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## Supporting Information for

### Ring-Closing Olefin Metathesis for the Synthesis of Benzene Derivatives

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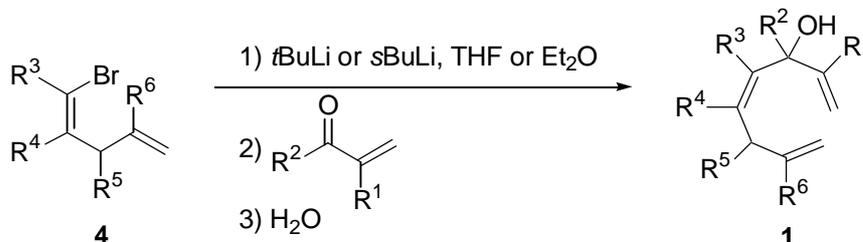
#### Supporting Data

**General.** All anaerobic and moisture-sensitive manipulations were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques under predried nitrogen or glove box techniques under prepurified argon. NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM LA-500 spectrometer (500 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$ , 76.5 MHz for  $^2\text{H}$ , and 125 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) and LA-400 spectrometer (400 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$ , 100 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ). Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  ppm referenced to an internal  $\text{SiMe}_4$  standard for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, chloroform-*d* ( $\delta$  7.26) for  $^2\text{H}$  NMR, and chloroform-*d* ( $\delta$  77.0) for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR.

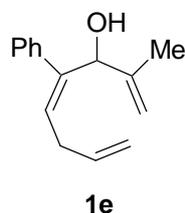
**Materials.** THF was distilled from sodium benzophenone-ketyl under nitrogen prior to use.  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  was distilled from sodium benzophenone-ketyl under nitrogen prior to use. Dichloromethane was distilled from  $\text{CaH}_2$  under nitrogen and stored in a glass flask with a Teflon stopcock under nitrogen. Ruthenium complexes,  $(\text{PCy}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2\text{Ru}=\text{C}(\text{H})\text{Ph}$  (**6**)<sup>[1]</sup> and  $(\text{PCy}_3)(\text{Imes})\text{Cl}_2\text{Ru}=\text{C}(\text{H})\text{Ph}$  (**7**)<sup>[2]</sup>, were prepared according to the reported procedures. Bromodienes **5** were prepared by bromoallylation of alkynes according to the reported procedures.<sup>[3]</sup> 1,4,7-Trien-3-ols, **1a**, **1b**, **1c**, **1d**, **1f**, **1k**, **1l**, and **1m** were prepared by the reported procedures.<sup>[4]</sup> Phenylacrolein<sup>[5]</sup>, 4-methoxy-1-phenylbut-1-yne<sup>[6]</sup>, 2-iodo-2-propen-1-ol<sup>[7]</sup>, 2-methyl-1-[(phenylsulfonyl)imino]-2-propene<sup>[8]</sup>, and activated  $\text{MnO}_2$ <sup>[9]</sup> were prepared according to the reported procedures. 2-Chloroacrolein and 2-iodoacrolein were prepared by the oxidation of the corresponding allyl alcohols with Dess-Martin periodinane. Methacrolein, methyl vinyl ketone,  $\text{MnI}_2$ , 2-chloro-2-propen-1-ol, *p*-toluenesulfonic acid, *N*-*tert*-butylbenzenesulfinimidoyl chloride, and DBU were used as received.

**Preparation of 1,4,7-octatrien-3-ol 1.** *t*BuLi (1.5 M solution in *n*-pentane, 10.0 mmol) or *s*BuLi (1.0 M solution in cyclohexane and *n*-hexane, 5.50 mmol) was added to a solution of

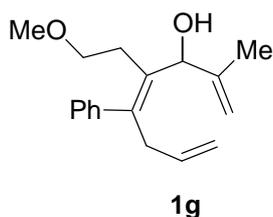
bromodiene **4** (5.00 mmol) in THF or Et<sub>2</sub>O (12.5 mL) at -78 °C. After 5 min, α,β-unsaturated aldehyde or ketone (4.00-6.00 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at the same temperature. The reaction mixture was then quenched by addition of water and extracted twice with EtOAc. The organic phases were dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give trienol **1**.



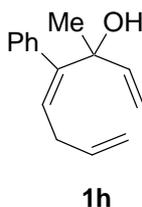
**(Z)-2-Methyl-4-phenyl-1,4,7-octatrien-3-ol (1e)**; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) (67% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.88 (br s, 1H), 3.01-3.15 (m, 2H), 4.94 (sextet, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dq, *J* = 10.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.10-5.16 (m, 2H), 5.21 (br s, 1H), 5.79 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddt, *J* = 16.4, 10.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.82, 32.38, 72.97, 110.63, 115.53, 127.07, 127.91, 127.93, 130.51, 136.26, 140.36, 140.98, 145.35. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 214.1358, found 214.1353.



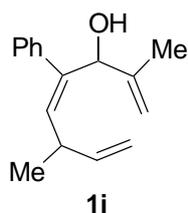
**(E)-4-(2-Methoxyethyl)-2-methyl-5-phenyl-1,4,7-octatrien-3-ol (1g)**; Manganese catalyzed allylmagnesation of 4-methoxy-1-phenylbut-1-yne with allylmagnesium bromide was employed.<sup>[10]</sup>; purified by PTLC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc = 3/1) (64% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.71 (s, 3H), 2.10 (ddd, *J* = 15.2, 10.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (dt, *J* = 14.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 8.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.14-3.22 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.94-5.05 (m, 4H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 5.73 (ddt, *J* = 17.3, 10.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (tt, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.86, 27.82, 39.41, 58.61, 72.47, 72.62, 110.35, 115.92, 126.47, 128.25, 134.68, 135.11, 140.17, 142.75, 146.54. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>-OH) 255.1750, found 255.1750.



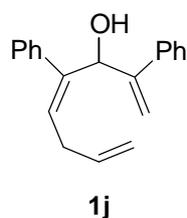
**(Z)-3-Methyl-4-phenyl-1,4,7-octatrien-3-ol (1h)**; Dry  $\text{CeCl}_3$  was added before addition of methyl vinyl ketone<sup>[11]</sup>; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 5/1) (11% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.44 (s, 3H), 1.74 (br s, 1H), 3.09-3.22 (m, 2H), 5.03 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d,  $J = 17.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.45 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.88 (ddt,  $J = 16.7, 10.5, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd,  $J = 17.6, 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.30 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  29.28, 33.70, 75.24, 112.22, 115.02, 126.60, 127.69, 128.82, 130.17, 137.05, 143.14, 144.16, 146.33. HRMS (FAB) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}$  ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{OH}$ ) 197.1331, found 197.1325.



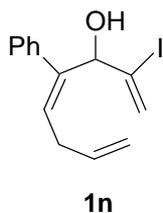
**(Z)-2,6-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-1,4,7-octatrien-3-ol (1i)**; mixture of diastereomers; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 5/1) (66% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.16-1.19 (m, 3H), 1.68-1.71 (m, 3H), 1.87-1.93 (br m, 1H), 3.41-3.53 (m, 1H), 4.91-5.12 (m, 4H), 5.19-5.22 (br m, 1H), 5.57-5.61 (m, 1H), 5.80-5.90 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  19.91, 19.96, 20.61, 20.87, 36.19, 36.42, 73.09, 73.40, 110.58, 110.76, 113.14, 113.19, 127.02, 127.85, 127.87, 127.93, 127.98, 136.88, 137.10, 139.16, 139.34, 140.30, 140.55, 142.33, 142.35, 145.15, 145.48. HRMS (FAB) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}$  ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{OH}$ ) 211.1488, found 211.1489.



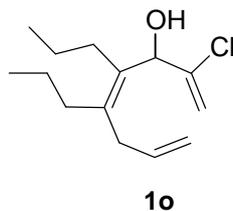
**(Z)-2,4-Diphenyl-1,4,7-octatrien-3-ol (1j)**; purified by PTLC (hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1/1) (35% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.97 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dddt, *J* = 16.5, 7.7, 6.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dddt, *J* = 16.2, 7.7, 6.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dq, *J* = 10.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dq, *J* = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (ddt, *J* = 16.8, 10.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.29 (m, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 32.49, 71.49, 113.98, 115.58, 126.93, 127.08, 127.54, 127.72, 128.12, 131.04, 131.10, 136.22, 139.84, 140.56, 140.93, 149.14. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>) 276.1515, found 276.1507.



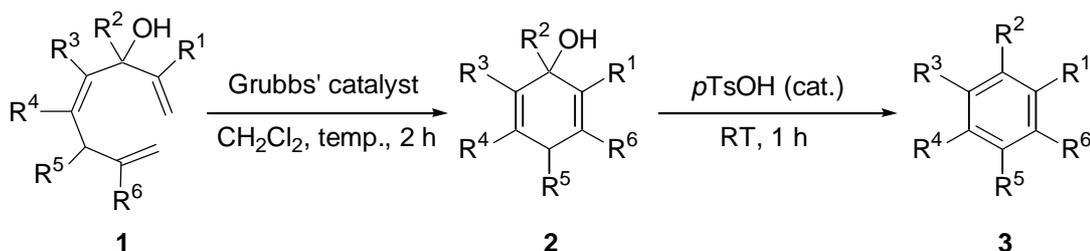
**(Z)-2-Iodo-4,5-phenyl-1,4,7-octatrien-3-ol (1n)**; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) (29% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.19 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.07-3.13 (m, 2H), 5.09 (dq, *J* = 10.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dq, *J* = 17.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dt, *J* = 5.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (ddt, *J* = 16.6, 10.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.40 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 33.09, 76.58, 113.03, 116.23, 126.08, 127.69, 128.31, 128.65, 132.80, 136.13, 139.27, 139.72. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>I (M<sup>+</sup>-OH) 309.0141, found 309.0142.



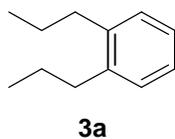
**(Z)-2-Chloro-4,5-dipropyl-1,4,7-octatrien-3-ol (1o)**; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) (58% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.37-1.51 (m, 4H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.93-2.13 (m, 4H), 2.83 (ddt, *J* = 15.9, 5.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (ddt, *J* = 15.9, 6.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.00-5.10 (m, 3H), 5.37 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (ddt, *J* = 16.9, 10.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.33, 14.81, 21.57, 24.19, 30.03, 34.83, 35.65, 73.86, 111.78, 115.28, 132.96, 136.91, 138.40, 142.57. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Cl (M<sup>+</sup>-OH) 225.1412, found 225.1405.



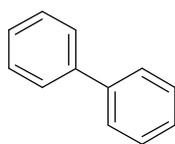
**General procedure of the tandem RCM/dehydration for the synthesis of benzene derivatives 3.** To a solution of trienol **1** (0.200 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL, 0.01 M) was added 7.5 mol% catalyst **6** or **7** (0.015 mmol) in one portion under nitrogen at room temperature. After stirring for 2 h, the reaction mixture was treated with *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (0.020 mmol) and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel column chromatography or PTLC on silica gel to give benzene **3**.



**1,2-Dipropylbenzene (3a)**; purified by PTLC (hexane) (>99% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H), 1.61 (sextet, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.09-7.15 (m, 4H). This product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously.<sup>[12]</sup>

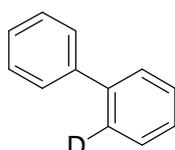


**Biphenyl (3b)**; purified by PTLC (hexane) (97% yield); This product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously.<sup>[13]</sup>



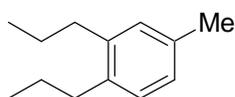
**3b**

**2-Deuteriobiphenyl (3c)**; purified by PTLC (hexane) (96% yield);  $^2\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.59.



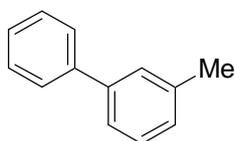
**3c**

**4-Methyl-1,2-dipropylbenzene (3d)**; purified by PTLC (hexane) (>99% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.98 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 1.55-1.62 (m, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.53-2.56 (m, 4H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.67, 14.72, 21.38, 24.87, 24.88, 34.80, 35.19, 126.82, 129.48, 130.32, 135.41, 137.70, 140.63. HRMS (EI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 176.1566, found 176.1578.



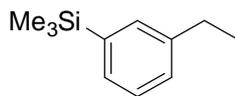
**3d**

**3-Methylbiphenyl (3e)**; purified by PTLC (hexane) (>99% yield); This product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously.<sup>[14]</sup>



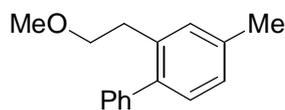
**3e**

**1-Ethyl-3-(trimethylsilyl)benzene (3f)**; purified by PTLC (hexane) (94% yield); This product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously.<sup>[15]</sup>



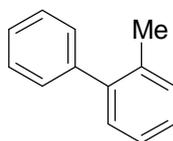
**3f**

**2-(2-Methoxyethyl)-1,4-dimethylbenzene (3g)**; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 5/1) (99% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.38 (s, 3H), 2.85 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.43 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.41 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.13, 33.07, 58.41, 73.21, 126.71, 126.96, 128.06, 129.32, 130.06, 130.40, 135.80, 136.98, 139.49, 141.62. HRMS (FAB) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 226.1358, found 226.1363.



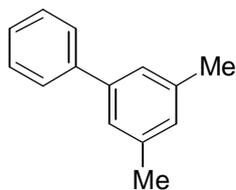
**3g**

**2-Methylbiphenyl (3h)**; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 20/1) (80% yield); This product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously.<sup>[16]</sup>



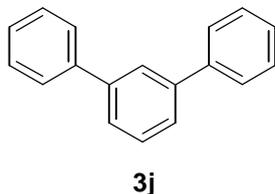
**3h**

**3,5-Dimethylbiphenyl (3i)**; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 20/1) (84% yield); This product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously.<sup>[13]</sup>

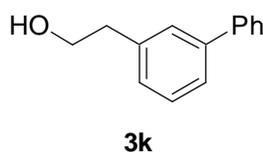


**3i**

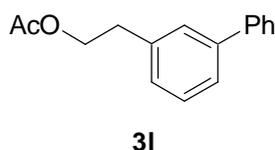
**1,3-Diphenylbenzene (3j)**; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 7/1) (96% yield); This product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously.<sup>[17]</sup>



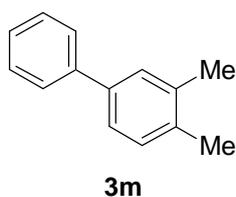
**3-(2-Hydroxyethyl)biphenyl (3k)**; purified by PTLC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc = 3/1) (84% yield); This product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously.<sup>[18]</sup>



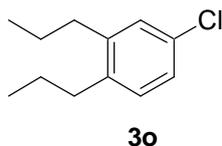
**3-(2-Acetoxyethyl)biphenyl (3l)**; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1) (>99% yield); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.04 (s, 3H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.48 (m, 6H), 7.57-7.59 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.94, 35.10, 64.88, 125.43, 127.12, 127.28, 127.72, 127.74, 128.71, 128.89, 138.25, 141.01, 141.45, 171.02. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 240.1151, found 240.1145.



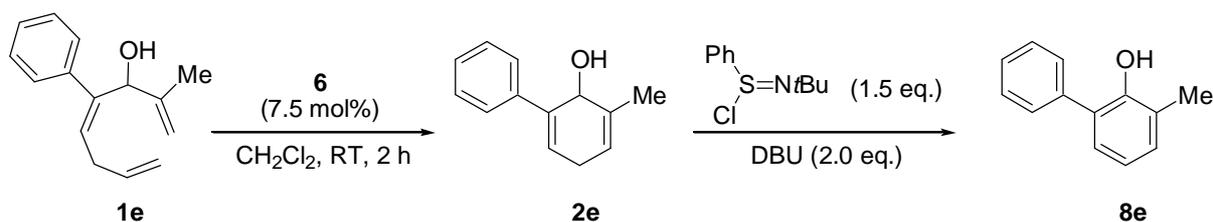
**3,4-Dimethylbiphenyl (3m)**; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 20/1) (91% yield); This product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously.<sup>[19]</sup>



**4-Chloro-1,2-dipropylbenzene (3o)**; purified by PTLC (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1) (86% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.97 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.57 (sextet,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.59 (sextet,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.52-2.57 (m, 4H), 7.04-7.12 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.10, 14.12, 24.06, 24.20, 34.15, 34.53, 125.66, 128.88, 130.42, 131.10, 138.78, 142.27. HRMS (EI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 196.1020, found 196.1021.



**Preparation of 2-Methyl-6-phenylphenol (8e).** To a solution of trienol **1e** (32.2mg, 0.150 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (15 mL, 0.01 M) was added 7.5 mol% catalyst **6** (9.3 mg, 0.0113 mmol) in one portion under nitrogen and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. To the reaction mixture was added a solution of *N-tert*-butylbenzenesulfinimidoyl chloride (48.6 mg, 0.225 mmol) and DBU (45.8 mg, 0.300 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2.0 mL) and stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then quenched by addition of sat.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (aq.) and extracted twice with EtOAc. The organic phases were dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5/1) to give the desired product **8e** (7.0 mg, 0.038 mmol, 25% yield). This product was characterized by comparison of the spectroscopic data with those reported previously.<sup>[20]</sup>

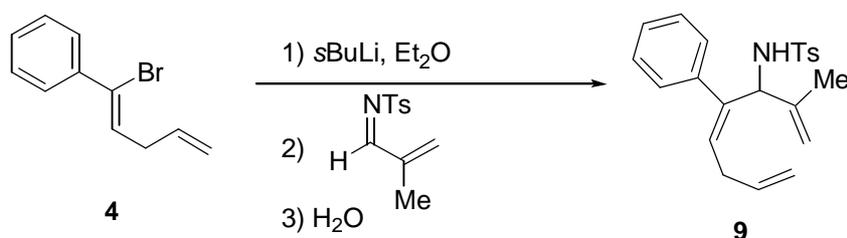


### Preparation

of

**(Z)-N-(1-isopropenyl-2-phenyl-2,5-hexadienyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (9).** *s*BuLi (0.95 M solution in cyclohexane and *n*-hexane, 2.00 mmol) was added to a solution of bromodiene **4** (2.10 mmol) in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3.0 mL) at  $-78$  °C. After 5 min, a solution of 2-methyl-1-[(phenylsulfonyl)imino]-2-propene (1.05 mmol) in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (6.0 mL) was added. The

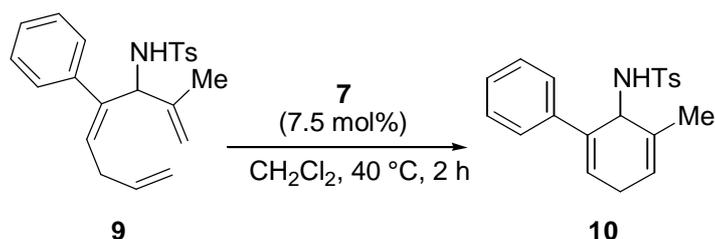
mixture was stirred for 10 min at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , then warmed to room temperature. After stirring for 30 min, the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of water and extracted twice with EtOAc. The organic phases were dried with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5/1) to give **9** (235 mg, 61% yield); m.p.  $114\text{-}117\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.87 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.76-2.89 (m, 2H), 4.65 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.01-5.06 (m, 2H), 5.06-5.07 (m, 1H), 5.14-5.16 (m, 1H), 5.55 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.73 (ddt,  $J = 17.4, 9.8, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dt,  $J = 6.8, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.69, 21.51, 32.64, 57.45, 113.12, 115.87, 127.12, 127.40, 127.49, 128.37, 129.32, 130.40, 135.35, 137.48, 137.60, 139.31, 143.13, 143.30. HRMS (FAB) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$ ) 368.1686, found 368.1669.



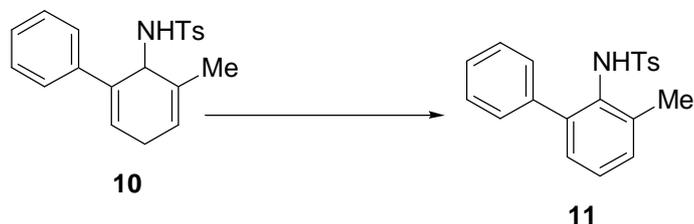
### Preparation

of

***N*-(2-methyl-6-phenyl-2,5-cyclohexadienyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (10)**. A solution of trienammine **9** (38.6 mg, 0.105 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10.5 mL, 0.01 M) was treated with 7.5 mol% catalyst **7** (6.7 mg, 0.00788 mmol, 7.5 mol%) in one portion under nitrogen and stirred for 2 h at  $40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1) to give **10** (35.3 mg, 0.104 mmol, 99% yield); m.p.  $109\text{-}112\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.96 (d,  $J = 3.1, 1.5$  Hz, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.73-2.87 (m, 2H), 4.31 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.95 (dt,  $J = 9.2, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.71-5.74 (br m, 1H), 5.98 (dt,  $J = 3.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.11, 21.34, 27.92, 53.72, 123.49, 126.36, 126.56, 126.76, 127.17, 128.16, 128.98, 132.76, 136.93, 138.65, 140.32, 142.09. HRMS (FAB) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}$  ( $\text{M}^+ - \text{NHTs}$ ) 169.1018, found 169.1014.



**Preparation of *N*-(3-methylbiphenyl-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (11) by the tandem RCM/oxidation.** A solution of **10** (28.5 mg, 0.0839 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (7.6 mL) was added MnO<sub>2</sub> (729 mg, 8.39 mmol) in one portion under air and stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture passed through celite and the residual solid was washed thoroughly with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by PTLC on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 2/1) gave the corresponding aniline **11** (21.7 mg, 0.0643 mmol, 77% yield); m.p. 135-138 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 6.63 (br s, 1H), 6.77-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.98 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.23 (m, 6H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.86, 21.47, 126.75, 126.78, 127.49, 128.24, 128.31, 128.36, 129.27, 130.82, 130.92, 136.51, 138.87, 138.90, 140.50, 142.81. HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>) 337.1138, found 337.1133.



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