

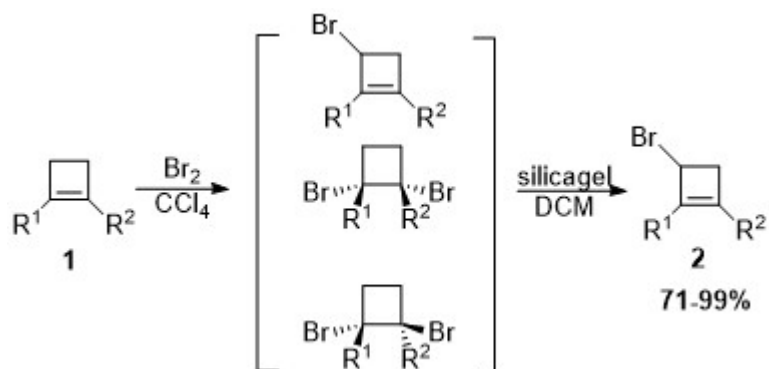
## BROMINATION OF 1,2-DISUBSTITUTED CYCLOBUTENES

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A cyclobutene is one of the simplest cyclic alkenes that has found numerous applications in organic synthesis. Recently, we have developed a versatile method for the preparation of 1,2-disubstituted cyclobutenes **1**.<sup>[1]</sup> To our surprise, the bromination of cyclobutenes **1** remains an untouched area of cyclobutene chemistry, hence our next aim was to investigate the reactivity of cyclobutenes **1** with bromine.

For the purpose of this work, a series of 1,2-disubstituted cyclobutenes **1** has been prepared bearing a wide range of substituents. These starting substrates were subjected to different reaction conditions resulting in the quantitative formation of allylic substitution product **2** demonstrating exceptional regioselectivity of the bromination reaction. Thus, the obtained results including the proposed reaction mechanism and possible synthetic application of brominated cyclobutenes **2** will be discussed.



[1] P. Polák, T. Tobrman, *Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, **2019**, 957-968.