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# Cobalt-Catalyzed Coupling Reaction of Alkyl Halides with Allylic Grignard Reagents

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.3 MHz) spectra were taken on a Varian GEMINI 300 spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solvent, and chemical shifts were given in  $\delta$  value with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. IR spectra were determined on a JASCO IR-810 spectrometer. TLC analyses were performed on commercial glass plates bearing a 0.25-mm layer of Merck Silica gel 60F<sub>254</sub>. Silica gel (Wakogel 200 mesh) was used for column chromatography. The elemental analyses were carried out at the Elemental Analysis Center of Kyoto University.

Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. Anhydrous CoCl<sub>2</sub> was purchased from Wako Pure Chemicals and was used after removal of water (vide infra). The ligand dppp was purchased from Tokyo Kasei Kogyo.

## Experimental Section

The reaction was quite sensitive to water. Commercially available anhydrous CoCl<sub>2</sub> may contain some water. Completely anhydrous salt is clear blue, whereas purchased CoCl<sub>2</sub> is somewhat reddish-blue. Handling CoCl<sub>2</sub> under air as usual also caused a low yield. Hence, in each experiment, CoCl<sub>2</sub> was dried in a reaction flask carefully under reduced pressure (0.5 torr) by heating with a hair dryer for 2 min immediately before use.

Tertiary bromides **1a–1d** were prepared from the corresponding alcohols by the action of PBr<sub>3</sub> in ether at –10 °C. Secondary bromides **1e** and **1f** were prepared in a similar fashion at –14 °C. Chloride **1a-Cl** was obtained from the corresponding alcohol by treatment with concd. HCl at room temperature. Halo acetals **1h**, **1h-I**, and **7** were prepared according to the literature.<sup>1</sup> Iodide **1i-I** was prepared according to the literature.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> a) R. Inoue, J. Nakao, H. Shinokubo, K. Oshima, *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.* **1997**, 70, 2039–2049; b) J. Nakao, R. Inoue, H. Shinokubo, K. Oshima, *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, 62, 1910–1911.

<sup>2</sup> A. Inoue, K. Maeda, H. Shinokubo, K. Oshima, *Tetrahedron* **1999**, 53, 665–674.

### A Typical Procedure for Cobalt-catalyzed Allylation of Alkyl Halide.

Anhydrous cobalt(II) chloride (7.0 mg, 0.050 mmol) was placed in a 25-mL flask and was heated with a hair dryer in *vacuo* for 2 min. After the color of cobalt salt became blue, dppp (25 mg, 0.060 mmol) and anhydrous THF (1.0 mL) were sequentially added under argon. The mixture was stirred for about 10 min at room temperature. 2-Bromo-2-methyldecane (**1a**, 0.12 g, 0.50 mmol) and allylmagnesium chloride (1.0 M THF solution, 1.5 mL, 1.5 mmol) were successively added dropwise to the reaction mixture at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . While the Grignard reagent was being added, the mixture turned reddish-brown. After being stirred for 2 h at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the reaction mixture was poured into saturated ammonium chloride solution. The products were extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated. Silica gel column purification (hexane) of the crude product provided 4,4-dimethyl-1-dodecene (**2a**) and 2-methyl-1-decene (**3a**) (94 mg, 90% and 8% yields, respectively, judged by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR.).

### Characterization Data

Spectral data for **1c** was found in the literature<sup>3</sup>

**2-Bromo-2-methyldecane (1a):** IR (neat) 1101, 1138, 1369, 1387, 1466, 2341, 2361, 2856, 2928  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.89 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H), 1.24–1.36 (m, 12H), 1.44–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.75 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.99, 22.55, 26.19, 29.17, 29.40, 29.52, 31.78, 34.15, 47.56, 68.75. Found: C, 56.35; H, 10.09%. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{23}\text{Br}$ : C, 56.17; H, 9.86%.

**2-Chloro-2-methyldecane (1a-Cl):** IR (neat) 1107, 1138, 1369, 1386, 1468, 2341, 2856, 2928  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.89 (t,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 3H), 1.22–1.39 (m, 10H), 1.40–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.57 (s, 6H), 1.68–1.78 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.97, 22.55, 25.04, 29.17, 29.43, 29.66, 31.79, 32.33, 46.08, 71.29. Found: C, 69.40; H, 12.37%. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{23}\text{Cl}$ : C, 69.26; H, 12.15%.

**2-Bromo-2-cyclohexyl-4-phenylbutane (1b):** IR (neat) 698, 746, 895, 1049, 1379, 1450, 1497,

<sup>3</sup> W. Damm, B. Giese, J. Hartung, T. Hasskerl, K. N. Houk, O. Hüter, H. Zipse, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 4067–4079.

1603, 2853, 2928, 3026  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.10–1.32 (m, 6H), 1.60–1.74 (m, 4H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 2.04–2.26 (m, 3H), 2.78–2.90 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.26–7.33 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.27, 26.52, 26.80, 28.53, 28.59, 29.08, 30.09, 32.09, 45.53, 79.05, 126.02, 128.51, 128.54, 141.99.

**2-Bromo-3,3-dimethyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)butane (1d):** IR (nujol) 696, 741, 831, 1040, 1051, 1186, 1256, 1298, 1512, 1611, 2343, 2360  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.07 (s, 9H), 2.77 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.08, 29.52, 41.17, 55.23, 82.99, 112.01, 130.67, 135.99, 158.34. Found: C, 57.29; H, 6.88%. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrO}$ : C, 57.57; H, 7.06%.

**2-Bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)octane (1f):** IR (neat) 818, 1038, 1178, 1250, 1302, 1441, 1466, 1512, 1012, 2856, 2930  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.18–1.40 (bs, 8H), 1.70–1.85 (m, 2H), 3.11 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 4.12–4.21 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.92, 22.45, 27.44, 28.53, 31.56, 37.97, 44.77, 55.16, 58.40, 113.81, 130.28, 130.84, 158.53. HRMS Found 298.0932. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrO}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 298.0938.

**4,4-Dimethyl-1-dodecene (2a):** IR (neat) 912, 995, 1366, 1468, 1639, 2855, 2928, 3076  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.84 (s, 6H), 0.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.10–1.40 (bs, 14H), 1.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.94–5.04 (m, 2H), 5.81 (ddt,  $J$  = 16.8, 10.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.98, 22.59, 23.87, 26.91, 29.28, 29.60, 30.52, 31.51, 31.85, 41.95, 46.44, 116.45, 136.12. Found: C, 85.61; H, 14.63%. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{28}$ : C, 85.63; H, 14.37%.

**4-Cyclohexyl-4-methyl-6-phenyl-1-hexene (2b):** IR (neat) 698, 741, 910, 995, 1377, 1450, 1497, 1600, 1638, 2341, 2361, 2853, 2928, 3026, 3063  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.86 (s, 3H), 0.90–1.32 (m, 5H), 1.47–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.84 (m, 6H), 2.03–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.15 (t,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.03–5.10 (m, 2H), 5.85 (ddt,  $J$  = 16.5, 11.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.30 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.78, 26.76, 26.92, 27.20, 29.92, 37.74, 39.48, 41.45, 44.59, 116.71, 125.61,

128.39, 128.40, 135.90, 143.80. Found: C, 88.98; H, 11.10%. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>: C, 88.99; H, 11.01%.

**cis-4-tert-Butyl-1-methyl-1-(2-propenyl)cyclohexane (2c):** IR (neat) 910, 997, 1366, 1452, 1639, 2844, 2868, 2941, 3074 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.82 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 1.03–1.22 (m, 5H), 1.49–1.57 (m, 4H), 2.02 (s, 1H), 2.04 (s, 1H), 4.95 (m, 2H), 5.79 (ddt, *J* = 15.9, 10.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 22.48, 27.25, 27.60, 29.46, 32.48, 38.30, 40.03, 47.99, 116.39, 135.78. Found: C, 86.46; H, 13.51%. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>26</sub>: C, 86.52; H, 13.48%. The stereochemistry of **1c** and **2c** was determined by <sup>13</sup>C NMR experiments according to the literature.<sup>4</sup>

**4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4,5,5-trimethyl-1-hexene (2d):** IR (neat) 831, 910, 1038, 1188, 1252, 1294, 1375, 1464, 1514, 1611, 2361, 2955 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.83 (s, 9H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 2.24 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.42–5.55 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.26, 26.26, 36.51, 39.47, 45.22, 55.08, 112.15, 116.43, 130.12, 136.33, 136.85, 157.11. HRMS Found 232.1828. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 232.1831.

**4-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-1-decene (2f):** IR (neat) 804, 910, 1040, 1177, 1246, 1300, 1466, 1512, 1612, 2854, 2926 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.16–1.38 (bs, 10H), 1.60–1.70 (m, 1H), 2.01 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.97–5.03 (m, 2H), 5.72–5.85 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.96, 22.55, 26.54, 29.49, 31.78, 32.81, 37.39, 39.14, 39.68, 55.18, 113.62, 116.03, 129.31, 130.16, 137.35, 147.81. Found: C, 83.02; H, 11.03%. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O: C, 83.02; H, 10.84%.

**4-Pentenal Dibutyl Acetal (2h):** IR (neat) 912, 1049, 1074, 1128, 1261, 1350, 1379, 1458, 1641, 2933, 2959 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.38 (m, 4H), 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 2.11 (m, 2H), 3.41 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 9.3 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 5.7

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Hz, 1H), 4.94–5.06 (m, 2H), 5.82 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.1, 10.5, 6.6 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.77, 19.34, 28.94, 31.93, 32.59, 65.32, 102.62, 114.69, 138.27. Found: C, 72.72; H, 12.11%. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 72.84; H, 12.23%.

**cis-2-(1-Octynyl)-3-(2-propenyl)-1-oxacyclohexane (cis-2i):** IR (neat) 1078, 1350, 1439, 1641, 2239, 2341, 2858, 2932, 3076 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.90 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.22–1.36 (m, 4H), 1.36–1.48 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.66 (m, 6H), 1.72–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.93–2.03 (m, 1H), 2.07–2.16 (m, 1H), 2.26 (dt,  $J$  = 1.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.59–3.70 (m, 1H), 3.85–3.95 (m, 1H), 4.54 (bs, 1H), 4.99–5.09 (m, 2H), 5.75 (ddt,  $J$  = 16.8, 10.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.90, 18.64, 22.47, 25.28, 25.37, 28.46, 28.70, 31.23, 36.71, 39.19, 62.71, 69.60, 75.84, 89.00, 116.30, 136.28. HRMS Found 234.1984. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 234.1979.

**trans-2-(1-Octynyl)-3-(2-propenyl)-1-oxacyclohexane (trans-2i):** IR (neat) 1084, 1333, 1439, 1641, 2858, 2932, 3076 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.08–1.45 (m, 7H), 1.45–1.70 (m, 5H), 1.84–1.98 (m, 2H), 2.24 (m, 2H), 2.40–2.49 (m, 1H), 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.80 (dt,  $J$  = 9.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dt,  $J$  = 11.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d,  $J$  = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.4, 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.89, 18.62, 22.41, 25.29, 27.93, 28.46, 28.49, 31.21, 36.71, 41.07, 67.64, 72.65, 78.42, 86.61, 116.57, 135.97. HRMS Found 234.1984. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 234.1976.

**2-Methyl-6-phenyl-1-hexene (4):** IR (neat) 698, 746, 885, 1030, 1373, 1454, 1497, 1605, 1649, 2345, 2858, 2934, 3026, 3072 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.44–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.69 (m, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 2.05 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 7.16–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.26–7.32 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  22.22, 27.13, 30.98, 35.75, 37.55, 109.87, 125.69, 128.32, 128.48, 142.84, 146.03. Found: C, 89.30; H, 10.27%. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>: C, 89.59; H, 10.41%.

**3-Methyl-6-phenyl-1-hexene (5b):** IR (neat) 698, 746, 910, 995, 1373, 1419, 1454, 1497, 1605, 1639, 2858, 2932, 3028, 3065 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.98 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.30–1.37 (m,

2H), 1.55–1.67 (m, 2H), 2.09–2.19 (m, 1H), 2.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.88–4.98 (m, 2H), 5.68 (ddd,  $J$  = 17.6, 9.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.22 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.32 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  20.09, 29.06, 35.97, 36.20, 37.62, 112.54, 125.68, 128.32, 128.48, 142.88, 144.81. Found: C, 89.66; H, 10.57%. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>: C, 89.59; H, 10.41%.

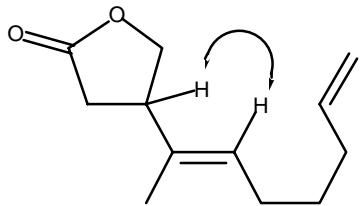
**4-(3-Butenyl)-4,5-dihydro-2(3H)-furanone (9a):** IR (neat) 839, 814, 1001, 1173, 1379, 1420, 1641, 1778, 2856, 2924, 3078 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.56–1.63 (m, 2H), 2.06–2.25 (m, 3H), 2.53–2.68 (m, 2H), 3.94 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.00–5.09 (m, 2H), 5.78 (ddt,  $J$  = 19.8, 7.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  31.31, 32.02, 34.24, 34.96, 73.12, 115.65, 137.18, 177.14. Found: C, 68.45; H, 8.45%. Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 68.54; H, 8.63%.

**4-(3-Butenyl)-4,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-2(3H)-furanone (9b):** IR (neat) 918, 959, 1096, 1128, 1217, 1258, 1375, 1389, 1641, 1771, 2934, 2978 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.25 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.38–1.46 (m, 1H), 1.51–1.65 (m, 1H), 1.95–2.32 (m, 4H), 2.59–2.69 (m, 1H), 4.98–5.10 (m, 2H), 5.77 (ddt,  $J$  = 16.8, 10.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  21.79, 27.35, 28.77, 32.26, 34.49, 45.08, 86.64, 115.70, 137.39, 175.67. Found: C, 71.36; H, 9.78%. Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 71.39; H, 9.59%.

**4,5-Dihydro-4-(1,1-dimethyl-3-butenyl)-2(3H)-furanone (9c):** IR (neat) 918, 1003, 1026, 1175, 1470, 1639, 1780, 2964, 3076 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.90 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 1.98 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31–2.58 (m, 3H), 4.11 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.03–5.12 (m, 1H), 5.72–5.86 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  23.38, 23.67, 29.63, 34.22, 44.00, 45.29, 69.37, 118.32, 133.87, 177.37. Found: C, 71.11; H, 9.74%. Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 71.39; H, 9.59%.

**4,5-Dihydro-4-(1-methyl-1,6-heptadienyl)-2(3H)-furanone (9e, (E)-isomer):** IR (neat) 847, 910, 1013, 1171, 1439, 1639, 1782, 2341, 2361, 2858, 2926 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.45 (tt,  $J$  = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 2.00–2.09 (m, 4H), 2.46 (dd,  $J$  = 17.7, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dd,  $J$  = 17.7, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (tt,  $J$  = 8.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 7.5

Hz, 1H), 4.94–5.05 (m, 2H), 5.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.1, 10.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.50, 27.09, 28.52, 32.80, 33.19, 43.81, 71.77, 114.74, 127.20, 132.02, 138.61, 177.04. Found: C, 73.93; H, 9.57%. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$ : C, 74.19; H, 9.34%. The stereochemistry was assigned on the basis of NOE difference.



**4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4,5,5-trimethyl-1-hexanol (12):** IR (neat) 829, 1040, 1188, 1252, 1292, 1375, 1466, 1514, 1611, 2876, 2955, 3342  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.83 (s, 9H), 1.10–1.50 (m, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.59 (dt,  $J$  = 5.1, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (dt,  $J$  = 3.0, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.00, 26.12, 28.37, 30.51, 36.67, 45.29, 55.06, 63.89, 112.35, 129.93, 136.66, 157.32. HRMS Found 250.1934. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 250.1939. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC (Daicel Chiralcel-OD (0.46 cm  $\times$  25 cm), hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, oven temp. = 20 °C). The retention time of the faster moving compound was 6.2 min, and that of the slower one was 8.6 min. The later peak represented the major enantiomer.