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INVESTIGATION OF Pd(II)-CATALYZED CYCLIZATION OF CHIRAL θ -HYDROXY- $\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta$ -UNSATURATED DIENOL

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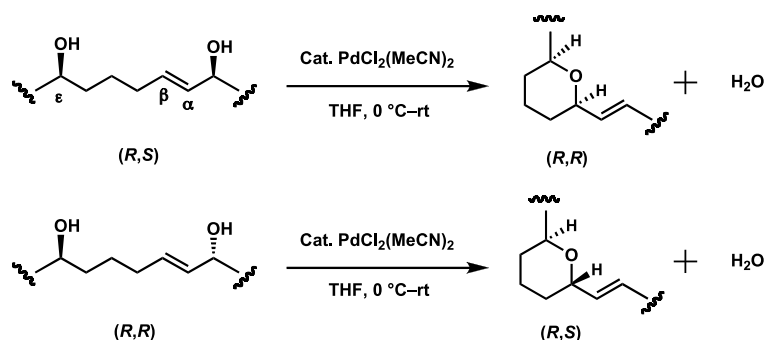
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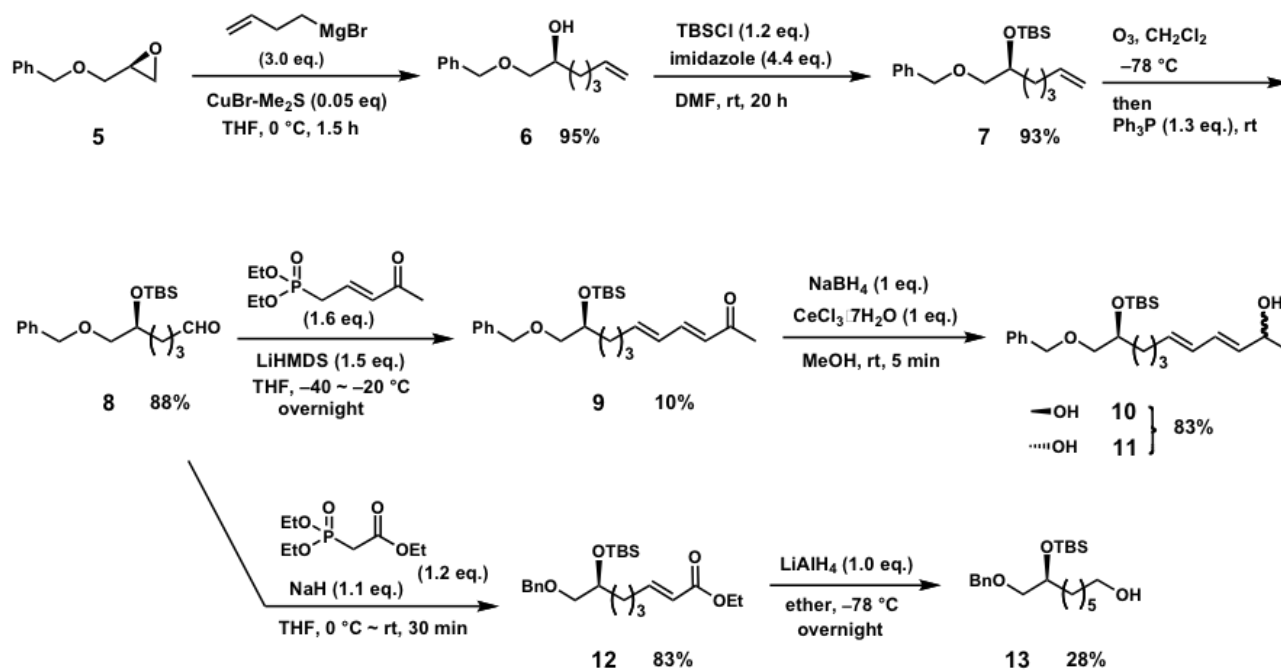
Abstract – PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ catalyzed intramolecular cyclization of optically pure θ -hydroxy- $\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta$ -dienylethanols **1** and **2** are described. *cis* and *trans*-2-Benzyloxymethyl-6-(1,3-pentadienyl)tetrahydropyrans **3** and **4** were produced stereoselectively with a ratio of 3:1 in excellent yield. No 1,5-chirality transfer was observed in the cyclization reaction.

INTRODUCTION

Substitution in allylic system has been an important area of intensive research in organic synthesis.¹ We have reported intramolecular allylic substitution reaction for the formation of saturated oxa-heterocycles using chiral allylic alcohol and Pd(II)-catalyst.² For example as illustrated in Scheme 1, chiral center on the allylic alcohol is transferred onto the newly generated chiral center on the 2,6-substituted tetrahydropyran ring *via* an S_N2' reaction process. The stereospecific Pd(II)-catalyzed cyclization of allylic substrate has several advantages including (i) the reaction proceeds cleanly under the mild conditions with high stereoselectivity and excellent chemical yield; (ii) no re-oxidant is required because Pd(0) species are not formed in the catalytic cycle; (iii) hydroxyl group can be used as a leaving group in

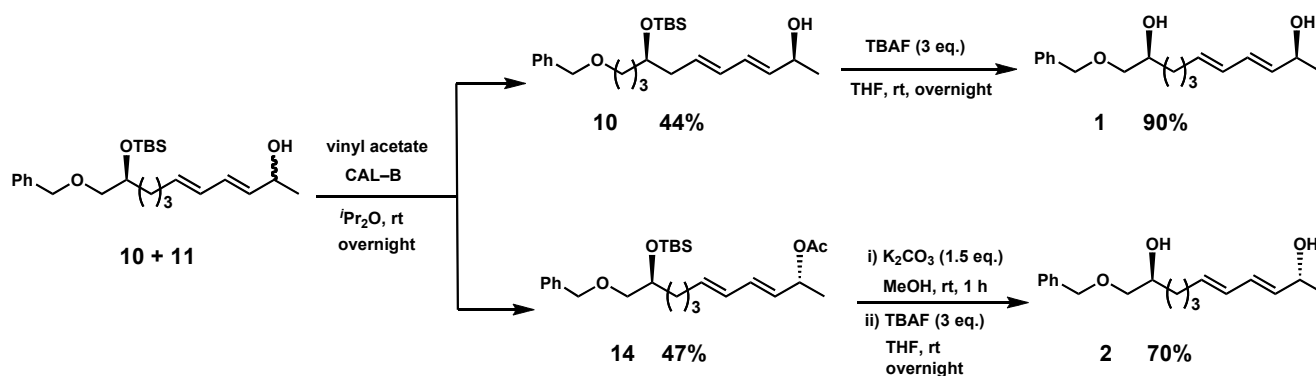


Scheme 1. Pd(II)-catalyzed cyclization of ε -hydroxy- α,β -unsaturated alcohol



Scheme 3. Preparation of $\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta$ -dienol unit

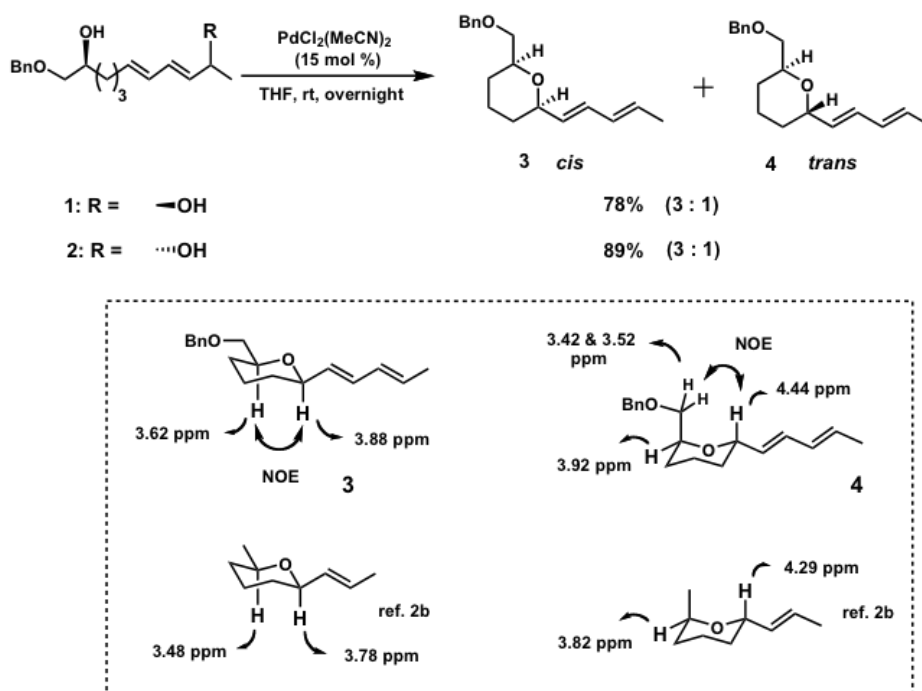
The diastereomers of **10** and **11** were separable by lipase catalyzed kinetic acetylation (Scheme 4). Treatment of **10** and **11** with vinyl acetate in the presence of *Candida antarctica* lipase gave (*R*)-acetate **14** in 47% yield and recovery of **10** in 44%. Finally desilylation of **10** with tetrabutylammonium fluoride gave **1** in 90% yield. While, methanolysis of **14** followed by deprotection of silyl ether by the same method for **10** accomplished the synthesis of **2** in 70% yield in 2 steps.



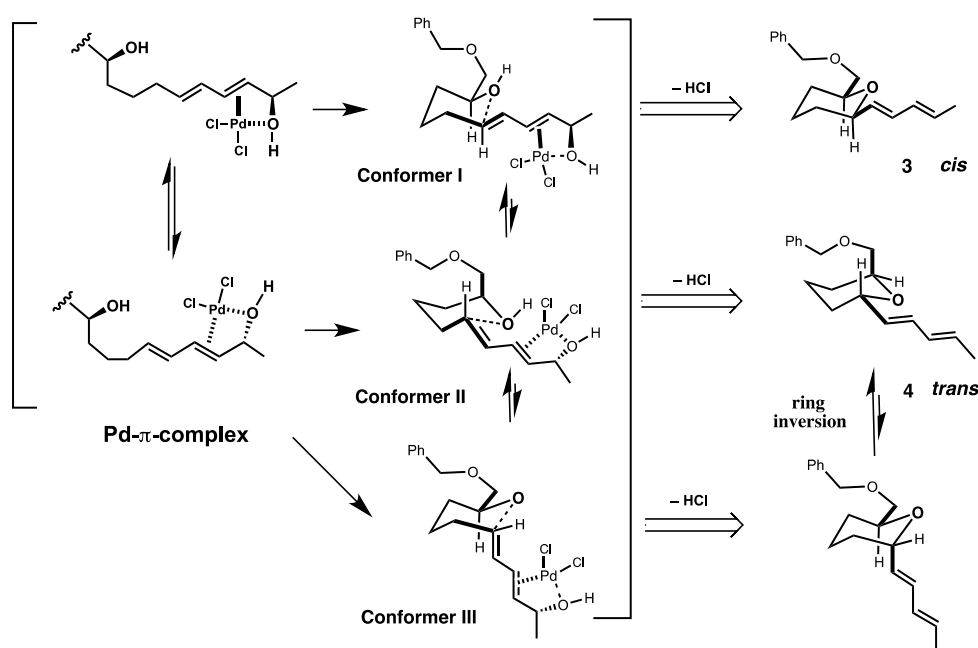
Scheme 4. Lipase catalyzed kinetic acetylation and preparation of precursors **1** and **2**

The precursor **1** was subjected to $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{MeCN})_2$ catalyzed reaction in THF at room temperature to afford a mixture of **3** and **4** with a *cis:trans* ratio of 3:1 in 78% yield (Scheme 5). Similarly, the reaction of **2** under the same reaction conditions gave a mixture of **3** and **4** with a 3:1 ratio in 89% yield. They were separable by HPLC on silica gel. The conformational analysis by proton NMR revealed that compound **3** is a *cis* isomer and **4** is a *trans* isomer. Selected chemical shifts and relations of two axial substituents in

NOESY spectra are shown in Scheme 5. Two axial protons next to the ring oxygen atom in **3** appear at 3.62 and 3.88 ppm. Equatorial and axial protons at the same positions in **4** are observed at 3.92 and 4.44 ppm. These chemical shifts are relatively matched with those in similar compounds.^{2b} These structures are also confirmed by the NOESY spectra. NOe relation in **3** is observed between two axial protons and that between the axial proton at 4.44 ppm and the axial methylene protons at 3.42 and 3.52 ppm in **4**.

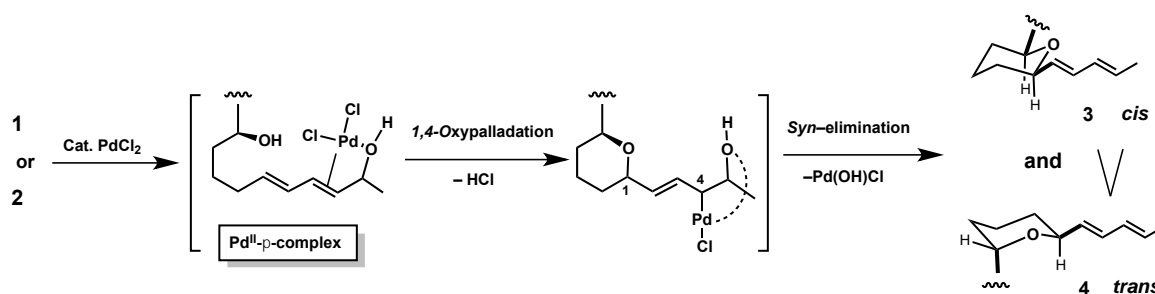


Scheme 5. Cyclization reaction of **1** and **2**



Scheme 6. Reaction pathway for the formation of **3** and **4**

Based on these results, the reaction proceeded non-stereospecific but stereoselective. Therefore, expected 1,5-chirality transfer did not occur. More stable *cis* isomer was formed favorably in a 3:1 ratio in both cases. Considering the stereochemistry for the formation of **3**, a conformer I with diequatorial substituents in the six membered chairlike transition state favorably gives rise to 2,6-*cis* substituted tetrahydropyran ring (Scheme 6). For the formation of **4**, two conformers II and III are possible for the formation of 2,6-*trans* substituted tetrahydropyran ring. Conformational analysis of **4** suggests that the reaction might proceed through conformer II and lead *trans* isomer **4**.



Scheme 7. Reaction mechanism

We propose the overall mechanistic sequence of 1,5-substitution as shown in Scheme 7. In marked contrast to the case of allyl alcohol, the hydroxyl group at θ -position is not able to make a ligand exchange with the coordinate hydroxyl group on Pd- π -complex in the case of dienylethanol. Therefore, the reaction undergoes 6-membered chairlike transition state rather than the pathway in ligand exchange of the nucleophilic hydroxyl group and oxypalladation. However, 1,4-oxypalladation does take place with no interaction of the nucleophilic hydroxyl group with Pd- π -complex and successive *syn*-elimination of Pd(OH)Cl gives the *trans-trans*-dienyl substituent on the tetrahydropyran ring. Finally, formation of water by the reaction of Pd(OH)Cl and HCl regenerates PdCl₂ in the catalytic cycle.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have found that stereoselective ring closure takes place in the cyclization of dienylethanol substrates **1** and **2**. The stereochemistry of cyclization can be explained by a 6-membered chairlike transition state *via* 1,4-oxypalladation process. It is noted that the hydroxy group of dienyl alcohol can play a good leaving property by the activation of Pd(II)-catalyst and 1,5-substitution occurs stereoselectively in a 3:1 ratio.

EXPERIMENTAL

General. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on JEOL JNM-AL-300 (300 MHz and 75 MHz), spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the resonance of the

solvent or to tetramethylsilane (0.00 ppm) for ^1H NMR spectra and for ^{13}C NMR spectra. IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-410 spectrophotometer. UV spectra were measured by a JASCO V-530 spectrometer. Low and high-resolution mass spectra (LRMS and HRMS) were obtained on a JEOL JMS 303HF spectrometer using fast atom bombardment (FAB) ionization. Silica gel (230–400 mesh) was used for flash chromatography. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass pre-coated with silica gel (0.25 mm thickness). All moisture sensitive reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere. THF was dried over sodium/benzophenone ketyl, and CH_2Cl_2 was dried over P_2O_5 , and they were distilled prior to use.

(2S)-1-Benzyloxyhept-6-en-2-ol (6).⁸ To Mg turning (1.78 g, 73.08 mmol) in Et_2O (39 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 4-bromo-1-butene (7.36 mL, 73.08 mmol) in Et_2O (32 mL) under an argon atmosphere at 50 °C. After 2 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and was added to a suspension of $\text{CuBr}\cdot\text{Me}_2\text{S}$ (0.25 g, 1.22 mmol) in THF (39 mL) at –78 °C. The mixture was stirred for 30 min, and then added a solution of **5** (4.0 g, 24.36 mmol) in THF (13 mL) at the same temperature. After 1.5 h saturated aq. solution of NH_4Cl (20 mL) was added carefully. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc for two times, the combined organic phases were dried over MgSO_4 and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted with (20% EtOAc in hexane) to give **6** (5.13 g) in 95% yield. Colorless oil; Yield 95%; R_f = 0.30 (20% EtOAc in hexane); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$ 3.7 (c 1.00, CHCl_3), –10.0 (c 0.50, EtOH), 3.2 (c 1.00, toluene); ^1H -NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37–7.29 (5H, m), 5.80 (1H, ddt, J = 16.9, 10.1, 6.7 Hz), 5.02 (1H, br d, J = 16.9 Hz), 4.95 (1H, br d, J = 10.1 Hz), 4.56 (2H, s), 3.82 (1H, m), 3.51 (1H, dd, J = 9.4, 3.1 Hz), 3.32 (1H, dd, J = 9.4, 8.0 Hz), 2.35 (1H, br), 2.11–2.06 (2H, m), 1.60–1.41 (4H, m); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.6, 137.9, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 114.6, 74.6, 73.3, 70.2, 33.6, 32.5, 24.7.

(2S)-(1-Benzyloxyhept-6-en-2-yloxy)tert-butyldimethylsilane (7).⁹ To a mixture of alcohol **6** (1.96 g, 8.89 mmol) and imidazole (2.66 g, 39.12 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was added TBDMSCl (1.61 g, 10.67 mmol) at room temperature and it was stirred for 20 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and water (40 mL) was added to the residue. The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times (30 mL X3) and combined extract was washed with water and brine. The extract was dried over MgSO_4 , and evaporated to give crude product which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted with 10% EtOAc in hexane. Compound **7** (2.78 g) was obtained in 93% yield as colorless oil. Yield 93%; R_f = 0.63 (10% EtOAc in hexane); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$ –13.8 (c 1.00, CHCl_3); ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35–7.28 (5H, m), 5.79 (1H, ddt, J = 17.7, 10.1, 6.5 Hz), 5.01 (1H, dq, J = 17.7, 1.6 Hz), 4.94 (1H, dq, J = 10.1, 1.6 Hz), 4.52 (2H, s), 3.78 (1H, m), 3.39 (1H, dd, J = 9.6, 5.7 Hz), 3.35 (1H, dd, J = 9.6, 5.4 Hz), 2.08–2.01 (2H,

m), 1.61-1.40 (4H, m), 0.84 (9H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.04 (3H, s); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.9, 138.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 114.4, 74.8, 73.3, 71.4, 34.2, 33.8, 25.9, 24.5, 18.2, -4.4, -4.8.

(2S)-6-Benzyloxy-5-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxyhexanal (8).¹⁰ To a solution of **7** (3.0 g, 8.97 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (66 mL) was bubbled ozone at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ until the starting material was consumed which was monitored on tlc. An excess of ozone was removed out by nitrogen stream at the same temperature. Then, the mixture was quenched with PPh_3 (2.8 g, 10.76 mmol) and the mixture was allowed to warm up to the room temperature. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residual material was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted with (5% EtOAc in hexane) to give **8** (2.66 g) in 88% yield. Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.33$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21} -16.6$ (c 1.00, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.75 (1H, t, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 7.37-7.27 (5H, m), 4.51 (2H, s), 3.83 (1H, m), 3.41 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 5.4$ Hz), 3.34 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 5.8$ Hz), 2.43 (2H, td, $J = 7.2, 1.7$ Hz), 1.80-1.41 (4H, m), 0.87 (9H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.04 (3H, s); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.6, 138.3, 128.3, 127.6, 127.6, 74.4, 73.3, 71.0, 43.9, 34.0, 25.9, 18.1, 17.8, -4.4, -4.8.

(S,3E,5E)-11-Benzyloxy-10-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxyundeca-3,5-dien-2-one (9). To a cooled solution of (*E*)-diethyl 4-oxopent-2-enylphosphonate (981 mg, 4.46 mmol) in THF (13 mL) at $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ was dropped a THF solution of LiHMDS (1.3 M in THF, 3.2 mL, 4.18 mmol) slowly and the mixture was further stirred for 20 min. Then, a solution of aldehyde **8** (937 mg, 2.78 mmol) in THF (13 mL) was added dropwise at the same temperature. The mixture was stirred overnight at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Water (30 mL) was added to the mixture and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times (30 mL X3). The organic extract was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and condensed in vacuo. The residual oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted with (5% EtOAc in hexane) to provide **9** (118 mg) in 10% yield. Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.26$ (10% EtOAc in hexane); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} -14.4$ (c 1.00, CHCl_3); IR (neat) cm^{-1} : 1669; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (270 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34-7.29 (5H, m), 7.10 (1H, m), 6.18-6.15 (2H, m), 6.05 (1H, d, $J = 15.6$ Hz), 4.52 (2H, s), 3.82 (1H, m), 3.40 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 5.4$ Hz), 3.34 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 5.7$ Hz), 2.26 (3H, s), 2.22-2.16 (2H, m), 1.58-1.44 (4H, m), 0.88 (9H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.04 (3H, s); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.8, 145.4, 144.0, 138.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 74.6, 73.3, 71.1, 34.1, 33.1, 27.1, 25.9, 24.3, 18.1, -4.4, -4.8; LR-MS (EI) m/z (rel. int. %) 402 (M^+ , 1.2), 345 (3), 281 (11), 149 (16), 91 (base); HR-MS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ (M) $^+$ 402.2590, found 402.2582.

(3E,5E,10S)-11-Benzyloxy-10-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxyundeca-3,5-dien-2-ol (10+11). To a stirred solution of **9** (160 mg, 0.40 mmol) and $\text{CeCl}_3 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (148 mg, 0.40 mmol) in MeOH (4.5 mL) was added NaBH_4 (15 mg, 0.40 mmol) by several portions at room temperature. After 5 min the mixture was

quenched with acetone (0.1 mL) and diluted with water (20 mL). The whole mixture was extracted with Et₂O (30 mL X3) and ethereal extract was washed with water and brine. The extract was dried over MgSO₄ and condensed. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluted with 5% EtOAc in hexane to give unseparable diastereomeric mixtures of **10** and **11** (134 mg) in 83% yield. Colorless oil; *R_f* = 0.34 (20% EtOAc in hexane).

(*S,E*)-Ethyl 6-benzyloxy-5-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxyhex-2-enoate (12**).** To a cooled solution of triethyl phosphonoacetate (360 mg, 1.61 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C was added NaH (60%, 59 mg, 1.48 mmol) slowly. Then, a solution of aldehyde **8** (450 mg, 1.34 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added dropwise at the same temperature. The mixture was stirred 30 min at rt. Water (30 mL) was added to the mixture and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O three times (30 mL X3). The organic extract was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and condensed in vacuo. The residual oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted with (5% EtOAc in hexane) to provide **12** (453 mg) in 83% yield. Colorless oil; *R_f* = 0.47 (10% EtOAc in hexane); [α]_D²² -13.0 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃); IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 1721, 1256; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.25 (5H, m), 6.95 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.6, 6.9 Hz), 5.81 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.6, 1.6 Hz), 4.51 (2H, s), 4.18 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.82 (1H, m), 3.39 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.4 Hz), 3.34 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.7 Hz), 2.22-2.17 (2H, m), 1.63-1.54 (2H, m), 1.52-1.41 (2H, m), 1.29 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz) 0.87 (9H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.04 (3H, s); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 149.1, 138.3, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 121.4, 74.6, 73.3, 71.1, 60.1, 34.1, 32.3, 25.9, 23.6, 18.1, 14.3, -4.4, -4.8.; LR-MS (EI) *m/z* (rel. int. %) 406 (M⁺, 0.1), 349 (6), 285 (18), 183 (19), 91 (base); HR-MS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₃₈O₄Si (M)⁺ 406.2539, found 406.2534.

8-Benzyloxy-7-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxyoctan-1-ol (13**).** To a cooled suspension of LiAlH₄ (19 mg, 0.49 mmol) in Et₂O (5 mL) at -78 °C was dropped a solution of ester **12** (200 mg, 0.49 mmol) in Et₂O (2 mL) under argon atmosphere slowly. The mixture was stirred overnight at the same temperature. Sat. aq. potassium sodium tartrate (20 mL) was added to the mixture and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O three times (10 mL X3). The organic extract was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, and condensed in vacuo. The residual oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted with (20% EtOAc in hexane) to provide **13** (50 mg) in 28% yield. Colorless oil; *R_f* = 0.25 (20% EtOAc in hexane); [α]_D²² -1.0 (*c* 0.15, CHCl₃); IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 3377; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.25 (5H, m), 4.52 (2H, s), 3.81 (1H, m), 3.63 (2H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 3.39 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.6 Hz), 3.35 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.4 Hz), 1.57-1.22 (10H, m), 0.88 (9H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.04 (3H, s); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 74.8, 73.3, 71.5, 63.1, 34.6, 32.7, 29.6, 25.9, 25.7, 25.2, 18.2, -4.4, -4.8; LR-MS (EI) *m/z* (rel. int. %) 366 (M⁺, 0.1), 245 (23), 217 (10), 201 (15), 91 (base); HR-MS (EI) *m/z*

calcd for $C_{21}H_{38}O_3Si$ (M)⁺ 366.2590, found 366.2585.

Lipase catalyzed kinetic acetylation; preparation of 14 and 10. To a mixture of **10** and **11** (134 mg, 0.33 mmol) in diisopropyl Et₂O (3.3 mL), Novozyme 435 (13.4 mg, 10 wt%), vinyl acetate (0.32 mL, 3.48 mmol) and MS 4Å (134 mg) were added successively. The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and filtered through celite pad. The filtrate was condensed and acetate and alcohol were separated by column chromatography on silica gel. Elution with 5% EtOAc in hexane gave **14** (69 mg) in 47% yield and elution with 15% EtOAc in hexane gave recovery of **10** (59 mg) in 44% yield.

14; Colorless oil; *R_f* = 0.28 (5% EtOAc in hexane); $[\alpha]_D^{22} +25.3$ (*c* 0.60, CHCl₃); IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 1737, 1242; ¹H-NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.37-7.28 (5H, m), 6.20 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.2, 10.4 Hz), 5.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.0, 10.4 Hz), 5.70 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.0, 7.0 Hz), 5.54 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.9 Hz), 5.37 (1H, dq, *J* = 6.9, 6.4 Hz), 4.51 (2H, s), 3.81 (1H, m), 3.39 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.1, 5.1 Hz), 3.33 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.1, 5.2 Hz), 2.11-2.06 (2H, m), 2.04 (3H, s), 1.55-1.35 (4H, m), 1.32 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 0.87 (9H, s), 0.04 (3H, s), 0.04 (3H, s); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 138.4, 136.2, 132.1, 129.8, 129.3, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 74.7, 73.3, 71.3, 70.9, 34.2, 32.7, 25.9, 24.7, 21.4, 20.3, 18.2, -4.4, -4.8; LR-MS *m/z* (rel. int. %) 446 (M⁺, 0.1), 237 (55), 163 (41), 145 (39), 91 (base); HR-MS (EI) *m/z* calcd for $C_{26}H_{42}O_4Si$ (M)⁺ 446.2852, found 446.2850.

10; Colorless oil; *R_f* = 0.28 (5% EtOAc in hexane); $[\alpha]_D^{20} -13.9$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃); IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 3367; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.27 (5H, m), 6.16 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.1, 10.3 Hz), 6.00 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.0, 10.3 Hz), 5.68 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.0, 7.3 Hz), 5.62 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.1, 6.6 Hz), 4.51 (2H, s), 4.33 (1H, m), 3.82 (1H, m), 3.39 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.6 Hz), 3.35 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.5 Hz), 2.10-2.05 (2H, m), 1.56-1.41 (4H, m), 1.28 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 0.88 (9H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.04 (3H, s); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.4, 135.3, 134.7, 130.0, 129.6, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 74.7, 73.3, 71.3, 68.7, 34.2, 32.7, 25.9, 24.8, 23.3, 18.2, -4.4, -4.8; LR-MS *m/z* (rel. int. %) 404 (M⁺, 0.2), 329 (14), 237 (23), 145 (20), 91 (base); HR-MS (EI) *m/z* calcd for $C_{24}H_{40}O_3Si$ (M)⁺ 404.2747, found 404.2752.

(2R,3E,5E,10S)-11-Benzyloxy-10-(tert-butyl dimethylsilyl)oxyundeca-3,5-dien-2-ol (11). To a solution of **14** (69 mg, 0.15 mmol) in MeOH (0.8 mL) was added anhydrous K₂CO₃ (32 mg, 0.23 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was condensed in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted with 5% EtOAc in hexane to give alcohol **11** (51 mg) in 82% yield. Colorless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{20} -14.3$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃); IR (neat) cm⁻¹: 3397; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.27 (5H, m), 6.16 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.3, 10.3 Hz), 6.00 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.0, 10.3 Hz), 5.68 (1H, dt, *J* = 15.0, 7.3 Hz), 5.62 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.3, 6.6 Hz), 4.51 (2H, s), 4.33 (1H, m), 3.82 (1H, m), 3.39 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.6 Hz), 3.35 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.5 Hz), 2.10-2.05

(2H, m), 1.56-1.41 (4H, m), 1.28 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 0.88 (9H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.04 (3H, s); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.4, 135.3, 134.7, 130.0, 129.6, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 74.7, 73.3, 71.3, 68.7, 34.2, 32.7, 25.9, 24.8, 23.3, 18.2, -4.4, -4.8.; LR-MS m/z (rel. int. %) 404 (M^+ , 0.2), 329 (12), 237 (22), 145 (19), 91 (base); HR-MS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ (M) $^+$ 404.2747, found 404.2755.

Desilylation of compounds 10 and 11. A mixture of silyl ether **10** (47 mg, 0.12 mmol) in THF (0.6 mL) and TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 0.34 mL, 0.34 mmol) was stirred at room temperature overnight. Water (10 mL) was added to the mixture and it was extracted with Et_2O (30 mL X3). Organic extracts were combined, washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 and condensed. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted with 50% EtOAc in hexane to give diol **1**. *Syn* diol **1** was obtained in 90% yield from **10**. Compound **2** was obtained in 85% yield from **11**.

(2S,3E,5E,10S)-11-Benzyloxyundeca-3,5-diene-2,10-diol (1); Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.30$ (40% EtOAc in hexane); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -4.5$ (c 0.50, EtOH); IR (neat) cm^{-1} : 3389; ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.26 (5H, m), 6.15 (1H, dd, $J = 15.2, 10.6$ Hz), 6.01 (1H, dd, $J = 15.0, 10.6$ Hz), 5.68 (1H, dt, $J = 15.0, 7.2$ Hz), 5.62 (1H, dd, $J = 15.2, 6.6$ Hz), 4.55 (2H, s), 4.33 (1H, m), 3.81 (1H, m), 3.50 (1H, dd, $J = 9.4, 3.0$ Hz), 3.31 (1H, dd, $J = 9.4, 7.9$ Hz), 2.31 (1H, brs), 2.13-2.08 (2H, m), 1.61-1.42 (4H, m), 1.28 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.9, 134.8, 129.9, 129.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 74.6, 73.3, 70.2, 68.6, 32.5, 32.5, 25.1, 23.3; LR-MS (FAB) m/z 313 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$; HR-MS (FAB) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3 \text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 313.1780, found 313.1783.

(2R,3E,5E,10S)-11-Benzyloxyundeca-3,5-diene-2,10-diol (2); Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.30$ (40% EtOAc in hexane); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -26.2$ (c 0.50, EtOH); IR (neat) cm^{-1} : 3389; ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.26 (5H, m), 6.15 (1H, dd, $J = 15.2, 10.6$ Hz), 6.01 (1H, dd, $J = 15.0, 10.6$ Hz), 5.68 (1H, dt, $J = 15.0, 7.2$ Hz), 5.62 (1H, dd, $J = 15.2, 6.6$ Hz), 4.55 (2H, s), 4.33 (1H, m), 3.81 (1H, m), 3.50 (1H, dd, $J = 9.4, 3.0$ Hz), 3.31 (1H, dd, $J = 9.4, 7.9$ Hz), 2.31(1H, brs), 2.13-2.08 (2H, m), 1.61-1.42 (4H, m), 1.28 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.9, 134.8, 129.9, 129.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 74.6, 73.3, 70.2, 68.6, 32.5, 32.5, 25.1, 23.3; LR-MS (FAB) m/z 313 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$; HR-MS (FAB) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3 \text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 313.1780, found 313.1787.

Pd-catalyzed cyclization of 3 and 4. To a solution of diol **1** (30 mg, 0.104 mmol) in THF (0.3 mL) was added $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{MeCN})_2$ (4.0 mg, 15.4 μmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Water (5 mL) and Et_2O (20 mL) were added and the ethereal layer was washed with brine. The organic extract was dried over MgSO_4 and condensed. The crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluted with 10% EtOAc in hexane to give a mixture of compounds **3** and **4** (22 mg) in 78% yield. The diastereomeric ratio was identified by proton NMR to be 3:1. They were separated by

HPLC to give less polar isomer **3** and polar isomer **4**. The reaction of **2** under the same conditions gave a mixture of **3** and **4** (26 mg) in 89% yield in a 3:1 ratio.

(2S,6R)-2-Benzylloxymethyl-6-[(1E,3E)-penta-1,3-dienyl]tetrahydro-2H-pyran (3); Colorless oil; Yields in several attempts, 55–70%; $R_f = 0.33$ (5% EtOAc in hexane); $[\alpha]_D^{20} -4.6$ (c 0.63, EtOH); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35-7.25 (5H, m), 6.18 (1H, dd, $J = 15.4, 10.3$ Hz), 6.02 (1H, ddq, $J = 15.0, 10.3, 1.3$ Hz), 5.67 (1H, dq, $J = 15.0, 6.8$ Hz), 5.58 (1H, dd, $J = 15.4, 6.2$ Hz), 4.60 (1H, d, $J = 12.3$ Hz), 4.55 (1H, d, $J = 12.3$ Hz), 3.88 (1H, m), 3.63 (1H, m), 3.52 (1H, dd, $J = 10.0, 5.8$ Hz), 3.42 (1H, dd, $J = 10.0, 4.6$ Hz), 1.88 (1H, m), 1.74 (3H, dd, $J = 6.8, 1.3$ Hz), 1.64-1.49 (3H, m), 1.39-1.26 (2H, m); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.6, 131.7, 131.3, 130.7, 129.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 78.1, 77.0, 73.8, 73.5, 31.8, 28.2, 23.3, 18.3; LR-MS (EI) m/z (rel. int. %) 272 (M^+ , 4), 181 (10), 91 (base), 67 (30); HR-MS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2$ (M^+) 272.1776, found 272.1769.

(2S,6S)-2-Benzylloxymethyl-6-[(1E,3E)-penta-1,3-dienyl]tetrahydro-2H-pyran (4); Colorless oil; Yields in several attempts, 18–23%; $R_f = 0.23$ (5% EtOAc in hexane); $[\alpha]_D^{20} -14.6$ (c 0.25, EtOH); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34-7.26 (5H, m), 6.18 (1H, ddd, $J = 15.4, 10.5, 1.3$ Hz), 6.07 (1H, ddq, $J = 14.8, 10.5, 1.5$ Hz), 5.67 (1H, dq, $J = 14.8, 6.9$ Hz), 5.67 (1H, dd, $J = 15.4, 4.5$ Hz), 4.59 (1H, d, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 4.55 (1H, d, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 4.44 (1H, m), 3.93 (1H, m), 3.52 (1H, dd, $J = 10.0, 6.0$ Hz), 3.43 (1H, dd, $J = 10.0, 4.9$ Hz), 1.76 (3H, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.71-1.51 (5H, m), 1.43 (1H, m); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.6, 132.0, 131.4, 130.8, 129.5, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 73.4, 72.8, 72.5, 70.2, 29.3, 27.8, 18.8, 18.3; LR-MS (EI); m/z (rel. int. %) 272 (M^+ , 28), 181 (67), 91 (base), 67 (28); HR-MS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2$ (M^+) 272.1776, found 272.1779.

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