# Simple Synthesis of Dimethyl 4-Methyl-6-perfluoroalkylisophthalates and Dimethyl 5-Perfluoroalkylbiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylates via Acyclic Precursors $\dagger$ 

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#### Abstract

Reaction of methyl propynoate 2 with acetylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane $\mathbf{1 a}$ or benzoylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane 1b at $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ gives methyl 5-oxo-2-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)hex-3-enoate 4a or methyl 4-benzoyl-2-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)but-3-enoate 4b as the main product, respectively. Phosphoranes $\mathbf{4 a}$ or $\mathbf{4 b}$ can further react with methyl perfluoroalkynoates $\mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$ to afford dimethyl 2-(3-oxo-1-perfluoroalkylbut-1-enyl)-4-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)pent-2-enedioates 6a and 6b or dimethyl 2-(2-benzoyl-1-perfluoroalkylvinyl)-4-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)-pent-2-enedioates 6c and 6d, respectively. Diemethyl 4-methyl-6-perfluoroalkylisophthalates 7a and 7b or dimethyl 5 -perfluoroalkylbiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylates 7c and 7d were prepared in high yield via intramolecular Wittig reaction of phosphoranes 6a/6b or 6c/6d in benzene or methanol. The structures of compounds $4 \mathrm{a}, 6 \mathrm{a}$ and 7 a were confirmed by $I \mathrm{R}, \mathrm{MS}$ and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} N M R$ spectroscopy and elemental analyses. Reaction mechanisms for the formation of compounds 4, 6 and 7 are proposed.


Polysubstituted arenes have been synthesized traditionally through substitution of aromatic ring compounds. However, this method suffered from long synthetic routes and the presence of complicated positional isomers. Therefore, to study the convenient and efficient syntheses of polysubstituted arenes is valuable in organic synthetic methodology. We have reported the syntheses of trisubstituted benzenes-methyl 2-perfluoro-alkyl-6-methoxybenzoates, ${ }^{1}$ methyl 1 -alkoxy-3-perfluoroalkyl-2-naphthoates ${ }^{2}$ and methyl 2,6-bisperfluoroalkylbenzoates ${ }^{3}$ via acyclic precursors. It is a preferable method, attributed to its simplicity and the production of only a sole product with definite positional functional groups.

As a continuation of this study, a simple synthesis of tetrasubstituted benzenes-dimethyl 4-methyl-6-perfluoroalkylisophthalates 7a and 7b and dimethyl 5-perfluoroalkylbiphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylates $7 \mathbf{c}$ and $\mathbf{7 d}$-will be reported in this paper.

## Results and Discussion

Synthesis of the Precursors 6a-d.-Reaction of acetylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane $\mathbf{1 a}$ or benzoylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane $\mathbf{1 b}$ with methyl propynoate 2 at room temperature afforded a mixture of compounds $\mathbf{3 a}$ and $\mathbf{3 b}$ and $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b}$ (Scheme 1). Compounds 3 and compounds 4 were the products of $1,3-\mathrm{H}$ migration and four-membered-ring rearrangement of the betaine A, respectively (Scheme 2). When the reaction was carried out at $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ compound $\mathbf{4 a}$ or $\mathbf{4 b}$ was the main product (Table 1). They could further react with methyl perfluoroalkynoates $5 \mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$ at room temperature to produce compounds $\mathbf{6 a - d}$, a phosphorus ylide possessing a conjugated six-carbon main chain with a terminal acyl group. These latter are acyclic precursors in the synthesis of aromatic compounds through an intramolecular Wittig reaction.

Synthesis of Isophthalates 7a-d.-Phosphoranes 6a/b or $\mathbf{6 c} / \mathbf{d}$ were heated in benzene in a sealed tube at $140-160$ or $210-220^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, respectively, whereupon an intramolecular Wittig reaction took place to form aromatic ring compounds $\mathbf{7 a} / \mathbf{b}$ or 7c/d in high yield. The reaction temperature could be much

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lower and the reaction time much shorter if the reaction were to be carried out in methanolic solution. Interestingly, even when aq. methanol is used as solvent substrates 6 still undergo aromatic cyclization rather than hydrolysis of the $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{C}$ bond (Table 2).

Structural Confirmation of Compound 7a and the Reaction Mechanism.-According to spectral analyses of compound 7a, it is a tetrasubstituted benzene. The four substituents are a methyl group, a trifluoromethyl group, and two methoxycarbonyl groups. Two aromatic hydrogens with chemical shifts $\delta 7.64$ and 8.36 are situated para to each other. The relative positions of the four functional groups were ascertained by the following methods:


Scheme 2
(a)


Fig. 1 (a) Heteronuclear $J$-modulated spin echo spectrum of compound 7a. (b) ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ Shift correlation 2D-NMR spectrum of compound 7a.

Table 1 Reaction of phosphoranes 1 with methyl propynoate 2

| Phosphorane | Conditions | Product |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yield (\%) | 3:4 |
| $1{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $0-5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ | 81 | 1:0.1 |
| 1a | r.t., ${ }^{a} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 85 | 1:0.43 |
| 1 a | $90{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{MeOCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OMe}$ | 82 | 1:4.6 |
| 1b | r.t., $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 92 | 1:1.5 |
| 1b | $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{MeOCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OMe}$ | 82 | 1:8.5 |
| 1b | $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2},$ sealed tube | 97 | 1:12 |

${ }^{a}$ Room temperature.
(a) Through heteronuclear $J$-modulated spin echo spectroscopy (Fig. la), it appears that two aromatic carbons with chemical shifts $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 130.38$ and 133.02 are bonded to two hydrogens. From a ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ shift-correlation 2D-NMR experiment (Fig. 1b), the carbon atom with chemical shift $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 130.38$ is correlated to the hydrogen with chemical shift at $\delta 7.64$, while the carbon at $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 133.02$ is correlated to the hydrogen at $\delta 8.36$. The former carbon appears as a quartet with coupling constant 5.48 Hz , this coincides with the ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}$ splitting (Fig. 2). Therefore the trifluoromethyl group is situated ortho to the hydrogen with $\delta 7.64$.
(b) From a ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSYLR 2D-NMR spectrum (Fig. 3), the correlation between the methyl group with $\delta 2.70$ and the aromatic proton at $\delta 7.64$ is greater than that with the hydrogen at $\delta 8.36$. Therefore the methyl group and the aromatic proton at $\delta 7.64$ are ortho to each other.

Table 2 Preparation of 7a-d

| Reactant | Solvent | Temp. <br> $\left(T /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Time <br> $(t / \mathrm{h})$ | Product | Yield (\%) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{6 a}$ | Benzene | 165 | 30 | $\mathbf{7 a}$ | 93 |
| $\mathbf{6 a}$ | MeOH-water | 140 | 30 | 7a | 90 |
|  | $(9: 1)$ |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{6 a}$ | MeOH | 140 | 13 | $\mathbf{7 a}$ | 95 |
| $\mathbf{6 a}$ | MeOH | 120 | 3 | $\mathbf{7 a}$ | 86 |
| $\mathbf{6 b}$ | Benzene | 140 | 20 | $\mathbf{7 b}$ | 98 |
| $\mathbf{6 c}$ | Benzene | 220 | 8 | $\mathbf{7 c}$ | 91 |
| $\mathbf{6 c}$ | MeOH-water | 160 | 9 | $\mathbf{7 c}$ | 82 |
|  | (9:1) |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{6 d}$ | Benzene | 220 | 8 | 7d | 90 |
| $\mathbf{6 d}$ | MeOH-water | 160 | 9 | $\mathbf{7 d}$ | 77 |

According to the above facts, it follows that compound 7a is dimethyl 4-trifluoromethyl-6-methylisophthalate.
Compound 7 is formed through elimination of a molecular of $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PO}$ from compound 6 , therefore the structure of compound 6a may be proposed from the structure of isophthalate 7a, i.e. as dimethyl 2-(3-oxo-1-trifluoromethylbut-1-enyl)-2-(triphenyl-phosphoranylidene)pent-2-enedioate. The spectral data of $\mathbf{6 a}$ are also in accord with the above proposition. Thus, the reaction mechanism of the formation of compounds 6 is suggested as follows: first, the C-4 of the phosphoranes 4 attacks C- $\beta$ of esters 5 to give betaine B, which then undergoes a four-membered-ring rearrangement to form phosphorane 6 (Scheme 3).



Scheme 3

## Experimental

M.p.s and b.p.s are uncorrected. M.p.s. were measured with WRS-1 Digital Melting Point Apparatus made by Shanghai Physical Optical Instrument Factory (SPOIF), China. IR spectra were recorded on a 7400 spectrometer (Shanghai Analytical Instrument Factory, China) for samples as KBr discs or liquid films. NMR spectra were determined with an AC100 SC or an AMX-600 spectrometer for solutions in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ with tetramethylsilane as internal standard for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} N \mathrm{NR}$, and trifluoroacetic acid as the external reference for ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR. $J$ Values are given in Hz . Mass spectra were run on a FinniganMat 4510 spectrometer.

Acetylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane 1a, ${ }^{4}$ benzoylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane $\mathbf{1 b},{ }^{4}$ methyl propynoate $\mathbf{2}^{5}$ and


Fig. $2{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 7a


Fig. $3{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSYLR 2D-NMR spectrum of compound 7a
methyl perfluoroalk-2-ynoates 5 a and $\mathbf{5 b}{ }^{6}$ were prepared according to the respective literature method. Light petroleum refers to the fraction boiling in the range $60-90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

Preparation of Methyl 5-Oxo-2-(triphenylphosphoranylid-ene)hex-3-enoate 4a.-To a solution of acetylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane $\mathbf{1 a}(4 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous 1,2 -dimethoxyethane (DME) ( $40 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) was added a solution of methyl propynoate $2(4.4 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous DME $\left(4 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ and the mixture was stirred at $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 4 h . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was separated on a silica gel G column with EtOAc-light petroleum (1:1-2:1) as eluent
to give compound $3 \mathrm{a}(0.23 \mathrm{~g}, 14.6 \%$ ) and title compound $\mathbf{4 a}$ ( $1.08 \mathrm{~g}, 67.4 \%$ ). Further purification was by recrystallization from benzene-light petroleum.

Methyl 5-oxo-4-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)hex-2-enoate 3a had m.p. $211-213^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Found: C, 74.55; H, 5.8. $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 74.62 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.76 \%$ ); $v_{\text {max }} / \mathrm{cm}^{-1} 1680,1578,1567$ and $1545 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 2.40(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{COMe}), 3.57(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}), 5.13(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}$, $\left.{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}} 15.3,=\mathrm{CH}\right)$ and $7.17-7.60(16 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}$ and $=\mathrm{CH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}$ 28.63 ( $\mathrm{d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 8.19$, COMe), $50.52\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right.$ ), $77.45\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{PC}}\right.$ $109.77, \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{C}), 100.50\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 13.84,=\mathrm{C}\right), 125.02\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 91.37\right.$, Ar ), 128.94 ( $\mathrm{d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 12.28, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 132.31 (d, ${ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 2.37, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 133.42 (d, $\left.{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 9.84, \mathrm{Ar}\right), 145.06\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 16.09,=\mathrm{C}\right.$ ), $169.67\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right)$ and 193.17 (d, ${ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 5.92$, COMe); $m / z 402\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, 19.21 \%\right), 387$ (30), 371 (11), 359 (2), 343 (100) and 262 (6).

Methyl 5-oxo-2-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)hex-3-enoate 4a had m.p. $168-170^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Found: C, $74.6 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.7 \%$ ); $v_{\text {max }} / \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ $1673,1667,1640,1604,1597,1560,1550,1515$ and $1510 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}$ $1.94(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{COMe}), 3.48(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}), 6.75$ ( $1 \mathrm{H} . \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{HH}} 14.7$, $=\mathrm{CH}), 7.03\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}} 14.7,{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PH}} 17.1,=\mathrm{CH}\right)$ and $7.35-7.68$ $(15 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 26.74(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{COMe}), 50.01\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right), 60.05$ (d, $\left.{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 119.25, \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{C}\right), 113.58\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 13.55,=\mathrm{C}\right), 124.59\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{PC}}\right.$ $97.25, \mathrm{Ar}), 129.08$ (d, ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 12.31, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 132.76 (d, ${ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 2.59, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 133.64 (d, $\left.{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 9.82, \mathrm{Ar}\right), 145.71\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 14.81,=\mathrm{C}\right.$ ), $168.35(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 15.59, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right)$ and $196.44(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{COMe}) ; m /=402\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right.$, $11.23 \%$ ), 387 (5), 370 (9), 359 (3), 343 (4) and 262 (100).

Preparation of Methyl 4-Benzoyl-2-(triphenylphosphoranyli-dene)but-3-enoate $\mathbf{4 b}$.-To a solution of benzoylmethylenetriphenylphosphorane $\mathbf{1 b}$ ( $0.38 \mathrm{~g}, 1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous methylene dichloride ( $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) was added methyl propynoate $2(0.084$ $\mathrm{g}, 1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and the mixture was heated at $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 5 h in a sealed tube. The solvent was removed and the residue was separated on a silica gel G column with EtOAc-light petroleum (1:1-2:1) as eluent to give compound $\mathbf{3 b}(0.034 \mathrm{~g}, 7.4 \%$ ) and title compound $4 \mathrm{~b}(0.414 \mathrm{~g}, 89.2 \%)$. Further purification was by recrystallization from benzene-light petroleum.

Methyl 4-ben=oyl-4-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)but-2-enoate 3b had m.p. $219-220^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Found: $\mathrm{C}, 77.8 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.4 . \mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 77.57, \mathrm{H}, 5.42 \%$ ); $v_{\text {max }} / \mathrm{cm}^{-1} 1693,1689,1583,1577$, 1542 and $1537 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 3.46(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}), 4.47\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}} 15.3\right.$, $=\mathrm{CH})$ and $7.35-7.81(21 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}+=\mathrm{CH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 50.40(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{Me})$, $75.65\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 106.34, \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{C}\right), 101.50\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 10.32,=\mathrm{C}\right), 124.59(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 90.70, \mathrm{Ar}\right), 128.99$ (d, $\left.{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 12.64, \mathrm{Ar}\right), 132.43$ (d, ${ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 2.69$, Ar), 133.55 (d, ${ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 9.67$, Ar), 128.20 (d, ${ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 4.51$, Ar), 129.89 (s, Ar), 131.79(s, Ar), 141.04 (d, ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 9.44$, Ar), 146.03 (d, ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PC}}$ 13.37, $=\mathrm{C}), 169.30\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right)$ and $191.93\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 6.57, C O P h\right) ; m / z$ $464\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, 29.22 \%\right), 449$ (45), 405 (100) and 262 (24).

Methyl 4-benzoyl-2-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)but-3-enoate 4b had m.p. $197.8-198.8^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Found: C, $77.8 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.2 \%$ ); $v_{\text {max }} / \mathrm{cm}^{1} 1674,1516,1508$ and $1488 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 3.47(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe})$ and 7.31-7.92 ( $22 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}+=\mathrm{CH}$ ); $m /=464\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, 24.48 \%\right)$, 433 (6), 405 (5), 359 (4) and 262 (100).

Preparation of Dimethyl 2-(3-Oxo-1-perfluoroalkylbut-1-en-ll)-4-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)pent-2-enedioates 6a/6b and Dimethyl 2-(2-Ben=oyl-1-perfluoroalkylvinyl)-4-(triphenylphos-phorany-lidene) pent-2-enedioates 6c/6d.-General procedure. To a solution of compound $\mathbf{4 a}$ or $\mathbf{4 b}(1.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous methylene dichloride ( $15 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) was added a methyl perfluoroalkynoate $\mathbf{5 a}$ or $\mathbf{5 b}(1.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ and the mixture was stirred at room temperature under nitrogen for 48 h . The solvent was removed, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel and elution with EtOAc-light petroleum (2:1). Further purification by recrystallization from benzenehexane or EtOAc-light petroleum gave compounds 6a-d.

Dimethyl 2-[3-oxo-1-(trifluoromethyl)but-1-enyl]-4-(triphen1 Iphosphoranylidene) pent-2-enedioate $\mathbf{6 a}$. This compound $(58 \%)$ had m.p. $187-188^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Found: C, 65.1; H, 5.0. $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 64.98 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.73 \%$; $v_{\text {max }} / \mathrm{cm}^{-1} 1688,1683,1670,1620$, 1613 and $1543 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 2.28(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{COMe}), 3.29\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right)$, $3.49\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right), 6.55(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},=\mathrm{CH}), 7.22\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PH}} 19.2\right.$, $=\mathrm{CH}), 7.52-7.55(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH})$ and $7.60-7.65(9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH})$; $\delta_{\mathrm{F}}-11.35\left(3 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 29.75(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{COMe}), 49.44(\mathrm{~s}$, $\mathrm{CO}_{2} M e$ ), $51.26\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} M e\right), 63.18\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 123.89, \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{C}\right.$ ), 102.05 (q, =C), 124.47 (d, $\left.{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{PC}} 92.16, \mathrm{Ar}\right), 124.39\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CF}} 295.29, \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)$, 129.08 (s, Ar), 132.74 (d, =C), 133.66 (s, Ar), 133.71 (s, Ar), 139.60 (q, $\left.{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}} 48.07,=\mathrm{C}\right), 145.91\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}} 16.62,=\mathrm{C}\right), 167.16\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PC}}\right.$ $\left.15.11, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right), 168.21\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right)$ and $199.62(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{COMe}) ; m / z$ $554\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, 3 \%\right), 523(2), 495(100)$ and 59 (43).

Dimethyl 2-[1-(heptafluoropropyl)-3-oxobut-1-enyl]-4-(tri-phenylphosphoranylidene)pent-2-enedioate 6b. This compound $(85 \%)$ had m.p. $147-148^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Found: $\mathrm{C}, 59.0 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.2$. $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~F}_{7} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 58.74 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.00 \%$; $v_{\text {max }} / \mathrm{cm}^{1} 1700$, $1692,1684,1678,1645,1640,1550$ and $1537 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 2.32(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, COMe), 3.34 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}$ ), 3.46 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}$ ), $6.48(1 \mathrm{H}$, br s, $=\mathrm{CH})$ and $7.42-7.65(16 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}+=\mathrm{CH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{F}} 3.87(3 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{t}, J$ $11, \mathrm{CF}_{3}$ ), 33.25 and $39.02\left(2 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{AB}, J_{\mathrm{AB}} 264.18, \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right.$ ) and 49.76 (s) and $50.03(\mathrm{~s}),\left(2 \mathrm{~F}\right.$, unequal $\left.\mathrm{C} F_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right) ; m / z 654$ $\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, 2 \%\right), 595$ (49), 345 (39) and 51 (100).

Dimethyl 2-[2-benzoyl-1-(trifluoromethyl)vinyl]-4-(triphenyl-phosphoranylidene)pent-2-enedioate $\mathbf{6 c}$ This compound $(92 \%)$ had m.p. $170-172{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Found: C, 68.0; H, 4.9. $\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 68.2 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.58 \%$ ) $v_{\text {min }} \mathrm{cm}^{-1} 1650,1630,1600$ and 1550 , $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 3.33(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OME}), 3.47(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}), 6.74$ ( 1 $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s},=\mathrm{CH})$ and $7.26-7.52(21 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}+=\mathrm{CH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{F}}-13.62(3$ $\left.\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right) ; m /=616\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, 2 \%\right), 557(22), 307$ (100) and 278 (97).

Dimethyl 2-[2-benzoyl-1-(heptafluoropropyl)vinyl]-4-(tri-phenylphosphoranylidene)pent-2-enedioate 6d. This compound $(97 \%)$ had m.p. $118-120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Found: C, 62.2; H, 3.95. $\mathrm{C}_{37} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~F}_{7} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{P}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 62.02 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.94 \%$ ) ; $v_{\text {max }} / \mathrm{cm}^{-1} 1680$, 1670,1650 and $1600 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 3.28(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}), 3.37$ ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}$ ) and $7.08-7.99(22 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}+=\mathrm{CH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{F}} 3.52(3 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{t}, J 11$, $\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ ), 32.71 and 39.64 ( $2 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{AB}, J_{\mathrm{AB}} 256.15, \mathrm{CF}_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{3}$ ) and
49.21 (s) and 49.53 (s), ( 2 F , unequal $\mathrm{C} F_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{3}$ ) ; m/z $716\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right.$, $4 \%$ ), 658 (100) and 278 (1).

Syntheses of Dimethyl Perfluoroalkylisophthalates 7a, b or Dimethyl 5-(Perfluoroalkyl)biphenyl-2,4-dicarboxylates 7c, dTypical procedure. A solution of $\mathbf{6 a}(1.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous benzene ( $5 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) was heated in a sealed tube at $165^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 h . After cooling, the solution was passed through a silica gel column and eluted with benzene to separate the product 7 from triphenylphosphine oxide. The product $7 \mathbf{7 a}$ was further purified by recrystallization from ethyl acetate-light petroleum. Compound $\mathbf{7 b}$ was a liquid product, purified by molecular distillation. When aq. methanol or methanol was used as reaction medium, the reaction temperature and time were as recorded in Table 2.

Dimethyl 4-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)isophthalate 7a. This compound $(93 \%)$ had m.p. $79-81^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Found: C, 52.15; H, 4.1. $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 52.18 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.01 \%$ ); $v_{\text {max }} / \mathrm{cm}^{-1} 1745$, $1716,1620,1585,1560$ and $1510 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 2.70(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}), 3.95$ ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, 2 \times \mathrm{OMe}$ ), $7.65(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{ArH})$ and $8.36(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{ArH})$; $\delta_{\mathrm{F}}-16.35\left(3 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 21.7(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{Me}), 52.50\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right)$, $52.95\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right), 123.02\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CF}} 273.95, \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right), 128.46(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Ar})$, $130.38\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}} 5.48, \mathrm{Ar}\right), 131.43\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}} 32.65\right.$, Ar), $132.69(\mathrm{~s}$, Ar), 133.02 (s, Ar), 144.39 (s, Ar), 166.08 (s, $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ ) and 166.19 (s, $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ ) $, m / z 276\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, 54 \%\right), 245(100), 217$ (9) and 59 (13).

Dimethyl 4-heptafluoropropyl-6-methylisophthalate 7b. This compound $(98 \%)$ had b.p. $145-165^{\circ} \mathrm{C}^{*} / 267 \mathrm{~Pa}$ (Found: C, 44.6 ; $\mathrm{H}, 2.7 . \mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{~F}_{7} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 44.70: \mathrm{H}, 2.95 \%$; $v_{\text {max }} / \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ $1740 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 2.70(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Me}), 3.91(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}), 3.94(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\mathrm{OMe}), 7.51(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{ArH})$ and $8.19(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{ArH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{F}} 4.17$ ( $3 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{t}$, $\left.J 10, \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right), 29.57\left(2 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{CF}_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)$ and $47.29(2 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~s}$, $\mathrm{C} F_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{3}$ ); m/z 376 ( $\mathrm{M}^{+}, 34 \%$ ), 345 (100), 317 (3) and 59 (5).

Dimethyl 5-(trifluoromethyl-2,4-dicarboxylatebiphenyl 7c. This compound $(91 \%)$ had m.p. $59-60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Found: C, $60.3 ; \mathrm{H}$, 4.0. $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 60.36 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.87 \%$ ); $v_{\text {max }} / \mathrm{cm}^{-1} 1745$ and $1730 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 3.72(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}), 3.98(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}), 7.40(5 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.78(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{ArH})$ and $8.27(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{ArH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{F}}-16.54$ ( $3 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CF}_{3}$ ); m/z $338\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, 62 \%\right.$ ), 307 (100) and 59 (27).

Dimethyl 5-(heptafluoropropyl)-2,4-dicarboxylatebiphenyl 7d. This compound $(90 \%)$ had m.p. $80-82^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (Found: C, $52.05 ; \mathrm{H}$, 3.0. $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~F}_{7} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 52.07$; $\mathrm{H}, 2.99 \%$ ); $v_{\text {max }} / \mathrm{cm}^{1} 1740$ and $1725 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 3.69(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}), 3.94(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}), 7.39(5 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.65(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{ArH})$ and $8.08(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{ArH}) ; \delta_{\mathrm{F}} 3.75$ ( $3 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{CF}_{3}$ ), $29.17\left(2 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{CF}_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right.$ ) and $46.93(2 \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~s}$, $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{2} \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right) ; m /=438\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, 77.5 \%\right), 407(100)$ and $59(15)$.

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