

141. New Ethylzinc Reagents with Remarkable Properties in Palladium-Catalyzed Zinc-Ene Reactions

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Pd-Catalyzed Zn-ene allylic olefinations with the new ethylzinc reagents Et–Zn–OSO₂CF₃ (**4**) and Et–Zn–OC(O)CF(MeO)CF₃ (**5**) in CH₂Cl₂ showed an unexpected *trans*-selectivity in the ring closure to cyclopentane derivatives (see *Scheme 2* and *Table 1*). This strong *trans*-selectivity is in contrast with the corresponding known Zn-ene reaction using Et₂Zn in Et₂O which shows a high *cis*-selectivity (*Table 1*). The probable radical origin of the observed *trans*-selectivity is discussed. The Zn-ene reaction products of the type R–Zn–OSO₂CF₃ could be derivatized by the known protonation, iodination, and cyanation yielding **8–10** (*Scheme 4* and *Table 2*); these derivatizations could furthermore be extended by allylation and oxidation reaction (→ **13**, **15**, and **16**; see *Scheme 5*).

Introduction. – The development of metallo-ene reactions by *Oppolzer* and his coworkers in the last decade has not only resulted in a powerful tool for synthesizing functionalized hetero- and carbocycles [1], it remains one of the most esthetic and appealing topics of organometallic chemistry [2]. In this context, the recently developed intramolecular allylzincation protocol using the system diethylzinc/[Pd(PPh₃)₄] [**3**] showed an interesting potential for the stereocontrolled synthesis of functionalized *cis*-disubstituted cyclopentanes and pyrrolidines [4] (see *Scheme 1*, X = Et). The fate of the Zn ligands during the proposed catalytic cycle in these Et₂Zn/[Pd(PPh₃)₃]-promoted transformations remained undefined [4]. Therefore, it was our intention to substantiate this catalytic cycle. Furthermore, we wanted to enhance the scope of the derivatization of the final cyclic Zn-ene-reaction products.

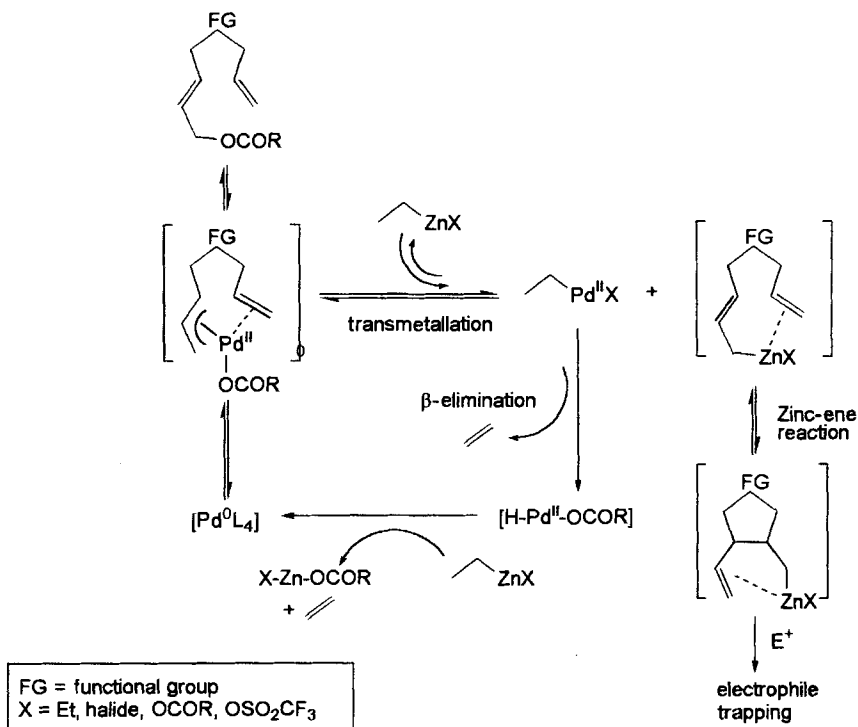
To reach these goals, we focused our attention upon nonsymmetrical ethylzinc reagents of the type EtZnX with X = halides, alkoxides, sulfonates, or carboxylates. Indeed, to maintain the catalytic cycle, the substituent X of these reagents (and contrary to Et₂Zn) would now have to be firmly attached to Zn during the transformation (otherwise β-elimination cannot occur), whereas the Et group has to be transferred to the Pd-atom (*Scheme 1*). Bis(phenylsulfonyl)alkadienyl acetate [**5**] yielding the already known Zn-ene-reaction products **2** and **3** [4] (see also *Exper. Part*) was chosen as a model substrate (*Scheme 2*).

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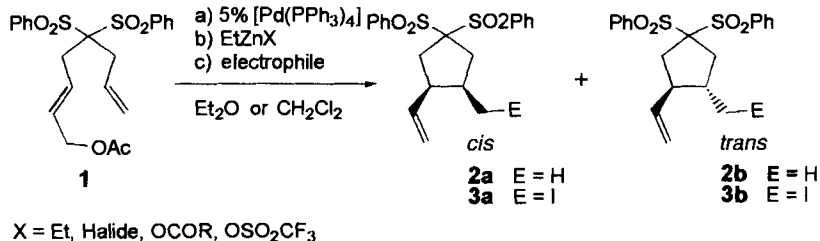
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Scheme 1



Scheme 2

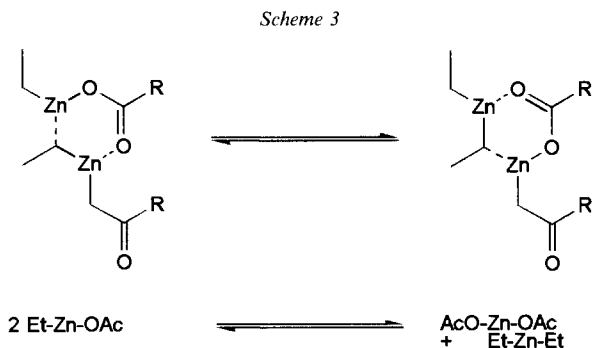


Results and Discussion. – *Nonsymmetrical Ethylzinc Reagents.* Ethylzinc halides in CH₂Cl₂ were prepared as described in [6]. Ethylzinc alcoholates, carboxylates, and sulfonates EtZnX were easily synthesized by adding the acidic component HX in an appropriate solvent under Ar at –78° to Et₂Zn. The concentration of these ethylzinc solutions were checked by I₂ titration of a small sample. The question if really a monomer of formula EtZnX or any kind of a higher complex is generated is, even after controversial discussions and NMR investigations [7], not quite solved.

The nonsymmetrical ethylzinc reagents **4** and **5** have not been used as reagents in organic synthesis so far. The non-foaming ethylzinc 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoro-2-methoxypropionate (**5**) was smoothly prepared by the above procedure from 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoro-2-

late **5**, with a *cis/trans*-selectivity of 3:97 (*Entry 6*). The diastereoselectivity, rate, and yield of the ring closure employing **5** were comparable to those obtained with ethylzinc trifluoromethanesulfonate (**4**; *Entry 3*).

The question now arises why the *cis/trans*-selectivity of the carboxylates depends on the electron-withdrawing properties of the carboxylic substituents. If one takes into account the equilibration depicted in *Scheme 3*, it is highly probable that not ethylzinc adamantane-1-carboxylate and ethylzinc benzoate (*Table 1, Entries 4 and 5*) but free diethylzinc (see [4]) is responsible for the high *cis*-selectivity. Disproportionation of ethylzinc carboxylates with strong electron-withdrawing substituents (*Table 1, Entries 3 and 6*), however, would be hindered by the lower electron density, lower complexing ability, and lower nucleophilicity of the carbonyl O-atom (*Scheme 3*). In fact it has been stated by *Coates and Ridley* [9] that ethylzinc acetate undergoes disproportionation at much lower temperatures than ethylzinc alkoxides, amines, or halides. Furthermore, the complexing ability of carbonyl groups to ethylzinc reagents as well as Zn–C–Zn transition states have been propagated for diethylzinc-aldehyde additions under α -amino-alcohol catalysis [11].



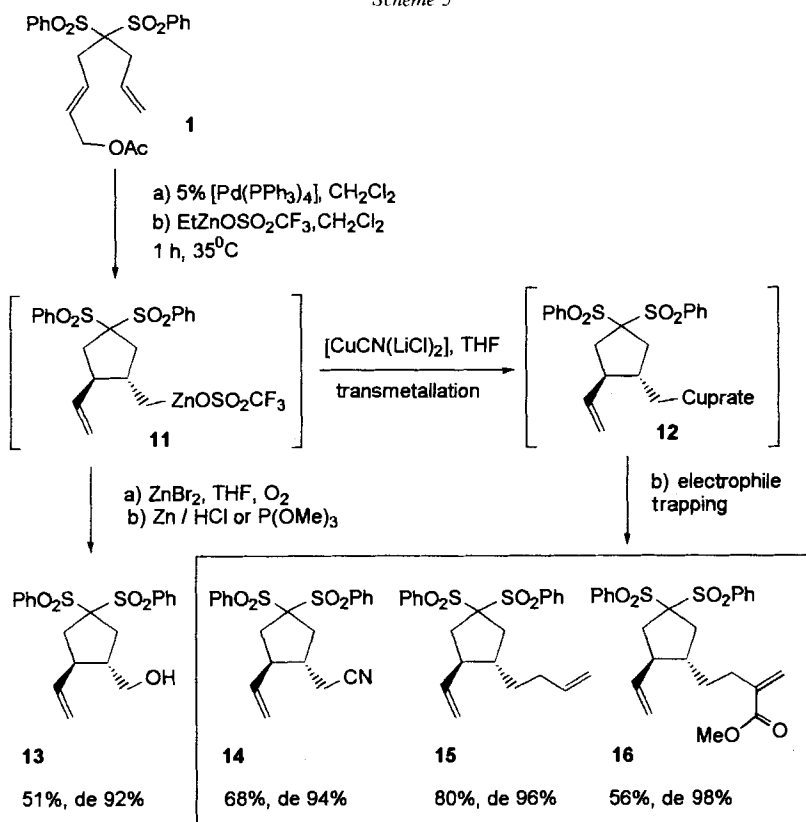
Intramolecular ‘metallo-ene reactions’ would be *trans*-selective if a *retro*-ene reaction is possible (usually at temperatures $> 80^\circ$ [1a]) or if the cyclization proceeds *via* an allylic free radical transfer cyclization [12]. In both cases, the thermodynamically favoured *trans*-product is formed by a *cis/trans* equilibration *via* the ring-opened intermediate. Evidence for a radical mechanism at low temperatures has been found for intramolecular metallo-ene reactions (allylic iodides, $[\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_{12}]/\text{dppb}$, CH_2Cl_2 , 40° , 12 h, 77%) in the *Oppolzer* group [13]. For the above described *trans*-selective cyclizations, there are three facts consistent with a radical mechanism:

1) In all of the described Zn-ene reactions, Et_2O as the solvent increased the *cis/trans* ratio, the same reaction in CH_2Cl_2 decreased it (the solvent CH_2Cl_2 , however, has a profound impact on the ligand sphere of the ethylzinc reagent).

2) No asymmetric induction was observed by employing enantiomerically pure ethylzinc reagent (*R*)- or (*S*)-**5** under the conditions described for the reaction of the corresponding racemic ethylzinc reagent **5** (prepared from enantiomerically pure 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoro-2-methoxypropanoic acid [14]). In this case, the protonated *trans*-carbacycle **2b** (E = H, 84%); proved to be racemic (determined with *Pirkle*'s, reagent and $^1\text{H-NMR}$ [15]).

the most probable structure $[R-Cu(LiCl)_2] \cdot CF_3SO_3Zn(CN)$, was unstable above 30° . Subsequent cyanation of **12** with TosCN (5 mol-equiv.) furnished the *trans*-acetonitrile **14** (68%, de 94%) in essentially the same way (EtZnOSO₂CF₃ (**4**) instead of Et₂Zn) as the already known *cis*-acetonitrile [4]. Subsequent allylation of **12** with allyl bromide or methyl 2-(bromomethyl)acrylate yielded the derivatives **15** (80%, de 96%; after crystallization, 55%, de > 99%) and **16** (56%, de 98%), respectively (Scheme 5).

Scheme 5



Conclusion. – The new *trans*-selective ethylzinc reagents EtZnOSO₂CF₃ (**4**) and EtZnOC(O)CF(MeO)CF₃ (**5**) could be successfully employed in Pd-catalyzed Zn-ene reactions. These ethylzinc reagents and the derivatization of the corresponding cyclic Zn-ene products have not been described so far. The Zn-ene products of type R–Zn–OSO₂CF₃ were derivatized by protonation, iodination, and cyanation similarly to the transformations described in [4]. Furthermore, these derivatizations were extended to allylation and oxidation.

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Experimental Part

General. All organometallic reactions were carried out under Ar and all reactions with ethylzinc reagents in degassed solvents, unless specified otherwise. Fresh $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (Aldrich) should be green-yellow (not brown or red) and stored under Ar at -20° . Its purity was checked as follows: a suspension of $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ in abs. and degassed AcOEt was shaken and the supernatant soln. filtered through a capillary filled with cotton wool and SiO_2 and checked by GC: the ratio of PPh_3 (t_R 4.78) and $\text{O}=\text{PPh}_3$ (t_R 8.86) correlates with the purity of the catalyst. Solvents were dried by distillation from drying agents as follows: Et_2O , THF, and toluene (Na/benzophenone), CH_2Cl_2 (CaH_2), acetone (K_2CO_3), DMF (CaH_2 , activated molecular sieves 3 Å). All solvents for chromatography were distilled before use. Workup denotes: H_2O was added, the mixture extracted with Et_2O , the extract dried (MgSO_4), and the filtrate evaporated, unless specified otherwise. Flash column chromatography (FC): SiO_2 (Merck 9385); M.p.: Kofler hot stage; uncorrected. $[\alpha]_D$: Perkin-Elmer-241 polarimeter. GC: Hewlett-Packard 5790a, integrator HP3390, capillary column OV-1, 10 psi H_2 head pressure; GC conditions: initial temp./time $190^\circ/\text{min}$, gradient $100/\text{min}$, final temp./time $270^\circ/\text{min}$, unless otherwise specified; t_R in min. IR: Matteson-Instruments-Polaris-FT spectrometer; in CHCl_3 unless specified otherwise in cm^{-1} . NMR: Bruker AMX 400; ^1H at 400 MHz in CDCl_3 , J in Hz, SiMe_4 (δ 0 ppm) and CHCl_3 (δ 7.27 ppm); ^{13}C at 400 MHz in CDCl_3 , unless specified otherwise; multiplicities by DEPT. MS: Varian CH-4 or Finnigan 4023 at 70 eV; m/z (rel. %). HR-MS: VG 7070-E.

General Procedure A: Generation of Ethylzinc Alcoholates, Carboxylates, and Sulfonates EtZnX . Neat Et_2Zn (0.4 ml, 4 mmol) was dissolved in degassed CH_2Cl_2 (6 ml) at r.t. under stirring and Ar. After cooling at -78° , compound HX (4.4 mmol), neat or dissolved, was added dropwise. The soln. was allowed to come to r.t. (slowly when strong acids were employed) and stirred for 1 h at r.t. The concentration of the EtZnX reagent was determined by I_2/THF (degassed) titration. For the synthesis of **4** and **5**, see below.

General Procedure B: Pd-Catalyzed Zinc-Ene Reaction to (Cyclopentylmethyl)zinc Intermediates. At r.t., **1** [5] was dissolved in Et_2O or CH_2Cl_2 (as indicated, 0.05M) under Ar and placed in a Carius tube filled with $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (5 mol-%). The mixture was stirred vigorously for 1–4 min until the catalyst was dissolved. Immediately, the EtZnX (from General Procedure A) or Et_2Zn was added dropwise to the yellow soln. which turned colourless after several minutes. The tube was sealed and placed in a heating bath at elevated temp. under stirring. The end of the reaction (1–3 h) was easily recognized when the typical yellow colour reappeared. Then (10 min after yellowing), the mixture was treated according to the General procedures C, D, or E.

General Procedure C: Proton Quenching. The (cyclopentylmethyl)zinc soln. from Procedure B was quenched with an excess of sat. NH_4Cl soln. at 0° under stirring to give a two-phase system from which the protonated product **2** was extracted.

General Procedure D: Trapping with Iodine. The alkylzinc soln. described in Procedure A or B was titrated with I_2 (1M in degassed THF) at r.t. under stirring. In these titrations, I_2 was usually consumed in amounts of $y = x-1$, with $y = \text{mol-equiv. of } \text{I}_2$ and $x = \text{mol-equiv. of ethylzinc units}$. After reaching the titration point, an excess of I_2 was added, furnishing a dark violet soln. which was stirred vigorously for 15 min. When the dark colour persisted, sat. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ soln. was added to give a two-phase system which was stirred for another 60 min.

General Procedure E: Transmetalation with $[\text{CuCn}(\text{LiCl})_2]$ and Electrophile Trapping. CuCN (1 mol-equiv.) and LiCl (2 mol-equiv.; dried for 3 h at 180° high vacuum) were stirred for 20 min in degassed THF and under Ar to give a 0.2M pale yellow soln. To the (cyclopentylmethyl)zinc soln. prepared according to Procedure B with ethylzinc trifluoromethanesulfonate (**4**) and cooled to -50° under stirring, the above soln. of $[\text{CuCn}(\text{LiCl})_2]$ in THF was added dropwise via a syringe (\rightarrow yellow soln.). The cooling bath was removed and the temp. raised to 0° within 5 min (\rightarrow colourless soln.). After stirring at 0° for 1 min, the mixture was cooled to -78° and the electrophile added dropwise. After 1 h at -78° and 2 h at -30° , the flask was immersed in an ice bath and left like that overnight, having reached r.t. after several hours. After addition of an excess of sat. NH_4Cl soln. at 0° under stirring to give a two-phase system, the protonated products were extracted and purified by standard workup.

cis-3-Ethenyl-4-methyl-1,1-bis(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopentane (2a). Following Procedure B, with **1** (45 mg, 0.1 mmol), Et_2O (2 ml), $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (6 mg, 5 mol-%), and neat Et_2Zn (50 μl , 0.5 mmol). Addition of 2 ml of sat. NH_4Cl soln. (Procedure C) and FC (hexane/AcOEt 4:1) yielded **2b** (31 mg, 79%; *cis/trans* 86:14). Colourless oil. GC: t_R 12.88. IR (KBr): 3080, 2960, 1640, 1580, 1450, 1310, 1140, 1080, 1000, 920, 760, 720, 600, 570, 540. $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 0.9 (*d*, $J = 7$, 3 H); 2.36 (*dd*, $J = 7.1$, 15.2, 1 H); 2.43–2.53 (*m*, 1 H); 2.54–2.73 (3 H); 2.87–2.96 (*m*, 1 H); 4.88–5.04 (2 H); 5.68 (*ddd*, $J = 8.7$, 10.3, 16.9, 1 H); 7.6 (*t*, $J = 8.1$, 4 H); 7.69–7.75 (2 H); 8.05–8.09 (4 H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$: 137.4 (*d*); 137.1 (*s*); 136.5 (*s*); 134.5 (*d*); 134.4 (*d*); 131.5 (*d*); 134.38 (*d*); 128.7 (*d*); 128.68 (*d*); 116.2 (*t*); 94.2 (*s*); 47.3 (*d*); 38.9 (*t*); 37.2 (*d*); 36.6 (*t*); 15.97 (*q*). MS: 390 (2, $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$), 249

(5, $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SO}_2]^+$), 248 (4, $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SO}_2\text{H}]^+$), 125 (22), 107 (33), 77 (100). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$: C 61.52, H 5.68; found: C 61.37, H 5.72.

trans-3-Ethynyl-4-methyl-1,1-bis(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopentane (**2b**). Following Procedure B, with **1** (24 mg, 0.054 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2 ml), $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (3 mg, 5 mol-%), and **4** (0.125 mmol) or **5** at 40° in 2.5 h. Addition of 2 ml of sat. NH_4Cl soln. (Procedure C) and FC (hexane/AcOEt 2:1, R_f 0.35) gave a colourless oil which could be crystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{pentane}$ 1:1:1: **2b** (15 mg, 71%; de 88%). Colourless crystals. GC: t_R 12.45. M.p. $173-174^\circ$. IR (KBr): 3025, 1448, 1327, 1311, 1208, 1149, 1077, 924. $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 0.94 (*d*, $J = 6.6, 3$ H); 1.7–1.8 (*m*, 1 H); 2.02–2.13 (*m*, 1 H); 2.17 (*dd*, $J = 11.5, 15.0, 1$ H); 2.37 (*dd*, $J = 11.4, 15.3, 1$ H); 2.69 (*ddd*, $J = 7.1, 12.2, 15.3, 2$ H); 4.99–5.06 (2 H); 5.53 (*ddd*, $J = 8.3, 10.3, 16.9, 1$ H); 7.58–7.63 (4 H); 7.70–7.75 (2 H); 8.05–8.08 (4 H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$: 138.24 (*d*); 136.57 (*s*); 134.54 (*s*); 131.4 (*d*); 131.36 (*d*); 128.72 (*d*); 128.64 (*d*); 116.93 (*t*); 91.94 (*s*); 51.57 (*d*); 40.1 (*d*); 40.06 (*t*); 38.57 (*t*); 16.79 (*q*). MS: 390 (5, $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2]^+$), 249 (76, $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SO}_2]^+$), 125 (78), 107 (100). HR-MS: 390.09717 ($[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2]^+$; calc. 390.09595).

cis-4-Ethynyl-3-iodomethyl-1,1-bis(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopentane (**3a**). Following Procedure B, with **1** (25 mg, 0.05 mmol) Et_2O (2 ml), $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (3 mg, 5 mol-%), and neat Et_2Zn (21 μl , 0.2 mmol). After I_2 titration (0.35 mmol, Procedure D) and FC (hexane/AcOEt 4:1), the yellow resin (*cis/trans* 83:17, GC) was crystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{hexane}$ at -20° ; **3a** (16 mg, 62%; de > 95%). White powder. M.p. 160° . IR (KBr): 3070, 2950, 2920, 1450, 1310, 1140, 1080, 1000, 910, 750, 720, 690, 630, 580, 570. $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 2.58–2.66 (2 H); 2.71–2.84 (3 H); 3.03 (*m*, 1 H); 3.09–3.16 (2 H); 5.1–5.18 (2 H); 5.79 (*ddd*, $J = 9.1, 10.3, 16.9, 1$ H); 7.63 (*t*, $J = 8.1, 4$ H); 7.73 (*dt*, $J = 1.1, 7.5, 2$ H); 8.04–8.13 (4 H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$: 136.66 (*s*); 135.78 (*s*); 135.23 (*s*); 134.77 (*d*); 134.66 (*d*); 131.43 (*d*); 128.86 (*d*); 128.76 (*d*); 117.97 (*t*); 93.01 (*s*); 46.95 (*d*); 46.13 (*d*); 37.73 (*t*); 36.27 (*t*); 6.87 (*t*). MS: 516 (3, $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{IO}_4\text{S}_2]^+$), 389 (3, $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{IO}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{HI}]^+$), 375 (6, $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{IO}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{CH}_2]^+$), 247 (14), 125 (100). HR-MS: 389.0869 ($[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{IO}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{HI}]^+$; calc. 389.0881).

trans-4-Ethynyl-3-(iodomethyl)-1,1-bis(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopentane (**3b**). Following Procedure B with **1** (45 mg, 0.1 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2 ml), $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (6 mg, 5 mol-%), and **4** (0.25 mmol) at 40° for 2 h. I_2 Titration (0.15 mmol; Procedure D) and FC (hexane/AcOEt 4:1) gave a colourless oil (36 mg, 70%; de 96%). IR (KBr): 3030, 1327, 1311, 1147, 1077, 980. $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 1.6–1.72 (*m*, 1 H); 2.3–2.42 (2 H); 2.42–2.54 (*dd*, $J = 11.4, 15.1, 1$ H); 2.65–2.75 (*dd*, $J = 6.6, 15.0, 1$ H); 2.75–2.83 (*dd*, $J = 7.7, 15.1, 1$ H); 3.05–3.13 (*dd*, $J = 6.6, 10.7, 1$ H); 3.28–3.33 (*dd*, $J = 3.0, 10.3, 1$ H); 5.1–5.17 (2 H); 5.44–5.55 (*ddd*, $J = 8.4, 9.9, 18.0, 1$ H); 7.63 (*t*, $J = 8.1, 4$ H); 7.73 (*dt*, $J = 1.1, 7.5, 2$ H); 8.04–8.13 (4 H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$: 136.65 (*s*); 136.14 (*s*); 136.08 (*s*); 134.76 (*d*); 134.73 (*d*); 131.55 (*d*); 131.44 (*d*); 128.87 (*d*); 128.85 (*d*); 118.45 (*t*); 90.69 (*s*); 49.42 (*d*); 45.63 (*d*); 39.01 (*t*); 38.22 (*t*); 8.76 (*t*). MS: 516 (2, $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{IO}_4\text{S}_2]^+$), 389 (2, $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{IO}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{HI}]^+$), 375 (4, $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{IO}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{CH}_2]^+$), 247 (12), 125 (100). HR-MS: 389.0871 ($[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{IO}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{HI}]^+$; calc. 389.0881).

Ethylzinc Trifluoromethanesulfonate (**4**) in CH_2Cl_2 . Neat Et_2Zn (0.4 ml, 4 mmol) was dissolved in degassed CH_2Cl_2 (6 ml) at r.t. under stirring and Ar. After cooling to -78° , neat trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (0.39 ml, 4.4 mmol) was added dropwise. The drops were freezing immediately. The two-phase mixture was carefully warmed up to -50 to -40° when suddenly vigorous foaming occurred. At the first sign of reaction, stirring was stopped and the flask cooled to -60° (\rightarrow colourless viscous gel). Then the cooling bath was removed and the flask warmed to r.t. under slight bubbling of dissolved ethane. The gel-like content liquefied near r.t. and became a cloudy soln. (just a little bit more viscous than Et_2Zn in CH_2Cl_2). Samples were removed under strong stirring. The soln. of **4** in CH_2Cl_2 was 0.7M as indicated by I_2/THF titration. Reagent **4** in CH_2Cl_2 was transferred *via* syringe.

Ethylzinc 2,3,3,3-Tetrafluoro-2-methoxypropanoate (**5**) in CH_2Cl_2 was prepared according to Procedure A from neat Et_2Zn (4 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml) and 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoro-2-methoxypropanoic acid [8] (4.2 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 ml) to yield smoothly a colourless, clear and non-foaming soln. of **5** (0.8–0.9M as indicated by I_2/THF titration). Reagent **5** in CH_2Cl_2 was transferred *via* syringe.

(*E*)-6-Methyl-5,5-bis(phenylsulfonyl)octa-2,7-dien-1-yl Acetate (**7**). To a soln. of 3-methyl-4,4-bis(phenylsulfonyl)but-1-ene [16] (203 mg, 0.58 mmol) in THF (2.5 ml), NaH (48 mg, 1.2 mmol; 60% in mineral oil) was added. The mixture was refluxed for 3 h. After cooling to r.t. $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (34 mg, 5 mol-%) and (*Z*)-4-chlorobut-2-en-1-yl acetate [17] were added, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 2.5 h. After quenching the reaction with conc. NH_4Cl soln., extraction with Et_2O , standard workup, and FC (hexane/AcOEt 2:1), **7** (234 mg, 87%) was obtained. Colourless oil. IR (KBr): 3030, 1736, 1447, 1333, 1311, 1240, 1142, 1077. $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 1.18 (*d*, $J = 7.4, 3$ H); 2.07 (*s*, 3 H); 2.92–2.98 (*m*, 1 H); 3.02–3.08 (*m*, 1 H); 3.32 (*dq*, $J = 7.4, 1$ H); 4.47 (*d*, $J = 5.5, 2$ H); 5.02–5.06 (2 H); 5.54–5.61 (*m*, 1 H); 5.87–5.94 (*m*, 1 H); 6.04 (*ddd*, $J = 7.9, 9.7, 17.5, 1$ H); 7.56–7.60 (*m*, 4 H); 7.68–7.72 (*m*, 2 H); 8.14–8.16 (4 H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$: 170.61 (*s*); 138.86 (*s*); 138.62 (*s*); 136.88 (*d*); 134.57 (*d*); 131.84 (*d*); 131.79 (*d*); 129.74 (*d*); 128.51 (*d*); 126.36 (*d*); 117.71 (*t*); 94.37 (*s*); 64.31 (*t*); 40.75 (*d*); 34.48 (*t*); 20.92 (*q*); 16.80 (*q*). MS: 403 (10, $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{OAc}]^+$), 321 (6, $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}]^+$), 261 (11, $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 -$

$C_6H_5O_2S - OAc]^+$, 143 (16), 141 (812), 137 (16), 125 (80), 119 (100). HR-MS: 403.1044 ($[C_{23}H_{26}O_6S_2 - OAc]^+$; calc. 403.1037).

t-4-Ethenyl-1,1-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-*r*-2,3-dimethylcyclopentane (**8**). Following Procedure B, with **7** (20 mg, 0.043 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2 ml), $[Pd(PPh_3)_4]$ (2.5 mg, 5 mol-%), and **4** (0.11 mmol, 2.5 mol-equiv.) at 35° in 2 h. Addition of 2 ml of sat. NH_4Cl soln. (Procedure C) and FC (hexane/AcOEt 2:1, R_f 0.45) gave a colourless oil (de 80%) which could be crystallized from CH_2Cl_2/Et_2O /pentane: **8** (9 mg, 52%; de > 99%). Colourless crystals. M.p. 171°. GC: t_R 11.51. IR (KBr): 3020, 1447, 1327, 1311, 1147, 1077. 1H -NMR: 0.95 (*d*, $J = 6.6$, 3 H); 1.01 (*d*, $J = 7.0$, 3 H); 1.85–1.95 (*m*, 1 H); 2.13–2.22 (*m*, 1 H); 2.32 (*dd*, $J = 11$, 15.1, 1 H); 2.35–2.43 (*m*, 1 H); 2.65 (*dd*, $J = 7.2$, 14.9, 1 H); 5.07–5.11 (*m*, 1 H); 7.57–7.76 (6 H); 8.12–8.16 (4 H). ^{13}C -NMR: 138.94 (*d*); 138.44 (*s*); 136.33 (*s*); 134.5 (*d*); 134.21 (*d*); 132.09 (*d*); 131.81 (*d*); 128.62 (*d*); 128.28 (*d*); 116.99 (*t*); 93.56 (*s*); 50.89 (*d*); 50.7 (*d*); 46.0 (*d*); 38.16 (*t*); 15.69 (*q*); 12.55 (*q*). MS: 404 (0.3, $[C_{21}H_{24}O_4S_2]^+$), 263 (3, $[C_{21}H_{24}O_4S_2 - C_6H_5SO_2]^+$), 121 (100, $[C_{21}H_{24}O_4S_2 - C_{12}H_{11}O_4S_2]^+$), 93 (25), 79 (13), 77 (30). HR-MS: 404.11094 ($[C_{21}H_{24}O_4S_2]^+$; calc. 404.11160).

t-4-Ethenyl-*t*-3-(iodomethyl)-*r*-2-methyl-1,1-bis(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopentane (**9**). Following Procedure B, with **7** (26 mg, 0.056 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2 ml), $[Pd(PPh_3)_4]$ (3.2 mg, 5 mol-%), and **4** (0.14 mmol, 2.5 mol-equiv.) at 35° in 2 h. Addition of 2 ml of sat. NH_4Cl soln. (Procedure C) and FC (hexane/AcOEt 2:1, R_f 0.45) gave a colourless oil (de 80%), which was crystallized from CH_2Cl_2/Et_2O /pentane: **9** (9 mg, 52%; de > 99%). Colourless crystals. M.p. 222°. GC: t_R 14.78. IR ($CHCl_3$): 2921, 2856, 1447, 1327, 1311, 1147, 1077. 1H -NMR: 0.9 (*d*, $J = 7.0$, 3 H); 1.25–1.3 (*m*, 1 H); 2.35–2.45 (2 H); 2.6–2.74 (2 H); 3.28–3.42 (2 H); 5.16–5.52 (2 H); 5.57 (*ddd*, $J = 8.2$, 10.2, 16.8, 1 H); 7.58–7.77 (6 H); 8.13–8.21 (2 H). ^{13}C -NMR: 138.04 (*s*); 137.34 (*d*); 135.53 (*s*); 134.63 (*d*); 134.41 (*d*); 132.14 (*d*); 131.89 (*d*); 128.77 (*d*); 128.34 (*d*); 118.51 (*t*); 92.56 (*s*); 48.43 (*d*); 48.31 (*d*); 47.15 (*d*); 37.14 (*t*); 11.7 (*q*); 11.37 (*t*). MS: 530 (1.3, $[C_{21}H_{23}IO_4S_2]^+$), 389 (4, $[C_{21}H_{23}IO_4S_2 - C_6H_5SO_2]^+$), 261 (11, $[C_{21}H_{23}IO_4S_2 - C_6H_5SO_2 - HI]^+$), 247 (100, $[C_{21}H_{23}IO_4S_2 - C_{12}H_{11}S_2O_4]^+$), 143 (9), 125 (34), 120 (60, $[C_{21}H_{23}IO_4S_2 - C_{12}H_{10}S_2O_4 - HI]^+$). HR-MS: 389.00801 ($[C_{21}H_{23}IO_4S_2 - C_6H_5SO_2]^+$; calc. 389.00723).

t-5-Ethenyl-*t*-2-methyl-3,3-bis(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopentane-1-acetonitrile (**10**). Following Procedure B with **7** (22 mg, 0.048 mmol) CH_2Cl_2 (2 ml), $[Pd(PPh_3)_4]$ (2.8 mg, 5 mol-%), and **4** (0.12 mmol, 2.5 mol-equiv.) at 35° in 2 h. After transmetalation (Procedure E) with $[CuCN(LiCl)_2]$ (13 mg, 0.07 mmol), TsCN (68 mg, 0.38) in THF (0.5 ml) was added dropwise according to Procedure E. Quenching with NH_4Cl , standard workup, and purification by FC (hexane/AcOEt 2:1, R_f 0.24) furnished a colourless residue (13.5 mg, 66%; de 94%). Crystallization from CH_2Cl_2/Et_2O /pentane gave pure **10** (11.5 mg, 56%, de > 99%). Colourless crystals. M.p. 219°. GC: t_R 13.48. IR ($CHCl_3$): 3019, 1447, 1327, 1311, 1147, 1071. 1H -NMR: 1.08 (*d*, $J = 7.0$, 3 H); 2.16 (*ddd*, $J = 4.3$, 11.4, 11.4, 1 H); 2.34 (*dd*, $J = 11.0$, 14.7, 1 H); 2.42–2.47 (*m*, 1 H); 2.51 (*d*, $J = 4.4$, 2 H); 2.72 (*dd*, $J = 7.0$, 14.3, 1 H); 2.69–2.79 (*m*, 1 H); 5.2–5.25 (*m*, 2 H); 5.61 (*ddd*, $J = 8.6$, 9.9, 17.1, 1 H); 7.59–7.78 (6 H); 8.13–8.19 (4 H). ^{13}C -NMR: 137.83 (*s*); 136.91 (*d*); 135.52 (*s*); 134.82 (*d*); 134.54 (*d*); 132.16 (*d*); 131.81 (*d*); 128.94 (*d*); 128.41 (*d*); 119.24 (*t*); 116.29 (*s*); 92.2 (*s*); 47.34 (*d*); 46.99 (*d*); 46.21 (*d*); 37.58 (*t*); 17.32 (*t*); 12.27 (*q*). MS: 429 (1, $[C_{22}H_{23}NO_4S_2]^+$), 288 (11, $[C_{22}H_{23}NO_4S_2 - C_6H_5SO_2]^+$), 146 (100, $[C_{21}H_{23}IO_4S_2 - C_{12}H_{11}S_2O_4]^+$), 143 (41), 125 (45), 105 (25). HR-MS: 429.10714 ($[C_{22}H_{23}NO_4S_2]^+$; calc. 429.10684).

trans-2-Ethenyl-4,4-bis(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopentane-1-methanol (**13**). Following Procedure B, with **1** (45 mg, 0.1 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (4 ml), $[Pd(PPh_3)_4]$ (6 mg, 5 mol-%), and **4** (0.25 mmol) at 40° in 2.5 h. Degassed THF (5 ml) and $ZnBr_2$ (51 mg, 2.3 mmol; dried for 3 h at 100° high vacuum) were added, and dry O_2 was bubbled through the mixture for 2 h at 0° (the corresponding hydroperoxide could be isolated as well: 47%, de 90%). The flask was allowed to warm up to r.t. and Ar was bubbled through the mixture for 15 min. To reduce the zinc peroxides $P(OMe)_3$ (0.15 ml) was added and the mixture stirred for 30 min. Standard workup and purification by FC (hexane/AcOEt 1:1, R_f 0.18) gave **13** (20.5 mg, 51%; de 92%). IR ($CHCl_3$): 3600–3300, 3030, 1447, 1327, 1311, 1147, 1077, 924. 1H -NMR: 1.4 (br., 1 H); 1.97–2.04 (*m*, 1 H); 2.39–2.45 (3 H); 2.65–2.75 (2 H); 3.52 (*dd*, $J = 5.8$, 10.8, 1 H); 3.67 (*dd*, $J = 3.7$, 11, 1 H); 5.4–5.08 (2 H); 5.6 (*ddd*, $J = 7.7$, 10.6, 16.5, 1 H); 7.59–7.63 (4 H); 7.71–7.75 (2 H); 8.06–8.09 (4 H). ^{13}C -NMR: 138.3 (*d*); 136.58 (*s*); 136.45 (*s*); 134.57 (*d*); 131.43 (*d*); 131.39 (*d*); 128.74 (*d*); 117.32 (*t*); 91.84 (*s*); 62.72 (*t*); 47.41 (*d*); 46.25 (*d*); 38.5 (*t*); 35.8 (*t*). MS: 406 (0.5, $[C_{20}H_{22}O_5S_2]^+$), 388 (3, $[C_{20}H_{22}O_5S_2 - H_2O]^+$), 265 (27, $[C_{20}H_{22}O_5S_2 - C_6H_5O_2S]^+$), 245 (24), 143 (24), 125 (100). HR-MS: 265.08984 ($[C_{20}H_{22}O_5S_2 - C_6H_5O_2S]^+$; calc. 265.08810).

trans-2-Ethenyl-4,4-bis(phenylsulfonyl)cyclopentane-1-acetonitrile (**14**). Following Procedure B, with **1** (45 mg, 0.1 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (4 ml), $[Pd(PPh_3)_4]$ (6 mg, 5 mol-%), and **4** (0.25 mmol, 2.5 mol-equiv.) at 40° in 2.5 h. After transmetalation (Procedure E) with $[CuCN(LiCl)_2]$ (26 mg, 0.15 mmol), TsCN (136 mg, 0.75 mmol) in degassed THF (2 ml) was added dropwise according to Procedure E. Quenching with NH_4Cl , standard workup, and purification by FC (hexane/AcOEt 2:1, R_f 0.16) gave **14** (23.3 mg, 61%; de 94%). Colourless oil. GC: t_R 13.16. IR (KBr): 3030, 1147, 1327, 1311, 1147, 1077, 908. 1H -NMR: 2.07–2.15 (*m*, 1 H); 2.24–2.53 (5 H); 2.72

(*dd*, $J = 7.0, 15.1, 1 \text{ H}$); 2.83 (*dd*, $J = 7, 15.1, 1 \text{ H}$); 5.1–5.17 (2 H); 5.52 (*ddd*, $J = 8.6, 10.1, 16.9, 1 \text{ H}$); 7.62–7.65 (4 H); 7.73–7.77 (2 H); 8.07–8.1 (4 H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$: 136.22 (*d*); 135.97 (*s*); 134.89 (*d*); 131.42 (*d*); 131.35 (*d*); 129.03 (*d*); 128.87 (*d*); 119.25 (*t*); 117.06 (*s*); 90.8 (*s*); 49.06 (*d*); 41.04 (*d*); 37.92 (*t*); 37.02 (*t*); 19.06 (*t*). MS: 415 (2, $\text{V}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2^+$), 274 (38, $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SO}_2]^+$), 143 (21), 141 (27, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SO}_2^+$), 132 (57, $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{S}_2\text{O}_4]^+$), 125 (98), 105 (19), 97 (13), 91 (33), 77 (100). HR-MS: 415.0912 ($\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2^+$; calc. 415.0912).

trans-3-(*But*-3-*enyl*)-4-*ethenyl*-1,1-bis(phenylsulfanyl)cyclopentane (**15**). Following Procedure B with **1** (94 mg, 0.21 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (8 ml), $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (13 mg, 5 mol-%), and **4** (0.52 mmol, 2.5 mol-equiv.) at 40° in 2.5 h. After transmetallation (Procedure E) with $[\text{CuCN}(\text{LiCl})_2]$ (55 mg, 0.32 mmol), allyl bromide (0.25 ml, 3 mmol) in degassed THF (2 ml) was added dropwise according to Procedure E. Quenching with NH_4Cl , standard workup, and purification by FC (hexane/AcOEt 4:1, R_f 0.21) gave crude product (80%; de 96%) which was recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ /pentane; **15** (50 mg, 55%; de > 99%). Colourless crystals. M.p. 159°. GC: t_R 13.16. IR (CHCl_3): 3030, 2936, 1147, 1327, 1311, 1147, 1077, 924. $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 1.11–1.21 (*m*, 1 H); 1.54–1.65 (2 H); 1.88–1.97 (*m*, 1 H); 2.0–2.05 (*m*, 1 H); 2.13–2.23 (2 H); 2.35 (*dd*, $J = 11.4, 1 \text{ H}$); 2.66 (*dd*, $J = 7.4, J = 15.1, 1 \text{ H}$); 2.73 (*dd*, $J = 6.8, 15.3, 1 \text{ H}$); 4.94–5.05 (2 H); 5.5 (*ddd*, $J = 8.5, 10.3, 16.9, 1 \text{ H}$); 5.72 (*td*, $J = 6.6, 10.3, 16.9, 1 \text{ H}$); 7.58–7.64 (4 H); 7.7–7.75 (2 H); 8.03–8.09 (4 H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$: 138.42 (*d*); 138.06 (*d*); 136.56 (*s*); 136.44 (*s*); 134.58 (*d*); 131.39 (*d*); 131.33 (*d*); 128.77 (*d*); 128.74 (*d*); 117.16 (*t*); 114.93 (*t*); 91.85 (*s*); 50.31 (*d*); 44.63 (*d*); 38.44 (*t*); 37.97 (*t*); 31.99 (*t*); 31.8 (*t*). MS: 430 (0.5, $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$), 288 (34, $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SO}_2]^+$), 233 (16), 147 (98, $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{S}_2\text{O}_4]^+$), 125 (100), 119 (26), 91 (69), 77 (89). HR-MS: 430.1303 ($\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$; calc. 430.1272).

Methyl trans-2-*Ethenyl*- α -*methylidene*-4-4-bis(phenylsulfanyl)cyclopentane-1-*butanoate* (**16**). Following Procedure B, with **1** (44 mg, 0.1 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (4 ml), $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (6 mg, 5 mol-%), and **4** (0.25 mmol, 2.5 mol-equiv.) at 40° in 2.5 h. After transmetallation (Procedure E) with $[\text{CuCN}(\text{LiCl})_2]$ (0.32 mmol), methyl 2-(bromomethyl)prop-2-enoate (190 mg, 1 mmol) in degassed THF (2 ml) was added dropwise according to Procedure E. Quenching with NH_4Cl , standard workup, and purification by FC (hexane/AcOEt 4:1, R_f 0.13) gave **16** (28 mg, 56%; de 98%). Colourless oil. GC: t_R 16.29. IR (KBr): 3030, 1714, 1147, 1327, 1311, 1147, 1077. $^1\text{H-NMR}$: 1.24–1.27 (*m*, 1 H); 1.59–1.69 (2 H); 2.16–2.39 (5 H); 2.67 (*dd*, $J = 7, 15.1, 1 \text{ H}$); 2.77 (*dd*, $J = 6.8, 15.2, 1 \text{ H}$); 3.75 (*s*, 1 H); 5.0–5.06 (2 H); 5.5 (*s*, 1 H); 5.47–5.56 (*m*, 1 H); 6.13 (*s*, 1 H); 7.59–7.64 (4 H); 7.71–7.75 (2 H); 8.04–8.08 (4 H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$: 167.39 (*s*); 140.17 (*s*); 138.34 (*d*); 136.6 (*s*); 134.54 (*d*); 131.4 (*d*); 128.74 (*d*); 124.85 (*t*); 117.2 (*t*); 91.94 (*s*); 51.76 (*q*); 50.18 (*d*); 44.76 (*d*); 38.5 (*t*); 37.98 (*t*); 31.4 (*t*); 30.12 (*t*). MS: 488 (1, $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2^+$), 456 (3, $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{CH}_4\text{O}]^+$), 347 (18, $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SO}_2]^+$), 315 (25, $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SO}_2 - \text{CH}_4\text{O}]^+$), 314 (25), 286 (12), 205 (42, $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{S}_2\text{O}_4]^+$), 173 (86, $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{S}_2\text{O}_2 - \text{CH}_4\text{O}]^+$), 145 (90, $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{S}_2\text{O}_4 - \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2]^+$), 125 (100). HR-MS: 347.13171 ($[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SO}_2]^+$; calc. 347.13521), 315.10175 ($[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SO}_2 - \text{CH}_4\text{O}]^+$), calc. 315.10175).

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