

Supporting Information

The Bu_4NI -catalyzed α -acyloxylation of ketones with benzylic alcohols

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1. General Considerations

All chemicals were used as received without further purification unless stated otherwise. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature on a 300 or 400 MHz NMR spectrometer (75 or 100 MHz for ^{13}C). NMR experiments are reported in δ units, parts per million (ppm), and were referenced to CDCl_3 (δ 7.26 or 77.0 ppm) as the internal standard. The coupling constants J are given in Hz. Column chromatography was performed using EM Silica gel 60 (300-400 mesh).

2. Experimental Procedures.

Under air, a 20 mL of Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with benzylic alcohol **1** (0.2 mmol), Ketone (0.4 mmol), Bu_4NI (14.8 mg, 20 mol %), TBHP (70% aqueous, 162 μL , 1.2 mmol), PhCN (2 mL). The tube was sealed with a Teflon lined cap. The reaction mixture was stirred at 90°C for 24h in oil bath. After the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the solvent was concentrated in vacuum and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether-EtOAc as the eluent to give the desired product.

3. The Reaction of Benzylic Alcohol in TBAI/TBHP

Under air, a 20 mL of Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was charged with benzylic alcohol **1** (0.2 mmol), Bu_4NI (14.8 mg, 20 mol %), TBHP (70% aqueous, 162 μL , 1.2 mmol), PhCN (2 mL). The tube was sealed with a Teflon lined cap. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40°C for 24 h in oil bath. After the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the solvent was concentrated in vacuum and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether-EtOAc as the eluent to give benzoic acid (57% yield) and *tert*-butyl perester (28% yield).

4. Characterization Data for the Products

Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl benzoate (3aa):¹ 42.5 mg, 84% yield. White solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.68 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 6.21 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.99-8.03 (m, 2H), 8.08-8.12 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.2, 71.8, 128.4, 128.5, 128.8, 129.4, 129.8, 133.3, 133.6, 134.4, 165.9, 196.7.

1-Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl 4-methoxybenzoate (3ba): 45.3 mg, 80% yield. White solid. m.p.: 107–109 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.65 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.17 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.98-8.06 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.1, 55.4, 71.5, 113.6, 121.8, 128.5, 128.7, 131.9, 133.5, 134.5, 163.6, 165.6, 197.0. MS(EI) 284 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇O₄ (M+H)⁺ 285.1121, found 285.1121.

1-Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (3ca): 44.3 mg, 77% yield. White solid. m.p.: 102–104 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.67 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 6.20 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.98-8.05 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.2, 72.1, 127.9, 128.5, 128.8, 128.8, 131.3, 133.7, 134.3, 139.8, 165.1, 196.5. MS(ESI) 288 (M⁺); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄ClO₃ (M+H)⁺ 289.0626, found 289.0619.

1-Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl 4-bromobenzoate (3da): 47.3 mg, 71% yield. White solid. m.p.: 118–119 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.66 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 6.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.94-8.00 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.2, 72.1, 128.3, 128.3, 128.4, 128.8, 131.3, 131.7, 133.6, 134.2, 165.2, 196.4. MS(EI) 332 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄BrO₃ (M+Na)⁺ 354.9940, found 354.9933.

1-Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl 4-fluorobenzoate (3ea): 44.0 mg, 81% yield. White solid. m.p.: 101–103 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.66 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 6.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.98-8.01 (m, 2H), 8.08-8.14 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.2, 71.9, 115.5 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.9 Hz), 125.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz), 128.4, 128.8, 132.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 9.4 Hz), 133.6, 134.3, 164.9, 165.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 252.8 Hz), 196.5. MS(EI) 272 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI) *m/z*

calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄FO₃ (M+H)⁺ 273.0921, found 273.0912.

1-Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (3fa):² 38.8 mg, 65% yield. White solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.71 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 6.25 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.98-8.00 (m, 2H), 8.25-8.32 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.3, 72.8, 123.5, 128.5, 128.9, 131.0, 133.9, 134.0, 134.9, 150.7, 164.1, 196.0.

1-Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl 4-(benzoyloxy)benzoate (3ga): 46.0 mg, 61% yield. White solid. m.p.: 134–136 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.69 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 6.22 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.58-7.69 (m, 2H), 8.00-8.02 (m, 2H), 8.16-8.22 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.2, 72.0, 121.8, 127.0, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 129.0, 130.2, 131.5, 133.6, 133.9, 134.3, 154.9, 164.5, 165.2, 196.6. MS(EI) 374 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉O₅ (M+H)⁺ 375.1227, found 375.1230.

1-Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl 2-methylbenzoate (3ha): 36.4 mg, 68% yield. White solid. m.p.: 51–52 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.66 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 6.20 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.62 (m, 4H), 8.00-8.02 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.1, 21.6, 71.7, 125.7, 128.4, 128.8, 128.9, 130.8, 131.6, 132.2, 133.5, 134.4, 140.5, 166.9, 196.9. MS(EI) 268 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇O₃ (M+H)⁺ 269.1172, found 269.1165.

Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl 1-naphthoate (3ia): 53.7 mg, 88% yield. White solid. m.p.: 96–98 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 6.33 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.58-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.90 (m, 1H), 8.03-8.08 (m, 3H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.2, 71.9, 124.5, 125.7, 126.2, 126.3, 127.8, 128.5, 128.5, 128.8, 130.6, 131.3, 133.6, 133.6, 133.7, 134.4, 166.9, 196.9. MS(EI) 304 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₁₇O₃ (M+H)⁺ 305.1172, found 305.1174.

1-Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl picolinate (3ja): 28.2 mg, 55% yield. White solid. m.p.: 90–92 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 6.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97-8.00 (m, 2H), 8.11-8.14 (m, 1H), 8.76-8.78 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.2, 72.8,

125.4, 127.1, 128.4, 128.7, 133.6, 134.2, 136.9, 147.4, 150.0, 164.5, 196.1. MS(EI) 255 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄NO₃ (M+H)⁺ 256.0968, found 256.0966.

1-Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl isobutyrate (3ka): 21.1 mg, 48% yield. Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.18-1.21 (m, 6H), 1.53 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 2.65 (hept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (q, *J*=6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.91-7.95 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 16.9, 18.8, 18.9, 33.7, 71.0, 128.4, 128.7, 133.5, 134.5, 176.6, 197.1. MS(EI) 220 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₁₇O₃ (M+H)⁺ 221.1172, found 221.1168.

1-Oxo-1-phenylpropan-2-yl cinnamate (3la): 28.6 mg, 51% yield. White solid. m.p.: 67–68 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.62 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 6.12 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.63 (m, 5H), 7.72-7.78 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98-8.01 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.2, 71.4, 117.1, 128.2, 128.5, 128.8, 128.9, 130.5, 133.6, 134.2, 134.4, 145.9, 166.2, 196.9. MS(EI) 280 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆NaO₃ (M+Na)⁺ 303.0992, found 303.0998.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-oxopropan-2-yl benzoate (3ab):³ 60.0 mg, 90% yield. White solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.66 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 6.12 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.85-7.89 (m, 2H), 8.06-8.10 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 17.0, 71.7, 128.4, 128.8, 129.2, 129.8, 130.0, 132.1, 133.1, 133.4, 165.9, 195.8.

1-Oxo-1-phenylpentan-2-yl 4-methoxybenzoate (3ac): 45.0 mg, 72% yield. White solid. m.p.: 76–78 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.97-1.02 (m, 3H), 1.52-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.93-2.01 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.06-6.10 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.95 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.99-8.08 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 13.8, 19.0, 33.5, 55.4, 75.2, 113.6, 121.9, 128.4, 128.7, 131.9, 133.4, 134.9, 163.6, 165.9, 196.8. MS(EI) 312 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀NaO₄ (M+Na)⁺ 335.1254, found 335.1258.

1-Oxo-1-(thiophen-2-yl)propan-2-yl 4-methoxybenzoate (3ad): 38.7 mg, 67% yield. White solid. m.p.: 110–111 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.69 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 5.93 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (q, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.16 (m,

1H), 7.67-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.86-7.87 (m, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 17.7, 55.4, 72.6, 113.7, 121.7, 128.2, 132.0, 132.7, 134.4, 140.5, 163.7, 165.6, 189.9. MS(EI) 290 (M^+); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 291.0686, found 291.0683.

2-Oxocyclohexyl 4-methoxybenzoate (3ae): 17.0 mg, 34% yield. White solid. m.p.: 138–140 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 1.59-2.15 (m, 5H), 2.37-2.59 (m, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 5.35-5.40 (m, 1H), 6.89-6.94 (m, 2H), 8.01-8.06 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 23.7, 27.2, 33.2, 40.7, 55.4, 76.7, 113.5, 121.9, 131.9, 163.5, 165.2, 204.7. MS(EI) 248 (M^+); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 271.0941, found 271.0946.

(E)-4-Oxo-6-phenylhex-5-en-3-yl 4-methoxybenzoate (3af): 30.3 mg, 47% yield. White solid. m.p.: 93–94 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 1.10 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.94-2.08 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 5.40-5.43 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, $J = 16$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 9.7, 24.4, 55.4, 79.1, 113.7, 121.0, 121.9, 128.5, 128.9, 130.8, 131.9, 134.3, 144.4, 163.7, 165.8, 196.2. MS(EI) 324 (M^+); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 325.1434, found 325.1429.

1-Oxo-1-(pyridin-4-yl)propan-2-yl 4-methoxybenzoate (3ag): 18.7 mg, 33% yield. Pale yellow solid. m.p.: 120–122 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 1.62 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.03 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.82 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 16.7, 55.5, 71.8, 113.8, 121.3, 121.3, 132.0, 140.8, 151.0, 163.8, 165.6, 197.0. MS(EI) 285 (M^+); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 308.0893, found 308.0890.

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6. Copies of the ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra



































