta$ -CD (equiv)	Conversion (%) <sup>b</sup>	Yield (%) <sup>c</sup>	<b>4a</b> : <b>4a</b> ' <sup>d</sup>
1	0.1	23	40	7:1
2	0.5	32	50	8:1
3	1.1	40	71	20:1
4	2	34	42	25 : 1
5	5	49	20	29:1
6	10	47	29	30:1

**Table S6.** Oxidation of **3a** with Different Amounts of  $\beta$ -CD<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were conducted with **3a** (0.2 mmol), 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone (0.2 mmol) and different loadings of  $\beta$ -CD in H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) at room temperature with Oxone (0.5 mmol × 8) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.55 mmol × 8). <sup>*b*</sup> Conversion was calculated from the amount of substrate recovered by flash column chromatography. <sup>*c*</sup> Yield based on conversion. <sup>*d*</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

Figure S1. LC-MS (ESI+) spectra of  $\beta$ -CD (m/z = 1135.38) in dioxirane-based oxidation of 3a



# Calculation of the difference of activation energy for the improvement of the site-selectivity of C-H bond oxidation of 3a using Arrhenius equation ( $\ln k = -(E_a/RT) + \ln A$ )

The calculation was based on two assumptions. (i) There is no change in  $\Delta S$ . (ii) The activation energy for the formation of **4a** remains unchanged, and the activation energy for the formation of **4a**' is increased due to the induced steric hindrance by  $\beta$ -CD. The steps of calculation were shown as follows:

Let the Arrhenius equation for the C-H bond oxidation of **3a** in a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>3</sub>CN be:  

$$\ln k_1 = -(E_{al}/RT) + \ln A$$
(1)

And let the Arrhenius equation for the C-H bond oxidation of **3a** in H<sub>2</sub>O with 
$$\beta$$
-CD be:  

$$\ln k_2 = -(E_{a2}/RT) + \ln A$$
(2)

where  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are the rate constants for the C-H bond oxidation of **3a** in a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>3</sub>CN and that in H<sub>2</sub>O with  $\beta$ -CD, respectively; Ea<sub>1</sub> and Ea<sub>2</sub> are the activation energies for the C-H bond oxidation of **3a** in a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>3</sub>CN and that in H<sub>2</sub>O with  $\beta$ -CD, respectively; R is gas constant (1.987 cal K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>); T is absolute temperature, assumed to be 298 K; A is the pre-exponential factor.

The difference of  $Ea_1$  and  $Ea_2$  is calculated by (1) - (2):

$$\ln k_{1} - \ln k_{2} = \left[ -\left(\frac{Ea_{1}}{RT}\right) + \ln A \right] - \left[ -\left(\frac{Ea_{2}}{RT}\right) + \ln A \right]$$
$$\ln(\frac{k_{1}}{k_{2}}) = \frac{Ea_{2} - Ea_{1}}{RT}$$
(3)

The C-H bond oxidation of **3a** in a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>3</sub>CN gave **4a** and **4a'** in the ratio of 1 : 1/7, and the C-H bond oxidation of **3a** in H<sub>2</sub>O with  $\beta$ -CD gave **4a** and **4a'** in the ratio of 1 : 1/20.

Therefore,

$$\ln\left(\frac{k_1}{k_2}\right) = \ln\frac{\frac{1}{7}}{\frac{1}{20}} = \ln 2.857$$
(4)

Substitute (4) into (3):

$$\ln 2.857 = \frac{\text{Ea}_2 - \text{Ea}_1}{\text{RT}}$$
$$\text{Ea}_2 - \text{Ea}_1 = \text{RT} \ln 2.857$$

 $Ea_2 - Ea_1 = 1.987 \text{ cal } K^{-1} \text{mol}^{-1} \times 298 \text{K} \times \ln 2.857$  $Ea_2 - Ea_1 = 0.622 \text{ kcal } \text{mol}^{-1}$ 

Therefore, the difference in the activation energy for the improvement of the site-selectivity of C-H bond oxidation of 3a is 0.622 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

# Details of <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration experiments and Scott's plots of 3a-c

The mixtures of **3a-c** and  $\beta$ -CD for the <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration experiments were prepared by mixing indicated volume of (i) **3a-c** stock solutions (0.5 M, 0.25 mmol of **3a-c** in 0.5 mL of D<sub>6</sub>-acetone), (ii)  $\beta$ -CD stock solution (0.01 M, 0.1 mmol of  $\beta$ -CD in 10 mL of D<sub>2</sub>O), and (iii) D<sub>2</sub>O according to the following table. The final volumes of the mixtures were ~ 0.5 mL.

Entry	Ratio of <b>3a-c</b> : <i>β</i> -CD	Volume of <b>3a-c</b>	Volume of $\beta$ -CD	Volume of
		stock solutions ( $\mu$ L)	stock solution (mL)	$D_2O(mL)$
1	0:10	0	0.50	0
2	1:9	1	0.45	0.05
3	2:8	2	0.40	0.10
4	3:7	3	0.35	0.15
5	4:6	4	0.30	0.20
6	5:5	5	0.25	0.25
7	5.5:4.5	6	0.25	0.25
8	6:4	6	0.20	0.30
9	6.7:3.3	6	0.15	0.35
10	7:3	7	0.15	0.35

Remarks: In general, the mixtures with high ratio of  $\beta$ -CD are opaque and viscous (entries 1-7) while transparent solutions are observed in the mixtures with low ratio of  $\beta$ -CD (entries 8-10).

The mixtures were subjected to <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. The changes of the chemical shift of H3 of  $\beta$ -CD (with the chemical shift of H4 of  $\beta$ -CD as the internal reference) are obtained as  $\Delta \delta_{obs}$  which is used for the calculation of the binding constant.

The binding constants (K) of **3a-c** to  $\beta$ -CD were calculated by fitting  $\Delta \delta_{obs}$  into Scott's plot as the equation shown below (R. L. Scott, *Recl. Trav. Chim. Pays-Bas*, 1956, **75**, 787):

$$[\mathbf{3a-c}] / \Delta \delta_{\text{obs}} = [\mathbf{3a-c}] / \Delta \delta_{\text{max}} + \Delta \delta_{\text{max}} / K$$

where [**3a-c**] is the concentration of **3a-c** with normalized concentration of  $\beta$ -CD,  $\Delta \delta_{obs}$  is the observed change of the chemical shift of H3 of  $\beta$ -CD at different concentrations of **3a-c**,  $\Delta \delta_{max}$  is the maximum change of the chemical shift of H3 of  $\beta$ -CD.







**Figure S3.** Scott's plot of <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration of **3b** and  $\beta$ -CD









**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration curve for **3b** and  $\beta$ -CD

**Figure S6.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration curve for **3c** and  $\beta$ -CD













**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration curve for **3b** and  $\alpha$ -CD

**Figure S10.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration curve for **3c** and  $\alpha$ -CD







**Figure S12.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration curve for **3a** and  $\gamma$ -CD







**Figure S14.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration curve for **3c** and  $\gamma$ -CD





**Figure S15.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration curve for **3d** and  $\gamma$ -CD

# 3,7-dimethyloctyl benzoate (3a)



# 3,7-dimethyloctyl 4-*tert*-butylbenzoate (3b)



# 3,7-dimethyloctyl pivalate (3c)



# 3,7-dimethyloctyl acetate (3d)



# 7-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctyl benzoate (4a)



# 3-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctyl benzoate (4a')



# 7-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctyl 4-*tert*-butylbenzoate (4b)



#### 3-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctyl 4-*tert*-butylbenzoate (4b')



# 7-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctyl pivalate (4c)



# 3-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctyl pivalate (4c')



# 7-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctyl acetate (4d)



# 3-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyloctyl acetate (4d')



#### Table 1, entry 1 (Table S3, entry 3; Table S4, entry 2)



 $= [4/4 \div (4/4 + 22.5/3 + 13.3/2) \times 100] : [22.5/3 \div (4/4 + 22.5/3 + 13.3/2) \times 100] : [13.3/2 \div (4/4 + 22.5/3 + 13.3/2) \times 100]$ 

= 7 : 50 : 43



Table 1, entry 3





Table 1, entry 5











Table 2, entry 1 (Table 3, entry 2; Table S6, entry 3)



 Table 2, entry 2 (Table 3, entry 4)

























































# Table S1, entry 1 (Table S2, entry 1; Table S3, entry 1)



Table S1, entry 2











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Table S2, entry 3







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Table S3, entry 2





Table S3, entry 5





Table S4, entry 4



Table S5, entry 1



= 69 : 27 : 4

# Table S5, entry 2



#### Table S6, entry 1













Table S6, entry 6



Partial contour plot of 2D ROESY spectrum for binding of 5a to  $\beta$ -CD in D<sub>2</sub>O.



Based on the 2D ROESY spectrum of the binding of **5a** to  $\beta$ -CD, strong NOE correlation signals of *o*-H and *m*-H of **5a** with H3 and H5 of  $\beta$ -CD and the absence of correlation signal of *p*-H of **5a** with protons of  $\beta$ -CD suggest that the phenyl group of **5a** is deeply inserted into the  $\beta$ -CD cavity and *p*-H of **5a** is exposed outside of the cavity. H6 of  $\beta$ -CD shows no NOE correlation signal with any protons of the phenyl group of **5a**, revealing that *p*-H of **5a** is exposed outside the secondary face of  $\beta$ -CD. Considering the 1 : 1 stoichiometry of the inclusion complexation between **3a** and  $\beta$ -CD, the possible binding geometry of the benzoate group of **5a** is proposed (Figure S16).



**Figure S16.** Proposed binding geometry for the inclusion of **5a** in  $\beta$ -CD.

Partial contour plot of 2D ROESY spectrum for binding of 5b (*tert*-butyl moiety) to  $\beta$ -CD in D<sub>2</sub>O.



Partial contour plot of 2D ROESY spectrum for binding of 5b (phenyl ring moiety) to  $\beta$ -CD in D<sub>2</sub>O.



In the 2D ROESY spectrum for binding of **5b** to  $\beta$ -CD, the protons of the *tert*-butyl group and the protons at the *m*-position of the phenyl ring of **5b** have strong NOE correlation signals with H3 and H5 of  $\beta$ -CD while the protons at the *o*-position of the phenyl ring of **5b** only exhibits weak correlation signal with H6 of  $\beta$ -CD. This suggests that **5b** inserts into  $\beta$ -CD from the primary face. The *tert*-butyl group of **5b** is included in the  $\beta$ -CD cavity, and just half of the phenyl ring is inserted to the  $\beta$ -CD cavity. As the stoichiometry for the formation of inclusion complex of **3b** and  $\beta$ -CD is 1 : 1, the possible binding geometry of the 4-*tert*-butylbenzoate moiety of **5b** is proposed in Figure S17.



**Figure S17.** Proposed binding geometry for the inclusion of **5b** in  $\beta$ -CD.

Partial contour plot of 2D ROESY spectrum for binding of 5c to  $\beta$ -CD in D<sub>2</sub>O.



From the 2D ROESY spectrum for binding of **5c** to  $\beta$ -CD, the protons of the *tert*-butyl group of **5c** have NOE correlation signals with H3, H5, and H6 of  $\beta$ -CD with different intensities. The NOE signal between the protons of the *tert*-butyl group and H3 is the strongest, and that between the protons of the *tert*-butyl group and H5 is moderate, while that between the protons of the *tert*-butyl group of **5c** to  $\beta$ -CD from the secondary face, unlike **5a** and **5b**. As the stoichiometry for formation of inclusion complex of **3c** and  $\beta$ -CD is 1 : 1, the possible binding geometry of the *tert*-butyl group of **5c** to  $\beta$ -CD is suggested (Figure S18).



**Figure S18.** Proposed binding geometry for the inclusion of **5c** in  $\beta$ -CD.

Partial contour plot of 600 MHz 2D ROESY spectrum for binding of 3d to  $\beta$ -CD in D<sub>2</sub>O.



From the 2D ROESY spectrum of the binding of 3d to  $\beta$ -CD, strong NOE signals of the 3,7-dimethyloctyl chain of 3d with H3, H5, and H6 of  $\beta$ -CD suggest that the 3,7-dimethyloctyl chain of 3d is included into the cavity of  $\beta$ -CD. The NOE signal of the terminal dimethyl group of 3d with H5 and H6 of  $\beta$ -CD is more intense than that with H3 of  $\beta$ -CD, and the internal methyl group of 3d have more intense signal with H3 than with H5. This reveals that the terminal dimethyl group is close to the primary face, and the internal methyl group is close to the secondary face. Based on the 2 : 1 stoichiometry of the inclusion complex between 3d and  $\beta$ -CD, the binding geometry is proposed as Figure S19.



**Figure S19.** Proposed binding geometry for the inclusion of **3d** in  $\beta$ -CD.

#### **Calibration Curve for GC Analysis**

(a) Cumene (6a) and cumyl alcohol (7a) (25 – 800 ppm), internal standard: n-decane (5040



ppm) 1.8 Ethyl benzene 1.6 y = 1.0471x - 0.003siganl integration of internal standard  $R^2 = 0.9999$ signal integration of substrate/ 1.4 1.2 1 Acetophenone 0.8 y = 0.8762x - 0.0145  $R^2 = 0.9999$ 0.6 0.4 0.2 0 0.2 0 0.4 0.6 0.8 1 1.2 1.6 1.8 1.4 concentration of substrate/ concentration of internal standard

#### Chromatogram of C-H bond Oxidation of 6a and 6b

#### (a) Oxidation of 6a in H<sub>2</sub>O with $\beta$ -CD

Temperature program: The temperature initially stayed at 105 °C for 3 min, then rose to 110 °C

at the rate of 70 °C per min, and finally stayed at 110 °C for 3 min.



#### (b) Oxidation of 6a in H<sub>2</sub>O

Temperature program: The temperature initially stayed at 105 °C for 3 min, then rose to 110 °C

at the rate of 70 °C per min, and finally stayed at 110 °C for 3 min.





#### (c) Oxidation of 6a in H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>CN without $\beta$ -CD

Temperature program: The temperature initially stayed at 100 °C for 3 min, then rose to 110 °C

at the rate of 70 °C per min, and finally stayed at 110 °C for 3 min.



#### (d) Oxidation of 6b in H<sub>2</sub>O with $\beta$ -CD

Temperature program: The temperature initially stayed at 100 °C for 3 min, then rose to 180 °C

at the rate of 70 °C per min, and finally stayed at 180 °C for 3 min.



#### (e) Oxidation of 6b in H<sub>2</sub>O

Temperature program: The temperature initially stayed at 100 °C for 5 min, then rose to 180 °C

at the rate of 70 °C per min, and finally stayed at 180 °C for 2 min.



#### (f) Oxidation of 6b in H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>CN without $\beta$ -CD

Temperature program: The temperature initially stayed at 100 °C for 3 min, then rose to 180 °C

at the rate of 70 °C per min, and finally stayed at 180 °C for 3 min.



#### (g) Oxidation of a mixture of 6a and 6b in H<sub>2</sub>O with $\beta$ -CD

Temperature program: The temperature initially stayed at 100 °C for 3 min, then rose to 180 °C at the rate of 70 °C per min, and finally stayed at 180 °C for 2 min.



#### (h) Oxidation of a mixture of 6a and 6b in H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>CN without $\beta$ -CD

Temperature profile: The temperature initially stayed at 100 °C for 3 min, then rose to 180 °C at

the rate of 70 °C per min, and finally stayed at 180 °C for 2 min.

