

Synthesis of Allenyl Esters by Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons Reactions of Ketenes Mediated by *i*-PrMgBr

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Abstract: The synthesis of conjugated allenyl esters (tri-substituted allenes) was achieved by the Mg(II)-mediated Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction of methyl bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)phosphonoacetate with di-substituted ketenes. In addition, a novel access to α -fluorinated allenyl carboxamides (tetra-substituted allenes) is presented.

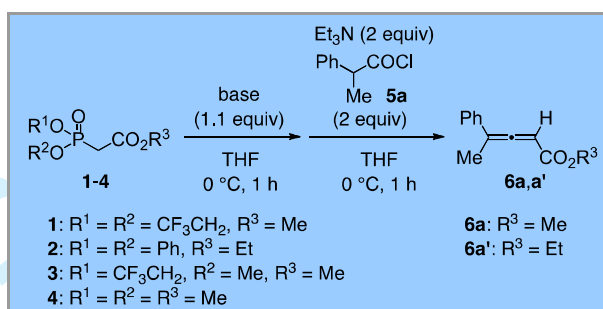
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Since the first synthesis of glutinic acid (allene-1,3-dicarboxylic acid) in 1887,¹ allenes have attracted considerable attention as chemical curiosities.² Furthermore, allene derivatives have recently been established as versatile building blocks in organic synthesis, including asymmetric synthesis.³ Allenic structures are also found in natural products and pharmaceutical agents.⁴ We have already established a characteristic method of synthesizing conjugated allenyl esters from diethyl α -alkynyl- α -methoxy malonates via a cascade reaction,⁵ and suggested the possibility of developing novel inhibitors of cysteine protease based on several biomimetic reactions using the conjugated allenyl compounds and their precursors.⁶ On the other hand, the Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons (HWE) reaction of phosphonoacetates with aldehydes (or ketones) is one of the most useful methods of synthesizing α,β -unsaturated esters.⁷ There are, however, only a limited number of reports concerning the HWE reaction of ketene for the preparation of allenyl esters.^{8,9} We now describe a facile one-pot synthesis of allenyl esters (tri- or tetra-substituted allenes) by HWE reactions of ketenes using *i*-PrMgBr as a base.

We first investigated HWE reactions of methyl bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)phosphonoacetate (Still-Gennari reagent, **1**)^{10,11} with a di-substituted ketene, which was prepared in situ from 2-phenylpropionyl chloride (**5a**) and triethylamine,¹² as shown in Table 1. Phosphonoacetate **1** is a typical *Z*-selective HWE reagent due to an electron-withdrawing effect of two trifluoroethoxy groups on its phosphorus atom. As expected, the desired conjugated allenyl ester **6a** (tri-substituted allene) was obtained by the HWE reaction of **1** in good to excellent yields using bases such as *n*-BuLi, NaH, and *i*-PrMgBr (Table 1, entries 1-3). Among these, *i*-PrMgBr afforded allenyl ester **6a** in an almost quantitative yield (98%).^{13,14} We have already reported stereoselective HWE reactions for the preparation of α,β -unsaturated esters using *i*-PrMgBr.¹⁵ Thus, HWE reagents **2-4** were investigated

in the HWE reaction mediated by *i*-PrMgBr for the preparation of conjugated allenyl esters **6a** and **6a'** (Table 1, entries 4-6). As a result, *Z*-selective HWE reagent **2** (Ando reagent)^{16,17} also furnished **6a'** in an excellent yield (96%). It appears that increasing the *Z*-selectivity of HWE reagents in the reaction with aldehydes and ketones tends to increase the chemical yields of allenyl ester **6a** (Table 1, entries 3, 5, 6).

Table 1 HWE reactions of phosphonoacetates **1-4** with phenyl methyl ketene prepared in situ from 2-phenylpropionyl chloride (**5a**)



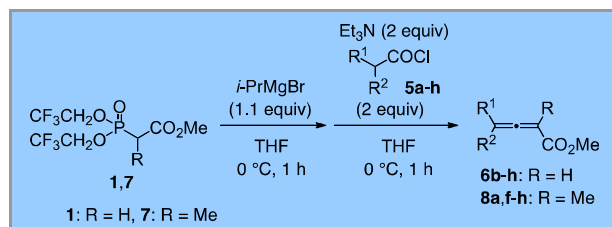
Entry	HWE reagent	Base	Yield (%) ^a
1	1	<i>n</i> -BuLi	68 (6a)
2	1	NaH	5 (6a)
3	1	<i>i</i> -PrMgBr	98 (6a)
4	2	<i>i</i> -PrMgBr	96 (6a')
5	3	<i>i</i> -PrMgBr	81 (6a)
6	4	<i>i</i> -PrMgBr	72 (6a)

^a Isolated yields.

To explore the substrate scope of the HWE reaction, a range of in situ-generated ketenes from the corresponding acyl chlorides **5a-h** were subjected to reaction with HWE reagent **1** as shown in Table 2. In all cases investigated, HWE reactions of di-substituted ketenes derived from acyl chlorides **5b-e** proceeded smoothly to afford 90-100% yields of the desired allenyl esters **6b-e** (tri-substituted allenes) (Table 2, entries 1-4). On the other hand, the HWE reaction of mono-substituted ketenes derived from acyl chlorides **5f-h** resulted in the formation of allenyl esters **6f-h** (di-substituted allenes) in low yields (Table 2, entries

5-7). It is interesting to note that a similar HWE reaction of ketenes derived from **5f-h** with α -methylated Still-Gennari reagent (**7**)¹⁸ afforded the corresponding allenyl esters **8f-h** (tri-substituted allenes) in higher yields than those of **6f-h** (Table 2, entries 8-10). The HWE reaction of **7** with phenyl methyl ketene derived from acyl chloride **5a** furnished allenyl esters **8a** (tetra-substituted allene) in 89% yield (Table 2, entry 11).

Table 2 HWE reactions of phosphonoacetates **1,7** with various ketenes prepared in situ from acid chlorides **5a-h**



Entry	HWE reagent	R ¹	R ²	Yield (%) ^a
1	1 (R = H)	Ph	Et	100 (6b)
2	1 (R = H)	Ph	Ph	100 (6c)
3	1 (R = H)	4-NO ₂ Ph	Me	90 (6d)
4	1 (R = H)	4-MeOPh	Me	97 (6e)
5	1 (R = H)	Ph	H	29 (6f)
6	1 (R = H)	Bn	H	38 (6g)
7	1 (R = H)	<i>n</i> -C ₆ H ₁₃	H	22 (6h)
8	7 (R = Me)	Ph	H	40 (8f)
9	7 (R = Me)	Bn	H	69 (8g)
10	7 (R = Me)	<i>n</i> -C ₆ H ₁₃	H	65 (8h)
11 ^b	7 (R = Me)	Ph	Me	89 (8a)

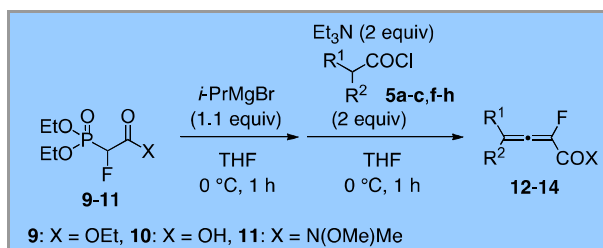
^a Isolated yields.

^b Reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h.

We next investigated the use of ethyl 2-fluoro-2-diethylphosphonoacetate (**9**)^{19,20} in place of **1** as the HWE reagent in order to obtain a fluorinated allenyl ester. To the best of our knowledge, there are very few examples of the synthesis of α -fluorinated allenyl esters.²¹ As a result, the desired product **12a** (tetra-substituted allene) was obtained in moderate yield (Table 3, entry 1). However, the HWE reaction of phosphonoacetic acid **10** using a 2.1 equivalent of *i*-PrMgBr did not proceed at all (Table 3, entry 2). Finally, it appeared that the HWE reaction of Weinreb amide **11**²² with di-substituted ketenes derived from acyl chlorides **5a-c** afforded fluorinated allenyl carboxamides **14a-c** (tetra-substituted allenes) in 71-100% yields (Table 3, entries 3-8).²³ Unfortunately, poor yields of fluorinated allenyl carboxamides **14f-h**

(tri-substituted allenes) were obtained in the HWE reaction of Weinreb amide **11** with mono-substituted ketenes derived from acyl chlorides **5f-h** (Table 3, entries 9-12).

Table 3 HWE reactions of α -fluorophosphonoacetates **9-11** with various ketenes prepared in situ from acid chlorides **5a-c,f-h**



Entry	HWE reagent	R ¹	R ²	Yield (%) ^a
1	9 (X = OEt)	Ph	Me	ca. 57 (12a) ^b
2 ^c	10 (X = OH)	Ph	Me	0 (13a)
3	11 (X = N(OMe)Me)	Ph	Me	71 (14a)
4 ^d	11 (X = N(OMe)Me)	Ph	Me	90 (14a)
5 ^e	11 (X = N(OMe)Me)	Ph	Me	100 (14a)
6	11 (X = N(OMe)Me)	Ph	Et	71 (14b)
7 ^e	11 (X = N(OMe)Me)	Ph	Et	94 (14b)
8	11 (X = N(OMe)Me)	Ph	Ph	92 (14c)
9	11 (X = N(OMe)Me)	Ph	H	0 (14f) ^f
10	11 (X = N(OMe)Me)	Bn	H	0 (14g) ^g
11 ^c	11 (X = N(OMe)Me)	Bn	H	ca. 14 (14g) ^{b,h}
12	11 (X = N(OMe)Me)	<i>n</i> -C ₆ H ₁₃	H	0 (14h) ⁱ

^a Isolated yields.

^b Small amount of impurities were included.

^c 2.1 equiv of *i*-PrMgBr was used.

^d Reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h.

^e Reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h.

^f HWE reagent **11** was recovered (ca. 54%).

^g HWE reagent **11** was recovered (ca. 40%).

^h HWE reagent **11** was recovered (ca. 20%).

ⁱ HWE reagent **11** was not recovered.

In conclusion, we have developed a facile method of synthesizing conjugated allenyl esters **6** and **8** by the Mg(II)-mediated HWE reaction of **1** and **7** with di-substituted ketenes, which were prepared in situ from the corresponding acid chlorides. For the first time, α -fluorinated allenyl carboxamides **14** have also been prepared successfully using the Mg(II)-mediated HWE reaction of **11** with di-substituted ketenes. We believe that the proposed method of synthesizing conjugated allenyl carboxylic acid derivatives is a valuable addition to the chemistry of allenes.

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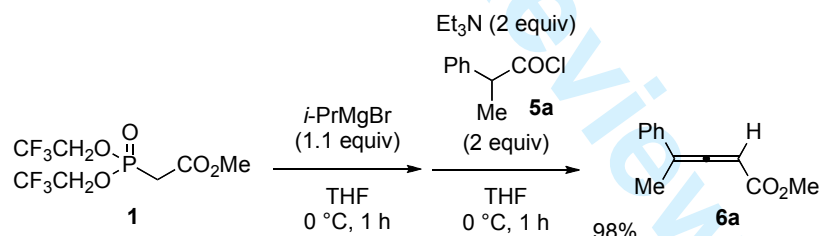
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Methyl 4-Phenylhexa-2,3-dienoate (**6b**)

Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.18 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 2.50-2.63 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 5.97 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.2, 23.0, 52.0, 91.3, 112.4, 126.4, 127.8, 128.6, 134.1, 166.3, 213.7; IR (neat) 2970, 1945, 1720, 1592, 1495, 1453, 1436, 1398, 1258, 1209, 1151, 1032 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 225.0891; found, 225.0889.

Methyl 4,4-Diphenylbuta-2,3-dienoate (**6c**)

Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.78 (s, 3H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 10H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 52.2, 90.4, 114.2, 128.3, 128.7, 128.8, 134.2, 165.8, 214.7; IR (neat) 3420, 3058, 2950, 1942, 1723, 1493, 1435, 1386 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 273.0891; found, 273.0871.

Methyl 4-(4-Nitrophenyl)penta-2,3-dienoate (**6d**)

Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.25 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 6.00 (q, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.1, 52.3, 90.5, 104.5, 123.9, 126.9, 141.3, 147.2, 165.3, 214.5; IR (neat) 2953, 1948, 1721, 1593, 1518, 1437, 1346, 1297, 1262 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NNaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 256.0586; found,

256.0577.

Methyl 4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)penta-2,3-dienoate (**6e**)

Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.18 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 5.89 (q, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.90 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.3, 52.1, 55.3, 89.4, 105.0, 114.0, 126.2, 127.4, 159.3, 166.3, 214.0; IR (neat) 2952, 2838, 2551, 2052, 1946, 1715, 1606, 1513, 1437, 1390, 1255, 1113 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 241.0841; found, 241.0824.

Methyl 2-Methyl-4-phenylpenta-2,3-dienoate (**8a**)

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.97 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 7.23-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.2, 16.4, 52.2, 96.9, 103.6, 126.1, 127.4, 128.5, 135.5, 168.1, 211.4; IR (neat) 2989, 2952, 1947, 1715, 1598, 1494, 1436, 1372, 1207, 1191, 1120, 1067 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 225.0891; found, 225.0882.

Methyl 2-Methyl-4-phenylbuta-2,3-dienoate (**8f**)

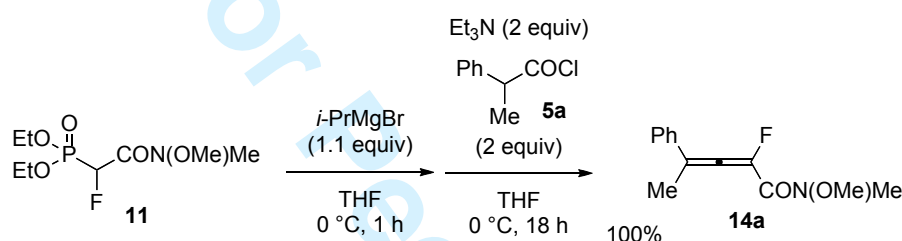
Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.00 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 6.47 (q, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.34 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.1, 52.3, 97.3, 99.1, 127.4, 127.7, 128.8, 132.4, 167.5, 212.4; IR (neat) 2951, 1949, 1716, 1435, 1274, 1122 cm^{-1} .

Methyl 2-Methyl-5-phenylpenta-2,3-dienoate (**8g**)

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.86 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 3H), 3.39-3.49 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 5.58-5.64 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.33 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 15.1, 34.7, 52.1, 93.3, 95.8, 126.5, 128.4, 128.5, 139.2, 168.2, 210.7; IR (neat) 2951, 1960, 1716, 1435, 1275, 1122 cm^{-1} .

Methyl 2-Methyldeca-2,3-dienoate (**8h**)

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.23-1.39 (m, 6H), 1.40-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.86 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.10 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 5.43-5.48 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.1, 15.3, 22.7, 28.0, 28.6, 28.8, 31.6, 52.0, 93.9, 95.3, 168.5, 210.1; IR (neat) 2928, 2857, 1960, 1717, 1436, 1275, 1123 cm^{-1} .

2.2 General procedure for the preparation of allenyl carboxamides **14a-c**2-Fluoro-*N*-methoxy-*N*-methyl-4-phenylpenta-2,3-dienamide (**14a**)

To a solution of diethyl {1-fluoro-2-[methoxy(methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}phosphonate (**11**) (40.0 mg, 0.156 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1.6 mL) was added *i*-PrMgBr (0.74 mol/L in THF, 231 μL , 0.171 mmol), and the solution was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h under argon. After adding triethylamine (43 μL , 0.311 mmol) and 2-phenylpropionyl chloride (**5a**) (46 μL , 0.311 mmol), the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 18 h under argon. The reaction mixture was treated with sat. NH_4Cl aq (5 mL) and then extracted with CHCl_3 (50 mL x 3). The extract was dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The oily residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography [CHCl_3 -AcOEt (50:1)] to afford α -fluorinated allenyl carboxamide **14a** (37.6 mg, 100%). Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.35 (d, $^5J_{\text{C,F}} = 8.3$ Hz, 3H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 7.31-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 18.3, 33.6, 61.6, 118.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C,F}} = 12.0$ Hz), 126.8 (d, $^5J_{\text{C,F}} = 2.7$ Hz), 128.7, 129.1 (d, $^6J_{\text{C,F}} = 1.7$ Hz), 129.6 (d, $^1J_{\text{C,F}} = 234.8$ Hz), 134.4 (d, $^4J_{\text{C,F}} = 1.7$ Hz), 162.0 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}} = 40.1$ Hz), 193.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{C,F}} = 18.7$ Hz); IR (neat) 2937, 1954, 1652, 1462, 1444, 1417, 1386, 1155 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{FNNaO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$, 258.0906;

found, 258.0896. Anal. Calcd for $C_{13}H_{14}FNO_2$: C, 66.37; H, 6.00; N, 5.95. Found: C, 66.08; H, 6.02; N, 5.89%.

2-Fluoro-*N*-methoxy-*N*-methyl-4-phenylhexa-2,3-dienamide (**14b**)

Yellow oil; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 1.23 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 2.63-2.79 (m, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 7.30-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 12.0 (d, $^5J_{C,F} = 1.8$ Hz), 25.0, 33.7, 61.5, 125.9 (d, $^3J_{C,F} = 12.1$ Hz), 126.9 (d, $^5J_{C,F} = 2.6$ Hz), 128.8, 129.1 (d, $^6J_{C,F} = 1.7$ Hz), 132.2 (d, $^1J_{C,F} = 234.6$ Hz), 134.3 (d, $^4J_{C,F} = 1.7$ Hz), 162.2 (d, $^2J_{C,F} = 40.2$ Hz), 192.8 (d, $^2J_{C,F} = 18.8$ Hz); IR (neat) 2972, 2937, 1950, 1660, 1456, 1384, 1153 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z : calcd for $C_{14}H_{16}FNNaO_2$ $[M+Na]^+$, 272.1063; found, 272.1061. Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_{16}FNO_2$: C, 67.45; H, 6.47; N, 5.62. Found: C, 67.16; H, 6.54; N, 5.47%.

2-Fluoro-*N*-methoxy-*N*-methyl-4,4-diphenylbuta-2,3-dienamide (**14c**)

Yellow oil; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 3.28 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 33.7, 61.7, 125.6 (d, $^3J_{C,F} = 12.1$ Hz), 128.7, 129.1 (d, $^5J_{C,F} = 3.1$ Hz), 129.2, 131.0 (d, $^1J_{C,F} = 235.1$ Hz), 134.7, 161.5 (d, $^2J_{C,F} = 39.9$ Hz), 195.6 (d, $^2J_{C,F} = 19.2$ Hz); IR (neat) 2936, 1945, 1660, 1444, 1385, 1155 cm^{-1} ; ESIMS m/z : calcd for $C_{18}H_{16}FNNaO_2$ $[M+Na]^+$, 320.1063; found, 320.1060.

3. NMR spectra

