



# Zirconium-catalyzed preparation of aluminacyclopentanes and synthesis of five-membered carbo- and heterocycles

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**Abstract**—Novel ‘one-pot’ catalytic methods for the synthesis of cyclopentanols, tetrahydrothiophenes, silacyclopentanes and phospholanes are based on successive transformations of olefins and organoaluminium compounds ( $R_2AlR'$ ) in the presence of  $Cp_2ZrCl_2$  catalyst. In situ generated aluminacyclopentanes serve as common intermediates in these processes.  
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## 1. Introduction

The development of the chemistry of reagents containing active metal–carbon bonds has contributed very significantly to the advancement of organic chemistry. Among the most commonly used reagents, lithium, magnesium, zinc, aluminium and boron organic compounds are also the most useful for carbon–carbon bond formations.

Meanwhile, in the last 10–15 years, new effective methods for construction of carbon–carbon, heteroatom–carbon and metal–carbon bonds based on zirconium organic derivatives have provided interesting carbocyclic and heterocyclic compounds. Negishi E.,<sup>1–6</sup> Takahashi T.,<sup>7–13</sup> Buchwald S.L.,<sup>14–20</sup> Nugent W.A., Fagan P.J.<sup>21–23</sup> and others have contributed to the development of these methods.

Concurrently, the chemistry of cyclic organoaluminium compounds (OAC) and their derivatives, in particular, aluminacyclopentanes and aluminacyclopentenes and their applications toward the synthesis of cyclobutanes,<sup>24,25</sup> cyclopropanes,<sup>26–29</sup> thiophanes and selenophanes<sup>30,31</sup> has been published. Based on these ideas and in order to extend the use of OAC in organic and organometallic synthesis, we focused our attention on ‘one-pot’ methods for the preparation of substituted cyclopentanols, tetrahydrothiophenes, phospholanes and silacyclopentanes from aluminacyclopentanes,<sup>32–35</sup> which were generated in situ by

cycloalumination of olefins in the presence of Zr-containing catalysts.

## 2. Results and discussion

In accordance with previously reported work,<sup>36</sup> trialkylalanes were found to interact with carboxylic esters at 35–80 °C to give a complicated mixture of alcohols and ketones. We herein report that aluminacyclopentanes **1**, generated in situ from  $\alpha$ -olefins and  $AlEt_3$  in the presence of  $Cp_2ZrCl_2$  catalyst,<sup>32–35</sup> reacted selectively with carboxylic esters in the presence of 10 mol%  $CuCl$  at 20–21 °C for 6–8 h to form cyclopentanols **2a–j** in 60–75% yield (Scheme 1).

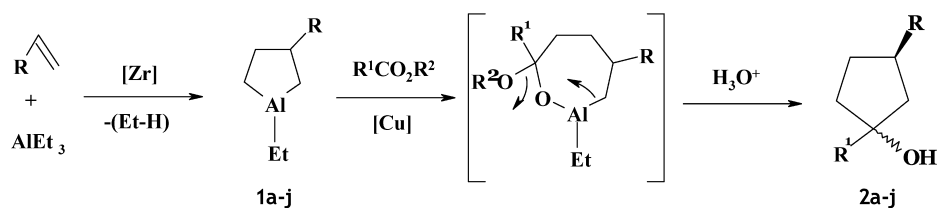
This reaction represents a convenient route for the synthesis of cyclopentanols with substitution patterns determined by the structure of the starting olefins. For example, cycloalumination of styrene, allylbenzene, or 4-vinylcyclohex-1-ene with  $AlEt_3$  catalyzed by  $Cp_2ZrCl_2$  was found to generate aluminacyclopentanes **1e–j**. Further transformations of these metallocycles under the action of alkyl formate and catalytic amounts of  $CuCl$  led to the formation of two additional C–C bonds as shown for cyclopentanols **2e–j**.

In an analogous fashion, the interaction between *trans*-3,4-dialkylsubstituted aluminacyclopentanes **3**, generated in situ,<sup>37</sup> and methyl formate in the presence of  $CuCl$  catalyst (10 mol%) led to cyclopentanols **4** with retention of the relative configuration of the alkyl substituents (Scheme 2).

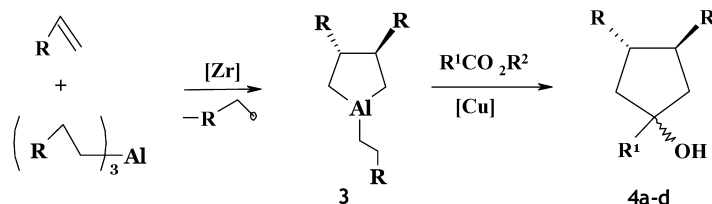
Earlier<sup>30,31</sup> we have demonstrated a method for the selective synthesis of tetrahydrothiophenes from aluminacyclopentanes and  $S_8$  in benzene at 80 °C. In the course of

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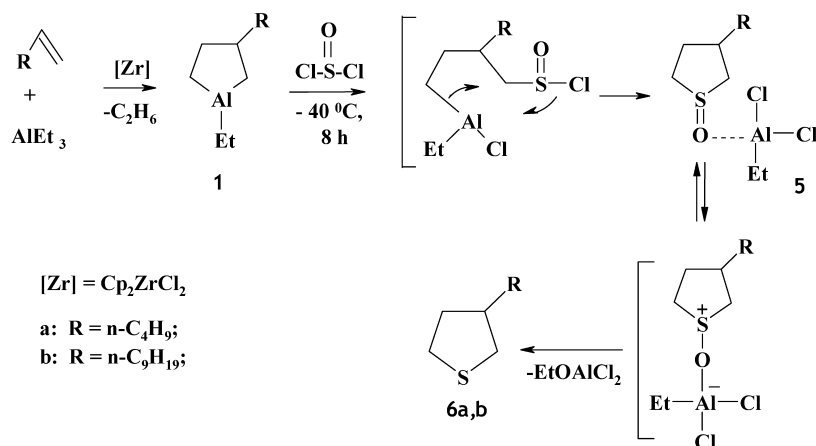
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**Scheme 1.** [Zr]=Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub>; [Cu]=CuCl; a: R=*n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>, R<sup>1</sup>=H; b: R=*n*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>, R<sup>1</sup>=H; c: R=*n*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>, R<sup>1</sup>=CH<sub>3</sub>; d: R=*n*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>, R<sup>1</sup>=C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; e: R=3-cyclohexenyl, R<sup>1</sup>=H; f: R=Ph, R<sup>1</sup>=H; j: R=CH<sub>2</sub>Ph, R<sup>1</sup>=H; R<sup>2</sup>=alkyl.



**Scheme 2.** [Zr]=Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub>; a: R=*n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>, R<sup>1</sup>=H; b: R=*n*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>, R<sup>1</sup>=H; c: R=*n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>, R<sup>1</sup>=CH<sub>3</sub>; d: R=*n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>, R<sup>1</sup>=C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, R<sup>2</sup>=alkyl.



**Scheme 3.**

further investigations on transformations of cyclic OAC to give five-membered heterocycles—1-ethyl-3-alkylaluminacyclopentanes **1**, obtained in situ from  $\alpha$ -olefins, AlEt<sub>3</sub> and catalytic amounts of Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub>,<sup>32–35</sup> were found to interact with thionyl chloride in hexane at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to give 3-alkyltetrahydrothiophenes **6** in 85% yield. The probable formation of sulfoxide intermediate<sup>38</sup> **5** followed by its further conversion into the isolated product represent the key steps in this reaction (Scheme 3).

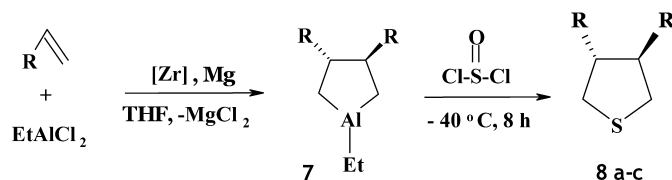
In the presence of EtAlCl<sub>2</sub>, Zr catalyst and Mg-metal, 1-alkyl-*trans*-3,4-dialkylaluminacyclopentanes<sup>39,40</sup> **7** were formed and found to react with thionyl chloride at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to give *trans*-3,4-dialkyltetrahydrothiophenes **8** in 80% yield (Scheme 4).

The preparation of phosphols<sup>21,23</sup> or silols<sup>41</sup> from stoichiometric amounts of zirconacyclopentadienes and phosphorus

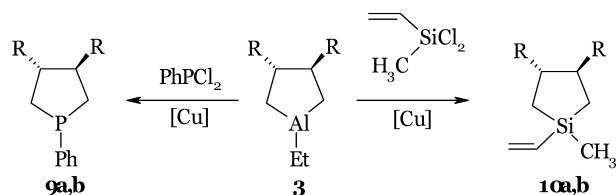
and silicon dihalogenides is well known. To investigate the possibilities of preparing analogous P- or Si-containing heterocycles from aluminacyclopentanes<sup>39,40</sup> in the presence of catalytic amounts of Zr complex, solutions of aluminacyclopentanes **3** in THF were exposed at rt (ca.  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ) to copper halides (CuCl, CuBr, CuI, 10–15 mol%) and dichlorophenylphosphine, as well as dichloromethylvinylsilane. Gratifyingly, the expected phospholanes **9** or silacyclopentanes **10** were obtained in total yields of 50–65% (Scheme 5).

### 3. Conclusions

The synthetic strategies presented in this paper allow the straightforward conversion of  $\alpha$ -olefins into cyclopentanol, tetrahydrothiophenes, phospholanes or silacyclopentanes



**Scheme 4.** [Zr]=Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub>; a: R=(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; b: R=PhCH<sub>2</sub>; c: R=3-cyclohexenyl.



Scheme 5. a: R=*n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>; b: R=*n*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>.

via intermediate in situ prepared aluminacyclopentanes in the presence of Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub> catalyst.

Several carbon–carbon and carbon–heteroatom bonds can be formed in a single reaction setup, and this efficiency combined with catalytic use of the more precious transition metals contributes to the promise of this methodology for the large-scale preparation of organic building blocks. Aluminacyclopentanes were found to react selectively with carboxylic esters, thionyl chloride, dichlorophosphines and dichlorosilanes.

## 4. Experimental

### 4.1. General

All solvents were dried (hexane over LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O and THF over Na) and freshly distilled before use. All reactions were carried out under a dry argon atmosphere. The reaction products were analyzed using chromatography on a 'Chrom-5' instrument (1200×3 mm<sup>2</sup> column packed with 5% of SE-30 and 15% PEG-6000 on Chromaton N-AW, carrier gas—He). Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on a IR-75 instrument (thin film). Mass spectral measurements were performed on a MX-1306 spectrometer at 70 eV and working temperature 200 °C. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded as CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions on 'Bruker AM-300' spectrometer (75.46 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C and 300 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H). The chemical shifts are reported as δ values in ppm relative to internal standard Me<sub>4</sub>Si. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were edited by *J*-modulation (JMOD) on CH constants.

### 4.2. Reaction of 1-ethyl-3-alkyl-substituted aluminacyclopentanes with carboxylic esters catalyzed by CuCl

A 50 mL glass reactor was charged with Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mmol) in dry hexane (3 mL), olefin (10 mmol), and AlEt<sub>3</sub> (12 mmol) under a dried argon atmosphere at 0 °C. The resulting solution was raised to ambient temperature and stirred for 12 h, then cooled to –15 °C and after addition of CuCl (1 mmol) the corresponding ester (30 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to ~20 °C and stirred for 8 h. The reaction was quenched with 8–10% (aq.) solution of HCl. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O or hexane. The combined organic extracts were washed with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried (CaCl<sub>2</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The products were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (40–100 mesh grade) with hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O=10:1 for elution.

**4.2.1. *cis/trans*-3-Butylcyclopentanol ~ (2:1) (2a).** IR (thin film) 3355, 2985, 2950, 2840, 1730, 1450, 1385, 1230, 1030, 925, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.90 (t, *J*=6.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.15–1.52 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.78–2.35 (m, 7H, CH and CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 4.29 (m, CH–OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.50, 22.74, 30.28, 30.78(30.86), 32.08(32.79), 35.97(36.05), 37.98(37.84), 39.95, 76.82(76.47); MS *m/z*: 124 [M<sup>+</sup>–H<sub>2</sub>O]. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O: C, 76.00; H, 12.76; Found: C, 75.82; H, 12.63. Yield 76%.

**4.2.2. *cis/trans*-3-Hexylcyclopentanol ~ (2:1) (2b).** IR (thin film) 3380, 2990, 2950, 2840, 1720, 1460, 1380, 1185, 1030, 950, 720 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.91 (t, *J*=6.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.18–1.51 (m, 10H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.78–2.35 (m, 7H, CH and CH<sub>2</sub> ring), 4.30 (m, CH–OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.06, 22.62, 29.46; 28.49, 30.57(30.66), 31.87, 32.20(32.96), 35.77(35.86), 37.90(36.52), 39.62, 76.95(76.55); MS (*m/z*, %): 152 (5, [M<sup>+</sup>–H<sub>2</sub>O]), 112(1.5), 85(2.5), 71(2.6), 67(100), 57(16), 43(31), 29(27.5). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O: C, 77.58; H, 13.02; Found: C, 77.39; H, 12.87. Yield 75%.

**4.2.3. *cis/trans*-1-Methyl-3-(*n*-hexyl)cyclopentanol ~ (2:1) (2c).** IR (thin film) 3350, 2990, 2950, 2840, 1720, 1460, 1380, 1235, 1100, 1030, 1000, 925, 900, 730, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.90 (t, *J*=6.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.20–1.58 (m, 10H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.33 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.61–2.51 (m, 7H, CH, CH<sub>2</sub> ring); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.07, 22.67, 28.52(28.78), 29.50, 29.56, 31.19 (31.45), 31.90, 36.52 (36.98), 38.41 (39.06), 40.75 (41.59), 48.62 (48.23), 79.96 (79.74); MS *m/z*: 184 M<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O: C, 78.19; H, 13.13; Found: C, 78.02; H, 13.01. Yield 68%.

**4.2.4. *cis/trans*-1-Ethyl-3-(*n*-hexyl)cyclopentanol ~ (2:1) (2d).** IR (thin film) 3350, 2990, 2950, 2840, 1720, 1450, 1380, 1230, 1030, 920, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.83–1.02 (m, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.20–1.57 (m, 12H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.61–2.51 (m, 7H, CH and CH<sub>2</sub> ring); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.72(8.49), 14.00, 22.68, 28.48, 29.49, 30.86(31.38), 31.87, 34.41(34.47), 36.33(36.37), 36.95 (37.14), 38.02(38.57), 46.45 (46.00), 82.80(82.31); MS *m/z*: 198 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O: C, 78.72; H, 13.21; Found: C, 78.58; H, 13.04. Yield 60%.

**4.2.5. *cis/trans*-3-Cyclohexenylcyclopentanol ~ (2:1) (2e).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.60–2.21 (m, 14H, CH, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.28 (m, H, CH–OH), 5.15–5.75 (m, 2H, CH=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 25.26, 27.60(27.82), 28.52, 30.73, 35.32(35.68), 37.32(37.68), 39.16(39.39), 43.50(43.07), 76.18(75.81), 126.50, 127.18; MS (*m/z*, %): 166 (0.7, M<sup>+</sup>), 148(18), 134(0.6), 122(1), 108(2), 94(8.5), 81(40), 80(100), 58(1), 44(2), 30(1), 29(18). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O: C, 79.46; H, 10.91; Found: C, 79.28; H, 10.74. Yield 65%.

**4.2.6. *cis/trans*-3-Phenylcyclopentanol ~ (2:1) (2f).** IR (thin film) 3380, 3015, 2990, 2950, 2840, 1710, 1490, 1450, 1395, 1180, 750, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.45–2.25 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.10–3.25 (m, H, CH–Ph), 4.40 (m, H, CH–OH), 7.00–7.50 (m, 5H, Ph); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 28.91(29.20), 32.65(33.49), 35.65(36.01), 44.25(43.95), 73.75(73.51), 126.04, 127.08, 127.53, 128.48, 141.62; MS (*m/z*, %): 162(32, M<sup>+</sup>), 145(9),

144(100), 143(53), 118(26), 104(54), 90(2), 77(30), 29(18). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{11}H_{14}O$ : C, 81.44; H, 8.70; Found: C, 81.23; H, 8.52. Yield 64%.

**4.2.7. *cis/trans*-3-Benzylcyclopentanol ~ (2:1) (2j).** IR (thin film) 3380, 2990, 3015, 2995, 2950, 1715, 1600, 1490, 1450, 1400, 1180, 750, 700  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  1.58–2.25 (m, 7H, CH,  $CH_2$ ), 2.62 (d,  $J=5.6$  Hz, 2H,  $CH_2$ -Ph), 4.28 (m, H, CH-OH), 7.00–7.48 (m, 5H, Ph);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  30.34(30.54), 32.09(32.39), 38.78(39.36), 39.72(40.33), 42.06(41.60), 76.38(76.57), 126.00, 128.24, 128.42, 141.38; MS ( $m/z$ , %): 176(19,  $M^+$ ), 158(7), 132(2), 118(7), 104(5), 91(100), 77(7), 29(27). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{16}O$ : C, 81.77; H, 9.15; Found: C, 81.59; H, 9.01. Yield 69%.

### 4.3. Reaction of *trans*-3,4-dialkylaluminacyclopentanes with carboxylic esters catalyzed by CuCl

To the solution of tri(*n*-hexyl)aluminium (10 mmol), prepared in situ according to the literature method<sup>37</sup> at  $-15^\circ C$  under a dried argon atmosphere was added CuCl (1 mmol) and dropwise the corresponding ester (30 mmol). The reaction temperature was raised to rt (ca.  $20^\circ C$ ), and the mixture was stirred for 8 h. The reaction was quenched with 8–10% (aq.) solution of HCl. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with  $Et_2O$  or hexane. The combined organic extracts were washed with water, saturated aqueous  $NaHCO_3$ , dried ( $CaCl_2$ ), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The products were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (40–100 mesh grade) with hexane/ $Et_2O=10:1$  for elution.

**4.3.1. *trans*-3,4-Di(*n*-butyl)cyclopentanol (4a).**  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.86–0.90 (m, 6H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.15–1.30 (m, 12H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.65–2.35 (m, 6H, CH and  $CH_2$  ring), 5.30 (m, H, CH-OH);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.12, 22.66, 29.85, 34.35, 39.10, 42.02, 73.25. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{26}O$ : C, 78.72; H, 13.21; Found: C, 76.68; H, 13.01. Yield 75%.

**4.3.2. *trans*-3,4-Di(*n*-hexyl)cyclopentanol (4b).**  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.88–0.91 (m, 6H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.15–1.30 (m, 20H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.65–2.35 (m, 6H, CH and  $CH_2$  ring), 5.30 (m, H, CH-OH);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.15, 22.54, 26.15, 29.42, 31.72, 34.31, 39.02, 41.45, 72.18. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{34}O$ : C, 80.24; H, 13.47; Found: C, 80.03; H, 13.29. Yield 74%.

**4.3.3. 1-Methyl-*trans*-3,4-di(*n*-butyl)cyclopentanol (4c).**  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.83–0.95 (m, 6H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.14–1.29 (m, 12H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.32 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.65–2.35 (m, 6H, CH and  $CH_2$  ring);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.12, 22.69, 26.92, 31.93, 34.53, 38.15, 41.94, 72.83. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{14}H_{28}O$ : C, 79.18; H, 13.29; Found: C, 78.98; H, 13.11. Yield 73%.

**4.3.4. 1-Ethyl-*trans*-3,4-di(*n*-butyl)cyclopentanol (4d).**  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.86–0.92 (m, 9H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.24–1.62 (m, 14H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.67–2.54 (m, 6H, CH and  $CH_2$  ring);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.80, 14.11, 22.69, 29.95, 33.90, 32.42, 37.41, 38.44, 76.65. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{30}O$ : C, 79.58; H, 13.36; Found: C, 79.41; H, 13.20. Yield 69%.

### 4.4. Reaction of *trans*-3-alkylaluminacyclopentanes with thionyl chloride

A 50 mL glass reactor was charged with  $Cp_2ZrCl_2$  (0.5 mmol) in dry hexane (3 mL), olefin (10 mmol), and  $AlEt_3$  (12 mmol) under a dried argon atmosphere at  $0^\circ C$ . The resulting solution was raised to ambient temperature and stirred for 12 h, then cooled to  $-40^\circ C$ , and thionyl chloride (30 mmol) was added dropwise, stirred for 8 h and treated with 8–10% (aq.) solution of HCl. The crude products were extracted with diethyl ether or hexane and purified by distillation in vacuo.

**4.4.1. 3-(*n*-Butyl)tetrahydrothiophene (6a).** IR (thin film) 2970, 2940, 2870, 1470, 1385, 1265, 1220, 750  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.87–0.95 (m, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.35 (m, 6H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.87–2.48 (m, 3H, CH and  $CH_2$  ring), 2.65–3.01 (m, 4H,  $CH_2$ -S);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.10, 22.90, 30.80, 31.00, 33.30, 36.81, 44.80; MS  $m/z$ : 144  $M^+$ . Yield 85%.

**4.4.2. 3-(*n*-Nonyl)tetrahydrothiophene (6b).** IR (thin film) 2960, 2925, 2855, 1460, 1375, 1260, 1210, 720  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.83–0.92 (m, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.21 (m, 16H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.93–2.47 (m, 3H, CH,  $CH_2$  ring), 2.58–2.83 (m, 4H,  $CH_2$ -S);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.10, 22.70, 28.80, 29.40, 29.70, 29.90, 30.80, 31.90, 33.60, 36.80, 44.80; MS  $m/z$ : 214  $M^+$ . Yield 83%.

### 4.5. Reaction of *trans*-3,4-dialkylaluminacyclopentanes with thionyl chloride

A 50 mL glass reactor was charged with  $Cp_2ZrCl_2$  (0.5 mmol), Mg (powder) (12 mmol), dry THF (10 mL), olefin (20 mmol), and  $EtAlCl_2$  (12 mmol) under a dried argon atmosphere at  $0^\circ C$ . The resulting solution was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 12 h, then cooled up to  $-40^\circ C$  and thionyl chloride (30 mmol) was added dropwise, stirred for 8 h and treated with 8–10% (aq.) solution of HCl. The crude products were extracted with diethyl ether or hexane and purified by distillation in vacuo. Compounds **8a–c** were identified by comparison with the known samples<sup>31</sup>.

### 4.6. Reaction of *trans*-3,4-di(alkyl)aluminacyclopentanes with dichlorophenylphosphine

A 50 mL glass reactor was charged with  $Cp_2ZrCl_2$  (0.5 mmol), Mg (powder) (12 mmol), dry THF (10 mL), olefin (20 mmol), and  $EtAlCl_2$  (12 mmol) under a dried argon atmosphere at  $0^\circ C$ . The solution was raised to ambient temperature and stirred for 12 h, then cooled to  $-15^\circ C$  and dichlorophenylphosphine (12 mmol) was slowly added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt (ca.  $20^\circ C$ ), stirred for 8 h and treated with 8–10% (aq.) solution of HCl. The crude products were extracted with diethyl ether or hexane and purified by distillation in vacuo.

**4.6.1. 1-Phenyl-*trans*-3,4-di(*n*-butyl)phospholane (9a).**  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.89 (t,  $J=6.5$  Hz, 6H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.26–1.75 (m, 14H,  $CH_2$  and CH), 3.40–3.51 (m, 4H,  $CH_2P$ ), 7.17–7.87 (m, 5H, Ph). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{29}P$ : C, 78.22; H, 10.58; Found: C, 77.99; H, 10.42. Yield 60%.

**4.6.2. 1-Phenyl-trans-3,4-di(*n*-hexyl)phospholane (9b).**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.89 (t, *J*=6.5 Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.23–1.72 (m, 22H, CH<sub>2</sub> and CH), 3.40–3.51 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>P), 7.10–7.64 (m, 5H, Ph). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>P: C, 79.47; H, 11.22; Found: C, 79.26; H, 11.07. Yield 60%.

**4.7. Reaction of trans-3,4-di(alkyl)aluminacyclopentanes with dichlorovinylmethylsilane**

A 50 mL glass reactor was charged with Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mmol), Mg (powder) (12 mmol), dry THF (10 mL), olefin (20 mmol), and EtAlCl<sub>2</sub> (12 mmol) under a dried argon atmosphere at 0 °C. The solution was raised to ambient temperature and stirred for 12 h, then cooled to –15 °C and dichlorovinylmethylsilane (12 mmol) was slowly added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. (ca. 20 °C), stirred for 8 h and treated with an 8–10% (aq.) solution of HCl. The crude products were extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O or hexane and purified by distillation in vacuo.

**4.7.1. 1-Vinyl-1-methyl-trans-3,4-di(*n*-butyl)silacyclopentane (10a).**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.21 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.75 (d, *J*=6.5 Hz, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>–Si), 0.96 (t, *J*=6.5 Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.38 (m, 14H, CH and CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.80–6.15 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –0.74, 14.12, 14.66, 23.06, 29.37, 35.42, 36.81, 35.09, 36.72, 133.16, 136.61. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Si: C, 75.4; H, 12.68; Found: C, 75.35; H, 12.51. Yield 56%.

**4.7.2. 1-Vinyl-1-methyl-trans-3,4-di(*n*-hexyl)silacyclopentane (10b).**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.23 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.81 (d, *J*=6.5 Hz, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>–Si), 0.96 (t, *J*=6.3 Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.38 (m, 22H, CH and CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.80–6.13 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –0.67, 14.12, 14.54, 22.80, 27.81, 29.82, 32.10, 35.09, 36.72, 133.22, 136.67. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>38</sub>Si: C, 77.46; H, 13.00; Found: C, 77.25; H, 12.85. Yield 55%.

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