

Electronic Supplementary Information for

Radical vinylation of dioxolanes and *N*-acylpyrrolidines using vinyl bromides

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General information

¹H NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL ECS-400 (400 MHz) spectrometers in CDCl₃ and are referenced at 0.00 ppm for TMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL ECS-400 (100 MHz) spectrometers in CDCl₃ and are referenced at 77.16 ppm for CDCl₃. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ). Infrared spectra were obtained on a JASCO FT/IR-4100 spectrometer; absorptions were reported in reciprocal centimeters. Both conventional and high-resolution mass spectra were recorded with a JEOL MS-700 spectrometer. The products **3a-h** and **7a-b** were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Kanto Chem. Co. Silica Gel 60N (spherical, neutral, 40-50 μ m)). The products **3f**, **3h**, and **7a-b** were further purified by preparative HPLC (Japan Analytical Industry Co., Ltd., LC-908) with GPC columns using CHCl₃ as an eluent. Vinyl bromides **2a-2d** were synthesized according to the literature procedure.¹ Products **3a-c**, and **3h** were determined to be *E*-form by referring to ¹H NMR of the related compounds.² *E/Z* structures of products **3d-g** were determined by referring to ¹³C NMR of the related compounds.³ *E/Z* structures of products **7a-b** were determined by referring to ¹H NMR of the related compounds, which showed that vinyl protons *cis* to a methoxycarbonyl group absorbs at lower fields.²

¹ X. Li and X. Zeng, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 2006, **47**, 6839.

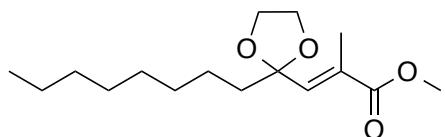
² P. F. Schuda, C. B. Ebner and S. J. Potlock, *Synthesis*, **1987**, 1055.

³ T. Funabiki, H. Hosomi, S. Yoshida and K. Tarama, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1982, **104**, 1560.

Procedure for a large scale reaction.

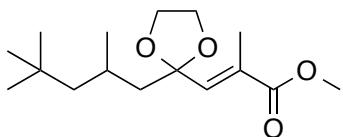
To a 50 mL screw-capped test tube, di-*tert*-butylhyponitrite (DTBHN, 34.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), potassium carbonate (276.4 mg, 2.0 mmol), 2-octyl-1,3-dioxolane (**1a**, 1.863 g, 10.0 mmol), MeCN (2.0 mL), and methyl (*E*)-3-bromo-2-methylacrylate (**2a**, 358.0 mg, 2.0 mmol) were added. The test tube was purged with argon and sealed. Then, the mixture was stirred at 60 °C. After 3 h and 6 h, two portions of an additional solution of DTBHN (34.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) were added and the reaction was stopped after 12 h of total reaction time. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short plug of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on SiO₂ (Hexane/EtOAc = 100/1 to 30/1) to give the vinylated product **3a** as a single *E* diastereomer (391.5 mg, 69%).

Methyl (*E*)-2-methyl-3-(2-octyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)acrylate (3a)



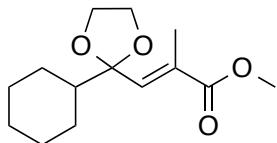
Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.60$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 1.19-1.34 (m, 10H), 1.34-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.80 (m, 2H), 2.00-2.02 (m, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.80-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.90-3.99 (m, 2H), 6.61-6.63 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.78, 14.24, 22.77, 23.35, 29.35, 29.63, 29.90, 31.97, 38.10, 52.16, 64.52, 109.54, 130.34, 141.66, 168.80; IR (neat): 2951, 2926, 2855, 1721, 1652 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 284 (M⁺, 2), 253 (M⁺-OMe, 7), 185 (25), 172 (29), 171 (100), 127 (13), 111 (22); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₂₈O₄ (M⁺): 284.1988, found: 284.1981.

Methyl (*E*)-2-methyl-3-(2-(2,4,4-trimethylpentyl)-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)acrylate (3b)



Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.60$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.99 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.04 (dd, $J = 14.0, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.32 (dd, $J = 14.4, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.62 (dd, $J = 13.6, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.70-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.84 (dd, $J = 14.4, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.99-2.03 (m, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.77-3.85 (m, 2H), 3.90-3.99 (m, 2H), 6.62-6.66 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.70, 24.32, 25.07, 30.12, 31.33, 46.54, 52.13, 52.41, 63.96, 64.31, 109.70, 130.21, 142.36, 168.77; IR (neat): 2953, 2893, 1720, 1650 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity) 284 (M⁺, 1), 253 (M⁺-OMe, 6), 185 (18), 172 (28), 171 (100), 127 (17), 111 (23), 83 (14); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₂₈O₄ (M⁺): 284.1988, found: 284.1991.

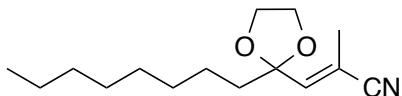
Methyl (*E*)-3-(2-cyclohexyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-methylacrylate (3c)



Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.60$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.09-1.26 (m, 5H), 1.60-1.86 (m, 6H), 2.01 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3H) 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.78-3.85 (m, 2H), 3.86-3.93 (m, 2H), 6.56 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.84, 26.26, 26.41, 26.87, 46.27, 52.15, 64.58, 111.26, 130.26, 140.83, 168.84; IR (neat): 2953, 2893, 1720, 1651, 1248 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative

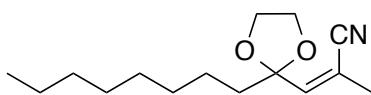
intensity) 223 ($M^+ \text{-OMe}$, 3), 171 (100), 111 (16); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{19}O_3 M^+ \text{-OMe}$: 223.1334, found: 223.1325.

(E)-2-Methyl-3-(2-octyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3d(E))



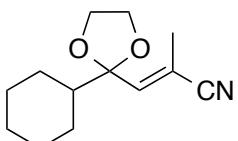
Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.55$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.88 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.18-1.34 (m, 10H), 1.34-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.77 (m, 2H), 2.00 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 3H), 3.93-4.02 (m, 4H), 6.05 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.25, 21.91, 22.78, 23.10, 29.34, 29.62, 29.77, 31.97, 38.18, 65.21, 107.79, 109.79, 117.88, 147.08; IR (neat): 2953, 2926, 2855, 2219, 1648 cm^{-1} ; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 251 (M^+ , 1), 185 (12), 139 (23), 138 (100), 94 (41); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{25}NO_2 (M^+)$: 251.1885 , found: 251.1886.

(Z)-2-Methyl-3-(2-octyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3d(Z))



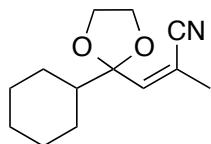
Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.60$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.21-1.42 (m, 12H), 1.69-1.76 (m, 2H), 2.05 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 3H), 3.79-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.91-4.00 (m, 2H), 6.23 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.25, 15.65, 22.78, 23.18, 29.33, 29.60, 29.80, 31.97, 38.04, 64.77, 109.09, 112.81, 120.32, 147.95; IR (neat): 2953, 2926, 2855, 2222, 1465 cm^{-1} ; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 251 (M^+ , 2), 185 (11), 139 (24), 138 (100), 94 (38); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{25}NO_2 (M^+)$: 251.1885 , found: 251.1886.

(E)-3-(2-Cyclohexyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-methylacrylonitrile (3e(E))



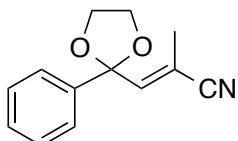
Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.04-1.27 (m, 5H), 1.60-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.85 (m, 4H), 2.02 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3H), 3.93-3.98 (m, 4H), 6.02 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.02, 26.09, 26.33, 26.64, 45.76, 65.22, 109.33, 110.10, 118.13, 146.33; IR (neat): 2929, 2854, 2219, 1452 cm^{-1} ; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 221 (M^+ , 3), 139 (33), 138 (100), 94 (48); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{19}NO_2 (M^+)$: 221.1416, found: 221.1402.

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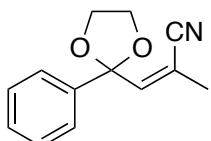
Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.40$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.01-1.28 (m, 5H), 1.60-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.82 (m, 4H), 2.05 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 3H), 3.80-3.87 (m, 2H), 3.88-3.96 (m, 2H), 6.17 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.75, 26.09, 26.28, 26.69, 45.15, 64.76, 110.84, 112.78, 120.40, 147.15; IR (neat): 2931, 2855, 2221, 1453 cm^{-1} ; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 221 (M^+ , 1), 139 (23), 138 (100), 94 (37); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ (M^+): 221.1416, found: 221.1430.

(E)-2-Methyl-3-(2-phenyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3f(E))



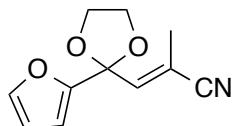
Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.30$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.00 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3H), 3.97-4.06 (m, 2H), 4.11-4.20 (m, 2H), 6.26 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.95, 65.23, 106.34, 109.24, 117.61, 125.54, 128.57, 128.88, 140.00, 145.45; IR (neat): 3032, 3001, 2959, 2892, 2219, 1646 cm^{-1} ; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 215 (M^+ , 72), 200 (100), 156 (10), 149 (50), 143 (20), 140 (13), 138 (53), 115 (11), 105 (35), 94 (30), 77 (25); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ (M^+): 215.0946, found: 215.0939.

(Z)-2-Methyl-3-(2-phenyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3f(Z))



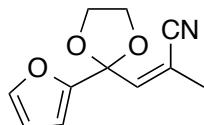
Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.35$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.01 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 3H), 3.95-4.09 (m, 4H), 6.56 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.49 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.09, 64.89, 107.63, 112.74, 120.26, 125.61, 128.71, 129.11, 139.80, 146.42; IR (neat): 3031, 3001, 2959, 2892, 2222, 1646, 1449 cm^{-1} ; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 215 (M^+ , 42), 200 ($M^+ - \text{Me}$, 100), 156 (10), 149 (22), 143 (18), 140 (9), 138 (42), 115 (7), 105 (19), 94 (20), 77 (13); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ (M^+): 215.0946, found: 215.0949.

(E)-3-(2-(Furan-2-yl)-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-methylacrylonitrile (3g(E))



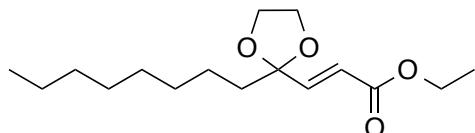
Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.23$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.07 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3H), 4.08-4.19 (m, 4H), 6.35-6.37 (m, 1H), 6.44 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.54-6.58 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.45 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 22.04, 65.70, 102.29, 108.81, 110.37, 111.70, 117.06, 142.62, 143.56, 151.18; IR (neat): 3123, 2926, 2896, 2221, 1651 cm^{-1} ; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 205 (M^+ , 41), 190 ($M^+ - \text{Me}$, 100), 177 (9), 146 (17), 145 (9), 139 (30), 138 (16), 133 (91), 117 (10), 116 (10), 104 (13), 95 (45), 94 (26), 90 (10), 89 (9), 86 (6), 63 (23); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{NO}_3(\text{M}^+ - \text{Me})$: 190.0504, found: 190.0510.

(Z)-3-(2-(Furan-2-yl)-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-2-methylacrylonitrile (3g(Z))



Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.02 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 3H), 4.02-4.11 (m, 4H), 6.34-6.36 (m, 1H), 6.54 (q, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.45-6.48 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.44 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.39, 65.31, 103.39, 108.96, 110.36, 114.93, 120.01, 143.78, 143.86, 151.02; IR (neat): 3121, 2960, 2896, 2224, 1646 cm^{-1} ; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 205 (M^+ , 55), 190 ($M^+ - \text{Me}$, 100), 177 (12), 146 (20), 145 (16), 139 (52), 138 (17), 133 (87), 117 (20), 116 (15), 104 (14), 95 (71), 94 (37), 90 (17), 89 (14), 86 (11), 84 (21), 64 (12), 63 (12); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{NO}_3(\text{M}^+ - \text{Me})$: 190.0504, found: 190.0510.

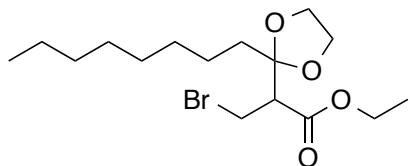
Ethyl (E)-3-(2-octyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)acrylate (3h)



Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.60$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.19-1.41 (m, 15H), 1.69-1.76 (m, 2H), 3.83-4.01 (m, 4H), 4.20 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.06 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.23, 14.33, 22.77, 23.27, 29.34, 29.60, 29.84, 31.97, 37.96, 60.72, 64.98, 108.49, 121.70, 146.60, 166.42; IR (neat): 2926, 2872, 1724, 1660 cm^{-1} ; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 284 (M^+ , 2), 239 ($M^+ - \text{OEt}$, 10), 185 (21), 172

(17), 171 (100), 127 (9), 99 (10); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{23}O_3$ ($M^+ - OEt$): 239.1647, found: 239.1645.

Ethyl 3-bromo-2-(2-heptyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propanoate (3h')

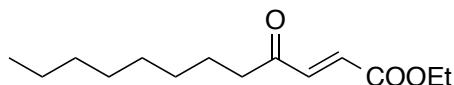


Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.63$ (hexane : EtOAc = 5 : 1); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.18-1.44 (m, 15H), 1.56-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.81 (m, 1H), 3.19 (dd, $J = 12.0, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, $J = 10.0, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, $J = 12.0, 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.95-4.01 (m, 4H), 4.24 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 14.22, 14.33, 22.70, 22.76, 29.02, 29.33, 29.65, 29.74, 31.96, 35.66, 57.05, 61.23, 65.63, 65.69, 110.79, 170.49; IR (neat): 2955, 2926, 2855, 1738, 1200 cm^{-1} ; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 253 ($M^+ - C_8H_{17}, 20$), 251 ($M^+ - C_8H_{17}, 21$), 185 (100), 171 (37), 99 (17); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_8H_{12}O_4Br$ ($M^+ - C_8H_{17}$): 250.9919, found: 250.9918.

Procedure for deprotection of vinylated dioxolane 3h

To a 20 mL screw capped test tube, ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-octyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)acrylate (**3h**, 35.7 mg, 0.126 mmol), and *p*-TsOH · H_2O (28.7 mg, 0.15 mmol), acetone (0.5 mL) were added. This test tube was purged with argon and sealed. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. Water was added to the reaction mixture, and the reaction mixture was extracted with diethyl ether and dried over $MgSO_4$. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on SiO_2 (Hexane/EtOAc = 30 : 1) to give ethyl (*E*)-4-oxododec-2-enoate (**5**, 24.8 mg, 82%).

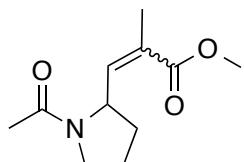
Ethyl (*E*)-4-oxododec-2-enoate (5)



Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane : EtOAc = 20 : 1); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.27-1.32 (m, 10H), 1.33 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.61-1.65 (m, 2H), 2.63 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.24 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 14.22, 14.26, 22.76, 23.83, 29.23, 29.24, 29.45, 31.93, 41.69, 61.52, 130.80, 139.51, 165.77, 200.12; IR (neat): 2927, 2856, 1728, 1703, 1303 cm^{-1} ; EIMS m/z (relative intensity) 240

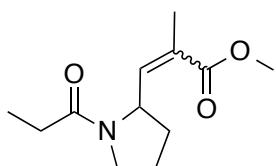
(M⁺, 3), 195 (M⁺-OEt, 20), 169 (27), 167 (100), 142 (61), 127 (47), 114 (24), 57 (29), 55 (27); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₉O₂ (M⁺-OEt): 195.1385, found: 195.1385.

Methyl 3-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-methylacrylate (7a)



Obtained as an inseparable mixture (*E/Z* = 47/53); yellow oil; R_f = 0.13 (hexane : EtOAc = 1 : 3); *Z* isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.67-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.90-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.05-2.20 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 4.77-4.81 (m, 1H), 6.55-6.58 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.53, 23.08, 24.66, 31.15, 47.65, 51.68, 54.85, 127.65, 141.99, 167.74, 169.18; *E* isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.78-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.90-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.93 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.31 (m, 1H), 3.74-3.66 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 4.53-4.58 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.68 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.41, 22.17, 23.09, 33.15, 46.16, 51.99, 56.33, 127.65, 141.53, 168.36, 169.49; IR(neat): 2952, 2876, 1714, 1650, 1435, 1415, 1257, 748 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity); *Z* isomer: 211 (M⁺, 3), 168 (100), 138 (16), 136 (56), 110 (17); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₉H₁₄NO₂ (M⁺-C₂H₃O): 168.1025, found: 168.1033.

Methyl 2-methyl-3-(1-propionylpyrrolidin-2-yl)acrylate (7b)



Obtained as an inseparable mixture (*E/Z* = 40/60); yellow oil; R_f = 0.13 (hexane : EtOAc = 1 : 3); *Z* isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.08-1.15 (m, 3H), 1.70-2.32 (m, 6H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 3.44-3.78 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 4.78-4.80 (m, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.84, 12.67, 24.86, 28.05, 31.13, 46.88, 51.88, 55.11, 127.78, 142.03, 168.64, 172.52; *E* isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.08-1.15 (m, 3H), 1.70-2.32 (m, 6H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 3.44-3.78 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 4.54-4.59 (m, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.21, 12.61, 23.13, 27.53, 33.41, 46.43, 52.19, 55.74, 127.64, 142.15, 168.00, 172.88; IR(neat): 2975, 2951, 2875, 1714, 1651, 1417, 748 cm⁻¹; EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity); 225 (M⁺, 2), 168 (100), 136 (48), 110 (16); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₉O₃N (M⁺): 225.1365, found: 225.1361.

Data for MO Calculations.

Molecular orbital calculations were carried out using the Gaussian 09 program.⁴ Geometry optimizations were performed using standard gradient techniques at the HF level of theory using restricted (RHF) and unrestricted (UHF) methods for closed- and open-shell systems respectively.⁵ All ground and transition states were verified by vibrational frequency analysis.

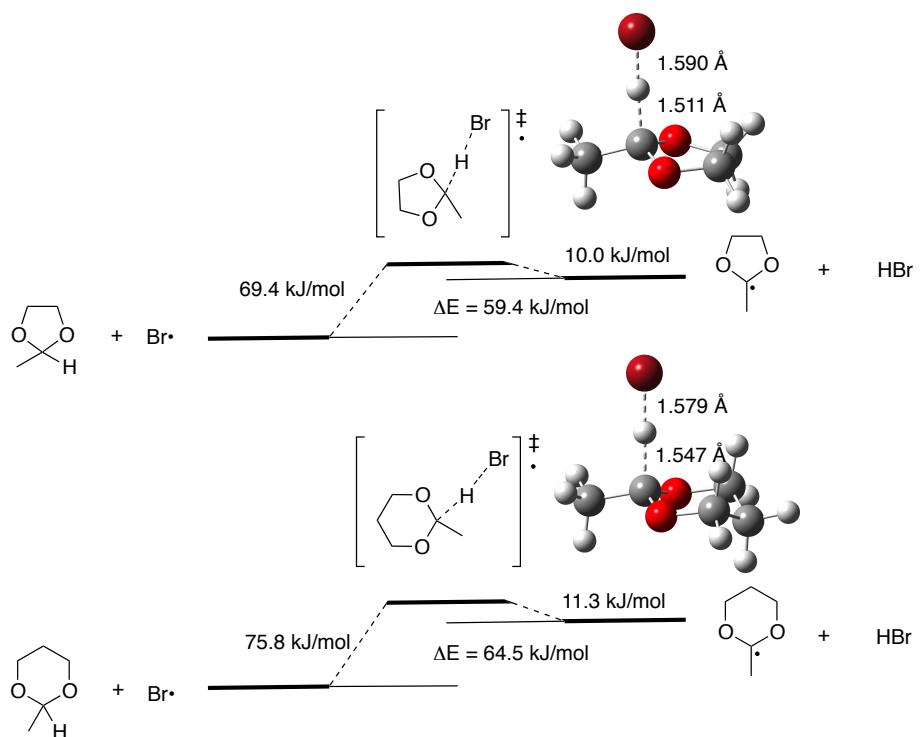


Fig. S1 Reaction profile of abstraction of α -hydrogen in 2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane and 2-methyl-1,3-dioxane with a bromine radical at the HF/6-311G**(C, H, O)+LanL2DZdp(Br) level.

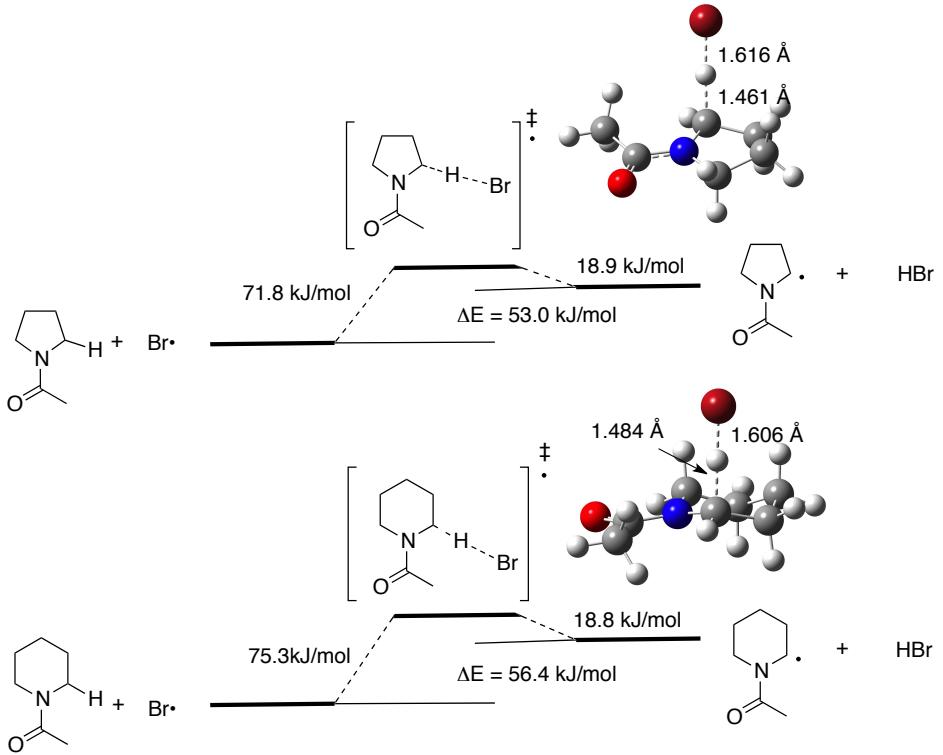


Fig. S2 Reaction profile of abstraction of α -hydrogen in *N*-acetylpyrrolidine and *N*-acetylpiperidine with a bromine radical at the HF/6-311G**($\text{C},\text{H},\text{O}$)+LanL2DZdp(Br) level.

Gaussian Archives and imaginary frequencies of optimized transition states of α -hydrogen abstraction at the HF/6-311G**($\text{C},\text{H},\text{O},\text{N}$) + LanL2DZdp (Br) level

2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane

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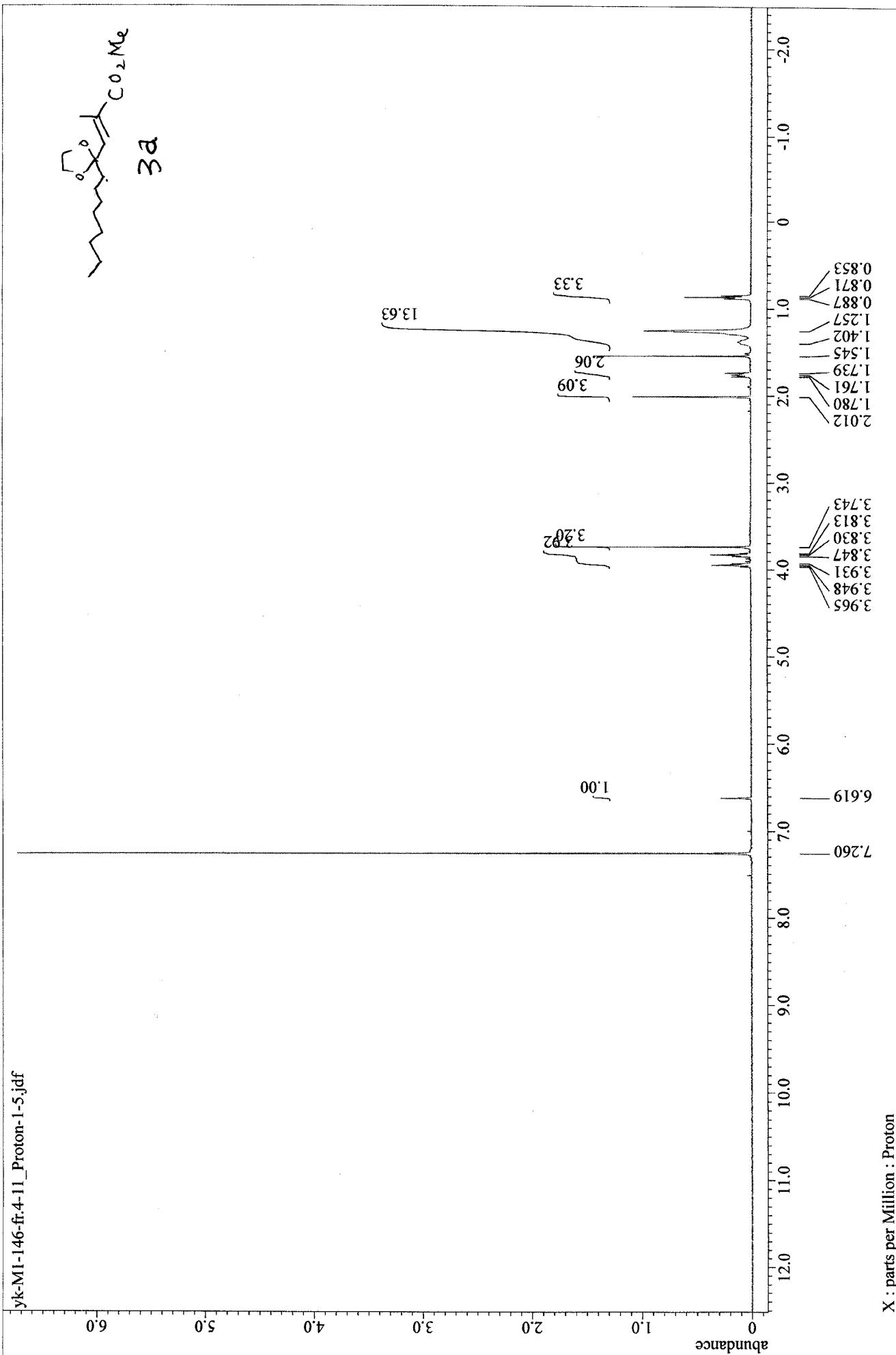
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