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Pd-catalysed telomerisation of isoprene with glycerol and polyethyleneglycol: A facile route to new terpene derivatives

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Materials and instrumentation. All reagents were obtained from commercial sources (>98% pure) and used as received. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured on a Varian Mercury vx300 NMR spectrometer at 25 °C. Chemical shifts (δ ppm, SiMe_4) were measured by internal referencing to the deuterated solvent (^{13}C and residual ^1H). Coupling constants (J) are given in hertz. Where needed, two-dimensional ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC experiments were carried out for assigning of ^1H and ^{13}C resonances. GC analysis was performed on an InterScience GC-8000 gas chromatograph with a DB-1 capillary column (30 m \times 0.21 mm). All products were identified by their GC retention times and their NMR spectra. Samples for GC were diluted with 1 mL methanol (MeOH) and filtered through an alumina plug prior to injection. GC conditions: ramp at 10 °C/min to 255 °C; isotherm at 255 °C (13 min). EI-MS analysis was performed on an Agilent Technologies 6890/5973-GC/MS with a cross-linked phase 5% PhMe siloxane column (30 m \times 0.25 mm).

Data of kinetic experiments

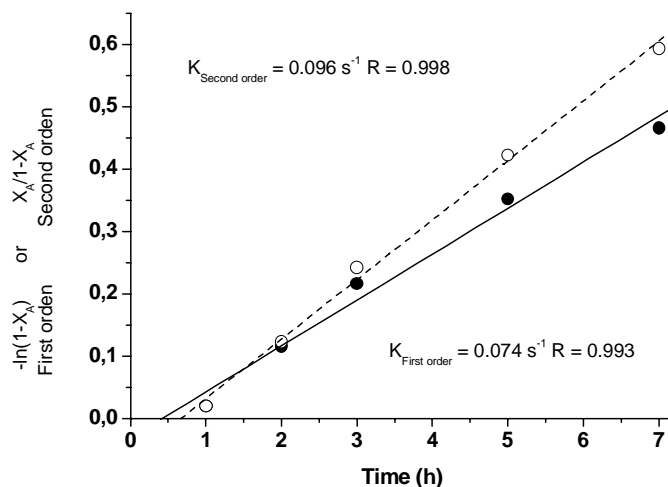


Figure S1. Reaction profile for glycerol telomerisation with isoprene in the presence of 0.05 mol% Pd(acac)₂ and 0.075 mol% carbene ligand at 90 °C. We only analyze the T2H isomer (**3**).

Products Characterization

Glycerol Product (tail-to-head isomer) (3): Purification

by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate 1:3

(R_f = 0.33). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 300 MHz):

δ 0.94 (d, ³J_{10,6} = 6.5, 3 H, CH₃; H¹⁰), 1.31 (m, 2 H; H⁵),

1.54 (s, 3 H, CH₃; H⁹), 1.97 (m, 2 H; H⁴), 2.09 (m, 1 H; H⁶), 3.18-3.53 (m, 5 H; H^a, H^b,

H^c), 3.77 (s, 2 H; H¹), 4.46 (bs, 1 H; OH), 4.60 (bs, 1 H; OH), 4.90-4.98 (m, 2 H; H⁸),

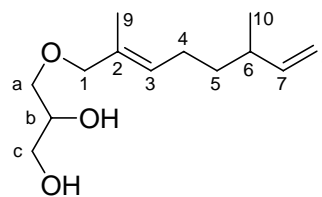
5.34 (t, ³J_{3,4} = 6.6, 1 H; H³), 5.69 (m, 1 H; H⁷). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ 14.5

(C⁹), 20.7 (C¹⁰), 25.6 (C⁴), 36.7 (C⁵), 37.6 (C⁶), 64.0 (C^b), 71.4, 71.9 (C^a, C^c), 77.0 (C⁸),

113.9 (C⁸), 127.7 (C³), 133.0 (C²), 145.1 (C⁷). EI/MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%) 228 [M⁺] (1), 213

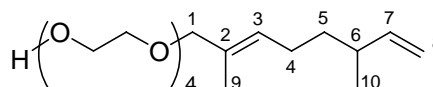
(1), 199 (1), 171 (5), 158 (7), 145 (5), 137 (16), 136 (23), 121 (34), 107 (41), 95 (55), 81

(100), 67 (48), 55 (48), 41 (40).

**Tail-to-head isomer of PEG (6b):** Purification by

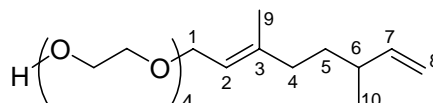
flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate 1:3

(R_f = 0.30). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 300 MHz): δ 0.94 (d, ³J_{10,6} = 6.5, 3 H,



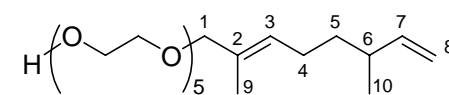
CH₃; H¹⁰), 1.29 (m, 2 H; H⁵), 1.54 (s, 3 H, CH₃; H⁹), 1.98 (m, 2 H; H⁴), 2.08 (m, 1 H; H⁶), 3.32-3.49 (m, 16 H; PEG), 3.78 (s, 2 H; H¹), 4.46 (bs, 1 H; OH), 4.90-4.98 (m, 2 H; H⁸), 5.35 (t, ³J_{3,4} = 6.6, 1 H; H³), 5.69 (m, 1 H; H⁷). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ 14.5 (C⁹), 20.7 (C¹⁰), 25.6 (C⁴), 36.7 (C⁵), 37.5 (C⁶), 61.0 (CH₂OH), 69.1 (C-PEG), 70.6 (C-PEG), 73.1 (C-PEG), 76.8 (C¹), 113.9 (C⁸), 127.9 (C³), 132.9 (C²), 145.1 (C⁷). EI/MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%) 281 (1), 216 (2), 167 (1), 136 (27), 121 (21), 107 (32), 89 (46), 81 (49), 67 (22), 55 (22), 45 (100).

Head-to-head isomer of PEG (7b): Purification by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate 1:3



(*R_f* = 0.30). Detected in a mixture 1:1 with tail-to-head isomer. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 300 MHz): δ 0.95 (d, ³J_{10,6} = 6.5, 3 H, CH₃; H¹⁰), 1.29 (m, 2 H; H⁵), 1.59 (s, 3 H, CH₃; H⁹), 1.95 (m, 2 H; H⁴), 2.08 (m, 1 H; H⁶), 3.24-3.49 (m, 16 H; PEG), 3.92 (d, ³J_{10,6} = 6.6, 2 H; H¹), 4.57 (bs, 1 H; OH), 4.90-4.98 (m, 2 H; H⁸), 5.23 (t, ³J_{3,4} = 6.6, 1 H; H³), 5.69 (m, 1 H; H⁷). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ 17.0 (C⁹), 20.7 (C¹⁰), 34.9 (C⁵), 37.4, 37.5 (C⁴, C⁶), 67.5 (C¹), 61.0 (CH₂OH; PEG), 69.4 (C-PEG), 70.6 (C-PEG), 73.1 (C-PEG), 113.9 (C⁸), 122.9 (C³), 139.7 (C²), 145.1 (C⁷). EI/MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%) 281 (1), 195 (4), 177 (5), 163 (2), 151 (1), 136 (31), 121 (20), 107 (31), 89 (56), 81 (42), 67 (15), 55 (19), 45 (100).

Tail-to-head isomer of PEG (6c): Purification by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate 1:6



(*R_f* = 0.19). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 300 MHz): δ 0.94 (d, ³J_{10,6} = 6.6, 3 H, CH₃; H¹⁰), 1.29 (m, 2 H; H⁵), 1.54 (s, 3 H, CH₃; H⁹), 1.96 (m, 2 H; H⁴), 2.09 (m, 1 H; H⁶), 3.33-3.56 (m, 20 H; PEG), 4.58 (bs, 1 H; OH), 4.90-4.98 (m, 2 H; H⁸), 5.35 (t, ³J_{3,4} = 7.1, 1 H; H³), 5.69 (m, 1 H; H⁷). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ 14.5 (C⁹), 20.7 (C¹⁰), 25.6 (C⁴), 36.7 (C⁵), 37.6 (C⁶), 61.0 (CH₂OH), 69.1 (C-PEG), 70.6 (C-PEG), 73.2 (C-PEG), 76.8 (C¹), 113.9 (C⁸), 127.9 (C³), 132.9 (C²), 145.1 (C⁷). EI/MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%) 446 (1), 330 (1), 195 (5), 177 (6), 136 (41), 121 (22), 107 (33), 89 (57), 81 (46), 67 (19), 55 (21), 45 (100).

^1H , $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ AND 2D NMR SPECTRA

