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Catalytic Enantioselective 1,6-Conjugate Addition of Grignard Reagents to Linear Dienoates

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Experimental Section

General procedures: Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on commercial Kieselgel $60F_{254}$ silica gel plates and compounds were visualized with KMnO₄ reagent. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel. Drying of solutions was performed with MgSO₄. Concentration of solutions was conducted with a rotary evaporator. Progress of the reactions and conversion were determined by GC-MS (GC, HP6890; MS, HP5973) with an HP5 column (Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA). Enantio- and regioselectivities were determined by capillary GC analysis (HP6890, CP-Chiralsil-Dex-CB (25 m x 0.25 mm); Shimadzu GC-17A, CP-Chiraldex-B-PM (30 m x 0.25 mm)) using flame ionization detection or HPLC analysis ((*R*,*R*)-Whelk-01, 4.6 x 250 mm, 5 m, 40 °C, 0.5 mL/min, 205 nm; chiralcel OD-H, 4.6 x 250 mm, 5 m, 40 °C, 0.5 mL/min, 205 nm) (in comparison to authentic samples of racemates of 1,6- and 1,4-addition products). Optical rotations were measured in CH₂Cl₂ on a Schmidt + Haensch polarimeter (Polartronic MH8) with a 10 cm cell (c given in g/100 mL), a trace contamination (~2%) of 1,4-addition product was present; which in all cases was inseparable by column chromotography. Absolute configurations were determined by comparison of retention times on chiral GC-spectra (2-methylbutanoic acid) or optical rotation of compounds previously published. ¹ H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz with CDCl₃ as solvent (Varian AMX400 spectrometer). ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained at 100.59 MHz in CDCl₃. The nature of the carbon was determined from APT ¹³C NMR experiments. Chemical shifts were determined relative to the residual solvent peaks (CHCl₃, $\delta = 7.26$ for hydrogen atoms, $\delta = 77.0$ for carbon atoms). The following abbreviations are used to indicate signal multiplicity: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; br, broad; m, multiplet. High resolution mass spectra were determined on a AEI-MS-902 mass spectrometer by EI (70ev) measurements.

All reactions were conducted under N₂ atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. CH_2Cl_2 was distilled from CaH_2 under N₂ prior to use. $CuBr \cdot SMe_2$ was purchased from Aldrich. (+)-(*S*,*R*)- reversed Josiphos was generously donated by Solvias. (-)-(*R*,*S*)- reversed Josiphos was purchased from Aldrich. Grignard reagents were purchased from Aldrich (MeMgBr, EtMgBr, *i*BuMgBr and PhMgBr) or prepared from the corresponding alkyl bromides and magnesium turnings in anhydrous Et₂O following standard procedures. Grignard reagents were titrated using *s*BuOH and catalytic amounts of 1,10- phenanthroline before use.

Ethyl sorbate (4) was purchased from Aldrich, before use this substrate was purified by column chromatography (10% Et₂O/pentane) to remove antioxidant and polymer. (*2E*,4*E*)-ethyl hepta-2,4-dienoate (**17a**), (*2E*,4*E*)-ethyl nona-2,4-dienoate (**17b**) and (*2E*,4*E*)-ethyl 6-methylhepta-2,4-dienoate (**17c**) were prepared from the corresponding enaldehydes (purchased from Aldrich), via Horner-Emmons reaction (triethylphosphonoacetate was purchased from Aldrich) according or analogous to a well established protocol.¹ (*2E*,4*E*)-ethyl 7-methylocta-2,4-dienoate (**17d**), (*2E*,4*E*)-ethyl 7-phenylhepta-2,4-dienoate (**17e**), (*2E*,4*E*)-ethyl 6-(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)hexa-2,4-dienoate (**17f**) and (*2E*,4*E*)-ethyl 6-(benzyloxy)hexa-2,4-dienoate (**17g**) were prepared from the corresponding aldehyde (purchased from Aldrich), via Horner-Emmons reaction with (*2E*)-triethylphosphonocrotonate according or analogous to a well established protocol.² Triethylphosphono-crotonate was purchased from Aldrich (90% technical grade) and purified by column chromatography (gradient 25% Et₂O/pentane to 100% Et₂O) to give pure (*2E*)-triethylphosphonocrotonate. (*2E*,4*E*)-sethyl hepta-2,4-dienethioate (**22**) was prepared from (*E*)-pent-2-enal (purchased from Aldrich), via a Wittig reaction according to a well established protocol.³

RuCl₃•3H₂O, DIBAL-H (1.0 M solution in CH₂Cl₂), LiAlH₄ and NMe₃ were purchased from Aldrich. NalO₄ was purchased from Merck. Et₂O was distilled from benzophenone-ketyl under nitrogen prior to use. Chlorosulfonic acid was purchased from Aldrich and distilled under nitrogen prior to use.

Experimental data for substrates:

(2E,4E)-ethyl hepta-2,4-dienoate (17a) data are in accordance with data described in ref 1.

(2E,4E)-ethyl nona-2,4-dienoate (17b)

colorless oil; ¹H NMR δ 7.24- 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.15-6.00 (m, 2H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (qd, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (m, 7H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 167.0 (C), 144.8 (CH), 144.4 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 119.0 (CH), 59.9 (CH₂), 32.5 (CH₂), 30.7 (CH₂), 22.1 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃), 13.7 (CH₃); MS *m*/*z* 182 (M⁺, 68), 125 (M-*n*Bu, 100), 97 (C₇H₁₃, 48); HRMS calcd. for C₁₁H₁₈O₂ 182.1307, found 182.1316.

(2E,4E)-ethyl 6-methylhepta-2,4-dienoate (17c) data are in accordance with data described in ref 4.

(2*E*,4*E*)-ethyl 7-methylocta-2,4-dienoate (**17d**) data are in accordance with data described in ref 2. Additional data: MS m/z 182 (M⁺, 100), 127 (88), 125 (M-*i*Bu, 91), 67 (C₅H₇, 94); HRMS calcd. for C₁₁H₁₈O₂ 182.1307, found 182.1311.

(2E,4E)-ethyl 7-phenylhepta-2,4-dienoate (17e)

colorless oil; ¹H NMR δ 7.34-7.14 (m, 6H), 6.27-6.08 (m, 2H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56-2.43 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 167.2 (C), 144.8 (CH), 143.1 (CH), 141.1 (C), 128.9 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 60.2 (CH₂), 35.1 (CH₂), 34.7 (CH₂), 14.3 (CH₃); MS *m*/*z* 230 (M⁺, 10), 91 (C₇H₇, 100); HRMS calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈O₂ 230.1307, found 230.1308.

(2E,4E)-ethyl 6-(tert-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)hexa-2,4-dienoate (17f)

colorless oil; ¹H NMR δ 7.70-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 15.3 Hz, 1H), 6.59-6.42 (m, 1H), 6.16 (dt, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.34-4.30 (m, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR δ 166.9 (C), 143.9 (CH), 141.2 (CH), 135.3 (CH), 133.1 (C), 129.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 63.5 (CH₂), 60.1 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₃), 19.1 (C), 14.2 (CH), 14.2 (CH), 135.3 (CH), 135.3 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 63.5 (CH₂), 60.1 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₃), 19.1 (C), 14.2 (CH), 14.2 (C

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 (CH_3) ; MS m/z 394 (M⁺, 27), 337 (M-*t*Bu, 100), 227 (TBDPSOEt-*t*Bu, 41), 199 (TBDPSOH-*t*Bu, 66); HRMS calcd. for C₂₄H₃₀O₃Si 394.1964, found 394.1982.

(2E,4E)-ethyl 6-(benzyloxy)hexa-2,4-dienoate (17g)

colorless oil; ¹H NMR δ 7.45-7.27 (m, 6H), 6.42 (m, 1H), 6.18 (dt, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (dd, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 166.9 (C), 143.6 (CH), 138.5 (CH), 137.8 (C), 129.1 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 72.5 (CH₂), 69.5 (CH₂), 60.3 (CH₂), 14.2 (CH₃); MS *m/z* 246 (M⁺, 1), 91 (C₇H₇, 100); HRMS calcd. for C₁₅H₁₈O₃ 246.1256, found 246.1256.

(2E,4E)-S-ethyl hepta-2,4-dienethioate (22)

colorless oil; ¹H NMR δ 7.17 (dd, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dt, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.15-6.01 (m, 2H), 2.93 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.23-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 190.1 (C), 147.5 (CH), 140.9 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 26.2 (CH₂), 23.1 (CH₂), 14.8 (CH₃), 12.8 (CH₃); MS *m*/*z* 170 (M⁺, 16), 109 (M - SEt, 100), 81 (M - COSEt, 66); HRMS calcd. for C₉H₁₄OS 170.0765, found 170.0773.

General procedure for the enantioselective 1,6-conjugate addition:⁵

(exemplified for the addition of EtMgBr to 4)

In a dried Schlenk tube equipped with septum and stirring bar under nitrogen, CuBr•SMe₂ (5.14 mg, 25 µmol, 5.0 mol%) and (*R*,*S*)-reversed Josiphos (15.46 mg, 26 µmol, 5.25 mol%) were dissolved in dry CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL). After 5 min stirring at room temperature the mixture was cooled to -70 °C and EtMgBr (Aldrich, 3.0M solution in Et₂O, 0.33 mL, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added. After stirring for an additional 10 min, a solution of **4** (70.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (additional 0.5 mL) was added with syringe pump over 2 h. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight (16 h including addition) at -70 °C and subsequently EtOH (0.1 mL) and an aq. NH₄Cl-solution (1 M, 0.5 mL) were added. The mixture was warmed to RT and an additional 5 mL of the NH₄Cl-solution and 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 were added and the layers were separated. After extraction with CH_2Cl_2 (2 x 5 mL), the combined organic extracts were dried and carefully concentrated to a yellow oil. Flash chromatography (5% Et₂O/pentane) yielded **5** as a colorless⁶ oil.

(R)-(-)-(E)-ethyl 5-methylhept-3-enoate (5)

[84% yield, 95% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 98:2, $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ = -20.0 (c = 2.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 5.56-5.34 (m, 2H), 4.12 (qd, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 2.10-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.17 (m, 5H), 0.96 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 172.3 (C), 140.3 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 60.4 (CH₂), 38.3 (CH), 38.2 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 20.0 (CH₃), 14.2 (CH₃), 11.6 (CH₃); MS (GC/MS) *m/z* 170 (M⁺, 4), 82 (C₆H₁₀, 55), 55 (C₃H₃O, 100); HRMS calcd. for C₁₀H₁₈O₂ 170.1307, found 170.1315. Enantioselectivity was determined by chiral GC analysis for 2-methylbutanoic acid, ⁷ column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 60 °C, retention times (min): 42.8 (minor), 45.5 (major). Regioselectivity was determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 60 °C, retention times (min): 95.2 (1,4-product, major), 100.5 (1,4 product, minor), 104.3 (1,6-product).

(S)-(+)-(E)-ethyl 5-methylhept-3-enoate (5)

[95% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 99:1, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = 20.2 (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; . Enantioselectivity was determined by chiral GC analysis for 2-methylbutanoic acid,⁷ column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 60 °C, retention times (min): 41.5 (major), 49.0 (minor). Regioselectivity was determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 60 °C, retention times (min): 102.8 (1,4-product, major), 108.4 (1,6-product).

(-)-(E)-ethyl 5-methylnon-3-enoate (15a)

[85% yield, 97% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 99:1, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = -12.0 (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 5.55-5.32 (m, 2H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.17-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.34-1.14 (m, 9H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 172.2 (C), 140.6 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 60.4 (CH₂), 38.2 (CH₂), 36.6 (CH), 36.5 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 20.4 (CH₃), 14.2 (CH₃), 14.1 (CH₃); MS (GC/MS) *m/z* 198 (M⁺, 5), 110 (C₈H₁₄, 100), 69 (C₄H₅O, 70), 55 (C₃H₃O, 76); HRMS calcd. for C₁₂H₂₂O₂ 198.1620, found 198.1613. Regio- and enantioselectivity were determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 80 °C, retention times (min): 80.9 (1,4-product, major), 85.8 (1,4-product, minor), 95.1 (1,6-product, minor), 96.0 (1,6-product, major).

(-)-(E)-ethyl 5-methylnona-3,8-dienoate (15b)

[57% yield, 92% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 97:3, [α]_D²⁰ = -17.6 (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂, for 88% ee); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 5.76 (ddt, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 10.2 Hz, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.55-5.31 (m, 2H), 5.02-4.86 (m, 2H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.20-2.07 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.91 (m, 2H), 1.34 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (td, *J* = 7.13 Hz, 0.5 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 172.1 (C), 140.0 (CH), 138.8 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 114.2 (CH₂), 60.4 (CH₂), 38.1 (CH₂), 36.1 (CH), 35.9 (CH₂), 31.4 (CH₂), 20.3 (CH₃), 14.1 (CH₃); MS *m/z* 196 (M⁺, 1), 108 (C₆H₁₂, 56), 81 (C₅H₅O, 100), 67 (C₅H₇, 59), 55 (C₃H₃O, 57); HRMS calcd. for C₁₂H₂₀O₂ 196.1463, found 196.1464. Regio- and enantioselectivity were determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 80 °C, retention times (min): 83.8 (1,4-product, major), 88.3 (1,4-product, minor), 97.0 (1,6-product, minor), 98.5 (1,6-product, major).

(-)-(*E*)-ethyl 5,6-dimethylhept-3-enoate (**15c**)

[54% yield, 72% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 99:1, [α]_D²⁰ = -17.6 (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 5.57-5.36 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.04-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.44 (m, 1H), 1.25 (td, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 0.7 Hz, 3H) 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.87-0.78 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ 172.3 (C), 138.9 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 60.4 (CH₂), 42.9 (CH₂), 38.2 (CH), 32.8 (CH₂), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.6 (CH₃), 17.2 (CH₃), 14.2 (CH₃); MS (GC/MS) *m/z* 184 (M⁺, 10), 96 (C₆H₈O, 91), 68 (C₄H₄O, 88), 55 (C₃H₃O, 100); HRMS calcd. for C₁₁H₂₀O₂ 184.1463, found 184.1461.

 $^{^{5}}$ 0.5 g scale synthesis was performed via the same procedure using CuBr•SMe₂ (14.7 mg, 71 µmol, 2.0 mol%) and (*R*,*S*)-reversed Josiphos (44.5 mg, 75 µmol, 2.1 mol%) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL); EtMgBr (Aldrich, 3.0 M solution in Et₂O, 1.8 mL, 5.4 mmol, 1.5 equiv.); **4** (500 mg, 3.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (additional 4.0 mL).

⁶ Occasionally the product is polluted with a yellow coloured side product undetectable by GC/MS or NMR.

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Regio- and enantioselectivity were determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 70 °C, retention times (min): 92.9 (1,4-product, major), 99.0 (1,6-product, minor), 100.0 (1,6-product, major).

(-)-(E)-ethyl 5-ethylnon-3-enoate (18a)⁸

[88% yield, 96% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 99:1, $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ = -0.2 (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 5.55-5.37 (m, 1H), 5.30-5.21 (m, 1H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 1.91-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.44-1.15 (m, 11H), 0.92-0.76 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ 172.2 (C), 139.0 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 60.4 (CH₂), 44.4 (CH), 38.2 (CH₂), 34.5 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₂), 14.2 (CH₃), 14.1 (CH₃), 11.6 (CH₃); MS *m*/*z* 212 (M⁺, 28), 124 (C₉H₁₆, 100), 67 (C₅H₇, 54), 55 (C₃H₃O, 57); HRMS calcd. for C₁₃H₂₄O₂ 212.1776, found 212.1786. Regio- and enantioselectivity were determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 80 °C, retention times (min): 42.7 (1,4-product, major), 43.3 (1,4-product, minor), 46.4 (1,6-product, minor), 47.0 (1,6-product, major).

(+)-(E)-ethyl 5-ethylnon-3-enoate (18a)⁸

[80% yield, 93% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 99:1, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 0.2$ (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; data was in accordance to (-)-**18a**. Regio- and enantioselectivity were determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 80 °C, retention times (min): 43.0 (1,4-product, major), 46.0 (1,6-product, major), 47.0 (1,6-product, minor).

(-)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-ethyl-6-methylhept-3-enoate (β , γ - **18c**) and

(-)-(E)-ethyl 5-ethyl-6-methylhept-2-enoate (α,β-19c)

[82% yield, 79% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 96:4, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -1.0$ (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 5.51-5.36 (m, 1H), 5.33-5.25 (m, 0.7H), 5.12 (ddd, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 8.2 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 0.3H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 0.9H, β,γ-), 2.40-2.16 (m, *J* = 1.1H, α,β-), 1.72-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.35 (m, 1H), 1.33-1.14 (m, 5H), 0.98-0.92 (dd, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 0.89-0.75 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR δ 172.9 (C, β,γ-), 172.3 (C, α,β-), 138.6 (CH, β,γ-), 136.6 (CH, α,β-), 129.0 (CH, β,γ-), 122.6 (CH, α,β-), 60.4 (CH₂, α,β-), 60.0 (CH₂, β,γ-), 51.1 (CH, α,β-), 41.2 (CH, β,γ-), 40.6 (CH₂, β,γ-), 38.3 (CH₂, α,β-), 31.4 (CH, α,β-), 31.0 (CH, β,γ-), 27.8 (CH₂, β,γ-), 24.9 (CH₂, α,β-), 62.7 (CH₃, α,β-), 22.6 (CH₃, α,β-), 20.7 (CH₃, β,γ-), 18.9 (CH₃, β,γ-), 14.3 (CH₃, α,β-), 14.2 (CH₃, β,γ-), 12.1 (CH₃, β,γ-), 11.5 (CH₃, α,β-); MS (GC/MS) *m/z* α,β-unsaturated product 198 (M⁺, 3), 110 (C₇H₁₀O, 100), 95 (C₆H₇O, 62), 69 (C₅H₇, 48), β,γ-unsaturated product 198 (M⁺, 5), 110 (C₇H₁₀O, 56), 81 (C₅H₅O, 100); HRMS calcd. for C₁₂H₂₂O₂ 198.1620, found 198.1627. Regio- and enantioselectivity were determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 75 °C, retention times (min): 54.6 (α,β-unsaturated-1,6-product, minor), 55.3 (α,β-unsaturated-1,6-product, major), 104.2 (1,4-product, minor), 107.2 (β,γ-unsaturated 1,6-product, minor), 108.5 (β,γ-unsaturated-1,6-product, major), 114.1 (1,4-product, major).

(+)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-ethyl-7-methyloct-3-enoate (**18d**)

[77% yield, 97% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 98:2, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = 9.5 (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 5.46 (dtd, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 7.0 Hz, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (ddt, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 9.0 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.01-1.86, (m, 1H), 1.62-1.05 (m, 8H), 0.92-0.65 (m, 9H) (spectrum contains traces of α,β-unsaturated 1,6-product δ 2.38-2.16 (m)); ¹³C NMR δ 172.2 (C), 139.0 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 60.4 (CH₂), 44.3 (CH₂), 42.3 (CH), 38.2 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₂), 25.3 (CH₃), 23.5 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃), 14.1 (CH₃), 11.6 (CH₃); MS (GC/MS) *m/z* 212 (M⁺, 1), 97 (C₇H₁₃, 84), 95 (C₆H₇O, 100), 81 (C₅H₅0, 64), 55 (C₃H₃O, 69); HRMS calcd. for C₁₃H₂₄O₂ 212.1776, found 212.1768. Regio- and enantioselectivity were determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 75 °C (isothermic), retention times (min): 125.1 (1,4-product, minor), 134.5 (1,4-product, major).

(+)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-ethyl-7-phenylhept-3-enoate (**18e**)

[73% yield, 90% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 98:2, [a]_D²⁰ = 4.1 (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 7.38-7.10 (m, 5H), 5.58 (dt, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 15.3 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 2.82-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.03-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.20 (m, 7H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 172.0 (C), 142.6 (C), 138.3 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 122.3 (CH), 60.4 (CH₂), 43.9 (CH), 38.1 (CH₂), 36.5 (CH₂), 33.4 (CH₂), 27.8 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃), 11.5 (CH₃); MS *m*/*z* 260 (M⁺, 28), 104 (C₈H₈, 79), 91 (C₇H₇, 100); HRMS calcd. for C₁₇H₂₄O₂ 260.1776, found 260.1768. Enantioselectivity was determined by chiral HPLC analysis, column: Whelk (99.9% heptane/*i*PrOH), 40 °C, retention times (min): 23.5 (major), 25.0 (minor). Regioselectivity was determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 170 °C, retention times (min): 26.4 (1,4-product), 27.6 (1,6-product).

(-)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-[(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)methyl]hept-3-enoate (**18f**)

[82% yield, 73% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 96:4, $[a]_{D}^{20}$ = -8.5 (c = 0.8, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 7.68- 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.34 (m, 6H), 5.61-5.50 (m, 1H), 5.42-5.31 (m, 1H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.18-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.33-1.18 (m, 5H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 172.0 (C), 135.8 (CH), 135.6 (CH), 133.9 (C), 129.4 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 67.0 (CH₂), 60.5 (CH₂), 47.0 (CH), 38.4 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH₃), 23.8 (CH₂), 19.3 (C), 14.2 (CH₃), 11.5 (CH₃); MS *m*/*z* 423 (M⁺-H, 0.3), 368 (57), 367 (M- *t*Bu, 100), 227 (TBDPSOEt-*t*Bu, 58), 199 (TBDPSOH-*t*Bu, 50); HRMS calcd. for C₂₂H₂₇O₃Si 367.1729 (Mass -*t*Bu), found 367.1729. Regio- and enantioselectivity were determined by chiral HPLC analysis for (*E*)-5-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)methyl)hept-3-en-1-ol, ⁹column: chiralcel OD-H (99% heptane/*i*PrOH), 40 °C, retention times (min): 19.6 (1,4-product), 20.7 (1,6-product, minor), 21.9 (1,6-product, major).

(-)-(E)-ethyl 5-(benzyloxymethyl)hept-3-enoate (18g)

[69% yield, 90% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = >95:5, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = -12.3 (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 7.39-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.61 (dtd, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 6.9 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (ddt, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.34-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.34-1.17 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 172.0 (C), 138.5 (C), 135.6 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 73.6 (CH₂), 72.9 (CH₂), 60.5 (CH₂), 44.5 (CH), 38.2 (CH₂), 24.2 (CH₂), 14.2 (CH₃), 11.4 (CH₃); MS *m/z* 276 (M⁺, 2), 188 (C₁₃H₁₆O, 47), 155 (C₃H₁₅O₂, 36), 91 (C₇H₇, 100); HRMS calcd. for C₁₇H₂₄O₃ 276.1725, found 276.1728. Enantioselectivity was determined by chiral HPLC analysis for (*E*)-5-(benzyloxymethyl)hept-3-en-1-ol,⁹ column: chiralcel OD-H (99% heptane/*i*PrOH), 40 °C, retention times (min): 45.1 (1,6-product, minor), 48.9 (1,6-product, major). Regioselectivity was determined by NMR.

(S)-(+)-(E)-S-ethyl 5-methylhept-3-enethioate (23)

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⁹ Alcohol was obtained by DIBAL-H reduction. Reaction was performed for both racemic and chiral s22Et.

[85% yield, 93% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 99:1, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = 11.9 (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 5.52-5.39 (m, 2H), 3.23-3.15 (m, 2H), 2.85 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.13-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.37-1.14 (m, 5H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 198.5 (C), 142.0 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 47.6 (CH₂), 38.4 (CH), 29.5 (CH₂), 23.3 (CH₂), 19.8(CH₃), 14.7 (CH₃), 11.7 (CH₃); MS (GC/MS) *m/z* 186 (M⁺, 0.2), 97 (C₇H₁₃, 37), 55 (C₃H₃O, 100); HRMS calcd. for C₁₀H₁₈OS 186.1078, found 186.1084. Enantioselectivity was determined by chiral GC analysis for 2-methylbutanoic acid,⁷ column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 60 °C, retention times (min): 41.5 (major), 47.8 (minor). Regioselectivity was determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiraldex-B-PM, 100 °C, retention times (min): 30.1 (1,4-product, minor), 30.6 (1,4-product, major), 32.5 (1,6-product).

(R)-(-)-(E)-ethyl 5,9-dimethyldeca-3,8-dienoate (24)

[34% yield (0.5 g scale, 2% catalyst, 1.2 equiv. Grignard reagent), 86% ee, regioselectivity 1,6:1,4 = 97:3, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -14.1$ (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 5.55-5.32 (m, 2H), 5.12-5.01 (m, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.19-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 36.2 Hz, 6H), 1.36-1.16 (m, 5H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 172.1 (C), 140.3 (CH), 131.2 (C), 124.5 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 60.4 (CH₂), 38.2 (CH₂), 36.9 (CH₂), 36.2 (CH), 25.7 (CH₂), 25.6 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₃), 17.6 (CH₃), 14.1 (CH₃); MS *m*/*z* 224 (M⁺, 15), 181 (C₁₁H₁₇O₂, 51), 82 (C₆H₁₀, 100), 69 (C₄H₅O, 56); HRMS calcd. for C₁₄H₂₄O₂ 224.1776, found 224.1767. Regio- and enantioselectivity was determined by chiral GC analysis, column: Chiralsil-Dex-CB, 105 °C, retention times (min): 81.3 (1,4-product, major), 94.2 (1,6-product, minor), 94.7 (1,6-product, major).

Synthesis of (R)-(-)-(E)-5,9-dimethyldeca-3,8-dien-1-ol (25):¹⁰

In a dried Schlenk tube equipped with septum and stirring bar under nitrogen, **24** (150 mg, 0.67 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in dry Et_2O (6.5 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and LiAlH₄ (56 mg, 1.48 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) was added in small portions. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C the reaction was quenched with a 5% aq. HCl solution to a pH of 5. Et_2O (5 mL) and H_2O (5 mL) were added and the layers were separated. After extraction with Et_2O (2x 5 mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with H₂O and brine (10 mL), dried and carefully concentrated to a colorless oil. Flash chromatography (10% Et_2O /pentane) yielded **25** as a colorless oil.

Experimental data:

[93% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -21.1$ (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); colorless oil]; ¹H NMR δ 5.46-5.27 (m, 2H), 5.12-5.03 (m, 1H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.17-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.54 (m, 6H), 1.28 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ 140.1 (C), 131.2 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 62.0 (CH₂), 37.0 (CH₂), 36.4 (CH), 36.0 (CH₂), 25.8 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₃), 20.7 (CH₃), 17.6 (CH₃); MS *m*/z 182 (M⁺, 9), 82 (C₆H₁₀, 100), 69 (C₅H₉, 91), 55 (C₄H₇, 80); HRMS calcd. for C₁₂H₂₂O 182.1671, found 182.1678.

Synthesis of (R)-(-)-Trimethylammonium (E)-5,9-dimethyldeca-3,8-dienyl sulphate (26):¹¹

In a dried Schlenk tube equipped with septum and stirring bar under nitrogen, **25** (60 mg, 0.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in dry Et_2O (0.5 mL). The mixture was cooled to -5 $^{\circ}C$ and CISO₃H (22 µL, 0.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added dropwise. After stirring for 2 h at -5 $^{\circ}C$ the reaction was quenched with NMe₃ at -5 $^{\circ}C$ (45% aq. solution, 0.2 mL). Then H₂O (2 mL) and Et₂O (2 mL) were added and the solution was stirred for 2 min and decanted. This was repeated once with 2 mL Et₂O. The aqueous layer was concentrated to a slightly yellow oil. Flash chromatography (10% MeOH/CHCl₃) yielded **26** as a colorless oil.

Experimental data:

[55% yield, $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -10.5$ (c = 0.7, CHCl₃); lit.¹¹ = -17.0 (c = 1.89, CHCl₃) ; colorless oil];

¹ H NMR			¹³ C NMR		
position:	natural:	synthetic:	position:	natural:	synthetic:
1	4.02 (t, 7.3)	4.04 (t, 7.3, 2H)	1	67.8 CH ₂	68.4 CH ₂
2	2.37 (m)	2.35 (dd, 7.1, 13.0 Hz, 2H)	2	32.6 CH ₂	32.5 CH ₂
3	5.36		3	123.1 CH	123.1 CH
4	(dt, 15.4, 6.1) 5.38 (dd, 15.4, 7.0)	5.44-5.25 (m, 2H)	4	139.1 CH	139.2 CH
5	2.06 (m)	2.04 (dt, 13.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H)	5	36.2 CH	36.2 CH
6	1.27 (m)	1.31-1.17 (m, 2H)	6	36.9 CH ₂	37.0 CH ₂
7	1.92 (m)	1.90 (dd, 7.5, 15.2 Hz, 2H)	7	25.6 CH ₂	25.7 CH ₂
8	5.07 (t, 6.5)	5.05 (m, 1H)	8	124.5 CH	124.6 CH
10	1.58 (s)	1.56 (s, 3H)	9	131.1 C	131.1 C
11	0.94 (d, 6.6)	0.92 (d, 6.7 Hz, 3H)	10	17.6 CH ₃	17.7 CH ₃
12	1.67 (s)	1.65 (d, 0.9 Hz, 3H)	11	20.5 CH ₃	20.4 CH ₃
NH	9.75 (brs)	9.39 (brs, 1H)	12	25.5 CH ₃	25.7 CH ₃
N-CH ₃	2.96 (d, 3.7)	2.93 (d, 5.1 Hz, 5H)	N-CH ₃	45.3 CH ₃	45.7 CH_3
	Impurity:	3.94 (brs)			

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Supporting information 2 Please note: the peak in ¹³C around 156 ppm is an artefact. (2E,4E)-ethyl nona-2 4-dieporte (17E) (2E,4E)-ethyl nona-2,4-dienoate (17b)



(2E,4E)-ethyl 7-phenylhepta-2,4-dienoate (17e)



(2E,4E)-ethyl 6-(tert-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)hexa-2,4-dienoate (17f)



(2E,4E)-ethyl 6-(benzyloxy)hexa-2,4-dienoate (17g)



(2E,4E)-S-ethyl hepta-2,4-dienethioate (22)











Stereoselectivity





For ee: 96%



(-)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-methylnon-3-enoate (**15a**)



(-)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-methylnona-3,8-dienoate (**15b**)





(-)-(*E*)-ethyl 5,6-dimethylhept-3-enoate (**15c**)





(-)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-ethylnon-3-enoate (**18a**)





(+)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-ethylnon-3-enoate (**18a**)







(-)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-ethyl-6-methylhept-3-enoate (β , γ - **18c**) and (-)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-ethyl-6-methylhept-2-enoate (α , β -**19c**)





ee α,β-: 83%; ee β,γ-: 77%

(+)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-ethyl-7-methyloct-3-enoate (18d)





(+)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-ethyl-7-phenylhept-3-enoate (**18e**)



Regioselectivity:



Stereoselectivity:



(-)-(*E*)-ethyl 5-[(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)methyl]hept-3-enoate (**18f**)





for ee: 76%

(-)-(E)-ethyl 5-(benzyloxymethyl)hept-3-enoate (18g)





(S)-(+)-(E)-S-ethyl 5-methylhept-3-enethioate (23)



Regioselectivity



Stereoselectivity



(R)-(-)-(E)-ethyl <u>5</u>,9-dimethyldeca-3,8-dienoate (**24**)





(*R*)-(-)-(*E*)-5,9-dimethyldeca-3,8-dien-1-ol (**25**)



(*R*)-(-)-Trimethylammonium (*E*)-5,9-dimethyldeca-3,8-dienyl sulphate (**26**)

