

Efficient allylation of carbonyl compounds with allyl chlorides in water

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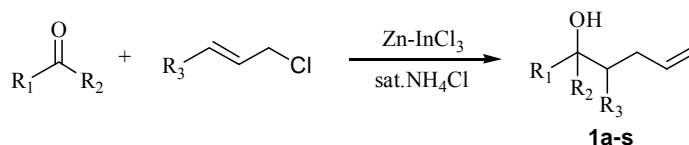
Abstract

A novel mediation system, Zn-InCl₃ (cat.)/NH₄Cl was employed in the Barbier-type allylation. As a result, the allylation with allyl chloride in water took place smoothly under mild conditions. Various aldehydes and even ketones could be employed to afford the corresponding alcohols in high yields. The stereochemistry of the allylation reactions was also briefly discussed.

Keywords: Allylation, allyl chloride, carbonyl compounds, homoallylic alcohol

Introduction

Recently, organic reactions in aqueous media have attracted more and more attention in organic synthesis because of their environmental benefits and the favorable effects of water on organic transformations.¹ Among the reactions in aqueous media, allylations of carbonyl compounds with allylic organometallic compounds or allyl halides are of particular interest because they are the convenient method to form C-C bond and to generate homoallylic alcohols, which are important building blocks in natural product synthesis.² Many metals such as Mg,³ Zn,⁴ Sn,⁵ In,⁶ Bi⁷ have been employed as the mediators to promote the allylation under mild conditions. In these reactions, the allyl halides used were generally allyl bromides. Allyl chlorides, which are cheaper and more stable than allyl bromide, are hardly effective.⁸ Therefore, it is important to develop the allylation methods with allyl chlorides under mild conditions. Herein we report a new and facile allylation method with allyl chloride in water (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1

Results and Discussion

Zinc metal has been demonstrated to be the popular and facile mediator to promote the allylation reactions.⁴ Initially, we attempted to carry out the allylation of allyl chloride with benzaldehyde under the mediation of zinc powder. However, only a trace amount of the desired product was obtained when the reaction was performed in neat water even if allyl chloride was replaced with allyl bromide. It was assumed that there was a water-insoluble oxide film on the surface of zinc metal, which resulted in the loss of the reactivity of mediator zinc and the failure of the allylation. Thus, we tested different acids such as HCl, HBr, HOAc and NH₄Cl to erase this oxide film. Finally we found that saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution was the best clean agent for this film. Thus, saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution was applied in the above reaction. As a result, the yield of the allylation product increased to 30%.

Considering that Lewis acids were usually employed as auxiliary agents to promote the allylation,⁹ different Lewis acids such as SnCl₂, SnCl₄, BiCl₃ and InCl₃ were tested to improve the above allylation and the results are summarized in Table 1. As can be seen in Table 1, all the Lewis acids screened promote, more or less, the allylation (entries 2 - 5, Table 1). Among them, indium trichloride was the most effective one. With the employment of indium trichloride, the reaction rate was accelerated significantly and the product yield was improved dramatically (entry 5, Table 1). The amount of indium trichloride used had a large influence on the allylation outcome. With 5 mol% of indium trichloride, the product yield was improved from 30% to 52% (entries 1 and 6, Table 1). When the amount of InCl₃ was increased to 10 mol%, the yield was further improved (entry 7, Table 1). However, when the amount of InCl₃ was over 20%, the product yield decreased gradually (entries 8 and 9, Table 1). Such results should be compared to the previously reported allylation of allyl bromide with benzaldehyde, which was conducted in THF-H₂O (5:2) and argon atmosphere for 50h.¹⁰

Table 1. Zn-Lewis acid mediated allylation of benzaldehyde^a

Entry	Lewis acid (mol%)	Time (h)	Yield ^b (%)
1	—	24	30
2	SnCl ₄ (20%)	12	39
3	BiCl ₃ (20%)	12	31
4	SnCl ₂ (20%)	12	56
5	InCl ₃ (20%)	6	90 (85) ^c
6	InCl ₃ (5%)	12	52
7	InCl ₃ (10%)	6	92 (88) ^c
8	InCl ₃ (50%)	12	80
9	InCl ₃ (100%)	12	73

^a Reaction conditions: PhCHO (1 mmol), allyl chloride (1.5 mmol), zinc powder (2 mmol) and a Lewis acid in sat. NH₄Cl (4 ml) at r.t. for a specified time. ^b Estimated by HPLC. ^c Isolated yield.

A variety of carbonyl compounds were then allylated under the above optimized condition and the results are summarized in Table 2. Both aldehydes and ketones were converted smoothly to the corresponding homoallylic alcohols in good to excellent yields. No pinacol coupling products or reduced products were observed. The results showed that the substituents on phenyl ring, whether electron-donating or electron-withdrawing, had almost no influence on the allylations (entries 1-6, Table 2). Moreover, the allylation with crotyl chloride gave the corresponding adducts in excellent yields regardless of whether the substrate is an aldehyde or a ketone (entries 15-19, Table 2). To the best of our knowledge, no report on the corresponding allylation of ketone with crotyl chloride in water was found. Only a few examples with allyl bromide were reported, in which the corresponding allylations hardly took place or gave the corresponding adducts in low yields and the reactions took long time.¹¹ It is interesting to note that the substrates with a hydroxyl group such as 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde, 2-hydroxy-5-methoxybenzaldehyde and 3-hydroxybuta-2-one gave slightly higher yields probably because of their better solubility in water (entries 8, 9, 14, Table 2).

With crotyl chloride, the reactions were highly regioselective (entries 15-19, Table 2). The allylation gave the corresponding γ adducts exclusively except for benzaldehyde, in which the ratio of γ to α adduct was around 33 : 1. In all the cases, syn-isomers were favored over the anti-isomers. These results are different from those reported in the literature in which no stereoselectivity was observed¹² or the anti-isomers were favored.¹³ The reason for the differences in the stereoselectivities is still unclear.

Table 2. Allylation of carbonyl compounds with allyl chlorides in sat. NH_4Cl

Entry	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	Product	Yield ^a (%)/time (h)
1	Ph	H	H	1a	88/6(85/2.5) ^b
2	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	H	H	1b	89/8
3	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	H	H	1c	82/8
4	piperonyl	H	H	1d	88/8
5	1-naphthyl	H	H	1e	80/8
6	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	H	H	1f	85/8
7	2-furyl	H	H	1g	92/7
8	2-OHC ₆ H ₄	H	H	1h	96/3(94/2) ^b
9	2-OH-5-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₃	H	H	1i	94/4
10	n-C ₆ H ₁₃	H	H	1j	78/10(81/6) ^b
11	Ph	Me	H	1k	85/12(83/5) ^b
12	Ph	Ph	H	1l	58/15(54/6) ^b
13	c-(CH ₂) ₅		H	1m	75/12(76/7) ^b
14	CH ₃ CH(OH)	Me	H	1n	87/5 95 ^c /10
15	Ph	H	Me	1o	γ : α =33:1

Table 2. Continued

Entry	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	Product	Yield ^a (%)/time (h)
16	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	H	Me	1p	syn:anti=76:24 98/3
17	4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄	H	Me	1q	syn:anti=71:29 97/4
18	Ph	Me	Me	1r	syn:anti=72:28 92/12
19	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	Me	Me	1s	syn:anti=72:28 93 ^d /10 syn:anti=76:24

^a Isolated yields. ^b Allyl bromide was used. ^c Combined yields. The ratio was determined by ¹H NMR. ^d The yield was estimated by ¹H NMR.

In conclusion, we have developed a novel mediation system for the allylation of carbonyl compounds with the more popular and less expensive allyl chlorides, giving the corresponding homoallylic alcohols in good to excellent yields. Both aldehydes and ketones can be allylated smoothly. Further investigation on the role of InCl₃ is in progress in our laboratory.

Experimental Section

General Procedures. All the chemicals were commercially available and directly used without further purification. IR spectra were performed on a Bruker FT-IR spectrometer. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker-300MHz spectrometer with CDCl₃ as the solvent and TMS as the internal standard. HRMS data were collected on a Micromass GCT mass spectrometer with an EI mode.

General method for allylation

To a mixture of a carbonyl compound (1 mmol), allyl chloride (1.5 mmol) and indium trichloride (0.1 mmol) in saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (4 ml) was added zinc powder (2 mmol) in one portion with stirring. The mixture was vigorously stirred at room temperature for a specified time. The resulting mixture was then extracted with ethyl acetate and the combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After filtration and evaporation of the solvent, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel to give the pure product **1**. The corresponding product was identified by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, IR and HRMS.

1-Phenylbut-3-en-1-ol (1a). IR (film): 3384, 3075, 1640cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR: δ 2.50 (t, J = 7.1, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.55-2.65 (br, 1H), 4.72 (dd, J = 7.1, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.11-5.18 (m, 2H), 5.74-5.83 (m, 1H),

7.24-7.35 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 43.6, 73.4, 117.9, 125.9, 127.4, 128.3, 134.6, 143.9; HR MS: calc. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}(\text{M}^+-\text{H}_2\text{O})$ 130.0783 found 130.0769.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (1b). IR (film): 3405, 3074, 1640 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 2.41-2.56 (m, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 4.64 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.08-5.15 (m, 2H), 5.70-5.81 (m, 1H), 6.84-6.86 (dt, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (dt, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 43.6, 76.0, 78.7, 113.7, 117.8, 127.1, 134.8, 136.3, 158.9; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}(\text{M}^+-\text{H}_2\text{O})$ 160.0888, found 160.0855.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (1c). IR (film): 3380, 3080, 1640 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 2.43-2.50 (m, 2H), 2.52-2.60 (br, 1H), 4.68-4.72 (dd, $J = 5.4, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.13-5.18 (m, 2H), 5.70-5.84 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.33 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 43.6, 72.7, 118.4, 127.3, 128.4, 133.0, 134.0, 142.4; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{Cl}(\text{M}^+-\text{H}_2\text{O})$ 164.0393, found 164.0382.

1-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-ylbut-3-en-1-ol (1d). IR (film): 3384, 3075, 1640 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 2.40-2.53 (m, 3H), 4.60 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.09-5.16 (m, 2H), 5.71-5.81 (m, 1H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 6.73-6.79 (m, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 43.8, 73.4, 101.0, 106.5, 108.1, 118.1, 119.3, 134.6, 138.2, 146.9, 147.7; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2(\text{M}^+-\text{H}_2\text{O})$ 174.0681, found 174.0665.

1-(Naphthalen-1-yl)but-3-en-1-ol (1e). IR (film): 3380, 3070, 1640 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 2.47-2.70 (m, 3H), 5.09-5.17 (m, 2H), 5.40-5.42 (m, 1H), 5.78-5.91 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.99 (m, 7H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 43.1, 70.2, 118.6, 123.1, 123.2, 125.6, 125.7, 126.3, 128.2, 129.2, 130.5, 135.0, 139.6; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}(\text{M}^+)$ 198.1045, found 198.1058.

1-(4-Methylphenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (1f). IR (film): 3382, 3075, 1640 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.42-2.46 (m, 3H), 4.60 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.06-5.12 (m, 2H), 5.70-5.76 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 21.2, 43.8, 73.7, 118.2, 125.9, 129.2, 134.8, 137.2, 141.1; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}(\text{M}^+-\text{H}_2\text{O})$ 144.0939, found 144.0924.

1-Furan-2-ylbut-3-en-1-ol (1g). IR (film): 3377, 3078, 1642 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 1.93-2.12 (br, 1H), 2.61-2.66 (m, 2H), 4.76 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.22 (m, 2H), 5.74-5.84 (m, 1H), 6.25 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (q, $J = 2.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 40.3, 67.2, 106.3, 110.4, 118.8, 133.9, 142.2, 156.3. HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}(\text{M}^+-\text{H}_2\text{O})$ 120.0575, found 120.0569.

2-(1-Hydroxybut-3-enyl)-phenol (1h). IR (film): 3335, 1641 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 2.50-2.70 (m, 2H), 3.12-3.40 (br, 1H), 4.72-4.91 (m, 1H), 5.14-5.18 (m, 2H), 5.73-5.87 (m, 1H), 6.82-7.17 (m, 4H), 8.02-8.23 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 42.1, 74.5, 117.2, 119.1, 119.9, 126.7, 127.2, 128.9, 134.0, 155.3; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}(\text{M}^+-\text{H}_2\text{O})$ 147.0810, found 147.0754.

2-(1-Hydroxybut-3-enyl)-4-methoxyphenol (1i). IR (film): 3362, 2938, 1641 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 2.54-2.57 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.72-3.90 (br, 1H), 4.65-4.85 (m, 1H), 5.10-5.16 (m, 2H), 5.70-5.90 (m, 1H), 6.53 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.65-6.75 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.92 (br, 1H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 41.9, 55.8, 74.0, 112.8, 113.7, 117.4, 118.6, 128.0, 134.1, 148.9, 152.8; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3(\text{M}^+)$ 194.0943, found 194.0942.

Dec-1-en-4-ol (1j). IR (film): 3356, 2928, 1641 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 0.86 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 1.27-1.44 (m, 10H), 1.70-1.90 (br, 1H), 2.06-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.32 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.66 (m, 1H), 5.08-5.14 (m, 2H), 5.77-5.86 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 14.0, 22.6, 25.6, 29.3, 31.8, 36.8, 41.9, 70.7, 117.7, 134.9; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}(\text{M}^+-\text{H}_2\text{O})$ 138.1409, found 138.1401.

2-Phenylpent-4-en-2-ol (1k). IR (film): 3418, 3085, 1647 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.98-2.17 (br, 1H), 2.45-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.71 (m, 1H), 5.09-5.15 (m, 2H), 5.55-5.69 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.45 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 30.3, 48.7, 73.8, 119.6, 124.9, 126.8, 128.3, 133.9, 147.8; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$ (M^+) 162.0790, found 162.0794.

1,1-Diphenylbut-3-en-1-ol (1l). IR (film): 3564, 3479, 3059, 1638 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 2.42-2.60 (br, 1H), 3.05 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.25 (m, 2H), 5.56-5.68 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.44 (m, 10H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 46.9, 77.0, 120.6, 126.1, 127.0, 128.3, 133.6, 146.7; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{O}$) 206.1096, found 206.1099.

1-Allyl-cyclohexanol (1m). IR (film): 3385, 3074, 2931, 2855, 1639 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 1.23-1.60 (m, 11H), 2.20 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.06-5.14 (m, 2H), 5.80-5.94 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 22.3, 25.9, 29.6, 37.5, 71.1, 118.8, 133.9; HRMS: calc. for C_9H_{14} ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{O}$) 122.1096, found 122.1085.

But-3-en-1-ol (1n). IR (film): 3420, 3074, 1639 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 1.12-1.25 (m, 6H), 1.50-1.70 (br, 1H), 1.93-2.05 (br, 1H), 2.10-2.32 (m, 2H), 3.62-3.69 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.19 (m, 2H), 5.85-5.94 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 17.2, 17.3, 20.7, 23.5, 40.3, 43.7, 72.5, 73.8, 74.4, 74.7, 118.6, 118.7, 133.6, 133.8; HRMS: calc. for C_7H_{10} ($\text{M}^+ - 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) 94.0783, found 94.0781.

2-Methyl-1-phenyl-but-3-en-1-ol (1o, syn isomer). IR (film): 3417, 3064, 1639 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 0.97 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 2.00-2.15 (br, 1H), 2.54-2.58 (m, 1H), 4.54 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.95-5.00 (m, 2H), 5.65-5.77 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.32 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 16.6, 44.8, 77.4, 115.6, 126.6, 127.4, 128.1, 140.3, 142.4; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$ (M^+) 162.1045, found 162.1042.

2-Methyl-1-phenyl-but-3-en-1-ol (1o, anti isomer). IR (film): 3417, 3064, 1639 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 0.83 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 2.00-2.15 (br, 1H), 2.48-2.52 (m, 1H), 4.31 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.01-5.12 (m, 2H), 5.65-5.77 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.32 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 14.2, 46.3, 78.0, 116.8, 126.9, 127.7, 128.3, 140.6, 142.6; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$ (M^+) 162.1045, found 162.1042.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-methylbut-3-en-1-ol (1p, syn isomer). IR (film): 3406, 2973, 1639 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 0.98 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.96-2.12 (br, 1H), 2.48-2.57 (m, 1H), 4.58 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.00-5.08 (m, 2H), 5.67-5.82 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.31 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 16.5, 44.7, 76.6, 115.9, 127.9, 128.3, 128.5, 133.0, 140.0, 141.2; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{OCl}$ (M^+) 196.0655, found 196.0652.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-methylbut-3-en-1-ol (1p, anti isomer). IR (film): 3406, 2973, 1639 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 0.87 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 1.96-2.12 (br, 1H), 2.35-2.46 (m, 1H), 4.33 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.16-5.21 (m, 2H), 5.67-5.82 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.31 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 14.0, 46.4, 77.2, 117.2, 127.9, 128.3, 128.5, 133.4, 140.3, 141.0; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{OCl}$ (M^+) 196.0655, found 196.0652.

2-Methyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)-3-buten-1-ol (1q, syn isomer). IR (film): 3418, 2973, 2871, 1639 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 1.00 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.98-2.10 (br, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.44-2.58 (m, 1H), 4.53 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.00-5.06 (m, 2H), 5.68-5.86 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.42 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 16.2, 20.8, 44.3, 76.9, 114.9, 126.1, 128.4, 136.6, 139.4, 140.1; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ (M^+) 176.1201, found 176.1201.

2-Methyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)-3-buten-1-ol (1q, anti isomer). IR (film): 3418, 2973, 2871, 1639 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 0.85 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.98-2.10 (br, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.44-2.58 (m,

1H), 4.30 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.20 (m, 2H), 5.68-5.86 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.42 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 13.9, 20.8, 45.8, 76.3, 116.2, 126.4, 128.5, 136.9, 139.2, 140.5; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ (M^+) 176.1201, found 176.1201.

3-Methyl-2-phenylpent-4-en-2-ol (1r, syn isomer). IR (film): 3477, 2976, 1635 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 0.86 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.84-2.02 (br, 1H), 2.50-2.62 (m, 1H), 5.08-5.13 (m, 2H), 5.71-5.88 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.44 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 14.9, 28.6, 49.0, 75.9, 116.3, 125.4, 126.6, 128.0, 140.1, 147.2; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{O}$) 158.1096, found 158.1098.

3-Methyl-2-phenylpent-4-en-2-ol (1r, anti isomer). IR (film): 3477, 2976, 1635 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 0.96 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.84-2.02 (br, 1H), 2.50-2.62 (m, 1H), 5.08-5.13 (m, 2H), 5.71-5.88 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.44 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 14.3, 26.1, 49.1, 75.8, 116.6, 125.7, 126.8, 128.0, 140.2, 147.3; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{O}$) 158.1096, found 158.1098.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-methylpent-4-en-2-ol (1s, syn isomer). IR (film): 3454, 1637 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 0.86 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.76-1.93 (br, 1H), 2.49-2.54 (m, 1H), 5.09-5.16 (m, 2H), 5.75-5.81 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.37 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 14.8, 28.5, 48.9, 75.6, 116.7, 126.9, 128.9, 132.3, 139.6, 145.7; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{O}$) 192.0706, found 192.0697.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-methylpent-4-en-2-ol (1s, anti isomer). IR (film): 3454, 1637 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR: δ 0.97 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.76-1.93 (br, 1H), 2.49-2.54 (m, 1H), 5.09-5.16 (m, 2H), 5.75-5.81 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.37 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR: δ 14.2, 26.1, 48.9, 75.6, 116.9, 126.9, 128.9, 132.5, 139.7, 145.7; HRMS: calc. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}$ ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}_2\text{O}$) 192.0706, found 192.0697.

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