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Novel Mg-organic reagents in organic synthesis. Cp₂TiCl₂ catalyzed intermolecular cyclomagnesiation of cyclic and acyclic 1,2-dienes using Grignard reagents

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1. Introduction

Discovered by Barbier and Grignard, reaction between organic halogenides and metallic magnesium is one of the most popular and widely used procedures to synthesize organomagnesium compounds (OMC) of various structures. The recorded amount of publications is devoted to the synthesis and application of OMC obtained by this classic method.¹ The reaction has a number of limitations, which are connected with the usage of hydrocarbon halides of certain structures, capable of reacting with magnesium. Apart from the hydrocarbon halide, the presence of functional groups influences the selectivity of OMC formation. Introduction of metal complex catalysis allows the scope of Grignard reagents applicability to be expanded and to elaborate promising procedures for practical utilization based on hydro-, carbo-, and cyclomagnesiation reactions of unsaturated compounds.² Among these, the catalytic cyclomagnesiation reaction of unsaturated compounds (Dzhemilev reaction), in our opinion, is worthy to consider as an effective procedure to obtain cyclic OMC with high regio- and stereoselectivity^{2a,3} giving rise in situ to hardto-reach carbocyclic and heterocyclic compounds as well as bi-functional ones.⁴ Substrates such as α -olefins,^{2g,3b,3e} terminal

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ABSTRACT

High-yield (>80%) catalytic intermolecular cyclomagnesiation of cyclic and acyclic allenes with the aid of Grignard reagents has been realized in the presence of Cp₂TiCl₂. The synthesized unsaturated bi- and tricyclic organomagnesium compounds (OMC) have been successfully converted in situ into thiophenes, unsaturated ketones, cyclic and acyclic hydrocarbons with high regio- and stereoselectivity.

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allenes, 2c,5 acetylenes, 6 norbornenes, 3c and α, ω -dienes 2f,3f have been used as examples to study this reaction.

Earlier^{2c} we gave details concerning facile preparation of 2,5dialkylidenemagnesacyclopentanes (and/or 1,4-dimagnesium compounds) with quantitative yields via the interaction between terminal allenes and Grignard reagents in the presence of chemically activated magnesium and catalytic Cp₂TiCl₂ (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Cyclomagnesiation of terminal 1,2-dienes.

Herein we report on the results of our further investigations in the field of cyclic 1,2-dienes' cyclomagnesiation in the presence of Grignard reagents and Cp₂TiCl₂ as a catalyst.

2. Results and discussion

We established that cyclic 1,2-dienes undergo the catalytic cyclomagnesiation reaction. Thus, cyclonona-1,2-diene was found



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Scheme 2. Intermolecular cyclomagnesiation of cyclonona-1,2-diene.

to enter readily into the reaction with EtMgBr in the presence of metallic Mg (acceptor of halogenide ions) and Cp₂TiCl₂ catalyst at ambient temperature (5 mol %, Et₂O, 4 h) to produce 2-magnesa-tricyclo[10.7.0^{1,12}.0^{3,11}]nonadeca-3(4),19-diene (and/or 1,4-dimagnesium compound) **1**. Acid hydrolysis and deuterolysis of OMC **1** led to (2*Z*,2′*Z*)-1,1′-bi(cyclonon-2-ene) **2** and (2*Z*,2′*Z*)-2,2′-dideutero-1,1′-bi(cyclonon-2-ene) **3** in yields >85% (Scheme 2).

In the ¹³C NMR spectrum of hydrocarbon **2** one could observe nine signals of non-equivalent carbon atoms. Two downfield signals (δ 129.0 and 134.2 ppm) were assigned to the internal bond located at the allylic position toward tertiary C1 or C1' atom (δ 42.2 ppm) in the cyclononene fragment. The spectrum also contains six peaks at δ 25–32 ppm attributed to the methylene carbon atoms of a cyclic moiety. Mass spectrum of **2** exhibits the signal of molecular ion M⁺ 246. On the base of the spectroscopic data obtained compound **2** was identified as (2*Z*,2'*Z*)-1,1'-bi(cyclonon-2ene).

In the ¹³C NMR spectrum of hydrocarbon **3**, which was a result of OMC **1** deuterolysis, one could observe the triplet splitting of equivalent C2(C2') atoms at 133.8 ppm on D atom (J_{CD} =22.3 Hz). Deuterium isotope effect on α -atoms was -0.43 ppm. In the ¹H NMR spectrum there is no signal at 5.2 ppm of protons attached to C2(C2') atoms. In the MS spectrum of compound **3** the intensive peak for the molecular ion M⁺ 248 was found, thus proving the structure of (2*Z*,2'*Z*)-2,2'-dideutero-1,1'-bi(cyclonon-2-ene). Two symmetrical deuterium atoms in the molecule of **3** at C2 and C2' gave evidence about the formation of magnesacyclopentane **1** (and/or 1,4-dimagnesium compound).

Cyclomagnesiation of cyclonona-1,2-diene was practically completed within 3–4 h in diethyl ether. The yield of OMC **1** was not more than 5–8% in THF. The reaction does not proceed without Mg at all. The decrease in the catalyst amounts from 5 to 2 mol% and increase in the reaction duration to 20 h caused a decrease in the yield of the products to 64%. The use of MeMgBr, EtMgCl, EtMgI, *i*-PrMgBr, *n*-BuMgBr, or *i*-BuMgBr instead of EtMgBr did not substantially influence the yield of the cyclomagnesiation products.

The findings obtained and the data reported allow us to propose the mechanistic scheme of OMC **1** formation, which includes the reduction of Cp₂TiCl₂ to 'Cp₂Ti' in the presence of chemically activated magnesium with consecutive coordination of an allene molecule to a central atom of the catalyst to afford titanacyclopropane intermediate **4**. The formation of the latter was circumstantially proven by the presence of cyclononene and 2,3dideuterocyclononene identified by means of mass spectrometry in the hydrolysis and deuterolysis products, respectively. The subsequent insertion of the second nonadiene molecule into the active Ti–C bond led to titanacyclopentane intermediate **5**, the transmetallation of which with a Grignard reagent at the final reaction gave OMC **1** (Scheme 3).

Apparently, the high regioselectivity of the reaction is the result of electron density excess on the sp-hybridized carbon atom of cyclonona-1,2-diene and π -d interaction between the electrons of the allene double bond and the vacant Ti atom d-orbital. This can



Scheme 3. The mechanistic scheme proposed for the cyclomagnesiation reaction.

promote a certain spatial orientation of the cyclonona-1,2-diene molecule relative to the central atom of the catalyst to give titanacyclopentane **5** intermediate with double bond located at the vinyl position toward the titanium atom of cyclononene moiety.

For the more conclusive evidence of the OMC **1** structure and also to elaborate novel 'one-pot' methods to synthesize hard-to-reach carbo- and heterocyclic compounds, we performed a series of transformations for OMC **1** with allyl chloride, methyl iodide, copper(II) chloride, carbon(IV) oxide, and element sulfur (Scheme 4).

By moderate bobbling of the dried carbon(IV) oxide through the reaction mixture containing OMC **1** the unsaturated tricyclic ketone **6** has been obtained in 76% yield. The cross-coupling reaction of prepared in situ magnesacyclopentane (and/or 1,4-dimagnesium compound) **1** with organic halides (Me iodide, allyl chloride) in the presence of catalytic CuCl (10 mol %) gave rise to 2,2'-dimethyl-1,1'-bi(cyclonon-2-en-1-yl) **7** and 2,2'-diallyl-1,1'-bi(cyclonon-2-en-1-yl) **8** in yields of 81 and 83%, respectively.

Analogous to that already reported on the transformations of substituted aluminacyclopentanes to appropriate cyclobutanes in the presence of CuCl₂, we have succeeded in synthesizing (10*R*,11*S*)-tricyclo[9.7.0^{1,11}.0^{2,10}]octadeca-2(3),18-diene **9** in 68% yield via intramolecular carbocyclization of OMC **1**. In accordance with the reported data,^{7,8} both thermal and catalytic ($2\pi+2\pi$)-cyclo-dimerization of cyclonona-1,2-diene resulted in the formation of complex mixture containing three stereoisomers **9–11** (Scheme 5), in which the maximum content of diastereoisomer **9** was not more than 63% (Table 1).



Scheme 4. Some transformations of OMC 1.





Table 1 Comparative diastereomerical product vields in cvclonona-1.2-diene cyclodimerization

| Method | 'Diastereomerical purity' (%) | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----|----|
| | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Thermal ⁹ | 63 | 31 | 6 |
| Catalytic ¹⁰ | 57 | 22 | 8 |
| Proposed | 100 | 0 | 0 |

As is evident, the method, which we propose, can be used to synthesize 'diastereomerically pure' (10R,11S)-tricyclo-[9.7.0^{1,11}.0^{2,10}]octadeca-2(3),18-diene **9**. The structure of **9** was proven by spectroscopic methods and also by comparison of physico-chemical constants of compound 9 obtained according to the procedure described.^{7a} The (R,S)-configurations of C11 and C12 atoms in hydrocarbon 9 enables us to unambiguously define the configuration of chiral centers at C11 and C12 atoms of OMC 1 and





(11R,12S)-2-magnesaalso define its structure as tricyclo[10.7.0^{1,12}.0^{3,11}]nonadeca-3(4),19-diene.

The interaction between OMC $\mathbf{1}$ and element sufur S_8 was shown to afford thiophane 12 in 84% yield. The latter, as it has become clear, isomerizes quantitatively to give thiophene 13 while heating to 130-140 °C.

We regret to say that all attempts to involve cyclotrideca-1,2diene into intermolecular cyclomagnesiation reaction under reaction conditions elaborated for cyclonona-1,2-diene failed. Allene conversion did not exceed 25%. The CS/MS analysis of product contents after quenching the reaction mixture with 10% DCl in D₂O showed under chosen conditions the presence of dideuterocyclotridecene **15** together with monodeuterocvclotridecene—the minor mixture component (3–5%). Apparently, the cyclomagnesiation reaction stops because of steric influence at the stage of titanacyclopropane intermediate 14 or it is a result of greater ring strain in 1,2-cyclononadiene and a greater thermodynamic driving force for the formation of its complex with Ti(II) that results in greater reactivity in our reaction (Scheme 6).

Further, after obtaining successful results on intermolecular cyclomagnesiation of cyclic 1,2-dienes, we attempted to involve cyclic and acyclic 1,2-dienes into combined cyclomagnesiation with the aid of Grignard reagents and Cp2TiCl2 catalyst. The realization of this reaction, as we supposed, would allow us to elaborate the method for obtaining bicyclic alkylidenmagnesacyclopentanes (and/or 1,4-dimagnesium compounds) not described previously.

At the first stage, we investigated combined cyclomagnesiation of cyclonona-1,2-diene and hepta-1,2-diene with an excess amount of EtMgBr in the presence of chemically activated Mg and Cp₂TiCl₂ catalyst at the cyclonona-1,2-diene/hepta-1,2-diene/EtMgBr/Mg/ Cp₂TiCl₂ molar ratio of 10:10:40:24:1 under chosen conditions (Et₂O, 4 h, rt). As a result, 11-pentalidene-12-magnesabicyclo[7.3.0^{1,9}]dodec-1(2)-ene (and/or 1,4-dimagnesium compound) 16a has been obtained in 88% yield. As the minor component of the resultant mixture the products of cyclonona-1,2-diene and hepta-1,2-diene homocyclomagnesiation, the total content of which does not exceed 5-8%, was found also to produce in a 1:1 ratio (Scheme 7).



Scheme 7. Combined cyclomagnesiation of cyclonona-1,2-diene and terminal 1,2-dienes.



Scheme 8. Transformations of OMC 16a.

The structure of OMC obtained has been proven by analysis of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of hydrolysis **17** and deuterolysis **18** products.

The compounds **17a–f** and **18a–f** were analyzed by one-dimensional (NMR ¹H, ¹³C, Dept 135°) and two-dimensional experiments (HH COSY, HSQC, HMBC). Based on experiments carried out, the complete reference of signals in the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra has been made, which allows unambiguous exterminating of the position and types of bondings in cyclic and acyclic fragments. Thus, the allyl position of alkenyl substituents in compounds **16a,b** is confirmed by the presence of cross-peaks between the proton at C1 (δ 5.52 ppm) and the C3 atoms in HMBC spectra. Besides, *Z*-configuration of double bonds at C1 and C11 atoms is unambiguously determined by the magnitude of vicinal spin–spin interaction constant (SSIC) as ³J (H(C1), H(C2))=10 Hz and ³J (H(C11), H(C12))=11 Hz.⁹

The position of the deuterium atom at C2 and C11 atoms in the partially deuterized compounds **17a,b** is determined by the absence of the appropriate proton signals at δ 5.15 and 5.34 ppm, and also by triplet signals due to carbon C2 and C11 splitting (${}^{1}J_{CD}=23$ Hz), which ${}^{13}C$ NMR spectra exhibit.

Together with hepta-1,2-diene, phenyl-, benzyl-, and hexylallene have been involved in combined intermolecular cyclomagnesiation reaction with cyclonona-1,2-diene. These reactions were established to proceed with retention of appropriateness described above.

High regio- and stereospecificity of the reaction was observed also in the case, when in the combined cyclomagnesiation with cyclonona-1,2-diene 3,3-disubstituted allenes were implicated. Based on the example of the reaction of cyclonona-1,2-diene with 3-methyl-3-phenyl- and 3-methyl-3-amylallene, it was shown that double bond in the side chain moiety has also *Z*-configuration. This fact was concluded by the proton transfer from C11 (δ 5.48 ppm) onto the cis methyl substituent at C12 (δ 2.03 ppm) atom from NOESY spectrum for compounds **17e,f**. In partially deuterized analogs **18e,f** there are no signals at δ 5.5 and 5.1 ppm characteristic of the proton at C11 and of the C2 proton attached to the double bond in cyclononane fragment.

By the analogy with tricyclic OMC **1** we have synthesized new bicyclic alkylidenmagnesacyclopentanes (and/or dimagnesium compounds) and examined its reactivity in cross-coupling reactions with different organic halogenides and S_8 . The aforesaid reactions were shown to afford bifunctional and also carbo- and heterocyclic compounds **19–21** involving two active Mg–C bonds (Scheme 8).

The cross-coupling reaction of OMC **16a** and Mel was shown to proceed with retention of the *Z*-configuration of double bonds in the molecule of **19**. Thus, in the ¹³C NMR spectrum of **19** one could observe the bands belonging to two trisubstituted bonds located in the cyclic fragment and in the side chain as well. The position of the double bond at the C2 atom is confirmed by the correlation peak between protons of methyl groups at 1.57 ppm and methine carbon

at 37.1 ppm in two-dimensional HMBC spectrum for compound **19**. The *Z*-configuration of the double bond between C1 and C2 in the cyclic fragment was concluded from the presence of cross-peaks between the methyl group protons at C2 (δ 1.57 ppm) and H(C1) at 5.41 ppm from the two-dimensional NOESY spectrum. The position of the double bond in the side chain was confirmed by cross-peaks between protons of the allylic methylene group at C10 (δ 36.2 ppm) and the methyl group protons at 1.69 ppm from the HMBC experiment. The presence of cross-peaks between the cis-located proton at C12 (δ 5.16 ppm) and the methyl group protons at C11 (δ 1.69 ppm) in the NOESY spectrum is the direct proof, indicating *Z*-configuration of the double bond.

3. Conclusions

Therefore, we have performed for the first time intermolecular cyclomagnesiation of cyclonona-1,2-diene and terminal allenes with the aid of Grignard reagents in the presence of Cp_2TiCl_2 as catalyst. As a result, the unsaturated bi- and tricyclic OMCs (and/or 1,4-dimagnesium compounds) have been synthesized, which, as was shown in a number of examples, can be successfully used to obtain carbocyclic, heterocyclic, and bifunctional compounds of the assigned structures.

4. Experimental section

4.1. General

All solvents were dried (hexane over LiAlH₄, Et₂O 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 $(1200 \times 3 \text{ mm column packed with } 5\% \text{ of SE-30 and } 15\% \text{ PEG-6000}$ on Chromaton N-AW, carrier gas: He). The IR spectra were recorded on Specord 75-IR. Mass spectral measurements were performed on a Finnigan-4021 spectrometer at 70 eV and working temperature 200 °C. Elemental analysis of samples was determined on Carlo Erba, model 1106. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded as CDCl₃ solutions on spectrometer 'Bruker Avance-400' (100 MHz for ^{13}C and 400 MHz for $^{1}\text{H}).$ The chemical shifts are reported as δ values in parts per million relative to internal standard Me₄Si. ¹³C NMR spectra were edited by J-modulation (JMOD) on CH constants. Individuality and purity of the synthesized compounds were controlled with the use of TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates, I₂ was used as a developer.

4.2. (2Z,2'Z)-1,1'-Bi(cyclonon-2-ene) (2)

A 50 mL glass reactor was charged with chemically activated (with EtBr or I_2) Mg (12 mmol), EtMgBr (2 M solution in diethyl ether, 22 mmol), Cp₂TiCl₂ (0.5 mmol), and cyclonona-1,2-diene (10 mmol) under a dried argon atmosphere at 0 °C. The resulting

solution was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 4 h. The reaction mixture (crude **1**) was quenched with an 8–10% aqueous solution of HCl (or DCl, 10–12% solution in D₂O). The organic layer was diluted with hexane, separated, and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation and vacuum distillation gave **2** (2.1 g, 86%) as a colorless liquid, bp 138–140 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.48 (m, 2H), 5.20 (m, 2H), 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.18–1.61 (m, 20H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =134.2, 128.9, 42.2, 31.9, 26.7, 26.4, 26.0, 25.9, 25.2 ppm. IR (film): 1620, 1450, 1370, 710 cm⁻¹. MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* 246 [M]⁺ (5), 218 (2), 189 (2), 175 (3), 149 (7), 135 (5), 123 (16), 91 (19), 81 (100), 79 (36), 67 (59), 55 (25), 41 (32). C₁₈H₃₀ (246.4): calcd C 87.73, H 12.27; found C 87.65, H 12.24.

4.3. (2Z,2'Z)-2,2'-Dideutero-1,1'-bi(cyclonon-2-ene) (3)

Yield: 2.1 g, 86%, as a colorless liquid, bp 138–140 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.51 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.0 (m, 2H), 1.21–1.62 (m, 20H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =133.8 (t, *J*_{CD}=22.3 Hz), 128.8, 42.1, 31.9, 26.6, 26.4, 26.0, 25.9, 25.2 ppm. IR (film): 2160 (ν _{C-D}) cm⁻¹. MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* 248 [M]⁺ (6), 207 (4), 191 (3), 177 (4), 151 (6), 136 (9), 124 (61), 93 (18), 82 (100), 81 (87), 68 (55), 67 (60), 56 (25), 55 (43), 42 (34), 41 (54). C₁₈H₂₈D₂ (248.4): calcd C 87.02, H 11.36, D 1.62; found C 86.84, H+D 12.92.

4.4. (11*R*,12*S*)-2-Oxotricyclo[10.7.0^{1,12}.0^{3,11}]nonadeca-3(4),19-diene (6)

Through crude **1** the dried CO₂ (two-fold excess toward EtMgBr) was bubbled. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 20 °C and stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with an 8–10% (aq) solution of HCl. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O or hexane. The organic layer was diluted with hexane, separated, and dried over MgSO₄. The product **6** was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (40–100 mesh grade) with hexane/ethylacetate (50:1) as eluent. Yield: 2.0 g, 76%, as a colorless liquid, R_f =0.43. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.54 (t, *J*=6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.5 (m, 1H), 2.0–2.17 (m, 6H), 1.45 (m, 5H), 1.24–1.63 (m, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =194.9, 143.0, 137.6, 47.4, 34.9, 27.9, 26.6, 26.0, 25.4, 24.3 ppm. IR (film): 1600, 1460, 1380 cm⁻¹. MS *m/z*: 272 (M⁺). C₁₉H₂₈O (272.4): calcd C 83.77, H 10.36, O 5.87; found C 83.71, H 10.37, O 5.89.

4.5. 2,2'-Diallyl-1,1'-bi(cyclonon-2-en-1-yl) (7)

To crude **1** at -20 °C, CuCl (1 mmol) and allyl chloride (30 mmol) were added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 20 °C and stirred for 6 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with an 8–10% (aq) solution of HCl. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O or hexane. The organic layer was diluted with hexane, separated, and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation and vacuum distillation gave **7** (yield 2.7 g, 83%) as a colorless oil, bp 154–155 °C (0.1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.79 (m, 2H), 5.28 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 4H), 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.59 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 4H), 2.06 (m, 2H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.69 (m, 20H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =140.9, 137.9, 125.4, 115.4, 42.2, 35.0, 30.7, 27.0, 26.9, 26.7, 26.6, 24.2 ppm. IR (film): 1610, 1450, 1410, 1360, 690 cm⁻¹. MS *m/z*: 326 (M⁺). C₂₄H₃₈ (326.5): calcd C 88.27, H 11.73; found C 88.03, H 11.71.

4.6. 2,2'-Dimethyl-1,1'-bi(cyclonon-2-en-1-yl) (8)

Yield: 2.2 g, 81%, as a colorless liquid, bp 154–156 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.42 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.01–2.10 (m, 4H), 1.59 (s, 6H), 1.21–1.62 (m, 20H) ppm. ¹³C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =137.9, 126.3, 39.7, 31.8, 27.7, 27.3, 27.2, 26.9, 23.5, 18.3 ppm. IR (film): 1650, 1450, 1370 cm⁻¹. MS *m/z*: 274 (M⁺). C₂₀H₃₄ (274.5): calcd C 87.51, H 12.49; found C 87.43, H 12.47.

4.7. (10R,11S)-Tricyclo[9.7.0^{1,11}.0^{2,10}]octadeca-2(3),18-diene (9)

To crude **1** at 0 °C, dried CuCl₂ (15 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 20 °C and stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with an 8–10% (aq) solution of HCl. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O or hexane. The organic layer was diluted with hexane, separated, and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation and vacuum distillation gave **9** (1.7 g, 68% yield) as colorless needles, mp 81–83 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.54 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (m, 4H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.87 (m, 4H), 1.46–1.54 (m, 12H), 1.27 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =145.4, 116.1, 49.7, 31.4, 30.2, 28.9, 28.2, 26.9, 20.8 ppm. MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* 244 [M]⁺ (23), 215 (7), 201 (11), 187 (17), 173 (17), 161 (16), 148 (24), 133 (28), 119 (25), 105 (37), 91 (100), 79 (74), 67 (50), 55 (43), 41 (64). C₁₈H₂₈ (244.4): calcd C 88.45, H 11.55; found C 88.31, H 11.52.

4.8. (7*E*,8a*E*)-1,2,3,4,5,6,10,11,12,13,14,15,15a,15b-Tetradecahydrodicyclonona[*b*,*d*]thiophene (12)

To crude **1** at 0 °C, S₈ (15 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 20 °C and stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with an 8–10% (aq) solution of HCl. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O or hexane. The organic layer was diluted with hexane, separated, and dried over MgSO₄. The product was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (40–100 mesh grade) with hexane as eluent. Yield 2.3 g, 84%, as a light yellow oil, R_f =0.45. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.41 (dd, *J*=10.0, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.20 (m, 4H), 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.28–1.51 (m, 16H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =142.5, 120.1, 51.9, 32.9, 28.1, 26.6, 25.8, 25.2, 24.5 ppm. MS *m*/*z*: 276 (M⁺). C₁₈H₂₈S (276.4): calcd C 78.19, H 10.21, S 11.60; found C 78.03, H 10.16, S 11.56.

4.9. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15-Tetradecahydrodicyclonona[*b*,*d*]thiophene (13)

Yield: 2.3 g, 98%, as a yellow oil, bp 180–182 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =2.83 (t, *J*=6.4 Hz, 4H), 2.59 (t, *J*=6.0 Hz, 4H), 1.68 (m, 4H), 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.48 (m, 4H), 1.41 (m, 8H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =137.5, 135.6, 29.4, 27.4, 27.3, 26.6, 26.1, 24.8, 24.2 ppm. MS *m*/*z*: 276 (M⁺). C₁₈H₂₈S (276.4): calcd C 78.19, H 10.21, S 11.60; found C 78.06, H 10.18, S 11.55.

4.10. Interaction between cyclonona-1,2-diene and terminal allenes in the presence of EtMgHlg (Hlg=Cl, Br) and Cp₂TiCl₂ catalyst

A glass reactor under atmosphere of dry argon at ~0 °C was charged under stirring with chemically activated Mg (24 mmol), Cp₂TiCl₂ (1.0 mmol), cyclonona-1,2-diene (10 mmol), terminal allene (10 mmol), and EtMgHlg (Hlg=Cl, Br) (40 mmol, 2 M solution in Et₂O). The temperature was raised to ambient (20–22 °C), and the mixture was stirred for 4 h. The reaction mixture (crude **16a–f**) was quenched with an 8–10% (aq) solution of HCl (or DCl, 10–12% solution in D₂O). The organic layer was diluted with hexane, separated, and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation and vacuum distillation furnished the target products **17a–f** or **18a–f**.

4.10.1. (Z)-3-((Z)-Hept-2-enyl)cyclonon-1-ene (17a)

Yield: 3.8 g, 88%, as a colorless liquid, bp 102–103 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.52 (d, *J*=10.0 Hz, t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.36

(d, *J*=10.8 Hz, t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, *J*=10.8 Hz, t, *J*=6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J*=9.0 Hz, t, *J*=10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.5 (m, 1H), 2.0–2.17 (m, 6H), 1.45 (m, 5H), 1.24–1.63 (m, 9H), 091 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =135.4, 130.8, 129.6, 128.5, 37.5, 35.0, 33.7, 32.1, 27.3, 27.0, 26.7, 26.3, 26.2, 24.8, 22.6, 14.2 ppm. IR (film): 1620, 1440, 1370, 700 cm⁻¹. MS *m/z*: 220 (M⁺). C₁₆H₂₈ (220.4): calcd C 87.19, H 12.81; found C 86.99, H 12.79.

4.10.2. (Z)-2-Deutero-3-((Z)-2-deuterohept-2-enyl)cyclonon-1-ene (**18a**)

Yield: 3.8 g, 88%, as a colorless liquid, bp 102–103 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.52 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.05–2.18 (m, 6H), 1.20–1.54 (m, 12H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =135.0 (t, *J*_{CD}=23.0 Hz), 130.7, 129.5, 128.1 (t, *J*_{CD}=23.0 Hz), 37.4, 34.9, 33.7, 32.1, 27.3, 27.0, 26.7, 26.3, 26.2, 24.8, 22.6, 14.1 ppm. IR (film): 2160 (ν _{C-D}) cm⁻¹. MS *m/z*: 222 (M⁺). C₁₆H₂₆D₂ (222.4): calcd C 86.41, H 11.78, D 1.81; found C 86.37, H+D 13.57.

4.10.3. (Z)-3-((Z)-Non-2-enyl)cyclonon-1-ene (17b)

Yield: 4.2 g, 84%, as a colorless liquid, bp 131–133 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.54 (d, *J*=10.0 Hz, t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J*=10.8 Hz, t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, *J*=10.8 Hz, t, *J*=6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J*=9.0 Hz, t, *J*=10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.5 (m, 1H), 2.0–2.18 (m, 6H), 1.45 (m, 5H), 1.22–1.64 (m, 13H), 091 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =135.4, 130.9, 129.6, 128.4, 37.5, 35.1, 33.7, 32.1, 29.0, 29.1, 27.3, 27.0, 26.7, 26.2, 26.1, 24.8, 22.5, 14.1 ppm. IR (film): 1610, 1450, 1365, 710 cm⁻¹. MS *m/z*: 248 (M⁺). C₁₈H₃₂ (248.4): calcd C 87.02, H 12.98; found C 86.86, H 12.97.

4.10.4. (*Z*)-2-Deutero-3-((*Z*)-2-deuteronon-2-enyl)cyclonon-1-ene (**18b**)

Yield: 4.2 g, 84%, as a colorless liquid, bp 131–133 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.54 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.04–2.18 (m, 6H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.21–1.56 (m, 16H), 0.91 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =135.1 (t, *J*_{CD}=23.0 Hz), 130.8, 129.5, 128.2 (t, *J*_{CD}=23.5 Hz), 37.4, 35.0, 33.8, 32.1, 29.1, 29.2, 27.3, 27.1, 26.7, 26.5, 26.2, 24.7, 22.6, 14.0 ppm. IR (film): 2160 (ν _{C-D}) cm⁻¹. MS *m/z*: 250 (M⁺). C₁₆H₂₆D₂ (250.4): calcd C 86.32, H 12.07, D 1.61; found C 86.28, H+D 13.67.

4.10.5. (*Z*)-3-((*Z*)-Phenylprop-2-enyl)cyclonon-1-ene (**17c**)

Yield: 3.8 g, 79%, as a colorless oil, bp 144–146 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =7.01–7.35 (m, 5H, Ph), 6.51 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (m, 1H), 5.20 (m, 1H), 5.11 (m, 1H), 2.53 (m, 1H), 1.94–2.17 (m, 6H), 1.42–1.71 (m, 8H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =136.6, 135.1, 133.8, 129.6, 128.05, 128.0, 126.4, 126.3, 37.5, 36.6, 33.5, 26.9, 26.5, 26.3, 26.1, 25.7 ppm. IR (film): 3050, 1620, 1460, 1370, 720 cm⁻¹. MS *m/z*: 240 (M⁺). C₁₈H₂₄ (240.4): calcd C 89.94, H 10.06; found C 89.81, H 10.05.

4.10.6. (*Z*)-2-Deutero-3-((*Z*)-2-deutero-3-phenylprop-2enyl)cyclonon-1-ene (**18c**)

Yield: 3.8 g, 79%, as a colorless oil, bp 144–146 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =7.01–7.35 (m, 5H, Ph), 6.43 (s, 1H), 5.55 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 1.95–2.15 (m, 6H), 1.42–1.72 (m, 8H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =136.3 (t, *J*_{CD}=23.0 Hz), 135.1, 133.6 (t, *J*_{CD}=23.0 Hz), 129.6, 128.05, 128.0, 126.3, 126.2, 37.5, 36.5, 33.5, 26.9, 26.4, 26.3, 26.1, 25.8 ppm. IR (film): 2160 (ν_{C-D}) cm⁻¹. MS *m*/*z*: 242 (M⁺). C₁₈H₂₂D₂ (242.4): calcd C 89.19, H 9.15, D 1.66; found C 89.03, H+D 10.80.

4.10.7. (*Z*)-3-((*Z*)-4-Phenylbut-2-enyl)cyclonon-1-ene (**17d**)

Yield: 4.1 g, 81%, as a colorless oil, bp 146–148 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =7.23 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.55 (m, 2H), 5.22 (m, 2H), 3.43 (d, *J*=7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.15 (m, 4H),

2.09 (m, 1H), 1.29–1.68 (m, 8H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =141.3, 135.8, 129.8, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 125.9, 42.1, 37.3, 34.9, 31.8, 26.9, 26.6, 26.2, 26.1, 25.7 ppm. IR (film): 3040, 1620, 1440, 1370, 720 cm⁻¹. MS *m*/*z*: 254 (M⁺). C₁₉H₂₆ (254.4): calcd C 89.70, H 10.30; found C 89.59, H 10.28.

4.10.8. (*Z*)-2-Deutero-3-((*Z*)-2-deuterio-4-phenylbut-2envl)cvclonon-1-ene (**18d**)

Yield: 4.1 g, 81%, as a colorless oil, bp 146–148 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =7.22 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.54 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, *J*=7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.15 (m, 4H), 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.28–1.67 (m, 8H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =141.2, 135.6 (t, *J*_{CD}=23.5 Hz), 129.8, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2 (t, *J*_{CD}=23.0 Hz), 125.9, 42.2, 37.3, 34.9, 31.9, 26.9, 26.7, 26.2, 26.1, 25.4 ppm. IR (film): 2160 (ν _{C-D}) cm⁻¹. MS *m*/*z*: 256 (M⁺). C₁₉H₂₄D₂ (256.4): calcd C 89.00, H 9.43, D 1.57; found C 88.91, H+D 10.98.

4.10.9. (Z)-3-((Z)-3-Methyloct-2-enyl)cyclonon-1-ene (**17e**)

Yield: 4.0 g, 83%, as a colorless liquid, bp 126–128 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.55 (m, 1H), 5.16 (m, 1H), 5.12 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (m, 1H), 1.98–2.18 (m, 6H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.15–1.72 (m, 16H), 0.91 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =136.1, 135.4, 129.2, 123.5, 37.5, 35.4, 33.5, 31.9, 31.8, 27.7, 26.8, 26.5, 26.1, 26.0, 24.6, 23.5, 22.7, 14.1 ppm. IR (film): 1610, 1450, 1380, 700 cm⁻¹. MS *m/z*: 248 (M⁺). C₁₉H₂₆ (248.4): calcd C 87.02, H 12.98; found C 86.88, H 12.96.

4.10.10. (*Z*)-2-Deutero-3-((*Z*)-2-deutero-3-methyloct-2envl)cvclonon-1-ene (**18e**)

Yield: 4.0 g, 83%, as a colorless liquid, bp 126–128 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.54 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (m, 1H), 1.97–2.23 (m, 6H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.13–1.71 (m, 16H), 0.91 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =136.0, 135.0 (t, *J*_{CD}=23.0 Hz), 129.1, 123.4 (t, *J*_{CD}=23.0 Hz), 37.4, 35.2, 33.5, 31.9, 31.8, 27.6, 26.7 26.4, 26.1, 26.0, 24.6, 23.4, 22.6, 14.1 ppm. IR (film): 2160 (ν _{C-D}) cm⁻¹. MS *m*/*z*: 250 (M⁺). C₁₈H₃₀D₂ (250.4): calcd C 86.32, H 12.07, D 1.61; found C 86.24, H+D 13.64.

4.10.11. (Z)-3-((Z)-Phenylbut-2-enyl)cyclonon-1-ene (17f)

Yield: 3.8 g, 76%, as a colorless liquid, bp $151-152 \degree C (1 \text{ Torr})$. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =7.02–7.36 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.56 (m, 1H), 5.48 (t, *J*=6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (m, 1H), 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.95–2.15 (m, 6H), 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.60 (m, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =142.4, 136.6, 135.1, 129.6, 128.05, 128.0, 126.4, 126.3, 37.6, 36.6, 33.5, 26.8, 26.5, 26.2, 26.1, 25.6, 24.5 ppm. IR (film): 3050, 1620, 1440, 1360, 690 cm⁻¹. MS (70 eV, EI): *m/z* 254 [M]⁺ (11), 131 (100), 115 (10), 91 (21), 81 (21), 67 (14), 55 (10), 41 (20). C₁₉H₂₆ (254.4): calcd C 89.70, H 10.30; found C 89.63, H 10.29.

4.10.12. (Z)-2-Deutero-3-((Z)-2-deutero-3-phenylbut-2enyl)cyclonon-1-ene (**18f**)

Yield: 3.8 g, 76%, as a colorless liquid, bp $151-152 \circ C (1 \text{ Torr})$. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =7.11–7.36 (m, 5H, Ph), 5.56 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.95–2.25 (m, 6H), 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.58 (m, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =142.4, 136.5, 134.9 (t, *J*_{CD}=23.0 Hz), 129.3, 128.05, 128.0, 126.1 (t, *J*_{CD}=22.5 Hz), 126.3, 37.4, 36.5, 33.5, 26.8, 26.5, 26.1, 26.0, 25.5, 24.5 ppm. IR (film): 2160 (ν_{C-D}) cm⁻¹. MS (70 eV, EI): *m*/*z* 256 [M]⁺ (7), 132 (100), 116 (9), 92 (12), 82 (12), 68 (8), 67 (9), 55 (5), 41 (8). C₁₉H₂₄D₂ (256.4): calcd C 89.00, H 9.43, D 1.57; found C 88.94, H+D 10.99.

4.11. 1-Methyl-9-[(2Z)-2-methylhept-2-en-1-yl]-cyclononene (19)

To crude **16a** at -20 °C, CuCl (1 mmol) and iodomethane (allylchloride) (30 mmol) were added dropwise. The reaction

mixture was allowed to warm to 20 °C and stirred for 6 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with an 8–10% (aq) solution of HCl. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O or hexane. The organic layer was diluted with hexane, separated, and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation and vacuum distillation furnished **19** (4.1 g, 83% yield) as a colorless oil, bp 124–126 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.41 (t, *J*=8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (t, *J*=7 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.95–2.05 (m, 4H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.29–1.68 (m, 14H), 0.89 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =137.9, 134.1, 126.6, 126.2, 37.1, 36.2, 32.3, 31.9, 28.1, 27.7, 27.3, 27.2, 27.0, 23.7, 23.5, 22.5, 18.1, 14.0 ppm. IR (film): 1600, 1440, 1370, 710 cm⁻¹. MS *m/z*: 248 (M⁺). C₁₈H₃₂ (248.4): calcd C 87.02, H 12.98; found C 86.92, H 12.96.

4.12. 1-Allyl-9-[(2E)-2-allylhept-2-en-1-yl]cyclononene (20)

Yield: 5.2 g, 86% as a colorless oil, bp 165–166 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.75–5.88 (m, 2H), 5.38 (t, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.01–5.07 (m, 4H), 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.74 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (m, 4H), 1.05–1.74 (m, 14H), 0.91 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =140.5, 137.7, 137.6, 136.2, 127.3, 126.7, 115.7, 115.5, 41.7, 37.6, 36.2, 34.2, 32.2, 31.8, 27.9, 27.8, 27.4, 27.1, 27.0, 23.8, 22.5, 14.0 ppm. IR (film): 1620, 1450, 1420, 1360, 690 cm⁻¹. MS *m/z*: 300 (M⁺). C₂₂H₃₆ (300.5): calcd C 87.93, H 12.07; found C 87.85, H 12.05.

4.13. 2-Pentyl-5,6,7,8,9,10-hexahydro-4*H*-cyclonona[*b*]thiophene (22)

Yield: 4.2 g, 84%, as a light yellow oil, bp 141–143 °C (1 Torr). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.41 (s, 1H), 2.80 (t, *J*=6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, *J*=6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (m, 6H), 1.34–1.46 (m, 10H), 0.92 (t, *J*=6.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =141.6, 137.9, 136.2, 126.3, 31.4, 31.3, 30.1, 29.2, 28.3, 27.8, 27.4, 26.5, 25.1, 24.4, 22.4, 14.0 ppm. MS *m*/*z*: 250 (M⁺). C₁₈H₂₈S (250.4): calcd C 76.74, H 10.46, S 12.80; found C 76.67, H 10.43, S 12.78.

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