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General Introduction

The allyl-, allenyl-, and propargylmetals have attracted much interest as a synthetic tool and have been intensively studied for many years. However, there are still several problems to be addressed. The most important issue in their reaction is to control the regioselectivity with electrophiles. For example, when a crotyl-type reagent reacts with electrophiles, $\alpha$-adduct and $\gamma$-adduct can be obtained (Scheme 1, eq 1). In addition, $\alpha$-adduct is usually composed of a mixture of E/Z isomers. Allenylmetals are generally in equilibrium with the corresponding propargylmetals. Thus, in the reaction with electrophiles such as carbonyl compounds, allenylated products and propargylated products can be formed (Scheme 1, eq 2). Therefore, controlling the regioselectivity in the reactions using allyl-, allenyl-, and propargylmetals still remains an important synthetic challenge, although many efforts have been made to solve the problem. In this context, the author has developed a copper-based catalyst system effective for the regioselective allylation, allenylation, and propargylation of carbonyls and imines.

Scheme 1.
When the selective installation of allyl, allenyl, and propargyl groups to various electrophiles is achieved, transformations of these products would be more valuable. Thus, the author focused on the allenic compounds that had been obtained selectively, and discovered three types of reactions. The first is a silver-catalyzed intramolecular chloroamination of allenes (Scheme 2, eq 1). This reaction yields 3-pyrroline derivatives bearing an alkenyl chloride moiety, which can be easily converted into functionalized 3-pyrroline and pyrrole derivatives. The second is a Li⁺-catalyzed Nazarov-type cyclization of 1-aryl-2,3-butadien-1-ols (Scheme 2, eq 2). The obtained benzofulvenes possess a diverse range of potential applications in the material chemistry and are useful as precursors of indenyl ligands. The third is a copper-catalyzed stereoselective synthesis of functionalized conjugated enynes from α-allenols (Scheme 2, eq 3). This protocol is also applicable to the synthesis of conjugated dienynes and enediynes with excellent selectivity.

Scheme 2.
Allyl-, Allenyl-, and Propargyl-Transfer Reactions through Cleavage of C–C Bonds Catalyzed by an N-Heterocyclic Carbene/Copper Complex: Synthesis of Multisubstituted Pyrroles (Chapter 1)

Allylation of electrophiles by allylic metals is one of the most fundamental and important reactions in organic chemistry. Various protocols for the preparation of allylic metals have been well investigated, including reductive metalation of allylic halides or pseudohalides by low-valent metal, transmetalation of highly reactive allylic metal to another metal, direct allylic deprotonation by strong base, hydrometalation (carbometalation) of allene, and allylic C–H bond activation of alkene. However, these methods usually suffer from some drawbacks such as poor functional group tolerance and undesired byproducts. Recently, new methods involving metal-catalyzed retro-allylation of homoallyl alcohols have been developed, which succeed in the generation and use of allylic metals under mild conditions. In 1998, Kondo and Mitsudo developed a pioneering ruthenium-catalyzed retro-allylation of unstrained tertiary homoallyl alcohols (Scheme 1-1). They also succeeded in C–C bond forming reaction using in situ generated allylruthenium species. This reaction is believed to proceed via the oxidative addition of a hydroxyl group to a Ru catalyst followed by retro-allylation of the ruthenium alkoxide to afford acetophenone and propene. The driving force of this reaction might be the formation of a stable η3-allylruthenium species as an intermediate.
In 2006, Oshima accomplished a similar reaction by using a Rh catalyst (Scheme 1-2). In this case, saturated ketones were obtained as the final product by isomerization via iterative \( \beta \)-hydrogen elimination-hydorhodation sequence.

Oshima applied this type of Csp\(^3\)–Csp\(^3\) bond cleavage to allylation of aryl halides under palladium catalysis (Scheme 1-3). The Pd-catalyzed retro-allylation proceeds in a concerted fashion via a conformationally regulated six-membered cyclic transition state. As a result, the allylated product can be obtained with excellent regio- and stereoselectivity.
Although these reactions successfully employ tertiary homoallyl alcohols as the allyl donor, the use of secondary ones is difficult because the process always suffers from overwhelmingly smooth oxidation through β-hydrogen elimination from the corresponding metal alkoxides.⁵

In Chapter 1, the author reports a copper-catalyzed selective cleavage of Csp³–Csp³ bonds by retro-allylation of homoallyl alcohols including secondary ones (Scheme 1-4). In situ generated allylcopper species is applicable to catalytic allylation of aldehydes and imines. While copper can often replace palladium and rhodium in many catalytic bond-forming processes,⁶ the use of copper catalysts in catalytic C–C bond cleavage reactions has remained unexplored.⁷ This method can be also extended to the regioselective allenylation and propargylation of imines.⁸
Scheme 1-4.

**Allyl, Allenyl, and Propargyl Transfer**

- **cat. IPrCuCl**
- **PhHN**
- **Ph**
- **Ph**
Silver-Catalyzed Intramolecular Chloroamination of Allenes: Easy Access to Functionalized 3-Pyrroline and Pyrrole Derivatives (Chapter 2)

The intramolecular haloamination of alkenes has emerged as a powerful tool for the construction of aza-cycles carrying halogen atoms at the β-position of the nitrogen. These cyclic vicinal haloamines have applications as potential medicinal agents but are primarily used as versatile synthetic intermediates. Thus, a facile and efficient method for the synthesis of cyclic vicinal haloamines has received much attention in recent years. Many traditional approaches to these compounds have been performed using relatively active halogen sources in the absence of metal catalysts. In 1984, Yoshida and Tamaru reported intramolecular iodoamination and bromoamination reactions of alkenes using I₂ or NBS as the halogen cation equivalents (Scheme 2-1).

**Scheme 2-1.**

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{HO} & \quad \underset{1.1 \text{ equiv I}_2}{\text{Et}_2\text{O/H}_2\text{O}, -5^\circ \text{C}, 4 \text{ h}} \quad \text{OH} \\
\text{Ts} & \quad \text{Ts} \\
& \quad 86\% \ (\text{cis/trans} = 96:4)
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{HO} & \quad \underset{1.1 \text{ equiv NBS}}{\text{DME/H}_2\text{O}, -5^\circ \text{C}, 1 \text{ h}} \quad \text{OH} \\
\text{Ts} & \quad \text{Ts} \\
& \quad 88\% \ (\text{cis/trans} = 95:5)
\end{align*}
\]

In recent years, transition-metal-catalyzed variants have been intensively investigated. In 2004, Chemler and Lu independently described a Pd-catalyzed intramolecular haloamination of sulfonamidoalkenes using copper halides as the halogen source (Scheme 2-2, eqs 1 and 2). Michael also reported a Pd-catalyzed chloroamination of protected aminoalkenes with NCS as the chlorinating reagent (Scheme 2-2, eq 3). This cyclization reaction proceeds with high regioselectivity for 5-exo cyclization.
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Scheme 2-2.

Compared to many examples of haloamination of alkenes, reactions of alkynes or allenes have hardly been investigated thus far. When the haloamination of \( \alpha \)-aminoallene proceeds in a \( 5\)-endo manner, it yields a pyrroline derivative with a halogen on sp\(^2\)-carbon (Scheme 2-3). The alkenyl halide moiety can be utilized for further transformations such as cross-coupling reactions. Furthermore, pyrrolines are readily converted to synthetically useful pyrrole derivatives. In this manner, the intramolecular haloamination of allenes are quite useful.

Scheme 2-3.
In Chapter 2, the author reports that a 1,10-phenanthroline-ligated cationic silver complex allows the intramolecular chloroamination of allenes with NCS and 2,6-lutidine as a base (Scheme 2-4). The chloroamination products are versatile synthetic intermediates and can be easily transformed into functionalized 3-pyrroline and pyrrole derivatives.

**Scheme 2-4.**
Li⁺-Catalyzed Nazarov-Type Cyclization of 1-Aryl-2,3-butadien-1-ols: Synthesis of Benzofulvene Derivatives (Chapter 3)

The alkylation of aromatic compounds is a synthetically useful transformation for the construction of carbon–carbon bonds. The vast majority of traditional methods has involved the use of alkyl halides and pseudohalides as alkylating reagents in the presence of Lewis acid catalysts. In terms of atom economy and environmental concerns, employment of alcohols as alkylating reagents is highly desirable. However, direct catalytic substitution of alcohols with arenes is often problematic: in addition to the poor leaving ability of the hydroxy group, alcohol substrates and/or in situ generated water can deactivate the catalyst. Therefore, much attention has been paid to developing the water resist Lewis acid catalysts being sufficient to activate the alcohol functionality. In 1996, Hiyama and Fukuzawa reported that Sc(OTf)₃ proved to be a quite effective catalyst for the benzylation of arenes with benzyl alcohols (Scheme 3-1). They also demonstrated the utility of lanthanide triflates such as Sm(OTf)₃, Nd(OTf)₃, and Yb(OTf)₃ for this type of reaction.

Scheme 3-1.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{PhOH} & \quad \xrightarrow{10 \text{ mol}\% \text{ Sc(OTf)}_3} \quad \text{Ph-Ph} \\
\text{(5.0 mL)} & \quad \text{reflux, 6 h} & \quad 91\%
\end{align*}
\]

In 2005, Beller and co-workers disclosed an excellent iron-catalyzed benzylation reaction. Using 10 mol% of inexpensive FeCl₃, the addition of benzyl alcohols to o-xylene could be well performed (Scheme 3-2, eq 1). In 2006, Baba reported the allylation of indoles using allyl alcohols as allylating reagents catalyzed by InCl₃ (Scheme 3-2, eq 2). In the same year, Rueping developed a highly efficient Bi(OTf)₃-catalyzed benzylation of arenes and heteroarenes (Scheme 3-2, eq 3). Recently, late transition metals such as Ag, Au, Pt, Ru, and Pd have also been utilized.
In Chapter 3, the author investigated the Lewis acidity of alkali metals and found that LiPF$_6$ was uniquely effective for the activation of the alcohol functionality. Considering abundance, low cost, and nontoxicity of lithium salts, development of lithium-based catalyst systems would be worth investigation. He applied this strong oxophilic nature of LiPF$_6$ to the Nazarov-type cyclization of 1-aryl-2,3-butadien-1-ols, which afforded benzofulvene derivatives (Scheme 3-3).
Scheme 3-3.

\[
\begin{align*}
R^1 & \quad R^2 \quad OH \quad R^3 \\
\xrightarrow{\text{cat. LiPF}_6} \\
\xrightarrow{\text{hexane}} \\
\xrightarrow{-H_2O} \\
& \quad R^1 \quad R^2 \quad R^3
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
R^1 & \quad R^2 \quad OH \quad R^3 \\
\xrightarrow{\text{LiOH}} \\
\xrightarrow{\text{LiPF}_6} \\
& \quad R^1 \quad R^2 \quad R^3
\end{align*}
\]

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\begin{align*}
R^1 & \quad R^2 \quad \text{PF}_6^\text{+} \quad R^3 \\
\xrightarrow{\text{PF}_6^\text{+}} \\
\xrightarrow{\text{LiOH}} \\
& \quad R^1 \quad R^2 \quad \text{PF}_6^\text{+} \quad R^3
\end{align*}
\]
Copper-Catalyzed Stereoselective Synthesis of Functionalized Conjugated Enynes, Dienynes, and Enediynes from $\alpha$-Allenols (Chapter 4)

Conjugated enynes are important structures that serve as key components of a wide range of biologically active compounds, natural products, pharmaceuticals, and functional organic materials. Due to the importance of this structural unit, many synthetic approaches have been developed. Among them, the most common and straightforward method is the Pd/Cu co-catalyzed cross-coupling of an alkenyl halide with a terminal alkyne, known as the Sonogashira reaction (Scheme 4-1).

Scheme 4-1.

Recently, many practical variations using less expensive metal catalysts have been intensively studied, which often accommodate substrates that are difficult to employ by the Pd-based protocols. For examples, in 1993, Nomura and Miura reported a copper-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of vinyl halides with terminal alkynes in the absence of a Pd catalyst (Scheme 4-2, eq 1). Nakamura disclosed a iron-catalyzed coupling between vinyl halides and alkynyl Grignard reagents with the aid of lithium salts (Scheme 4-2, eq 2). Hayashi and Shirakawa also described a cobalt-catalyzed enyne coupling (Scheme 4-2, eq 3).
However, despite the great synthetic utility of this coupling approach, the stereocontrolled synthesis of conjugated enynes is somewhat difficult for several reasons: (1) the coupling reaction generally proceeds with retention of stereochemistry of alkenyl halides, requiring the use of stereodefined starting materials, (2) the partial loss of the stereochemical information of starting alkenyl halides is observed in some cases, and (3) functional groups such as carbon-halogen bonds are not compatible under low valent metal catalysis.

In 2009, Lee reported an alternative approach to stereochemically pure enynes from the treatment of allenyl acetates with DABCO (Scheme 4-3). This Lewis-base catalyzed reaction is initiated by $S_N2'$-type displacement of allenyl acetate with DABCO, affording the vinylammonium salt as an intermediate. Subsequent elimination reaction of the intermediate produces the desired enyne and regenerates the DABCO catalyst to continue catalytic cycle. While this reaction proceeds with perfect $E$ selectivity and high functional group tolerance, all substrates examined have an electron-withdrawing group on the allenyl moiety, which limits the synthetic utility. In addition, enynes having tetrasubstituted alkene moiety cannot be prepared by this method because acetylation of the corresponding tertiary alcohols does not proceed. As
such, the development of a more practical method for the synthesis of stereochemically pure enynes remains an ongoing synthetic challenge.

Scheme 4-3.

In Chapter 4, the author describes a copper-catalyzed stereoselective synthesis of functionalized conjugated enynes from α-allenols, which enjoys a variety of functional groups (Scheme 4-4). Selective abstraction of the allenyl proton by a copper catalyst would be the key step to achieve this reaction. This protocol is also applicable to the synthesis of conjugated dienynes and enediynes with excellent stereoselectivity.
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Scheme 4-4.

\[
\text{cat. Cu(OTf)}_2 \quad \text{toluene, 75 }^\circ\text{C, 1 h}
\]

\[
\text{R} \quad \text{TIPS} \quad \text{OH} \quad \text{R} \quad \text{TIPS} \quad \text{OH} \quad \text{R} \quad \text{TIPS} \quad \text{OH} \quad \text{R}
\]

- \(E\)-enyne
- \(E, E\)-diyne
- \(E\)-enediyne
References and Notes


17. 3-Pyrroline units are prominent structural motifs in natural products, see: (a) Smith, T. A.; Croker, S. J.; Loeffler, R. S. T. *Phytochemistry* **1986**, *2*, 683. (b) Anderson, W. K.;


25. Lithium salts have been utilized as Lewis acids for the activation of carbonyls, acetals, and
epoxides in some transformations.  


Chapter 1

Allyl-, Allenyl-, and Propargyl-Transfer Reactions through Cleavage of C–C Bonds Catalyzed by an N-Heterocyclic Carbene/Copper Complex: Synthesis of Multisubstituted Pyrroles

An NHC-copper complex can promote C–C bond cleavage through retro-allylation of homoallyl alcohols to form allylcopper species. This process is applicable to catalytic allylation of aldehydes and imines with homoallyl alcohols. The method has also been extended to regioselective allenylaion and propargylation of imines.
Chapter 1

Introduction

Development of efficient methods for transition-metal-catalyzed selective cleavage of C–C bonds and their application has been a challenging subject of modern organic synthesis.\(^1\) Recently, several research groups have developed transition-metal-catalyzed retro-allylation of homoallyl alcohols as a C–C bond-cleavage strategy and thus have succeeded in the generation and use of allylmetals under mild conditions.\(^2\) However, expensive transition metals such as palladium, rhodium, and ruthenium were required in these reactions.\(^3\) Thus, it is more cost-efficient to replace such expensive transition-metal catalysts with cheaper ones. While copper can often replace palladium and rhodium in many catalytic bond-forming processes, use of this cheaper and ubiquitous alternative in catalytic C–C bond cleavage reactions has remained unexplored. In Chapter 1, the author reports a retro-allylation of homoallyl alcohols and allylation reaction of carbonyl compounds catalyzed by an NHC-Cu complex.\(^4\) This catalyst system is also applicable to allenylation and propargylation of imines–a process that provides synthetically useful allenic amines or homopropargyl amines with excellent selectivity. These products can be transformed into valuable five-membered azacycles such as 2-pyrroline, 3-pyrroline, and pyrrole derivatives.

Results and Discussion

Treatment of 2-naphtaldehyde (2a) with homoallyl alcohol 1a in the presence of a catalytic amount of Cu(IPr)Cl and NaO'Bu in refluxing toluene for 2 h afforded the methallylated product 3a in good yield (Table 1, entry 1). Electron-rich aldehydes successfully underwent the allylation (Table 1, entries 2–4). The reaction of electron-poor 4-fluorobenzaldehyde gave a moderate yield of 3e (Table 1, entry 5). Steric hindrance around the carbonyl functionality did not significantly retard the allylation (Table 1, entries 6 and 7). Heteroaromatic aldehydes were also suitable substrates (Table 1, entries 8 and 9). Selective 1,2-addition occurred in the reaction
of cinnamaldehyde with alcohol 1a (Table 1, entry 10).

This allyl transfer is applicable to the allylation of an imine (Table 1, entry 11). Remarkably, the present catalytic system has proved to be effective for allyl transfer from secondary homoallyl alcohols (Table 1, entries 12–15). Metal-mediated retro-allylation of secondary homoallyl alcohols is difficult because the process always suffers from overwhelmingly smooth oxidation through β-hydrogen elimination from the corresponding metal alkoxides. To the best of our knowledge, this represents the first example of catalytic allyl transfer reaction by retro-allylation using secondary homoallyl alcohols as allyl donors.5
Table 1. Allylation of Aldehydes and Imines with Homoallyl Alcohols Catalyzed by Cu(IPr)Cl

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{OH} & \quad \left(1 \text{ (1.2 equiv)} \right) \quad X = O, \text{NPh} \\
\text{CHO} & \quad \text{cat. Cu(IPr)Cl} \quad \text{cat. NaO}^+\text{Bu} \\
\text{toluene, reflux, 2 h} & \quad \text{Cu/base (mol%)} \quad \text{yield (%)}^a \\
\end{align*}
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To gain insight into the mechanism, the author conducted the following experiments. When homoallyl alcohol 1f bearing a methyl group at the olefin terminus was used, no reaction occurred (Scheme 1). This result indicates that on the transition state of the current reaction, the methyl group and the bulky carbene ligand would create so strong steric repulsion that the copper can not interact with the C–C double bonds. Thus, this reaction proceeds via six-membered transition state (retro-allylation), not four-membered transition state (β-carbon elimination).
Next, the author performed labeling experiments by subjecting deuterated substrate 1g-d (76% D contents at the allylic position) to the typical reaction conditions (Scheme 2). After the reaction was finished, the resulting deuterated products 5a-d (38% D at the α-position) and 5a-d’ (38% D at the γ-position) were observed. This observation can be explained by assuming that the σ-allylcopper A, generated via retro-allylation of the copper alkoxide, is isomerized to σ-allylcopper C through π-allylcopper B.
Encouraged by the success of the allylation reaction catalyzed by Cu(IPr)Cl, the author next applied this catalytic system to allenylation and propargylation of imines. Pleasingly, the reaction of allenic alcohol 6a with imine 4a proceeded to afford allenylated product 7aa in excellent yield (Scheme 3). Intriguingly, the reaction exhibited high selectivity in favor of the formation of 7aa (7aa/8aa = 96:4). Allenylmetal species are generally in equilibrium with the corresponding propargylmetal. Therefore, controlling the regioselectivity in the reactions using allenyl- and propargyl-metals remains an important challenge in organic synthesis. When the crude product containing 7aa was heated in aqueous ethanol before chromatographic purification, 7aa was converted into 3-pyrroline 9aa (Table 2, entry 1). Notably, purified 7aa did not isomerize into 9aa under the same reaction conditions. The author eventually found that Cu(IPr)Cl was also highly effective for the cyclization to 9aa (Scheme 4) as well as the allenyl transfer reaction. Although Au, Ag, and Pd are known to catalyze similar cyclization of 2,3-alkadienylamines, its copper-catalyzed variant has not been reported so far.
3-Pyrroline units are prominent structural motifs in natural products, and straightforward methods for their preparation should to be explored. The author therefore investigated the utility of the copper-catalyzed allenylation/cyclization for synthesizing 3-pyrrolines (Table 2). The electronic nature of benzimine substrates does not significantly affect the reaction efficiency (Table 2, entries 1–6). The reaction tolerates a variety of functional groups such as keto, ester, and cyano (Table 2, entries 4–6). Carbon–halogen bonds could also survive, and are useful for further elaboration of the products (Table 2, entries 7–9). In addition, N-alkyl imine 4j was also a suitable substrate to yield 9aj in good yield (Table 2, entry 10).
**Table 2. Allenylation/Cyclization to 3-Pyrrolines Catalyzed by Cu(IPr)Cl**

![Diagram of the reaction](image)

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$^a$ Yield is of isolated product. $^b$ At 90 °C with 6a (2.0 equiv). $^c$ Determined by $^1$H NMR spectroscopy. $^d$ At reflux with 6a (2.0 equiv).
Next, the scope of allenic alcohols was explored (Table 3). Allenic alcohols bearing an alkyl-, aryl-, or silyl-substituted allene moiety all worked well, and provided 9 in good yields. In the case of 6d, 3-pyrroline 9da containing a versatile vinylsilane moiety was obtained (Table 3, entry 3). Secondary allenic alcohol also reacted efficiently (Table 3, entry 4).

**Table 3. Scope of Allenic Alcohols**

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<sup>a</sup> Yield is of isolated product. <sup>b</sup> Cu(IPr)Cl (10 mol %), NaO'Bu (20 mol %), and 6d (2.0 equiv) were used in the allenylation step, while Ag(phen)OTf (10 mol %) was used in the cyclization step. <sup>c</sup> At reflux for allenylation.

To gain insight into the mechanism and the high allenyl selectivity, homopropargyl alcohol 10 was subjected to the standard reaction conditions (Scheme 5). Interestingly, the predominant product was again 7aa, which was the same product derived from 6a (Scheme 3). This result can be explained as follows: allenylcopper D, generated by retro-propargylation<sup>10</sup> of intermediate B, is less stable owing to steric repulsion between the methyl group and the bulky NHC. Accordingly, isomerization of D occurs to afford more stable propargyl copper C, which then reacts with imine 4a to furnish 7aa.
Homopropargyl alcohol 11a bearing a methyl group at the propargyl position led to complete reversal of regioselectivity, and homopropargylamine 12aa was exclusively formed (Table 4, entry 1). The effect of the substituent at the propargyl position is general (Table 4, entries 2–5). The bulky NHC would shift the allenyl–propargyl equilibrium toward allenylcopper, thus resulting in the propargylation of imines. In some cases, the reaction proceeded under milder reaction conditions (25 to 50 °C).
**Table 4.** Propargylation of Imine 4a with Various Homopropargyl Alcohols Catalyzed by Cu(IPr)Cl

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<sup>a</sup> Yield is of isolated product. <sup>b</sup> Determined by $^1$H NMR spectroscopy. <sup>c</sup> Syn isomer. <sup>d</sup> d.r. = 1.1:1. <sup>e</sup> With 11c (1.5 equiv).

In addition to 3-pyrrolines, other important azacycles could be easily prepared (Scheme 6). Oxidation of 3-pyrroline 9aa mediated by DDQ cleanly provided pyrrole 13. Homopropargylamine 12da also underwent the Sonogashira cross-coupling reaction<sup>11</sup> and subsequent silver-catalyzed cyclization<sup>12</sup> to yield 2-pyrroline<sup>13</sup> 14 in 88% yield.

**Scheme 6.**

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Chapter 1
Conclusion

The author has developed a retro-allylation of homoallyl alcohols and allylation reaction of carbonyl compounds catalyzed by a NHC–Cu complex, namely Cu(IPr)Cl. Cleavage of C(sp$^3$)–C(sp$^3$) bond through retro-allylation by the copper catalyst is the key step. The author has also applied this method to selective allenylation and propargylation of imines—a process that provides synthetically useful allenic amines or homopropargyl amines with excellent selectivity. These products can also be transformed into valuable five-membered azacycles such as 2-pyrroline, 3-pyrroline, and pyrrole derivatives.
Experimental Section

Instrumentation

$^1$H NMR (500 MHz) and $^{13}$C NMR (125.7 MHz) spectra were taken on a Varian UNITY INOVA 500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts ($\delta$) are in parts per million relative to tetramethylsilane at 0.00 ppm for $^1$H and relative to CDCl$_3$ at 77.23 ppm for $^{13}$C unless otherwise noted. Mass spectra were determined on a JEOL Mstation 700 spectrometer. IR spectra were determined on a SHIMADZU FTIR-8200PC spectrometer. Silica gel (Wako gel 200 mesh) was used for column chromatography. The analyses were carried out at the Elemental Analysis Center of Kyoto University.

Materials

Materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and purified by the standard procedures unless otherwise noted. Sodium tert-butoxide was purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. and stored in desiccators. Toluene was purchased from Wako Chemical Co. and dried over slices of sodium. EtOH (dehydrated) was purchased from Wako Chemical Co. IPr·HCl,$^{14}$ IPrCuCl,$^{15}$ and Ag(phen)OTf$^{16}$ were prepared according to the reported method.

Allenic alcohols 6 were prepared according to the known procedure.$^{7a}$ Aldimines 4 were prepared from the corresponding aldehydes and amines via classical dehydration reaction. Homopropargyl alcohols 11, except 10, were prepared according the literature.$^{7a}$ Homopropargyl alcohol 10 was prepared by the reaction of acetophenone and 2-butylnlmagnesium bromide. Homopropargyl alcohol 10 was separated from allenic alcohol 6a after careful purification by column chromatography.

Experimental Procedures

Representative Procedure for NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Allylation of Aldehydes.
Compound 3a: Cu(IPr)Cl (2.4 mg, 0.0050 mmol) and NaO'Bu (2.4 mg, 0.025 mmol) were placed in a dry 30-mL reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar and a Dimroth condenser. Under argon, to the flask was added a solution of homoallyl alcohol 1a (102.2 mg, 0.60 mmol) and 2-naphthaldehyde (2a) (78.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) in toluene (3.0 mL). Then the reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 2 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, ethyl acetate (5 mL) and NH₄Cl aq (5 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate (5 mL). Combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered with Celite. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 5:1) to give 3a (75.0 mg, 71%) as a white solid.

Procedure for NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Allenylation of Imine 4a.

Compound 7aa: Cu(IPr)Cl (12.0 mg, 0.025 mmol) and NaO'Bu (4.8 mg, 0.050 mmol) were placed in a dry 30-mL reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar and a Dimroth condenser. Under argon, to the flask was added a solution of allenic alcohol 6a (113.3 mg, 0.65 mmol) and aldimine 4a (90.6 mg, 0.50 mmol) in toluene (3.0 mL). Then the reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 2 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, ethyl acetate (5 mL) and NH₄Cl aq (5 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate (5 mL). Combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered with Celite. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 40:1) to give 7aa (100.8 mg, 86%) as a colorless oil.

Procedure for NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Cyclization of Allenylamine 7aa.

Cu(IPr)Cl (2.4 mg, 0.0050 mmol) was placed in a dry 30-mL reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar and a Dimroth condenser. Under argon, to the flask were added a solution of allenic amine 7aa (117.7 mg, 0.50 mmol) in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (0.5 mL). Then the
reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 1 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, ethyl acetate (5 mL) and brine (5 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate (5 mL). Combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered with Celite. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 40:1) to give 9aa (112.5 mg, 96%) as a white solid.

**Representative Procedure for NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Sequential Allenylation/Cyclization of Imines.**

**Compound 9aa:** Cu(IPr)Cl (12.0 mg, 0.025 mmol) and NaO'Bu (4.8 mg, 0.050 mmol) were placed in a dry 30-mL reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar and a Dimroth condenser. Under argon, to the flask was added a solution of allenic alcohol 6a (113.3 mg, 0.65 mmol) and aldimine 4a (90.6 mg, 0.50 mmol) in toluene (3.0 mL). Then the reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 2 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, ethyl acetate (5 mL) and NH₄Cl aq (5 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate (5 mL). Combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated. A solution of the crude mixture in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (0.5 mL) were added to a dry 30-mL reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar and a Dimroth condenser, and the mixture was heated at 90 °C for 1.5 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, ethyl acetate (5 mL) and brine (5 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate (5 mL). Combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered with Celite. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 40:1) to give 9aa (94.5 mg, 80%) as a white solid.

**Procedure for NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Allenylation of 4a with 10.**
Cu(IPr)Cl (12.0 mg, 0.025 mmol) and NaO'Bu (4.8 mg, 0.050 mmol) were placed in a dry 30-mL reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar and a Dimroth condenser. Under argon, to the flask was added a solution of homopropargyl alcohol 10 (113.3 mg, 0.65 mmol) and aldime 4a (90.6 mg, 0.50 mmol) in toluene (3.0 mL). Then the reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 1 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, ethyl acetate (5 mL) and NH₄Cl aq (5 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate (5 mL). Combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered with Celite. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 40:1) to give 7aa (97.3 mg, 83%) as a colorless oil.

Representative Procedure for NHC-Cu-Catalyzed Propargylation of Imines.

**Compound 12aa:** Cu(IPr)Cl (12.0 mg, 0.025 mmol) and NaO'Bu (4.8 mg, 0.050 mmol) were placed in a dry 30-mL reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar and a Dimroth condenser. Under argon, to the flask was added a solution of homopropargyl alcohol 11a (113.3 mg, 0.65 mmol, single diastereomer) and aldime 4a (90.6 mg, 0.50 mmol) in toluene (3.0 mL). Then the reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 2 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, ethyl acetate (5 mL) and NH₄Cl aq (5 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate (5 mL). Combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered with Celite. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 40:1) to give 12aa (113.4 mg, 96%, d.r. = 3.3/1) as a colorless oil.

Procedure for Transformation of 9aa into 13.

2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (136.2 mg, 0.60 mmol) was placed in a vial tube with a magnetic stirrer bar. The tube was filled with argon and sealed with a rubber septum. To the tube was added a solution of 9aa (117.7 mg, 0.50 mmol) in toluene (3.0 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. The mixture was passed through a short
activated alumina column with CH$_2$Cl$_2$ and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 20:1) to give 13 (102.9 mg, 88%) as a colorless oil.

Procedure for Transformation of 12da into 14.

PdCl$_2$(PPh$_3$)$_2$ (7.0 mg, 0.010 mmol) and CuI (4.8 mg, 0.025 mmol) were placed in a vial tube with a magnetic stirrer bar. The tube was filled with argon and sealed with a rubber septum. To the tube was added a solution of 12da (124.7 mg, 0.50 mmol) and iodobenzene (112.2 mg, 0.55 mmol) in triethylamine (1.0 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The mixture was passed through a short activated alumina column with CH$_2$Cl$_2$ and concentrated.

Ag(phen)OTf (21.9 mg, 0.050 mmol) was placed in a dry 30-mL reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar and a Dimroth condenser. Under argon, a solution of the crude mixture in ethanol (2.5 mL) and water (0.5 mL) were added to the flask, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at 90 °C. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, ethyl acetate (5 mL) and brine (5 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate (5 mL). Combined organic layer was dried over Na$_2$SO$_4$ and filtered with Celite. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 40:1) to give 14 (143.9 mg, 88%).

Characterization Data for New Compounds

1-Mesityl-2-methyl-3-buten-1-ol (1c)

(50:50 mixture of two diastereomers)

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\begin{align*}
\text{IR (neat)} & : 3448, 2962, 1612, 1458, 1373, 1296, 1003, 918 \text{ cm}^{-1}; \\
\text{^1H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{)} & : \\
\delta & : 0.80 (d, J = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 0.50 \times 3\text{H}), 1.27 (d, J = 6.5 \text{ Hz}, 0.50 \times 3\text{H}), 1.74 (d, J = 3.0 \text{ Hz}, 0.50 \times 1\text{H}), 1.94 (d, J = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, 0.50 \times 1\text{H}), 2.237 (s, 0.50 \times 3\text{H}), 2.243 (s, 0.50 \times 3\text{H}), 2.38 (s, 0.50 \times 6\text{H}), 2.42 (s, 0.50 \times 6\text{H}), 2.84–2.94 (m, 1\text{H}), 4.77 (dd, J = 9.5, 3.0 \text{ Hz}, 0.50 \times 1\text{H}), 4.79–4.84 (m, 1\text{H}), 4.92 (ddd, J = 17.5, 1.5, 1.5 \text{ Hz}, 0.50 \times 1\text{H}), 5.21 (ddd, J = 10.0, 2.0, 2.0 \text{ Hz}, 0.50 \times 1\text{H}), 5.22 (ddd, J = 10.0, 2.0, 2.0 \text{ Hz}, 0.50 \times 1\text{H}), \end{align*}
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0.5 Hz, 0.50 × 1H), 5.26 (ddd, J = 17.0, 1.0, 1.0 Hz, 0.50 × 1H), 5.52 (ddd, J = 17.0, 10.5, 7.0 Hz, 0.50 × 1H), 5.89 (ddd, J = 17.0, 10.0, 8.5 Hz, 0.50 × 1H), 6.80 (s, 0.50 × 2H), 6.82 (s, 0.50 × 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) δ 16.65, 16.91, 20.90, 21.22, 21.23 (two signals merged), 42.28, 43.99, 74.13, 75.52, 114.40, 116.57, 130.25, 130.37, 134.67, 135.95, 136.54, 136.69, 136.77, 136.98, 140.21, 142.38. HRMS (EI\(^{+}\)) (M–H) Observed: 203.1441. Calcd for C\(_{14}\)H\(_{19}\)O: 203.1430.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-3-buten-1-ol (3b):

IR (neat) 3415, 2936, 2909, 1612, 1513, 1248, 1175, 1036, 995, 833 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^{1}\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) δ 1.78–1.80 (m, 3H), 2.08 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35–2.47 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.77 (ddd, J = 9.0, 4.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.84–4.86 (m, 1H), 4.90–4.92 (m, 1H), 6.87–6.90 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.32 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) δ 22.55, 48.44, 55.46, 71.23, 113.95, 114.15, 127.20, 136.36, 142.69, 159.16. Found: C, 74.75; H, 8.36%. Calcd for C\(_{12}\)H\(_{16}\)O\(_2\): C, 74.97; H, 8.39%.

1-[4-(\(N, N\)-Dimethylamino)phenyl]-3-Methyl-3-buten-1-ol (3c):

IR (neat) 3382, 2890, 1615, 1522, 1349, 1164, 818 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^{1}\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) δ 1.78–1.80 (m, 3H), 2.00 (br s, 1H), 2.37–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.47 (ddd, J = 14.0, 9.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 6H), 4.74 (dd, J = 9.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.83–4.85 (m, 1H), 4.88–4.90 (m, 1H), 6.71–6.74 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.27 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) δ 22.58, 40.85, 48.10, 71.52, 112.70, 113.77, 126.97, 132.13, 143.01, 150.37. Found: C, 75.99; H, 9.32%. Calcd for C\(_{13}\)H\(_{19}\)NO: C, 76.06; H, 9.33%.

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-methyl-3-buten-1-ol (3d):

IR (neat) 3384, 2938, 2912, 1605, 1510, 1223, 1056, 1015, 980, 838 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^{1}\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) δ 1.78–1.81 (m, 3H), 2.09 (br s, 1H), 2.37–2.43 (m, 2H), 4.79 (dd, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.84–4.86 (m, 1H), 4.92–4.95 (m, 1H), 7.01–7.05 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.37 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) δ 22.49, 48.67, 70.90, 114.52,
115.37 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.5$ Hz), 127.56 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.1$ Hz), 139.89 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.4$ Hz), 142.32, 162.31 (d, $J_{CF} = 243$ Hz). Found: C, 73.41; H, 7.49%. Calcd for C$_{11}$H$_{13}$FO: C, 73.31; H, 7.27%.

3-Methyl-1-(2-methylphenyl)-3-buten-1-ol (3e):

IR (neat) 3368, 2969, 1647, 1457, 1374, 1049, 892, 754, 725 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.83–1.85 (m, 3H), 2.08 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.31–2.41 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 4.89–4.91 (m, 1H), 4.94–4.96 (m, 1H), 5.04 (ddd, $J = 9.5$, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.54 (m, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 19.14, 22.44, 47.28, 67.95, 114.17, 125.22, 126.50, 127.32, 130.49, 134.29, 142.29, 142.83. Found: C, 81.78; H, 9.43%. Calcd for C$_{12}$H$_{16}$O: C, 81.77; H, 9.15%.

1-Mesityl-3-methyl-3-buten-1-ol (3f):

IR (neat) 3566, 2918, 1733, 1521, 1517, 1490, 1044, 890, 751 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.83–1.85 (m, 3H), 1.89 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.29 (dd, $J = 14.0$, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 6H), 2.70 (dd, $J = 14.0$, 10.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.89–4.90 (m, 1H), 4.93–4.95 (m, 1H), 5.24 (ddd, $J = 10.5$, 3.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 20.90 (two signals merged), 22.43, 44.35, 69.00, 113.92, 130.33, 136.09, 136.27, 136.68, 143.07. Found: C, 82.43; H, 9.74%. Calculated for C$_{12}$H$_{20}$O: C, 82.30; H, 9.87%.

1-(2-Furanyl)-3-methyl-3-buten-1-ol (3g):

IR (neat) 3368, 2940, 1647, 1506, 1472, 1375, 1011, 885, 809 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.75–1.78 (m, 3H), 2.13 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.54–2.62 (m, 2H), 4.82–4.87 (m, 1H), 4.84–4.86 (m, 1H), 4.90–4.93 (m, 1H), 6.26 (ddd, $J = 3.0$, 1.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd, $J = 3.0$, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 2.0$, 1.0 Hz, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 22.40, 44.28, 65.47, 106.15, 110.33, 114.35, 141.75, 142.11, 156.23. Found: C, 70.80; H, 7.94%. Calculated for C$_9$H$_{12}$O$_2$: C, 71.03; H, 7.95%.
3-Methyl-1-(2-thiophenyl)-3-buten-1-ol (3h):

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\begin{align*}
\text{IR (neat) } & \text{3366, 2936, 1647, 1437, 1374, 1042, 893, 706 cm}^{-1}; \\
\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } & \text{d 1.78–1.81 (m, 3H), 2.27 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.53–2.59 (m, 2H), 4.86–4.88 (m, 1H), 4.92–4.95 (m, 1H), 5.08 (dddd, J = 9.5, 5.0, 2.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H); } \\
\text{C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } & \text{d 22.49, 48.37, 67.76, 114.57, 123.75, 124.64, 126.75, 141.99, 148.06.} \\
\end{align*}
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HRMS (EI\(^{+}\)) (m/z) Observed: 168.0611.  Calcd for C\(_9\)H\(_{12}\)OS: 168.0609.

\((E)\)-5-Methyl-1-phenyl-1,5-hexadien-3-ol (3i):

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\begin{align*}
\text{IR (neat) } & \text{3360, 2936, 1648, 1448, 1394, 1071, 966, 892, 748 cm}^{-1}; \\
\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } & \text{d 1.80–1.82 (m, 3H), 1.91 (br s, 1H), 2.30–2.38 (m, 2H), 4.42–4.46 (m, 1H), 4.85–4.88 (m, 1H), 4.92–4.94 (m, 1H), 6.24 (dd, J = 16.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, J = 16.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.40 (m, 2H); } \\
\text{C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } & \text{d 22.66, 46.44, 70.07, 114.31, 126.64, 127.79, 128.74, 130.27, 131.87, 136.91, 142.16.} \\
\end{align*}
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Found: C, 82.69; H, 8.79%.  Calcd for C\(_{13}\)H\(_{16}\)O: C, 82.94; H, 8.57%.

3-Methyl-1,N-diphenyl-3-butenylamine (5a):

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\begin{align*}
\text{IR (neat) } & \text{3407, 3023, 1602, 1505, 1491, 1314, 1265, 896, 749 cm}^{-1}; \\
\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } & \text{d 1.73–1.76 (m, 3H), 2.40 (dd, J = 14.5, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, J = 14.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (br s, 1H), 4.38 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.89–4.92 (m, 1H), 6.48–6.50 (m, 2H), 6.63–6.66 (m, 1H), 7.04–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.40 (m, 2H); } \\
\text{C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } & \text{d 21.88, 48.27, 55.83, 113.74, 114.29, 117.63, 126.29, 127.12, 128.83, 129.18, 142.63, 144.46, 147.71} \\
\end{align*}
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Found: C, 85.91; H, 8.11%.  Calcd for C\(_{17}\)H\(_{19}\)N: C, 86.03; H, 8.07%.

2-Methyl-1,N-diphenyl-3-butenylamine (5b):

(67:33 mixture of syn and anti isomers)
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IR (neat) 3414, 2967, 1603, 1505, 1452, 1317, 748 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 0.99 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 0.67 × 3H) (syn), 1.01 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 0.33 × 3H) (anti), 2.48–2.55 (m, 0.33 × 1H) (anti), 2.64–2.71 (m, 0.67 × 1H) (syn), 4.07 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 0.33 × 1H) (anti), 4.19 (br s, 0.67 × 1H) (syn), 4.22 (br s, 0.33 × 1H) (anti), 4.34 (br s, 0.67 × 1H) (syn), 5.11–5.21 (m, 2H), 5.70–5.79 (m, 1H), 6.45–6.48 (m, 2H), 6.59–6.62 (m, 1H), 7.02–7.07 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.36 (m, 5H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 15.43, 17.50, 44.03, 45.44, 61.44, 62.49, 113.46, 113.57, 116.07, 116.44, 117.31, 127.08, 127.17, 127.41, 127.65 (two signals merged), 128.30, 128.52, 129.18, 129.20, 140.50, 140.64, 141.25, 142.82, 147.43, 147.75. Found: C, 85.90; H, 8.19%. Calcd for C$_{17}$H$_{19}$N: C, 86.03; H, 8.07%.

2,2-Dimethyl-1,N-diphenyl-3-butynylamine (5c):

IR (neat) 3415, 2967, 1601, 1504, 1452, 1317, 1258, 919, 748 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 0.97 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 4.21 (br s, 1H), 5.15 (dd, $J = 16.0$, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dd, $J = 10.5$, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (dd, $J = 17.5$, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.40–6.43 (m, 2H), 6.56–6.59 (m, 1H), 6.99–7.04 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.32 (m, 4H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 23.15, 25.95, 41.49, 66.03, 113.47, 113.97, 117.16, 127.18, 127.92, 128.84, 129.15, 140.50, 145.16, 147.79. Found: C, 85.83; H, 8.35%. Calcd for C$_{18}$H$_{21}$N: C, 86.01; H, 8.42%.

3-Methyl-2-phenyl-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (6a):

IR (neat) 3433, 2878, 1867, 1443, 1373, 1173, 1065, 849 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.56 (dd, $J = 3.0$, 3.0 Hz, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 1H), 4.84–4.91 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.48 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 14.85, 30.27, 30.32, 75.16, 106.01, 125.42, 127.01, 128.26, 146.12, 205.34. Found: C, 82.48; H, 8.24%. Calcd for C$_{12}$H$_{14}$O: C, 82.72; H, 8.10%.

3-Butyl-2-phenyl-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (6b):
IR (neat) 3448, 2932, 2862, 1952, 1450, 1373, 1173, 1103, 910, 849 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 0.81 (t, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 3H), 1.19–1.26 (m, 2H), 1.28–1.36 (m, 2H), 1.63–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.82–1.90 (m, 1H), 2.04 (br s, 1H), 4.98 (dt, \(J =\) 3.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.46 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 14.11, 22.55, 26.77, 30.19, 30.60, 75.29, 79.55, 115.58, 125.47, 126.97, 128.23, 146.46, 204.75. HRMS (EI\(^+\)) (M–H) Observed: 215.1426. Calcd for C\(_{15}\)H\(_{19}\)O: 215.1430.

2,3-Diphenyl-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (6c):

IR (nujol) 3340, 2862, 1936, 1458, 1373, 1196, 1065 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 1.73 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 1H), 5.23 (d, \(J = 2.5\) Hz, 2H), 7.11–7.18 (m, 5H), 7.23–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.56 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 32.85, 32.91, 75.43, 79.21, 112.65, 125.39, 127.10, 128.40, 128.46, 128.58, 134.37, 147.15, 208.18. Found: C, 86.49; H, 6.80%. Calcd for C\(_{17}\)H\(_{16}\)O: C, 86.40; H, 6.82%. m.p.: 62–65 °C.

2-Phenyl-3-trimethylsilyl-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (6d):

IR (neat) 3440, 2962, 1921, 1450, 1327, 1250, 1065, 841 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d –0.04 (s, 9H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 1H), 4.60 (d, \(J = 1.5\) Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.48 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 0.12, 32.72, 71.84, 76.14, 105.43, 125.44, 126.84, 128.04, 147.76, 208.31. Found: C, 72.36; H, 8.80%. Calcd for C\(_{14}\)H\(_{30}\)OSi: C, 72.36; H, 8.67%.

1-Mesityl-2-methyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (6e):

IR (neat) 3418, 2916, 2862, 1960, 1612, 1443, 1049, 849 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 1.55 (ddd, \(J = 3.0, 3.0, 1.0\) Hz, 3H), 2.13 (d, \(J = 4.0\) Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 6H), 4.89–4.92 (m, 2H), 5.55–5.57 (m, 1H), 6.81 (s, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 15.84, 20.51, 20.97, 69.61, 78.96, 102.63, 130.17, 133.59, 137.17, 137.42, 203.98. Found: C, 83.14; H, 9.12%. Calcd for C\(_{14}\)H\(_{16}\)O: C, 83.12; H, 8.97%.
2-Methyl-1,\textit{N}-diphenyl-2,3-butadienylamine (7aa)

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\begin{align*}
\text{IR (neat)} & \ 3450, 3060, 1921, 1605, 1504, 1427, 1319, 1265, 856 \text{ cm}^{-1}; \\
\text{\textsuperscript{1}H NMR (CDCl}_3) & \ d 1.64 (dd, J = 3.0, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 3H), 4.29 (br d, J = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, 1H), 4.73–4.75 (m, 1H), 4.80–4.88 (m, 2H), 6.57–6.60 (m, 2H), 6.66–6.69 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.42 (m, 2H); \quad \text{\textsuperscript{13}C NMR (CDCl}_3) & \ d 16.16, 60.69, 77.72, 101.21, 113.70, 117.69, 127.41, 127.68, 128.74, 129.24, 141.74, 147.30, 205.76. \\
\text{Found: } & \ C, 86.53; \ H, 7.05\%. \quad \text{Calcd for C}_{17}H_{17}N: \ C, 86.77; \ H, 7.28\%. 
\end{align*}
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1,\textit{N}-Diphenyl-3-pentynylamine (8aa)

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\begin{align*}
\text{IR (neat)} & \ 3402, 3024, 2916, 2854, 1605, 1504, 1427, 1312, 1273 \text{ cm}^{-1}; \\
\text{\textsuperscript{1}H NMR (CDCl}_3) & \ d 1.78 (dd, J = 2.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 3H), 2.52–2.60 (m, 1H), 2.65–2.73 (m, 1H), 4.41–4.47 (m, 2H), 6.52–6.55 (m, 2H), 6.64–6.68 (m, 1H), 7.07–7.11 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.39 (m, 2H); \quad \text{\textsuperscript{13}C NMR (CDCl}_3) & \ d 3.73, 28.90, 57.21, 75.23, 78.96, 113.90, 117.77, 126.50, 127.45, 128.74, 129.24, 142.93, 147.53. \quad \text{Found: } C, 86.86; \ H, 7.38\%. \quad \text{Calcd for C}_{17}H_{17}N: \ C, 86.77; \ H, 7.28\%. 
\end{align*}
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3-Methyl-1,2-diphenyl-3-pyrroline (9aa):

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\begin{align*}
\text{IR (nujol)} & \ 2924, 2854, 1458, 1373, 748 \text{ cm}^{-1}; \\
\text{\textsuperscript{1}H NMR (CDCl}_3) & \ d 1.56–1.57 (m, 3H), 4.15–4.20 (m, 1H), 4.41–4.47 (m, 1H), 5.09–5.10 (m, 1H), 5.60 (ddd, J = 5.0, 3.0, 1.5 \text{ Hz}, 1H), 6.47–6.50 (m, 2H), 6.58–6.62 (m, 1H), 7.09–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.32 (m, 4H); \quad \text{\textsuperscript{13}C} 
\end{align*}
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NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 14.08, 55.80, 72.83, 112.05, 115.95, 119.09, 126.90, 127.42, 128.81, 129.20, 140.46, 142.63, 146.64. Found: C, 86.74; H, 7.29%. Calcd for C$_{17}$H$_{17}$N: C, 86.77; H, 7.28%.

m.p.: 92–94 °C.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrroline (9ab):

IR (nujol) 2947, 2831, 1674, 1605, 1504, 1474, 1366, 1242, 1173, 1034 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.55–1.57 (m, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 4.12–4.17 (m, 1H), 4.39–4.45 (m, 1H), 5.04–5.08 (m, 1H), 5.57–5.59 (m, 1H), 6.48–6.51 (m, 2H), 6.58–6.62 (m, 1H), 6.82–6.85 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.21 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 14.04, 55.40, 55.71, 72.22, 112.07, 114.23, 115.89, 118.80, 127.97, 129.17, 134.66, 140.70, 146.73, 158.99. Found: C, 81.30; H, 7.16%. Calcd for C$_{18}$H$_{19}$NO: C, 81.47; H, 7.22%. m.p.: 64–66 °C.

3-Methyl-1-phenyl-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3-pyrroline (9ac):

IR (nujol) 3063, 2824, 1605, 1504, 1366, 1327, 1165 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.56–1.58 (m, 3H), 4.17–4.22 (m, 1H), 4.43–4.48 (m, 1H), 5.14–5.18 (m, 1H), 5.64 (ddd, $J = 5.5$, 3.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.44–6.46 (m, 2H), 6.62–6.66 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.58 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 13.92, 55.86, 72.41, 112.11, 116.48, 119.96, 124.40 (q, $J_{C,F} = 270.5$ Hz), 125.85 (q, $J_{C,F} = 3.8$ Hz), 127.25, 129.32, 129.75 (q, $J_{C,F} = 32.3$ Hz), 139.61, 146.33, 146.94. Found: C, 71.23; H, 5.44%. Calcd for C$_{18}$H$_{16}$F$_3$N: C, 71.28; H, 5.32%. m.p.: 74–76 °C.

3-Methyl-1-phenyl-2-(4-pivaloylphenyl)-3-pyrroline (9ad):

IR (nujol) 3040, 1666, 1597, 1404, 1366, 1273, 1188 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.56–1.58 (m, 3H), 4.16–4.22 (m, 1H), 4.42–4.48 (m, 1H), 5.12–5.16 (m, 1H), 5.63 (ddd, $J = 3.5$, 3.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45–6.49 (m, 2H), 6.61–6.65 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.34 (m,
2H), 7.68–7.71 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 14.07, 28.29, 44.31, 55.86, 72.52, 112.08, 116.27, 119.70, 126.58, 128.83, 129.28, 137.53, 139.84, 145.93, 146.45, 208.74. Found: C, 82.82; H, 7.73%. Calcd for C$_{22}$H$_{25}$NO: C, 82.72; H, 7.89%. m.p.: 112–115 °C.

2-(4-Methoxycarbonylphenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrroline (9ae):

IR (nujol) 2923, 2854, 1720, 1597, 1458, 1373, 1273, 1103 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.55–1.57 (m, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.17–4.22 (m, 1H), 4.43–4.48 (m, 1H), 5.14–5.18 (m, 1H), 5.63–5.66 (m, 1H), 6.44–6.47 (m, 2H), 6.60–6.64 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.98–8.00 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 13.99, 52.18, 55.84, 72.63, 112.08, 116.35, 119.88, 126.95, 129.27, 129.52, 130.27, 139.69, 146.38, 148.16, 167.12. Found: C, 77.92; H, 6.49%. Calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{19}$NO$_2$: C, 77.79; H, 6.53%. m.p.: 105–108 °C.

2-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrroline (9af):

Red amorphous solid; IR (nujol) 3063, 2978, 2831, 2230, 1605, 1366, 1219, 1026 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.55–1.57 (m, 3H), 4.16–4.22 (m, 1H), 4.42–4.48 (m, 1H), 5.13–5.17 (m, 1H), 5.64–5.68 (m, 1H), 6.40–6.44 (m, 2H), 6.63–6.67 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.62 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 13.97, 55.88, 72.49, 111.40, 112.07, 116.68, 119.00, 120.42, 127.67, 129.36, 132.78, 139.14, 146.10, 148.43. HRMS (EI$^+$) (m/z) Observed: 260.1313. Calcd for C$_{18}$H$_{18}$N$_2$: 260.1313.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-2-phenyl-3-pyrroline (9ag):

IR (nujol) 2854, 1458, 1373, 1308 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.55–1.58 (m, 3H), 4.11–4.17 (m, 1H), 4.37–4.44 (m, 1H), 5.04–5.08 (m, 1H), 5.58–5.61 (m, 1H), 6.36–6.40 (m, 2H), 7.02–7.06 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.32 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 14.04, 55.88, 72.89, 113.07, 118.96, 120.83, 126.84, 127.63, 128.91,
128.98, 140.52, 142.09, 145.10. Found: C, 75.85; H, 5.89%. Calcd for C_{17}H_{16}ClN: C, 75.69; H, 5.98%. m.p.: 128–132 °C.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-methyl-2-phenyl-3-pyrroline (9ah):

IR (nujol) 2924, 2854, 1589, 1458, 1373 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 1.55–1.57 (m, 3H), 4.10–4.16 (m, 1H), 4.36–4.43 (m, 1H), 5.03–5.07 (m, 1H), 5.59 (ddd, \(J = 5.0, 3.5, 1.5\) Hz, 1H), 6.32–6.36 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.33 (m, 7H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 14.02, 55.82, 72.84, 107.96, 113.66, 118.92, 126.83, 127.65, 128.91, 131.83, 140.52, 142.00, 145.46. Found: C, 64.97; H, 5.11%. Calcd for C\(_{17}\)H\(_{16}\)BrN: C, 64.98; H, 5.13%. m.p.: 138–142 °C.

1-(4-Iodophenyl)-3-methyl-2-phenyl-3-pyrroline (9ai):

IR (nujol) 2924, 2854, 1582, 1458, 1373 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 1.55–1.57 (m, 3H), 4.09–4.15 (m, 1H), 4.36–4.42 (m, 1H), 5.03–5.07 (m, 1H), 5.57–5.60 (m, 1H), 6.23–6.27 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.35 (m, 4H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 14.02, 55.71, 72.74, 76.90, 114.45, 118.87, 126.82, 127.65, 128.91, 137.67, 140.49, 141.93, 145.97. Found: C, 56.73; H, 4.50%. Calcd for C\(_{17}\)H\(_{16}\)IN: C, 56.53; H, 4.46%. m.p.: 64–68 °C.

1-Benzyl-3-methyl-2-phenyl-3-pyrroline (9aj):

IR (neat) 3072, 3028, 2878, 2786, 1490, 1451 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 1.43–1.46 (m, 3H), 3.20–3.27 (m, 1H), 3.52 (d, \(J = 13.0\) Hz, 1H), 3.64–3.70 (m, 1H), 3.89 (d, \(J = 13.0\) Hz, 1H), 4.34–4.38 (m, 1H), 5.47–5.51 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.31–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.41 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 14.44, 57.76, 58.43, 77.38, 121.66, 126.82, 127.38, 128.27, 128.33, 128.61, 128.73, 140.09, 140.62, 142.60. HRMS (EI\(^+\)) (m/z) Observed: 249.1512. Calcd for C\(_{18}\)H\(_{19}\)N: 249.1517.
3-Butyl-1,2-diphenyl-3-pyrroline (9ba)

IR (neat) 2932, 2862, 1597, 1504, 1473, 1366, 748 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) d 0.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.20–1.50 (m, 4H), 1.76–1.88 (m, 2H), 4.16–4.21 (m, 1H), 4.41–4.47 (m, 1H), 5.14–5.18 (m, 1H), 5.58–5.60 (m, 1H), 6.47–6.51 (m, 2H), 6.57–6.61 (m, 1H), 7.09–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.31 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) d 14.05, 22.54, 27.73, 29.56, 55.81, 71.83, 112.02, 115.92, 117.80, 127.00, 127.39, 128.78, 129.18, 142.92, 145.16, 146.65. Found: C, 86.48; H, 8.44%. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N: C, 86.59; H, 8.36%.

1,2,3-Triphenyl-3-pyrroline (9ca):

IR (nujol) 2924, 2854, 1597, 1458, 1373, 1172 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) d 4.39 (ddd, J = 14.5, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (ddd, J = 15.0, 6.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (ddd, J = 6.0, 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (ddd, J = 2.0, 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59–6.66 (m, 3H), 7.07–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.25 (m, 7H), 7.30–7.37 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) d 56.06, 70.10, 111.93, 116.19, 121.16, 126.89, 127.44, 127.84, 127.88, 128.44, 128.58, 129.27, 134.21, 144.37, 146.21. Found: C, 89.12; H, 6.44%. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N: C, 88.85; H, 6.44%. m.p.: 135–137 °C.

3-Trimethylsilyl-1,2-diphenyl-3-pyrroline (9da):

IR (nujol) 2924, 2854, 1597, 1504, 1458, 1373, 1250, 1180 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) d –0.13 (s, 9H), 4.27 (ddd, J = 14.5, 3.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (ddd, J = 14.5, 6.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (ddd, J = 6.0, 3.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.19–6.21 (m, 1H), 6.55–6.58 (m, 2H), 6.60–6.64 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.33 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) d –1.55, 57.85, 73.92, 112.21, 115.95, 127.46, 127.55, 128.75, 129.20, 134.21, 143.79, 146.49, 146.70. HRMS (EI⁺) (m/z) Observed: 293.1603. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₃NSi: 293.1600. m.p.: 88–90 °C.
2-Phenyl-4-hexyn-2-ol (10)

IR (neat) 3448, 2978, 2916, 1497, 1373, 1273, 1095, 949 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.78 (dd, \(J = 2.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}\)), 2.63 (dq, \(J = 16.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}\)), 2.70 (dq, \(J = 16.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}\)), 7.24–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.49 (m, 2H); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) 3.72, 29.42, 35.20, 73.42, 75.02, 79.63, 124.90, 127.07, 128.33, 146.99. Found: C, 82.99; H, 8.30%. Calcd for C\(_{12}\)H\(_{14}\)O: C, 82.72; H, 8.10%.

3-Methyl-2-phenyl-4-pentyn-2-ol (11a)

(syn isomer)

IR (neat) 3487, 3294, 2986, 2939, 1450, 1373, 1173, 1073, 926 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) 0.97 (d, \(J = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}\)), 1.70 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 1H), 2.21 (d, \(J = 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}\)), 2.86 (dq, \(J = 2.5, 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}\)), 7.23–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.44 (m, 2H); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) 15.85, 29.72, 38.73, 71.66, 75.17, 85.94, 125.22, 126.92, 128.23, 145.04. Found: C, 82.45; H, 8.12%. Calcd for C\(_{12}\)H\(_{14}\)O: C, 82.72; H, 8.10%.

3-Pentyl-2-phenyl-4-pentyn-2-ol (11b)

(syn isomer)

IR (neat) 3487, 3302, 2932, 2862, 1450, 1373, 1180, 1065 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) 0.82 (t, \(J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}\)), 1.08–1.27 (m, 6H), 1.32–1.40 (m, 1H), 1.47–1.56 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 1H), 2.22 (d, \(J = 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}\)), 2.72 (ddd, \(J = 11.0, 3.0, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}\)), 7.23–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.43 (m, 2H); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) 14.18, 22.68, 27.66, 29.35, 30.04, 31.58, 44.95, 72.62, 75.44, 84.86, 125.17, 126.87, 128.25, 145.42. Found: C, 83.64; H, 9.86%. Calcd for C\(_{16}\)H\(_{22}\)O: C, 83.43; H, 9.63%.

2,3-Diphenyl-4-pentyn-2-ol (11c)

(53:47 mixture of two diastereomers)
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3,3-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-4-pentyn-2-ol (11d)

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\text{IR (neat) 3556, 3472, 3294, 3032, 2978, 1605, 1497, 1450, 1288, 1072 cm}^{-1}; \quad ^1\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) d 1.54 (s, 0.47 × 3H), 1.77 (s, 0.53 × 3H), 2.19–2.20 (m, 0.53 × 1H), 2.30–2.33 (m, 0.47 × 1H), 2.34–2.36 (m, 0.53 × 1H), 2.51–2.53 (m, 0.47 × 1H), 3.99–4.01 (m, 0.53 × 1H), 4.05–4.07 (m, 0.47 × 1H), 7.07–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.34 (m, 8H); 13\text{C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) d 26.23, 27.41, 51.36, 51.69, 73.43 (two signals merged), 76.10, 76.44, 83.60, 83.71, 125.81, 125.91, 127.15, 127.35, 127.50, 127.58, 127.84, 127.95 (two signals merged), 127.99, 129.78, 129.83, 136.68, 136.72, 144.81, 145.09. Found: C, 86.59; H, 6.97%. Calcd for C_{17}H_{16}O: C, 86.40; H, 6.82%.
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2-Methyl-1,N-diphenyl-3-butynylamine (12aa)

(77:23 mixture of two diastereomers)

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\text{IR (neat) 3410, 3286, 3024, 2978, 1605, 1504, 1450, 1312, 1281, 1072 cm}^{-1}; \quad ^1\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) d 1.11 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 0.23 × 3H), 1.30 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 0.77 × 3H), 2.171 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 0.23 × 1H), 2.175 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 0.77 × 1H), 2.84–2.90 (m, 0.77 × 1H), 3.04–3.10 (m, 0.23 × 1H), 4.27 (dd, J = 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 0.77 × 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 0.23 × 1H), 4.48 (br d, J = 6.0 Hz, 0.23 × 1H), 4.58 (br d, J = 5.5 Hz, 0.77 × 1H), 6.52–6.55 (m, 2H), 6.62–6.66 (m, 1H), 7.05–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.39 (m, 2H); 13\text{C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) d 17.28, 19.32, 32.76, 34.62, 60.86, 61.71, 71.84, 72.03, 84.90, 85.28, 113.68, 113.89, 117.64, 117.80, 127.07, 127.57, 127.65, 127.83, 128.34, 128.60, 129.26, 129.28, 139.93, 142.07, 147.22, 147.54. Found: C, 87.03; H, 7.32%. Calcd for C_{13}H_{16}O: C, 82.94; H, 8.57%.
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C_{17}H_{17}N: C, 86.77; H, 7.28%.

2-Pentyl-1,N-diphenyl-3-butynylamine (12ba)

(82:18 mixture of two diastereomers)

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\text{IR (neat) 3410, 3294, 2862, 1605, 1504, 1273, 748 cm}^{-1}; \quad \text{^1H NMR (CDCl}_3) \quad \text{d 0.85–0.91 (m, 3H), 1.17–1.71 (m, 8H), 2.18 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.72–2.77 (m, 0.82 × 1H), 2.93–2.97 (m, 0.18 × 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 6.0, 5.0 Hz, 0.82 × 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 6.0, 5.0 Hz, 0.18 × 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 0.18 × 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 0.82 × 1H), 6.51–6.54 (m, 2H), 6.61–6.65 (m, 1H), 7.06–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.40 (m, 2H); \quad \text{^13C NMR (CDCl}_3) \quad \text{for the major isomer d 14.20, 22.70, 27.37, 31.65, 33.19, 40.84, 59.96, 72.98, 83.75, 113.57, 117.50, 127.00, 127.45, 128.58, 129.30, 142.34, 147.46. Found: C, 86.60; H, 8.73%. Calcd for C_{21}H_{25}N: C, 86.55; H, 8.65%.

1,2,N-Triphenyl-3-butynylamine (12ca)

(55:45 mixture of two diastereomers)

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\text{IR (neat) 3410, 3286, 3032, 2885, 1605, 1504, 1450, 1312, 1265 cm}^{-1}; \quad \text{^1H NMR (CDCl}_3) \quad \text{d 2.35 (dd, J = 2.5, 0.5 Hz, 0.45 × 1H), 2.39 (dd, J = 2.5, 0.5 Hz, 0.55 × 1H), 4.06 (dd, J = 5.0, 2.0 Hz, 0.55 × 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 4.8, 2.3 Hz, 0.45 × 1H), 4.40–4.74 (br m, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 0.55 × 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 0.45 × 1H), 6.44–6.49 (m, 0.55 × 2H), 6.49–6.53 (m, 0.45 × 2H), 6.58–6.66 (m, 1H), 7.00–7.12 (m, 4H), 7.13–7.30 (m, 8H); \quad \text{^13C NMR (CDCl}_3) \quad \text{d 45.15, 46.07, 62.35, 62.83, 74.28, 74.55, 82.21, 82.43, 113.90, 113.99, 117.81, 117.98, 127.28, 127.62, 127.67, 127.88, 128.00, 128.42, 128.44, 128.47, 128.55, 128.76, 128.94, 128.97, 129.21, 129.28, 137.01, 137.98, 139.07, 141.07, 146.79, 147.12. \quad \text{HRMS (EI')} \quad \text{(m/z) Observed: 297.1514. Calcd for C}_{22}H_{19}N: 297.1517.

2,2-Dimethyl-1,N-diphenyl-3-butynylamine (12da)

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\text{IR (neat) 3410, 3286, 2978, 2932, 1605, 1504, 1312, 1258, 1180 cm}^{-1}; \quad \text{^1H NMR (CDCl}_3) \quad \text{d 0.85–0.91 (m, 3H), 1.17–1.71 (m, 8H), 2.18 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.72–2.77 (m, 0.82 × 1H), 2.93–2.97 (m, 0.18 × 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 6.0, 5.0 Hz, 0.82 × 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 6.0, 5.0 Hz, 0.18 × 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 0.18 × 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 0.82 × 1H), 6.51–6.54 (m, 2H), 6.61–6.65 (m, 1H), 7.06–7.10 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.40 (m, 2H); \quad \text{^13C NMR (CDCl}_3) \quad \text{d 14.20, 22.70, 27.37, 31.65, 33.19, 40.84, 59.96, 72.98, 83.75, 113.57, 117.50, 127.00, 127.45, 128.58, 129.30, 142.34, 147.46. Found: C, 86.60; H, 8.73%. Calcd for C_{21}H_{25}N: C, 86.55; H, 8.65%.
(CDCl₃) d 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 1H), 4.08 (s, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 6.51–6.54 (m, 2H), 6.58–6.62 (m, 1H), 7.03–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.40–7.42 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) d 26.95, 29.14, 37.02, 65.64, 71.71, 88.58, 113.63, 117.41, 127.63, 128.05, 128.50, 129.23, 140.21, 147.51. Found: C, 86.68; H, 7.76%. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N: C, 86.70; H, 7.68%.

**3-Methyl-1,2-diphenylpyrrole (13):**

IR (neat) 3047, 2924, 1596, 1497, 1350, 1219, 1072, 764 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) d 2.19 (s, 3H), 6.24–6.26 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05–7.10 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.26 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) d 12.36, 111.25, 119.14, 122.42, 125.52, 126.13, 126.42, 128.06, 128.97, 130.27, 130.38, 132.81, 140.88. Found: C, 87.40; H, 6.64%. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₅N: C, 87.52; H, 6.48%.

**4,4-Dimethyl-1,2,5-triphenyl-2-pyrroline (14)**

Yellow amorphous solid; IR (nujol) 2854, 1597, 1458, 1373, 1296 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) d 0.70 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 6.57–6.60 (m, 2H), 6.73–6.78 (m, 1H), 6.97–7.02 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.48 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) d 24.59, 32.36, 46.79, 82.80, 118.76, 120.24, 120.81, 126.89, 127.28, 127.32, 127.93, 128.42, 128.50 (two signals merged), 133.74, 142.03, 145.27, 148.17. HRMS (EI⁺) (m/z) Observed: 325.1838. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₃N: 325.1830.
References and Notes


Chapter 2

Silver-Catalyzed Intramolecular Chloroamination of Allenes: Easy Access to Functionalized 3-Pyrroline and Pyrrole Derivatives

A 1,10-phenanthroline-ligated cationic silver complex allows the intramolecular chloroamination of allenes with N-chlorosuccinimide using 2,6-lutidine as a base. This process proceeds under mild conditions and can tolerate a variety of functional groups. The chloroamination products are useful synthetic intermediates and can be easily transformed into functionalized 3-pyrroline and pyrrole derivatives.
**Introduction**

The intramolecular haloamination of alkenes has emerged as a powerful tool for the construction of azacycles carrying halogen atoms at the β-position of the nitrogen.\(^1\) These reactions have been performed using a halogen cation equivalent (X\(^+\)) with/without transition-metal catalysts.\(^2,3\) However, reactions with alkynes\(^3\) or allenes\(^4\) instead of alkenes have hardly been investigated thus far. In Chapter 1, the author reported a new method for the easy preparation of α-aminoallenes. When the intramolecular haloamination of α-aminoallene proceeds in a 5-endo manner, it yields a pyrrole derivative with a halogen on sp\(^2\)-carbon. The alkenyl halide moiety can be utilized for further transformations such as cross-coupling reactions. Furthermore, pyrrolines are readily converted to synthetically useful pyrrole derivatives. In this manner, the intramolecular haloamination of allenes are extremely important. To realize the proposed reaction, the author initially focused on silver catalysts since they have already been demonstrated to be effective in activating C–C multiple bonds toward the addition of various functional groups.\(^5\) In particular, the silver-catalyzed 5-endo-trig cyclization of α-aminoallenes has been well established.\(^5,6\) In this transformation, as outlined in Scheme 1, the vinyl-silver intermediate is considered to be generated by the intramolecular addition of the amine to the activated π-bond. Subsequently, the resulting C(sp\(^2\))–Ag bond is rapidly quenched by a proton to afford the intramolecular hydroamination product. However, this mechanism suggests that the intermediate can be trapped by an electrophile other than a proton.\(^7,8\) Therefore, if a halogen cation equivalent (X\(^+\)) can intercept the intermediate prior to protonation, a facile and efficient method for the synthesis of 3-pyrrolines bearing a C(sp\(^2\))–X bond can be achieved. In Chapter 2, the author reports that a 1,10-phenanthroline-ligated cationic silver complex allows the intramolecular chloroamination of allenes with N-chlorosuccinimide (NCS) using 2,6-lutidine as a base.
Scheme 1.

Results and Discussion

Initial investigations were performed using N-bromosuccinimide (NBS) as an electrophilic halogen source. To our delight, treatment of α-aminoallene 1a with NBS in the presence of a catalytic amount of Ag(phen)OTf did provide the desired bromoamination product 2a. However, a substantial amount of the hydroamination byproduct 3a was also formed (Table 1, entries 1 and 2). Our attempts to improve the reaction by increasing the amount of the catalyst or NBS were unsuccessful (Table 1, entries 3 and 4). Hence, to suppress the undesired formation of 3a, we replaced NBS with N-chlorosuccinimide (NCS). The use of NCS efficiently suppressed the competitive side reaction, and the chloroamination product 2a was obtained in a fairly good yield (Table 1, entry 5).\(^\text{10}\)

We further hypothesized that an appropriate base could temper the reaction acidity and retard the protonation of the presumed vinyl-silver intermediate. Therefore, our next step was to test the effects of base additives. Consequently, we found that the reaction outcomes were closely related to the pK\(_a\) values of the employed bases.\(^\text{11}\) The addition of strong bases such as DBU, triethylamine (pK\(_a\) = 9.00), and N-methylimidazole seriously inhibited the cyclization step probably due to the coordination to the metal center (Table 1, entries 6–8). The use of weak
bases such as pyridine ($pK_b = 3.4$) and 2,6-di-tert-butylpyridine ($pK_b = 0.90$) did not have beneficial effects on this reaction (Table 1, entries 9 and 10). We eventually found that the addition of a mild base 2,6-lutidine ($pK_b = 4.46$) significantly prevented the formation of 3a, leading to the improved yield of 2a (Table 1, entry 11). Inorganic bases gave poor results (Table 1, entries 12 and 13). It should be noted that 2a was not formed in the absence of silver catalysts. Further optimization of the reaction conditions revealed that the catalyst and base amounts could be reduced without any loss in the yield of 2a (Table 1, entry 14). The product 2a underwent partial decomposition during silica gel column chromatography even under basic conditions. Thus, the crude product was recrystallized from acetonitrile to yield 2a as a white solid in 83% isolated yield. We also investigated the performances of other electrophiles such as chloramine-T and N-chlorophthalimide, but they proved to be less effective than NCS (Table 1, entries 15 and 16).
Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions

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<sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. <sup>b</sup> At 80 °C. <sup>c</sup> With NBS (2.0 equiv). <sup>d</sup> Isolated yield.
Having established the optimal conditions, we explored the scope of the reaction. Various α-aminoallene substrates 1 successfully underwent the silver-catalyzed intramolecular chloroamination to yield the corresponding products in good to excellent yields. Moreover, the reaction tolerates an array of functional groups such as keto, ester, and cyano (Table 2, entries 1–3). Carbon–halogen bonds also survive the reaction and are useful for further reactions using the products (Table 2, entries 4 and 5). The reaction occurs under mild conditions, and as a result, even acid-labile functional groups such as acetal and silyl ether are completely tolerated (Table 2, entries 6 and 7). The high functional group tolerance highlights the utility of the cationic silver complexes as an extremely soft and thus carbophilic Lewis acid. \(N\)-protected substrate 1i bearing a methyl substituted allene moiety is also a suitable substrate (Table 2, entry 8). In this case, a 4% yield of \(N\)-chloroamine and unidentified products were also detected. Unfortunately, 2i is relatively unstable and gradually decomposes.
Table 2. Scope of the Substrate

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\begin{align*}
\text{NHR}^1 \quad & \quad \text{NHPh} \\
\text{R}^2 \quad & \quad \text{Ph} \\
\text{R}^3 \quad & \quad \text{Ph}
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
\text{MeO}_2 \quad & \quad \text{(1.3 equiv)} \\
\text{Ph} \\
\text{Ph}
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
\text{10 mol\% Ag(phen)OTf} \\
\text{40 mol\% 2,6-lutidine} \\
\text{MeCN, 80 °C, 30 min}
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
\text{R}^1 \quad & \quad \text{NHPh} \\
\text{R}^2 \quad & \quad \text{Ph} \\
\text{R}^3 \quad & \quad \text{Ph}
\end{align*}
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Yield is of isolated product. Yields determined by $^1$H NMR spectroscopy are given in parentheses. $^b$ In the absence of 2,6-lutidine. $^c$ Four percent of N-chloroamine and unidentified products were detected.

To gain insight into the mechanism, we conducted the following experiments (Scheme 2). Based on the fact that a small amount of $N$-chloroamine 4a was observed in the reaction of 1i, we considered that the chloroamination reaction could proceed through a pathway starting from in situ generated 4a.$^{13}$ In fact, the reaction of 1i with NCS in the absence of the silver catalyst gave 4a in 92% NMR yield. However, when 4a was heated with the silver catalyst, the chloroamination product 2i was hardly obtained. Next, we suspected that 4a might act as the actual chlorinating agent instead of NCS. To confirm this hypothesis, 4a was reacted with 1i under silver catalysis, which afforded 2i in only 6% yield. These results suggest that $N$-chloroamine 4a is not involved in the reaction either as a starting material or as a chlorinating reagent.
Although mechanistic details require further studies, our proposed catalytic cycle is shown in Scheme 3. The reaction is initiated by the coordination of the cationic silver complex to the allenic π-bond of 1a to give the π-complex A. Subsequently, intramolecular nucleophilic attack of the nitrogen atom on the terminal carbon of B occurs to form the vinyl-silver intermediate C. 2,6-Lutidine that will be more basic than 3a reacts with C to form D, which significantly retards the protonation pathway. Then, D reacts with NCS to produce the chloroamination product 2a and regenerate the cationic silver catalyst.
Scheme 3.

The chloroamination products are versatile synthetic intermediates that can be easily transformed into other azacycles (Scheme 4). For example, treatment of 2a with phenylboronic acid under palladium catalysis affords tetrasubstituted 3-pyrroline 5 almost completely.\(^\text{15}\) 2a also underwent the Sonogashira cross-coupling reaction to furnish enyne 6. Moreover, oxidation of 2a mediated by DDQ and subsequent Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling yielded tetrasubstituted pyrrole 8.
Conclusion

The author has developed a silver-catalyzed intramolecular chloroamination of allenes. This process proceeds under mild conditions and can tolerate a variety of functional groups such as keto, ester, cyano, halogen, acetal, and silyl ether. The high functional group tolerance highlights the utility of the silver catalyst as an extremely soft and carbophilic Lewis acid. The chloroamination products are versatile synthetic intermediates and can be easily transformed into functionalized 3-pyrroline and pyrrole derivatives.
Experimental Section

Instrumentation

$^1$H NMR (500 MHz) and $^{13}$C NMR (125.7 MHz) spectra were taken on a Varian UNITY INOVA 500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are in parts per million relative to tetramethylsilane at 0.00 ppm for $^1$H and relative to CDCl$_3$ at 77.23 ppm for $^{13}$C unless otherwise noted. Mass spectra were determined on a JEOL Mstation 700 spectrometer. IR spectra were determined on a SHIMADZU IR Affinity-1 spectrometer. Melting points were determined using a YANAKO MP-500D. Preparative recycling gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was performed with JAI LC-908 equipped with JAIGEL-1H and -2H columns (toluene as an eluent). Kanto Chemical silica gel (spherical 40–100 mm) was used for column chromatography. Elemental analyses were carried out at the Elemental Analysis Center of Kyoto University.

Materials

N-chlorosuccinimide was purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. Acetonitrile was purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Co. 2,6-Lutidine was purchased from Nacalai Tesque. Ag(phen)OTf was prepared according to the reported method.$^9$ α-Aminoallenes 1a–1h were prepared as shown below. α-Aminoallene 1i was prepared according to the reported method.$^{10}$ All other reagents were available from commercial sources and were used without further purification.

Representative procedure for preparation of 1
**Compound 1a**: Benzimine (90.6 mg, 0.50 mmol), Cu(IPr)Cl (12.0 mg, 0.025 mmol) and NaO'Bu (4.8 mg, 0.050 mmol) were placed in an oven-dried 30-mL reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar and a Dimroth condenser. Under argon, to the flask was added a solution of a 67:33 mixture of allenic alcohol and homopropargyl alcohol (236.3 mg, 1.0 mmol) in toluene (3.0 mL). Then the reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 2 h. After cooled to room temperature, ethyl acetate (5 mL) and NH₄Cl aq (5 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with ethyl acetate (5 mL). Combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered with activated alumina. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1) to give 1a (137.0 mg, 92%) as a white solid.

**Experimental Procedures**

**Representative Procedure for Silver-Catalyzed Intramolecular Chloroamination of Allenes.**

**Compound 2a**: Aminoallene 1a (148.6 mg, 0.50 mmol), N-chlorosuccinimide (86.8 mg, 0.65 mmol), and Ag(phen)OTf (21.9 mg, 0.050 mmol) were placed in an oven-dried test tube with a magnetic stirrer bar. The tube was filled with argon and sealed with a rubber septum. To the tube were added MeCN (4.0 mL) and 2,6-lutidine (23.3 mL, 0.20 mmol). Then the reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 30 min. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was passed through a short activated alumina column with CH₂Cl₂ and concentrated. To the residue were added CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and 8% ammonia solution (5 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). Combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered with activated alumina. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by recrystallization from MeCN to give 2a (138.0 mg, 83%) as a white solid.

Products 2a, 2c, 2e, 2f were purified by recrystallization, and 2b, 2d, 2g, 2h, 2i were by preparative GPC.
**Procedure for Transformation of 2a into 5.**

2a (165.9 mg, 0.50 mmol), phenylboronic acid (91.5 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)$_2$ (5.5 mg, 0.025 mmol), SPhos (20.5 mg, 0.050 mmol), and K$_3$PO$_4$ (212.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) were placed in an oven-dried test tube with a magnetic stirrer bar. The tube was filled with argon and sealed with a rubber septum. To the tube was added toluene (2.0 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at 100 °C. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was passed through a short activated alumina column with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1) to give 5 (185.5 mg, 99%) as a white solid.

**Procedure for Transformation of 2a into 6.**

2a (165.9 mg, 0.50 mmol), Pd(OAc)$_2$ (5.5 mg, 0.025 mmol), XPhos (24.0 mg, 0.050 mmol), and CuI (9.6 mg, 0.050 mmol) were placed in an oven-dried test tube with a magnetic stirrer bar. The tube was filled with argon and sealed with a rubber septum. To the tube was added a solution of silyl acetylene (140.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) in diisopropylamine (4.0 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at 90 °C. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was passed through a short activated alumina column with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 30:1) to give 6 (218.4 mg, >99%) as a white solid.

**Procedure for Transformation of 2a into 7.**

2a (165.9 mg, 0.50 mmol) and DDQ (147.6 mg, 0.65 mmol) were placed in an oven-dried test tube with a magnetic stirrer bar. The tube was filled with argon and sealed with a rubber septum. To the tube was added toluene (4.0 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Then, the mixture was passed through a short activated alumina column with
CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 10:1) to give 7 (165.4 mg, >99%) as a white solid.

Procedure for Transformation of 7 into 8.

2a (164.9 mg, 0.50 mmol), phenylboronic acid (91.5 mg, 0.75 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5.5 mg, 0.025 mmol), XPhos (24.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), and K₃PO₄ (212.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) were placed in an oven-dried test tube with a magnetic stirrer bar. The tube was filled with argon and sealed with a rubber septum. To the tube was added toluene (4.0 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 5 h at 110 °C. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was passed through a short activated alumina column with CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/CHCl₃, 4:1) to give 8 (168.1 mg, 91%) as a white solid.

Characterization Data of New Compounds

1,2-Diphenyl-2,3-butadienylaniline (1a):

IR (nujol) 3425, 1929, 1828, 1597, 1458, 1312, 1250 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) d 4.24 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (ddd, J = 6.0, 2.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57–6.61 (m, 2H), 6.67–6.72 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.47 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) d 58.10, 81.03, 108.82, 113.67, 117.86, 126.82, 127.25, 127.72, 127.77, 128.72, 128.74, 129.32, 134.95, 141.59, 147.24, 209.38  Found: C, 89.11; H, 6.61%. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N: C, 88.85; H, 6.44%. m.p.: 97–98 °C.

2-Phenyl-1-(4-pivaloylphenyl)-2,3-butadienylaniline (1b):

IR (nujol) 3386, 2952, 1937, 1678, 1606, 1594, 1517, 1494 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) d 1.34 (s, 9H), 4.27 (br s, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (br s, 1H), 6.57–6.61 (m, 2H), 6.70–6.74 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.16 (m,
2H), 7.19–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.70 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 28.27, 44.35, 57.89, 81.26, 108.72, 113.71, 118.17, 126.77, 127.36, 127.46, 128.51, 128.85, 129.41, 134.62, 137.78, 144.77, 147.01, 208.85, 209.32. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C$_{27}$H$_{27}$NO: m/z 382.2165 ([M+H]+), found: 382.2154 ([M+H]+). m.p.: 127–129 °C.

1-(4-Methoxycarbonylphenyl)-2-phenyl-2,3-butadienylaniline (1c):

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\text{IR (nujol) 3333, 1936, 1697, 1605, 1518, 1373, 1288, 1111 cm}^{-1}; \quad ^1H \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) d 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.30 (d, } J = 6.0 \text{ Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, } J = 14.5, 2.0 \text{ Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, } J = 14.5, 2.0 \text{ Hz, 1H), 5.48 (ddd, } J = 6.0, 2.0, 2.0 \text{ Hz, 1H), 6.55–6.59 (m, 2H), 6.69–6.74 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.97–8.01 (m, 2H); \quad ^13C \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) d 52.21, 57.99, 81.30, 108.76, 113.66, 118.21, 126.73, 127.49, 127.66, 128.86, 129.41, 129.54, 130.00, 134.47, 146.90, 147.01, 167.40, 209.28. Found: C, 81.05; H, 6.10%. Calcd for C$_{24}$H$_{21}$NO$_2$: C, 81.10; H, 5.96%. m.p.: 114–116 °C.

1-(4-Cyanophenyl)-2-phenyl-2,3-butadienylaniline (1d):

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\text{IR (nujol) 3399, 2954, 2224, 1939, 1600, 1504, 1430 cm}^{-1}; \quad ^1H \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) d 4.30 (d, } J = 4.5 \text{ Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, } J = 12.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, } J = 12.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz, 1H), 5.48 (ddd, } J = 4.5, 2.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz, 1H), 6.52–6.56 (m, 2H), 6.71–6.76 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.62 (m, 2H); \quad ^13C \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) d 57.96, 81.52, 108.74, 111.46, 113.64, 113.54, 119.01, 126.65, 127.01, 128.33, 128.97, 129.51, 132.48, 134.12, 146.61, 147.41, 209.23. Found: C, 85.52; H, 5.80%. Calcd for C$_{23}$H$_{18}$N$_2$: C, 85.68; H, 5.63%. m.p.: 100–104 °C.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-phenyl-2,3-butadienylaniline (1e):

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\text{IR (nujol) 3418, 1936, 1605, 1458, 1373, 1311, 1180 cm}^{-1}; \quad ^1H \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) d 4.30 (d, } J = 4.5 \text{ Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, } J = 12.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, } J = 12.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz, 1H), 5.48 (ddd, } J = 4.5, 2.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz, 1H), 6.52–6.56 (m, 2H), 6.71–6.76 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.62 (m, 2H); \quad ^13C \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) d 57.96, 81.52, 108.74, 111.46, 113.64, 113.54, 119.01, 126.65, 127.01, 128.33, 128.97, 129.51, 132.48, 134.12, 146.61, 147.41, 209.23. Found: C, 85.52; H, 5.80%. Calcd for C$_{23}$H$_{18}$N$_2$: C, 85.68; H, 5.63%. m.p.: 100–104 °C.}
(CDCl\textsubscript{3}) d 4.23 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (ddd, J = 5.5, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.54–6.58 (m, 2H), 6.69–6.73 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.33 (m, 4H), 7.34–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.45 (m, 2H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) d 57.61, 81.32, 108.80, 113.68, 118.18, 121.48, 126.75, 127.46, 128.85, 129.40, 129.43, 131.78, 134.56, 140.78, 146.95, 209.25. Found: C, 70.26; H, 5.12%. Calcd for C\textsubscript{22}H\textsubscript{18}BrN: C, 70.22; H, 4.82%.

1-(4-Iodophenyl)-2-phenyl-2,3-butadienylaniline (1f):

1H NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) d 4.22 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (ddd, J = 5.5, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.54–6.57 (m, 2H), 6.68–6.73 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.22 (m, 3H), 7.26–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.64 (m, 2H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) d 57.68, 81.34, 93.13, 108.73, 113.67, 118.16, 126.73, 127.45, 128.84, 129.39, 129.70, 134.54, 137.74, 141.49, 146.93, 209.23. Found: C, 62.66; H, 4.04%. Calcd for C\textsubscript{22}H\textsubscript{18}IN: C, 62.42; H, 4.29%.

2-Phenyl-1-(4-tetrahydropyranylphenyl)-2,3-butadienylaniline (1g):

1H NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) d 3.98–4.05 (m, 2H), 4.08–4.15 (m, 2H), 4.24 (br d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, J = 12.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (ddd, J = 5.5, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 6.56–6.60 (m, 2H), 6.67–6.71 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.48 (m, 4H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) d 57.89, 65.50, 81.17, 103.79, 108.71, 113.65, 117.91, 126.78, 126.90, 127.28, 127.78, 128.75, 129.31, 134.79, 137.26, 142.74, 147.12, 209.30. Found: C, 81.00; H, 6.35%. Calcd for C\textsubscript{25}H\textsubscript{23}NO\textsubscript{2}: C, 81.27; H, 6.27%. m.p.: 96–99 °C.

1-(4-tert-Butyldimethylsiloxypyphenyl)-2-phenyl-2,3-butadienylaniline (1h):

Chapter 2
N-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-2-methyl-1-phenyl-2,3-butadienylamine (1i):

IR (neat) 2916, 2831, 1960, 1612, 1512, 1450, 1303, 1250, 1034 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.54 (dd, $J = 3.0, 3.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.75 (br s, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.11 (dd, $J = 3.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.80–4.87 (m, 2H), 6.83–6.87 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.36 (m, 4H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 15.61, 50.91, 55.43, 64.22, 76.41, 101.42, 113.91, 127.42, 127.76, 128.45, 129.58, 132.69, 142.38, 158.77, 205.93. Found: C, 81.73; H, 7.58%. Calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{21}$NO: C, 81.68; H, 7.58%.

4-Chloro-1,2,3-triphenyl-3-pyrroline (2a):

IR (nujol) 1659, 1597, 1497, 1366, 1250 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 4.49 (dd, $J = 13.5, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd, $J = 13.5, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dd, $J = 6.5, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.53–6.57 (m, 2H), 6.66–6.70 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.29 (m, 12H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 59.75, 72.29, 112.03, 117.02, 122.60, 127.43, 127.80, 128.31, 128.34, 128.68, 128.70, 129.38, 132.07, 137.85, 141.13, 145.72. Found: C, 79.44; H, 5.65%. Calcd for C$_{22}$H$_{18}$ClN: C, 79.63; H, 5.47%. m.p.: 162–166 °C.

4-Chloro-1,3-diphenyl-2-(4-pivaloylphenyl)-3-pyrroline (2b):

IR (nujol) 2970, 2846, 1682, 1664, 1597, 1505, 1447 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.27 (s, 9H), 4.50 (dd, $J = 13.5, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd, $J = 74
13.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51–6.55 (m, 2H), 6.68–6.73 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.30 (m, 7H), 7.54–7.58 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 28.20, 44.26, 59.79, 71.91, 112.05, 117.32, 123.06, 127.05, 128.45, 128.50, 128.58, 128.62, 129.47, 137.75, 137.38, 137.81, 144.27, 145.55, 208.65. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C$_{27}$H$_{26}$ClNO: m/z 416.1776 ([M+H]$^+$), found: 416.1768 ([M+H]$^+$). m.p.: 64–66 °C.

4-Chloro-1,3-diphenyl-2-(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)-3-pyrroline (2c):

![Image of 4-Chloro-1,3-diphenyl-2-(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)-3-pyrroline (2c)](image)

IR (nujol) 1720, 1659, 1597, 1504, 1466, 1366, 1281, 1120, 1103 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.52 (dd, J = 13.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.50–6.54 (m, 2H), 6.68–6.72 (m, 1H), 7.14–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.32 (m, 5H), 7.85–7.88 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 52.20, 59.80, 72.05, 112.06, 117.41, 123.19, 127.41, 128.51, 128.61, 129.48, 129.77, 130.13, 131.69, 137.34, 145.48, 146.53, 166.94. Found: C, 73.86; H, 5.28%. Calcd for C$_{24}$H$_{20}$ClNO: C, 73.94; H, 5.17%. m.p.: 155–157 ºC.

4-Chloro-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-1,3-diphenyl-3-pyrroline (2d):

![Image of 4-Chloro-2-(4-cyanophenyl)-1,3-diphenyl-3-pyrroline (2d)](image)

IR (nujol) 2954, 2226, 1659, 1505, 1463, 1446, 1366 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 4.50 (dd, J = 13.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.46–6.50 (m, 2H), 6.70–6.75 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.28–7.35 (m, 5H), 7.44–7.48 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 52.20, 59.80, 72.05, 112.06, 117.41, 123.19, 127.41, 128.51, 128.61, 129.48, 129.77, 130.13, 131.69, 137.34, 145.48, 146.53, 166.94. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C$_{23}$H$_{17}$ClN$_2$: m/z 357.1153 ([M+H]$^+$), found: 357.1146 ([M+H]$^+$). m.p.: 118–121 ºC.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-chloro-1,3-diphenyl-3-pyrroline (2e):

![Image of 2-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-chloro-1,3-diphenyl-3-pyrroline (2e)](image)

IR (nujol) 1666, 1597, 1466, 1373, 1242, 1134, 1003 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 4.48 (dd, J = 13.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H),
5.71 (dd, $J = 6.5$, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.50–6.53 (m, 2H), 6.68–6.73 (m, 1H), 7.09–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.33 (m, 7H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 59.75, 71.68, 112.08, 117.38, 121.61, 122.97, 128.51, 128.52, 128.61, 129.07, 129.47, 131.77, 131.91, 137.40, 140.32, 145.49. Found: C, 64.45; H, 4.34%. Calcd for C$_{22}$H$_{17}$BrClN: C, 64.33; H, 4.17%. m.p.: 155–158 °C.

4-Chloro-1,3-diphenyl-2-(4-iodophenyl)-3-pyrroline (2f):

IR (nujol) 1659, 1597, 1458, 1373, 1134, 1003 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 4.48 (dd, $J = 13.5$, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, $J = 13.5$, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dd, $J = 6.5$, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49–6.53 (m, 2H), 6.68–6.72 (m, 1H), 6.96–7.00 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.19 (m, 2H) 7.22–7.32 (m, 5H), 7.49–7.52 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 59.77, 71.76, 93.31, 112.08, 117.38, 120.28, 123.00, 128.52, 128.62, 129.33, 129.47, 131.77, 137.37, 137.85, 141.04, 145.49. Found: C, 57.64; H, 3.52%. Calcd for C$_{22}$H$_{17}$ClIN: C, 57.73; H, 3.74%. m.p.: 152–154 °C.

4-Chloro-1,3-diphenyl-2-(4-tetrahydropyranylphenyl)-3-pyrroline (2g):

IR (nujol) 2957, 2930, 2840, 2727, 1600, 1505, 1464 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 3.92–4.00 (m, 2H), 4.02–4.10 (m, 2H), 4.48 (dd, $J = 13.5$, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd, $J = 13.5$, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 5.77 (dd, $J = 6.5$, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51–6.55 (m, 2H), 6.65–6.70 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.33 (m, 9H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 59.76, 65.42, 65.46, 71.94, 103.71, 112.06, 117.12, 122.74, 126.96, 127.47, 128.39, 128.41, 128.65, 129.39, 131.92, 137.30, 137.62, 142.31, 145.61. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C$_{25}$H$_{22}$ClNO$_2$: m/z 404.1412 ([M+H]$^+$), found: 404.1394 ([M+H]$^+$). m.p.: 82–84 °C.

2-(4-tert-Butyldimethylsiloxylphenyl)-4-chloro-1,3-diphenyl-3-pyrroline (2h):

IR (neat) 3059, 3029, 2957, 2827, 1723, 1664, 1599, 1502, 1464, 1367 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 0.12 (s, 6H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 4.46 (dd, $J =
13.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.54–6.58 (m, 2H), 6.65–6.70 (m, 3H), 7.07–7.11 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.20 (m, 4H), 7.22–7.28 (m, 3H); 13C NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ −4.27, 18.35, 25.82, 59.62, 71.97, 112.11, 116.93, 120.31, 122.32, 128.23, 128.27, 128.53, 128.73, 129.33, 132.23, 133.81, 138.06, 145.88, 155.21. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C$_{28}$H$_{32}$ClNOSi: m/z 462.2014 ([M+H]+), found: 462.1999 ([M+H]+).

4-Chloro-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-3-methyl-2-phenyl-3-pyrroline (2i):

IR (neat) 3062, 2952, 2777, 1676, 1612, 1512, 1453 cm$^{-1}$; 1H NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 1.42–1.45 (m, 3H), 3.39–3.46 (m, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66–3.73 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.80 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (br s, 1H), 6.78–6.83 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.40 (m, 4H); 13C NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 11.57, 55.42, 56.97, 61.53, 76.80, 113.84 (two signals merged), 123.04, 127.91, 128.51 (two signals merged), 128.60, 129.90, 134.13, 158.89. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{20}$ClNO: m/z 314.1306 ([M+H]+), found: 314.1309 ([M+H]+).

1-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-3-methyl-2-phenyl-3-pyrroline (3b):

IR (neat) 3060, 2950, 2772, 1612, 1586, 1513, 1453 cm$^{-1}$; 1H NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 1.42–1.45 (m, 3H), 3.20–3.26 (m, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61–3.67 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.81 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31–4.36 (m, 1H), 5.47–5.50 (m, 1H), 6.78–6.82 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.40 (m, 2H); 13C NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 14.42, 55.43, 57.08, 58.36, 77.27, 113.71, 121.67, 127.35, 128.32, 128.62, 129.85, 132.22, 140.65, 142.67, 158.64. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{21}$NO: m/z 280.1696 ([M+H]+), found: 280.1692 ([M+H]+).

N-Chloro-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-methyl-1-phenyl-2,3-butadienylamine (4a):

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IR (neat) 3062, 2955, 2836, 1958, 1613, 1586, 1513, 1493, 1453 cm\(^{-1}\);  \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) 1.71 (dd, \(J = 3.0, 3.0\) Hz, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.98 (d, \(J = 13.5\) Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, \(J = 13.5\) Hz, 1H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 4.75–4.83 (m, 2H), 6.86–6.90 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.45 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) 14.70, 55.40, 63.89, 75.52, 77.91, 100.42, 113.82, 127.97, 128.18, 128.41, 129.78, 130.42, 139.87, 159.32, 207.85. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C\(_{19}\)H\(_{20}\)ClNO: \(m/z\) 314.1306 ([M+H]+), found: 314.1300 ([M+H]+).

1,2,3,4-Tetraphenyl-3-pyrroline (5):

IR (nujol) 1597, 1458, 1373, 1258, 1180 cm\(^{-1}\);  \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) 4.76 (dd, \(J = 14.0, 3.0\) Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, \(J = 14.0, 6.5\) Hz, 1H), 5.71 (dd, \(J = 6.5, 3.0\) Hz, 1H), 6.60–6.64 (m, 2H), 6.64–6.68 (m, 1H), 6.86–6.88 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.23 (m, 15H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) 59.17, 75.23, 112.15, 116.39, 127.47, 127.56, 127.58, 127.75, 127.96, 128.43, 128.47, 128.55, 129.27, 129.32, 131.53, 134.35, 135.45, 139.34, 142.02, 146.12. Found: C, 90.23; H, 6.13%. Calcd for C\(_{28}\)H\(_{23}\)N: C, 90.04; H, 6.21%. m.p.: 138–141 °C.

4-tert-Butyldimethylsilylethynyl-1,2,3-triphenyl-3-pyrroline (6):

IR (nujol) 2954, 2141, 1596, 1506, 1366 cm\(^{-1}\);  \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 4.47 (dd, \(J = 13.5, 2.5\) Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, \(J = 13.5, 6.0\) Hz, 1H), 5.89 (dd, \(J = 6.0, 2.5\) Hz, 1H), 6.58–6.61 (m, 2H), 6.63–6.67 (m, 1H), 7.08–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.26 (m, 7H), 7.29–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.62 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(d\) –4.51, 16.91, 26.29, 59.35, 71.39, 100.31, 100.38, 112.08, 114.91, 116.60, 127.62, 127.82, 128.10, 128.28, 128.42, 128.65, 129.30, 133.30, 141.72, 145.72, 147.80. Found: C, 82.58; H, 7.64%. Calcd for C\(_{39}\)H\(_{33}\)NSi: C, 82.70; H, 7.63%. m.p.:
131–134 °C.

**4-Chloro-1,2,3-triphenylpyrrole (7):**

![Structure of 4-Chloro-1,2,3-triphenylpyrrole (7)](image)

IR (nujol) 1682, 1597, 1458, 1373, 1227 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) d 6.90–6.94 (m, 2H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.06–7.15 (m, 5H), 7.19–7.30 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) d 109.94, 113.19, 120.32, 122.51, 126.09, 126.55, 127.13, 127.25, 128.07, 128.12, 129.14, 130.70, 131.06, 131.48, 133.48, 139.78. Found: C, 79.98; H, 5.15%. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₆ClN: C, 80.11; H, 4.89%. m.p.: 175–178 °C.

**1,2,3,4-Tetraphenylpyrrole (8):**

![Structure of 1,2,3,4-Tetraphenylpyrrole (8)](image)

IR (nujol) 2966, 2897, 2862, 1594, 1499 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) d 6.94–6.97 (m, 2H), 7.05–7.12 (m, 5H), 7.12–7.18 (m, 7H), 7.19–7.25 (m, 5H), 7.26–7.30 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) d 121.50, 123.31, 125.11, 125.90, 125.99, 126.07, 126.76, 126.85, 127.92, 127.98, 128.31, 128.57, 129.05, 131.28 (two signals merged), 131.70, 132.20, 135.53, 135.68, 140.37. Found: C, 90.26; H, 5.91%. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₁N: C, 90.53; H, 5.70%. m.p.: 176–177 °C.
Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of 2a.
References and Notes


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10. It should be noted that the use of more electrophilic silver salts such as AgOTf and AgNO\(_3\) led to a mixture of products, in which 2a was detected in only 20 and 14% NMR yield, respectively.


12. The reactions of monosubstituted allenes were sluggish likely due to the poor ability to stabilize the generating allyl cation.


14. 2,6-Lutidine (pK\(_b\) = 4.46) is considered to be more basic than N-phenyl-3-pyrrole derivatives, because the pK\(_b\) value of structurally related \( N,N \)-dimethylaniline is 2.50.


Li⁺-Catalyzed Nazarov-Type Cyclization of 1-Aryl-2,3-butadien-1-ols: Synthesis of Benzofulvene Derivatives

Lithium hexafluorophosphate proved to be uniquely effective for the Nazarov-type cyclization of 1-aryl-2,3-butadien-1-ols via C–O bond cleavage. This process proceeds under mild conditions and can tolerate a variety of functional groups.
Introduction

The alkylation of aromatic compounds is a synthetically useful transformation for the construction of carbon–carbon bonds. The vast majority of traditional methods has involved the use of alkyl halides and pseudohalides as alkylating reagents in the presence of stoichiometric amounts of Lewis acid catalysts. Accordingly, these methods inevitably produce large amounts of waste products. In terms of atom economy and environmental concerns, employment of alcohols as alkylating reagents is highly desirable. However, direct catalytic substitution of alcohols with aromatic compounds is often problematic because alcohol substrates and/or in situ generated water could deactivate the catalysts. Recently, significant progress has been achieved in the metal-catalyzed alkylation of arenes. In addition to well-documented scandium and lanthanide triflates, indium, iron, bismuth, and late transition metals have been proven to be highly effective for this type of reaction. Nevertheless, to our knowledge, there has been no report on the use of alkali metals as Lewis acids in such reactions despite their abundance, low cost, and nontoxicity. In Chapter 3, the author investigated the Lewis acidities of alkali metals and found that LiPF₆ was uniquely effective for Nazarov-type cyclization of 1-aryl-2,3-butadien-1-ols via C–O bond cleavage.

Results and Discussion

Initial experiments were performed using tertiary α-allenol 1a as a model substrate. Treatment of 1a with 5.0 mol% of lithium triflate in toluene did provide the desired benzofulvene 2a, albeit in only 9% yield (Table 1, entry 1). To improve the yield, we examined the impact of the counteranion on this reaction. While changing the counteranion from triflate to a non-coordinating anion, perchlorate or tetrafluoroborate did not improve the reaction at all (Table 1, entries 2 and 3), the use of lithium hexafluorophosphate dramatically increased the yield of 2a to 63% (Table 1, entry 4). The choice of solvent was also crucial to attain high yield.
Screening of various solvents showed that hexane proved to be the optimal solvent, affording 2a in 87% isolated yield (Table 1, entry 6). In contrast, the use of coordinating solvents gave poor results probably due to the coordinative solvation to the metal center (Table 1, entries 7–9). In this transformation, 1 equiv of water is released during the course of the reaction. Therefore, we suspected that generation of a protic acid might be occurring by the reaction of LiPF$_6$ with water. To confirm this hypothesis, we investigated the performances of other hexafluorophosphate salts such as NaPF$_6$, KPF$_6$, and NH$_4$PF$_6$, resulting in almost no reaction (Table 1, entries 10–12). In addition, even when using HPF$_6$ as a catalyst, 2a was observed in only 16% yield (Table 1, entry 13). These results suggest that the current reaction would be catalyzed by a lithium cation, not by a protic acid.
Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions

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<sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

Having established the optimal conditions, we explored the scope of the reaction. The reaction proceeds smoothly when the aryl group of α-allenols is substituted with electron-donating groups (Table 2, entries 1, 2, and 6). Substrates containing electron-deficient aryl groups also undergo the cyclization to afford the corresponding products in good yields, although higher catalyst loadings are required (Table 2, entries 3–5). Due to the mild and neutral reaction conditions, a variety of functionalities including ether, ester, aryl halide, and silyl ether are well tolerated. In the case of 1<sub>h</sub>, the rapid formation of the fused tricyclic benzofulvene 2<sub>h</sub> can be achieved due to its enhanced Thorpe-Ingold effect (Table 2, entry 7).
Substrate \( \textbf{1i} \) containing a *meta*-substituent on the aryl ring reacts to form two regioisomeric products \( \textbf{2i} \) and \( \textbf{2i}' \) in close to a 1:1 ratio. (Table 2, entries 8).

**Table 2. Scope of Tertiary \( \alpha \)-Allenols\(^a \)**

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\(^{a}\) Reaction conditions: \( \alpha \)-allenol \( \textbf{1} \) (0.50 mmol), LiPF\(_6\), hexane (3.0 mL), 65 °C. \(^{b}\) Yield is of isolated product. \(^{c}\) In hexane/toluene (9:1). \(^{d}\) Determined by \(^1\)H NMR spectroscopy of the crude reaction mixture. \(^{e}\) Combined yield of \( \textbf{2i} \) and \( \textbf{2i}' \).
To further examine the substrate scope of this protocol, we focused on the cyclization of monosubstituted allenes. However, when 1k was subjected to the standard reaction conditions, the expected product 2k was hardly observed, and instead, enone 3 was obtained as a major product (Scheme 1). This result can be explained as follows: allenyl cation A, generated by C–O bond activation, is less stable due to the steric repulsion between the phenyl ring and the allenyl group. Therefore, rotation to another conformer B occurs, which is then attacked by LiOH to furnish enone 3.

**Scheme 1.**

Remarkably, the present catalytic system has proved to be effective for Nazarov-type cyclization of secondary α-allenols, which has not been achieved thus far (Table 3). The author initially examined the effect of the substituent on the allene moiety. After some experimentation, the substituent on the allene moiety proved to be general (Table 3, entries 1–5). The best result was obtained when using tert-butyl substituted substrate 4e (Table 3, entry 5). Electron-rich and electron-neutral substrates successfully underwent the cyclization to yield the corresponding
products in good yields (Table 3, entries 6 and 7). Sterically hindered aryl substituents such as, 1-naphthyl and o-tolyl did not inhibit the reaction at all (Table 3, entries 8 and 9). Electron-poor substrate gave moderate yield, although higher catalyst loading was required (Table 3, entry 10). In this transformation, not only α-allenol but also corresponding methyl ether could be used (Table 3, entry 11).

Table 3. Scope of Secondary α-Allenols

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Reaction conditions: α-allenol 1 (0.50 mmol), LiPF$_6$, hexane (3.0 mL), 65 °C, 1 h. $^b$ Yield is of isolated product.

Conclusion

The author has clarified that lithium hexafluorophosphate proved to be effective for the C–O bond activation. He applied this strong oxophilic nature of LiPF$_6$ to the Nazarov-type cyclization of α-allenols. This process proceeds under mild conditions and can tolerate a variety of functional groups. Under the present catalytic system, secondary α-allenols could be also available as substrates, which has not been achieved thus far.
Experimental Section

Instrumentation

$^1$H NMR (500 MHz) and $^{13}$C NMR (125.7 MHz) spectra were taken on a Varian UNITY INOVA 500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts ($\delta$) are in parts per million relative to tetramethyldisilane at 0.00 ppm for $^1$H and relative to CDCl$_3$ at 77.23 ppm for $^{13}$C unless otherwise noted. Mass spectra were determined on a JEOL Mstation 700 spectrometer. IR spectra were determined on a SHIMADZU IR Affinity-1 spectrometer. Melting points were determined using a YANAKO MP-500D. Kanto Chemical silica gel (spherical 40–100 mm) was used for column chromatography. Elemental analyses were carried out at the Elemental Analysis Center of Kyoto University.

Materials

LiPF$_6$ (H$_2$O 20 ppm max, 99.9+%-Li) was purchased from Strem Chemicals, Inc. NaPF$_6$ (98%) was purchased from Aldrich. KPF$_6$ (99.9+% trace metals basis) was purchased from Aldrich. NH$_4$PF$_6$ (99.99% trace metals basis) was purchased from Aldrich. HPF$_6$ (65 wt. % in H$_2$O) was purchased from Aldrich. Hexane (Super Dehydrated) was purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Co. $\alpha$-Allenols 1 and 4 were prepared according to the known procedure.$^9$ All other reagents were available from commercial sources and were used without further purification.

Experimental Procedures

Representative Procedure for Lithium Cation-Catalyzed Nazarov-Type Cyclization of $\alpha$-Allenols.

Compound 2a: In a glove box, lithium hexafluorophosphate (3.8 mg, 0.025 mmol) was placed in an oven-dried test tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar. Outside a glovebox, to the tube was added a solution of $\alpha$-allenol 1a (87.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) in hexane (3.0 mL). Then the
reaction mixture was heated at 65 °C for 1 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was passed through a short activated alumina column with Et₂O and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane) to give 2a (67.7 mg, 87%) as a yellow oil.

Characterization Data of New Compounds

3-Methyl-2-phenyl-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (1a):

\[
\text{IR (neat) 3421, 2982, 1958, 1493, 1448, 1370 cm}^{-1}; \quad ^1\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) }\delta 1.56 (\text{dd, } J = 3.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 3H}), 1.66 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 1H), 4.86 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H}), 4.89 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H}), 7.22–7.26, (m, 1H), 7.31–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.48 (m, 2H); \quad ^{13}\text{C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) }\delta 14.84, 30.29, 75.17, 77.20, 106.08, 125.45, 127.05, 128.28, 146.20, 205.41. \quad \text{Found: C, 82.48; H, 8.24%.} \quad \text{Calcd for C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O: C, 82.72; H, 8.10%}.
\]

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (1b):

\[
\text{IR (neat) 3461, 2981, 2835, 1957, 1610, 1584, 1511, 1443, 1299, 1249, 1176 cm}^{-1}; \quad ^1\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) }\delta 1.56 (\text{dd, } J = 3.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 3H}), 1.65 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.85 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H}), 4.87 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H}), 6.85–6.88, (m, 2H), 7.36–7.39 (m, 2H); \quad ^{13}\text{C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) }\delta 14.91, 30.16, 55.43, 74.81, 77.17, 106.27, 113.62, 126.69, 138.34, 158.70, 205.23. \quad \text{Found: C, 76.16; H, 8.19%.} \quad \text{Calcd for C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2: C, 76.44; H, 7.90%}.
\]

3-Methyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (1c):

\[
\text{IR (neat) 3448, 2982, 2925, 1957, 1610, 1512, 1370, 1098 cm}^{-1}; \quad ^1\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) }\delta 1.56 (\text{dd, } J = 3.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 3H}), 1.65 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 4.85 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H}), 4.88 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H}), 7.12–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.36 (m, 2H); \quad ^{13}\text{C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) }\delta 14.88, 21.18, 30.25, 75.03, 77.15,
106.07, 125.36, 128.97, 136.62, 143.20, 205.30. Found: C, 82.83; H, 8.87%. Calcd for C_{13}H_{16}O: C, 82.94; H, 8.57%.

2-(4-Methoxycarbonyl)-3-methyl-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (1d):

\[ \text{IR (neat) 3483, 2983, 2953, 1957, 1723, 1705, 1610, 1437, 1408, 1283, 1193 cm}^{-1} ; \quad \text{\^{1}H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } \delta \text{ 1.54 (dd, } J = 3.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 3H)}, 1.67 \text{ (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 4.88 (dq, } J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dq, } J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.99–8.02 (m, 2H); } \text{^{13}C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } \delta \text{ 14.68, 30.37, 52.22, 75.24, 77.48, 105.59, 125.57, 128.95, 129.65, 151.45, 167.19, 205.46. Found: C, 72.12; H, 6.98%. Calcd for C_{14}H_{16}O_3: C, 72.39; H, 6.94%.}

3-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (1e):

\[ \text{IR (neat) 3447, 2986, 2930, 1958, 1618, 1411, 1327, 1166, 1127, 1097, 1072 cm}^{-1} ; \quad \text{\^{1}H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } \delta \text{ 1.55 (dd, } J = 3.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 3H)}, 1.66 \text{ (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 1H), 4.88 (dq, } J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dq, } J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 4H); } \text{^{13}C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } \delta \text{ 14.65, 30.48, 75.11, 77.53, 105.56, 124.46 (q, } J_{C,F} = 270.1 \text{ Hz), 125.25 (q, } J_{C,F} = 3.9 \text{ Hz), 125.93, 129.36 (q, } J_{C,F} = 32.5 \text{ Hz), 150.30, 205.49. Found: C, 64.19; H, 5.39%. Calcd for C_{13}H_{16}F_3O: C, 64.46; H, 5.41%.}

2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-methyl-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (1f):

\[ \text{IR (neat) 3447, 2982, 2860, 1957, 1590, 1485, 1396, 1370, 1172 cm}^{-1} ; \quad \text{\^{1}H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } \delta \text{ 1.55 (dd, } J = 3.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 3H)}, 1.63 \text{ (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 1H), 4.86 (dq, } J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H), 4.89 (dq, } J = 10.0, 3.0 \text{ Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.35, (m, 2H), 7.43–7.46 (m, 2H); } \text{^{13}C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) } \delta \text{ 14.71, 30.35, 74.95, 77.43, 105.69, 120.99, 127.42, 131.34, 145.33, 205.37. Found: C, 56.67; H, 5.23%. Calcd for C_{12}H_{13}BrO: C, 56.94; H, 5.18%.} \]
2-(4-tert-Butyldimethylsiloxylphenyl)-3-methyl-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (1g):

IR (neat) 3433, 2957, 2859, 1958, 1608, 1507, 1263, 1257 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.19 (s, 6H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 1.55 (dd, J = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 1H), 4.85 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77–6.81 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.32 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ −4.23, 14.93, 18.38, 25.87, 29.99, 74.82, 77.20, 106.36, 119.69, 126.63, 138.79, 154.70, 205.12. Found: C, 70.96; H, 9.32%. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₈O₂Si: C, 71.00; H, 9.27%.

1-(2,3-Butadien-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ol (1h):

IR (neat) 3442, 2937, 2865, 1957, 1604, 1488, 1373, 1077 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.60 (dd, J = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 3H), 1.82–1.92 (m, 2H), 1.98–2.14 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 1H), 2.73 (dd, J = 16.0, 9.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, J = 16.0, 4.5, 4.5, 1H), 4.85 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 15.84, 19.56, 29.95, 36.12, 73.10, 78.28, 107.08, 126.43, 127.64, 127.75, 129.13, 137.90, 139.49, 205.42. HRMS (EI⁺) (m/z) Observed: 200.1194. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆O: 200.1201.

2-(3-Methoxylphenyl)-3-methyl-3,4-pentadien-2-ol (1i):

IR (neat) 3462, 2982, 2835, 1957, 1608, 1601, 1584, 1485, 1433, 1288, 1252 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.57 (dd, J = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.86 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (dq, J = 10.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01–7.05 (m, 2H), 7.25 (dd, J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 14.82, 30.32, 55.40, 75.16, 77.20, 105.93, 111.61, 112.15, 117.93, 129.28, 148.02, 159.72, 205.40. Found: C, 76.49; H, 7.95%. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₈O₂: C, 76.44; H, 7.90%.

1,1-Diphenyl-2-methyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (1j):
IR (neat) 3471, 3059, 2925, 1957, 1491, 1448, 1333 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.73 (t, J = 3.0 Hz, 3H), 2.67 (s, 1H), 4.68 (q, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.38–7.41 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 16.55, 77.74, 80.84, 105.77, 127.48, 127.67, 128.00, 144.91, 206.60. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O: m/z 237.1274 ([M+H]⁺), found: 237.1267 ([M+H]⁺).

2,3-Dimethyl-1-methylene-1H-indene (2a):
IR (neat) 3047, 2971, 1611, 1441, 1412 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.05–2.07 (m, 3H), 2.08–2.10 (m, 3H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 7.10–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.23 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.52 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.79, 10.68, 108.37, 117.74, 119.03, 124.76, 128.09, 131.95, 136.17, 137.27, 144.74, 148.70. HRMS (EI⁺) (m/z) Observed: 156.0933. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂: 156.0939.

2,3-Dimethyl-6-methoxy-1-methylene-1H-indene (2b):
IR (neat) 2913, 2832, 1610, 1586, 1477, 1435, 1382 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.01–2.03 (m, 3H), 2.04–2.06 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.80, 10.76, 55.84, 106.73, 107.94, 112.40, 118.04, 130.35, 137.14, 137.96, 138.01, 148.67, 158.34. HRMS (EI⁺) (m/z) Observed: 186.1042. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄O: 186.1045.

2,3,6-Trimethyl-1-methylene-1H-indene (2c):
IR (neat) 2915, 2856, 1632, 1613, 1475, 1440, 1381, 1344 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.01–2.03 (m, 3H), 2.04–2.06 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.82, 10.77, 21.67, 107.96, 117.45, 120.08, 128.50, 131.11, 134.35, 136.37, 137.21, 142.20, 148.72 HRMS (EI⁺) (m/z) Observed: 170.1096.
Calcd for C\textsubscript{13}H\textsubscript{14}: 170.1096.

**2,3-Dimethyl-6-methoxycarbonyl-1-methylene-1\textit{H}-indene (2d):**

![Chemical Structure](image)

IR (nujol) 2955, 2893, 1726, 1707, 1603, 1463, 1254 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 2.09–2.10 (m, 3H), 2.10–2.11 (m, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 6.01 (d, \(J = 0.5\) Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dd, \(J = 7.5, 1.5\) Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, \(J = 1.5, 0.5\) Hz, 1H); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 10.06, 10.70, 52.09, 110.28, 117.39, 120.05, 126.49, 130.26, 135.75, 136.01, 137.09, 147.69, 149.05, 167.85. Found: C, 78.54; H, 6.66%. Calcd for C\textsubscript{13}H\textsubscript{14}O\textsubscript{2}: C, 78.48; H, 6.59%. m.p.: 86–89 °C.

**2,3-Dimethyl-1-methylene-6-trifluoromethyl-1\textit{H}-indene (2e):**

IR (neat) 2972, 2913, 2854, 1632, 1611, 1458, 1423, 1380 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 5.96 (d, \(J = 0.5\) Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, \(J = 8.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, \(J = 8.0, 1.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, \(J = 1.0, 1.0\) Hz, 1H); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 9.93, 10.63, 110.40, 115.82 (q, \(J_{C-F} = 3.9\) Hz), 117.57, 125.14 (q, \(J_{C-F} = 270.1\) Hz), 125.34 (q, \(J_{C-F} = 3.9\) Hz), 126.90 (q, \(J_{C-F} = 32.0\) Hz), 134.96, 136.45, 136.77, 147.57, 147.80. HRMS (El\textsuperscript{+}) (m/z) Observed: 224.0812. Calcd for C\textsubscript{13}H\textsubscript{14}F\textsubscript{3}: 224.0813.

**6-Bromo-2,3-dimethyl-1-methylene-1\textit{H}-indene (2f):**

IR (neat) 2929, 2854, 1611, 1458, 1423, 1380 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 2.02–2.04 (m, 3H), 2.05–2.07 (m, 3H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, \(J = 8.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, \(J = 8.0, 2.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, \(J = 2.0, 0.5\) Hz, 1H); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 9.85, 10.65, 109.77, 118.66, 119.01, 122.47, 130.65, 132.51, 136.85, 138.14, 143.52, 147.77. HRMS (El\textsuperscript{+}) (m/z) Observed: 234.0037. Calcd for C\textsubscript{13}H\textsubscript{14}Br: 234.0044.

**6-tert-Butyldimethylsiloxy-2,3-Dimethyl-1-methylene-1\textit{H}-indene (2g)**

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IR (neat) 2957, 2858, 1611, 1581, 1466, 1442, 1343, 1278 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 0.19 (s, 6H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 2.01–2.03 (m, 3H), 2.04–2.06 (m, 3H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 6.70 (dd, \(J = 8.0, 2.0\) Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, \(J = 8.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, \(J = 2.0\) Hz, 1H); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) –4.21, 9.84, 10.81, 18.41, 25.93, 108.09, 112.15, 118.02, 119.03, 130.43, 137.19, 137.76, 138.39, 148.59, 153.90. HRMS (EI\(^+\)) (m/z) Observed: 286.1756. Calcd for C\(_{18}\)H\(_{26}\)OSi: 286.1753.

1-(4-tert-Butyldimethylsiloxymethylphenyl)-4-phenylamino-1-butane (2h):
IR (nujol) 3040, 2835, 1816, 1806, 1626, 1593, 1472 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 1.92 (tt, \(J = 6.0, 6.0\) Hz, 2H), 2.01 (t, \(J = 1.0\) Hz, 3H), 2.59 (t, \(J = 6.0\) Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, \(J = 6.0\) Hz, 2H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 6.96 (dd, \(J = 7.0, 1.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, \(J = 7.0, 7.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, \(J = 7.0, 1.0\) Hz, 1H); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 9.65, 23.47, 23.53, 27.23, 109.06, 117.18, 124.90, 126.61, 127.71, 131.00, 134.70, 138.32, 141.36, 149.74. Found: C, 92.01; H, 7.78%. Calcd for C\(_{14}\)H\(_{14}\): C, 92.26; H, 7.74%. m.p.: 36–37 °C.

2,3-Dimethyl-5-methoxy-1-methylene-\(1H\)-indene/2,3-Dimethyl-7-methoxy-1-methylene-\(1H\)-indene (2i/2i\(^′\)):
IR (neat) 2935, 2835, 1603, 1586, 1474, 1444, 1359, 1293 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 2.03–2.07 (m, 6H, 2i+2i\(^′\)), 3.83 (s, 3H, 2i), 3.93 (s, 3H, 2i\(^′\)), 5.48 (s, 1H, 2i), 5.70–5.72 (m, 1H, 2i\(^′\)), 5.75 (s, 1H, 2i), 6.33–6.35 (m, 1H, 2i\(^′\)), 6.63 (dd, \(J = 8.0, 2.5\) Hz, 1H, 2i), 6.69 (d, \(J = 2.5\) Hz, 1H, 2i), 6.73 (d, \(J = 8.5\) Hz, 1H, 2i\(^′\)), 6.81 (d, \(J = 7.0\) Hz, 1H, 2i\(^′\)), 7.19 (dd, \(J = 8.5, 7.0\) Hz, 1H, 2i\(^′\)), 7.39 (d, \(J = 8.0\) Hz, 1H, 2i); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 9.70, 9.97, 10.69, 10.82, 55.33, 55.65, 104.72, 107.04, 108.52, 108.93, 111.31, 113.81, 119.78, 121.32, 128.87, 128.97, 132.35, 133.36, 135.80, 136.58, 146.49, 146.83, 147.64, 148.01, 155.66, 160.52. HRMS (EI\(^′\)) (m/z) Observed: 186.1045. Calcd for C\(_{13}\)H\(_{14}\)O: 186.1045.
2-Methyl-1-methylene-3-phenyl-1H-indene (2j):

\[ \text{IR (neat) 3052, 2934, 2858, 1604, 1492, 1456, 1365 cm}^{-1} \; ; \; ^1H \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\}) \delta \]

2.16 (s, 3H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 7.14–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.57–7.61 (m, 1H); \[ ^13C \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\}) \delta 10.69, 110.73, 119.28, 119.57, 125.08, 127.63, 128.16, 128.60, 129.18, 133.25, 135.14, 136.27, 141.62, 143.71, 148.89. \]

HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C_{17}H_{14}: m/z 219.1168 ([M+H]^+), found: 219.1168 ([M+H]^+).

2-tert-Butyldimethylsilyl-1-phenyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (4d):

\[ \text{IR (neat) 3421, 2955, 2928, 1927, 1603, 1493, 1463, 1362, 1249 cm}^{-1} \; ; \; ^1H \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\}) \delta \]

–0.11 (s, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 2.28 (s, 1H), 4.65 (dd, \( J = 11.5, 2.5 \) Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.38 (m, 4H); \[ ^13C \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\}) \delta –5.37, –5.27, 18.51, 26.89, 73.10, 73.49, 99.41, 127.28, 127.95, 128.45, 143.47, 209.08. \]

HRMS (EI^+) (m/z) Observed: 260.1588. Calcd for C_{16}H_{24}OSi: 260.1596.

2-tert-Butyl-1-phenyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (4e):

\[ \text{IR (neat) 3381, 2965, 1949, 1453, 1364, 1239 cm}^{-1} \; ; \; ^1H \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\}) \delta 1.08 (s, 9H), 2.08 (s, 1H), 4.89 (dd, \( J = 10.0, 1.5 \) Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, \( J = 10.0, 1.5 \) Hz, 1H), 5.20–5.23 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.41 (m, 2H); \]

\[ ^13C \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\}) \delta 30.01, 33.03, 71.00, 80.78, 117.73, 127.01, 127.75, 128.40, 143.85, 205.07. \]

HRMS (EI^+) (m/z) Observed: 202.1355. Calcd for C_{14}H_{18}O: 202.1358.

2-tert-Butyl-1-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-2,3-butadien-1-ol (4f):

\[ \text{IR (neat) 3373, 2965, 1949, 1610, 1477, 1459, 1364, 1239 cm}^{-1} \; ; \; ^1H \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3\}) \delta 1.07 (s, 9H), 2.03 (d, \( J = 6.0 \) Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dd, \( J = 0.5, 0.5 \) Hz, 6H), 4.94 (dd, \( J = 10.5, 1.5 \) Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, \( J = 10.5, 2.0 \) Hz, 1H), 5.11–5.15 (m, 1H), 6.89–6.91 (m, 1H), 6.98–7.01 (m, 2H); \]

\[ ^13C \text{ NMR} \]

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(CDCl₃) δ 21.56, 30.05, 32.98, 70.97, 80.79, 117.58, 124.87, 129.47, 137.90, 143.71, 204.89.

Found: C, 83.41; H, 9.72%. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂O: C, 83.43; H, 9.63%.

2-tert-Butyl-1-(3,5-dimethoxylphenyl)-2,3-butadien-1-ol (4g):

IR (neat) 3432, 2964, 2837, 1948, 1609, 1598, 1463, 1429 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.09 (s, 9H), 2.08 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 4.92 (dd, J = 10.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dd, J = 10.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11–5.15 (m, 1H), 6.37 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, J = 2.5, 0.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 29.97, 33.03, 55.48, 71.05, 80.82, 99.49, 105.16, 117.44, 146.35, 160.78, 205.06. Found: C, 73.34; H, 8.56%. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂O₃: C, 73.25; H, 8.45%.

2-tert-Butyl-1-(2-methylphenyl)-2,3-butadien-1-ol (4i):

IR (neat) 3337, 2966, 1948, 1461, 1363 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.08 (s, 9H), 1.95 (br s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 4.82 (dd, J = 10.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dd, J = 10.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (dd, J = 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.46 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 19.42, 30.34, 33.03, 68.07, 80.13, 116.27, 125.98, 126.56, 127.68, 130.63, 135.66, 141.33, 205.37. HRMS (EI⁺) (m/z) Observed: 216.1517. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀O: 216.1514.

2-tert-Butyl-1-(1-naphtyl)-2,3-butadien-1-ol (4j):

IR (neat) 3335, 3051, 2964, 1948, 1598, 1511, 1394, 1363 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.12 (s, 9H), 2.12 (br s, 1H), 4.80 (dd, J = 10.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (dd, J = 10.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, J = 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 7.0, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.88 (m, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 30.31, 33.21, 67.99, 80.44, 116.42, 123.76, 124.66, 125.29, 125.68, 126.31, 128.65, 128.92, 131.40, 134.12, 138.73, 205.73. HRMS (EI⁺) (m/z) Observed: 252.1508.
Calcd for C\textsubscript{18}H\textsubscript{20}O: 252.1514.

2-\textit{tert}-Butyl-1-methoxy-1-phenyl-2,3-butadiene (4k):

IR (neat) 2966, 2818, 1951, 1453, 1363 cm\textsuperscript{-1}; \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 1.10 (s, 9H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 4.68–4.72 (m, 2H), 4.83 (dd, \(J = 11.0, 2.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.36 (m, 4H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 29.94, 33.05, 57.02, 78.95, 81.08, 114.64, 127.50, 127.59, 128.16, 141.50, 206.80. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C\textsubscript{15}H\textsubscript{20}O: \(m/z\) 217.1587 ([M+H]\textsuperscript{+}), found: 217.1581 ([M+H]\textsuperscript{+}).

2-\textit{tert}-Butyldimethylsilyl-1-methylene-\textit{H}-indene (5d):

IR (neat) 3067, 2955, 2884, 1602, 1506, 1409 cm\textsuperscript{-1}; \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 0.29 (s, 6H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 6.19 (d, \(J = 2.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, \(J = 7.0, 7.0, 1.5\) Hz, 1H), 7.25 (ddd, \(J = 7.0, 7.0, 1.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, \(J = 7.0, 1.5, 0.5\) Hz, 1H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) –4.31, 17.08, 27.06, 115.68, 119.62, 120.56, 125.68, 128.13, 139.35, 139.42, 143.49. HRMS (EI\textsuperscript{+}) (m/z) Observed: 242.1483. Calcd for C\textsubscript{16}H\textsubscript{22}Si: 242.1491.

2-\textit{tert}-Butyl-1-methylene-\textit{H}-indene (5e):

IR (neat) 3069, 2964, 2869, 1626, 1606, 1462, 1363 cm\textsuperscript{-1}; \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 1.36 (s, 9H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 6.17 (d, \(J = 1.0\) Hz, 1H), 6.59–6.61 (m, 1H), 7.08–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.50 (m, 1H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 31.53, 33.43, 113.84, 119.11, 120.11, 124.79, 128.21, 128.52, 137.92, 141.74, 145.90, 151.06. HRMS (EI\textsuperscript{+}) (m/z) Observed: 184.1254. Calcd for C\textsubscript{14}H\textsubscript{16}: 184.1252.

2-\textit{tert}-Butyl-5,7-dimethyl-1-methylene-\textit{H}-indene (5f):

IR (nujol) 2953, 2867, 1616, 1585, 1479, 1363 cm\textsuperscript{-1}; \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 1.37 (s, 9H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 6.14 (d, \(J = 1.5\) Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, \(J = 2.0, 1.5\) Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.36 (m, 4H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (CDCl\textsubscript{3}) \(\delta\) 29.94, 33.05, 57.02, 78.95, 81.08, 114.64, 127.50, 127.59, 128.16, 141.50, 206.80. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C\textsubscript{15}H\textsubscript{20}O: \(m/z\) 217.1587 ([M+H]\textsuperscript{+}), found: 217.1581 ([M+H]\textsuperscript{+}).
1H), 6.52 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, $J = 1.5$, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 21.17, 21.48, 31.67, 33.35, 117.45, 119.37, 127.84, 129.30, 131.49, 132.97, 137.56, 142.74, 147.48, 151.45. Calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{20}$: 212.1565. Found: C, 90.27; H, 9.63%. Calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{20}$: C, 90.51; H, 9.49%. m.p.: 39–42 °C.

2-tert-Butyl-5,7-dimethoxy-1-methylene-1H-indene (5g):

IR (nujol) 2953, 1592, 1507, 1359, 1314, 1258, 1211, 1154 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 1.36 (s, 9H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 6.01 (d, $J = 0.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, $J = 1.0$, 1.0 Hz, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 31.70, 33.49, 55.29, 55.73, 95.66, 98.76, 116.10, 117.77, 127.06, 144.64, 144.93, 152.64, 156.87, 161.35. Found: C, 78.63; H, 8.49%. Calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{20}$O$_2$: C, 78.65; H, 8.25%. m.p.: 75–77 °C.

2-tert-Butyl-6-trifluoromethyl-1-methylene-1H-indene (5h):

IR (nujol) 2869, 1852, 1618, 1546, 1363, 1246 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 1.38 (s, 9H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 6.28 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.64–6.66 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 7.5$, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 31.44, 33.65, 115.94, 115.98, 116.0 (q, $J_{C,F} = 3.8$ Hz), 119.96, 125.0 (q, $J_{C,F} = 270.1$ Hz), 125.31 (q, $J_{C,F} = 4.0$ Hz), 126.8 (q, $J_{C,F} = 31.5$ Hz), 127.81, 138.08, 144.79, 153.97. HRMS (EI$^+$) (m/z) Observed: 252.1129. Calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{15}$F$_3$: 252.1126. m.p.: 37–38 °C.

2-tert-Butyl-4-methyl-1-methylene-1H-indene (5i):

IR (nujol) 2856, 1836, 1599, 1546, 1363, 1246 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 1.37 (s, 9H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 6.17 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.67–6.69 (m, 1H), 6.99–7.04 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.36 (m, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 18.18, 31.58, 33.47, 114.03, 116.70, 124.88, 129.29, 129.44, 137.69, 140.22, 146.18, 150.34. HRMS (EI$^+$)
(m/z) Observed: 198.1411. Calcd for C$_{15}$H$_{18}$: 198.1409. m.p.: 66–67 °C.

2-tert-Butyl-3-methylene-3H-cyclopenta[a]naphthalene (5j):

IR (nujol) 2868, 1842, 1625, 1517, 1361 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 1.44 (s, 9H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 6.36 (d, $J$ = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.40 (ddd, $J$ = 8.0, 6.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, $J$ = 8.0, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J$ = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J$ = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80–7.84 (m, 1H), 8.00–8.03 (m, 1H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 31.94, 33.67, 116.54, 118.02, 123.93, 124.66, 125.45, 125.52, 125.87, 127.10, 128.67, 133.95, 134.17, 137.99, 146.87, 150.32. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C$_{18}$H$_{18}$: m/z 235.1481 ([M+H$^+$]), found: 235.1476 ([M+H$^+$]). m.p.: 77–79 °C.
References and Notes


8. Although 1,3-rearrangement of propargyl alcohols is well-known as the Meyer-Schuster rearrangement, there has been no report on the similar rearrangement of $\alpha$-allenols.

Chapter 4

Copper-Catalyzed Stereoselective Synthesis of Functionalized Conjugated Enynes, Dienynes, and Enediynes from α-Allenols

Treatment of TIPS-substituted α-allenols in the presence of a catalytic amount of copper(II) triflate affords the corresponding conjugated enynes with complete $E$-selectivity. This process can tolerate a wide variety of functional groups. This method can be also applied to the synthesis of conjugated dienynes and enediynes.
Introduction

Conjugated enynes are important structures that serve as key components of a wide range of biologically active compounds, natural products, pharmaceuticals, and functional organic materials.\(^1\) Due to the importance of this structural unit, many synthetic approaches have been developed. The most common and straightforward method is the Pd/Cu co-catalyzed cross-coupling of an alkenyl halide with a terminal alkyne, known as the Sonogashira reaction.\(^2\) Recently, less expensive metal-based variants using Cu, Co, Ni, and Fe as a single catalyst have been intensively studied, which often accommodate substrates that are difficult to employ by the Pd-based protocols.\(^3\) However, despite the great synthetic utility of the coupling approach, the stereocontrolled synthesis of functionalized conjugated enynes is somewhat difficult for some reason: (1) the coupling reaction generally proceeds with retention of stereochemistry of starting alkenyl halides, requiring the use of stereochemically pure starting materials, which can be challenging to access, (2) the partial loss of the stereochemical information of alkenyl halides occurs in some cases, (3) functional groups such as carbon–halogen bonds are not compatible under low valent metal catalysis. As such, the development of a more practical method for the stereocontrolled synthesis of functionalized conjugated enynes remains an ongoing synthetic challenge. In Chapter 3, the author reported a Li\(^+\)-catalyzed Nazarov-type cyclization reaction of 1-aryl-2,3-butadien-1-ols. This reaction proceeds via formation of the allenyl cation intermediate by C–O bond activation, which undergoes Nazarov-type cyclization to give benzofulvene derivative (Scheme 1, path a). In this transformation, enones are frequently obtained as major byproducts, presumably via S\(_{N2}\)-type attack of metal hydroxide on the allenyl center (Scheme 1, path b). Therefore, we reasoned that if the metal hydroxide selectively abstracts the allenyl proton instead of attacking the allenyl center (Scheme 1, path c), an efficient and practical method for the synthesis of functionalized conjugated enynes would be realized. In Chapter 4, the author reports a copper-catalyzed stereoselective synthesis of functionalized conjugated enynes, dienynes, and enediynes from α-allenols.
Results and Discussion

Initially, we examined the transformation of α-allenol 1a using various catalysts (Table 1). While the use of LiPF₆ did afford the desired enyne 2a, the yield was only 14% and no stereoselectivity was observed (Table 1, entry 1). In addition, as predicted, significant amounts of benzofulvene 3a and enone 4a were also formed. Other representative Lewis acid such as FeCl₃, InCl₃, and Yb(OTf)₃ resulted in poor conversion (Table 1, entries 2–4); in the case of FeCl₃ and InCl₃, 2-chloro-1,3-butadiene 6a was formed by an Sₜ₂'-type attack of chloride on the allenyl center. Sc(OTf)₃ improved the yield of 2a to 50%, but byproducts 3a and 4a were still detected (Table 1, entry 5). The use of AgOTf led to the formation of 2,5-dihydrofuran 5a as the major product derived from oxycyclization (Table 1, entry 6). Further investigations revealed that copper salts were uniquely effective for the current reaction and copper(II) triflate proved to be the optimal catalyst, affording 2a in 83% yield (Table 1, entry 8).
Table 1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions

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<td>InCl(_3)</td>
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<td>AgOTf</td>
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\(a\) Determined by \(^1\text{H}\) NMR spectroscopy of the crude reaction mixture. \(^b\) 2-Chloro-1,3-butadiene \(6a\) was detected as the major product.

In order to improve the stereoselectivity of this process, we next evaluated the influence of the substituents \(R\) on the allene moiety (Table 2). Although replacing the \(n\)-butyl group of \(1a\) with phenyl group did not improve the selectivity at all (Table 2, entry 1), switching to more sterically demanding substituents such as silyl groups led to the complete \(E\)-selectivity (Table 2, entries 2–4). Comparable results were also observed when using \(\text{tert}\)-butyl group containing substrate (Table 2, entry 5), showing that the stereoselectivity is simply controlled by steric in this system. Finally, the best result was obtained with TIPS containing substrate \(7a\), affording
the E-enyne 8a in 82% isolated yield (Table 2, entry 4).

**Table 2. Effects of the Substituents R on the Allene Moiety**

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<td>tBu</td>
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*a Determined by 1H NMR spectroscopy of the crude reaction mixture. b Isolated yield.

Having established the optimal conditions, we explored the scope of the reaction. A variety of TIPS-substituted α-allenols can be transformed into the corresponding E-enynes in good to excellent yields (Table 3). α-Allenols bearing electron-donating units work especially well (Table 3, entries 1 and 2). The use of substrate containing a strong electron-withdrawing group gives somewhat lower yield (Table 3, entry 3 and 4). Aryl halides including iodides are well tolerated under the reaction conditions, which represents an advantage of this method when comparing with the classical protocols involving low valent metal catalysis (Table 3, entries 5–7). Steric hindrance around the hydroxy functionality does not affect the reaction efficacy (Table 3, entry 8). The reaction allows the use of vinyl-substituted substrate (Table 3, entry 9). S-containing heterocyclic substrate also readily undergoes the transformation (Table 3, entry 10). Importantly, in all cases, none of the Z-isomers could be detected by 1H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixtures.
Table 3. Copper-Catalyzed Stereoselective Synthesis of TIPS-Substituted Conjugated E-Enynes

Encouraged by these results, we next applied this catalytic system to the synthesis of conjugated dienynes and enediynes. In particular, conjugated enediynes are most known for their potent antitumor activity that cleaves DNA by generating reactive diradicals via the Bergman cyclization. Gratifyingly, the reaction of \( \alpha \)-allenols bearing an alkyl- and aryl-substituted alkene moiety works well to yield the corresponding \( E,E \)-dienynes as the sole product (Table 4, entries 1 and 2). We also examined the reaction of \( \alpha \)-allenol 9c having an alkyl-substituted alkyne moiety (Table 4, entry 3). While this reaction exhibited high yield.
stereoselectivity in favor of the $E$-isomer ($E/Z = 92:8$), the complete $E$-selectivity could not be achieved. This is likely due to the linear geometry of an alkyne, which decreases the steric repulsion between the alkynyl substituent and the bulky silyl group that exists in the $Z$-isomer; as a result, small amount of the $Z$-isomer is formed. Similar results were observed when using other alkyne containing substrates (Table 4, entry 4). It should be noted that $E/Z$ isomers of 10 can be readily separated by column chromatography as they have different $R_f$ value.

Table 4. Copper-Catalyzed Stereoselective Synthesis of TIPS-Substituted Conjugated $E,E$-Dienynes and $E$-Enediynes

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$^a$ Yield is of isolated $E,E$- or $E$-10. $^b$ Determined by $^1$H NMR spectroscopy of the crude reaction.
mixture. For 0.5 h.

To gain information about the high E-stereoselectivity of this process, we examined the possibility of olefin isomerization under the reaction conditions. Treatment of Z-10d with a copper catalyst at 60 °C resulted in no formation of E-10d (Table 5, entry 1). However, at 75 °C, the isomerization was observed with E-10d becoming detectable (Table 5, entry 2). Heating of Z-10d at 85 °C led to the complete reversal of product stereochemistry, and the Z/E ratio was 9:91 (Table 5, entry 3). The use of higher catalyst loading did not further improve the stereoselectivity; the Z/E ratio was again 9:91 (Table 5, entry 4). These results indicate that an equilibrium between Z- and E-10d is taking place under the reaction conditions, and thermodynamically more stable E-10d is predominantly formed at high temperature. It should be noted that the isomerization did not proceed in the absence of a copper catalyst even at 85 °C (Table 5, entry 5).

**Table 5. Copper-Catalyzed Isomerization of Z-10d to E-10d**

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Conclusion

The author has developed a copper-catalyzed stereoselective synthesis of conjugated enynes from $\alpha$-allenols. This process proceeds with complete $E$-selectivity and can tolerate a variety of functional groups such as ether, siloxy, halogen, trifluoromethyl, vinyl, and heteroaryl groups. The author has also applied this method to the synthesis of conjugated dienynes and enediynes.
Experimental Section

Instrumentation

$^1$H NMR (500 MHz) and $^{13}$C NMR (125.7 MHz) spectra were taken on a Varian UNITY INOVA 500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts ($\delta$) are in parts per million relative to tetramethylsilane at 0.00 ppm for $^1$H and relative to CDCl$_3$ at 77.23 ppm for $^{13}$C unless otherwise noted. Mass spectra were determined on a JEOL Mstation 700 spectrometer. IR spectra were determined on a SHIMADZU IR Affinity-1 spectrometer. Melting points were determined using a YANAKO MP-500D. Kanto Chemical silica gel (spherical 40–100 mm) was used for column chromatography. Elemental analyses were carried out at the Elemental Analysis Center of Kyoto University.

Materials

Materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and purified by the standard procedures unless otherwise noted. Copper(II) triflate was purchased from Wako Chemical Co. Toluene (super dehydrated) was purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Co. $\alpha$-Allenols were prepared according to the known procedure.$^4$

Experimental Procedures

Representative Procedure for Copper-Catalyzed Stereoselective Synthesis of $E$-Enynes from $\alpha$-Allenols.

**Compound 8a:** copper(II) triflate (9.0 mg, 5.0 mol%) was placed in an oven-dried test tube with a magnetic stirrer bar. The tube was filled with argon and sealed with a rubber septum. To the tube was added a solution of $\alpha$-allenol 7a (151.3 mg, 0.50 mmol) in toluene (3.0 mL). Then the reaction mixture was heated at 75 °C for 1 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture
was passed through a short activated alumina column with \( \text{Et}_2\text{O} \) and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane) to give \( \textbf{8a} \) (116.4 mg, 82%).

**Characterization Data of New Compounds**

**1-Phenyl-2-triisopropylsilyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (7a):**

\[
\text{IR (neat) 3447, 2944, 2889, 1925, 1464, 1383 cm}^{-1}; \quad \text{\(^1\)H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{)} \delta 0.94 (d, J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, 9\text{H}), 1.07 (d, J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, 9\text{H}), 1.12–1.20 (m, 3\text{H}), 2.27 (br s, 1\text{H}), 4.62 (dd, J = 11.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.68 (dd, J = 11.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.16 (dd, J = 2.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.25–7.29 (m, 1\text{H}), 7.31–7.35 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.38–7.41 (m, 2\text{H}); \quad \text{\(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{)} \delta 11.87, 18.56, 18.78, 72.63, 73.43, 97.49, 127.36, 127.97, 128.43, 143.52, 209.80. \quad \text{HRMS (APCI) calcd for C}_{19}\text{H}_{31}\text{OSi [M+H]}^+: 303.2139. \quad \text{Found: 303.2136.}
\]

**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (7b):**

\[
\text{IR (nujol) 3443, 2902, 1922, 1610, 1511 cm}^{-1}; \quad \text{\(^1\)H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{)} \delta 0.94 (d, J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, 9\text{H}), 1.06 (d, J = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 9\text{H}), 1.11–1.19 (m, 3\text{H}), 2.22 (d, J = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.80 (s, 3\text{H}), 4.64 (dd, J = 11.5, 2.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.70 (dd, J = 11.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.11 (ddd, J = 5.5, 2.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.84–6.88 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.30–7.34 (m, 2\text{H}); \quad \text{\(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl}_3\text{)} \delta 11.85, 18.57, 18.80, 55.44, 72.05, 73.47, 97.61, 113.76, 128.69, 135.78, 159.37, 209.56. \quad \text{HRMS (APCI) calcd for C}_{20}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2\text{Si [M+H]}^+: 333.2244. \quad \text{Found: 333.2241.}
\]

**1-(4-tert-Butyldimethylsiloxyphenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (7c):**

\[
\text{IR (neat) 3442, 2944, 2864, 1925, 1608, 1507, 1464 cm}^{-1}; \quad \text{\(^1\)H NMR (CDCl}_3\text{)} \delta 0.17 (s, 6\text{H}), 0.92 (d, J = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 9\text{H}), 0.97 (s, 9\text{H}), 1.05 (d, J = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 9\text{H}), 1.08–1.17 (m, 3\text{H}), 2.26 (d, J = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.66 (dd, J = 11.0, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.71 (dd, J = 11.0, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.09 (ddd, J = 6.0, 2.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}),
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6.78–6.81 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.27 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 4.27, 11.84, 18.43, 18.54, 18.79, 25.88, 72.07, 73.57, 97.75, 120.19, 128.68, 136.38, 155.53, 209.26. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C$_{25}$H$_{44}$O$_2$Si$_2$Cl [M+Cl]$^+$: 467.2563. Found: 467.2562.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (7e):

IR (neat) 3446, 2944, 2866, 1925, 1596, 1490, 1464 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 0.97 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 9H), 1.07 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 9H), 1.12–1.21 (m, 3H), 2.23 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd, $J = 11.5$, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd, $J = 11.5$, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.34 (m, 4H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 11.85, 18.62, 18.77, 72.02, 73.56, 97.38, 128.53, 128.65, 133.53, 142.10, 210.06. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{30}$ClO$^+$: 337.1749. Found: 337.1741.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (7f):

IR (neat) 3429, 2944, 2865, 1924, 1591, 1486, 1464 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 0.97 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 9H), 1.07 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 9H), 1.13–1.21 (m, 3H), 2.23 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd, $J = 11.5$, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd, $J = 11.5$, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (ddd, $J = 6.0$, 2.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.47 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 11.85, 18.62, 18.76, 72.08, 73.55, 97.31, 121.69, 128.98, 131.47, 142.63, 210.12. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{30}$BrO$^+$: 381.1244. Found: 381.1241.

1-(4-Iodophenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (7g):

IR (neat) 3420, 2944, 2864, 1923, 1587, 1482 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 0.97 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 9H), 1.07 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 9H), 1.13–1.21 (m, 3H), 2.21 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd, $J = 11.5$, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, $J = 11.5$, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (ddd, $J = 6.0$, 2.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.67 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 11.85, 18.63, 18.77, 72.17, 73.54, 97.37, 128.53, 129.22, 137.43, 143.31, 210.16. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{30}$I$^+$: 429.1105. Found: 429.1104.
1-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (7h):

IR (nujol) 3510, 2956, 2864, 1926 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 1.07 (d, \(J = 7.0\) Hz, 9H), 1.13 (d, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 9H), 1.26–1.35 (m, 3H), 1.95 (d, \(J = 5.0\) Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 6H), 4.22 (dd, \(J = 11.0, 4.0\) Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, \(J = 11.0, 4.0\) Hz, 1H), 5.78–5.81 (m, 1H), 6.96–6.99 (m, 2H), 7.02–7.06 (m, 1H); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 12.24, 18.86, 18.97, 21.12, 70.75, 71.09, 94.63, 127.20, 129.08, 136.64, 139.22, 209.92. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C\(_{21}\)H\(_{35}\)O\(_2\)Si: m/z 331.2452 [M+H]\(^+\), found: 331.2437 [M+H]\(^+\).

1-(2-Thienyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (7j):

IR (neat) 3427, 2944, 2865, 1925, 1464, 1383 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 0.99 (d, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 9H), 1.08 (d, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 9H), 1.16–1.25 (m, 3H), 2.36 (d, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, \(J = 11.5, 2.0\) Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, \(J = 11.5, 2.0\) Hz, 1H), 5.33–5.37 (m, 1H), 6.94 (dd, \(J = 5.0, 3.5\) Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, \(J = 3.5, 1.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, \(J = 5.0, 1.0\) Hz, 1H); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 11.80, 18.54, 18.72, 67.97, 74.31, 97.99, 125.51, 125.57, 126.63, 148.49, 210.06. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C\(_{17}\)H\(_{28}\)OSSi [M+H]\(^+\): 309.1703. Found: 309.1696.

(E)-1-Phenyl-2-triisopropylsilyl-1-butien-3-yne (8a):

IR (neat) 3308, 2944, 2865, 2074, 1559, 1493, 1464, 1447 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 1.14 (d, \(J = 7.0\) Hz, 18H), 1.39 (sept, \(J = 7.0\) Hz, 3H), 3.60 (d, \(J = 1.0\) Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 7.28–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.96–7.99 (m, 2H); \(^13\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 11.26, 18.65, 85.46, 88.47, 118.27, 128.37, 128.79, 129.05, 137.71, 149.06. HRMS (EI\(^+\)) (m/z) calcd for C\(_{19}\)H\(_{28}\)Si: 284.1960. Found: 284.1953.

(E)-1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-1-butien-3-yne (8b):

IR (nujol) 3310, 3279, 2954, 2864, 2073, 1928, 1604, 1583, 1508 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 1.14 (d, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 18H), 1.37 (sept, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 3H), 3.57
(d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.88–6.91 (m, 2H), 7.95–7.98 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 11.27, 18.67, 55.50, 85.88, 87.68, 113.65, 114.84, 130.65, 130.98, 148.47, 159.91.


($E$)-1-(4-tert-Butyldimethylsiloxyphenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-1-buten-3-yne (8c):

IR (neat) 3311, 2949, 2862, 2071, 1602, 1581, 1505 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 0.21 (s, 6H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 1.13 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 18H), 1.37 (sept, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 3.58 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.81–6.84 (m, 2H), 7.89–7.92 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d -4.19, 11.28, 18.44, 18.68, 25.86, 85.88, 87.86, 114.84, 119.91, 130.62, 131.49, 148.60, 156.28. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C$_{25}$H$_{43}$OSi$_2$ [M+H]$^+$: 415.2847. Found: 415.2843.

($E$)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-1-buten-3-yne (8e):

IR (neat) 3307, 2944, 2889, 2074, 1489, 1465 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.14 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 18H), 1.38 (sept, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 3.64 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 7.31–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.89–7.92 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 11.22, 18.63, 85.16, 89.21, 119.28, 128.52, 130.28, 134.23, 136.09, 147.48. HRMS (EI$^+$) (m/z) calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{27}$ClSi: 318.1571. Found: 318.1577.

($E$)-1-(4-Iodophenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-1-buten-3-yne (8g):

IR (neat) 3309, 2944, 2865, 2074, 1580, 1482 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 1.13 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 18H), 1.37 (sept, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 3.65 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 4H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) d 11.21, 18.63, 85.11, 89.54, 94.45, 119.82, 130.65, 137.02, 137.48, 147.64. HRMS (EI$^+$) (m/z) calcd for C$_{19}$H$_{27}$ISi: 410.0927. Found: 410.0919.

($E$)-1-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-1-buten-3-yne (8h):
IR (nujol) 3307, 2955, 2078, 1559 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 1.18 (d, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 18H), 1.38 (sept, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 3H), 2.29 (s, 6H), 3.08 (d, \(J = 1.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.03–7.12 (m, 4H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 11.27, 18.70, 20.81, 84.58, 84.94, 123.37, 127.23, 127.34, 135.52, 138.35, 151.54. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C\(_{21}\)H\(_{33}\)Si: \(m/z\) 313.2346 \([\text{M+H}]^+\), found: 313.2333 \([\text{M+H}]^+\).

\((E)-1\)-(4-Vinylphenyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-1-buten-3-yne (8i):

IR (neat) 3307, 2944, 2865, 2073, 1506, 1464 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 1.14 (d, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 18H), 1.39 (sept, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 3H), 3.63 (d, \(J = 1.0\) Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dd, \(J = 11.0\), 0.5 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (dd, \(J = 17.5\), 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, \(J = 17.5\), 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.93–7.96 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 11.26, 18.65, 85.61, 88.81, 114.53, 118.23, 126.18, 129.28, 136.62, 137.25, 137.92, 148.53. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C\(_{21}\)H\(_{31}\)Si: \(m/z\) 311.2190 \([\text{M+H}]^+\). Found: 311.2177 \([\text{M+H}]^+\).

\((E)-1\)-(2-Thienyl)-2-triisopropylsilyl-1-buten-3-yne (8j):

IR (neat) 3309, 2944, 2889, 2071, 1560, 1465 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 1.13 (d, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 18H), 1.36 (sept, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 3H), 3.79 (d, \(J = 1.0\) Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, \(J = 5.0\), 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, \(J = 1.0\), 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, \(J = 5.0\), 1.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, \(J = 4.0\), 1.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 11.29, 18.64, 86.12, 91.16, 114.79, 126.43, 127.07, 129.88, 141.88, 142.57. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C\(_{17}\)H\(_{27}\)SSi\(_2\) [M+H]\(^+\): 291.1597. Found: 291.1595.

3-Triisopropylsilyl-1,2,5-decatrien-4-ol (9a):

IR (neat) 3447, 2944, 2890, 1923, 1465 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) d 0.89 (t, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 3H), 1.07 (d, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 9H), 1.09 (d, \(J = 7.5\) Hz, 9H), 1.16–1.26 (m, 3H), 1.28–1.39 (m, 4H), 1.81 (br s, 1H), 2.01–2.07 (m, 2H), 4.46–4.49

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(m, 1H), 4.59 (dd, \( J = 11.5, 2.0 \) Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, \( J = 11.5, 2.0 \) Hz, 1H), 5.54 (ddt, \( J = 15.0, 7.5, 1.5 \) Hz, 1H), 5.66 (dtd, \( J = 15.0, 6.5, 0.5 \) Hz, 1H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \( d \) 11.79, 14.12, 18.80 (two signals merged), 22.42, 31.34, 31.94, 71.05, 72.93, 96.64, 132.41, 132.52, 209.81. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C\(_{19}\)H\(_{37}\)OSi [M+H]\(^+\): 309.2608. Found: 309.2606.

1-Phenyl-4-triisopropylsilyl-1,4,5-hexatrien-3-ol (9b):

IR (nujol) 3323, 2954, 1923 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \( d \) 1.09 (d, \( J = 7.5 \) Hz, 9H), 1.11 (d, \( J = 7.5 \) Hz, 9H), 1.20–1.30 (m, 3H), 1.92 (br d, \( J = 4.5 \) Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, \( J = 11.5, 2.0 \) Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dd, \( J = 11.5, 2.0 \) Hz, 1H), 4.69–4.73 (m, 1H), 6.30 (dd, \( J = 15.5, 7.0 \) Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, \( J = 15.5 \) Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.40 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \( d \) 11.83, 18.82, 18.84, 71.02, 73.20, 96.40, 126.77, 127.82, 128.73, 130.44, 131.97, 136.92, 210.20. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C\(_{21}\)H\(_{33}\)OSi [M+H]\(^+\): 329.2295. Found: 329.2290.

6-Phenyl-3-triisopropylsilyl-(3E,5E)-hexadien-1-yne (10a):

IR (neat) 3312, 2944, 2890, 2074, 1632, 1545, 1465 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \( d \) 0.91 (t, \( J = 7.5 \) Hz, 3H), 1.09 (d, \( J = 7.0 \) Hz, 18H), 1.22–1.31 (m, 3H), 1.32–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.38–1.45 (m, 2H), 2.18 (tdd, \( J = 7.0, 7.0, 1.5 \) Hz, 2H), 3.40 (d, \( J = 1.0 \) Hz, 1H), 5.93 (dtd, \( J = 15.0, 7.0, 0.5 \) Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, \( J = 10.5 \) Hz, 1H), 6.77 (ddt, \( J = 15.0, 10.5, 1.5 \) Hz, 1H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \( d \) 11.22, 14.15, 18.65, 22.58, 31.44, 32.78, 84.93, 85.42, 116.43, 129.46, 139.70, 151.70. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C\(_{19}\)H\(_{33}\)Si: \( m/z \) 291.2503 [M+H]\(^+\), found: 291.2496 [M+H]\(^+\).

6-Phenyl-3-triisopropylsilyl-(3E,5E)-hexadien-1-yne (10b):

IR (neat) 3309, 3029, 2944, 2865, 2072, 1615, 1539 cm\(^{-1}\); \(^1\)H NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) \( d \) 1.12 (d, \( J = 7.5 \) Hz, 18H), 1.33 (sept, \( J = 7.5 \) Hz, 3H), 3.56 (d, \( J = 1.0 \) Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, \( J = 15.5 \) Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, \( J = 10.5, 1.0, 1.0 \) Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.28 (m,
1H), 7.31–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.50 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) δ 11.26, 18.65, 84.90, 87.26, 120.38, 127.19, 127.47, 128.41, 128.83, 135.67, 137.14, 151.00. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C$_{21}$H$_{31}$Si: $m/z$ 311.2190 [M+H]$^+$, found: 311.2180 [M+H]$^+$. 
7. The structure of E-8h was unambiguously identified by spectroscopic and X-ray crystallographic analyses.
9. E-10d: $R_f$(hexane) = 0.35. Z-10d: $R_f$(hexane) = 0.55.
Appendix

Copper-Catalyzed Reaction of Alkyl Halides with Cyclopentadienylmagnesium Reagent

Treatment of alkyl halides, including tertiary alkyl bromides, with cyclopentadienylmagnesium bromide in the presence of a catalytic amount of copper(II) triflate yields the corresponding cyclopentadienylated products in high yields. The following hydrogenation of the products provides alkyl-substituted cyclopentanes.
Introduction

Copper-catalyzed reactions of alkyl halides with organometallic reagents are among the most useful carbon–carbon bond forming reactions in organic synthesis.\(^1\) Whereas copper-catalyzed reactions of primary alkyl halides have been well-established, there are few examples of copper-catalyzed reactions of secondary\(^2\) and tertiary alkyl halides with organometallic reagents that create tertiary quaternary carbons.\(^2\) In this Chapter, the author reports that the cyclopentadienyl Grignard reagent reacts with tertiary alkyl halides under copper catalysis to afford the corresponding coupling products.

Results and Discussion

Treatment of 2-methyl-2-bromodecane (1a) with cyclopentadienylmagnesium bromide in the presence of a catalytic amount of copper(II) triflate in diisopropyl ether afforded a mixture of the corresponding coupling products 3a and 3a’ in high combined yield. Initially formed 2a would undergo isomerization into 3a and 3a’ because of the high acidity of the hydrogen on the cyclopentadienyl ring. In order to simplify the analysis of the products,\(^3\) the products were subjected to hydrogenation with the aid of platinum oxide in boiling acetic acid.\(^4\) As a result, cyclopentyl-substituted product 4a was obtained in 85% overall yield (Scheme 1).

The choice of solvent is crucial to attain high yield (Table 1). Bulky ethers such as diisopropyl ether and \(t\)-butyl methyl ether were suitable solvents (Table 1, entries 1 and 2). Toluene that had no heteroatoms was comparable to diisopropyl ether (Table 1, entry 3). The reactions in widely used diethyl ether, THF, and dioxane were sluggish (Table 1, entries 4–6). Cyclopentyl methyl ether and dibutyl ether also failed to serve as the solvent (Table 1, entries 7 and 8). Thus, less coordinating solvents afforded higher combined yields of 3a and 3a’. A variety of copper salts showed the catalytic activity. Copper(II) fluoride is an alternative catalyst, albeit with lower efficiency (Table 1, entry 9). Copper(II) chloride was less efficient
(Table 1, entry 10). Not only copper(II) halides but also copper(I) halides exhibited modest catalytic activity (Table 1, entries 11–13). Other copper salts such as copper(I) acetate and cyanide exhibited low catalytic activity (Table 1, entries 14 and 15). Silver(I) nitrate, which was effective in the cross-coupling reaction of tertiary alkyl halides with allyl or benzyl Grignard reagent,\textsuperscript{2c} was less effective than copper(II) triflate (Table 1, entry 17).

**Scheme 1.**
Table 1. Solvent Effect and Catalyst Screening

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<sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.
Having established the optimal conditions, we explored the scope of the reaction (Table 2). Not only alkyl bromide 1a but also the corresponding chloride 1a-Cl reacted smoothly with CpMgBr (Table 2, entry 1). The reactions of 1-haloadamantane required a higher temperature and a prolonged reaction time (Table 2, entries 2 and 3). Gratifyingly, a phenylsulfanyl group as well as a methoxyl group was compatible without deactivating the copper catalyst (Table 2, entries 4 and 5). Unfortunately, the following hydrogenation of 3d and 3d’ proceeded inefficiently, although the reaction conditions were not optimized for the sulfur-containing substrate. The reactions of secondary alkyl halides were moderate (Table 2, entries 6 and 7). The reaction of primary alkyl bromide 1g was sluggish (Table 2, entry 8). Interestingly, tertiary alkyl fluoride 1h participated in the cyclopentadienylation (Table 2, entry 9).
Table 2. Copper-Catalyzed Cyclopentadienylation of Alkyl Halides Followed by Hydrogenation

\[
\text{Alkyl—X} \quad 1 \quad (0.50 \text{ mmol}) \\
\quad + \\
\quad (2.0 \text{ equiv, in } \text{tBuOMe}) \\
\rightarrow \quad \text{Alkyl} \\
\quad 3 \\
\quad + \\
\quad 10 \text{ mol}\% \text{ Cu(OTf)}_2, 0.1 \text{ MPa } \text{H}_2 \\
\quad \quad \quad \text{AcOH, reflux, 12 h} \\
\rightarrow \quad \text{Alkyl} \\
\quad 4 \\
\text{entry} & \text{substrate 1} & \text{Combined yield of 3 and 3'} (%)^a & \text{4} & \text{yield of 4 from 1} (%)^a \\
1 & \text{Me} & \text{Me} & \text{Me} & \text{Me} & \text{Cl} & \text{1a-Cl} & 88 & \text{4a} & 80 \\
2 & \text{Br} & \text{1b} & 94 & \text{4b} & 83 \\
3 & \text{Cl} & \text{1b-Cl} & 95 & \text{4b} & 83 \\
4 & \text{Me} & \text{Me} & \text{Me} & \text{Me} & \text{Br} & \text{1c} & 90 & \text{4c} & 84 \\
5 & \text{PhS} & \text{1d} & 95 & \text{4d} & 50 \\
6^b & \text{Me} & \text{1e} & 51 & \text{4e} & 49 \\
7^b & \text{Br} & \text{1f} & 77 & \text{4f} & 52 \\
8^b & \text{Br} & \text{1g} & (32)^c & \text{4g} & 25 \\
9^d & \text{Me} & \text{Me} & \text{Me} & \text{F} & \text{1h} & 69 & \text{4h} & 61 \\
\]

^a Yield is of isolated product. ^b At reflux for 6 h. ^c Determined by ^1H NMR analysis. ^d For 6 h.
The copper-catalyzed reaction of 1a with pentamethylcyclopentadienylmagnesium bromide in refluxing diisopropyl ether afforded the corresponding coupling product 5 in 41% yield (Scheme 2). This reaction provides a rare example of construction of two adjacent quaternary carbon centers.

Scheme 2.

To gain information about the reaction mechanism, the reactions of 1a with stoichiometric copper reagents were examined with varying amounts of CpMgBr (Scheme 3). Treatment of 1a (0.50 mmol) with a copper complex, prepared from 0.50 mmol of Cu(OTf)$_2$ and 0.50 mmol of CpMgBr, did not provide 3a and 3a’ with complete recovery of 1a. Most of 1a remained unchanged when 1a was treated with a copper reagent, prepared from 0.50 mmol of Cu(OTf)$_2$ and 1.0 mmol of CpMgBr. A reagent generated from 0.50 mmol of Cu(OTf)$_2$ and 1.5 mmol of CpMgBr dramatically changed the outcome. The desired products were obtained in a high combined yield of 86%. Hence, the copper reagent that is active for this reaction might be [Cp$_3$Cu]MgBr$^5$ or a more complex cuprate.$^6$
Conclusion

The author has developed a copper-catalyzed reaction of tertiary alkyl halides with cyclopentadienyl Grignard reagent. Including the following hydrogenation of the cyclopentadienyl ring with hydrogen under PtO₂ catalysis, the overall transformation represents formal cyclopentylation of tertiary alkyl halides.
Experimental Section

Instrumentation

$^1$H NMR (500 MHz) and $^{13}$C NMR (125.7 MHz) spectra were taken on a Varian UNITY INOVA 500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts ($\delta$) are in parts per million relative to tetramethylsilane at 0.00 ppm for $^1$H and relative to CDCl$_3$ at 77.23 ppm for $^{13}$C unless otherwise noted. IR spectra were determined on a SHIMADZU FTIR-8200PC spectrometer. Silica gel (Wakogel 200 mesh) was used for column chromatography. The analyses were carried out at the Elemental Analysis Center of Kyoto University.

Materials

Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification.

Experimental Procedures

Representative Procedure for Cu-Catalyzed Allylation of Alkyl Halides and Subsequent Hydrogenation.

Compound 4a: Copper(II) triflate (9.0 mg, 0.0025 mmol) was placed in a 30 mL reaction flask under argon. A solution of cyclopentadienylmagnesium bromide (0.86 M in $t$-butyl methyl ether, prepared from cyclopentadiene and $n$-butylmagnesium bromide, 1.16 mL, 1.0 mmol) was then added to the flask. Substrate 1a (118 mg, 0.50 mmol) in diisopropyl ether (4.0 mL) was added. After being stirred for 3 h at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was poured into a saturated ammonium chloride solution (10 mL). The products were extracted with hexane (10 mL × 3). The combined organic layer was dried over Na$_2$SO$_4$ and concentrated. Silica gel column purification (hexane) of the crude product provided a mixture of 3a and 3a’ (105 mg, 0.47 mmol) in 95% combined yield. Platinum oxide (11 mg, 0.047 mmol) was placed in a 30 mL reaction flask.
Appendix

The flask was filled with argon first, and then with hydrogen. The mixture of 3a and 3a’ (105 mg, 0.47 mmol) in acetic acid (10 mL) was added, and the resulting mixture was heated for 12 h. After being cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford 4a (96mg, 0.43 mmol) in 85% overall yield.

Characterization Data of New Compounds

2-(1,4-Cyclopentadienyl)-2-methyldecane/2-(1,3-cyclopentadienyl)-2-methyldecane (3a/3a’):

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Me} & \quad \text{Me} \\
\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17} & \quad \text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}
\end{align*}
\]

\[^1\text{H} \text{NMR (CDCl}_3\text{)} \delta \ 0.87 \ (t, J = 7.0 \text{ Hz, 3H}, \ 1.07–1.15 \ (m, 2H), \ 1.14 (s, 6H), \ 1.19–1.31 \ (m, 10H), \ 1.41–1.44 \ (m, 2H), \ 2.87–2.89 \ (m, 0.91 \times 2\text{H}), \ 2.94–2.95 \ (m, 0.09zz2\text{H}), \ 5.94–5.96 \ (m, 0.09 \times 1\text{H}), \ 6.13–6.14 \ (m, 0.91 \times 1\text{H}), \ 6.25–6.27 \ (m, 0.91 \times 1\text{H}), \ 6.40–6.42 \ (m, 1\text{H}), \ 6.55–6.56 \ (m, 0.09 \times 1\text{H}) \}

\[^{13}\text{C} \text{NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) for major isomer} \delta \ 14.30, \ 22.86, \ 25.00, \ 28.85, \ 29.56, \ 29.80, \ 30.62, \ 32.10, \ 36.47, \ 40.34, \ 44.09, \ 124.97, \ 130.61, \ 132.17, \ 158.73.\]

1-(1,4-Cyclopentadienyl)adamantine/1-(1,3-cyclopentadienyl)adamantine (3b/3b’):

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Me} & \quad \text{Me} \\
\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17} & \quad \text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}
\end{align*}
\]

\[^1\text{H} \text{NMR (CDCl}_3\text{)} \delta \ 1.68–1.79 \ (m, 12\text{H}), \ 2.02 \ (br \ s, 3\text{H}), \ 2.93–2.95 \ (m, 2\text{H}), \ 5.93–5.95 \ (m, 0.55 \times 1\text{H}), \ 6.14–6.15 \ (m, 0.45 \times 1\text{H}), \ 6.26–6.28 \ (m, 0.45 \times 1\text{H}), \ 6.41–6.46 \ (m, 1\text{H}), \ 6.64–6.66 \ (0.55 \times 1\text{H}) \}

\[^{13}\text{C} \text{NMR (CDCl}_3\text{) for a mixture of isomers} \delta \ 28.74, \ 28.93, \ 34.21, \ 35.32, \ 37.13, \ 37.15, \ 39.17, \ 41.07, \ 42.24, \ 43.56, \ 122.54, \ 123.16, \ 130.35, \ 132.06, \ 132.31, \ 133.56, \ 157.57, \ 160.72.\]

2-(1,4-Cyclopentadienyl)-7-methoxy-2-methylheptane/2-(1,4-cyclopentadienyl)-7-methoxy-2- methylheptane (3c/3c’):

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{MeO} & \quad \text{MeO} \\
\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17} & \quad \text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}
\end{align*}
\]

\[^1\text{H} \text{NMR (CDCl}_3\text{)} \delta \ 1.09–1.16 \ (m, 2\text{H}), \ 1.14 (s, 6\text{H}), \ 1.24–1.30 \ (m, 2\text{H}), \ 1.42–1.46 \ (m, 2\text{H}), \ 1.50–1.57 \ (m,
2H), 2.87–2.88 (0.95×2H), 2.94–2.95 (m, 0.05×2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.93–5.96 (m, 0.05×1H), 6.13–6.14 (m, 0.95×1H), 6.25–6.27 (m, 0.95×1H), 6.40–6.44 (m, 1H), 6.54–6.56 (m, 0.05×1H); 13C NMR (CDCl₃) for major isomer δ 24.84, 27.03, 28.83, 29.81, 36.44, 40.32, 43.95, 58.72, 73.10, 125.05, 130.67, 132.15, 158.53.

2-(1,4-Cyclopentadienyl)-2-methyl-7-phenylsulfanylheptane/2-(1,3-cyclopentadienyl)-2-methyl-7-phenylsulfanylheptane (3d/3d′):

\[ \begin{align*}
\text{PhS} & \quad \begin{array}{c}
\text{Me} \\
\text{Me}
\end{array} \\
\text{Me} & \quad \begin{array}{c}
\text{PhS} \\
\text{Me}
\end{array}
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\text{1H NMR (CDCl₃)} & \quad \delta 1.09–1.16 (m, 2H), 1.13 (s, 6H), 1.33–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.45 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.64 (m, 2H), 2.86–2.89 (m, 2H), 2.88 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.94–5.95 (m, 0.04×1H), 6.12–6.13 (m, 0.96×1H), 6.25–6.27 (m, 0.96×1H), 6.40–6.42 (m, 1H), 6.53–6.55 (m, 0.04×1H), 7.14–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.33 (m, 4H); \quad \text{13C NMR (CDCl₃) for major isomer} \delta 24.57, 28.82, 29.33, 29.72, 33.78, 36.43, 40.34, 43.87, 125.12, 125.83, 128.99, 129.07, 130.69, 132.15, 137.18, 158.38.
\end{align*} \]

2-(1,4-Cyclopentadienyl)octane/2-(1,3-cyclopentadienyl)octane (3e/3e′):

\[ \begin{align*}
\text{Me} & \quad \begin{array}{c}
\text{Me} \\
\text{Me}
\end{array} \\
\text{PhS} & \quad \begin{array}{c}
\text{Me} \\
\text{Me}
\end{array}
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\text{1H NMR (CDCl₃)} & \quad \delta 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 0.43×3H), 1.12 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 0.57×3H), 1.20–1.32 (m, 8H), 1.35–1.45 (m, 1H), 1.45–1.56 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.60 (m, 1H), 2.87–2.88 (m, 0.43×2H), 2.92–2.96 (m, 0.57×2H), 5.97–5.98 (m, 0.57×1H), 6.14–6.15 (m, 0.43×1H), 6.25–6.27 (m, 0.43×1H), 6.40–6.44 (m, 1H), 6.49–6.51 (m, 0.57×1H); \quad \text{13C NMR (CDCl₃) for a mixture of isomers} \delta 14.29, 20.37, 21.40, 22.82, 22.87, 27.32, 27.59, 27.63, 29.66, 32.06, 32.23, 34.36, 34.60, 35.29, 36.71, 37.76, 41.01, 41.09, 124.57, 125.30, 130.39, 132.38, 133.60, 133.68, 152.87, 155.75.
\end{align*} \]

(1,4-Cyclopentadienyl)cycloheptane/(1,3-cyclopentadienyl)cycloheptane (3f/3f′):

\[ \begin{align*}
\text{Me} & \quad \begin{array}{c}
\text{Me} \\
\text{Me}
\end{array} \\
\text{Me} & \quad \begin{array}{c}
\text{Me}
\end{array}
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
\text{1H NMR (CDCl₃)} & \quad \delta 1.45–1.76 (m, 10H), 1.77–1.94 (m, 2H), 2.49–2.60 (m, 1H), 2.91–2.92 (m, 0.40×2H),
\end{align*} \]

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2.93–2.94 (m, 0.60×2H), 5.95–5.97 (m, 0.60×1H), 6.13–6.14 (m, 0.40×1H), 6.24–6.25 (m, 0.40×1H), 6.40–6.43 (m, 1H), 6.49–6.51 (m, 0.60×1H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) for a mixture of isomers δ 26.66, 26.82, 28.46, 28.47, 35.54, 35.68, 40.86, 41.07, 41.81, 41.82, 123.37, 124.21, 130.22, 132.39, 133.67, 134.29, 153.94, 156.91.

2-(1,4-Cyclopentadienyl)-2-methyl-4-phenylbutane/2-(1,3-cyclopentadienyl)-2-methyl-4-phenylbutane (3h/3h’):

\begin{align*}
&\text{\(\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3\))} \delta 1.23 (s, \text{6H}), 1.74–1.79 (m, \text{2H}), \\
&2.41–2.45 (m, \text{2H}), 2.93–2.95 (m, 0.90×2H), 2.98–3.00 (m, 0.10×2H), 6.02–6.05 (m, 0.10×1H), 6.22–6.24 (m, 0.90×1H), 6.29–6.31 (m, 0.90×1H), 6.43–6.47 (m, 1H), 6.60–6.63 (m, 0.10×1H), 7.12–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.27 (m, 2H); \(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl\(_3\)) for major isomer δ 28.82, 31.65, 36.69, 40.36, 46.12, 125.61, 125.73, 128.42, 128.48, 130.89, 132.17, 143.42, 157.76
\end{align*}

2-Cyclopentyl-2-methyldecane (4a):

\begin{align*}
&\text{IR (neat) 2929, 2857, 1558, 1507, 1472, 1465, 1457, 1386, 1364 cm}^{-1}; \quad \text{\(\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3\))} \delta 0.79 (s, \text{6H}), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.14–1.33 (m, 16H), 1.45–1.57 (m, 6H), 1.67–1.74 (m, 1H); \quad \text{\(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl}_3\)) \delta 14.32, 22.90, 24.11, 24.64, 26.02, 27.03, 29.60, 29.94, 31.00, 32.15, 34.57, 42.04, 49.51. \quad \text{Found: C, 85.86; H, 14.27%}. \\
&\text{Calcd for C}_{16}\text{H}_{32}: \text{C, 85.63; H, 14.37%}. \\
&\text{1-Cyclopentyladamantane (4b)}:
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
&\text{IR (neat) 2903, 2847, 1559, 1507, 1456, 1448, 1437 cm}^{-1}; \quad \text{\(\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3\))} \delta 1.24–1.31 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.54 (m, 12H), 1.60–1.72 (m, 7H), 1.93 (br s, 3H); \quad \text{\(^{13}\)C NMR (CDCl}_3\)) \delta 25.49, 25.91, 28.93, 34.12, 37.72, 40.67, 51.77. \quad \text{Found: C, 88.44; H, 11.87%}. \\
&\text{Calcd for C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}: \text{C, 88.16; H, 11.84%}. \\
\end{align*}
2-Cyclopentyl-7-methoxy-2-methylheptane (4c):

IR (neat) 2936, 2867, 1558, 1507, 1472, 1457, 1387, 1121 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.78 (s, 6H), 1.17–1.32 (m, 8H), 1.44–1.61 (m, 8H), 1.66–1.73 (m, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 23.96, 24.61, 26.00, 27.00, 27.38, 29.94, 34.55, 41.90, 49.48, 58.74, 73.20.  Found: C, 78.96; H, 13.07%.  Calcd for C₁₄H₂₈O: C, 79.18; H, 13.29%.

2-Cyclopentyl-2-methyl-7-phenylsulfanylheptane (4d):

IR (neat) 2934, 2866, 1684, 1653, 1559, 1507, 1473, 1364, 736 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.78 (s, 6H), 1.15–1.28 (m, 6H), 1.35–1.41 (m, 2H), 1.46–1.57 (m, 6H), 1.63–1.70 (m, 3H), 2.92 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.33 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 23.65, 24.59, 25.99, 26.99, 29.42, 30.10, 33.76, 34.55, 41.79, 49.46, 125.79, 128.98, 128.99, 137.23.  Found: C, 78.59; H, 10.18%.  Calcd for C₁₉H₃₀S: C, 78.55; H, 10.41%.

2-Cyclopentyloctane (4e):

IR (neat) 2954, 2928, 2859, 1559, 1507, 1457, 1377 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.85 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.02–1.15 (m, 3H), 1.15–1.44 (m, 10H), 1.45–1.53 (m, 2H), 1.54–1.61 (m, 3H), 1.67–1.76 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 14.32, 17.97, 22.91, 25.64, 25.66, 27.16, 29.95, 30.44, 30.95, 32.17, 35.91, 38.35, 46.60.  Found: C, 85.44; H, 14.46%.  Calcd for C₁₃H₂₆: C, 85.63; H, 14.37%.

Cyclopentylcycloheptane (4f):

IR (neat) 2925, 2858, 1451, 943 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.05–1.13 (m, 2H), 1.17–1.31 (m, 3H), 1.36–1.66 (m, 13H), 1.68–1.76 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 25.67, 27.03, 28.77, 30.95, 33.31, 45.04, 47.10.  Found: C, 86.61; H, 13.54%.  Calcd for C₁₂H₂₂: C, 86.67; H, 13.33%.
1-Cyclopentynonane (4g):

[Chemical structure image]

IR (neat) 2924, 2855, 1559, 1490, 1457, 1437 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 0.88 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.02–1.09 (m, 2H), 1.22–1.33 (m, 15H), 1.46–1.62 (m, 5H), 1.69–1.76 (m, 3H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 14.32, 22.90, 25.40, 29.02, 29.57, 29.86, 29.93, 30.17, 32.13, 32.94, 36.48, 40.39. Found: C, 85.57; H, 14.39%. Calcd for C$_{14}$H$_{28}$: C, 85.63; H, 14.37%.

(3-Cyclopentyl-3-methylbutyl)benzene (4h):

[Chemical structure image]

IR (neat) 2955, 2867, 1684, 1653, 1559, 1507, 1457, 1364, 745 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 0.91 (s, 6H), 1.25–1.32 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.66 (m, 8H), 1.78–1.85 (m, 1H), 2.56–2.60 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.27–7.30 (m, 2H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 24.59, 26.02, 27.05, 30.87, 34.88, 44.42, 49.41, 125.65, 128.48, 128.52, 144.01. Found: C, 89.09; H, 11.39%. Calcd for C$_{16}$H$_{24}$: C, 88.82; H, 11.18%.

2-Methyl-2-(1,2,3,4,5-pentamethyl-2,4-cyclopentadienyl)decane (5):

[Chemical structure image]

IR (neat) 2928, 2857, 1447, 1379, 1362, 1081, 1060, 668 cm$^{-1}$; $^1$H NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 0.83 (s, 6H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 1.08–1.29 (m, 14H), 1.72 (s, 6H), 1.79 (s, 6H); $^{13}$C NMR (CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 11.30, 14.32, 14.57, 16.50, 22.88, 23.93, 24.67, 29.57, 30.01, 31.06, 32.12, 37.72, 37.87, 62.50, 135.22, 142.83. Found: C, 87.04; H, 13.28%. Calcd for C$_{21}$H$_{38}$: C, 86.82; H, 13.18%.
References and Notes


3. Products 3a and 3a’ underwent smooth dimerization by the Diels-Alder reaction even at room temperature overnight. Thus, the following hydrogenation should be performed immediately.

4. The hydrogenation is not a trivial reaction because of the steric hindrance of the tertiary alkyl group. Initial attempts to reduce the mixture of 3a and 3a’ in other solvents such as isopropyl alcohol and formic acid under 0.1 MPa of hydrogen failed to attain full conversion.

5. No dicyclopentadienyl (Cp-Cp) was formed upon treatment of Cu(OTf)₂ with 2 equiv of CpMgBr in the absence of organic halide. This fact indicates that the active copper species in the reaction mixture is not Cu¹ or Cu⁰ species but Cu².

6. The author examined some experiments to assess the intermediacy of alkyl radicals in the reaction, which failed to support the intermediacy.
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