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# Silicomolybdic acid supported on silica gel: an efficient catalyst for Hosomi–Sakurai reactions

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# ABSTRACT

Silicomolybdic acid that is supported on silica gel (50 wt %) efficiently catalyzes the high-yielding Hosomi–Sakurai allylation of carbonyl compounds by allyltrimethylsilane in the presence of benzyl alcohol. The reaction rates of inactive substrates and the yields were greatly increased when preformed acetals were used as substrates.

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# 1. Introduction

The Hosomi-Sakurai allylation of carbonyl compounds and acetals by allyltrimethylsilane to form homoallyl alcohols or ethers is an extensively explored carbon-carbon bond-forming reaction.<sup>1-6</sup> The reaction is usually promoted using a stoichiometric or catalytic amount of Lewis acid,  $^{7-29}$  Brønsted acid $^{30-40}$  or other material.  $^{3,41}$ The direct allylation of carbonyl compounds using allyltrimethylsilane has limited applicability, because it involves high catalyst loadings, low yields, and long reaction times. However, the acetals of the corresponding carbonyl compounds greatly increase reaction rates and yields. The use of Brønsted acids in this conversion has been less studied than has the use of Lewis acids. In fact, sulfonamide<sup>37,40</sup> and sulfonic acid-bearing electron-withdrawing substituents<sup>38,39</sup> are the only classes of Brønsted acid catalysts that have been used. Other readily available sulfonic acids, such as p-TsOH and camphorsulfonic acid, have been shown to be less active as catalysts of the allylation reaction. The authors' continued interest in the asymmetric allylation of carbonyl compounds<sup>42</sup> and the replacement of conventional Brønsted acid and Lewis acid catalysts with more selective, highly acidic, and greener solid acid catalysts for various functional group transformations<sup>43</sup> have led us to study the use of heteropoly acids<sup>44–47</sup> as catalysts for the Hosomi-Sakurai allylation (Scheme 1). Various heteropoly acids are reportedly excellent catalysts of the synthesis of acetals, thioacetals, and acylals from carbonyl compounds.<sup>48</sup>



Scheme 1. Hosomi–Sakurai reaction of carbonyl compounds, acetals, and acylals with allyltrimethylsilane.

# 2. Results and discussion

The feasibility of the allylation was initially explored using benzaldehyde **1** (Table 1) as a model substrate and various heteropoly acids as catalysts. Initial attempts at the direct allylation of **1** to homoallyl alcohol by allyltrimethylsilane were either



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#### Table 1

Optimization of reaction conditions for Hosomi–Sakurai allylation of benzaldehyde catalyzed by heteropoly acids



Entry	HPA <sup>a</sup>	$x \pmod{\%}$	Solvent	$T(^{\circ}C)$	<i>t</i> (h)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	PMA	5.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	2.0	75
2	PWA	5.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	0.25	92
3	SWA	5.0	CH₃CN	rt	2.0	85
4	SMA	5.0	CH₃CN	rt	0.25	99
5	SMA	3.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	0.25	97
6	SMA	2.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	0.25	97
7	SMA	1.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	2.0	86
8	SMA	1.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	40	2.0	70
9	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (10 wt %)	2.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	2.0	90
10	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (20 wt %)	2.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	1.5	93
11	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (30 wt %)	2.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	0.5	95
12	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (30 wt %)	1.0	CH₃CN	40	3.0	85
13	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (40 wt %)	2.0	CH₃CN	rt	0.5	95
14	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (50 wt %)	2.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	0.08	99
15	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (50 wt %)	2.0	THF	rt	2.0	5
16	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (50 wt %)	2.0	$CH_2Cl_2$	rt	2.0	68
17	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (50 wt %)	2.0	Toluene	rt	2.0	73
18	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (50 wt %)	2.0	DMF	rt	2.0	_
19	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (first cycle)	2.0	CH₃CN	rt	0.08	99
20	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (second cycle)	2.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	1.0	90
21	SMA/SiO <sub>2</sub> (third cycle)	2.0	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	rt	3.0	85

<sup>a</sup> HPA: PMA-Phosphomolybdic acid; PWA-Phosphotungstic acid; SMA-Silicomolybdic acid; SWA-Silicotungstic acid.

<sup>b</sup> Isolated yields.

unsuccessful or afforded only traces of the product under various reaction conditions. An alternative protocol for acetal formation prior to allylation was therefore attempted by reacting benzaldehyde, allylsilane, and benzyl alcohol in the presence of heteropoly acids. Many of the reported catalyst systems failed or were

Table 2

Hosomi–Sakurai allylation of carbonyl compounds catalyzed by SMA/SiO2<sup>a</sup>

inefficient, and so more expensive benzyl trimethylsilyl ether was used.<sup>20,39</sup> The commonly used phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) gave the desired product **1a** in 75% yield at a catalyst loading of 5 mol % (Table 1, entry 1). The reaction did not proceed to completion, but halted after 30 min no product was formed after a reaction time of 2 h. Complete conversion required a minimum of 3.0 equiv of allyltrimethylsilane, and attempts to reduce the number of equivalents resulted in partial conversions and lower yields.

The more acidic phosphotungstic acid (PWA) yielded more product in a shorter reaction time. Similarly complete conversion was achieved using silicotungstic acid (SWA) after 2 h, the products obtained using both catalysts contained an impurity (Table 1, entries 2 and 3). Surprisingly, less silicomolybdic acid (SMA) was a more effective, forming homoallyl ether **1a** quantitatively in 15 min (Table 1, entry 4). The catalyst retained similar reactivity at a lower loading of 2 mol %, below which the reaction proceeded more slowly. Heating the reaction mixture to 40 °C reduced the yield, probably because of competitive hydrolysis of the acetal back to aldehyde (Table 1, entry 8). A more active and selective form of SMA catalyst, supported on silica gel, was prepared and screened for effectiveness in the allylation reaction. The loading of bulk supported catalyst (2 mol %) that was made from 10 to 50 wt % SMA on silica gel was investigated. The activity of the supported catalyst increased with the surface loading of the silica gel with SMA, and 50 wt % loading was found to be optimal (Table 1, entries 9–14). Reactions that were performed at higher temperature by reducing the catalyst loading or the surface loading again proceeded more slowly, owing to the hydrolysis of acetal. Dichloromethane and toluene afforded good vields that were exceeded only by those achieved when the reaction solvent was acetonitrile (Table 1, entries 15–18). The catalyst was recycled up to three times although each run considerably reduced catalytic activity (Table 1, entries 19 - 21).

Substituted aromatic aldehydes, such as 4-methylbenzaldehyde **2** and 4-*tert*-butylbenzaldehyde **3** gave the homoallyl ethers **2a** and **3a** in high yields under the optimal conditions (Table 2, entries

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Entry	Substrate		<i>t</i> (h)	Product		Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	R = Me	2	0.5	OBn R = Me	2a	95
2	R = t-Bu	3	1.0	R = t-Bu	3a	82
3	<i>o</i> -isomer	4	0.75	<i>o</i> -isomer	4a	92
4 5	$\begin{array}{c} & \\ \hline \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	5 6	0.75 0.5	CI <i>p</i> -isomer <i>m</i> -isomer	5a 6a	99 98
6	MeO	7	1.0	MeO	7a	40 <sup>c</sup>
7	<i>o</i> -isomer	8	6.0	OBn o-isomer	8a	61
8 9	CHO <i>p</i> -isomer NO <sub>2</sub> <i>m</i> -isomer	9 10	3.0 3.0	P-isomer NO <sub>2</sub> $m$ -isomer	9a 10a	57 50
10	NCСНО	11	1.5	NC	11a	80
11	твѕо-Сно	12	0.16	TBSO-	12a	70

 Table 2 (continued)

Entry	Substrate		<i>t</i> (h)	Product		Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
12	СНО	13	0.75	OBn	13a	95
13	СНО	14	1.0	BnO	14a	82
14	СНО	15	2.0	S OBn	15a	30
15	сно	16	1.0	S OBn	16a	90
16	СНО	17	1.0	OBn	17a	82
17	Сно	18	3.0	OBn ///	18a	78
18	ХХ-сно	19	1.0	∑ → OBn	19a	40 (dr 3:2)
19	СНО	20	2.0	OBn	20a	61
20	>-сно	21	3.0	OBn ///	21a	50
21	СНО	22	2.0	OBn	22a	80
22	<i>—</i> —сно	23	1.5	OBn	23a	92
23	СНО	24	0.5	OBn	25a	85
24	∕⊨o	25	0.16	OBn	25a	60
25	O L	26	1.0	OBn	26a	55
26	°	27	2.0	OBn	<b>27a</b> (continue	50 d on next page)

Table 2 (continued)



<sup>a</sup> Catalyst loading (2.0 mol %) and 3.0 equiv allyltrimethylsilane, 2.0 equiv benzyl alcohol.

<sup>b</sup> Isolated yields.

<sup>c</sup> No homoallyl ether was observed.

1 and 2). The position of the substituents on the aryl ring did not affect the yield of the reaction, as observed when isomeric chlorobenzaldehydes **4–6** were used (Table 2, entries 3–5). *p*-Anisaldehyde **7**, with an electron-releasing methoxy group, reacted slowly to form the corresponding diallyl compound **7a** in 40% yield without any trace of the expected homoallyl ether (Table 2, entry 6). In contrast, the electron-withdrawing nitro group on the benzaldehyde **8–10** gave homoallyl ethers in moderate yields, irrespective of the position of the functional group (Table 2, entries 7–9).

4-Cyanobenzaldehyde **11** formed the desired allylated product **11a** in good yield without any other product, because the nitrile groups underwent side reactions (hydrolysis and the Ritter reaction)<sup>49</sup> (Table 2, entry 10). The extreme stability of the TBS group under catalytic conditions resulted in a high yield of silylated homoallyl ether **12a** in a short reaction time. Polycyclic aromatic aldehydes, such as naphthaldehyde **13** and anthracenecarboxaldehyde **14**, reacted similarly to benzaldehyde (Table 2, entries 12 and 13), whereas heteroaromatic aldehydes reacted differently, depending on the position of the carbonyl group. Unreacted starting material thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde **15** was obtained along with the product (30%), but the reaction ran to completion when the corresponding 3-isomer **16** was instead (Table 2, entries 14 and 15). Cinnamaldehyde **17** underwent allylation selectively at the 1,2 position, forming the homoallyl ether in 82% yield.

The efficiency of the allylation of aliphatic and alicyclic aldehydes with SMA/SiO<sub>2</sub> was similar to that with aromatic aldehydes. The yields were a little lower in the former systems because incomplete conversions yielded homoallyl ethers as the only product, without any impurity. Monocyclic cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde **18** afforded higher yields than the chiral bicyclic myrtenal **19**, which reacted at the 1,2 position across the conjugated enone with a weak diastereoselectivity (3:2). Aliphatic aldehydes **20–23** exhibited similar tendencies to undergo allylation under the optimal conditions, affording homoallyl ethers in 50–92% yield.

The stability of the acetonide group was examined using Garner aldehyde **24** as the substrate. A rapid reaction occurred but no desired product was obtained. Allylation occurred at the acetonide moiety, unlike at the aldehyde group, forming **25a** in 85% yield. The rapid formation of **25a** motivated the screening of acetone and other ketones for allylation under the optimal reaction conditions. Homoallyl ethers were obtained in a moderate to good yield in a short reaction time using various aliphatic ketones **25–30** (Table 2, entries 24–29). A variety of aromatic ketones (substituted acetophenones, benzophenones, and acetonaphthone) and heteroaromatic ketones reacted very slowly with 5–10% conversion under variously modified experimental conditions. Cyclohexanone **31** reacted similarly to aliphatic ketones with a 90% yield of allylated ether **31a** within 15 min.

Preformed ketals of unreactive ketones underwent allylation in a very short time. The amount of allylsilane that was used with these substrates was reduced greatly (1.5 equiv) without any drop in yield of the product (Table 3). The reaction was quantitative yield in the case of cyclohexanone dimethyl acetal 32 but a slight loss of yield was observed when acetophenone dimethyl acetal 33 was used. Similarly slow-reacting aldehydes afforded the product in quantitative yield in a very short reaction time with the preformed acetals, as demonstrated using anisaldehyde dimethyl acetal 34 and 2-phenylpropanal dimethyl acetal 35. The reaction of anisaldehyde dimethyl acetal 34 formed a considerable amount of diallylated product 7a under the typical conditions, as observed using free aldehyde 7. Compound 7a was obtained perhaps because the desired product 34a was converted to an intermediate (40) and then reacted with allyltrimethylsilane to yield the product (7a) that was ultimately obtained (Scheme 2). However, reducing the number of equivalents of allylsilane to 1.0 equiv inhibited the formation of diallyl product 7a, affording the desired homoallyl ether 34a in 92% yield. Cyclic acetals 36 and 37 were shown to be useful substrates in the transformation, forming homoallyl ethers 36a and 37a in moderate vields in a very short reaction time. This result represents the first example of the ring-opening allylation of cyclic acetal under truly catalytic and ambient conditions.<sup>50</sup> Further reaction of the initially formed desired product (36a and 37a) under the typical experimental conditions produced symmetric ether in nearquantitative yield in less than 10 min from  $\mathbf{36}$  and  $\mathbf{37}$ .<sup>50</sup> Many modifications were made in attempts to freeze the reaction at the desired product and resulted in reducing the loading of the mild catalyst (10 wt % SMA on silica) as a suitable reagent system. To facilitate further manipulation of the homoallyl product, the ether functional group of the substrate was replaced with ester moieties. Acylals 38 and 39 were used to investigate the feasibility of the reaction. Homoallyl esters 38a and 39a were successfully isolated from both of these substrates in 30-40% yield and the hydrolysis of acylal was found to be the dominating reaction. Optimization studies demonstrated that replacing acetonitrile with dichloromethane as the solvent suppressed the hydrolysis and improved the yields to over 80%.

Table 3	
Hosomi–Sakurai allylation of ketals, acetals, and acylals catalyzed by SMA/SiO $_{2}^{a}$	

Entry	Substrate		<i>t</i> (h)	Product		Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	OMe	32	0.16	OMe	32a	99
2	OMe OMe	33	0.16	OMe	33a	82
3	MeO-OMe OMe	34	0.16	MeO	34a 7a	<b>34a:7a</b> 92:5 <sup>c</sup> (74:19) <sup>d</sup>
4	MeO MeO	35	0.16	MeO	35a	97 (dr 1:2.5)
5		36	0.32 <sup>e</sup>	OOH	36a	55 <sup>50</sup>
6	Br	37	0.5 <sup>e</sup>	BrOH	37a	45 <sup>50</sup>
7	OAc OAc	38	0.16	OAc	38a	85 <sup>f</sup>
8		39	0.25	CI	39a	80 <sup>f</sup>

а Catalyst loading (2.0 mol %) and 1.5 equiv allyltrimethylsilane.

Allyltrimethylsilane (1.0 equiv). с

d Allyltrimethylsilane (1.5 equiv).

SMA/SiO2 (10 wt %) and 0.5 mol % catalyst loading.

<sup>f</sup> Solvent: DCM and 0.5 mol % catalyst loading.



Scheme 2. The proposed mechanism of formation of 7a.

# 3. Conclusion

In summary, SMA that is supported on silica gel efficiently catalyzes the allylation of carbonyl compounds, acetals, ketals, and acylals in moderate to high yields in a short reaction time. This method represents the first example of the direct allylation of aldehydes and ketones in the presence of cheap and readily available benzyl alcohols. The difference between the reactivities of protected and free carbonyl compounds may be able to be exploited in the selective allylation of multi carbonyl compounds even higher yields.

# 4. Experimental section

# 4.1. Activation of silicomolybdic acid

Silicomolybdic acid hydrate (20%) was purchased from Aldrich (Milwaukee, WI, USA). SMA was placed in a single neck roundbottom flask, which was heated to 110 °C under reduced pressure for 6 h, yielding a fine yellow solid, which was used in a Hosomi–Sakurai reaction.

b Isolated yields.

# 4.2. Preparation of SMA/SiO<sub>2</sub> (50% w/w) catalyst

To a solution of  $H_4SiO_4Mo_{12}O_{36} \cdot xH_2O$  (500 mg, 0.5 equiv by wt) in MeOH (5 mL) was slowly added silica gel (500 mg, 0.5 equiv by wt, 70–230 mesh). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. The evaporation of MeOH under reduced pressure gave a dry yellowish powder, which contained 50% w/w of SMA.

# 4.3. Allylation of carbonyl compounds

To a solution of benzaldehyde **1** (100 mg, 0.942 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was added 50 wt % SMA/SiO<sub>2</sub> (68 mg, 0.018 mmol). Then benzyl alcohol (195  $\mu$ L, 1.88 mmol) and allyltrimethylsilane (0.449 mL, 2.82 mmol) were added dropwise at ambient temperature. The reactants were stirred for a further 5 min. After the completion of reaction (TLC), brine (10 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with ether (2×10 mL). The combined ether layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography afforded pure homoallylic benzyl ether **1a** as a colorless oil (222 mg, 99%).

4.3.1. Compound **1a**. 1-((1-Phenylbut-3-enyloxy)methyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.28–7.38 (m, 10H), 5.75–5.85 (m, 1H), 5.01–5.07 (m, 2H), 4.48 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 4.36–4.39 (m, 1H), 4.28 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 2.61–2.68 (m, 1H), 2.41–2.48 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 141.8, 138.5, 134.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.4, 126.9, 116.8, 81.1, 70.3, 42.6; IR *v*: 3064, 2862, 1950, 1810, 1640, 1494, 1454, 1354, 1203, 1091, 914, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; El-MS *m/z*: 237 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1), 197 (18), 129 (6), 115 (4), 91 (100), 77 (5); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O, 238.1358; found, 238.1352.

4.3.2. Compound **2a**. 1-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)-4-methylbenzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.25–7.7.37 (m, 7H), 7.20 (d, 2H, J=8 Hz), 5.78–5.85 (m, 1H), 5.02–5.09 (m, 2H), 4.48–4.51 (d, 1H, J=11.9 Hz), 4.34–4.38 (m, 1H), 4.28 (d, 1H, J=11.9 Hz), 2.62–2.69 (m, 1H), 2.42–2.49 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 138.8, 138.6, 137.3, 135.0, 129.1, 128.3, 127.7, 127.4, 126.8, 116.7, 81.0, 70.2, 42.6, 21.1; IR  $\nu$ : 3028, 2923, 2861, 1948, 1904, 1806, 1640, 1513, 1454, 1347, 1305, 1204, 1091, 914, 816, 734, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; FABMS *m/z*: 253 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 5), 237 (41), 237 (2), 213 (68), 167 (10), 147 (99), 121 (45), 107 (70), 93 (100); HRMS-FAB (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O, 252.1514; found, 253.1583.

4.3.3. Compound **3a**. 1-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)-4-tert-butylbenzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.29–7.42 (m, 9H), 5.82–5.89 (m, 1H), 5.03–5.12 (m, 2H), 4.51 (d, 1H, *J*=11.9 Hz), 4.37–4.40 (m, 1H), 4.30 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 2.63–2.68 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.50 (m, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 150.5, 138.8, 138.7, 135.2, 128.3, 127.7, 127.4, 126.5, 125.3, 116.6, 81.0, 70.3, 42.7, 34.5, 31.4; IR  $\nu$ : 3064, 3029, 2952, 2866, 1949, 1806, 1641, 1454, 1363, 1268, 1204, 1092, 1069, 1027, 914, 832, 734, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 294 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5), 253 (10), 161 (6) 147 (4), 91 (100), 57 (4); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O, 294.1984; found, 294.1987.

4.3.4. Compound **4a**. 1-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)-2-chlorobenzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.60 (d, 1H, *J*=1.6 Hz), 7.29–7.58 (m, 7H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1H), 5.87–5.91 (m, 1H), 5.05–5.11 (m, 2H), 4.93–4.97 (m, 1H), 4.49 (d, 1H, *J*=11.7 Hz), 4.35 (d, 1H, *J*=11.7 Hz), 2.52–2.55 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 139.5, 138.3, 134.5, 132.9, 129.4, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.1, 117.0, 78.0, 71.0, 41.1; IR  $\nu$ : 3067, 3031, 2863, 1950, 1810, 1640, 1439, 1394, 1351, 1206, 1092, 1035, 915, 755, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 233 (4), 231 (12), 139 (3), 91 (100) 65 (5); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClO, 272.0968; found, 272.0977.

4.3.5. Compound **5a**.1-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)-4-chlorobenzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.27-7.36 (m, 9H), 5.75-5.80 (m, 1H),

5.01–5.06 (m, 2H), 4.46 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 4.34–4.37 (m, 1H), 4.28 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 2.58–2.64 (m, 1H), 2.39–2.46 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 140.4, 138.2, 134.3, 133.3, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 117.2, 80.4, 70.5, 42.5; IR *ν*: 3066, 2903, 2861, 1901, 1641, 1597, 1492, 1454, 1342, 1296, 1205, 1088, 1014, 916, 827, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 233 (4), 231 (12), 139 (3), 91 (100) 65 (5); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClO, 272.0968; found, 272.0961.

4.3.6. Compound **6a**. 1-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)-3-chlorobenzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.21–7.35 (m, 9H), 5.73–5.82 (m, 1H), 5.03–5.08 (m, 2H), 4.49 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 4.34–4.37 (m, 1H), 4.30 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 2.59–2.64 (m, 1H), 2.40–2.45 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 144.2, 138.2, 134.4, 134.3, 129.7, 128.3, 127.8127.7, 127.6, 126.9, 125.0, 117.3, 80.6, 70.6, 42.5; IR *v*: 3066, 3030, 2863, 1948, 1872, 1641, 1596, 1575, 1430, 1391, 1341, 1195, 1096, 1074, 997, 916, 787, 735, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 233 (4), 231 (13), 139 (3), 91 (100), 77 (2), 65 (5); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClO, 272.0968; found, 272.0964.

4.3.7. Compound **7a**. 1-(Hepta-1,6-dien-4-yl)-4-methoxybenzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.08 (d, 2H, J=8.5 Hz), 6.85 (d, 2H, J=8.6 Hz), 5.62–5.73 (m, 2H), 4.93–5.00 (m, 4H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.55–2.76 (m, 1H), 2.29–2.44 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 157.8, 136.9, 136.7, 128.5, 115.9, 113.6, 55.1, 44.7, 40.5; IR  $\nu$ : 3075, 2911, 2835, 1830, 1742, 1639, 1611, 1508, 1441, 1301, 1248, 1177, 1038, 912, 827 cm<sup>-1</sup>; El-MS *m*/*z*: 202 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5), 162 (11), 161 (100), 129 (8), 121 (6), 91 (11), 77 (4); HRMS-EI (*m*/*z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O, 202.1358; found, 202.1362.

4.3.8. Compound **8a**. 1-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)-2-nitrobenzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.93 (d, 1H, *J*=8.1 Hz), 7.84 (d, 1H, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.65 (t, 1H, *J*=7.5 Hz), 7.41–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.35 (m, 5H), 5.89–5.96 (m, 1H), 5.07–5.12 (m, 2H), 4.42 (d, 1H, *J*=11.6 Hz), 4.34 (d, 1H, *J*=11.6 Hz), 2.56–2.61 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 148.8, 138.0, 137.8, 134.1, 133.3, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.7, 124.2, 117.5, 76.4, 71.5, 42.0; IR  $\nu$ : 3073, 2923, 2863, 1951, 1835, 1641, 1524, 1395, 1353, 1298, 1092, 1027, 917, 856, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 242 (8), 128 (1), 91 (100), 77 (3), 65 (6); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, 283.1208; found, 283.1202.

4.3.9. Compound **9a**. 1-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)-4-nitrobenzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.22 (d, 2H, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.50 (d, 2H, *J*=8.4 Hz), 7.29–7.36 (m, 5H), 5.71–5.81 (m, 1H), 5.00–5.06 (m, 2H), 4.36–4.52 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 2.59–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.42–2.49 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 149.5, 147.5, 137.7, 133.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 123.7, 117.9, 80.2, 71.0, 42.2; IR  $\nu$ : 3076, 2863, 2452, 1949, 1808, 1641, 1606, 1520, 1454, 1345, 1206, 1090, 918, 855, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 242 (6), 128 (2), 91 (100), 77 (3), 65 (6); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, 283.1208; found, 283.1212.

4.3.10. Compound **10a**. 1-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)-3-nitrobenzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, 1H, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.69 (d, 1H, *J*=7.7 Hz), 7.54 (t, 1H, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.28–7.37 (m, 5H), 5.75–5.84 (m, 1H), 5.02–5.07 (m, 2H), 4.49–4.54 (m, 2H), 4.36 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 2.63–2.70 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.52 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 148.5, 144.3, 137.8, 133.5, 132.8, 129.4, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 122.6, 121.8, 117.9, 80.2, 71.0, 42.3; IR *v*: 3069, 2865, 1959, 1740, 1641, 1530, 1345, 1205, 1092, 1028, 918, 809, 738, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 242 (6), 128 (2), 92 (8), 91 (100), 77 (2), 65 (5); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>, 283.1208; found, 283.1205.

4.3.11. Compound **11a**. 4-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)benzonitrile. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.56–7.62 (m, 3H), 7.45–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.36 (m, 5H), 5.70–5.77 (m, 1H), 4.99–5.05 (m, 2H), 4.47 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 4.39–4.43 (m, 1H), 4.31 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 2.57–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.41–2.46 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 143.6, 137.8, 133.6, 131.3, 131.2, 130.4, 129.2, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 118.7, 117.8,

112.6, 80.2, 70.9, 42.3; IR  $\nu$ : 3066, 3031, 2863, 2229, 1958, 1826, 1736, 1641, 1584, 1454, 1433, 1344, 1206, 1088, 1073, 918, 801, 737, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m*/*z*: 223 (2), 222 (15), 130 (3), 116 (2), 102 (2), 92 (7), 91 (100), 77 (3), 64 (7); HRMS-EI (*m*/*z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO, 263.1310; found, 263.1305.

4.3.12. Compound **12a**. (4-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)phenoxy)(tertbutyl)dimethylsilane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.26–7.36 (m, 5H), 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.84 (q, 2H, J=1.8, 6.5 Hz), 5.75–5.81 (m, 1H), 4.99–5.06 (m, 5H), 5.70–5.77 (m, 2H), 4.45 (d, 1H, J=11.9 Hz), 4.27–4.32 (m, 1H), 4.24 (d, 1H, J=11.9 Hz), 2.60–2.65 (m, 1H), 2.40–2.45 (m, 1H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.22 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 155.1, 138.6, 135.0, 134.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 119.8, 116.7, 82.1, 70.1, 42.6, 25.7, 18.2, -4.3; IR v: 3449, 2930, 2858, 1607, 1509, 1259, 1092, 915, 839 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-EI (*m*/*z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si, 368.2172; found, 368.2168.

4.3.13. Compound **13a**. 2-(1-(*Benzyloxy*)*but-3-enyl*)*naphthalene*. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.88–7.93 (m, 3H), 7.81 (s, H), 7.52–7.81 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.39 (m, 5H), 5.83–5.91 (m, 1H), 5.06–5.14 (m, 2H), 4.54–4.61 (m, 2H), 4.37 (d, 1H, *J*=11.9 Hz), 2.75–2.83 (m, 1H), 2.56–2.63 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 139.3, 138.5, 134.8, 133.3, 133.2, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.1, 125.9, 124.6, 117.1, 81.4, 70.5, 42.5; IR  $\nu$ : 3030, 3059, 2860, 1949, 1807, 1640, 1496, 1454, 1365, 1320, 1270, 1090, 1072, 914, 857, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 288 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1), 248 (4), 247 (22), 171 (13), 155 (7), 127 (6), 91 (100), 77 (2), 65 (4); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O, 288.1514; found, 288.1511.

4.3.14. Compound **14a**. 10-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)anthracene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.25 (br s, 1H) 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.18 (br s, 1H), 8.03–8.06 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.23–7.31 (m, 5H), 5.91–5.93 (m, 1H), 5.87–5.91 (m, 1H), 5.11 (dd, 1H *J*=17.1, 1.6 Hz), 5.02 (td, 1H, *J*=10.1, 1.5, 0.7 Hz), 4.42 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 4.28 (d, 1H, *J*=11.7 Hz), 3.23–3.31 (m, 1H), 2.84–2.91 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 138.5, 135.4, 132.0, 129.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.4, 126.7, 125.9, 125.3, 124.8, 122.9, 116.7, 77.5, 70.7, 41.3; IR  $\nu$ : 3051, 2920, 1946, 1810, 1724, 1674, 1640, 1495, 1370, 1206, 1158, 1072, 917, 888, 730, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; El-MS *m/z*: 338 (M<sup>+</sup>, 4), 298 (7), 297 (23), 269 (16), 215 (5), 208 (16), 193 (10), 152 (16), 91 (100), 77 (12); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O, 338.1671; found, 338.1680.

4.3.15. Compound **15a**. 2-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)thiophene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.29–7.39 (m, 10H), 7.00–7.01 (m, 2H), 5.77–5.86 (m, 1H), 5.08–5.13 (m, 2H), 4.66 (t, 1H, *J*=6.8 Hz), 4.57 (d, 1H, *J*=11.7 Hz), 4.37 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 2.72–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.56–2.61 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 145.8, 138.3, 134.3, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 126.3, 125.4, 125.1, 117.3, 76.5, 70.2, 42.8; IR  $\nu$ : 3067, 2861, 1950, 1726, 1641, 1454, 1315, 1087, 1071, 916, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 244 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.1), 203 (22), 197 (2), 111 (3), 92 (8), 91 (100), 77 (2), 65 (6); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OS, 244.0922; found, 244.0917.

4.3.16. Compound **16a.** 3-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)thiophene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.29–7.38 (m, 6H), 7.19 (q, 1H, *J*=0.9 Hz), 7.13 (q, 1H, *J*=1.1 Hz), 5.79–5.85 (m, 1H), 5.04–5.11 (m, 2H), 4.50–4.54 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 2.66–2.73 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.55 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 143.3, 138.5, 134.7, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 126.1, 126.0, 122.1, 117.0, 77.4, 70.3, 41.7; IR *v*: 3075, 2904, 2863, 1949, 1829, 1750, 1640, 1496, 1454, 1418, 1327, 1089, 1027, 993, 916, 786, 736,697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 244 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.3), 203 (20), 135 (1), 111 (3), 92 (7), 91 (100), 77 (2), 65 (3); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OS, 244.0922; found, 244.0917.

4.3.17. Compound **17a**. (*E*)-1-((1-Phenylhexa-1,5-dien-3-yloxy)methyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.25–7.43 (m, 10H), 6.58 (d, 1H, *J*=15.9 Hz), 6.17 (q, 1H, *J*=7.9 Hz), 5.89–5.93 (m, 1H), 5.01–5.07 (m, 2H), 4.48 (d, 1H, *J*=11.8 Hz), 4.36–4.39 (m, 1H), 5.08–5.16 (m, 2H), 4.66 (d, 1H, *J*=12.0 Hz), 4.46 (d, 1H, *J*=12.0 Hz), 4.00 (q, 1H, *J*=6.6, 14.0 Hz), 2.51–2.58 (m, 1H), 2.40–2.47 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 138.7, 136.6, 134.5, 132.5, 129.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 127.4, 126.5117.1, 79.7, 701., 40.4; IR  $\nu$ : 3062, 3027, 2859, 1948, 1808, 1727, 1640, 1494, 1452, 1356, 1090, 1069, 968, 914, 748, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; FABMS *m*/*z*: 264 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.6), 223 (8), 181 (3), 157 (12), 131 (12), 115 (22), 105 (30), 91 (100), 83 (22), 77 (16), 57 (43), 65 (6); HRMS-EI (*m*/*z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O, 264.1514; found, 264.1586.

4.3.18. Compound **18a**. 1-((1-Cyclohexylbut-3-enyloxy)methyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.26–7.36 (m, 5H), 5.75–5.90 (m, 1H), 5.03–5.12 (m, 2H), 4.57 (d, 1H, *J*=11.5 Hz), 4.47 (d, 1H, *J*=11.5 Hz), 3.18–4.3.21 (m, 1H), 2.30–2.36 (m, 2H), 1.86 (br d, 1H), 1.65–1.76 (m, 4H), 1.53–1.55 (m, 1H), 1.02–1.26 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 139.1, 135.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 116.4, 83.3, 71.8, 41.1, 35.3, 29.0, 28.6, 26.6, 26.4, 26.3; IR  $\nu$ : 3064, 3030, 2852, 1946, 1809, 1734, 1639, 1496, 1346, 1207, 1069, 1026, 911, 733, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; FABMS *m/z*: 243 (M<sup>+</sup>, 4), 221 (4), 203 (35), 181 (21), 147 (13), 137(45), 111 (46), 95 (82), 91 (100), 83 (72), 77 (27), 57 (43), 69 (58), 55 (80); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O, 244.1827; found, 244.1915.

4.3.19. Compound 19a. (1R,5S)-2-(1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-enyl)-6,6dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hept-2-ene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: diastereomeric ratio is 3:2; major diastereomers: 7.26-7.33 (m, 5H), 5.85-5.96 (m, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 5.01-5.08 (m, 2H), 4.51-4.58 (m, 1H), 4.28–4.33 (m, 1H), 3.73–3.76 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.45 (m, 7H), 1.31 (s. 3H), 1.20 (d. 1H, *I*=8.5 Hz), 0.85 (s. 3H): minor diastereomers: 7.26-7.33 (m, 5H), 5.85-5.96 (m, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 5.01-5.08 (m, 2H), 4.51-4.58 (m, 1H), 4.28-4.33 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.76 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.45 (m, 7H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.15 (d, 1H, J=8.5 Hz), 0.93 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 147.9, 147.5, 139.0, 135.6, 135.4, 128.2, 127.6, 127.2, 120.8, 120.4, 116.3, 116.1, 81.8, 70.1, 70.0, 53.4, 41.5, 41.2, 41.1, 41.0, 38.3, 38.2, 37.9, 37.8, 31.9, 31.8, 31.3, 26.2, 21.6; IR v: 3066, 3029, 2984, 2936, 1944, 1730, 1641, 1496, 1454, 1364, 1331, 1203, 1090, 1070, 911, 733, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m*/*z*: 282 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.3), 241 (5), 149 (3), 131 (5), 105 (12), 91 (100), 77 (7), 65 (4); HRMS-EI (*m*/*z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O, 282.1984; found, 282.1979.

4.3.20. Compound **20a**. 1-((Hepta-1,5-dien-4-yloxy)methyl)ben $zene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) <math>\delta$ : 7.26–7.35 (m, 5H), 5.79–5.87 (m, 1H), 5.62–5.71 (m, 1H), 5.38–5.44 (m, 1H), 5.04–5.10 (m, 2H), 4.59 (d, 1H, *J*=12.0 Hz), 4.37 (d, 1H, *J*=12.0 Hz), 3.77 (q, 1H, *J*=6.7 Hz), 2.41–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.28–2.34 (m, 1H), 1.76 (q, 3H, *J*=1.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 138.9, 134.9, 131.5, 129.0, 128.2, 127.6, 127.3, 116.5, 79.6, 69.7, 40.3, 17.6; IR  $\nu$ : 3030, 2978, 2917, 2857, 1946, 1673, 1641, 1496, 1454, 1355, 1247, 1205, 1091, 1068, 968, 913, 734, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 202 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.1), 161 (11), 135 (1), 105 (2), 63 (7), 91 (100), 77 (2), 65 (6); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O, 202.1358; found, 202.1351.

4.3.21. Compound **21a**. 1-((2-Methylhex-5-en-3-yloxy)methyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.26–7.37 (m, 5H), 5.86–5.93 (m, 1H), 5.04–5.13 (m, 2H), 4.58 (d, 1H, *J*=11.5 Hz), 4.51 (d, 1H, *J*=11.5 Hz), 3.19–3.23 (m, 1H), 2.31–1.92 (m, 1H), 1.87–1.92 (m, 1H), 0.91–0.99 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 141.8, 138.5, 134.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.4, 126.9, 116.8, 81.1, 70.3, 42.6; IR  $\nu$ : 3066, 3030, 2960, 2872, 1946, 1640, 1454, 1348, 1206, 1094, 1068, 1028, 911, 734, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 203 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.3), 203 (20), 163 (7), 162 (10), 105 (2), 98 (10), 91 (100), 83 (9), 77 (2), 65 (7); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O, 204.1514; found, 204.1505.

4.3.22. Compound **22a**. 1-((6-Methylhept-1-en-4-yloxy)methyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.27–7.36 (m, 5H), 5.81–5.88 (m, 1H), 5.05–5.12 (m, 2H), 4.60 (d, 1H, *J*=11.5 Hz), 4.46 (1H, *J*=11.5 Hz), 3.49–3.52 (m, 1H), 2.32–2.35 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.50–1.57 (m, 1H), 1.23–1.29 (m, 1H), 0.90 (d, 3H, *J*=6.7 Hz), 0.85 (d, 3H, *J*=6.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 138.9, 135.0, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 116.9, 70.8, 43.5, 38.5, 24.5, 23.3, 22.2; IR  $\nu$ : 3066, 3030, 2957, 2927, 2868, 1952, 1739, 1640, 1454, 1349, 1095, 1069, 912, 733, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 218 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.6), 177 (5), 161 (2), 115 (2), 92 (7), 91 (100), 77 (2), 65 (4); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O, 218.1671; found, 218.1662.

4.3.23. Compound **23a**. 1-((2,2-Dimethylhex-5-en-3-yloxy)methyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.27–7.40 (m, 5H), 5.15 (dd, 1H, *J*=17.1, 1.5 Hz), 5.06 (d, 1H, *J*=10.1 Hz), 4.69 (d, 1H, *J*=11.2 Hz), 4.53 (d, 1H, *J*=11.2 Hz), 3.11 (dd, 1H, *J*=8.4, 3.3 Hz), 2.42–2.44 (m, 1H), 2.29–2.34 (m, 1H), 0.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 139.2, 137.4, 128.2, 127.5, 127.3, 116.0, 87.8, 74.3, 36.1, 35.8, 26.4; IR  $\nu$ : 3067, 3031, 2952, 2868, 1946, 1823, 1639, 1454, 1389, 1362, 1218, 1097, 986, 910, 733, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 218 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.1), 177 (6), 161 (5), 105 (2), 92 (10), 91 (100), 77 (2), 65 (6); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O, 218.1671; found, 218.1663.

4.3.24. Compound **25a**. 1-((2-Methylpent-4-en-2-yloxy)methyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.29–7.43 (m, 5H), 5.96–6.04 (m, 1H), 5.14–5.18 (m, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 2.42 (d, 2H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 1.33 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 139.8, 134.8, 128.3, 127.4, 127.2, 117.4, 75.1, 63.8, 45.2, 25.5; IR  $\nu$ : 3066, 2975, 1947, 2418, 1639, 1454, 1382, 1228, 1148, 1092, 913, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O, 190.1358; found, 190.1350.

4.3.25. Compound **26a**. 1-((3-Ethylhex-5-en-3-yloxy)methyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.24–7.38 (m, 5H), 5.80–5.91 (m, 1H), 5.07–5.13 (m, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 2.34 (d, 2H, *J*=7.1 Hz), 1.55–1.62 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, 3H, *J*=7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 139.6, 134.3, 128.2, 127.3, 127.1, 117.1, 79.0, 62.6, 38.7, 26.9, 7.5; IR  $\nu$ : 3027, 2933, 1946, 1869, 1806, 1639, 1496, 1453, 1381, 1065, 913, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O, 218.1671; found, 218.1675.

4.3.26. Compound **27a**. 1-((4-Propylhept-1-en-4-yloxy)methyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.23–7.36 (m, 5H), 5.80–5.90 (m, 1H), 5.06–5.08 (m, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H), 2.33 (d, 2H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 1.49–1.55 (m, 4H), 1.32–1.40 (m, 4H), 0.95 (t, 3H, *J*=7.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 139.6, 134.4, 128.2, 127.3, 127.1, 117.1, 78.7, 62.26, 39.8, 37.5, 16.3, 14.6; IR  $\nu$ : 3030, 2872, 1944, 1825, 1740, 1639, 1454, 1378, 1154, 1060, 912, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-EI (*m*/*z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O, 246.1984; found, 246.1990.

4.3.27. Compound **28a**. 1-((4-Methyloct-1-en-4-yloxy)methyl)ben $zene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) <math>\delta$ : 7.26–7.39 (m, 5H), 5.88–5.95 (m, 1H), 5.10–5.14 (m, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 2.36–2.40 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.32–1.42 (m, 4H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 0.95 (t, 3H, *J*=7.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 139.77, 134.67, 128.3, 127.3, 127.1, 117.2, 76.9, 63.2, 42.9, 37.7, 25.6, 23.4, 23.3, 14.2; IR  $\nu$ : 3030, 2872, 1944, 1825, 1740, 1639, 1454, 1378, 1154, 1060, 912, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O, 232.1827; found, 232.1817.

4.3.28. Compound **29a.** 1-((3-Methyl-1-phenylhex-5-en-3-yloxy) methyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.35–7.49 (m, 8H), 7.26–7.29 (m, 2H), 5.97–6.04 (m, 1H), 5.20–5.25 (m, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 2.79–2.83 (m, 2H), 2.52 (t, 2H, *J*=6.8 Hz), 1.93–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 142.9, 139.6, 134.4, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 125.8, 117.7, 76.7, 63.4, 43.1, 40.1, 30.0, 23.4; IR  $\nu$ : 3067, 2969, 1945, 1806, 1742, 1639, 1453, 1384, 1257, 1088, 911, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O, 280.1827; found, 280.1820.

4.3.29. Compound **30a**. 1-((2,3-Dimethylhex-5-en-3-yloxy)methyl) benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.25–7.38 (m, 5H), 5.92–5.98 (m, 1H), 5.08–5.13 (m, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 2.36–2.40 (m, 2H), 2.00–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 0.98 (d, 3H, *J*=6.8 Hz), 0.93 (d, 3H,

$$\begin{split} J{=}6.8~{\rm Hz}); \ {}^{13}{\rm C}~{\rm NMR}~(100.6~{\rm MHz},{\rm CDCl}_3)~\delta; \ 139.9, 134.7, 128.2, 127.2, \\ 127.0, 116.9, 79.1, 62.9, 39.9, 34.0, 19.1, 17.5, 17.1; ~{\rm IR}~\nu; 2929, 1945, \\ 1806, 1741, 1639, 1454, 1380, 1261, 1148, 1090, 1064, 912, 732~{\rm cm}^{-1}; \\ {\rm HRMS-EI}~(m/z); ~{\rm [M]^+}~{\rm calcd}~{\rm for}~{\rm C}_{15}{\rm H}_{22}{\rm O}, 218.1671; ~{\rm found}, 218.1675. \end{split}$$

4.3.30. Compound **31a**. 1-((1-Allylcyclohexyloxy)methyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.26–7.44 (m, 5H), 5.91–5.98 (m, 1H), 5.12 (d, 2H, *J*=13.0 Hz), 4.45 (s, 2H), 2.39 (d, 2H, *J*=7.1 Hz), 1.87–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.71 (m, 3H), 1.48–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.31–1.44 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 139.7, 134.2, 128.3, 127.4, 127.1, 117.2, 75.4, 62.4, 41.9, 34.4, 25.9, 21.9; IR  $\nu$ : 3030, 2935, 2856, 1944, 1741, 1638, 1496, 1449, 1089, 1063, 911, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-EI (*m*/*z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O, 230.1671; found, 230.1665.

#### 4.4. Allylation of acetals, ketals, and acylals

To a solution of cyclohexanone dimethyl ketal **32** (100 mg, 0.693 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was added 50 wt % SMA–SiO<sub>2</sub> (50 mg, 0.013 mmol); then, allyltrimethylsilane (165 µL, 0.104 mmol) was added dropwise at ambient temperature. The reactants were stirred for a further 10 min. After the reaction had run to completion (TLC), brine (10 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (2×10 mL). The combined ether layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude product by column chromatography afforded pure homoallyl ether **32a** as a colorless oil (106 mg, 99%).

4.4.1. Compound **32a**. 1-Allyl-1-methoxycyclohexane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 5.77–5.84 (m, 1H), 5.01–5.06 (m, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.20 (d, 2H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 1.68 (d, 2H, *J*=13.3 Hz), 1.48–1.57 (m, 3H), 1.38–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.20–1.30 (m, 4H), 0.83–0.89 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 134.0, 117.0, 74.8, 48.0, 40.9, 33.8, 25.8, 21.7; IR  $\nu$ : 2924, 2851, 1739, 1454, 1359, 1082, 990, 900, 808, 792 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 155 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 2), 154 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1), 149 (8), 141 (3), 129 (3), 113 (100), 111 (11), 91 (13), 81 (51), 79 (14), 57 (22); HRMS-EI (*m/z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O, 154.1358; found, 154.1360.

4.4.2. Compound **32a**. 1-(2-Methoxypent-4-en-2-yl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.34–7.41 (m, 4H), 7.25–7.29 (m, 1H), 5.62–5.73 (m, 1H), 5.01–5.05 (m, 2H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.49 (m, 2H), 1.54 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 144.7, 134.1, 128.1, 126.9, 126.2, 117.6, 78.7, 50.4, 47.2, 22.8; IR *v*: 3075, 2979, 2934, 2824, 1950, 1811, 1737, 1639, 1493, 1446, 1371, 1287, 1221, 1161, 1071, 997, 915, 838, 764 cm<sup>-1</sup>; El-MS *m*/*z*: 176 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.3), 161 (1), 155 (1), 145 (5), 136 (8), 135 (100), 129 (8), 105 (9), 91 (12), 77 (11), 65 (2); HRMS-EI (*m*/*z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O, 176.1201; found, 176.1204.

4.4.3. Compound **34a**. 1-Methoxy-4-(1-methoxybut-3-enyl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.22 (d, 2H, J=8.5 Hz), 6.89 (d, 2H, J=8.5 Hz), 5.71–5.81 (m, 1H), 5.00–5.07 (m, 2H), 4.12 (t, 1H, J=6.8 Hz), 3.8 (s, 3H), 3.2 (s, 3H), 2.54–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.36–2.42 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 159.1, 134.9, 133.6, 127.9, 116.7, 113.7, 83.1, 56.3, 55.2, 42.4; IR v: 3075, 2979, 2934, 2820, 2060, 1611, 1512, 1463, 1354, 1302, 1247, 1173, 1096, 1036, 915, 831 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS m/z: 192 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.1), 161 (9), 152 (8), 151 (100), 135 (13), 121 (3), 108 (4), 91 (5), 77 (4), 65 (2); HRMS-EI (m/z): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 192.1150; found, 192.1144.

4.4.4. Compound **35a**. 1-(3-Methoxyhex-5-en-2-yl)benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : diastereomeric ratio is 1:2.5; major diastereomers: 7.20–7.33 (m, 5H), 5.80–5.87 (m, 1H), 4.99–5.09 (m, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.31–3.35 (m, 1H), 2.89–2.92 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.22 (m, 2H), 1.34 (d, 3H, *J*=7.0 Hz); minor diastereomers: 7.20–7.33 (m, 5H), 5.80–5.87 (m, 1H), 4.99–5.09 (m, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.31–3.35 (m, 1H), 2.96–3.03 (m, 1H), 2.02–2.10 (m, 2H), 1.30 (d, 3H, *J*=7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 144.8, 143.9, 135.4, 134.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 126.2, 126.1, 116.8, 85.6, 85.4, 58.1, 57.9, 43.3, 42.5, 35.8, 35.3, 17.1, 16.6; IR v: 3077, 2976, 2931, 2823, 1944, 1810, 1640, 1602, 1494, 1453, 1376, 1224, 1096, 997, 912, 760, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 190 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.1), 150 (4), 149 (37), 117 (14), 105 (14), 91 (10), 85 (100), 77 (7), 54 (17); HRMS-EI (*m*/*z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O, 190.1358; found, 190.1350.

4.4.5. Compound **36a**. 2-(1-Phenvlbut-3-envloxy)ethanol. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.25-7.36 (m, 5H), 5.75-5.82 (m, 1H), 5.02-5.09 (m, 2H), 4.30 (q, 1H, *I*=5.6, 7.7 Hz), 3.68 (br s, 2H), 3.37-3.47 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.60 (m, 2H), 2.13 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 141.7, 134.7, 128.4, 127.7, 126.6, 117.2, 82.3, 69.9, 61.9, 42.5; IR v: 3412, 3076, 2929, 1952, 1641, 1453, 1353, 1107, 915, 758, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS-EI (m/z):  $[M]^+$  calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 192.1150; found, 192.1152.

4.4.6. Compound **37a**. 2-(1-(2-Bromophenyl)but-3-enyloxy)ethanol. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.45–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 1H), 5.85-5.90 (m, 1H), 5.06-5.13 (m, 2H), 4.78 (q, 1H, J=4.4, 8.1 Hz), 3.71 (br s, 2H), 3.39–3.52 (m, 2H), 2.38–2.54 (m, 2H), 2.15 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 140.8, 134.5, 132.7, 128.9, 127.7, 127.6, 122.8, 117.4, 80.4, 70.3, 61.8, 41.1; IR v: 3400, 3073, 2926, 1927, 1838, 1640, 1437, 1346, 1110, 915 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m*/*z*: 271(M<sup>+</sup>+1, 0.4), 270 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.2), 231 (38), 229 (40), 209 (43), 199 (22), 185 (19), 130 (100), 129 (55), 91 (11), 77 (12), 65 (2); HRMS-EI (*m*/*z*): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>, 270.0255; found, 270.0250.

4.4.7. Compound **38a**. 1-Phenylbut-3-enyl acetate. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.25–7.35 (m, 5H), 5.82 (q, 1H, *I*=6.1 Hz), 5.67–5.74 (m, 1H), 5.04–5.11 (m. 2H), 2.07–2.68 (m. 2H), 2.07 (s. 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 170.1, 140.1, 133.3, 128.4, 127.9, 126.5, 118.0, 75.1, 40.7, 21.2; IR v: 3078, 2939, 1740, 1643, 1495, 1433, 1372, 1233, 1022, 920, 760, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m/z*: 190 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.2), 150 (6), 149 (64), 145, 129 (10), 115 (7), 107 (100), 105 (8), 91 (7), 79 (15), 77 (14); HRMS-EI (m/z):  $[M]^+$  calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 190.0994; found, 190.0992.

4.4.8. Compound **39a**. 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)but-3-enyl acetate. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.25–7.32 (m, 4H), 5.74–5.77 (m, 1H), 5.04–5.08 (m, 1H), 2.59–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 170.1, 138.5, 133.7, 132.8, 128.6, 127.9, 118.3, 74.4, 40.5, 21.1; IR v: 3079, 2928, 1738, 1643, 1494, 1372, 1234, 1091, 1014, 920, 824 cm<sup>-1</sup>; EI-MS *m*/*z*: 224 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.5), 185 (14), 183 (41), 156 (26), 143 (24), 141 (100), 139 (83), 129 (15), 111 (31), 77 (22); HRMS-EI (m/z): [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>, 224.0604; found, 224.0595.

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