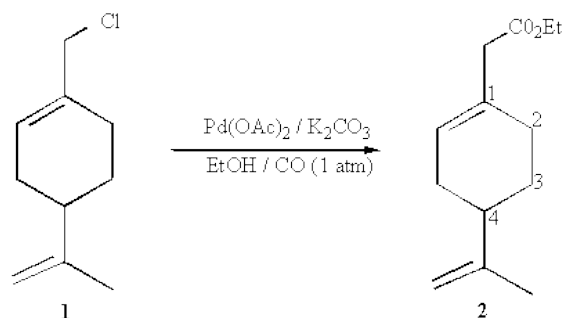


(4-Isopropenyl-cyclohex-1-enyl)acetic Acid Ethylester

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The carbonylation of allylic compounds catalyzed by transition metal complexes under atmospheric pressure of CO is one of the most attractive tools to synthesize the α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds, which are versatile building blocks [1-2].

Pd(OAc)₂ (7.5 mg, 0.033 mmol), anhydrous K₂CO₃ (135 mg, 9.7 mmol) and a stirring bar were placed in a three necked flask. The atmosphere was replaced with carbon monoxide and 1-chloromethyl-4-isopropenyl-cyclohexene, **1**, [3] (3.3 mmol) in 5 ml of ethanol was added under CO. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1.5 hours. The reaction was followed by GC. At the end of the reaction, the mixture was filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with Hexane / Ethyl acetate as eluent to provide the carbonylated product **2** [4] (Conversion: 100 %, Yield: 96 %).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -43.1^\circ$ ($c = 2.1$; MeOH).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): 5.52 (1H, m, =CH); 4.66 (2H, m, =CH₂); 4.1 (2H, q ($J=7.1$ Hz), OCH₂CH₃); 2.9 (2H, s, -CH₂CO); 1.7 (3H, s, CH₃); 1.2 (3H, t ($J=7.1$ Hz), OCH₂CH₃).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 172 (C=O); 149.8 (=C); 130.9 (=C); 125.1 (=CH); 108.7 (=CH₂); 60.5 (OCH₂CH₃); 43.2 (-CH₂); 40.7 (-CH); 30.8 (-CH₂); 28.9 (-CH₂); 27.7 (-CH₂); 20.8 (OCH₂CH₃); 14.3 (CH₃).

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