

Ligand-Enabled mono-Selective β -C(sp³)-H Acyloxylation of Free Carboxylic Acids Using a Practical Oxidant

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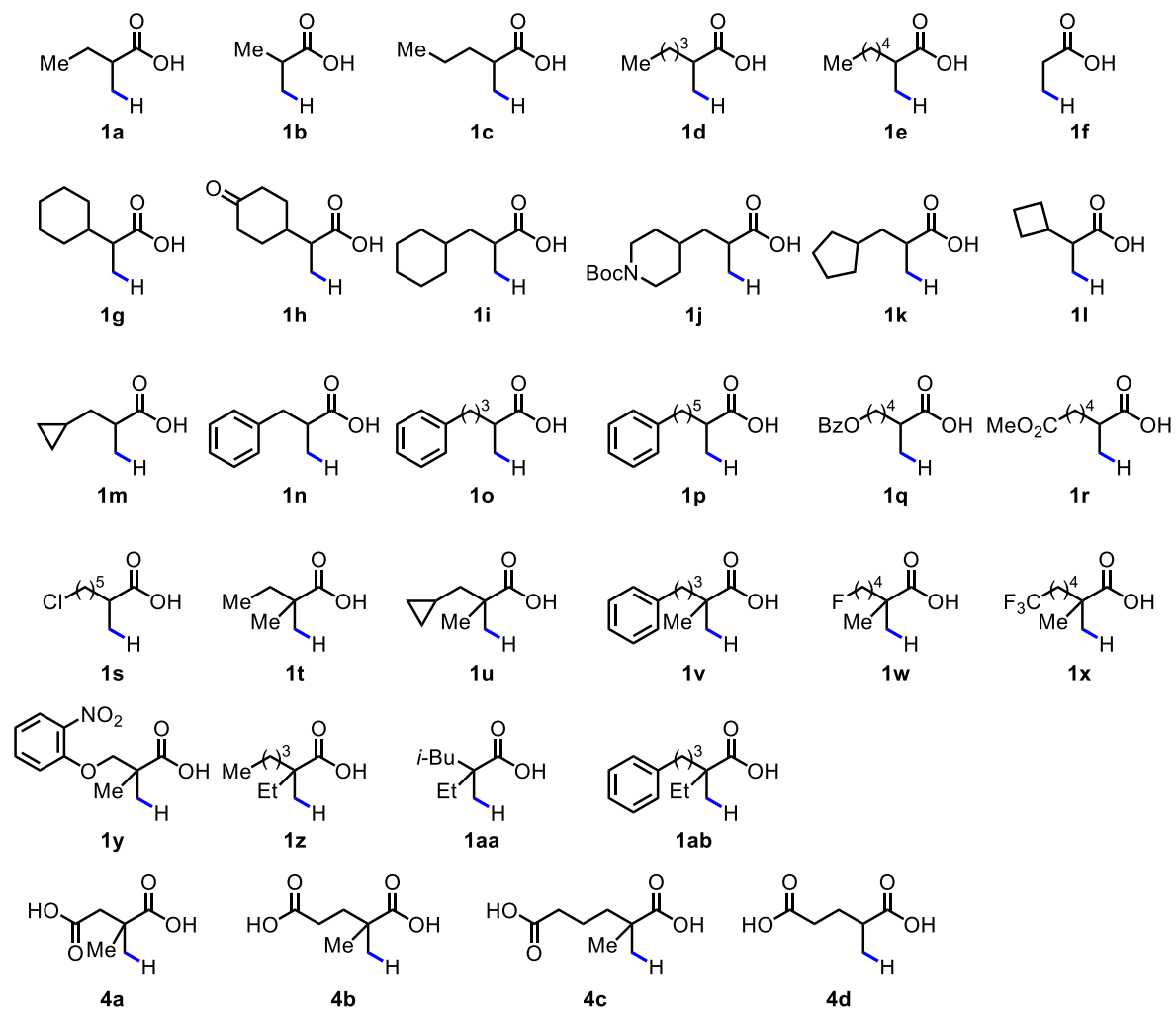
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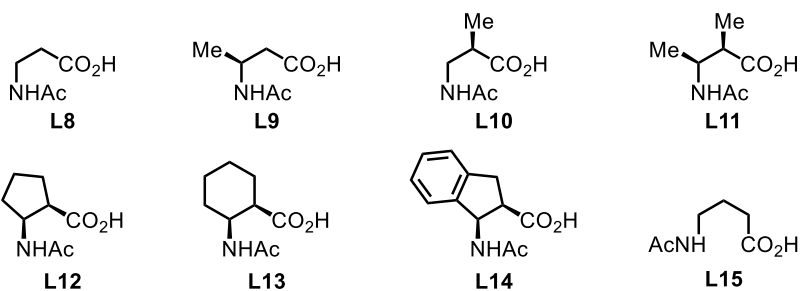
General Information: HFIP was obtained from Oakwood. Pd(OAc)₂ was obtained from Strem. TBHP (70% in water or ca. 5.5 M in decane) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Carboxylic acids were obtained from the commercial sources or synthesized following literature procedures. Other reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F254. Visualization was carried out with short-wave UV light or KMnO₄ and heat as developing agents. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-600 instrument. Chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to 0.0 ppm for TMS. The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Coupling constants, *J*, were reported in Hertz unit (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-600 and were fully decoupled by broad band proton decoupling. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm referenced to the center line of a triplet at 77.16 ppm of CDCl₃. Column chromatography was performed using E. Merck silica (60, particle size 0.043–0.063 mm), and pTLC was performed on Merck silica plates (60F-254). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent Mass spectrometer using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization-time of flight).

Preparation of Aliphatic Carboxylic Acids



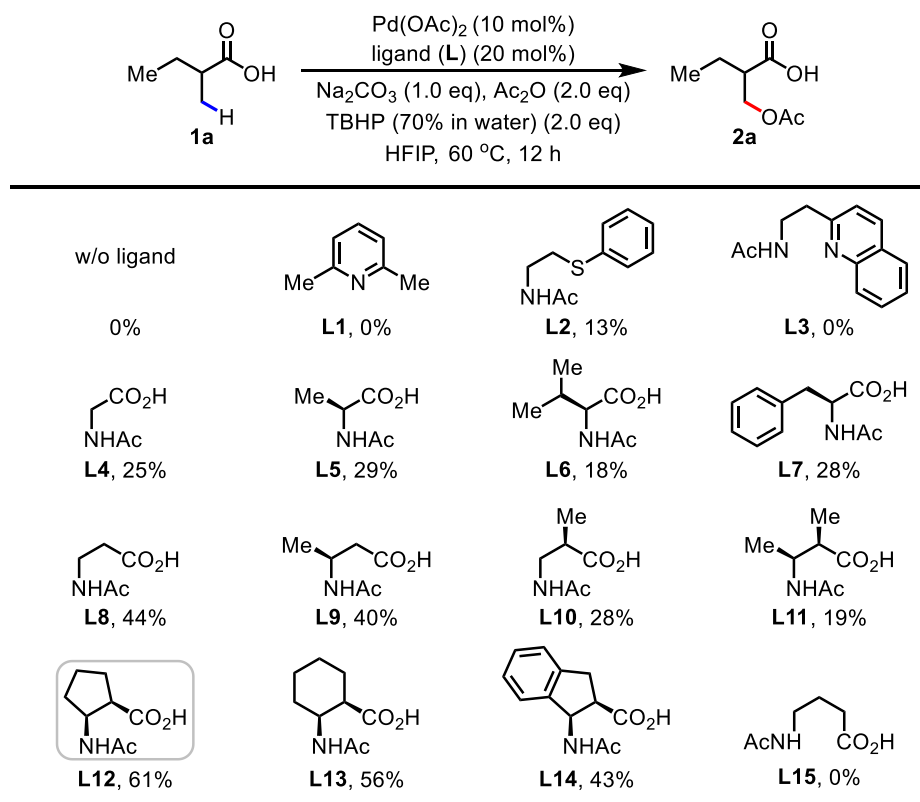
Aliphatic carboxylic acids were obtained from the commercial sources or synthesized following literature procedures¹⁻³.

Preparation of Mono-*N*-Protected β -Amino Acid Ligands



Mono-*N*-protected amino acid ligands were obtained from the commercial sources or synthesized following literature procedures⁴⁻⁷.

Table S1. Ligand Investigation for β -C(sp³)-H Acetoxylation^{a,b}



^aConditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), **L** (20 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (1.0 eq), TBHP (70% in water) (2.0 eq), Ac₂O (2.0 eq), HFIP (1.0 mL), 60 °C, 12 h. ^bThe yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

Table S2. Base Investigation for β -C(sp³)-H Acetoxylation^{a,b}

entry	base	yield (%)	entry	base	yield (%)
1	w/o	0	7	Na ₃ PO ₄	34
2	NaHCO ₃	13	8	NaOAc	22
3	Na ₂ CO ₃	61	9	Li ₂ CO ₃	0
4	NaH ₂ PO ₄	0	10	K ₂ CO ₃	52
5	Na ₂ HPO ₄	10	11	Cs ₂ CO ₃	11
6	Na ₂ HPO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	14			

^aConditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), **L12** (20 mol%), base (1.0 eq), TBHP (70% in water) (2.0 eq), Ac₂O (2.0 eq), HFIP (1.0 mL), 60 °C, 12 h. ^bThe yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

Table S3. Oxidant Investigation for β -C(sp³)-H Acetoxylation^{a,b}

entry	oxidant	yield (%)	entry	oxidant	yield (%)
1	w/o	0	7	(BzO) ₂	0
2	H ₂ O ₂	0	8	mCPBA	0
3	AcOO <i>t</i> -Bu	34	9	CMHP	0
4	BzOO <i>t</i> -Bu	0	10	TBHP (70% in water)	61
5	(<i>t</i> -BuO) ₂	0	11	TBHP (ca. 5.5 M in decane)	72
6	Lauroyl peroxide	0			

^aConditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), **L12** (20 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (1.0 eq), oxidant (2.0 eq), Ac₂O (2.0 eq), HFIP (1.0 mL), 60 °C, 12 h. ^bThe yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

Table S4. Base Loadings Investigation for β -C(sp³)-H Acetoxylation^{a,b}

entry	x eq base	yield (%)	entry	x eq base	yield (%)
1	0.5	23	4	2.0	44
2	1.0	61	5	2.5	8
3	1.5	40	6	3.0	12

^aConditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), **L12** (20 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (x eq), TBHP (70% in water) (2.0 eq), Ac₂O (2.0 eq), HFIP (1.0 mL), 60 °C, 12 h. ^bThe yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

Table S5. Temperature Investigation for β -C(sp³)-H Acetoxylation^{a,b}

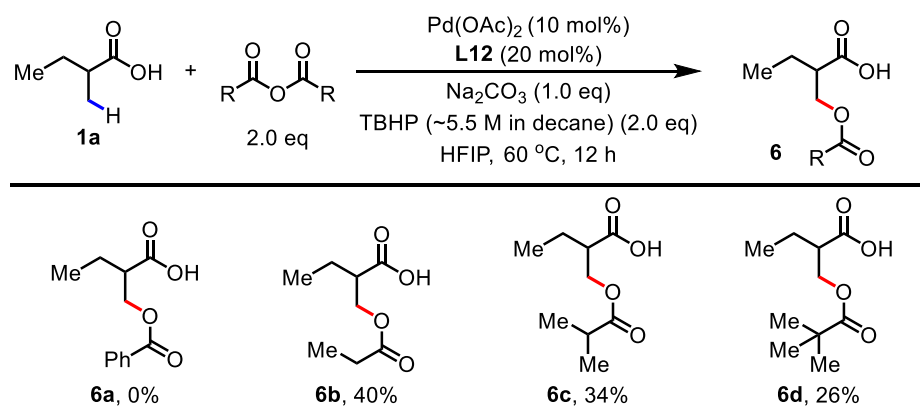
entry	T (°C)	yield (%)	entry	T (°C)	yield (%)
1	50	55	4	80	22
2	60	61	5	90	21
3	70	30			

^aConditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), **L12** (20 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (1.0 eq), TBHP (70% in water) (2.0 eq), Ac₂O (2.0 eq), HFIP (1.0 mL), T °C, 12 h. ^bThe yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

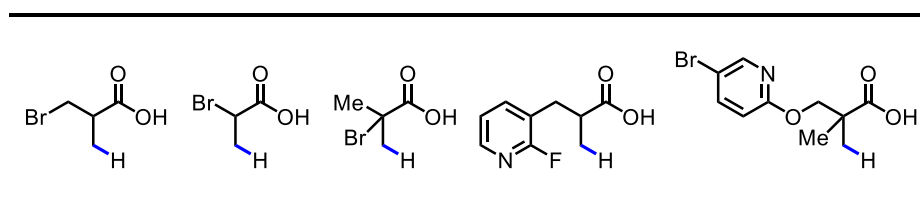
Table S6. Base Investigation for Intramolecular β -C(sp³)-H Acyloxylation^{a,b}

entry	base	yield (%)	entry	base	yield (%)
1	w/o	0	7	NaOAc	45
2	NaHCO ₃	8	8	KHCO ₃	68
3	Na ₂ CO ₃	32	9	K ₂ CO ₃	67
4	NaH ₂ PO ₄	0	10	K ₂ HPO ₄	45
5	Na ₂ HPO ₄	16	11	K ₃ PO ₄	75
6	Na ₃ PO ₄	49	12	KOAc	34

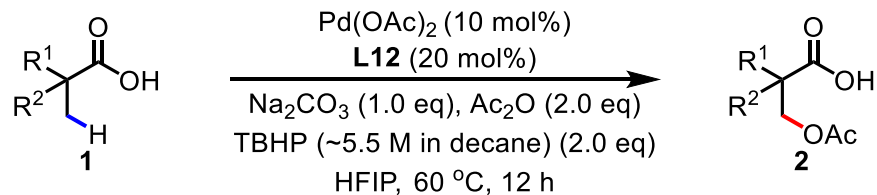
^aConditions: **4b** (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), **L12** (20 mol%), base (1.0 eq), TBHP (ca. 5.5 M in decane) (2.0 eq), HFIP (1.0 mL), 60 °C, 12 h. ^bThe yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

Table S7. Acid Anhydride Scope for β -C(sp³)-H Acyloxylation^{a,b}

^aConditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), **L12** (20 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (1.0 eq), TBHP (ca. 5.5 M in decane) (2.0 eq), (RCO)₂O (2.0 eq), HFIP (1.0 mL), 60 °C, 12 h. ^bThe yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

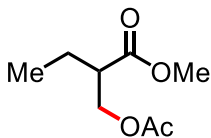
Table S8. Selected Unsuccessful Substrates

General Procedure for β -C(sp³)-H Acetoxylation



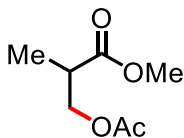
General Procedure: In the culture tube, Pd(OAc)_2 (10 mol%, 2.2 mg), ligand **L12** (20 mol%, 3.4 mg), Na_2CO_3 (1.0 eq, 10.6 mg), and carboxylic acid **1** (0.1 mmol) in order were weighed in air and placed with a magnetic stir bar. Then HFIP (1.0 mL), Ac_2O (2.0 eq, 19 μL), and TBHP (ca. 5.5 M in decane) (2.0 eq, 36 μL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3 minutes, and then heated to 60 °C for 12 hours (600 rpm). After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was treated with AcOH (0.05 mL) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting mixture was dissolved in MeOH (1.0 mL), treated with TMSCHN_2 (2.0 eq), and concentrated *in vacuo* after 1 hour. The crude mixture was purified by pTLC or column chromatography to afford corresponding methyl esters **2**.

Substrate Scope for β -C(sp³)-H Acetoxylation



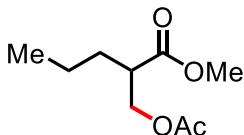
Methyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)butanoate (2a')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 12.5 mg, 72%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.25 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.69 – 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.11, 170.93, 64.43, 51.92, 46.38, 22.14, 20.98, 11.58; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₈H₁₄NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 197.0784; found: 197.0786.



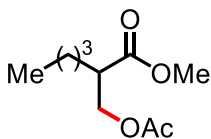
Methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methylpropanoate (2b')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 11.5 mg, 72%, mono/di > 20/1). The NMR data matches the reported data⁸.



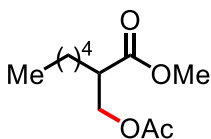
Methyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)pentanoate (2c')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 14.0 mg, 74%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.26 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.72 (tt, $J = 8.4, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.67 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.31, 170.91, 64.77, 51.93, 44.74, 31.03, 20.97, 20.41, 14.02; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₉H₁₆NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: 211.0941; found: 211.0943.



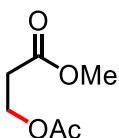
Methyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)hexanoate (2d')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 13.0 mg, 64%). The NMR data matches the reported data⁹.



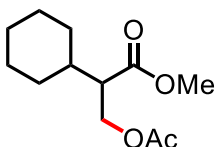
Methyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)heptanoate (2e')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 14.5 mg, 67%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.31 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.77 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.67 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.53 – 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.36 – 1.21 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.34, 170.94, 64.78, 44.97, 31.73, 29.85, 28.90, 26.82, 22.54, 20.99, 14.11; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₁H₂₁O₄ [M+H]⁺: 217.1434; found: 217.1438.



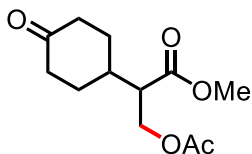
Methyl 3-acetoxypropanoate (2f')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 7.5 mg, 51%). The NMR data matches the reported data¹⁰.



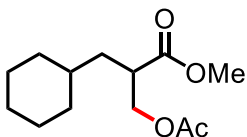
Methyl 3-acetoxy-2-cyclohexylpropanoate (2g')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 10.0 mg, 44%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.32 (dd, $J = 10.8, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 10.8, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.55 (dtd, $J = 9.9, 4.6, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.79 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.29 – 1.18 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 1.09 (m, 1H), 1.10 – 1.00 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.96, 170.95, 63.73, 51.72, 50.93, 38.02, 30.93, 30.82, 26.28, 26.25, 21.02; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 229.1434; found: 229.1440.



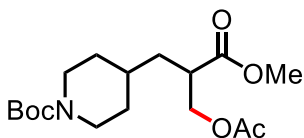
Methyl 3-acetoxy-2-(4-oxocyclohexyl)propanoate (2h')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 9.0 mg, 37%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.37 (dd, $J = 11.0, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, $J = 11.0, 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.69 (ddd, $J = 9.0, 7.4, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.38 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.02 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.51 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.43, 173.14, 170.81, 63.36, 52.10, 49.32, 40.62, 40.60, 36.07, 30.29, 30.20, 20.98; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 243.1227; found: 243.1229.



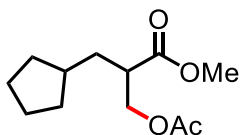
Methyl 3-acetoxy-2-(cyclohexylmethyl)propanoate (2i')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 13.0 mg, 54%). The NMR data matches the reported data⁹.



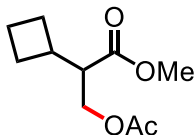
tert-Butyl 4-(2-(acetoxyethyl)-3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (2j')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 14.0 mg, 41%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.20 (dd, $J = 10.9, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, $J = 10.9, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.07 (br s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.82 (tt, $J = 8.7, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (br s, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.71 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.68 – 1.54 (m, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.40 – 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.18 – 0.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.19, 170.90, 154.97, 79.59, 65.01, 52.14, 52.12, 43.89 (br), 42.27, 35.59, 33.96, 28.61, 20.95; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_6$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 344.2068; found: 344.2068.



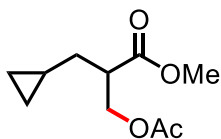
Methyl 3-acetoxy-2-(cyclopentylmethyl)propanoate (2k')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 10.5 mg, 46%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.22 (dd, $J = 10.9, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, $J = 10.9, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.80 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.73 (m, 3H), 1.73 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.15 – 1.01 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.56, 170.91, 65.08, 51.96, 44.48, 38.01, 35.23, 32.87, 32.70, 25.21, 25.19, 20.98; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 229.1434; found: 229.1439.



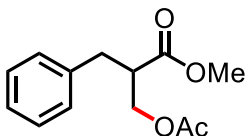
Methyl 3-acetoxy-2-cyclobutylpropanoate (2l')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 10.0 mg, 50%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.16 (dd, $J = 11.0, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, $J = 11.0, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.70 (ddd, $J = 10.1, 8.7, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.97 (m, 4H), 1.94 – 1.71 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.27, 170.96, 63.30, 51.84, 51.02, 35.07, 27.31, 26.91, 21.00, 18.53; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 201.1121; found: 201.1124.



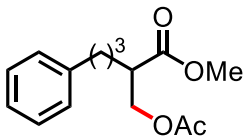
Methyl 3-acetoxy-2-(cyclopropylmethyl)propanoate (2m')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 8.5 mg, 43%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.26 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.74 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.67 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.36 – 1.26 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.33, 170.92, 64.78, 51.95, 44.95, 29.31, 28.65, 22.65, 20.98, 13.98; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 201.1121; found: 201.1127.



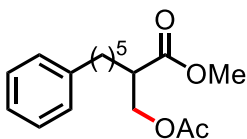
Methyl 3-acetoxy-2-benzylpropanoate (2n')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 9.5 mg, 40%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.25 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.05 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.88 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.40, 170.82, 138.05, 128.98, 128.73, 126.86, 64.01, 52.06, 46.59, 34.89, 20.94; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 237.1121; found: 237.1122.



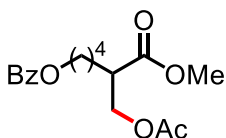
Methyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)-5-phenylpentanoate (2o')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 13.5 mg, 51%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 4.24 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.80 – 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.65 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.77 – 1.62 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.11, 170.89, 141.83, 128.52, 128.51, 126.05, 64.66, 52.00, 44.80, 35.73, 28.91, 28.45, 20.96; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 265.1434; found: 265.1445.



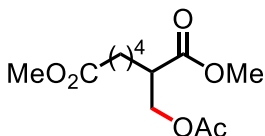
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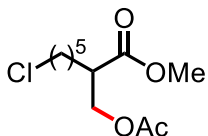
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Dimethyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)heptanedioate (2r')

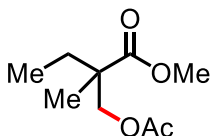
Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 16.0 mg, 62%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.25 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.76 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.31 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.72 – 1.57 (m, 3H), 1.57 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.32 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (150

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.02, 173.99, 170.89, 64.59, 52.02, 51.67, 44.75, 33.87, 28.53, 26.66, 24.81, 20.95; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₂H₂₁O₆ [M+H]⁺: 261.1333; found: 261.1335.



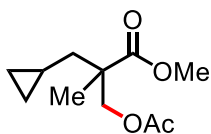
Methyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)-7-chloroheptanoate (2s')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 13.0 mg, 52%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.25 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.52 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.76 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.82 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.31 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.09, 170.90, 64.65, 52.03, 45.01, 44.85, 32.42, 28.73, 26.81, 26.47, 20.98; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₁H₂₀ClO₄ [M+H]⁺: 251.1045; found: 251.1044.



Methyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)-2-methylbutanoate (2t')

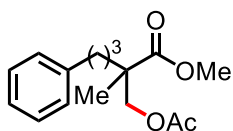
Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 8.5 mg, 45%, mono/di > 20/1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.20 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.68 (dq, *J* = 13.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (dq, *J* = 13.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.65, 171.01, 68.90, 52.04, 46.67, 28.84, 20.97, 19.26, 8.72; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₉H₁₇O₄ [M+H]⁺: 189.1121; found: 189.1124.



Methyl 3-acetoxy-2-(cyclopropylmethyl)-2-methylpropanoate (2u')

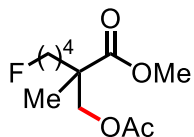
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MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.29 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.57 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 0.70 – 0.62 (m, 1H), 0.54 – 0.41 (m, 2H), 0.12 – 0.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.77, 171.02, 68.94, 52.03, 46.93, 40.95, 21.01, 20.08, 6.37, 4.59, 4.43.



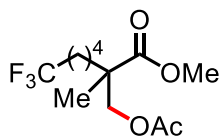
Methyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)-2-methyl-5-phenylpentanoate (2v')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 12.0 mg, 43%, mono/di > 20/1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 4.20 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.77 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.60, 170.96, 141.92, 128.49, 126.03, 68.98, 52.10, 46.24, 36.20, 35.55, 26.10, 20.95, 19.80 1 carbon signal was not assigned due to overlaps).



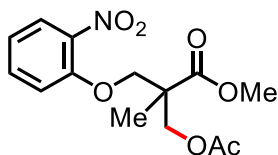
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Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 12.0 mg, 51%, mono/di > 20/1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.43 (dt, J = 47.3, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.73 – 1.62 (m, 3H), 1.55 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.36 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.51, 170.95, 83.81 (d, J = 164.6 Hz), 68.97, 52.17, 46.28, 35.59, 30.84 (d, J = 19.8 Hz), 20.96, 20.27 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 19.76.



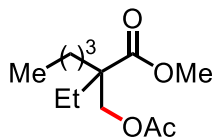
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Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 11.5 mg, 40%, mono/di > 20/1). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.20 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.13 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.39, 170.92, 127.20 (q, $J = 276.3$ Hz), 68.87, 52.19, 46.18, 35.51, 33.63 (q, $J = 28.6$ Hz), 23.55, 22.38 (q, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 20.96, 19.84.



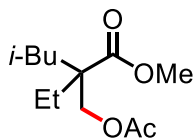
Methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methyl-2-((2-nitrophenoxy)methyl)propanoate (2y')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 17.0 mg, 55%, mono/di > 20/1). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, $J = 8.3, 7.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (ddd, $J = 8.5, 7.5, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.57, 170.50, 152.15, 134.37, 125.98, 120.98, 114.84, 70.73, 65.48, 52.60, 47.18, 20.89, 18.03 (1 carbon signal was not assigned due to overlaps); HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_7$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 312.1078; found: 312.1085.



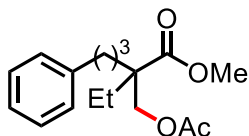
Methyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)-2-ethylhexanoate (2z')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 12.0 mg, 52%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.20 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.65 (qd, $J = 7.5, 3.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.61 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.29 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.22 – 1.09 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 0.81 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.45, 170.97, 64.87, 51.86, 49.80, 32.64, 26.19, 25.96, 23.22, 21.00, 14.06, 8.48; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 231.1591; found: 231.1589.



Methyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)-2-ethyl-4-methylpentanoate (2aa')

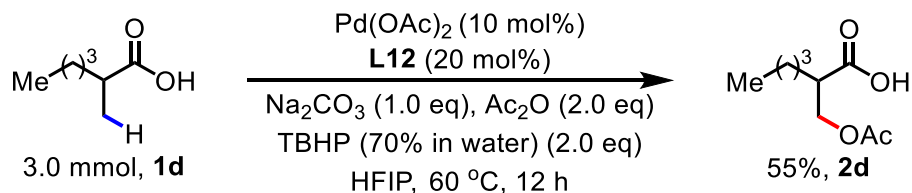
Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 12.5 mg, 54%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.24 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.75 – 1.51 (m, 5H), 0.86 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.80 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.85, 170.99, 64.33, 51.73, 49.07, 42.59, 26.80, 24.35, 24.19, 23.49, 21.00, 8.39; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 231.1591; found: 231.1593.



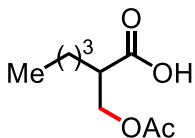
Methyl 2-(acetoxymethyl)-2-ethyl-5-phenylpentanoate (2ab')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by pTLC afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 16.0 mg, 55%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 4.22 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.59 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.68 – 1.57 (m, 4H), 1.55 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.25, 170.91, 142.01, 128.50, 128.45, 125.98, 64.72, 51.90, 49.79, 36.19, 32.32, 26.06, 25.74, 20.94, 8.46; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 315.1567; found: 315.1575.

Scale-up Reaction for β -C(sp³)-H Acetoxylation



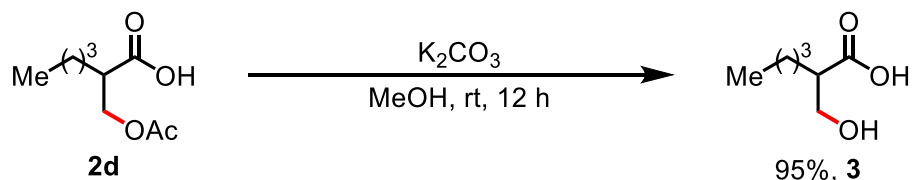
In the sealed tube, Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%, 66.0 mg), ligand **L12** (20 mol%, 102.0 mg), and Na₂CO₃ (1.0 eq, 318.0 mg) in order were weighed in air and placed with a magnetic stir bar. Then HFIP (30.0 mL), carboxylic acid **1d** (3.0 mmol, 0.43 mL), Ac₂O (2.0 eq, 0.57 mL), and TBHP (70% in water) (2.0 eq, 0.83 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3 minutes, and then heated to 60 °C for 24 hours (600 rpm). After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was treated with AcOH (1.0 mL) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography to afford corresponding β -acetoxylation free carboxylic acid **2d** (55%, 310 mg).



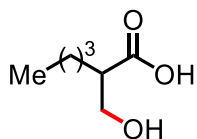
2-(Acetoxymethyl)hexanoic acid (**2d**)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.25 (dd, $J = 11.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, $J = 11.0, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.78 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.71 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.29 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.50, 171.01, 64.46, 44.63, 29.21, 28.47, 22.64, 20.98, 13.95; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₉H₁₇O₄ [M+H]⁺: 189.1121; found: 189.1130.

Experimental Procedure for Deprotection of Acetyl Group



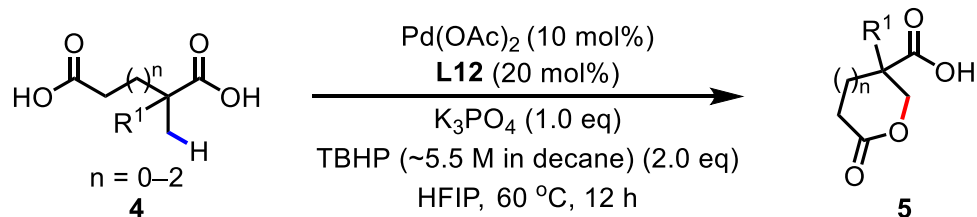
In the culture tube, **2d** (0.1 mmol, 18.8 mg) and K_2CO_3 (2.0 eq, 27.6 mg) were weighed in air and placed with a magnetic stir bar. Then MeOH (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 12 hours. The resulting mixture was diluted with EA, washed with saturated NH_4Cl solution, dried with $MgSO_4$, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford pure β -hydroxy acid **3** (95%, 14.0 mg).



2-(Hydroxymethyl)hexanoic acid (**3**)

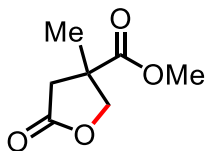
1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.31 (br s, 2H), 3.86 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 2.67 – 2.56 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.59 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.30 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 180.37, 63.14, 47.68, 29.42, 28.10, 22.70, 13.94; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $C_7H_{15}O_3$ $[M+H]^+$: 147.1016; found: 147.1018.

General Procedure for Intramolecular β -C(sp³)-H Acyloxylation



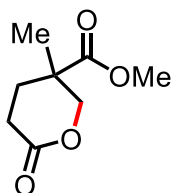
General Procedure: In the culture tube, $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (10 mol%, 2.2 mg), ligand **L12** (20 mol%, 3.4 mg), Na_2CO_3 (1.0 eq, 10.6 mg), and carboxylic acid **4** (0.1 mmol) in order were weighed in air and placed with a magnetic stir bar. Then HFIP (1.0 mL) and TBHP (ca. 5.5 M in decane) (2.0 eq, 36 μL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3 minutes, and then heated to 60 °C for 12 hours (600 rpm). After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the mixture was treated with AcOH (0.05 mL) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting mixture was dissolved in MeOH (1.0 mL), treated with TMSCHN_2 (2.0 eq), and concentrated *in vacuo* after 1 hour. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography to afford corresponding methyl esters **5'**.

Substrate Scope for β -C(sp³)-H Intramolecular β -C(sp³)-H Acyloxylation



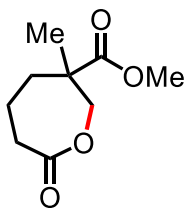
Methyl 3-methyl-5-oxotetrahydrofuran-3-carboxylate (5a')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 8.0 mg, 51%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.55 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.06 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.06, 173.98, 75.43, 53.06, 46.41, 39.14, 22.75; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₇H₁₁O₄ [M+H]⁺: 159.0652; found: 159.0660.



Methyl 3-methyl-6-oxotetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-carboxylate (5b')

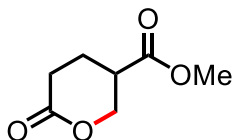
Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 12.5 mg, 73%). The NMR data matches the reported data¹¹.



Methyl 3-methyl-7-oxooxepane-3-carboxylate (5c')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 11.0 mg, 59%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.41 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.71 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.24 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.04, 174.71, 72.63, 68.06, 52.48, 45.89, 37.67, 33.88, 19.45; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 187.0965; found: 187.0964.



Methyl 6-oxotetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-carboxylate (5d')

Following **General Procedure** on 0.1 mmol scale. Purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound (colorless oil, 8.5 mg, 54%). The NMR data matches the reported data¹².

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