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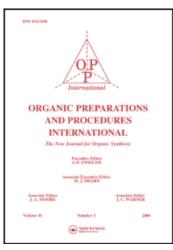
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We have recently reported that the treatment of several arylacetone anions with ethyl chloroformate gave the  $\alpha$ -aryl- $\beta$ -ketoesters (I). Recent spectral evidence indicates that the products isolated are instead the corresponding styryl carbonates (II).

$$CH_{3}CO\overline{C}HAr + C1CO_{2}Et$$

$$CH_{3}CO-CHCO_{2}Et$$

$$CH_{3}C-CHCO_{2}Et$$

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