

tallographic symmetry. Careful electron-density studies around this site showed five small density peaks, but nothing which would make any chemical sense. We opted for treating these peaks as part of a highly disordered solvent system and assigned them as carbon atoms with occupancy factors appropriate to their peak heights. The figures were prepared with the aid of ORTEPII²⁶ and PLUTON.²⁷

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Concerning Attempts To Synthesize *out*-Bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradec-1-ene Derivatives

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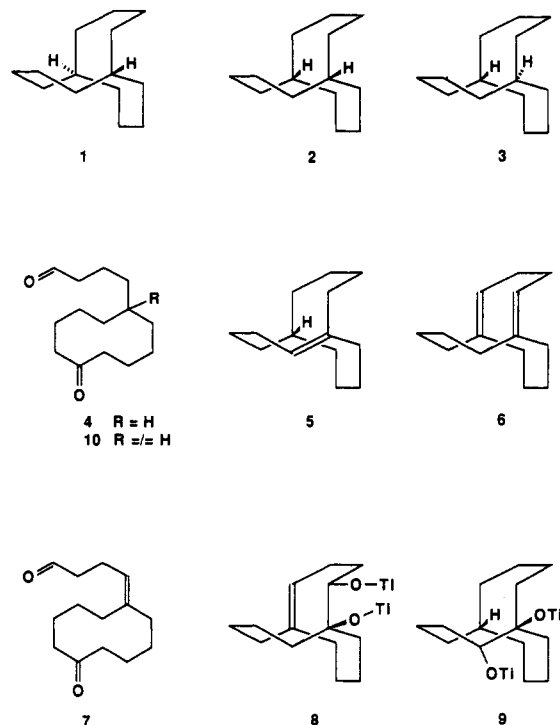
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The keto aldehydes 4-[6-oxo-1-(tetrahydropyranyloxy)cyclodecyl]butanal (17), (*E*)-4-(6-oxocyclodec-1-enyl)butanal (24), and 4-(6-oxocyclodecylidene)butanal (7) have been synthesized. No bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradecadienes were found in the products from the zero-valent titanium reductive cyclization of compound 24. Instead, products arising from transannular reactions of the cyclodecyl ring system were isolated. 1,6-Divinylbicyclo[4.4.0]decane (32) was obtained from the reductive cyclization of keto enal 7. The most plausible route for its formation is through a Cope rearrangement of a bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradecene derivative, suggesting that an *out*-bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradecylbistitanium pinacolate 8 intervened.

The strain inherent in bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradecane (1) was first suggested in a report¹ in 1974 and given a value derived from MM1 calculations. Further calculations have given rise to the suggestion^{2,3} that potentially there are three different isomers of bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradecane, the *in,out*-isomer 2, the *out,out*-isomer 1, and the *in,in*-isomer 3, and that they are increasingly strained, in the order given. Calculations have also given rise to the suggestion³ that the strain energies inherent in the corresponding bridgehead alkene derivatives are reduced over that of any of the saturated derivatives in this system. The term *hyperstable olefin* has been attached to such alkenes.

Conceptually, one could construct the bicyclo[4.4.4]-tetradecane skeleton by an intramolecular coupling reaction of an intermediate cyclodecyl derivative. In this context, the zero-valent titanium (Ti(0)) coupling reaction⁴ of a keto aldehyde such as 4 is appealing since it offers a route to the saturated derivative by way of the bridgehead alkene derivative. The success of this approach to bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradecanes was clearly demonstrated by the synthesis of the *in,out*-isomer 2, via the *in*-alkene 5, by McMurry and Hodge.⁵ With a more convergent approach than that first reported, it might be possible to delay introduction of the bridgehead hydrogens until after the cyclization had been effected. That is, it might be possible to synthesize a bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradecadiene such as 6.⁶



Reduction of such a diene would be expected to give the *out,out*-isomer 1. It is worth pointing out that the initial step, in the cyclization of a precursor such as 7, would give an *out*-alkene 8. The calculated strain^{6b} energy for an *out*-alkene (182 kJ mol⁻¹) is lower than that calculated for an *in,out*-alkene (198 kJ mol⁻¹). An *in,out*-alkene intermediate 9 must form in the step leading to the *in*-alkene 5.

An alternative ploy, which might allow the synthesis of an *out,out*-derivative, is to put a substituent larger than hydrogen at the pro-bridgehead position in an intermediate

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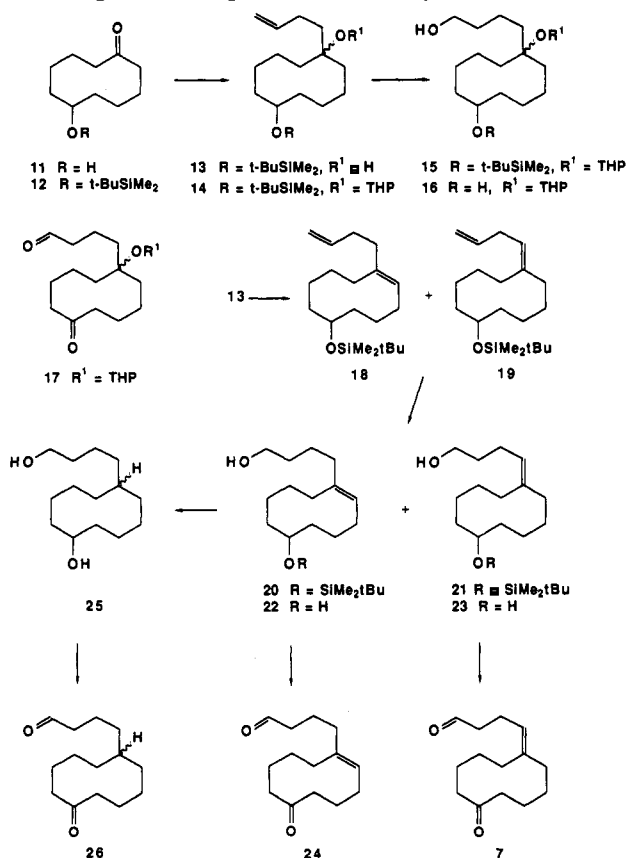
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such as 10. Because of the increased steric requirement of any such group, it is unlikely that this substituent will take up the in-position.

The Synthesis of the Key Intermediates. The side chains in the key intermediates such as 7 or 10 have a 1,6 relationship with respect to the formation of the new bridge from the preformed cyclodecane ring. Because of this, 6-hydroxycyclodecanone (11) was considered a suitable starting material for both sets of compounds. At that time, ketol 11⁷ was not available by an efficient route and an alternative synthesis was devised.⁸

Although ketol 11 exists in equilibrium with its hemiacetal isomer in solution,⁷ it can be protected on the hydroxyl group, in high yield, as the *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl ether 12. This cyclodecanone derivative appears to enolize readily, and it did not react satisfactorily with 3-butenyldienetriphenylphosphorane or with 3-butenylmagnesium bromide in ether. The required alcohol 13 could be obtained, however, in 60% yield as a mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers, when the Grignard reaction was run in toluene⁹ at -10 °C. The tertiary hydroxyl group could be protected¹⁰ as the tetrahydropyranyl ether 14 and then hydroboration, followed by oxidation, of this alkene¹¹ gave a mixture of the alcohols 15. Removal¹² of the silyl ether protecting group followed by oxidation^{13,14} of the resulting diols 16 gave the required keto aldehyde 17.



The mixture of alcohols 13 was dehydrated to a mixture

of alkenyl isomers 18 and 19, which could not be separated even by capillary GC. That this was an approximately 3:1 mixture of the *endo* and *exo* alkenes was indicated by the ¹H NMR spectrum of the mixture. A triplet at $\delta = 2.83$ integrating for approximately 0.5 protons, relative to a broad multiplet at $\delta = 3.8$ assigned to the methine proton on the carbon bearing the silyloxy group, is consistent with the doubly allylic methylene group of the *exo* isomer. Hydroboration,¹¹ followed by oxidation, of this mixture of dienes gave the primary alcohols 20 and 21, but still the isomers could not be separated. Cleavage¹² of the silyl ether protecting group from these compounds gave the diols 22 and 23 which could be separated by repetitive flash chromatography. The major isomer eluted first. Although the stereochemistry about the *endo* double bond has not been established it is likely to be *E*, based on earlier work with cyclodene systems.¹⁵ Oxidation^{13,14} of the major isomers 22 gave the keto enal 24, and oxidation¹⁴ of the minor isomer 23 gave the keto enal 7.

Catalytic reduction of the mixture of enediols 22 and 23, with hydrogen over platinum, gave the saturated diols 25 which have been reported earlier.¹⁶ Oxidation of these diols gave the known¹⁶ keto-al 26.

Cyclization Reactions. The attempts to cyclize, by means of Ti(0) coupling reactions, any of the key intermediates synthesized produced a complex mixture of products, and so the decision was made to pursue only compounds whose molecular weight, as determined by combined GC-MS, was that of the desired cyclization product or close to it. As a consequence the only cyclizations worth discussing are those of the key intermediates 24 and 7.

Initially, when no success was obtained with the Ti(0) reactions, we sought to optimize the conditions by a repetition of the known⁵ reaction to prepare *in*-bicyclo-[4.4.4]tetradec-1-ene from keto aldehyde 26. Very low yields (less than 5%) of the alkene were obtained until the detailed description of the conditions needed to perform these coupling reactions was available.¹⁷ Even then we still did not realize the literature yield for this product but deemed that the 18% yield we did obtain was sufficient indication that we could attempt the unknown!

Keto enal 24 was added, by motor-driven syringe, to the Ti(0) under high dilution conditions over 20 h. The products from the reaction were separated into polar and nonpolar fractions by column chromatography, and the nonpolar fraction was analyzed by GC-MS to reveal a multitude of peaks. The material corresponding to two of these peaks was subsequently collected by preparative GC. A component having a high-resolution molecular ion corresponding to the formula C₁₄H₂₂ was isolated in yields varying from 1 to 4% between runs. A second component with a molecular ion consistent with the formula C₁₄H₂₄ was also obtained in yields of 1-3%.

The component C₁₄H₂₂, which has four double-bond equivalents, showed in the 300-MHz ¹H NMR spectrum one vinylic resonance as a multiplet at δ 5.29, three allylic resonances, as multiplets, at δ 2.26, 2.19 and 2.04, and two

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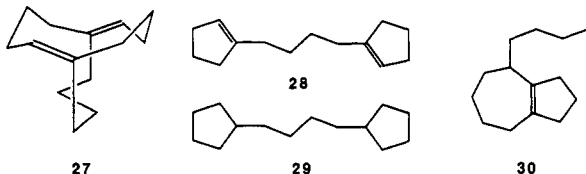
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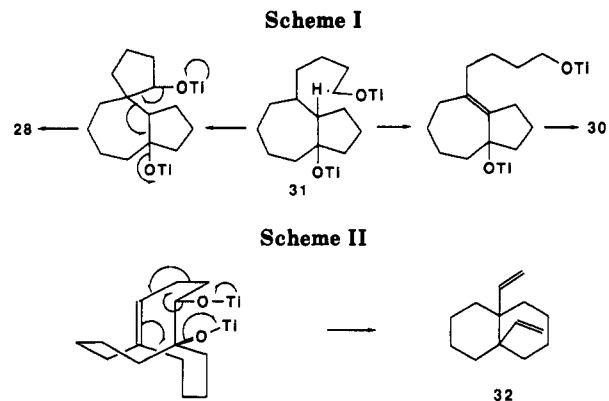
other methylene resonances, a quintet at δ 1.82 and a multiplet at 1.41. These absorptions are in the ratio of 1:2:2:2:2:2, respectively. A ^1H COSY experiment showed that the vinylic resonance is coupled only with the allylic resonance at δ 2.26, the allylic resonances, at δ 2.26 and 2.19, are coupled with the quintet at δ 1.82, and the remaining allylic resonance, at δ 2.04, is coupled only to the resonance at δ 1.41. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum has seven resonances, two in the olefinic region, of which one is a singlet and the other a doublet in the off-resonance spectrum, and five in the aliphatic region, all of which are triplets in the off-resonance spectrum.

If, as assumed above, the stereochemistry about the double bond in the starting keto enal 24 is *E* then two isomeric $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}$ dienes, the *E,E*-isomer 27 and the *E,Z*-isomer, would be expected to form from an intramolecular coupling reaction. The *E,Z*-isomer can be excluded from consideration since it is an asymmetric molecule and should show 14 carbon resonances. The *E,E*-isomer, however, has a C_2 axis of symmetry and would be expected to show seven carbon resonances. Clearly the molecule that had been isolated showed spectral data consistent with the expected *E,E*-isomer 27. The actual structure for this diene is, in fact, 28 which was totally unexpected. This only became clear after the following experiments.



The diene was hydrogenated at atmospheric pressure over platinum, and the reaction was complete in less than 12 h. It was clear that this diene hydrogenated more readily than the in-alkene 4.^{5,16} This was unexpected because it is considered that *hyperstable* alkenes will hydrogenate only with difficulty³ and the stepwise reduction of the diene leads, in each step, to a molecule which is calculated to have increased strain. By high-resolution MS the product was shown to have the formula $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{26}$; that is, the addition of four hydrogens had occurred, and there are no vinylic resonances in the ^1H NMR spectrum or olefinic carbon resonances in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum, in fact, shows five carbon resonances; the lowest field is a methine carbon the other four are methylene resonances. Alder predicts¹⁸ that the most stable conformation of *out, out*-bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradecane is asymmetric; however, he also predicts that there are several conformations of similar energy available to the molecule and therefore it might well be expected that the molecule would exhibit D_3 symmetry and show only three carbon resonances. The possibility existed that the molecule was conformationally restricted and actually exhibiting C_3 symmetry, but with two of the expected six resonances fortuitously coincident. However, when an inverse-gated decoupling sequence, with a 10-s recycle time, was applied during the acquisition of the spectrum, it was found that the integrals for the resonances at δ 40.20, 36.31, 32.75, 29.08, and 25.21 were in the ratio of 1:1:2:1:2. This observation excludes C_3 symmetry.

The spectroscopic data are consistent^{18b} also with 1,4-dicyclopentylbutane (29). This compound has been reported,¹⁹ but the synthesis given is not straightforward.



However, ^{13}C NMR data provided are very similar to the data which had been obtained for the saturated compound above. If this is indeed the structure for the saturated compound then the question arises as to whether the precursor diene has the structure 28 or had rearrangement, from the structure 27, occurred on contact with the platinum catalyst prior to hydrogenation. The spectroscopic data do not allow differentiation of the two possibilities. Conclusive evidence that the saturated compound is 1,4-dicyclopentylbutane (29) and that the diene has structure 28 came recently from an independent synthesis²⁰ of the hydrocarbon 29 which proceeds through a mixture of 1-cyclopentylidene-4-cyclopent-1-enylbutane and 1,4-dicyclopent-1-enylbutane (28).

This unexpected result clearly begs an explanation. The other component isolated from the preparative GC perhaps gives a clue to the process whereby this comes about. Although this compound has not been fully characterized, the evidence there is points clearly to structure 30 (or a double-bond isomer). The formula $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}$ requires three double-bond equivalents. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum shows 14 carbon resonances, two of which are olefinic. The ^1H NMR spectrum shows no vinylic protons, there is a triplet at δ 0.87 consistent with the methyl group of the side chain, and there appears to be seven allylic protons. The base peak in the MS at m/z 135 is consistent with the loss of the side chain. Cyclodecyl compounds are well-known to undergo transannular reactions,²¹ and the formation of both compounds 28 and 30 may well arise because of this. A transannular reaction in the initial pinacol reduction would give rise to an intermediate diradical²² 31 (see Scheme I) which could well react further in the two ways depicted eventually leading to the two products observed.²³

When a Ti(0) coupling reaction was attempted on the isomeric keto enal 7, followed by a similar workup, a component with a molecular weight of 190 was present in the GC-MS (about 15% yield by internal standard) which was isolated, in 8% yield by preparative GC. This component proved to be 1,6-divinylbicyclo[4.4.0]decane (32) by comparison of the spectral data with the reported

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values²⁴ and by direct comparison of their ¹³C NMR spectra. The divinyldecalin **32** had been prepared in order to use it as a precursor in a Cope rearrangement to *meso*-bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradec-1,5-diene (**6**). The bicyclic tetradecadiene was not obtained by this route, and it can be concluded that the position of equilibrium lies too much in favor of the divinyldecalin.^{6a,24}

What is not clear in the above titanium reaction is if bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradeca-1,5-diene (**6**), or its stereoisomer, had formed. No NMR analysis was tried on the crude reaction product from the titanium reaction which is done at 80 °C. Instead, the product was isolated by evaporative distillation and preparative GC (175 °C). However, it would seem clear that, to have formed the 1,6-divinyldecalin **32**, the *out*-bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradecene derivative **8** must have formed. It is possible that this titanium-complexed pinacol derivative may have rearranged to the divinyldecalin directly in a reductive Cope-like process (see Scheme II).

Although it seems likely that an *out*-bicyclo[4.4.4]tetradecene derivative intervened in the formation of the divinyldecalin **32** whether the parent compound can be isolated has yet to be demonstrated.

Experimental Section

General. Flash chromatography²⁵ was carried out using Merck Keisegel 60 (230–400 mesh). Short column chromatography²⁶ was done with Merck Keisegel HF₂₅₄. Analytical TLC was performed using Merck DC-Alufolien Keisegel 60F₂₅₄ and visualized using an ethanolic solution of phosphomolybdic acid (4% w/v). Drying and other purification of organic solvents were accomplished by standard laboratory procedures;²⁷ in addition, DME was twice distilled from potassium. Nitrogen was used as carrier gas, with FID, for analytical GC. IR spectra were recorded as neat films unless otherwise stated. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 300.1 MHz and 75.4 MHz respectively as solutions in CDCl₃. FAB spectra were recorded on samples either neat or in a glycerol matrix.

6-[(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclodecan-1-one (12). An anhydrous solution of 6-hydroxycyclodecan-1-one (11)⁸ (3.33 g, 19.5 mmol), TBDMS chloride (5.01 g, 33.24 mmol), and DMAP (0.85 g, 7.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂/triethylamine (4:1, 40 mL) was stirred under N₂ for 48 h. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and then washed first with HCl (dilute, 20 mL) and then with water (3 × 20 mL) and finally NaHCO₃ (saturated, 20 mL). The combined organic fractions were dried and concentrated to give a yellow oil which was distilled (110 °C/0.01 mmHg) in a Kugelrohr apparatus to give the ketone **12** (5.28 g, 18.6 mmol, 95%) as a clear colorless oil which was pure enough for subsequent reactions; ν_{\max} 1706 cm⁻¹ s; ¹H (60 MHz) NMR δ 3.64 (br m, 1 H), 2.27–2.57 (m, 4 H), 1.25–1.98 (m, 12 H), 0.83 (s, 9 H), 0.05 (s, 6 H); ¹³C (22.1 MHz) NMR δ 214.07, 70.1, 41.9, 33.4, 25.7, 23.3, 22.3, 17.8, -4.7; MS *m/z* (FAB) 283 (M - H)⁺, 227 (M - C₄H₉)⁺; (EI) *m/z* 227 (M - C₄H₉)⁺ (100), found 227.1475, C₁₂H₂₂O₂Si (M - C₄H₉)⁺ requires 227.1467. A small sample purified by chromatography and then distillation crystallized to a waxy solid, mp 21–23 °C.

1-(3-Butenyl)-6-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclodecan-1-ols (13). A solution of 3-butenylmagnesium bromide in ether (55 mL) was prepared under N₂ from 4-bromobut-1-ene (8.18 g, 60.6 mmol) and magnesium (2.13 g, 0.091 g atoms). Dry toluene (100 mL) was added to the Grignard solution, the ether was removed by fractional distillation, and then a further aliquot of toluene (150 mL) was added. The Grignard solution was cooled to -10 °C, and a solution of ketone **12** (8.6 g, 30.3 mmol) in toluene

(20 mL) was added slowly to the Grignard solution. The reaction was allowed to warm to rt overnight. The reaction was poured into NH₄Cl (saturated, 300 mL) and extracted into ether (3 × 150 mL). The combined organic fractions were washed with NaHCO₃ (saturated, 50 mL) and brine (100 mL) and dried. Removal of the solvents gave a mixture of products that was separated by flash chromatography (1:9 ether/hexanes) to give, in order of elution, ketone **12** (2.58 g, 10 mmol, 30%), an isomeric mixture of the alcohols **13** (6.19 g, 20 mmol, 60%) as a clear colorless oil [ν_{\max} 3375 br s, 3060 m, 1640 cm⁻¹ s; ¹H NMR δ 5.85 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10.6, 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.04 (br d, *J* = 17 Hz, 1 H), 4.94 (br d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.87 (m, 1 H), 2.16 (dt, *J* = 5.0, 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 1.79–1.34 (m, 20 H), 0.87 (s, 9 H), 0.05 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR δ 139.25, 114.29, 114.24, 75.92, 75.88, 72.14, 72.07, 40.22, 33.49, 33.33, 31.90, 31.34, 27.47, 25.84, 21.97, 21.77, 21.23, 21.03, 18.1, -4.76; MS *m/z* 283 (3%) (M - C₄H₉)⁺, 75 (100), found 283.2104, C₁₆H₃₁O₂Si (M - C₄H₉)⁺ requires 283.2093. C₂₀H₄₀O₂Si requires: C, 70.52; H, 11.84. Found: C, 70.35; H, 11.79.] and 1-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclodecan-6-ol (0.6 g, mmol, 7%) as a mixture of isomers: ν_{\max} 3320 cm⁻¹ br s; ¹H NMR δ 3.92 (m, 1 H), 3.83 (m, 1 H), 1.55 (m, 16 H), 0.85 (s, 9 H), 0.03 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR δ 72.06, 71.76, 71.31, 71.05, 32.75, 32.36, 31.78, 31.65, 25.89, 21.94, 21.75, 18.12, -4.58, -4.71; MS *m/z* 269 (3) (M - OH)⁺, 229 (100); found 269.2290, C₁₆H₃₃O₂Si (M - OH)⁺ requires 269.2300.

4-[6-[(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-(tetrahydropyran-2-yl)oxy]cyclohexyl]but-1-ene (14). PPTS¹⁰ (0.24 g, 0.95 mmol) was added to an anhydrous solution of the alcohols **13** (3.24 g, 9.5 mmol) in dihydropyran (4.8 g, 57 mmol) and stirred for 36 h under N₂. The reaction was diluted with ether (20 mL) and washed with brine (15 mL), and then the aqueous phase was extracted with ether (20 mL) and the combined organic phases dried and concentrated to give a clear colorless oil. Purification by flash chromatography (1:4 ether/hexanes) gave a mixture of the isomeric alkenes **14** (3.71 g, 8.7 mmol, 92%) as a colorless viscous oil for which satisfactory analytical data were not obtained: ν_{\max} 3075 m, 1640 cm⁻¹ s; ¹H NMR δ 5.8 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 6 Hz, 1 H), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 17, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.90 (dd, *J* = 10, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.70 (m, 1 H), 3.95 (m, 1 H), 3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.44 (m, 1 H), 2.20 (m, 1 H), 2.00 (m, 1 H), 1.87–1.33 (m, 24 H), 0.88 (s, 9 H), 0.03 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR δ 139.5, 139.4, 113.75, 93.17, 92.99, 81.62, 72.37, 72.25, 63.64, 63.40, 36.74, 36.43, 32.52, 32.34, 31.78, 31.69, 31.52, 31.28, 30.69, 30.58, 27.45, 25.85, 25.70, 25.45, 22.53, 22.44, 22.26, 22.20, 21.06, 20.96, 20.91, 20.74, 18.09, -4.75; MS *m/z* 424 (<1) (M⁺), 323 (67) (M - C₅H₉O₂)⁺, 85 (100); found 367.2658, C₂₇H₅₀O₃Si (M - C₄H₉)⁺ requires 367.2668, found 323.2779, C₂₀H₃₈O₂Si (M - C₅H₉O₂)⁺ requires 323.2770.

4-[6-[(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-(tetrahydropyran-2-yl)oxy]cyclohexyl]butan-1-ol (15). A solution of the THP ethers **14** (1.56 g, 3.67 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added slowly to disiamylborane¹¹ (9.4 mmol) in THF (7.3 mL) at -10 °C under N₂; when addition was complete the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 12 h. Excess disiamylborane was quenched with water. NaOH (3 M, 4.4 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and aqueous H₂O₂ solution (30% w/w, 4.4 mL, 42.4 mmol) was added at a rate to maintain the temperature below 50 °C. The mixture was then heated at 50 °C for 4 h. Ether (10 mL) was added, and the aqueous phase was saturated with solid NaCl. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with ether (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (15 mL) and dried, and then the solvents were removed to give a colorless oil. Separation of the components by short column chromatography (100% hexanes to 100% ether by 5% increments) gave a mixture of isomeric alcohols **15** (1.51 g, 3.41 mmol, 93%) as a colorless oil: ν_{\max} 3400 cm⁻¹ br s; ¹H NMR δ 4.70 (m, 1 H), 3.96 (m, 1 H), 3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (m, 2 H), 3.44 (m, 1 H), 1.88–1.29 (methylene envelope), 0.88 (s, 9 H), 0.04 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR δ 93.50, 93.37, 81.99, 72.34, 72.21, 63.86, 63.67, 61.93, 36.43, 36.24, 32.62, 32.44 (br), 32.29, 31.64, 31.45, 30.74, 30.48, 25.89, 25.44, 22.70, 22.27, 21.04, 20.59, 18.43, 18.12, -4.70; MS *m/z* (FAB) 425 (8) [(M + H) - H₂O]⁺, 95 (100). C₂₅H₅₀O₄Si requires: C, 67.82; H, 11.38. Found: C, 67.9; H, 11.36.

4-[6-Hydroxy-1-(tetrahydropyran-2-yl)oxy]cyclohexyl]butan-1-ol (16). A solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride in THF (1 M, Aldrich, 3.0 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added to the THP ether **15** (0.47 g, 1.07 mmol) and left to stir under N₂ for 5 days. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate/hexane (3:2, 3 mL), and

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the components were separated on silica gel (70 g) (gradient elution of 60–100% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give, in order of elution, THP ether 15 (60 mg, 0.14 mmol 13%) and the isomeric diols 16 (289 mg, 0.88 mmol, 82%) as a colorless oil for which satisfactory analytical data were not obtained: ν_{\max} 3360 cm^{-1} br s; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 4.68 (m, 1 H), 3.95–3.8 (overlapping m, 2 H), 3.61 (m, 2 H), 3.44 (m, 1 H), 1.23–1.89 (methylene envelope and OH); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 90.35, 81.61, 71.69, 71.63, 63.72, 61.66, 36.37, 36.12, 32.49, 32.36, 32.23, 31.91, 31.39, 30.74, 30.49, 25.37, 22.71, 22.17, 22.14, 20.89, 20.33, 18.39; MS m/z (FAB) 329 (M + H) $^+$, 311, 227 (M - C₅H₉O₂) $^+$; (EI) m/z 227 (16) (M - C₅H₉O₂) $^+$, 85 (100); found 227.2012, C₁₄H₂₇O₂ (M - C₅H₉O₂) $^+$ requires 227.2011.

4-[6-Oxo-1-(tetrahydropyranyloxy)cyclodecyl]butanal (17). Method 1.¹³ Anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was added to PCC (0.5 g, 2.3 mmol), powdered 4-Å sieves (Aldrich, 0.59 g), and anhydrous sodium acetate (0.193 g, 2.3 mmol), and the suspension was stirred under N₂ for 20 min. A solution of the diol 16 (0.189 g, 0.57 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL) was added slowly, and the reaction was stirred for 20 min. Anhydrous ether (20 mL) was added, and the reaction was stirred for a further 30 min. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Florisil, the residue was washed with ether, and the filtrate was concentrated to give an orange oil. The principal component of this oil (*R*_f 0.17) was isolated by flash chromatography (1:4 ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give the keto aldehyde 17 (0.121 g, 0.37 mmol, 65%) as a colorless oil for which satisfactory analytical data were not obtained: ν_{\max} 2724 w, 1725 s, 1707 cm^{-1} s; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 9.69 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.56 (m, 1 H), 3.88 (m, 1 H), 3.38 (m, 1 H), 2.51 (m, 4 H), 2.32 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.9 Hz, 2 H), 1.16–1.9 (methylene envelope); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 214.81, 202.77, 93.49, 80.96, 63.61, 44.01, 42.51, 35.79, 32.10, 31.84, 31.52, 25.23, 23.86, 20.78, 20.13, 20.00, 15.79; MS m/z 324 (<1) M $^+$, 85 (100); found 324.2299, C₁₅H₃₀O₄ requires 324.2301.

Method 2.¹⁴ A solution of anhydrous DMSO (0.22 mL, 3.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added slowly to a stirred solution of oxalyl chloride (1.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) at -50 °C under N₂. The mixture was stirred for 2 min, and then to it was slowly added a solution of the diol 16 (140 mg, 0.43 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL). After 15 min, triethylamine (1 mL, 7.03 mmol) was added slowly. The reaction was stirred at -50 °C for 5 min and then warmed to rt and stirred for a further 30 min. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and poured into water (5 mL) which was back-extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 5 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with NaHCO₃ (saturated, 5 mL) and then dried and concentrated. The keto aldehyde 17 (100 mg, 0.31 mmol, 72%) was isolated by flash chromatography as described above.

(E)-4-[6-[(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclodec-1-enyl]but-1-ene (18) and 4-[6-[(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclodecylidene]but-1-ene (19). A solution of SOCl₂ (1.4 mL, 19.1 mmol) in pyridine (7 mL) was slowly added to a stirred solution of the tertiary alcohols 13 (5.22 g, 15.3 mmol) in pyridine at -10 °C under N₂. After 15 min the reaction was diluted with ether (100 mL) and then poured into NaHCO₃ solution (saturated, 65 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ether (3 × 100 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (50 mL) and then dried, and the solvents were removed. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes) to give an inseparable mixture of the dienes 18 and 19 (4.63 g, 14.35 mmol, 94%): ν_{\max} 3060 m, 1640 cm^{-1} s; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 5.83 (ddt, *J* = 17.5, 10.1, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.17 (br t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.03 and 4.94 (br AB, *J* = 17.5, 10 Hz, 2 H), 3.8 (m, 1 H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 0.5 H), 1.8–2.4 (allylic), 1.2–1.8 (methylene envelope), 0.88 (s, 9 H), 0.04 (s, 6 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 138.91, 137.62, 137.29, 125.71, 122.71, 114.24 br, 71.90, 71.56, 35.01, 33.83, 33.67, 32.53, 32.31, 32.21, 31.19, 29.7 br, 26.18, 26.01, 25.92, 25.42, 25.11, 24.36, 23.02, 22.07, 20.21, 19.28, 18.18, -4.6, -4.7; MS m/z 321 (0.8) (M - H) $^+$, 265 (M - *t*-Bu) $^+$, 75 (100); found 265.1969, C₁₆H₂₈OSi (M - C₄H₉) requires 265.1988. C₂₀H₃₈OSi requires: C, 74.46; H, 11.87. Found: C, 74.39; H, 11.82.

(E)-4-[6-[(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclodec-1-enyl]butan-1-ol (20) and 4-[6-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy]cyclodecylidene]butan-1-ol (21). A solution of the dienes 18 and 19 (1.56 g, 4.8 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added rapidly to a stirred solution of disiamylborane (6.6 mmol) in THF (7 mL) at 0 °C under N₂. After 3 h the reaction was quenched with water and worked up in the usual way. Flash chromatography (1:9 ethyl acetate/hexanes) was used to isolate, as an inseparable mixture

(one component by TLC), the alcohols 20 and 21: ν_{\max} 3300 br s, 1645 cm^{-1} w; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 5.15 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.8–2.4 (m, 6 H), 1.19–1.78 (methylene envelope), 0.88 and 0.87 (2 × s, 9 H), 0.04 and 0.03 (2 × s, 6 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 138.39, 138.14, 125.59, 124.90, 71.86, 71.53, 62.83, 62.68, 35.29, 33.78, 33.70, 33.21, 32.79, 32.58, 31.16, 29.66 br, 26.10, 25.87, 25.78, 25.34, 25.11, 24.31, 24.04, 22.98, 22.40, 20.22, 19.24, 18.12, -4.65, -4.73; MS m/z 340 (1) M $^+$, 75 (100); found 340.2812, C₂₀H₄₀O₂Si requires 340.2798.

(E)-4-(6-Hydroxycyclodec-1-enyl)butan-1-ol (22) and 4-(6-Hydroxycyclodecylidene)butan-1-ol (23). A mixture of silyloxy enols 20 and 21 (1.26 g, 3.67 mmol) in THF (14 mL) was added to acetic acid/water (3:1, 56 mL), and the solution was stirred under N₂ for 36 h. The reaction mixture was poured into CH₂Cl₂ (250 mL) and water (75 mL), the organic layer was washed with water (2 × 75 mL) and saturated NaHCO₃ solution (50 mL) and then dried, and the solvent was removed. The mixture of diols 22 and 23 (1.12 g, 4.95 mmol, 86%) was isolated as a clear oil by way of flash chromatography (1:1 ethyl acetate/hexanes). The diols were separated by repetitive flash chromatography (9:11 ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give in order of elution diol 22 (one component by TLC) [ν_{\max} 3345 br s, 1655 cm^{-1} w; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 5.13 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.83 (m, 1 H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 2.26 (m, 2 H), 2.14 (s, OH), 2.07 (m, 2 H), 1.97 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.24–1.79 (methylene envelope); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 138.40, 125.26, 71.24, 62.70, 35.21, 33.40, 32.49, 29.51, 25.77, 24.21, 24.01, 23.10, 18.97; MS m/z = 226 (0.5) (M $^+$), 81 (100); found 226.1941, C₁₄H₂₈O₂ requires 226.1933] and diol 23 (essentially one component by TLC): ν_{\max} 3345 br s, 1655 cm^{-1} w; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 5.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 (m, 1 H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 1.9–2.3 (m, 8 H), 1.2–1.9 (methylene envelope); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 137.82, 125.01, 70.59, 62.14, 33.59, 33.07, 32.68, 32.57, 31.06, 24.94, 24.79, 24.21, 22.59, 19.87; MS m/z = 168 (61) (M - C₃H₈O) $^+$, 153 (100); found 168.1507, C₃₁H₂₀O (M - C₃H₈O) $^+$ requires 168.1515.

(E)-4-(6-Oxocyclodec-1-enyl)butanal (24). A suspension of PCC (0.827 g, 3.84 mmol), sodium acetate (fused, 84 mg, 1.02 mmol), and powdered 4-Å molecular sieves (1.013 g, Aldrich) in CH₂Cl₂ (13 mL) was stirred under N₂ for 1.5 h, and then a solution of the enediol 22 (172 mg, 0.76 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added slowly. After 10 min the reaction was diluted with anhydrous ether (15 mL) and stirred for 15 min before it was filtered through a pad of Florisil. The residue was rinsed with ether (240 mL), and the solvents were removed to leave a viscous brown oil. The principal component was isolated by flash chromatography (3:7 ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give the keto aldehyde 24 (121 mg, 0.54 mmol, 70%) as a clear oil (one component by TLC): ν_{\max} 2716 m, 1724 s, 1704 cm^{-1} s; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 9.72 (t, *J* = 1.95 Hz, 1 H), 5.13 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.2–2.5 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.9 Hz, overlapping m, 6 H), 1.8–2.2 (m, 6 H), 1.4–1.8 (m, 8 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 213.46, 201.61, 138.46, 124.95, 45.56, 42.71, 34.11, 33.71, 25.44, 24.60, 23.24, 22.39, 20.59, 19.35; MS m/z = 222 (2) M $^+$, 67 (100); found 222.1613, C₁₄H₂₂O₂ requires 222.1620; found C 75.21, H 9.64, C₁₄H₂₂O₂ requires C 75.63, H 9.97.

4-(6-Oxocyclodecylidene)butanal (7). A solution of diol 23 (150 mg, 0.66 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂/DMSO (1:1, 1.5 mL) was added to the reagent prepared from oxalyl chloride (0.29 mL, 3.3 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (9 mL) and DMSO (0.5 mL, 7.0 mmol) at -60 °C. After 1 h triethylamine (2.3 mL, 16.5 mmol) was added and the reaction worked up as described for compound 17 above. The major component of the crude product was separated by flash chromatography (1:4 ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give the keto aldehyde 7 (77 mg, 0.35 mmol, 53%) as a clear oil (one component by TLC): ν_{\max} (CCl₄) 2716 m, 1730 s, 1706 cm^{-1} s; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 9.78 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.13 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.51 (m) with 2.44 (m) and 2.35 (m) (total 6 H), 2.14 (m, 2 H), 1.8–2.0 (m, 4 H), 1.5–1.8 (m, 6 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 214.36, 202.13, 139.63, 121.71, 43.81, 43.61, 37.02, 30.81, 30.54, 24.53, 23.30, 23.07, 22.14, 20.52; MS m/z = 222 (1) (M) $^+$, 55 (100); found 222.1615, C₁₄H₂₂O₂ requires 222.1620.

4-(6-Hydroxycyclodecyl)butan-1-ol (25). A mixture of the enediols 22 and 23 (1.23 g, 5.4 mmol) in ethyl acetate (10 mL) was hydrogenated at atmospheric pressure over PtO₂ (245 mg) for 3 days. The reaction was passed through a short plug of Celite and the residue washed with ethyl acetate. The crude concentrate was separated by flash chromatography (3:7 ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give, in order of elution, isomers of 4-(6-hydroxycyclodecyl)butan-1-yl acetate (0.242 g, 0.89 mmol, 16%) as a

clear oil [ν_{\max} 3410 s br, 1738 s, 1725 cm^{-1} sh; $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 4.07 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2 H), 3.95 (m, 1 H), 2.88 (br s, OH), 2.05 (s, 3 H), 1.15–1.87 (methylene envelope)] and the diol **25** (0.893 g, 3.9 mmol, 72%) as an oil whose spectral data were similar to those reported in the literature:¹⁶ $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 71.8, 70.6, 62.5, 36.8, 36.2, 35.9, 34.8, 33.3, 32.9, 32.4, 30.2, 29.0, 23.6, 22.5, 22.0.

4-(6-Oxocyclodecyl)butanal (26). This compound was prepared from the diols **25** (132 mg, 0.58 mmol) essentially by the method described¹⁶ except that it was further purified by flash chromatography (3:7 ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give an oil (91 mg, 0.41 mmol, 71%) with spectral properties identical to those reported.

Reaction of (E)-4-(6-Oxocyclodec-1-enyl)butanal (24) with Zero-Valent Titanium. A well-stirred suspension of $\text{TiCl}_3 \cdot (\text{DME})_{1.5}$ ¹⁷ (10.37 g, 35.8 mmol) and zinc–copper couple⁴ (6.42 g, 98.16 mmol) in DME (280 mL) was refluxed under an atmosphere of argon for 4 h and then cooled to 80 °C. A solution of the keto enal **24** (200 mg, 0.9 mmol) in DME (26 mL) was added over a period of 20 h by way of a syringe pump; the suspension was stirred for a further 12 h and then cooled to rt. The mixture was diluted with degassed, anhydrous pentane (200 mL) and then filtered through a pad of Florisil under a positive pressure of argon. The residues were washed with pentane (250 mL), and then the combined filtrates were concentrated to a volume of 2 mL by distillation at atmospheric pressure. Final traces of solvent were removed at 0 °C under reduced pressure. The residue was separated by flash chromatography (100% hexanes to 100% ethyl acetate) into a nonpolar fraction (97 mg) and an intractable mixture of polar components (66 mg). The nonpolar fraction was analyzed by GC (SCOT column OV101, 0.5 mm \times 40 m, at 170 °C/45 kPa) and GC-MS, which resolved, in order of elution, four major volatile components with corresponding m/z 178, 192, 190, 206 in the ratio 0.7:1:1:1.3. The use of tetradecane as an internal standard indicated that the component m/z 190 had been produced in 5.5% yield. The components were separated by preparative GC (20% OV101 on Varaport 30, 80–100 mesh, 6 mm \times 2 m at 180 °C with argon as carrier gas) using liquid nitrogen cooled traps to condense the column effluent. 1,4-Dicyclopentenylbutane (**28**) (6 mg, 31.5 mmol, 3.5%) was isolated as a clear oil (mainly one component by injection on SCOT column, OV101, 50 m): $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 5.29 (m, 2 H), 2.26 (m) and 2.19 (m, 8 H), 2.04 (br s, 4 H), 1.82 (quintet, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4 H), 1.41 (m, 4 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 144.93 (s), 123.07 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-H}} = 157.7$ Hz), 35.08 (t), 32.42 (t), 31.07 (t), 27.70 (t), 23.43 (t); MS $m/z = 190$ (15) (M^+), 161 (3), 148 (3), 147 (3), 135 (4), 133 (5), 121 (33), 108 (93), 93 (77), 79 (85), 69 (100), 67 (81), 55 (21), 53 (28); found 190.1717, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}$ requires 190.1721. Also isolated was the bicyclic alkene **30** or an isomer (mainly one component by injection on SCOT column, OV101, 50 m) (4.6 mg, 24 mmol, 2.5%): $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 2.29 (m, 4 H), 2.08 (m, 3 H), 1.2–1.75 (m, 14 H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 141.10, 136.39, 40.19, 39.54, 38.64, 31.71, 30.67, 30.29, 29.25, 27.58, 25.95, 22.98, 22.39, 14.12; MS m/z 192 (13) (M^+), 135 (100).

Hydrogenation of the Diene 28. A suspension of the diene **28** (6 mg, 32 mmol) and platinum oxide (16 ng) in ether (4 mL) were stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 12 h. The reaction was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the residues were washed with ether. The solvents were removed from the filtrate to give 1,4-dicyclopentylbutane (**29**) (6 mg, 30 mmol, 94%) which coeluted with the diene **28** on GC (vide supra): $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 1.71 (m, 6 H), 1.53 (m) and 1.48 (m, 8 H), 1.25 (m, 8 H), 1.03 (m, 4 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 40.20 (d, 2 C), 36.31 (t, 2 C), 32.75 (t, 4 C), 29.08 (t, 2 C), 25.21 (t, 4 C) (lit.¹⁹ $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 40.9 (d), 37.0 (t), 33.4 (t), 29.8 (t), 25.9 (t)); MS m/z 194 (11) (M^+), 82 (100); found 194.2022, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{26}$ requires 194.2034.

Reaction of 4-(6-Oxocyclodecylidene)butanal (7) with Zero-Valent Titanium. A well-stirred suspension of $\text{TiCl}_3 \cdot (\text{DME})_{1.5}$ ¹⁷ (4.6 g, 13.6 mmol) and zinc–copper couple⁴ (2.89, 44.2 mmol) in DME (115 mL) was refluxed for 4 h under an atmosphere of argon and then cooled to 85 °C. A solution of the keto enal **7** (77 mg, 0.35 mmol) in DME (12 mL) was perfused into the suspension over a 20-h period by way of a syringe pump, and then the mixture was stirred for a further 12 h before being cooled to rt. The mixture was diluted with anhydrous, deoxygenated hexanes (100 mL) and filtered through a pad of Florisil. The residues were washed with hexanes (150 mL), the combined filtrates were concentrated to a volume of 2 mL by distillation at atmospheric pressure, and then final traces of solvent were removed at 0 °C under reduced pressure. The crude residue (63 mg) was evaporatively distilled at 100 °C/0.07 mmHg to give an oil (31 mg) which by GC analysis (SCOT OV101, 0.5 mm \times 40 m, at 175 °C) and GC-MS was shown to contain a mixture of volatile components. There were three major components which in order of elution gave m/z 136, 176 and 190 in a ratio of 0.2:0.2:1. The use of tetradecane as an internal standard indicated that the component m/z 190 had been produced in 15% yield. This component was isolated by preparative GC (vide supra, 175 °C) to give an oil (5 mg, 26 mmol, 8%): $^1\text{H NMR}$ δ 6.25 (dd, $J = 17.6$, 11.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.98 (dd, $J = 11.1$, 1.6 Hz) and 4.91 (dd, $J = 17.6$, 1.6 Hz, 4 H), 2.07 (m, impurity), 1.54 (m, 10 H), 1.26 (m) and 1.09 (m, 6 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ δ 145.99, 111.71, 40.85; 33.40 (br), 31.71 (br), 21.93 (br), 21.56 (br); MS $m/z = 190$ (7) (M^+), 79 (100); found 190.1730, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}$ requires 190.1721. These spectral characteristics were similar to those reported in the literature²⁴ for 1,6-divinylbicyclo[4.4.0]decane (**32**).

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