

# Cross-metathesis reaction. Generation of highly functionalized olefins from unsaturated alcohols

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## Abstract

A cross-metathesis reaction was achieved between acid- and base-sensitive functionalized olefins and electron-deficient olefins or allylsilane by using the recyclable ruthenium catalyst **V** at room temperature. The cross-metathesis products are isolated in moderate to good yield. Ratios of *E* and *Z* cross-metathesis products depend upon substituents on the electron-deficient coupling partner. © 2001 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

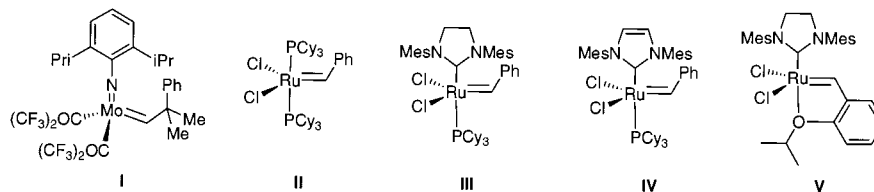
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## 1. Introduction

During recent years, olefin metathesis has gained a position of increasing significance [1]. This method of carbon–carbon double bond formation has been stimulated by the development of new catalysts such as  $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{Me}(\text{CO})_2(\text{ArN})-\text{Mo}=\text{CH}(t\text{Bu})$  (**I**) [2] and  $\text{P}(\text{Cy}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2\text{Ru}=\text{CHPh}$  (**II**) [3]. The ruthenium carbene  $(\text{PCy}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2\text{Ru}=\text{CHPh}$  (**II**) developed by Grubbs et al. constitutes a highly efficient metathesis pre-catalyst tolerating most functional groups. This catalyst has evolved into a versatile and reliable tool for advanced organic synthesis. As a consequence, many investigations have been reported which aim at expanding its application profile and fine-tuning of its reactivity and

specificity. In this context, catalysts **III** [4], **IV** [5] and **V** [6] have been synthesized (Scheme 1).

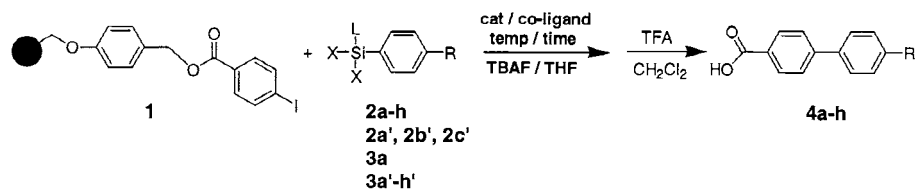
The generation of olefins with vinylic functionality through the use of the cross-metathesis reaction has met with limited success. For example, acrylonitrile participates in cross-metathesis reactions with a variety of terminal olefins by using molybdenum catalyst **I** [7], but enones and enoic esters are not functionally compatible with **I** and fail to react with **II** [7]. On the contrary, catalyst **III** was found to catalyze the cross-metathesis reaction of 1,1-geminally disubstituted olefins and a recent publication from Grubbs et al. features the cross-metathesis of olefins with  $\pi$ -conjugated compounds with moderate stereoselectivity [8]. More recently, good stereoselectivities were obtained



Scheme 1. Ruthenium catalysts.

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	R =	<i>p</i> -Bu	<i>p</i> -MeO	H	<i>p</i> -Me	<i>o</i> -Me	<i>m</i> -Me	<i>p</i> -F	<i>p</i> -CF <sub>3</sub>
L = ethyl	X = Cl	<b>2a</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>2c</b>	<b>2d</b>	<b>2e</b>	<b>2f</b>	<b>2g</b>	<b>2h</b>
	X = F	<b>2a'</b>	<b>2b'</b>					<b>2g'</b>	
L = cyclohexyl	X = Cl	<b>3a</b>	<b>3b</b>	<b>3c</b>	<b>3d</b>	<b>3e</b>	<b>3f</b>	<b>3g</b>	<b>3h</b>
	X = F	<b>3a'</b>	<b>3b'</b>	<b>3c'</b>	<b>3d'</b>	<b>3e'</b>	<b>3f'</b>	<b>3g'</b>	<b>3h'</b>

Scheme 2.

when catalyst **III** was prepared in situ in the presence of ethereal HCl [9]. However, acid sensitive protecting groups can be cleaved under these acidic conditions, posing a limitation in the use of catalyst **III**.

## 2. Results and discussion

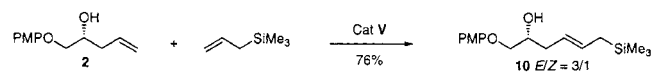
Here, we would like to disclose our results concerning the cross-metathesis between  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes, esters, allylsilane (olefins **B**) and functionalized unsaturated alcohols (**A**) in the presence of catalyst **V** which produces compounds of type **7** and/or homodimers of type **C**.

All cross-metathesis reactions were performed under argon, at room temperature in methylene chloride, in the presence of 2.5 mol% of catalyst **V**, one equivalent of olefin **A** and three equivalents of various electron-deficient olefins **B** (Scheme 2). Under these conditions, acrolein participates in cross-metathesis with terminal olefin **1** to generate the disubstituted unsaturated aldehyde **7a** in good yield (80%) and with excellent stereoselectivity as the (*E*)-stereomer was the only product detected by NMR spectroscopy and GC/MS (Table 1, entry a). This positive result led us to examine the cross-metathesis reaction of various olefins with various electron-deficient olefins such as alkyl acrylates and acrylonitrile. Excellent yields (> 70%) and (*E*)-stereoselectivities were attained when the reaction was conducted with different terminal olefins of type **A** and acrolein or alkyl acrylate as the cross-metathesis products were the only detectable compounds (Table 1, entries b, c, g, i, j). A considerably lower coupling yield was obtained when acrylonitrile was used instead of acrolein. When olefin **2** and acrylonitrile were treated with catalyst **V**, the cross-coupling product **7d** and the homodimer **8** were formed in 20% and 49% yield, respectively. Interestingly, the cross-metathesis product

**7d** was obtained as the (*Z*)-stereomer and the homodimer **8** was formed as a mixture of *E/Z* stereomers in a ratio of 4/1. This high *Z* selectivity observed in acrylonitrile cross-metathesis is intriguing since related cross-metathesis reactions with acrolein and alkyl acrylates proceed with a high degree of *E* selectivity. This *Z* selectivity must be kinetically controlled (as the *E* compound is more stable) and is probably related to either the small size or to the electron-withdrawing properties of the cyano substituent.

The presence of a methyl group on the electron deficient olefin, amplifies the formation of homodimers of type **C** (yield > 20%) and, only traces of cross-metathesis compounds of type **7** were detected by NMR and GC/MS (2%). Furthermore, the conversion was not complete (50–70%) (Table 1, entries e, f, h). It is worth noting that when compound **6** and methyl 2-methacrylate were treated with catalyst **V**, no coupling product was observed and **6** was recovered quantitatively, suggesting that under these conditions the cross-metathesis reaction is very sensitive to steric hindrance.

From a preparative point of view, the cross-metathesis with allyltrimethylsilane is interesting as functionalized allylsilane adducts could be used for nucleophilic addition to electrophilic centers. The reaction of compound **2** with allyltrimethylsilane (0.9 equivalents) in the presence of catalyst **V** led to the cross-coupling products **10E/10Z** in a ratio of 3/1 (yield 76%) (Scheme 3).



Scheme 3. Cross-metathesis with allyltrimethylsilane.

Table 1

Cross-metathesis between A and electron-deficient olefins at 25°C<sup>a</sup>

entry		Electron-deficient olefin (3 equiv.)  R' = H or Me	Conversion of A (h)	 R' = H or Me 7 (yield, E/Z)	+ C (yield, E/Z)
a			100% (24)	 7a (80%, E/Z > 50/1)	+ homodimer 0%
b			100% (36)	 7b (75%, E/Z > 50/1)	+ homodimer 0%
c			100% (36)	 7c (70%, E/Z > 50/1)	+ homodimer 0%
d			80% (36)	 7d (20%, Z)	+ 8 (49%, E/Z = 4/1)
e			50% (36)	 7e (2%)	+ 8 (40%, E/Z = 4/1)
f			50% (36)	 7f (0%)	+ 8 (51%, E/Z = 4/1)
g			100% (36)	 7g (90%, E/Z > 50/1)	+ homodimer 0%
h			70% (36)	 7h (2%, E/Z > 30/1)	+ 9 (25%, E/Z = 4/1)
i			100% (36)	 7i (80%, E/Z > 50/1)	+ homodimer 0%
j			100% (36)	 7j (75%, E/Z > 50/1)	+ homodimer 0%
k			0% (48)	no reaction	

a) Reaction with 2.5 mol% of V; b) PMP: *p*-methoxyphenyl; c) Tr: trityl; d) TBDPS: *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl.

### 3. Conclusion

The use of catalyst V, which is not air sensitive, demonstrates the applicability of cross-metathesis for the synthesis of unsymmetrical functionalized disubstituted olefins with good stereoselectivity under mild conditions.

A variety of functional groups can be tolerated including non-protected alcohols and acid- or base-sensitive groups. The cross-metathesis reaction with catalyst V can replace advantageously the Wittig or Wittig–Horner reactions when base-sensitive substrates are present. Application of this reaction to the synthesis of biologically active compounds is currently under investigation and will be reported in due course.

### 4. Experimental

#### 4.1. General considerations

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of argon. Methylene chloride was dried by distillation over CaH<sub>2</sub>. Flash chromatography: Merck silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh), plates eluting with the solvents indicated, visualized by a 254 nm UV lamp, and stained with ethanolic solution of *p*-anisaldehyde. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were acquired in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, on a Bruker spectrometer at 300 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 75 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C. Optical rotations were obtained on a Perkin Elmer 241 mc polarimeter (Na d line) using a microcell with a 1-dm path length. Concentrations are reported in g/100 ml.

#### 4.2. Preparation of compound **7a**

A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with 5-acetoxy-1-hexene (**1**) (0.1 g, 0.7 mmol, one equivalent), acrolein (0.118 g, 2.10 mmol, three equivalents) and dichloromethane (3 ml). Catalyst **V** (11 mg, 0.0175 mmol, 0.025 equivalents) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light green solution which was stirred for 24 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Purification of this residue by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 9/1) affords compound **7a** as a colorless oil (95.7 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 9.50 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dt,  $J = 7.0$  and 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (ddt,  $J = 1.5$ , 8.1 and 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (m, 2H), 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.70–1.50 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$ : 193.8 (d), 170.9 (s), 157.6 (d), 133.1 (d), 63.7 (t), 32.0 (t), 27.9 (t), 24.1 (t), 20.8 (q).

#### 4.3. Preparation of compound **7b**

A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with olefin **2** (0.5 g, 2.4 mmol, one equivalent), acrolein (0.4 g, 7.2 mmol, three equivalents) and dichloromethane (10 ml). Catalyst **V** (38 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.025 equivalents) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light green solution which was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Purification of this residue by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 7/3) affords compound **7b** as a colorless oil (0.425 g, 75%).  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +5.3$  ( $c$  0.97, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 9.48 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dt,  $J = 7.1$  and 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (m, 4H), 6.11 (ddt,  $J = 1.5$ , 8.1 and 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.45 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.52 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$ : 194.1 (d), 154.3 (d), 154.0 (s), 152.3 (s), 134.6 (d), 115.5 (2d, Ar), 114.6 (2d, Ar), 72.1 (t), 68.6 (d), 55.5 (q), 36.5 (t). MS  $m/z$  236 ([M<sup>+</sup>], 53), 218 (2), 166 (13), 137 (6), 124 (100), 109 (45).

#### 4.4. Preparation of compound **7c**

A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with olefin **2** (0.20 g, 0.96 mmol, one equivalent), ethyl acrylate (0.29 g, 2.88 mmol, three equivalents) and dichloromethane (5 ml). Catalyst **V** (15 mg, 0.024 mmol, 0.025 equivalents) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light green solution which was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Purification of this residue by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 7/3) affords compound **7c** as a yellow oil (0.188 g, 70%).  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -9.9$  ( $c$  3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 7.01 (dt,  $J = 7.3$ , 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (m, 4H), 5.92 (dt,

$J = 1.5$ , 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.10 (m, 1H), 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.70 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$ : 166.1 (s), 154.1 (s), 152.4 (s), 144.0 (d), 123.9 (d), 115.5 (2d, Ar), 114.6 (2d, Ar), 72.0 (t), 68.8 (d), 60.2 (t), 55.5 (q), 36.0 (t), 14.1 (q). MS  $m/z$  280 ([M<sup>+</sup>], 46), 217 (2), 166 (3), 149 (2), 137 (3), 124 (100), 109 (28).

#### 4.5. Preparation of compounds **7d** and **8**

A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with olefin **2** (0.10 g, 0.48 mmol, one equivalent), acrylonitrile (0.08 g, 1.44 mmol, three equivalents) and dichloromethane (3 ml). Catalyst **V** (7.50 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.025 equivalents) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light green solution which was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Purification of this residue by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 1/1) affords of mixture compounds **7d** (22.4 mg, 20%) and **8** (91.3 mg, 49%). For **7d**: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 6.75 (m, 4H), 6.62 (dt,  $J = 7.3$  and 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d,  $J = 11.0$ , 13 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.50 (bs, 1H, OH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$ : 154.2 (s), 152.2 (s), 150.5 (d), 115.7 (s, CN), 115.5 (2d, Ar), 114.6 (2d, Ar), 101.6 (d), 72.1 (t), 68.7 (d), 55.5 (q), 35.4 (t). MS  $m/z$  233 ([M<sup>+</sup>], 49), 166 (4), 149 (4), 137 (3), 124 (100), 109 (41). For **8**: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR minor isomer *Z*  $\delta$ : 6.80 (m, 8H), 5.67 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H, CH=CH), 4.00 (m, 2H), 3.90–3.71 (m, 4H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 2.45 (bs, 2H, 2OH), 2.40–2.34 (m, 4H); major isomer *E*  $\delta$ : 6.80 (m, 8H), 5.63 (t,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 2H, CH=CH *E*), 4.00 (m, 2H), 3.90–3.71 (m, 4H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 2.45 (bs, 2H, 2OH), 2.40–2.34 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR minor isomer *Z*  $\delta$ : 154.1 (2s), 152.6 (2s), 127.6 (2d), 115.4 (4d, Ar), 114.6 (4d, Ar), 72.0 (2t), 69.5 (2d), 55.5 (2q), 31.0 (2t); major isomer *E*  $\delta$ : 153.9 (2s), 152.6 (2s), 128.9 (2d), 115.5 (4d, Ar), 114.5 (4d, Ar), 72.1 (2t), 69.4 (2d), 55.5 (2q), 36.6 (2t). HRMS [Cl<sup>+</sup>] Calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 388.1886. Found 388.1885.

#### 4.6. Preparation of compounds **7e** and **8**

A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with olefin **2** (0.10 g, 0.48 mmol, one equivalent), methacrolein (0.1 g, 1.44 mmol, three equivalents) and dichloromethane (3 ml). Catalyst **V** (7.50 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.025 equivalents) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light green solution which was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Purification of this residue by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 1/1) affords compounds **7e** (traces) and **8** (74.5 mg, 40%).

#### 4.7. Preparation of compounds **7f** and **8**

A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with olefin **2** (0.10 g, 0.48 mmol, one equivalent), methyl methacrylate (0.144 g, 1.44 mmol, three equivalents) and dichloromethane (3 ml). Catalyst **V** (7.5 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.025 equivalents) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light green solution which was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Purification of this residue by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 1/1) affords only compound **8** (95.1 mg, 51%).

#### 4.8. Preparation of compound **7g**

A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with olefin **3** (0.10 g, 0.355 mmol, one equivalent), acrolein (0.06 g, 1.06 mmol, three equivalents) and dichloromethane (3 ml). Catalyst **V** (7.50 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.025 equivalents) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light green solution which was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Purification of this residue by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 7/3) affords compound **7g** as a yellow solid (98.9 mg, 90%), m.p. 112–110°C.  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +126$  (*c* 4.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). H-NMR  $\delta$ : 9.58 (d, *J* 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 6.97 (dt, *J* = 7.1 and 15.4 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (ddt, *J* = 1.5, 8.1 and 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (m, 1H), 4.10–3.92 (m, 2H), 2.70 (m, 2H), 1.75 (bs, 1H, OH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$ : 193.5 (d), 152.7 (s), 152.6 (d), 135.1 (d), 131.3 (s), 130.9 (d), 125.0 (s), 122.1 (s), 115.2 (d), 73.0 (t), 68.3 (d), 36.2 (t). MS *m/z* 309 ([M<sup>+</sup>], 11), 240 (7), 209 (13), 196 (100), 181(8), 167 (10), 145 (7), 95 (11), 70 (19).

#### 4.9. Preparation of compounds **7h** and **9**

A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with olefin **4** (0.30 g, 0.83 mmol, one equivalent), methacrolein (0.176 g, 2.55 mmol, three equivalents) and dichloromethane (3 ml). Catalyst **V** (13 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.025 equivalents) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light green solution which was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Purification of this residue by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 1/1) affords a mixture compounds **7h** (traces) and **9** (144.1 mg, 25%). For **9**: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR minor isomer *Z*  $\delta$ : (m, 30H), 5.58 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H, CH=CH), 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.41–3.10 (m, 6H), 2.15 (m, 4H), 1.70 (m, 4H); major isomer *E*  $\delta$ : (m, 30H), 5.49 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H, CH=CH), 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.41–3.10 (m, 6H), 2.15 (m, 4H), 1.70 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$ : 143.7 (6s), 129.3 (2d), 128.4 (12d, Ar),

127.9 (12d, Ar), 126.9 (6d, Ar), 87.1 (2s), 70.4 (2d), 62.2 (2t), 40.5 (2t), 36.1 (2t).

#### 4.10. Preparation of compound **7i**

A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with olefin **5** (16.5 mg, 0.04 mmol, one equivalent), ethyl acrylate (12.8 mg, 0.127 mmol, three equivalents) and dichloromethane (1 ml). Catalyst **V** (0.62 mg,  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  mmol, 0.025 equivalents) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light green solution which was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Purification of this residue by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 6/4) affords compound **7i** as a colorless oil (15.7 mg, 80%).  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +2.5$  (*c* 1.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 6.95 (dt, *J* = 7.3 and 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (dt, *J* = 1.5 and 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.0 and 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.10–3.95 (m, 2H), 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.65 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.55 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.35 (m, 2H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.0, 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$ : 166.1 (s), 144.7 (d), 143.5(3s), 128.4 (6d, Ar), 127.8 (6d, Ar), 127.0 (3d, Ar), 123.8 (d), 86.7 (s), 68.2 (d), 67.4 (d), 67.3 (t), 60.1(t), 40.1(t), 38.5 (t), 14.1(q). HRMS (FAB + -NBA + Na) Calc. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M + Na] 483.2147. Found 483.2138.

#### 4.11. Preparation of compound **7j**

A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with olefin **6** (70 mg, 0.126 mmol, one equivalent), methyl acrylate (32.5 mg, 0.378 mmol, three equivalents) and dichloromethane (1.5 ml). Catalyst **V** (2 mg,  $3 \times 10^{-5}$  mmol, 0.025 equivalents) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light green solution which was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Purification of this residue by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 7/3) affords compound **7j** as a colorless oil (54.1 mg, 70%).  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +11$  (*c* 1.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $\delta$ : 7.60–7.30 (m, 10 H), 7.07 (dt, *J* = 7.3 and 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.85–3.68 (m, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.58 (bs, 1H, OH), 3.48 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.09 (s, 9H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 7.3, 3H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 7.0, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 7.0, 3H), 0.82 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 3H), –0.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR  $\delta$ : 166.9 (s), 152.9 (d), 135.5 (d), 133.5 (2s), 129.5 (4d, Ar), 127.5 (4d, Ar), 120.4 (2d, Ar), 79.9(d), 74.5 (d), 66.2 (t), 51.2 (q), 40.6 (d), 39.9 (d), 34.2 (d), 26.7 (3q), 25.9 (3q), 19.1 (s), 17.9 (s), 15.6 (q), 13.2 (q), 11.9 (q), –4.0 (q), –4.5 (q). HRMS [Cl<sup>+</sup>] Calc. for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>57</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>, [M + 1] 613.3745. Found 613.3743.

#### 4.12. Preparation of compound **10**

A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with olefin **2** (0.20 g, 0.96 mmol, one equivalent), allyltrimethylsilane (0.098 g, 0.86 mmol, 0.9 equivalents) and dichloromethane (6 ml). Catalyst **V** (15 mg, 0.024 mmol, 0.025 equivalents) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light green solution which was stirred for 36 h at ambient temperature. The mixture was then concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Purification of this residue by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/ethyl acetate: 8/2) affords compound **10** as a colorless oil (214.8 mg, 76%).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$   $\delta$ : 6.80 (m, 4H), 5.56 (m, 1H), 5.35 (m, 1H), 4.10–3.80 (m, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.34 (m, 3H), 1.48 (m, 2H), 0.01 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  minor isomer *Z*  $\delta$ : 154.0 (s), 152.7 (s), 128.9 (d), 121.5 (d), 115.4 (2d, Ar), 114.5 (2d, Ar), 72.2 (t), 70.0(d), 55.5(q), 30.9 (t), 18.6 (t), –1.9 (3q); major isomer *E*  $\delta$ : 153.9 (s), 152.6 (s), 130.5 (d), 123.0 (d), 115.4 (2d, Ar), 114.5 (2d, Ar), 72.1 (t), 69.8 (d), 55.5 (q), 36.8 (t), 22.8 (t), –2.0 (3q). MS *m/z* 294 ( $[\text{M}^+]$ , 32), 196 (16), 181(18), 166 (3), 150 (5), 124 (100), 109 (16), 73 (47).

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