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Regioselective Nickel-Catalyzed Reductive Couplings of Enones and Allenes**

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A. General Information

All reagents were used as received unless otherwise noted. Solvents were purified under nitrogen using a solvent purification system (Innovative Technology, inc., Model # SPS-400-3 and PS-400-3). Ni(COD)₂ (Strem Chemicals, Inc., used as received) and triphenylphosphine (PPh₃) were stored and weighed in an inert atmosphere glovebox. All reactions were conducted in flame-dried glassware under a nitrogen atmosphere. ¹H and ¹³C spectra were obtained in CDCl₃ at rt, unless otherwise noted, on a Varian Mercury 400 or Varian Unity 500 MHz instrument. Chemical shifts of ¹H NMR spectra were recorded in parts per million (ppm) on the δ scale from an internal standard of residual chloroform (7.27 ppm). Chemical shifts of ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in ppm from the central peak of CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm) on the δ scale. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a VG-70-250-s spectrometer manufactured by Micromass Corp. (Manchester UK) at the University of Michigan Mass Spectrometry Laboratory.

Compounds $6a^1$, $6b^1$, $6c^1$, $6d^2$, $6e^3$, $6f^4$, $6g^5$, $6h^6$ and $6i^7$ were prepared according to literature procedure. Enone reagents were used as received.

Regioisomeric ratios were determined on crude reaction mixtures using NMR and/or GCMS. GCMS analyses were carried out on an HP6890 Series GC System with a HP-5MS column ($30m \ge 0.252 \text{ mm} \ge 0.25\mu\text{m}$). The trisubstituted alkene stereochemistry was determined by NOE in the following cases: compound **1a** and Table 2, entries 12 and 13.

B. Experimental Procedure and Characterization

General Procedure for the Ni(COD)₂/PBu₃ Promoted Reductive Coupling of Enones and Alkynes

To a solid mixture of Ni(COD)₂ (0.03 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (PPh₃) (0.06 mmol) was added toluene (1 mL) at rt. After stirring for 5-10 min at rt, triethylsilane (0.6 mmol) and then enone (0.3 mmol) were added by syringe to the dark red mixture, followed by syringe drive addition of allene (0.45 mmol) in toluene (4 mL) at 1 mL/hr at 50 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C until TLC analysis indicated disappearance of the enone. The reaction mixture was concentrated, and then diluted with ethyl acetate. A solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (*n*-Bu₄NF) (0.6 mmol) in THF was added to the reaction mixture and stirred until TLC analysis indicated disappearance of the enol silane product. The reaction mixture was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

5-(Cyclohexylmethyl)hex-5-en-2-one (Table 1, entry 6)



Following the general procedure, 3-buten-2-one (25 mg, 0.30 mmol), propa-1,2dienylcyclohexane (55 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 µL, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (49 mg, 84 %, 93:7) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (2 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.70 (br s, 2H), 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.24 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (m, 5H), 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.17 (m, 3H), 0.83 (dq, *J* = 3.5, 12.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.4, 146.6, 110.2, 44.7, 41.8, 35.4, 33.2, 29.8, 29.4, 26.5, 26.2; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 2922, 2851, 1719, 1448; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₂₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 217.1568, found 217.1560.

5-Methylenedodecan-2-one (Table 2, entry 1)



Following the general procedure, 3-buten-2-one (25 mg, 0.30 mmol), nona-1,2-diene (55 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 µL, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (43 mg, 73 %, 78:15:7) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (2 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 2.58 (app t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (app t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.01 (app t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.28 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); diagnostic signal for minor regioisomer: (5.16 ppm); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.5, 148.6, 108.8, 41.9, 36.3, 31.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.3, 29.1, 27.7, 22.6, 14.0; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 2927, 2856, 1720, 1442; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₂₄O [M]⁺ 196.1827, found 196.1831.

5-Benzylhex-5-en-2-one (Table 2, entry 2)



Following the general procedure, 3-buten-2-one (25 mg, 0.30 mmol), propa-1,2dienylbenzene (52 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 μ L, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (28 mg, 50 %, 91:9) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (2 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.21 (m, 3H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.1, 147.4, 139.2, 128.9, 128.3, 126.1, 111.4, 43.3, 41.7, 29.7, 29.1; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 3026, 2922, 1716, 1440; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₆O [M]⁺ 188.1201, found 188.1197.

7-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5-methylenedodecan-2-one (Table 2, entry 3)



Following the general procedure, 3-buten-2-one (25 mg, 0.30 mmol), *tert*-butyldimethyl(nona-1,2-dien-4-yloxy)silane (114 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 μ L, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (83 mg, 85 %, >95:5) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (2 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 3.77 (quint, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 9.5 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.14 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 14.0 Hz, 1H),

1.20–1.47 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.2, 145.4, 111.8, 71.1, 44.4, 41.8, 36.8, 31.9, 30.0, 29.8, 25.8, 24.8, 22.6, 18.0, 14.0, -4.4, -4.5; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 2930, 1720, 1644, 1462; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₃₈O₂SiNa [M+Na]⁺ 349.2539, found 349.2530.

6-Methylene-9-oxodecyl acetate (Table 2, entry 4)



Following the general procedure, 3-buten-2-one (25 mg, 0.3 mmol), hepta-5,6-dienyl acetate (69 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 μ L, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (46 mg, 68 %, 79:21) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (10 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.73 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (app t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (app t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.02 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.36 (m, 2H); diagnostic signal for minor regioisomer: (5.13 ppm); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (signals for both isomers included) δ 208.5, 208.3, 171.1, 148.0, 133.9, 125.7, 124.5, 109.1, 64.4, 42.3, 42.0, 41.8, 36.1, 33.5, 29.8, 29.5, 28.5, 28.4, 28.2, 28.1, 27.3, 27.2, 26.4, 26.1, 25.9, 25.5, 23.0, 20.9, 16.0; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 2936, 1738, 1644, 1440; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₂₂O₃ [M]⁺ 226.1569, found 226.1580.



Following the general procedure, 3-buten-2-one (25 mg, 0.3 mmol), hepta-5,6-dien-1-ol (50 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 μ L, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (47 mg, 85 %, 78:13:9) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (10 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.14 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (app t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.27 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.00 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (s, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.37 (m, 2H); diagnostic signal for B: (5.11 ppm); diagnostic signal for C: (4.72 ppm and 4.66 ppm); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) (signals for all isomers included) δ 208.9, 133.6, 126.1, 124.9, 109.9, 109.0, 62.7, 62.6, 42.3, 41.9, 41.8,

33.5, 32.5, 32.2, 29.9, 29.5, 27.5, 27.3, 26.0, 25.9, 25.7, 25.3, 23.0, 18.6, 15.9; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 3414, 2931, 1713, 1449; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{11}H_{20}O_2Na [M+Na]^+$ 207.1361, found 207.1365.

5-Benzyloxymethyl-hex-5-en-2-one (Table 2, entry 6)



Following the general procedure, 3-buten-2-one (25 mg, 0.30 mmol), propa-1,2dienyloxymethyl-benzene (66 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 μ L, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (41 mg, 63 %, 79:21) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (10 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). Spectral data for this compound was previously reported and matched with the current data.⁸

2-(Cyclohexylmethyl)dec-1-en-5-one (Table 2, entry 7)



Following the general procedure, 1-octen-3-one (38 mg, 0.30 mmol), propa-1,2dienylcyclohexane (55 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 μ L, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (53 mg, 71 %, >95:5) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (2 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.70 (s, 2H), 2.54 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 9.6 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (app t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.55-1.74 (m, 7H), 1.10-1.47 (m, 8H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (dq, *J* = 3.2, 12.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.9, 146.9, 110.2, 44.7, 42.8, 40.9, 35.4, 33.2, 31.4, 29.4, 26.5, 26.3, 23.5, 22.4, 13.9; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 2924, 1716, 1643, 1448; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₃₀ONa [M+Na]⁺ 273.2194, found 273.2188.

5-(Cyclohexylmethyl)-3-methylhex-5-en-2-one (Table 2, entry 8)



Following the general procedure, 3-methyl-3-buten-2-one (25 mg, 0.30 mmol), propa-1,2-dienylcyclohexane (55 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 µL, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (32 mg, 51 %, >95:5) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (2 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 2.70 (sextet, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.95 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 14.0 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (m, 5H), 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.10-1.27 (m, 3H), 1.07 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (dquint, *J* = 4.0, 13.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.3, 145.1, 112.2, 45.1, 44.0, 38.9, 35.4, 33.4, 33.1, 28.0, 26.5, 26.3, 26.2, 16.2; IR (film, cm⁻¹) 2924, 1713, 1642, 1449; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₂₄ONa [M+Na]⁺ 231.1725, found 231.1715.

4-(Cyclohexylmethyl)-1,3-diphenylpent-4-en-1-one (Table 2, entry 9)



Following the general procedure, *trans*-chalcone (63 mg, 0.30 mmol), propa-1,2dienylcyclohexane (55 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 μ L, 0.60 mmol) were stirred overnight at 50 °C. The product (90 mg, 90 %, >95:5) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (2 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (tt, *J* = 1.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.08 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (m, 5H), 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.18 (m, 3H), 0.83 (dq, *J* = 2.5, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 0.76 (dq, *J* = 3.0, 12.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.4, 149.3, 142.9, 137.2, 132.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 126.4, 110.1, 45.9, 44.0, 43.7, 35.5, 33.6, 32.7, 26.5, 26.3, 26.2; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 3061, 2920, 1689, 1642, 1448; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₈ONa [M+Na]⁺ 355.2038, found 355.2036.

3-Methyl-4-methylene-1-phenylundecan-1-one (Table 2, entry 10)



Following the general procedure, 1-phenyl-but-2-en-1-one (44 mg, 0.30 mmol), nona-1,2-diene (55 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 μ L, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (59 mg, 72 %, 93:5:2) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (2 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (dd, J = 1.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (tt, J = 1.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 5.0, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, J = 8.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.46 (quint, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (m, 8H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); diagnostic signal for minor regioisomer: (5.17 ppm); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.7, 154.2, 137.3, 132.8, 128.5, 128.0, 107.6, 44.8, 35.4, 34.7, 31.8, 29.4, 29.2, 28.0, 22.6, 20.0, 14.0; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 3067, 2927, 1688, 1642, 1448; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₈ONa [M+Na]⁺ 295.2038, found 295.2036.

7-Methyl-6-methylene-9-oxo-9-phenylnonyl acetate (Table 2, entry 11)



Following the general procedure, 1-phenyl-but-2-en-1-one (44 mg, 0.30 mmol), hepta-5,6-dienyl acetate (69 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 μ L, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (63 mg, 70 %, 90:5:5) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (5 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (dd, *J* = 1.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (tt, *J* = 1.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 15.5 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (sextet, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dt, *J* = 3.0, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.49 (quint, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.5, 171.1, 153.7, 137.2, 132.9, 128.5, 128.0, 107.8, 64.5, 44.7, 35.2, 34.5, 28.4, 27.5, 25.7, 20.9, 20.1; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 3068, 2934, 1738, 1687, 1448; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₆O₃Na [M+Na]⁺ 325.1780, found 325.1777.

6-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-3-(3-cyclohexylprop-1-en-2-yl)-1-phenylhexan-1-one (Table 2, entry 12)



Following the general procedure, 6-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-phenylhex-2-en-1-one (91 mg, 0.30 mmol), propa-1,2-dienylcyclohexane (55 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 μ L, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (100 mg, 78 %, >95:5) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂

chromatography (2 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (dd, J = 5.5, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (tt, J = 0.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.08 (dd, J = 6.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, J = 7.5, 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (quint, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (dd, J = 7.5, 15.0 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (dd, J = 7.0, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (m, 5H), 1.52 (m, 5H), 1.18 (m, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.84 (m, 2H), 0.03 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.6, 149.6, 137.3, 132.8, 128.5, 128.0, 110.3, 63.1, 43.4, 42.7, 40.9, 35.3, 33.5, 33.4, 30.3, 29.8, 26.6, 26.3, 25.9, 18.3, -5.3; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 3070, 2926, 1689, 1641, 1448; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₇H₄₄O₂SiNa [M+Na]⁺ 451.3008, found 451.3010.





Following the general procedure, 3-buten-2-one (25 mg, 0.3 mmol), nona-4,5-diene (56 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 μ L, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (35 mg, 59 %, 78:22) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (2 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.14 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H_{maj}), 5.09 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H_{min}), 2.52 (app t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H_{min}), 2.46 (app t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H_{maj}), 2.27 (app t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H_{maj} + 2H_{min}), 2.15 (s, 3H_{maj}), 2.14 (s, 3H_{min}), 1.98 (m, 4H_{min}), 1.95 (app t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H_{maj}), 1.31 (m, 6H_{maj} + 6H_{min}), 0.89 (m, 6H_{maj} + 6H_{min}); All observable signals are reported as a mixture of the two stereoisomers. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) (major and minor peak listings given) δ 208.8, 137.9, 137.7, 125.8, 125.1, 42.7, 42.6, 36.4, 30.7, 30.6, 30.3, 29.9, 29.8, 29.7, 24.1, 23.1, 22.7, 22.4, 18.4, 14.0, 13.9, 13.8; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 2958, 1719, 1641, 1461; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₂₄ONa [M+Na]⁺ 219.1725, found 219.1721.

(Z, E)-4-Cyclododecenylbutan-2-one (Table 2, entry 14)



Following the general procedure, 3-buten-2-one (25 mg, 0.3 mmol), cyclododeca-1,2diene (74 mg, 0.45 mmol), Ni(COD)₂ (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh₃ (16 mg, 0.06 mmol), and Et₃SiH (97 µL, 0.60 mmol) were stirred for 6 h at 50 °C. The product (55 mg, 78 %, 87:13) was obtained as a colorless oil after SiO₂ chromatography (2 % ethyl acetate in hexanes). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1Hmaj), 5.10 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1Hmin), 2.52 (app t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2Hmin), 2.46 (app t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2Hmaj), 2.30 (app t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2Hmaj), 2.26 (app t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2Hmin), 2.14(s, 3Hmaj + 3Hmin), 2.03 (m, 4Hmaj + 4Hmin), 1.42 (m, 6Hmaj + 6Hmin), 1.24 (m, 10Hmaj + 10Hmin); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (major and minor peak listings given) δ 208.9, 137.5, 136.0, 129.1, 126.3, 42.5, 42.4, 35.2, 30.0, 29.9, 29.8, 27.3, 27.2, 26.8, 26.4, 25.9, 25.8, 25.3, 25.0, 24.9, 24.7, 24.6, 24.5, 24.3, 24.2, 23.9, 23.7, 22.8, 22.4, 22.2; IR (film,cm⁻¹) 2928, 1717, 1641, 1445; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₂₈ONa [M-H]⁺ 235.2062, found 235.2068.

Foot Note

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C. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra







Table 2, entry 2









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Table 2, entry 9











