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Key Words

Cantharidin
 N-4-methylbenzylcantharidinimide (4b)
 mp 124-125 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 7.06 (m, d, J = 7.2 Hz, phenyl H-3, H-5), 7.16 (m, d, J = 7.2 Hz, phenyl H-2, H-6), IR (KBr): 1734 cm⁻¹ (amide); MS m/z (rel. int.): 299 [M]⁺ (30), 105 (100), 138 (60).
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Molar ratio of compound 2-p-chlorobenzyl alcohol: diisopropylazodicarboxylate: triethylamine
 Obtained after purification by chromatography on silica gel

ortho position on the benzene ring were low in contrast, the electron-donating group had a good yield, particularly at the para position on the benzene ring. 4-Propylpyridine was used as a model compound to study the Mitsunobu reaction.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General procedure
 The reaction of compound 2 with alcohol (3a-c) in the presence of 2 equivalents of diisopropylazodicarboxylate (10.4 mmol) and triethylamine (10.4 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was carried out at room temperature for 10 min. After the reaction was stirred for 12 h under N₂, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was extracted with 1-hexanol. To remove the PBO by-product, the crude product was purified by SiO₂ chromatography. The residue was crystallized from MeOH.

N-4-methylbenzylcantharidinimide (4a)
 mp 120-122 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.10 (d, s, CH₃ × 2), 1.66-1.77 (m, 2.27 CH₂ × 2), 6.8 Hz, phenyl H-2, H-6), 7.05 (m, d, J = 6.8 Hz, phenyl H-3, H-5), IR (KBr): 1700 cm⁻¹ (amide); MS m/z (rel. int.): 319 [M]⁺ (20), 138 (100), 70 (100).

N-4-methylbenzylcantharidinimide (4b)
 mp 108-109 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.17 (d, s, CH₃ × 2), 1.66-1.77 (m, 2.27 CH₂ × 2), 6.8 Hz, phenyl H-2, H-6), 7.05 (m, d, J = 6.8 Hz, phenyl H-3, H-5), IR (KBr): 1733 cm⁻¹ (amide); MS m/z (rel. int.): 330 [M]⁺ (27.85), 105 (100), 77 (100).

N-4-methylbenzylcantharidinimide (4c)
 mp 120-122 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 1.10 (d, s, CH₃ × 2), 1.66-1.77 (m, 2.27 CH₂ × 2), 6.8 Hz, phenyl H-2, H-6), 7.05 (m, d, J = 6.8 Hz, phenyl H-3, H-5), IR (KBr): 1700 cm⁻¹ (amide); MS m/z (rel. int.): 319 [M]⁺ (20), 138 (100), 70 (100).