Table V. HPLC Analysis of the Four Amide Products

| amide | uid phase | $t_{\mathrm{R}}, \mathrm{s}$ | internal standard $\left(t_{\mathrm{R}}, \mathrm{~s}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | $50 \text { vol \% } \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 0.1$ | 269 | 2-chloro-5-hydroxytoluene (798) |
| 6 | $\begin{aligned} & 66 \mathrm{vol} \mathrm{\%} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 0.1 \\ & \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NH} \end{aligned}$ | 402 | none used |
| 7 | $20 \mathrm{vol} \% \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 0.1$ M NH $\mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 685 | $\underset{(536)}{p-\mathrm{ClC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{SO}_{3}^{-} \mathrm{Na}^{+}}$ |
| 8 | $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 0.1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ | 319 | butyramide (621) |

of a Morrow stopped-flow apparatus equiped with a Beckman Model DU quartz spectrometer and a Type 549 storage oscilloscope. The spectrometer was set to read at 400 nm ( $p$-nitrophenoxide ion). A recording of the transmittance vs time trace of the oscilloscope screen was photographed, and the initial rate ( d (product) $/ \mathrm{d} t$ ) was determined from the initial slope of the $p$-nitrophenoxide concentration vs time. No correction had to be made for the absorbance of the ester or the amine at 400 nm , both reactants being transparent at this wavelength. A correction had to be made for the $p$-nitrophenoxide- $p$-nitrophenol equilibrium in the presence of the taurinate zwitterion in 95.3 mol \% dioxane-water (see ref 1 ).
Product Analysis Runs. About 50 mg of the ester and an appropriate amount of the amine (same ratios of amine to ester
as used in representative kinetic runs) in 50 mL of $95.3 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ dioxane-water were allowed to stand (with stirring when necessary) at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for a length of time calculated to allow $>99 \%$ reaction. The solvent was removed by vacuum distillation at room temperature, and the residue was analyzed by HPLC. Analyses were performed on a Waters Model 6000A chromatograph equiped with a reversed-phase Waters Microbondapak $\mathrm{C}_{18}$ column ( 30 cm $\times 3.9 \mathrm{~cm}$ i.d.). The flow rate was $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ at a pressure of approximately 1000 psi . The relevant parameters are listed in Table V. The yields ranged from $97 \%$ to $100 \%$.

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# Reactions of 2-Phenylethyl and 3-Phenylpropyl Carbinols with Fluorosulfuric Acid 

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#### Abstract

A series of 2-phenylethyl and 3-phenylpropyl carbinols have been reacted with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the solutions quenched, and the products isolated to give good yields of cyclization products. The 2-phenylethyl carbinols generally undergo rearrangement prior to cyclization, whereas the 3-phenylpropyl carbinols undergo direct cyclization of the initially formed carbocation, to give tetralins. The mechanisms and synthetic applications of these reactions are discussed.


## Introduction

Carbocations are involved as reactive intermediates in numerous substitution, elimination, addition, and rearrangement reactions of synthetic, industrial, and biological importance. ${ }^{1}$ Superacids, ${ }^{2}$ such as fluorosulfuric acid, have been extensively employed for the generation and spectroscopic study of long-lived carbocations since the pioneering work in this area by Olah et al. Under these stable ion conditions carbocations can undergo complex rearrangements not accessible under less strongly acidic conditions. Such rearrangements are often highly sensitive to subtle changes in the structure of the precursors. For example we have long been interested in the study of aryl-norbornyl carbocations ${ }^{3}$ whereas the parent 2 phenylnorbornanol 1 reacts with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ to produce the stable cation $2,{ }^{4}$ the 3,3 -dimethyl analogue 3 undergoes rearrangement and cyclization to the tetracyclic product 4 (Scheme I). ${ }^{5}$

[^0]Scheme I

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Such rearrangements can have useful applications in organic synthesis, and as a consequence superacids are being increasingly employed as reagents in organic synthesis. ${ }^{6}$ In continuation of our studies ${ }^{7}$ into the use of fluorosulfuric acid, we recently described ${ }^{8}$ the reactions of

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(7)

Scheme III

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a series of benzyl carbinols with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A variety of reaction modes were observed to occur depending on the specific precursor. For example the spiro alcohol 5 underwent rearrangement and cyclization ${ }^{8}$ to the propellane 6 whereas the norbornanol 7 was found to undergo an unusual ring expansion ${ }^{9}$ and after quenching to give the alkene 8 (Scheme II). In the present paper we extend this study to investigate the reactions 2-phenylethyl and 3-phenylpropyl carbinols, wherein the additional methylene group(s) is expected to facilitate cyclization reactions in preference to other modes of reaction.

## Results and Discussion

2-Phenylethyl Carbinols. Reaction of 2-methyl-4-phenylbutan-2-ol (9) with fluorosulfuric acid at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ followed by quenching and product isolation gave $1,1-\mathrm{di}$ methylindan ( 10 ) in ca. $40 \%$ yield (Scheme III). This is a well-studied cyclialkylation reaction which can be effected by a variety of different acids. ${ }^{10,11}$ The reaction

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Scheme IV


(18) $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{H}$
(23) $R=M e$



(19) $R=H$
(24) $R=M e$
(25)
contrasts, however, with the previously reported ${ }^{8}$ reaction of the isomeric benzyl carbinol 11, which only reacts at higher temperatures to give a mixture of fluorosulfonated regioisomers 12. Higher temperatures are required in the case of 11 since secondary alcohols are resistant to ionization in fluorosulfuric acid at low temperatures and accordingly fluorosulfonation of the indan ring occurs at 0 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Similarly the 2 -phenylethyl analogue 13 failed to react at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ but gave a mixture of three fluorosulfonated tetralins 14 at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The formation of 14 results from ionization, a hydride shift, cyclization, and fluorosulfonation.

1-(2-Phenylethyl)cyclohexanol (15) reacted with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to give a $1: 3$ mixture of spiro[cyclohexane-$1,1^{\prime}$-indan] (17) and cis-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydrophenanthrene (19). ${ }^{12,13}$ The formation of spiro[cyclo-hexane-1,1'-indan] (17) results from intramolecular cyclization of the initially formed tertiary cation 16 (Scheme IV). Successfully competing with this process is a 1,2 hydride shift to give a secondary cation 18 and cyclization to give 19. Thus although the equilibrium between the tertiary cation 16 and the secondary cation 18 will lie

[^3]Scheme V

strongly in favor of 16, trapping of the less stable cation 18 is competitive and results in the preferential formation of cis-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydrophenanthrene (19). The stereoselective formation of the cis isomer 19 in preference to the more thermodynamically stable ${ }^{14}$ trans stereoisomer reflects a kinetic preference for formation of the cis isomer. It is also noteworthy that the proportion of spiran 17 formed from reaction with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ is greater than that obtained from weaker acids, ${ }^{10,13 \mathrm{~d}}$ and that this phenylethyl carbinol reacts in a different manner to 1-benzylcyclohexanol which dimerizes in $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F} .{ }^{8}$

Reaction of 2-methyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)cyclohexanol (20) gave a $3: 1$ mixture of cis- and trans-4a-methyl$1,2,3,4,4 \mathrm{a}, 9,10,10 \mathrm{a}$-octahydrophenanthrene (24 and 25) (Scheme IV). The presence of the adjacent methyl in the initially formed tertiary carbocation 21 promotes hydride transfer to the carbocation 23 , and the formation of spirane 22 is no longer competitive with octahydrophenanthrene formation. As with the reaction of 1-(2-phenylethyl)cyclohexanol (15), the cis isomer 24 is the kinetically favored product; however, a significant amount ( $25 \%$ ) of the trans isomer 25 is also produced, which reflects the greater lifetime of the tertiary cation 23 relative to 18 , and this allows the conformational change required for formation of the trans stereoisomer.

The reaction of 2,2,6-trimethyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)cyclohexanol (26) with fluorosulfuric acid was examined as a potential route to the podocarpatrienes ${ }^{15}$ (Scheme V). The carbocation initially produced at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ might rearrange via a hydride shift analogous to that observed for 21, and subsequent cyclization would then give cis-podocarpatriene (27). ${ }^{16}$ In the event, however, the reaction afforded $1 \beta, 4 a \beta, 10 a \beta$-trimethyl- $1,2,3,4,4 a, 9,10,10 a$-octahydrophenanthrene (28) ( $85 \%$ ) along with the $1 \alpha, 4 \mathrm{a} \beta, 10 \mathrm{a} \beta$-trimethyl isomer 29 ( $15 \%$ ). The formation of 28 and 29 results from methyl migration occurring in preference to hydride migration prior to cyclization. ${ }^{17}$ The exclusive formation of cis-fused products parallels the results for reactions of (phenylethyl)cyclohexanols 15 and 20.

2-exo-(2-Phenylethyl)norbornan-2-endo-ol (30) reacted with fluorosulfuric acid to give a single product in high yield and which was identified ${ }^{18}$ as tetracyclo-

[^4]Scheme VI


Scheme VII

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[10.2.1. $0^{1,10} .0^{4,9}$ ]pentadeca-4,6,8-triene (33) (Scheme VI). Thus whereas 2-exo-benzylnorbornan-2-endo-ol (7) underwent ring expansion in $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$, the 2-phenylethyl analogue 30 undergoes ionization and Wagner-Meerwein rearrangement to 32 and cyclization from the more accessible and favored exo face to give 33. Furthermore this bicyclic alcohol reacts in a different manner to the monocyclic 2-phenylethyl carbinols discussed above since neither direct cyclization nor hydride shifts are observed due to the availability of the alternative low-energy Wagner-Meerwein rearrangement pathway. ${ }^{19}$
(18) The structure of the hydrocarbon skeleton in 33 followed from the signals for an isolated $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ in the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum, the multiplicity of the carbons in a DEPT spectrum and the magnitude of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants. The stereochemistry at C 10 was deduced as follows. $\mathrm{A}^{1} \mathrm{H}^{-13} \mathrm{C}$ heteronuclear two dimensional correlation spectrum located the positions of the bridgehead proton (H12) and the benzylic proton (H10). Irradiation of the C10 proton showed that it was strongly coupled to one of the C 11 protons at 2.1 ppm . Irradiation of the bridgehead proton (H12) showed no apparent coupling to the proton at 2.1 ppm , demonstrating that the proton at 2.1 ppm , and hence the C 10 proton, must both be endo. This is further supported by the existence of a small coupling between the C10 proton and the anti proton of the methylene bridge.

(37) $R=H$
(38) $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{H}$
(40) $R=M \theta$

The reaction of 2 -(2-phenylethyl)isoborneol (34) with fluorosulfuric acid gave $13,13,14$-trimethyltetracyclo[10.2.1.0 $\left.{ }^{1,10} 0^{4,9}\right]$ pentadeca- $4,6,8$-triene ( 36$)^{20}$ in good yield. The mechanism for formation of $\mathbf{3 6}$ is shown in Scheme VII and differs from that of the unsubstituted analogue 33 in requiring a 6,2 hydride shift prior to cyclization. The resistance of 35 to cyclization is considered steric in origin and is consistent with the known preference ${ }^{21}$ for tertiary norbornyl cations to react with nucleophiles as their Wagner-Meerwein rearranged secondary cations.
3-Phenylpropyl Carbinols. In contrast to the previously reported reactions of benzyl carbinols, all the 2phenylethyl carbinols described above undergo intramolecular cyclization, frequently with prior rearrangement. It seemed of interest therefore to examine the effect of introducing a further methylene group between the phenyl ring and the initially generated carbocation center which would allow cyclization with formation of a six-membered ring without prior rearrangement.
Indeed reaction of 1-(3-phenylpropyl)cyclohexanol (37) with fluorosulfuric acid gave, in $82 \%$ yield, spiro[cyclo-hexane-1,1'-tetralin] (38), formed by intramolecular cyclization without rearrangement (Scheme VIII). Thus whereas the 2 -phenylethyl analogue 15 rearranges via a
(19) Direct cyclization, as observed in the formation of 17 , would produce spiran i , whereas a hydride shift, as occurs in the formation of 24 and which would produce ii, would require the intermediacy of an unstable bridgehead carbocation.

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(20) The structure of 36 was determined by NMR spectroscopy. The aliphatic region of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR showed all protons well resolved at 300 MHz , and inspection of the coupling pattern indicated the existence of an intact norbornyl fragment and an isolated $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ with two of the protons benzylic. The three methyl groups are in different environments, one of which is coupled to a single proton. The only bridgehead proton was coupled to one adjacent exo-proton whose geminal partner was strongly coupled to the remaining benzylic proton. These latter two protons were weakly coupled to one proton of the methylene bridge. The other bridge proton showed a $2.0-\mathrm{Hz}$ coupling to the proton coupled to the doublet methyl group, which implies that this methyl group is exo. The two isomers 36 and iii consistent with these data were distinguished by consideration of a ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ two-dimensional heteronuclear correlation spectrum and the known ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ two-dimensional heteronuclear corelation spectrum and the known ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum substituent effects for 2,2,3-exo-trimethyl substitution in a norbornyl ring; see: Brecknell, D. J.; Raymond, M. C.; Greenfield, K. L. Aust. J. Chem. 1984, 37, 1075. Copies of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ homonuclear and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{-13} \mathrm{C}$ heteronuclear two-dimensional spectra for 36 are available as supplementary material.


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Scheme IX

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Scheme X


Scheme XI

(51)
(49) $R=H$
(50)
$R=M e$

(53)
hydride shift to give 19 as the major product, the 3 phenylpropyl carbinol undergoes direct cyclization of the initially formed carbocation with formation of a six-membered spiran ring. Futhermore, introduction of an adjacent methyl group does not now induce a hydride shift as 2 -methyl-1-(3-phenylpropyl)cyclohexanol (39) affords trans-2-methylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-tetralin] (40). It is notable that this latter reaction proceeds to give the thermodynamically more stable stereoisomer.
Reaction of 2-exo-(3-phenylpropyl)norbornan-2-endo-ol (41) with fluorosulfuric acid at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ gave a mixture of three hydrocarbons in the ratio $2: 1: 1$. These products were tentatively identified from the NMR spectra of the mixture as the two spiro hydrocarbons 42 and 43 and the tetracyclic product 45 (Scheme IX). The spiro products 42 and 43
would result from direct cyclization of the initially formed cation 44 from the exo and endo faces, respectively, while 45 would result from cyclization of the Wagner-Meerwein rearranged cation 46.

Cyclization without rearrangement was also observed in the fluorosulfuric acid reactions of 1,4-diphenylbutan-1-ol (47) and 2,5-diphenylpentan-2-ol (48), which gave 1 phentyltetralin (49) and 1-methyl-1-phenyltetralin (50), respectively, in high yields (Scheme X). In these cases the initially formed cation is stabilized by conjugation with a phenyl ring. ${ }^{22}$ This fact was also exploited in a short new synthesis of 1,4-di(1-naphthyl)benzene (53) (Scheme XI). Thus reaction of 1,4 -bis(1-hydroxy-4-phenylbutan1 -yl) benzene ( 51 ) with fluorosulfuric acid gave a $1: 1 \mathrm{mix}-$ ture of the two diastereoisomers of the double cyclization product 52, which was then dehydrogenated over Pd/C to give 53.

## Conclusion

Reactions of alcohols with fluorosulfuric acid at low temperature continue to provide access to interesting carbocyclic compounds in high yields. Such reactions must be conducted at low temperatures in order to avoid fluorosulfonation of the aromatic products. In our earlier study ${ }^{8}$ of the reactions of benzyl carbinols various modes of reaction were observed, including dimerization, reduction, ring expansion, and rearrangement/cyclization. In contrast, all the carbinols examined in the present study undergo cyclization reactions. The 2-phenylethyl carbinols generally undero rearrangement prior to cyclization, whereas the 3-phenylpropyl carbinols undergo direct cyclization without rearrangement.

## Experimental Section

General. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian T60 or XL-300 spectrometer, and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL- 300 spectrometer, for $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ solutions with $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{4} \mathrm{Si}$ as an internal standard. Many of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectral assignments were made with the aid of homonuclear decoupling experiments, two-dimensional ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ correlated spectra (COSY) and/or difference NOE spectra. Some ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectral assignments were made by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{13} \mathrm{C}$ two-dimensional heteronuclear correlation spectroscopy. In all cases standard Varian software (version 5.2 or 6.1 ) was used. Mass spectra were recorded on an AEI MS902 or Kratos MS80RFA spectrometer. Melting points were determined using an Electrothermal melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

Preparation of Alcohols. Unless otherwise specified the alcohols used in this study were prepared by Grignard reactions between (2-phenylethyl)magnesium bromide or (3-phenylpropyl)magnesium chloride and the appropriate ketone. Purification of the alcohols was carried out by recrystallization or column chromatography, and reaction yields were typically $>80 \%$. 2-Methyl-4-phenylbutan-2-ol (9), ${ }^{23} 4$-methyl-1-phenylpentan-3-ol (13), ${ }^{24} 1$-(2-phenylethyl) cyclohexanol (15), ${ }^{25}$ 2-methyl-1-(2phenylethyl)cyclohexanol (20), ${ }^{13 \mathrm{c}} 2,2,6$-trimethyl-1-(2-phenylethyl) cyclohexanol (26), ${ }^{26}$ 2-exo-(2-phenylethyl)norbornan-2-

[^5]endo-ol (30), ${ }^{27} 1$-(3-phenylpropyl)cyclohexanol (37), ${ }^{28} 2$-exo-(3-phenylpropyl)norbornan-2-endo-ol (41), ${ }^{29}$ 1,4-diphenylbutan-1-ol (47), ${ }^{30}$ and 2,5 -diphenylpentan-2-ol (48), ${ }^{31}$ were prepared by literature methods.
2-(2-Phenylethyl)isoborneol (34) was prepared by a two-step sequence previously used for the preparation of other hindered 2-phenylethyl carbinols. ${ }^{32}$ Addition of lithium phenylacetylide to camphor in HMPT under nitrogen, followed by chromatography on alumina, gave 2-(phenylethynyl)isoborneol as a white crystalline solid in $60 \%$ yield: $\mathrm{mp} 57-58{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, 300 MHz ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}$ 7.44-7.41 ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, ortho), 7.32-7.28 (m,3 H, para and meta), 2.33-2.27 ( $\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3$-exo), 2.05-1.94 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 6$-exo), 1.97 (d, $J=13.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3$-endo), $1.82-1.75$ (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4$ ), 1.75-1.67 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 5$-exo), 1.56-1.47 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H6}$-endo), $1.25-1.13$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 5$-endo), 1.10 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{CH}_{3}-\mathrm{syn}$ ), 1.01 (s, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), $0.90\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{CH}_{3}-\mathrm{anti}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \mathrm{\delta}_{\mathrm{C}} 10.5\left(\mathrm{Cl}^{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, 21.1 ( $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$-syn), 21.5 ( $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$-anti), 27.0 ( C 5 ), 32.7 ( C 6 ), 45.5 (C4), 48.0 (C7), 48.3 (C3), 53.9 (C1), 78.4 (C2), 83.5 ( $\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}$ ), 93.4 (C2'), 123.1 (ipso), 128.0 (para), 128.2 (meta), 131.5 (ortho); calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$254.1672, found ( $\mathrm{M}^{+}$) 254.1681. The alkynol in ethyl acetate was hydrogenated over $5 \%$ palladium on carbon in a Parr apparatus, and the product was purified by radical chromatography to give the alcohol 34 as a white crystalline solid in $60 \%$ yield: $\mathrm{mp} 40-42{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.32-7.18$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), $2.88-2.77$ (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2^{\prime}$ ), $2.73-2.63$ (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2^{\prime}$ ), $2.03-1.80(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.92-1.83(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.79-1.65(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.68$ (br s, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}$ ), $1.49-1.40(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.13(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.{ }_{13} 1-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.89\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$-anti), 0.87 (s, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$-syn); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 10.7\left(\mathrm{Cl}^{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 21.2\left(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{CH}_{3}-\mathrm{syn}\right), 21.6$ (C7- $\mathrm{CH}_{3}-$-anti), 27.1 (C5), 30.5 (C6), 31.1 ( $\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime \prime}$ ), 42.0 (C3), 45.1 (C4), 45.8 (C2'), 49.5 (C7), 52.5 (C1), 81.2 (C2), 125.6 (para) 128.3 ( 4 C , ortho and meta), 143.0 (ipso). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{C}$, 83.66; H, 10.14. Found: C, 83.26; H, 10.08.

2-Methyl-1-(3-phenylpropyl)cyclohexanol (39) was prepared from 2-mehylcyclohexanone and (3-phenylpropyl)magnesium chloride and purified by column chromatography on alumina, which gave the alcohol as a clear oil ( $75 \%$ yield): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, $300 \mathrm{MHz}) \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.32-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArH}), 2.64-2.57\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArCH}_{2}\right)$, $1.66-1.12(\mathrm{~m}, 14 \mathrm{H}), 0.83\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 14.8\left(\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 21.8(\mathrm{C} 4), 25.6(\mathrm{C} 5), 25.8\left(\mathrm{C1}^{\prime \prime}\right), 30.5$ (C3), 36.0 ( C 6 ), 36.5 ( $\mathrm{C1}^{\prime \prime \prime}$ ), 37.9 (C2), 40.6 ( $\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}$ ), 73.0 ( C 1 ), 125.7 (para), 128.3 (ortho), 128.4 (meta), 142.5 (ipso). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{C}, 82.72 ; \mathrm{H}, 10.41$; $\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) 214.1731$. Found: C , 82.88; $\mathrm{H}, 10.27$; $\left(\mathbf{M}^{+}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) 214.1732$.

1,4-Bis(1-hydroxy-4-phenylbutan-1-yl)benzene (37) was prepared from terephthalaldehyde and (3-phenylpropyl)magnesium chloride using dry tetrahydrofuran as the reaction solvent. The alcohol was purified by column chromatography on alumina to give the alcohol as a white crytalline solid in $85 \%$ yield: mp $77-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.37-7.13(\mathrm{~m}, 14 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{ArH}), 4.68\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 1^{\prime}\right), 2.63\left(\mathrm{t}, J_{3,4^{\prime}}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4^{\prime}\right), 1.90-1.60$ $(\mathrm{m}, 10 \mathrm{H})$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 27.5$ ( $\left.\mathrm{C} 3^{\prime}\right), 35.7$ ( $\left.\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}\right), 38.6\left(\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime}\right)$, 74.3 ( $\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}$ ), 125.7 (C4'-para), 126.0 ( $4 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C} 2,3,5,6$ ), 128.3 (C4'-ortho), 128.4 (C4'-meta), 142.2 (C4'-ipso), 144.0 (C1,4). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, 83.38; $\mathrm{H}, 8.07$. Found: C, 83.09; H, 8.11.

Reactions with Fluorosulfuric Acid. To a vigorously stirred mixture of fluorosulfuric acid ( 2 mL ) in dry dichloromethane ( 2 mL ) at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was added a solution of the alcohol (ca. 2 mmol ) in dichloromethane ( 2 mL ), and the resulting mixture was stirred at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 min , unless otherwise indicated. The mixture was then added cautiously to water ( 40 mL ) neutralized with $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$, and the mixture was extracted repeatedly with diethyl ether. The combined ether extracts were washed with $\mathrm{NaHCO} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ dried, and after removal of solvent gave a crude product which was purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation or by chromatography on alumina.

[^6]1,1-Dimethylindan (10). Reaction of 2-methyl-4-phenyl-butan-2-ol (9) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ as above gave $10^{23}$ in $41 \%$ yield: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ $\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArH}), 2.89\left(\mathrm{t}, J_{2.3}=7.2\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3$ ), $1.92\left(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}_{2,3}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2\right), 1.26\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 28.7\left(2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ ), 30.1 (C3), $41.4(\mathrm{C} 2), 44.0$ (C1), 121.9 (C7), 124.4 (C4), 126.1, 126.2 (C5 and C6), 142.6 (C3a), 152.4 (C7a).

Fluorosulfonated 1,1-Dimethyltetralins (14). Reaction of 4-methyl-1-phenylpentan-3-ol (13) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ gave a mixture of isomers of 1,1 -dimethyltetralinsulfonyl fluoride, which were not separated but identified by NMR comparison with related fluorosulfonyl indans ${ }^{8}$ as 1,1-dimethyltetralin-6-sulfonyl fluoride ( $60 \%$ ) ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.94$ (d, H 5 ), (dd, H7), 7.27 (d, H8), 2.86 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4$ ), 1.85 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3$ ), 1.70 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2$ ), 1.32 (s, $2 \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 18.9$ (C3), 30.9 (C4), $31.5\left(2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 34.3$ (C1), 38.3 (C2), 124.8 (C6), 126.9 (C8), 130.5 (C5) $]$, 1,1-dimethyltetralin- 5 -sulfonyl fluoride ( $25 \%$ ) [ ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.89(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{H} 6), 7.73(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{H} 7), 7.34(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{H} 8), 3.14$ (t, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4$ ), $1.85(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3), 1.70(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2), 1.32\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 18.7(\mathrm{C} 3), 30.6$ (C4), $31.9\left(2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 34.6$ (C1), 37.9 (C2), 126.1 (C6), 128.1 (C7), 134.4 (C8)], and 1,1-di-methyltetralin-7-sulfonyl fluoride ( $15 \%$ ) [ ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300$ MHz ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.70(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{H} 6), 7.68(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{H} 8), 7.55$ (d, H5), $2.86(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4)$, 1.85 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3$ ), $1.70(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2), 1.32\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 19.1$ ( C 3 ), $27.4(\mathrm{C} 4), 31.4\left(2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ ), $34.6(\mathrm{C} 1), 37.9$ (C2), 125.4 (C8), 127.9 (C7), 129.1 (C5)].

Spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indan] (17) and cis $1,2,3,4,4 \mathrm{a}, 9,10,10 \mathrm{a}-$ Octahydrophenanthrene (19). Reaction of 1-(2-phenylethyl)cyclohexanol (15) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ as above gave, in $40 \%$ yield, a $3: 1$ mixture of $19{ }^{13 d}{ }^{1}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.08(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{ArH}), 2.85(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{H} 9), 2.73(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{H} 4 \mathrm{a}), 2.03(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{H} 10)$, 1.78-1.25 (m, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ 's and CH ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 21.5$ (C2), 23.8 (C10), 26.3 (C3), 29.6 (C9), 31.4 (C4), 31.8 (C1), 33.8 (C10a), 40.2 (C4a), 125.2 ( $2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C} 6$ and C7), 128.5 and 128.7 ( C 5 and C8), 136.0 (C8a), 142.1 (C4b)] and $17^{28}$ [ ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 23.5$ (2C, C3 and C 5 ), 26.1 ( $\mathrm{C} 4,30.0$ ( $\mathrm{C} 3^{\prime}$ ), 35.2 ( $\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime}$ ), 37.2 ( $2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C} 2$ and C 6 ), 122.2 ( $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ ), 124.3 ( $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ ), 126.0, 126.1 ( $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ and $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ ').
cis - and trans-4a-Methyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydrophenanthrene (24 and 25). Reaction of 2-methyl-1-(2phenylethyl)cyclohexanol (20) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ as above gave, in $80 \%$ yield, a $3: 1$ mixture of $24^{13 \mathrm{c}, 33}\left[{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right.$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 60 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 1.23$ (s, $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 22.9$ (C2), 24.4 ( C 3 ), 25.1 ( C 10 ), $27.1(\mathrm{Cl}), 28.1(\mathrm{C} 9), 31.8\left(\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 37.5(\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{a}), 38.2$ ( C 10 a$), 41.3$ (C4), 125.1 (C5), 125.8 ( $2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C} 6$ and C7), 129.3 (C8), 135.8 (C8a), $144.3(\mathrm{C4b})]$ and $25^{33}\left[{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 60 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 1.07\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)\right]$.
$1 \beta, 4 a \beta, 10 a \beta$ and $1 \alpha, 4 a \beta, 10 a \beta$-Trimethyl$1,2,3,4,4 \mathrm{a}, 9,10,10 \mathrm{a}$-octahydrophenanthrenes (28 and 29). Reaction of 2,2,6-trimethyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)cyclohexanol (26) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ as above give, in $90 \%$ yield, a $5: 1$ mixture of $28,{ }^{17}$ ${ }^{1}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.14-7.04$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 2.93-2.63 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 9$ ), 1.86-1.15 (m, 9 H ), 1.09 $\left(\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.93\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 10 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.82(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 16.2\left(\mathrm{Cl}^{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 16.4(\mathrm{C} 10 \mathrm{a}-$ $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), 22.8 ( C 3 ), 25.8 ( C 9 ), 28.4 ( C 10 ), $30.0\left(\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ ), 30.9 ( C 2 ), 32.1 (C4), 33.2 (C1), 41.3 (C4a), 124.7, 125.8, 126.1 (C5, C6, C7), 129.7 (C8), 136.3 (C8a), 144.3 (C4b)] and $29^{17}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\left.\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 16.4\left(\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 20.4\left(\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 21.4\left(\mathrm{C} 10 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)\right]$.

Tetracyclo[10.2.1.0 ${ }^{1,10} 0^{4,9}$ ]pentadeca-4,6,8-triene (33). Reaction of 2-exo-(2-phenylethyl)norbornan-2-endo-ol (30) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ as above gave 33 in $82 \%$ yield: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300\right.$ MHz ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.16-7.10(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 8), 7.05-7.03(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 6, \mathrm{H} 7$, and H 8 ), $2.87-2.71$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3$ ), $2.66-2.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10$ ), $2.25-2.22$ (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 12$ ), 2.15-2.07 ( $\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 11$-endo), 1.86-1.81 (m, 2 H , H 2 ), $1.74-1.64$ (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 13$-exo), $1.60-1.27$ (m, $5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 15$-syn, H13-endo, H14 and H11-exo), $1.02-0.98$ (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 15-\mathrm{anti}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 28.1$ (C2), 28.3 (C3), 29.9 (C13), 37.0 (C12), 37.3 (C14), 38.8 (C15), 41.6 (C11), 44.6 (C10), 46.5 (C1), 124.7 (C5), 126.1 (C8), 128.4 (C6), 128.5 (C7), 135.4 (C4), 143.4 (C9); calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{18}\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$198.1397, found ( $\mathrm{M}^{+}$) 198.1396.

13,13,14-Trimethyltetracyclo[10.2.1.0 $\left.{ }^{1,10} .0^{4,9}\right]$ pentadeca-$4,6,8$-triene (36). Reaction of 2 -(2-phenylethyl) isoborneol (34) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ as above gave 36 in $76 \%$ yield: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, $300 \mathrm{MHz}) \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.15-7.03(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.98-6.95(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.67-2.63$
( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3$ ), 2.50-2.42 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 10$ and H11-endo), 1.78-1.72 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2$ ), 1.62 (br s. $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 12$ ), 1.51-1.43 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2$ ), 1.40-1.35 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 15-\mathrm{anti}), 1.29-1.23$ (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 11$-exo), 1.18-1.11 (m, 1 H, H15-syn), 1.09-1.06 (m, 1 H, H14), 0.99 (s, 3 $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$-exo), 0.82 (s, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$-endo), 0.75 (d, $J=7.3$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{CH} 3) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 12.5\left(\mathrm{Cli4}^{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 24.8$ ( $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$-endo), 25.2 (C2), 27.7 (C3), 27.9 ( $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$-exo), 35.2 (C15), 36.6 (C11), 40.5 (C13), 46.1 (C10), 48.5 (C12), 50.5 (C1), 52.1 (C14), 124.6 (C5), 126.2 (C8), 128.2 (C6), 128.5 (C7), 135.1 (C4), 143.5 (C9); calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{24}\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right) 240.1879$, found ( $\mathrm{M}^{+}$) 240.1874.

Spiro[cyclohexane-1, $1^{\prime}$-tetralin] (38). Reaction of 1-(3phenylpropyl)cyclohexanol (37) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ as above gave $38^{28}$ in $82 \%$ yield: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 30 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\prime}$ ), $7.18-7.13$ (m, 1 H ), $7.09-7.03$ (m, 2 H ), 2.75 ( $\mathrm{t}, J=6.2$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4^{\prime}\right), 1.84-1.23(\mathrm{~m}, 14 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{33} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 19.2(\mathrm{C} 4)$, 22.0 ( $2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C} 3$ and C 5 ), 26.2 ( $\mathrm{C} 3^{\prime}$ ), 31.0 ( $\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}$ ), 37.0 ( C 1 ), 38.7 ( 2 C , C 2 and C 6 ), 125.1 ( $\mathrm{C} 6^{\prime}$ ), 125.7 ( $\mathrm{C} 7^{\prime}$ ), 126.7 ( $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ ), 129.0 ( $\mathrm{C} 5^{\prime}$ ), 137.1 (C4a'), 146.6 (C8a'); calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{20}$ : C, 89.92; H, 10.07; Found: C, 89.81; H, 10.27.
trans-2-Methylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-tetralin] (40). Reaction of 2 -methyl-1-(3-phenylpropyl)cyclohexanol (39) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ as above gave 40: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.37$ (d, $\left.J=8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 8^{\prime}\right), 7.25-7.12(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08-7.03(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $2.72-2.68\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4^{\prime}\right), 2.15-2.05(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.94-1.25(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H})$, $0.58\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 17.0\left(\mathrm{C}_{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, 19.6 (C4), 22.0 (C5), 24.4 ( $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ ), 26.8 ( $\mathrm{C} 3^{\prime}$ ), 30.1 ( C 3 ), 31.1 ( C 4 ) ), 40.3 (C6), 40.6 (C1), 40.7 (C2), 124.8 ( $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ ), 125.8 ( C 7 ), , 126.1 ( $\mathrm{C} 8^{\prime}$ ), 128.8 ( $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ ), 138.1 ( $\left.\mathrm{C}^{\prime} \mathrm{a}^{\prime}\right), 145.4$ ( $\mathrm{C} 8 \mathrm{a}^{\prime}$ ). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{22}$ : C, 89.65; H, 10.35; ( $\mathrm{M}^{+}$) 214.1721. Found: C, 89.47; H, 10.22; $\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$ 214.1722 .

Hydrocarbons from 41. Reaction of 2-exo-(3-phenyl-propyl)norbornan-2-endo-ol (41) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ gave a mixture of three hydrocarbons in the ratio 2:1:1 and tentatively assigned the structures ${ }^{29} 42,43$, and 45 . The major isomer is characterized by the following: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{H}}$ $7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.93(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.64(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.21(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.99-0.85$ (m, 11 H ); ${ }^{1{ }^{1} \mathrm{C}}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 21.3,29.1,29.8,31.2,33.5,34.8$, $35.6,42.9,45.8,125.5,125.6,128.0,128.4,139.7,141.1$. The minor isomers are characterized by the following: ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 19.6,24.4,24.8,28.5,29.1,29.2,33.7,35.9,36.0,36.8,37.1,37.2$, $38.9,44.8,44.9,46.2,49.1,123.5,124.6,125.1,125.2,127.8,127.9$, 128.2, 128.9, 136.7, 137.7, 142.4, 142.6.

1-Phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (49). Reaction of 1,4-diphenylbutan-1-ol (47) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ as above gave $49^{34}$ in $89 \%$ yield: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.30-7.00(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArH})$, $6.84\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{7.8}=8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 8\right), 4.12\left(\mathrm{t}, J_{1,2}=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 1\right)$, $2.92-2.81$ (m, 2 H, H4), 2.21-2.12 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2$ ), 1.93-1.70 (m, 3 $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3$ and H 2 ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 21.0$ (C3), 29.8 (C2), 33.3 (C4), 45.6 (C1), 125.6 (C6), 125.9 (2C, C7 and para), 128.2 (ortho), 128.8 (meta), 128.9 (C8), 130.2 (C5), 137.6 (C4a), 139.4 (ipso), 147.4 (C8a).

1-Methyl-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (50). Reaction of 2,5-diphenylpentan-2-ol (48) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ as above gave $50^{31}$ in $70 \%$ yield: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.26-7.07$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), $7.00\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{7,8}=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 8\right), 2.84\left(\mathrm{t}, J_{3,4}=6.5\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4), 2.12-2.02(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 2), 1.92-1.65(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 3$ and H 2 ), 1.72 (s, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 19.5$ (C3), 30.0 ( $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), 30.3 (C4), 41.5 (C2), 42.9 (C1), 125.4 (para), 125.7 (C6), 125.8 (C7), 127.4 (ortho), 127.8 (meta), 129.0 (C8), 129.2 (C5), 137.0 (C5a), 144.4 (ipso), 151.6 (C8a).

1,4-Di(1-naphthyl)benzene (53). Reaction of 1,4-bis(1-hydroxy-4-phenylbutan-1-yl)benzene (51) with $\mathrm{HSO}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ as above gave a mixture of the two diastereoisomers of 1,4 -bis ( $1,2,3,4$ -tetrahydronaphth-1-yl)benzene (52) in $83 \%$ yield: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.15-6.85(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArH}), 4.08\left(\mathrm{brt}\right.$ t $J_{1^{\prime}, 2^{\prime}}$ $\left.=6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 1^{\prime}\right), 2.94-2.76\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} 4^{\prime}\right), 2.21-1.68(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H})$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 20.94 / 20.90\left(\mathrm{C} 3^{\prime}\right), 29.76$ ( $2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C} 2^{\prime}$ ), 33.14/ 33.17 ( $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ ), $45.15 / 45.18$ ( $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ ), 125.5 ( $2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ ), 125.8 ( $2 \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{C} 7^{\prime}$ ), 128.6 (4 C, C2,3,5,6), 128.9 (2 C, C8'), 130.2 (2 C, C5'), 137.6 (2 C, C4a'), 139.52/139.57 (C1,4), 144.88/144.91 (C8a'). A sample of 52 was heated over $10 \%$ palladium on carbon at $250^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 h . Extraction with ether gave $53^{35}$ in $36 \%$ yield: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR

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# trans-Bis(5-acetoxy-1,2,3- $\eta^{3}$-cyclohexenyl)palladium Complexes by Palladium(II)-Promoted Addition of Acetate to 1,4-Cyclohexadienes ${ }^{1}$ 

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#### Abstract

Acetate adds to alkyl-substituted 1,4-cyclohexadienes in the presence of bis(acetonitrile)palladium dichloride to yield the corresponding trans-bis( 5 -acetoxy-1,2,3- ${ }^{3}$-cyclohexenyl)palladium complexes. This highly stereoselective and regioselective palladium(II)-promoted distal addition is achieved in either acetic acid or acetonitrile solvents.


( $\eta^{3}$-Allyl)palladium complexes have become useful synthons in organic synthesis. ${ }^{2,3}$ Standard preparation procedures include insertion of palladium (0) into the car-bon-heteroatom bond of allylic systems, ${ }^{4}$ direct substitution of the allylic hydrogen of alkenes by palladium(II) ${ }^{5}$ and palladium(II)-promoted addition of nucleophiles and palladium across 1,3 -dienes. ${ }^{6}$ Both Larock's group with acyclic nonconjugated dienes ${ }^{7}$ and this group with 1,4 -

[^8]Table I. Palladium(II)-Promoted Addition of Acetate ${ }^{a}$
1,4 -cyclo-

hexadiene | product |
| :---: |
| (\% yield) $)^{b}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Details in the Experimental Section. ${ }^{b}$ The first isolated yield is in acetic acid; a second is in acetonitrile. "See ref 9 . ${ }^{d}$ Hydrideaddition complex formation was avoided by slowly adding ( 2 h , syringe pump) the diene to the mixture. ${ }^{e}$ Similar results ( $53-54 \%$ ) were obtained by adding ( 15 min , syringe or addition funnel) the diene to a mixture containing $\mathrm{CuCl}_{2}$. ${ }^{f}$-Cymene was also formed ( $7 \%$ ). ${ }^{8} m$-Xylene was also formed ( $23 \%$ ). ${ }^{h} 1,2,4$-Trimethylbenzene was also formed ( $53 \%$ ). ${ }^{i} 1,3,5$-Trimethylbenzene was also formed ( $33 \%$ ).
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