

## Selectivity Control in Alkylidene Carbene-Mediated C-H Insertion and Allene Formation

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Regioselectivity of alkylidene carbene-mediated C-H insertion was explored utilizing electronic, conformational, steric, and stereoelectronic effects. Relying on these factors, highly regio- and chemoselective carbene insertion reaction of C-H bonds in different environments could be obtained. The observed selectivity clearly indicates that an electronic effect plays a more important role than steric effect. In general, C-H bonds in conformationally rigid cyclic environments are less reactive than those in acyclic systems toward carbene insertion, and in this situation, a competing intermolecular reaction between alkylidene carbene and trimethylsilyldiazomethane led to the formation of allenylsilanes. The formation of allenylsilane becomes more favorable as the concentration of reaction becomes higher, as well as the C-H bonds undergoing insertion becomes electronically and conformationally deactivated.

#### Introduction

Alkylidene carbenes and carbenoids are versatile intermediates widely used in organic synthesis.<sup>1</sup> On the basis of their high reactivity due to a strong electrophilic nature yet controll-

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able behavior, a variety of chemoselective transformations including C-H insertion,<sup>1</sup> Fritsch-Buttenberg-Wiechell rearrangement,<sup>2</sup> nucleophilic substitution,<sup>3</sup> and  $[1 + 2]$  cycloaddition<sup>4,5</sup> reactions have been developed as powerful synthetic tools.<sup>1</sup> Among these reaction categories,  $C-H$ insertion has gained most significant attention due to its unique feature to generate five-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic<sup>6</sup> systems with a stereochemically defined quaternary carbon center. Thus, many approaches to generate alkylidene carbene species have been developed and utilized to construct a diverse array of molecular architecture.<sup>7,8</sup> Wolinsky and Gilbert have extensively investigated the reactivity of alkylidene carbenes toward various types of C-H bonds for insertion including primary, secondary,

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#### SCHEME 1



tertiary, and benzylic C-H bonds, and found a preference for insertion into the C-H bonds of higher degree. $9,10$ However, the reactivity and selectivity between the same degrees of C-H bonds on structurally or conformationally biased systems are yet to be defined. For example, the extent of selectivity of insertion into C-H bonds on cyclic and acyclic systems or C-H bonds on six- and five-membered-ring systems is not easily predictable due to lack of systematic investigation. While the C-H bonds attached to a carbon carrying one or more heteroatoms are generally known to be more reactive toward carbene insertion, $11$  the exact role of these heteroatoms in C-H insertion is not well characterized. Recently, an investigation of C-H insertion of variously substituted and conformationally constrained systems revealed high selectivity between two competing C-H bonds, which is believed to be the manifestation of a strong stereoelectronic effect of oxygen substituents. In the context of platensimycin<sup>12</sup> synthesis,<sup>13</sup> this regioselective C-H insertion based on the stereoelectronic effect of oxygen has led to a rapid construction of the key quaternary carboncontaining platensimycin core  $3^{13a}$  (Scheme 1).

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While optimizing the C-H insertion, we also observed allenylsilane as a byproduct, which sometimes became a predominant product. Subsequently, the formation of silylallenes was found to be a general phenomenon rather than an exception in conformationally constrained systems. Since allenes play critical roles in metal-catalyzed reactions and constitute a structural subunit in many natural products, <sup>14,15</sup> diverse synthetic approaches have been developed for their preparation.<sup>16</sup> However, the synthesis of functionalized allenes with various heteroatom substituents such as the silyl group are still in demand. The novel reaction mechanism of this allenylsilane formation and their potential utility prompted us to explore the scope and generality of this new allene-forming reaction.

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lithium trimethylsilydiazomethane (2): C-H insertion in structurally biased systems, and the selectivity between C-H insertion and allene formation. This systematic study revealed a profound impact of electronic, conformational, steric, and stereoelectronic effects on the regioselectivity in C-H insertion as well as the chemoselectivity between C-H insertion vs allenylsilane formation. Also, the unprecedented reaction of alkylidene carbene with trimethylsilyldizomethane (1) was systematically investigated to prove its generality as a new method for the efficient synthesis of allenylsilanes.

### Results and Discussion

Alkylidene carbenes are highly electrophilic species, and thus readily react with available electron sources including  $\sigma$ electrons in C-H,<sup>1</sup> O-H,<sup>17</sup> N-H,<sup>18</sup> C-Si,<sup>19</sup> and O-Si<sup>20</sup> bonds and  $\pi$ -electrons in C=C bonds.<sup>4,5</sup> Despite their high reactivity, generally good to excellent chemo- and regioselectivity as well as stereoselectivity have been observed in their reactions. A powerful electronic influence by heteroatom substituents such as oxygen and nitrogen is well-known in carbene-mediated C-H insertion, yet the heteroatom effect is either reinforced or canceled out by structural or conformational bias in certain substrates. To gain further insight into the factors that interplay to provide these observed selectivity profiles, we explored systems that contain more than two competing C-H bonds on cyclic and acyclic systems with electronically, conformationally, and sterically differentiated environments. We envision that deconvolution and delineation of individual contributions of these factors would provide more elaborated information on carbene insertion reactions.

Electronic Effect. The regioselectivity of C-H insertion was examined by probing the contribution of an electronic effect. Especially, the extent of the activating role of an oxygen substituent to the C-H bonds on the same carbon bearing the oxygen was systematically explored (Table 1). First, the carbene insertion into an activated  $C-H_a$  and normal  $C-H_b$  on a linear ketone substrate 4a provided a mixture of 5a and 6a in a 91:9 ratio and 96% yield (entry 1). Moving the activating oxygen from the terminal carbon to an

TABLE 1. Electronic Effect on C-H Insertion Selectivity<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: TMSCHN<sub>2</sub> (1.6 equiv), *n*-BuLi(1.7 equiv),  $-78$ C to room temperature in THF over 3 h.

internal carbon of substrate 4b, such that the oxygen becomes an endo in the incipient ring, further activates the  $C-H<sub>a</sub>$  for insertion, affording exclusively 5b (entry 2). We surmise that the smaller  $C-O-C$  bond angle in 4b relative to that of  $C-C-C$  in 4a facilitates a carbene intermediate to interact with the  $C-H_a$  bond to form a lower energy transition state than that with  $C-H_b$ .<sup>21</sup> The extent of the activating role of the two different oxygens was explored with substrates 4c-f where the electronic nature of the substituents on the oxygen connected to the carbon bearing  $C-H_b$  was varied while that of  $C-H_a$  remained constant as benzyl ether (entries  $3-6$ ). The selectivity trend between  $5c-f$  and  $6c-f$ clearly suggests that the influence of the endo oxygen is slightly larger than that of the exo oxygen if the alkyl group is attached to the oxygen (entry 3), reconfirming the observed selectivity trend with substrates 4a and 4b. However, the extent of contribution by the endo oxygen diminished

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proportionally to the change from an electron-donating ethyl (entry 3) to an inductively electron-withdrawing vinyl (entry 4), ethynyl (entry 5), and methoxy (entry 6) group, ultimately providing the reversed selectivity of a 33:67 ratio for 5f:6f compared to a 66:33 ratio for 5c:6c. Unexpectedly, only the inductive effect of the R-substituents, but not their resonance effect through the participation of  $\pi$ - or lone-pair electrons, seems to contribute to the reactivity of the  $C-H_b$ bond, otherwise the proportion of  $6c-f$  should have increased relative to that of 6c.  $\beta$ -Branched substrates containing different protecting groups on the oxygen 4g and 4h showed identical selectivity, generating a mixture of 5g:6g and 5h:6h both in 88:12 ratios (entries 7 and 8). On the other hand, conformationally constrained substrate 4i with almost identical electronic bias to that of 4g and 4h afforded much higher selectivity, generating only 5i albeit the yield was slightly lower (entry 9). The higher activating effect of the endo oxygen in  $\alpha$ -branched substrates 4j and 4k relative to β-branched substrates **4g** and **4h**, where the oxygen is an *exo* to an incipient ring, was clearly demonstrated by the perfect selectivity for the formation of 5j and 5k over 6j and 6k, respectively (entries 10 and 11).

Conformational Effect. To explore the conformational effect on the regioselectivity of C-H insertion, we prepared substrates containing a pyran ring and a linear side chain that has at least two competing cyclic and acyclic  $C-H_{\nu}$  bonds available toward carbene insertion (Table 2). The selectivity of insertion into  $C-H_a$  vs  $C-H_b$  should be the consequence of respective conformational behaviors of cyclic and acyclic portions of these molecules. The pyran substrate 4l bearing a side chain where oxygen is *exo* to an incipient ring gave a mixture of 5*l* and 6*l* in a 5:95 ratio, where preferred insertion occurred into an acyclic C-H<sub>b</sub> over cyclic C-H<sub>a</sub> bond (entry 1). Replacing the benzyl-protecting group in 4l with an electron-withdrawing pivalate in 4m completely switched the insertion preference, generating  $C-H_a$  insertion product 5m as the only observed product (entry 2). For comparison, the insertion reaction with substrate 4n that does not contain any oxygen substituent afforded a mixture of 5n and 6n in a 16:84 ratio. This clearly indicates two important features: (1) the  $C-H_a$  on a conformationally rigid cyclohexane ring is less reactive than the  $C-H_b$  in the butyl group and (2) the extent of an activating role of an oxygen substituent is more pronounced in acyclic environments than in conformationally rigid systems, otherwise a similar ratio of products should have been observed from both 4l and 4n. The complete reversal of selectivity with 4m also suggests that the conformational contribution should be subtle so that it could be easily overridden by an electronic factor.

Next, we examined a ring-size effect on the regioselectivity of insertion. We expected that C-H bonds on five- and sixmembered rings would have a slightly different reaction rate as the reflection of subtle difference in their conformational behavior. However, the insertion reaction of substrate 4o containing  $C-H_{\gamma}$  bonds on both six- and five-membered rings occurred at the  $C-H_b$  on the five-membered ring over  $C-H_a$  on the six-membered ring with remarkable selectivity of a 2:98 ratio for 5o:6o in 69% combined yield (entry 4). A complete regioselectivity of insertion was observed with substrate 4p and 4q, where the oxygen substituent is *endo* to the incipient ring as opposed to exo in substrate 4l, provided 6p and 6q over 5p and 5q (entries 5 and 6).





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: TMSCHN<sub>2</sub> (1.6 equiv), *n*-BuLi(1.7 equiv),  $-78$  °C to room temperature in THF over  $3$  h.  ${}^b$ Combined yield including 14% of allene product.

This result is consistent with the high selectivity with substrate 4b (entry 2 in Table 1), where the smaller  $C-O-C$ bond angle relative to that of  $C-C-C$  seems to be a key structural element.<sup>21</sup> To our surprise, even the unactivated acyclic  $C-H_b$  bond in 4r appeared to be slightly more reactive than the seemingly more activated cyclic  $C-H_a$ bond by an oxygen substituent, affording a mixture of 5r and 6r in a 42:58 ratio (entry 7). This is another evidence that the electronic contribution of oxygen in conformationally rigid environment is diminished. The C-Ha bond on the epoxide moiety of 4s is virtually unreactive toward carbene insertion, affording only 6s. This is the result of not only a larger bond angle between the  $C-H_a$  and the  $C-C$  bond tethered to the carbene moiety but also stronger bond strength of the  $C-H_a$  bond due to an increased s-character of the exocyclic bond on the three-membered ring.<sup>22</sup>

Steric Effect. Various selectivities (chemo-, regio-, stereo-) in organic transformations are generally the consequence of interplay between electronic and steric effects. We already demonstrated the fundamentally important role of electronic and conformational/structural effects in Tables 1 and 2. The C-H insertion selectivity modulated by an electronic factor

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on or near the reacting C-H stems from the strongly electron-deficient nature of the reacting counterpart carbene. At this juncture, we were intrigued by the potential influence of steric factor for the selectivity. Because of the sterically unencumbered nature of the alkylidene carbene center, we predict that the effect of steric hindrance on and around the C-H bond undergoing insertion would be less important compared to that of the electronic effect, which, however, should not be neglected. To assess the contribution of steric effect to the regioselectivity of C-H insertion, a range of substrates containing at least two competing C-H bonds with sterically differentiated environments were examined (Table 3). First, the insertion into tertiary C-H bonds on cyclic and acyclic environments was compared with substrate 4t, affording a mixture of 5t and 6t in a 42:58 ratio (entry 1). Coincidently, a mixture of 5u and 6u with an identical ratio was also observed from the reaction of substrate 4u containing two tertiary C-H bonds on five- and sixmembered rings (entry 2). On the other hand, identical substrate  $4u'$  but with a 4-tertiary butyl substituent gave a slightly increased ratio (33:67) between  $5u'$  and  $6u'$  (entry 3). Substrate  $4v$  with two competing  $C-H$  bonds on cyclohexyl and 4-tertiary butyl-substituted cyclohexyl moieties showed

similar insertion behavior, affording a 45:55 ratio of 5v:6v (entry 4). These results strongly support the general reactivity trend that C-H bonds in more conformationally rigid environments are slightly less reactive than those in more flexible situations. The first example of steric hindrance meaningfully discriminating C-H insertion was illustrated by the substrate  $4w$  where equatorial and axial  $C-H$  bonds compete (entry 5). As expected, insertion into the sterically less hindered equatorial  $C-H_b$  was slightly favored over  $C-H_a$ , generating a 42:58 mixture of 5w and 6w. In the case of  $4x$ , more favorable insertion into a secondary  $C-H_b$  over a tertiary  $C-H_a$  in a 40:60 ratio was observed (entry 6). This is somewhat unusual because the electronic contribution seems to be far greater that that of steric hindrance for the carbene insertion process and thus  $3^{\circ}$  C-H<sub>a</sub> was expected be more reactive than  $2^{\circ}$  C-H<sub>b</sub>. Although this observed selectivity could be the consequence of steric hindrance-based control more data need to be accumulated to generalize this argument. The insertion reaction of substrate 4y that is similar to 4w but containing an isopropyl group near the axial C-Ha bond showed significantly increased selectivity for the insertion into sterically less hindered  $C-H_b$ , affording a mixture of 5y and 6y in a 26:74 ratio (entry 7). When the

insertion into two axial  $C-H_a$  and  $C-H_b$  bonds competes in substrate 4z, a reduced yet appreciable selectivity between 5z and 6z was observed (entry 8).

From the insertion behavior of substrates  $4t-z$ , an obvious selectivity trend has emerged: steric hindrance does affect the selectivity of carbene insertion by retarding the insertion into C-H bonds in sterically more congested environment but its contribution was found to be marginal.

Steroelectronic Effect. The diminished electronic contribution by oxygen when constrained in a cyclic structure, for example 4l and 4r in Table 2, implies that the directionality of its lone pair electrons relative to a C-H bond undergoing insertion reaction should be important. The electronic effect of the oxygen substituent in the C-H insertion reaction of alkylidene carbenes $^{8a}$  is expected to be manifested by the specific interactions of orbitals around the reaction center.<sup>23</sup> The most important orbital-orbital interaction was hypothesized to be the axially oriented nonbonding orbital of oxygen and the  $\sigma^*$  orbital of the axial C-H<sub>a</sub> bond (Scheme 2). We reasoned that if this stereoelectronic effect of an oxygen substituent is important, the C-H insertion of carbene 7 should generate product 8 via a selective insertion into the axial  $(O)C-H_a$  bond due to its more electron-rich nature resulting from  $n(O) \rightarrow \sigma^*(C-H_a)$  electron delocalization. On the other hand, the insertion of carbene 9 lacking

#### SCHEME 2



TABLE 4. Stereoelectronic Effect for Selectivity on  $C-H$  Insertion<sup>a</sup>

axial hydrogens should take place selectively at  $(C)C-H_b$ over the  $(O)C-H_a$  bond to generate product 10. In this case, due to poor orbital overlap, electron delocalization via  $n(O) \rightarrow \sigma^*(C-H)$  will be minimal, and thus the oxygen would deactivate the (O)C-Ha bond through an inductive effect.<sup>13a,24</sup>

To test this stereoelectronic hypothesis for regioselective C-H insertion, we prepared two pairs of conformationally constrained diastereomers 11a/11b and 11c/11d that represent the insertion behavior of 7 and 9, respectively (Table 4). Indeed, substrate 11a underwent a selective insertion into the  $C-H<sub>a</sub>$  bond, providing 12a as the only insertion product when condition A (1.6 equiv of  $n$ -BuLi/1.7 equiv of TMSdiazomethane/THF/-78 °C, 0.06 M) was employed (entry 1). However, to our surprise a significant amount of another product was obtained, which was found not to be the expected regioisomer but allenylsilane 14a (see Table 4 for mechanistic rationale). On the other hand, 11b, a diastereomer of 11a, afforded a mixture of 12b and 13b in a 1:11 ratio together with allenylsilane 14b (entry 2). Similarly, reaction of substrates 11c and 11d that contain only equatorial hydrogens afforded a mixture of products 12c and 13c in 1:5 ratio and only insertion product 13d, respectively, accompanied by allenylsilane 14c and 14d (entries 3 and 4). The predominant or exclusive formation of 13b and 13d via the insertion into seemingly less reactive  $C-H_b$  compared to  $C-H<sub>a</sub>$  should be the consequence of the stereoelectronic effect of oxygen substituent as hypothesized in Scheme 2. The formation of allenylsilane byproducts 14a-d via a competing intermolecular process is attributed to somewhat lower reactivity of C-H bonds in these systems, which further support the general trend that C-H bonds in conformationally rigid environments are less reactive than those corresponding flexible systems. We surmised that by increasing the reaction concentration, allenylsilane formation should be more favorable because the intermolecular reaction rate would increase while the intramolecular reaction rate remains constant. Indeed, under condition B (2 equiv of

entry	substrate	insertion product		allene product	condition	ratio (12 : 13 : 14)	yield (%)
1	$H_b$ $H_a$ O 11a	12a $H'_a$		$S$ iMe <sub>3</sub> 14a	Α в	75:0:25 33:0:67	77 69
$\overline{c}$	·H <sub>a</sub> 11 <sub>b</sub>	$H_{\mathsf{a}}$ 12 <sub>b</sub>	$H_b$ 13 <sub>b</sub>	SiMe <sub>3</sub> 14 <sub>b</sub>	Α в	6:66:28 0:25:75	65 76
3	٠H <sub>a</sub> $H_{\mathbf{b}^{\circ}}$ 11c $\approx$	$H_a$ 12 <sub>c</sub>	$H_b$ 13c	$\sqrt[n_1]{s}$ SiMe <sub>3</sub> 14 <sub>c</sub>	Α в	10:46:44 0:8:92	86 75
4	$\mathsf{\Pi}_{\mathsf{a}}$ O 11d п <sub>b</sub>		13d H <sub>b</sub>	$k^m$ SiMe <sub>3</sub> 14d	Α в	0:74:26 0: 8:92	63 63

<sup>a</sup>Condition A: Reaction conditions: TMSCHN<sub>2</sub> (1.6 equiv), n-BuLi(1.7 equiv), -78 °C to room temperature in THF over 3 h. Condition B: TMSCHN<sub>2</sub> (3 equiv), n-BuLi (2 equiv),  $-78$  °C to room temperature in THF over 1 h then additional 2 h at room temperature.

#### TABLE 5. Optimization for Allenylsilane Formation<sup>a</sup>



*n*-BuLi/3.0 equiv of TMS-diazomethane/THF/-78 °C, 0.06 M), the formation of allenylsilane becomes a major reaction pathway, producing allenylsilanes  $14a-d$  predominantly.

Optimization for Allenylsilane Formation. To gain more insight into the mechanism of the allene formation as well as to develop an optimal protocol for its formation, systematic variation on stoichiometry and concentration was examined (Table 5). Considering the bimolecular nature for the formation of allenylsilane, we envisioned that the relative portion of unimolecular C-H insertion could be decreased upon increasing the concentration of reaction and by employing excess amounts of 1 or 2. As expected, at higher reaction concentration, an increased amount of allenylsilane 14c with concomitant decrease of 13c (entries 1 vs 2 and 3 vs 4) was obtained.<sup>25</sup> A maximum yield of  $14c$  (75%) was realized when a 3-fold excess of 1 was employed at 0.06 M (entry 4) but at a higher concentration deteriorated yield was observed (entry 5). Increasing the amount of 2 also lowered the yield (entry 7). Also, a significant solvent effect was not observed, thus changing the solvent from THF to  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  did not affect the yield or product ratio.<sup>26</sup>

Having recognized the profound impact of concentration and stoichiometry of reagents on the selectivity, we resubjected substrates  $11a-d$  to the optimized reaction conditions (condition B) for allenylsilane formation (Table 4). Substrate 11a containing the stereoelectronically activated axial C-H bond afforded a 33:67 ratio of 12a:14a. In contrast, substrates 11b-d lacking axial C-H bonds provided an increased amount of allene in 25:75, 8:92, and 8:92 ratios of 13b:14b, 13c:14c, and 13d:14d. For comparison, we reexamined acyclic ketone substrates 4a and 4b under the optimized conditions for allene formation (Scheme 3). In contrast to the reactivity pattern of pyran substrates 11a-d, acyclic ketones 4a and 4b did not generate allenes 15 and 16 at all. This is most likely the consequence of a faster

#### SCHEME 3



a Combined yield including 8% of regioisomer 6a.





C-H insertion that preempts the relatively slower bimolecular process leading to allene formation.

Mechanistic Considerations. The reaction between ketone 17 and lithium trimethylsilyldiazomethane 2 followed by Peterson olefination and nitrogen extrusion would generate alkylidene carbenes 18. <sup>27</sup> Once generated, 18 undergoes rapid C-H insertion to form cyclopentene derivative 19 (Scheme 4). However, we surmised that if the insertion into a C-H bond becomes slower or not available, an intermolecular process starts to operate. In this scenario, the participation of 2 to generate adduct 20 (path A) seems most probable by analogy to the reaction between an alkylidene carbenoid and Grignard reagents as reported by Satoh and co-workers.<sup>28,29</sup> Upon formation, the extrusion of  $N_2$  from vinyl lithium 20 via 21 would generate allenyllithium species 22, the protonation of which would afford allenylsilane 23. Likewise, the reaction of alkylidene carbene 18 with free trimethylsilyldiazomethane 1 will form adduct 24 (path B), the  $N_2$  elimination of which would result in the formation of

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#### entry substrate product vield of 25 (%)  $\overline{1}$ Þł Ph  $SiMe<sub>3</sub>$ 73  $25a$  $24a$  $\overline{2}$ 75  $\mathsf{SiMe}_3$ Phi Ph  $24<sub>b</sub>$  $25<sub>b</sub>$  $\overline{3}$ 76  $SiMe<sub>3</sub>$  $P<sub>h</sub>$ Pł  $24c$ 25c Ph  $\overline{4}$  $72$ SiMe<sub>3</sub> Ph Ph 24d  $25d$ Ph  $\,$  5  $\,$  $\mathsf{SiMe}_3$ Pł  $24e$  $25e$ 25e' 80  $0.06\ \mathsf{M}$  $0.25:1$  $0.10<sub>M</sub>$  $0.33:1$ 76  $71$  $0.20<sub>M</sub>$  $1.1:1$ SiMe<sub>3</sub> 6  $25f$  $25f$  $24f$ 80  $0.14:1$  $0.02<sub>M</sub>$  $0.06<sub>M</sub>$  $1.0:1$ 80 76  $0.10<sub>M</sub>$  $2.5:1$  $71$  $0.20<sub>M</sub>$  $3.3:1$ **SiMe** 80  $0.07:1$  $24<sub>g</sub>$  $25g$ 8 SiMe.  $24h$  $25h$  $25h$  $0.06<sub>M</sub>$  $2.3:1$ 62  $0.20<sub>M</sub>$  $49:1$ 61

TABLE 6. Allenylsilane Synthesis from Acyclic Ketones<sup>4</sup>

"Conditions: TMSCHN<sub>2</sub> (3 equiv), n-BuLi (2 equiv),  $-78$  °C to room temperature in THF over 1 h then additional 2 h at room temperature.

allenylsilane 23. We observed that increasing the amount of free trimethylsilyldiazomethane 1, but its lithated form 2, provided proportinally increased amounts of allenylsilane 14c, but with 2, the yield was increased only slightly (Table 5, entries 3 vs 7). On the basis of this observation, we tentatively concluded that path B is a major-contributing pathway and path A, if it is still operating, is a minor reaction pathway. Interestingly, quenching the reaction with  $D_2O$  did not give an appreciable amount of deuterated allenylsilane (Table 5, entry 7), which also makes our mechanistic interpretation inconclusive.

Reaction Scope. Under the optimized conditions for allenylsilane formation, we examined substrate scope and reaction efficiency (Table 6). Unbranched substrates 24a-d carrying methyl, ethyl, propyl, and phenethyl groups afforded allenylsilanes  $25a-d$  in good yields (entries  $1-4$ ). It was somewhat surprising that substrate 24c that contains 1<sup>o</sup>  $C-H<sub>v</sub>$  bonds available for insertion still gave allenylsilane 25c exclusively. For 1,3-dibenzyl acetone 24d, although the



"Conditions: TMSCHN<sub>2</sub> (3 equiv), n-BuLi (2 equiv),  $-78$  °C to room temperature in THF over 1 h then additional 2 h at room temperature.  $b$ Substrates with existing stereocehhmistry accorded ca. 1:1 ratio of diastereomers.

aromatic C-H insertion or addition is possible, $30$  only allenylsilane 25d was obtained in good yield. However, butyl-substituted ketone 24e provided a mixture of 25e and **25e'** in 80% yield with 0.25:1 ratio (entry 5). Increasing the concentration to 0.10 M changed the ratio to 0.33:1. Although the ratio was further changed to 1.1:1 at higher concentration (0.20 M) the yield decreased. This series of experiments implies that the insertion into  $2^{\circ}$  C-H<sub> $\nu$ </sub> in 24e should be substantially more favorable than that of  $1^{\circ}$  C-H<sub>y</sub> in 24c because under similar conditions no insertion but only allene formation was observed. To further explore how substrate structure and reaction concentration affect the ratio of products, we examined the behavior of adamentane-derived ketone 24f carrying multiple  $2^{\circ}$  C-H<sub>y</sub> bonds available for insertion (entry 6). Under dilute conditions with 1:2:2 ratio of 24f:BuLi:1, insertion product 25f' was obtained predominantly over allenylsilane 25f. However, at an increased concentration with the typical 1:2:3 ratio of 24f: BuLi:1, the allenylsilane formation favorably competed with the insertion into a  $2^{\circ}$  C-H<sub>γ</sub> bond, thereby providing the ratio of  $25f:25f'$  in the range of 1:1 to 3.3:1 with good yield.

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TABLE 8. Allenylsilane Formation from Cyclic Ketones<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: TMSCHN<sub>2</sub> (3 equiv), *n*-BuLi (2 equiv), -78 °C to room temperature in THF over 2 h. at room temperature. <sup>b</sup>Recovered starting meterial in 40% yield. 'Mostly ring-expansion products formed. "Insertion product was isolated in 17% yield.

Another adamentane-derived substrate  $24g$  that has  $3^\circ$  $C-H<sub>y</sub>$  bonds available for insertion afforded insertion product 25g' without an appreciable amount of allenylsilane 25g (entry 7). On the other hand, 24h, a simplified version of 24g that contains only a single cyclohexane ring with  $2^{\circ}$  C-H<sub>γ</sub> bonds behaved somewhat similar to 24f such that a mixture of allenylsilane 25h and insertion product 25h' were generated, but at higher concentration allene formation becomes a predominant process (entry 8).

Next, we examined substrates containing a carbon or an oxygen branch either at the α-,  $β$ -, or γ-position (Table 7). Reactions with substrates  $26a-f$  consistently provided allenylsilanes  $27a-f$  in the range of  $60-75\%$  yield except for 26g. Various oxygen functionalities such as ether, ester, acetal, and epoxide did not interfere with the formation of allenylsilanes. However, a significant influence of certain functionality was recognized. For example, the reaction of **26f** carrying a  $\gamma$ , $\delta$ -epoxide afforded only allenylsilane **27f** (entry 6), whereas 26g with the corresponding dioxolane moiety yielded  $C-H_{\nu}$  insertion product 27g' predominantly together with allenylsilane 27g only in 6% yield in all three concentrations examined (entry 7). On the other hand, a dioxane-containing susbtrate 26h provided a mixture of allenylsilane  $27h$  and insertion product  $27h'$  in a 1.9:1 ratio

(entry 8). This indicates that a subtle environmental difference at or around C-H bonds can affect their reactivity whereby a completely different chemo- and regioselectivity  $max$  ensue.<sup>22,31</sup>

We expected that cyclic ketones of small- to medium-sized rings should be excellent substrates for allenylsilane formation<sup>32</sup> since the competing C-H insertion process will be excluded (Table 8). As expected, cyclopentanone 28a and dihydrocarvone 28b afforded allene 29a (55%) and 29b (60%), respectively, in moderate yields (entries 1 and 2). Substrate 28c containing acyclic ketone gave corresponding bisallene 29c as a mixture of four stereoisomers in 51% yield when an excess amount of reagents (3 equiv of BuLi and 5 equiv of 1) was used (entry 3). The formation of allene has proven inherently sensitive to the steric encumbrance at the  $\alpha$ -carbon of cyclic ketones, as evidenced by the low yield of menthone  $28d$  (entry 4) and  $\alpha$ -substituted cycloheptanones 28g and 28h (entries 7 and 8). On the other hand, cyclopentanone 28e and its derivative 28f afforded the corresponding allenes 29e and 29f in respectable yields (entries 5 and 6).

<sup>(31)</sup> This is probably due to the difference of strength of C-H bonds on 3 and 5-membered rings. Alternatively, the more favourable n(O) $\rightarrow \sigma^*(C-H)$ electron delocalization in dioxolane may also cause this difference as described in ref 13a.

The low yields of allenylsilanes from these  $\alpha$ -substituted ketones seem to stem from the slow elimination of LiOSiMe<sub>3</sub> from the intermediate formed between the ketone and lithium trimethylsilyldiazomethane 2. In contrast, other cyclic ketones  $28i-l$  not possessing bulky substituents at the  $\alpha$ -carbon gave allenylsilanes 29i-l in good to excellent yields. It is quite surprising that there was no C-H insertion product from the 12-membered-ring ketone 28k as opposed to the 15-membered-ring ketone 28l, which afforded a 2.5:1 mixture of allenylsilane  $29l$  and C-H insertion product in 60% overall yield.

#### **Conclusions**

We have examined the regioselectivity of alkylidene carbene-mediated C-H insertion utilizing electronic, conformational, steric, and stereoelectronic effects. Due to a significant rate difference caused by these factors, high regioand chemoselectivity between C-H bonds in different environments could be obtained. It is well-known that the C-H bond connected to the same carbon bearing an ether oxygen substituent is significantly more reactive toward C-H insertion. However, in this study, we have observed that the lone-pair electrons of oxygen can either activate a C-H bond via an n(O)  $\rightarrow \sigma^*(C-H)$  resonance effect or deactivate it via an inductive effect by the strong electronegativity of oxygen depending on their relative orientation to the C-H bonds.

We recognized that when an intramolecular C-H insertion of alkylidene carbenes is slow, an intermolecular reaction between the alkylidene carbene and free trimethylsilyldiazomethane supersedes the insertion, leading to the formation of allenylsilanes. Because of its bimolecular nature, higher efficiency of allenylsilane formation was realized by running the reaction at higher concentration as well as slowing down the competing C-H insertion with conformational and stereoelectronic effects. We also found that in general, conformationally constrained C-H bonds are less reactive than those in acyclic environments. Thus, insertion reaction of substrates containing these conformationally constrained C-H bonds was accompanied by the formation of allenylsilanes. Similarly, the allene formation is more favorable than insertion into  $1^{\circ}$  C-H bonds, providing exclusively allenylsilane. On the other hand, the competition between allene formation and insertion into acyclic  $2^{\circ}$  and  $3^{\circ}$ C-H bonds predominantly gives insertion products. Relying on this differential and controllable reactivity of C-H bonds toward alkylidene carbenes as well as an unprecedented

reactivity of alkylidene carbenes toward trimethylsilyldiazomethane, we have developed a unique method for the synthesis of silyl-functionalized trisubstituted allenes.

The selectivity between the C-H insertion and allenylsilane formation observed in this study provides further insight into the relative reactivity of particular C-H bonds toward insertion by alkylidene carbenes. We expected that the reactivity and selectivity trends of various C-H bonds toward alkylidene carbenes discovered in this study will be extrapolated to other types of carbene- and carbenoid- as well as nitrene- and nitrenoid-mediated insertion processes.

### Experimental Section

General Information. All reactions were run under an atmosphere of nitrogen, unless otherwise indicated. Flasks were oven-dried overnight and cooled under a stream of nitrogen. Solvents were purified based on standard procedures. Flash chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 A $(32-63)$ mesh). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass plates coated with silica gel 60 (particle size  $0.040 - 0.063$  mm). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in the deuterated solvents stated.  ${}^{1}H$  and  ${}^{13}C$  chemical shifts were referenced to internal solvent resonances and reported relative to SiMe4; multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), qn (quintet), m (multiplet), and br (broad). Coupling constants, J, are reported in hertz. Characterization data for compounds  $4a-k$ ,  $5a-k$ ,  $6a-k$ ,  $11a-d$ ,  $12a-c$ ,  $13b-d$ ,  $14a-d$  were previously reported.<sup>13a</sup>

Typical Preparative Scale Reaction for C-H Insertion. To a solution of trimethylsilyldiazomethane  $(2.0 M$  in Et<sub>2</sub>O,  $0.19$  mL, 0.38 mmol) in 10 mL of THF was added  $n$ -BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes,  $0.16$  mL,  $0.4$  mmol) at  $-78$  °C. After the solution was stirred for 30 min, a substrate (0.25 mmol) in 2 mL of THF was added. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78$  °C and gradually warmed to room temperature over 2 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by adding a few drops of water and filtered through a pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was flash chromatographed on silica gel.

Typical Preparative Scale Reaction for Allenylsilane. To a solution of trimethylsilyldiazomethane (2.0 M in  $Et_2O$ , 0.75 mL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in 6.0 mL of THF was added n-BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes, 0.4 mL, 1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at  $-78$  °C. After the mixture was stirred for 30 min, a substrate (0.5 mmol) in 1.0 mL of THF was added. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at  $-78$  °C, then gradually warmed to room temperature over 1 h. The reaction mixture was stirred an additional 2 h at room temperature and quenched by filtering through a pad of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was flash chromatographed on silica gel.

 $4I: {}^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 7.35 (m, 5H), 4.43 (s, 2H),$ 3.63 (dd,  $J=12, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.46 (t,  $J=6$  Hz, 2H), 3.28 (dd,  $J=$ 12, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.32 (ABX,  $J_{AB} = 7$  Hz,  $J_{AX} = 9$  Hz,  $J_{BX} = 9.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.88 (qn,  $J = 7$  Hz, 2H), 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 209.5, 138.4, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 72.8, 71.0, 69.2, 65.8, 45.1, 39.8, 35.3, 31.4, 29.4, 26.9, 23.8, 23.1

**6l**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 (m, 4H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 4.53 (ABq, J=11 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (dd, J= 12, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J=21, 13 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.8, 139.0, 128.3, 127.7, 127.3, 125.8, 84.5, 71.1, 70.3, 66.7, 35.9, 34.1, 33.8, 33.4, 30.5, 30.3, 26.3, 22.3; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{20}H_{28}O_2$ Na 323.1987, found 323.1994.

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**4m**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.00 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.60  $(dd, J=11.5, 4 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J=12, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (t, J=$ 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (m, 2H), 2.0 (m, 1H), 1.87 (qn, J=7 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 9H), 1.12 (s, 3H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 208.3, 178.3, 71.0, 65.7, 63.3, 45.1, 39.3, 38.7, 35.2, 31.4, 29.2, 27.1, 25.9, 23.1, 22.7.

5m: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.45 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, J=6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (m, 3H), 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.20 (m, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 12H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 178.5, 150.3, 125.0, 76.0, 64.0, 39.6, 38.7, 36.9, 33.6, 30.2, 27.8, 27.2, 26.5, 24.1, 22.5; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 295.2273, found 295.2272.

**4n**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.37 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (d,  $J = 7$  Hz, 2H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.64 (m, 5H), 1.53 (qn  $J =$ 7 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (m, 4H), 1.13 (m, 1H), 0.88 (m, 5H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 211.2, 50.5, 43.2, 33.9, 33.2, 26.2, 26.0, 25.9, 22.3, 13.8.

**5n**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.21 (s, 1H), 2.70 (m, 1H),  $2.36$  (m, 2H), 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.96 (d,  $J=6.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.70 (m, 4H), 1.46 (m, 6H), 0.99 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H), 0.85 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 142. 4, 131.0, 39.8, 39.2, 35.9, 34.7, 33.4, 32.6, 26.6, 26.4, 21.4; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub> 136.1252, found 136.1244.

**40**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.41 (qn, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.62 (dd,  $J = 11.5$ , 4 Hz, 1 H), 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.28  $(dd, J=11.5, 11 Hz$ ), 2.85 (dt,  $J=16.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H$ ), 2.53 (dd,  $J=$ 16.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (m, 2H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 207.2, 108.8, 71.6, 71.0, 69.3, 65.7, 47.3, 45.7, 35.2, 31.3, 29.3, 26.8, 25.8, 25.4, 23.3

6o: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.41 (s, 1H), 5.03 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (t,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 144.5, 125.5, 109.5, 85.3, 78.1, 71.1, 66.4, 41.0, 35.8, 34.0, 33.7, 30.2, 27.5, 26.4, 25.6, 22.4; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M +  $[H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{27}O_3$  267.1960, found 267.1949.

4q: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.86 (m, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d,  $J = 6$  Hz, 2H),  $3.96$  (s, 2H),  $3.62$  (dd,  $J=11.5$ ,  $4.5$  Hz, 1H),  $3.27$  (dd,  $J=11.5$ ,  $9.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ABX,  $J_{AB} = 7$  Hz,  $J_{AX} = 9$  Hz,  $J_{BX} = 9.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 207.5, 133.7, 117.9, 75.2, 72.3, 71.0, 65.7, 41.1, 35.2, 31.0, 29.3, 25.9, 23.1.

6q: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.79 (m, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 5.24 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.16 (br s, 1H), 5.07 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.57 (m, 2H), 3.68 (dd,  $J=11.5$ , 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd,  $J=$ 11.5, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.31 (m, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.5, 123.3, 111.5, 87.5, 76.7, 71.2, 66.3, 35.7, 34.1, 30.0, 29.9, 26.4, 22.5; LRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{14}H_{22}O_2$ Na 245.1, found 245.1.

**4r**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.61 (m, 1H), 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.29 (m, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.87 (m, 3H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 210.0, 71.0, 65.8, 45.0, 42.9, 35.3, 31.4, 29.3, 25.9, 25.8, 23.0, 22.2, 13.8.

5r and 6r: key resonances for 5r:  $\rm ^1H$  NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.43 (s, 1H), 4.47 (d,  $J=6$  Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H); key resonances for 6r: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.23 (s, 1H), 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 11.5, 10 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (m, 1H), 1.177 (s, 3H), 1.170 (s, 3H), 0.97 (dd, J= 6.8, 3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR for 5r and 6r (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 151.7, 141.1, 131.6, 124.3, 76.1, 71.1, 70.6, 66.8, 39.8, 39.6, 37.0, 36.0, 34.6, 34.5, 34.1, 33.9, 33.7, 32.5, 31.2, 30.4, 30.2, 29.5, 26.5, 24.2, 22.6, 22.2, 21.2, 13.9; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{14}H_{25}O$  209.1905, found 209.1912.

4s: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.71 (dd, J = 8, 5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (m, 2H), 2.41 (t,  $J=7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 0.89 (t, J= 7.5 Hz, 3H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 210.2, 63.4, 58.7, 42.6, 39.2, 25.9, 24.7, 22.9, 22.3, 18.7, 13.8.

6s: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.26 (s, 1H), 2.72 (t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (m, 4H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 1,71 (m, 2H), 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 0.98 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 3H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 142.7, 130.3, 64.2, 58.3, 39.8, 34.8, 32.5, 27.9, 27.2, 24.8, 21.3, 18.7; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{11}H_{19}O$  167.1436, found 167.1441.

**4t**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.19 (s, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.23 (m, 1H), 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.29 (m, 4H), 1.21 (m, 1H), 1.14 (d,  $J = 6$  Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 207.2, 78.5, 72.7, 72.2, 72.0, 31.8, 25.6, 23.9, 21.7.

**5t**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.74 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.26 (m, 5H), 1.12 (d, J=6.5 Hz, 6H).

6t: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.59 (s, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 3.28 (m, 1H), 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.28 (s, 6H), 1.26 (m, 5H); 13C NMR for 5t and 6t (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 137.7, 136.9, 130.6, 129.2, 74.1, 74.6, 72.2, 71.1, 70.2, 70.0, 63.8, 63.4, 37.0, 32.1, 27.6, 25.8, 24.0, 23.8, 23.4, 21.8; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na 233.1517, found 233.1514.

4u: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.20 (s, 2H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 3.90 (br s, 1H), 3.25 (m, 1H), 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.61 (8H), 1.50 (br s, 3H),  $1.33-1.20$  (5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 207.1, 82.5, 78.5, 72.8, 72.0, 32.0, 25.6, 23.9, 23.4.

5u and 6u: key resonances for 5u:  $\mathrm{^{1}H}$  NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) δ 5.74 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.91 (m, 1H); HRMS (ESI, *m*/z) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 237.1855, found 237.1856; 6u: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.60 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 3.26 (m, 1H), 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.61  $(8H)$ , 1.50 (br s, 3H), 1.33–1.20 (5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 137.4, 128.6, 98.3, 77.2, 73.9, 63.5, 38.3, 32.1, 25.7, 24.4, 24.1.

 $4u'$ : <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.23 (s, 2H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.06 (d,  $J = 11.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.70 (m, 6H), 1.15 (m, 2H), 1.21 (m, 2H), 0.97 (m, 3H), 0.79 (s, 9H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 207.1 82.5, 79.6, 72.9, 72.1, 47.3, 32.3, 32.2, 32.0, 27.6, 25.5, 23.4.

 $5u'$  and  $6u'$ : key resonances for  $5u'$ : <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.97 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.94 (m, 1H); key resonances for  $6u'$ : 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 3.16 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for 5u' and 6u'  $\delta$ 137.6, 137.4, 128.6, 127.1, 98.3, 90.9, 81.2, 78.4, 73.9, 73.5, 64.6, 63.6, 47.4, 38.38, 38.35, 32.6, 32.29, 32.26, 27.63, 25.62, 25.51, 24.41, 23.57; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 293.2481, found 293.2479.

4v:  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.26 (s, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H),  $3.27$  (m, 1H),  $3.18$  (m, 1H),  $2.07$  (d,  $J=12$  Hz,  $2H$ ),  $1.89$  (m,  $2H$ ), 1,79 (m, 4H), 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.34-1.17 (m, 7H), 1.09 (m, 2H), 0.83 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.4, 79.6, 78.6, 72.1, 47.3, 32.3, 32.2, 31.8, 27.6, 25.6, 25.5, 23.9.

5v and 6v: key resonances for 5v:  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.98 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 3.25 (m, 1H); key resonances for 6v:  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.73 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 3.17 (m, 1H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for 5v and 6v  $\delta$  137.8, 137.4, 129.2, 127.0, 90.9, 89.8, 78.3, 73.7, 73.5, 63.78, 63.74, 47.43, 47.40, 38.3, 37.0, 32.6, 32.2, 32.1, 27.66, 27.63, 25.77, 25.62, 25.51, 25.45, 24.12, 23.46; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 307.2637, found 307.2635.

4w: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.32 (s, 2H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 3.53 (br s, 1H), 3.19 (m, 1H), 2.07 (d,  $J=12$  Hz, 2H), 1.97 (d,  $J=$ 12 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.20 (m, 6H), 1.00  $(m, 4H), 0.83$  (s, 9H), 0.82 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 207.5, 79.5, 74.3, 72.1, 71.9, 47.8, 47.3, 32.5, 32.3, 32.2, 30.2, 27.6, 27.4, 25.5, 21.3.

5w and 6w: key resonances for 5w:  $\mathrm{^{1}H}$  NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.99 (s, 1H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 3.55 (br s, 1H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.84 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.1, 126.8, 90.7, 73.5, 72.4, 63.4, 47.8, 47.3, 38.3, 32.6, 32.3, 30.4, 27.6, 27.4, 25.6, 21.3; key resonances for  $6w$ : <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.50 (s, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 3.19 (m, 1H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.83 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 137.1, 130.8, 88.7, 78.2, 73.9, 63.7, 47.4, 36.5, 32.6, 32.4, 30.4, 27.6, 27.4, 25.6, 25.5, 23.3; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 363.3263, found 363.3264.

**4x**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.09 (t, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 4.23  $(s, 2H)$ , 4.21  $(s, 2H)$ , 3.52  $(m, 2H)$ , 3.19  $(m, 1H)$ , 2.08  $(d, J = 12)$ Hz, 2H), 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.24 (m, 4H), 0.99 (m, 2H), 0.89 (d, J=7 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (s, 9H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 207.0, 131.2, 124.7, 79.7, 74.7, 72.1, 70.3, 47.3, 37.1, 36.4, 32.3, 32.2, 29.5, 27.6, 25.7, 25.5, 25.4, 19.5, 17.6.

5x and 6x: key resonances for 5x:  $\mathrm{^{1}H}$  NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.00 (s, 1H), 5.09 (t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.46 (m, 2H); key resonances for  $6x$ : <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.67 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (t, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (br s, 1H), 4.62 (m, 2H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 3.16 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for 5x and 6x:  $\delta$  138.3, 138.2, 137.2, 131.0, 127.6, 126.2, 125.9, 124.8, 124.7, 90.9, 85.0, 84.6, 78.2, 74.8, 73.4, 69.0, 66.6, 63.5, 47.4, 47.3, 43.3, 38.3, 37.7, 37.3, 36.63, 33.60, 32.6, 32.2, 30.3, 29.8, 29.6, 29.5, 27.6, 25.7, 25.6, 25.5, 25.46, 25.42, 20.1, 19.5, 19.4, 17.3; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M +  $H$ <sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 363.3263, found 363.3265.

 $4y: {}^{1}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 4.37 (m, 2H), 4.15 (m, 2H),$ 3.52 (br s, 1H), 3.09 (m, 1H), 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.01 (m, 3H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.48 (br s, 2H), 1.32 (m, 6H), 0.98 (m, 1H), 0.85 (m, 6H),  $0.83$  (s, 9H),  $0.76$  (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.3, 80.3, 74.2, 72.5, 72.0, 48.0, 47.7, 39.9, 34.4, 32.5, 31.4, 30.2, 27.4, 25.6, 23.3, 22.2, 21.3, 20.9, 16.2.

5y and 6y: key resonances for 5y:  $\mathrm{^{1}H}$  NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.85 (s, 1H), 4.63 (m, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 3.54 (br s, 1H); 6y: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.48 (s, 1H), 4.62 (ABq,  $J=12$  Hz, 2H), 4.21 (ABq,  $J=12.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.24 (m, 7H), 0.96 (m, 3H), 0.91 (d, J=9.5 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, J=7 Hz, 3H),  $0.84$  (s, 9H),  $0.75$  (d,  $J=7$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137. 0, 130.9, 88.6, 79.4, 74.1, 64.2, 48.2, 47.3, 40.3, 36.5, 36.4, 34.5, 32.4, 31.5, 27.6, 25.6, 23.3, 22.3, 20.9, 16.2; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 363.3263, found 363.3274.

**4z**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.30 (ABq, J = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 3.17 (m, 1H), 3.09 (m, 1H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.06 (m, 3H), 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.32 (m, 5H), 0.99 (m, 4H), 0.86 (m, 6H), 0.79 (s, 9H), 0.75 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 207.1, 80.4, 79.5, 72.6, 72.0, 48.0, 47.3, 41.3, 39.9, 34.4, 32.3, 32.2, 31.4, 27.6, 27.4, 25.6, 25.5, 23.2, 22.2, 20.9, 16.2.

5z and 6z: key resonances for 5z:  $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.84 (s, 1H), 4.62 (ABq,  $J=12$  Hz, 2H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 3.14 (m, 1H); key resonances for  $6z$ : <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.98  $($ s, 1H $)$ , 4.62 (ABq,  $J=12$  Hz, 2H $)$ , 4.22 (ABq,  $J=12.5$  Hz, 2H $)$ , 3.08 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) for 5z and 6z  $\delta$ 137.7, 127.2, 126.4, 94.3, 90.9, 79.4, 77.8, 74.3, 73.6, 64.4, 63.7, 52.1, 49.5, 48.2, 47.3, 40.3, 38.3, 38.2, 35.0, 34.5, 32.7, 32.4, 32.2, 31.5, 31.3, 27.65, 27.62, 25.8, 25.6, 25.58, 25.50, 24.4, 23.6, 23.4, 22.3, 20.9, 18.7, 16.2; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{24}H_{43}O_2$  363.3263, found 363.3260.

**11c**: colorless liquid;  $R_f$  0.2 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.92 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, J = 8.0, 17.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd,  $J = 5.5$ , 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (t,  $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 1H), 1.98-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.86  $(m, 2H)$ , 1.70 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.68-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.58 (dd, J = 3.0, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.21 (dd,  $J = 3.5$ , 10.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.1, 86.5, 80.1, 45.8, 43.9, 42.8, 42.0, 41.9, 41.0, 36.4, 30.6, 23.2; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{12}H_{18}O_2$  194.1307, found 194.1308.

13c: colorless liquid, volatile;  $R_f$ 0.75 (hexanes/ethyl acetate= 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.33 (s, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t,  $J = 16.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.25 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H),  $1.98-1.90$  (m, 2H),  $1.86-1.76$  (m, 2H),  $1.72$  (s, 3H),  $1.69$  (d,  $J=$  $11.0$  Hz, 2H),  $1.44$  (dd,  $J=3.5$ ,  $10.5$  Hz,  $1H$ ),  $1.37$  (d,  $J=11.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 141.8, 129.2, 83.6, 77.3, 56.2, 50.2, 48.2, 45.9, 43.8, 42.5, 36.3, 23.1, 17.6; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O 190.1358, found 190.1357.

14c: 1:1 mixture of two diastereomers; colorless liquid, volatile;  $R_f$  0.77 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.82 (m, 1H), 4.08 (br s, 1H), 2.23–2.15 (m, 3H),  $2.08-1.95$  (m, 3H),  $1.78-1.66$  (m, 2H),  $1.63$  (d,  $J=3.5$  Hz, 3H),  $1.62-1.53$  (m, 2H),  $1.35$  (d,  $J=3.5$  Hz, 3H),  $1.27-1.22$  (m, 1H), 0.06 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.0, 208.9, 90.3, 86.4, 82.3, 80.5, 80.2, 44.3, 42.8, 42.7, 42.2, 42.1, 41.1, 40.8, 40.0, 39.7, 35.2, 23.4, 18.7, 18.6,  $-0.7$ ; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{17}H_{28}$ OSi 276.1909, found 276.1908.

**25a**: colorless liquid; volatile;  $R_f 0.98$  (hexanes/ethyl acetate= 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 3H), 4.91 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.73 (t,  $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.24 (qn,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.71 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 3H), 0.09 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.7, 142.4, 128.4, 128.3, 125.8, 91.7, 83.0, 35.0, 34.4, 18.3, -0.7; HRMS (EI, m/z)  $[M]^+$  calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Si 230.1491, found 230.1488.

**25b**: colorless liquid, volatile;  $R_f$ 0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate= 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 3H), 5.01 (m, 1H), 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 0.09 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 207.9, 142.6, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 98.5, 85.0, 34.5, 33.7, 24.9, 12.5, -0.7; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{16}H_{24}Si$  244.1647, found 244.1647.

**25c**: colorless liquid; volatile;  $R_f$  0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 3H), 4.98 (m, 1H), 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.23 (m, 2H), 1.96 (qn,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.46 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 0.11 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.3, 142.6, 128.4, 128.3, 125.6, 96.5, 84.3, 34.5, 34.2, 33.7, 21.1, 14.1, -0.7; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>Si 258.1804, found 258.1804.

25d: colorless liquid, volatile;  $R_f$ 0.78 (hexanes/ethyl acetate= 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 6H), 5.03 (m, 1H), 2.73 (m, 4H), 2.27 (m, 4H), 0.10 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.1, 142.4, 128.4, 128.3, 125.8, 96.7, 85.1, 34.4, 33.8, -0.7; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{22}H_{28}Si$  320.1960, found 320.1962.

25e and 25e': inseparable mixture; colorless liquid; volatile;  $R_f$ 0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate =  $10/1$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.33-7.29 (m, 2.5H), 7.26-7.17 (m, 3.8H), 5.32 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.00 (m, 0.24H), 2.80 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H),  $2.76 - 2.72$  (m, 1.5H),  $2.39$  (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz,  $2H$ ),  $2.34 - 2.24$  (m,  $2H$ ), 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.00 (m, 0.5H), 1.41 (m, 2.5H), 1.03 (d, J=7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 0.75H), 0.12 (s, 2.3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), characteristic peaks for allene 25e:  $\delta$  208.2, 142.6, 128.39, 128.30, 125.7, 96.7, 84.3, 34.5, 33.7, 31.7, 30.1, 22.6, 14.1,  $-0.7$ ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), characteristic peaks for alkene 25e': δ 143.3, 142.5, 130.2, 128.35, 128.27, 125.7, 39.9, 35.0, 34.4, 33.2, 32.6, 21.3; 25e: HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\rm C_{18}H_{28}Si$  272.1960, found 272.1964; **25e**': HRMS (EI, *m*/*z*) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{14}H_{18}$  186.1409, found 186.1410.

24f: colorless liquid;  $R_f$ 0.40 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) δ 2.14 (s, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.91 (m, 3H),  $1.67-1.56$  (m,  $12H$ );  $^{13}$ C NMR ( $125$  MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.9, 57.0, 42.5, 36.7, 33.4, 33.1, 28.6.

**25f**: colorless liquid, volatile;  $R_f$  0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.75 (m, 1H), 1.95 (br s, 3H), 1.73–1.54 (m, 17H), 0.09 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 210.9, 87.7, 80.4, 48.4, 42.7, 37.2, 34.4, 28.8, 21.4, -0.7; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Si 274.2117, found 274.2115.

**25f'**: colorless liquid, volatile;  $R_f$ 0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.36 (s, 1H), 2.49 (br s, 1H), 2.05 (br s, 1H), 2.00-1.91 (m, 3H), 1.91-1.81 (m, 2H),  $1.78-1.54$  (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.9, 128.0, 57.1, 50.0, 42.5, 39.0, 38.4, 38.1, 32.2, 30.3, 29.8, 28.8, 28.2, 17.8; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub> 188.1565, found 188.1562.

**25g'**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.32 (s, 1H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.95 (m, 4H), 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.82 (m, 4H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.69 (m, 5H), 1.44 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.8, 135.9, 53.2, 44.7, 42.2, 39.7, 38.5, 37.7, 37.6, 31.6, 30.3, 29.7, 29.4, 27.7, 17.5; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub> 188.1565, found 188.1558.

**25h**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.79 (m, 1H), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.79 (m, 4H), 1.62 (d, J=3.5 Hz, 3H), 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.36 (m, 4H), 0.91 (m, 2H), 0.08 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 209.3, 90.0, 81.2, 41.3, 35.9, 33.4, 26.6, 18.2, -0.6; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>26</sub>Si 222.1803, found 222.1796.

**26a**: colorless liquid;  $R_f$  0.24 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t,  $J=7.5$  Hz, 1H),  $7.10$  (d,  $J=7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.54 (ddd,  $J=4.0, 7.0$ , 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.23 (ddd,  $J = 4.0, 5.0, 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.69 (ddd,  $J=4.5, 5.0, 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.39 (ddd,  $J=4.5, 7.0, 8.0$  Hz, 1H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 206.8, 140.4, 128.6, 126.6, 126.1, 32.9, 30.9, 29.0, 19.2.

27a: 1:1 mixture of two diastereomers; colorless liquid; volatile;  $R_f$ 0.81 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.08 (m, 2H), 5.00 (m, 1H), 1.89 (ddd, J= 4.5, 5.0, 9.5 Hz, 0.5H), 1.84  $(\text{ddd}, J = 5.0, 5.1, 9.0 \text{ Hz}, 0.5H), 1.77 \text{ (t, } J = 4.0 \text{ Hz}, 3H), 1.39 \text{ (m,)}$ 1H), 1.14-1.03 (m, 2H), 0.11 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 208.1, 208.0, 143.1, 128.3, 125.9, 125.8, 125.5, 94.2, 94.1, 84.6, 25.4, 25.3, 25.1, 24.8, 17.8, 17.7, 16.3, 15.8, -0.7,  $-0.8$ ; HRMS (CI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Si 242.1491, found 242.1492.

**26b**: colorless liquid;  $R_f=0.23$  (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.11 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J=8.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.86 (m, 4H), 1.90 (tt,  $J=3.5$ , 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (ddt,  $J = 4.0$ , 7.5, 11.5 Hz, 2H), 0.85 (ddt,  $J = 3.5$ , 7.0, 11.0 Hz, 2H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 210.2, 157.9, 133.3, 129.3, 113.9, 55.3, 45.3, 29.1, 20.6, 10.7.

27b: colorless liquid;  $R_f=0.75$  (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J= 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 5.00 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.70 (t,  $J= 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.30 (dt,  $J = 4.0$ , 9.5 Hz, 2H), 1.09 (m, 1H), 0.63 (m, 2H), 0.37 (ddt,  $J = 3.5$ , 8.5, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 0.29 (ddt,  $J = 3.5$ , 8.5, 12.5 Hz, 1H), 0.04 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 207.8, 157.8, 134.7, 129.2, 113.7, 85.8, 55.3, 34.2, 33.7, 11.8, 6.9, 5.5,  $-0.8$ ; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>OSi 286.1753, found 286.1753.

**26c**: colorless liquid;  $R_f$  0.20 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.56 (s, 3H), 2.80 (dd,  $J = 7.5$ , 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30-2.16 (m, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.88-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 0.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 207.4, 173.1, 54.1, 51.4, 43.2, 37.9, 34.8, 30.1, 22.9, 17.2.

27c: 1:1 mixture of two diastereomers; colorless liquid;  $R_f$ 0.50 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 4.94-4.87 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.17 (m, 4H), 2.02-1.92  $(m, 1H), 1.57$  (s, 1.5H), 1.56 (s, 1.5H), 1.44-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.13 (s, 1.5H), 1.12 (s, 1.5H), 0.88 (s, 1.5H), 0.82 (s, 1.5H), 0.12 (s, 4.5H), 0.02 (s, 4.5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.4, 209.2, 173.8, 173.7, 92.9, 92.5, 83.4, 83.3, 51.4, 45.4, 45.3, 42.3, 42.1, 38.3, 38.2, 35.2, 35.1, 30.53, 30.48, 27.4, 27.1, 18.2, 18.0, 17.2,

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16.9, -0.4, -0.9; HRMS (CI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si 280.1858, found 280.1853.

**26d**: colorless liquid;  $R_f$  0.23 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.30 (m, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.35-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.53-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.88-0.81 (m, 1H), 0.64-0.60 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 208.9, 105.1, 53.3, 39.5, 29.7, 28.7, 28.3, 21.4, 21.1, 16.8, 15.2;

27d: 1:1 mixture of two diastereomers; colorless liquid;  $R_f$ 0.75 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  $4.85$  (m, 1H),  $4.36$  (m, 1H),  $3.33$  (s, 6H),  $1.97$  (dt,  $J=15.5, 5.0$  Hz, 0.5H),  $1.90-1.80$  (m, 1H),  $1.77-1.71$  (m, 0.5H),  $1.65$  (d,  $J=4.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.57-1.47 (m, 1.5H), 1.32-1.26 (m, 0.5H), 1.04 (s, 1.5H), 1.02 (s, 1.5H), 0.93 (s, 1.5H), 0.89 (s, 1.5H), 0.62-0.51 (m, 2H),  $0.07$  (s, 4.5H),  $0.06$  (s, 4.5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 209.3, 209.0, 105.2, 92.1, 82.4, 53.2, 53.0, 52.9, 52.8, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 28.5, 28.2, 28.1, 25.1, 24.8, 21.6, 21.5, 18.5, 18.4, 17.0, 16.9, 15.2, 14.9,  $-0.7$ ,  $-0.8$ ; HRMS (CI,  $m/z$ ) [M - H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{17}H_{31}O_2Si$  295.2093, found 295.2090.

**26e:** colorless liquid;  $R_f$  0.45 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.71-3.60 (m, 5H), 2.43-2.31 (m, 4H), 1.99-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.06-0.97 (m, 24H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.7, 177.0, 59.9, 51.7, 43.7, 41.6, 37.6, 35.9, 33.1, 21.4, 18.0, 11.9, 7.8; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M – C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 329.2148, found 329.2156.

27e: 1:1 mixture of two diastereomers; colorless liquid;  $R_f$ 0.77 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 4.95 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.62 (m, 5H), 2.02-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.82 (m, 3H), 1.78-1.68 (m, 3H), 1.56-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.09-1.01 (m, 21H), 0.97 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 0.06 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 207.7, 177.4, 98.5, 84.9, 84.8, 60.0, 51.5, 44.2, 41.8, 41.6, 38.1, 38.0, 26.6, 24.8, 21.5, 21.4, 18.0, 12.4, 12.0, -0.8; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M - C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{22}H_{43}O_3Si_2$  411.2751, found 411.2751.

**26f**: colorless liquid;  $R_f$  0.18 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.63 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.6, 63.2, 58.7, 40.1, 29.9, 24.7, 22.9, 18.6;

27f: 1:1 mixture of two diastereomers; colorless liquid, volatile;  $R_f$  0.73 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.86 (m, 1H), 2.76 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.09–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.57 (m, 5H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 9H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 208.4, 91.3, 91.2, 83.1, 83.0, 64.0, 58.4, 29.8, 27.4, 27.3, 24.9, 18.7, 18.3, -0.8; HRMS (EI, m/ z) [M – CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>OSi 209.1362, found 209.1364. **26g**: colorless liquid;  $R_f$  0.15 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.59 (dd, J = 2.5, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.74-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 208.2, 106.7, 82.6, 80.2, 41.0, 30.0, 28.5, 26.9, 25.9, 23.2, 22.9;

27g: 1:1 mixture of two diastereomers; colorless liquid, volatile;  $\tilde{R}_f$ 0.51 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.88 (m, 1H), 3.73 (dd,  $J = 2.5$ , 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.67(m, 3H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.42 (m, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 1.5H), 1.24 (s, 1.5H), 1.09 (s, 1.5H), 1.08 (s, 1.5H), 0.08 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 208.5, 106.5, 91.7, 91.6, 83.4, 83.0, 80.2, 30.3, 29.9, 29.7, 28.6, 27.8, 27.6, 27.0, 26.9, 26.1, 22.9, 22.7, 18.5, 18.3, -0.8; HRMS  $(CI, m/z)$  [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si 282.2015, found 282.2010.

**27g':** colorless liquid;  $R_f$  0.49 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1);<br><sup>1</sup>H NMP (500 MHz, CDCL)  $\delta$  5.44 (s, 1H) 2.40 (m, 1H) 2.13 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.44 (s, 1H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 6H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.18  $(s, 3H);$  13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.8, 126.3, 106.2, 97.9, 82.0, 35.0, 33.6, 29.7, 29.2, 24.7, 24.5, 17.2; HRMS (CI, m/z)  $[M + H]^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{12}H_{21}O_2$  197.1541, found 197.1539.

**26h**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.93 (ddd,  $J = 12, 4, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.51 (ddd,  $J=11.5$ , 5.5, 2 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (dd,  $J=7, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 207.0, 97.9, 63.8, 43.0, 30.2, 29.7, 24.5, 23.1.

**27h**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.84 (m, 1H), 3.88 (ddd,  $J=22, 11, 5$  Hz, 2H), 3.51 (ddd,  $J=20.5, 11, 5$  Hz, 2H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.63 (d, J=3.5 Hz, 3H), 1.41(s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 9H); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 208.4, 97.9, 88.6, 64.9, 32.8, 32.5, 26.7, 21.1, 18.2, -0.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z)  $[M + H]^{+}$  calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si 255.1780, found 255.1786.

29a: colorless liquid; volatile;  $R_f$ 0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate= 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.89 (m, 1H), 2.36 (m, 4H), 1.65 (m, 4H), 0.07 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  205.0, 95.8, 83.6, 30.7, 27.4, 0.7; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M – H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{10}H_{17}Si$  165.1099, found 165.1112.

29b: 1:1 mixture of two diastereomers; colorless liquid, volatile;  $R_f$ 0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.94 (m, 1H), 4.71 (m, 2H), 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.18 (m, 4H), 1.73 (m, 3H), 1.36-1.21(m, 2H), 1.17-1.05 (m, 1H), 0.10 (s, 4.5H), 0.07 (s, 4.5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 205.8, 205.7, 150.1, 150.0, 108.5, 100.4, 83.5, 46.4, 46.1, 36.6, 36.4, 36.3, 36.0, 33.2, 33.1, 31.8, 31.8, 21.0, 20.9, 19.5, 19.4, -0.7,  $-0.8$ ; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>Si 234.1803, found 234.1811.

29c: colorless liquid;  $R_f$  0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.94–4.88 (m, 2H), 2.44–2.31  $(m, 1H), 2.00-1.75$   $(m, 3H), 1.31-1.03$   $(m, 4H), 0.11-0.05$   $(m,$ 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 208.0, 207.9, 205,8, 205.8, 100.6, 96.4, 96.2, 83.53, 83.43, 83.38, 83.27, 41.8, 41.7, 41.4, 36.9, 36.4, 36.2, 36.0,33.23, 33.17, 32.0, 31.9, 29.7, 19.5, 19.4, 16.9, 16.8, 16.6, 16.5,  $-0.0$ ,  $-0.5$ ,  $-0.7$ ,  $-0.8$ ; LRMS (EI,  $m/z$ )  $[M + H]^{+}$  calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>35</sub>Si 319.2, found 319.2

29d: 3:2 mixture of two diastereomers; colorless liquid, volatile;  $R_f$  0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.87 (m, 1H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.46 (m, 3H), 1.18-1.08 (m, 1H),  $1.01-0.89$  (m, 7H),  $0.88-0.83$  (m, 3H),  $0.09$  (s, 5.4H),  $0.07$  (s, 3.6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.2, 205.9, 98.7, 98.2, 82.7, 82.6, 46.0, 45.5, 41.0, 40.3, 35.3, 34.8, 34.4, 33.5, 29.7, 29.6, 29.3, 29.2, 27.6, 22.4, 22.2, 22.1, 22.0, 19.3, 18.6, -0.7, -0.9; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M – H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>Si 235.1882, found 235.1882.

29e: colorless liquid; volatile;  $R_f 0.98$  (hexanes/ethyl acetate= 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.77 (m, 1H), 2.21 (m, 4H), 1.64–1.54 (m, 8H), 0.09 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 209.4, 96.5, 80.6, 31.7, 29.3, 28.9,  $-0.6$ ; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M - $H$ <sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Si 193.1413, found 193.1412.

**29f**: colorless liquid;  $R_f 0.84$  (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.79 (m, 1H), 3.91 (m, 4H), 2.38-2.03 (m, 4H), 1.92-1.49 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 208.8, 111.7, 95.6, 64.2, 39.0, 37.7, 31.5, 25.7, 21.3,  $-0.6$ ; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M - H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si 251.1467, found 251.1480.

29g: colorless liquid;  $R_f$  0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.88 (m, 1H), 4.37 (m, 1H), 2.30  $(m, 1H), 2.04$   $(m, 1H), 1.82-1.33$   $(m, 8H), 0.88$  (s, 9H), 0.0.09 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  208.7, 100.7, 83.0, 72.7, 38.9, 28.3, 27.8, 25.9, 23.7, 18.2, -0.5, -4.6, -4.9; HRMS (ESI,  $m/z$ ) [M – H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>35</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub> 323.2226, found 323.2216.

29i: colorless liquid; volatile;  $R_f$  0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate= 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.79 (m, 1H), 2.14 (m, 4H), 1.64–1.52 (m, 10H), 0.09 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.8, 96.1, 80.9, 31.2, 27.1, 26.7, 26.2, -0.4.

29j: 5:3 mixture of two diastereomers; colorless liquid, volatile;  $R_f$ 0.79 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.83 (m, 1H), 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.36-2.05 (m, 4H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.46 (m, 2H), 0.1.45-1.18 (m, 2H), 0.08 (s, 5.4H), 0.06 (s, 3.6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 209.4, 209.3, 95.3, 95.1, 82.2, 82.1, 56.3, 56.0, 55.9, 55.8, 30.6, 30.5, 30.3, 27.4, 26.5, 26.2, 26.1, 26.0, -0.5, -0.6; HRMS (EI, m/ z)  $[M - H]^+$  calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>OSi 221.1361, found 221.1376.

**29k**: colorless liquid; volatile;  $R_f$  0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.88 (m, 1H), 1.98 (m, 4H), 1.48–1.36 (m, 18H), 0.09 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 209.5, 93.8, 82.5, 28.9, 24.6, 24.3, 24.2, 23.5, 22.6, -0.5; HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>32</sub>Si 264.2273, found 264.2276.

29l and 29l': inseparable mixture; colorless liquid, volatile;  $R_f$ 0.98 (hexanes/ethyl acetate =  $10/1$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) δ 5.46 (m, 0.4H), 4.90 (m, 1H), 2.74 (br s, 0.4H), 2.42-2.31 (m, 0.8H), 2.15-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.99 (m, 4H), 1.52-1.32 (m, 32H), 0.13 (s, 9H,  $-SiMe<sub>3</sub>$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), characteristic peaks for allene 29*l*:  $\delta$  209.3, 96.0, 82.6, 31.2, 27.3, 27.1, 27.0, 26.8, 26.7, -0.6; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), characteristic peaks for alkene  $29l'$ :  $\delta$  143.6, 129.9, 44.5, 33.7, 33.6, 29.6, 29.5, 27.2, 26.3, 26.1, 26.0, 25.2, 25.0, 23.2, 21.9. 29*l*: HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>38</sub>Si 306.2742, found 306.2737. 29*l*': HRMS (EI,  $m/z$ ) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{16}H_{28}$  220.2191, found 220.2188.

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