# Title: Direct Coupling of Alcohols with Alkenylsilanes Catalyzed by Indium Trichloride or Bismuth Tribromide

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## General.

IR spectra were recorded as thin films or as solids in KBr pellets on a HORIBA FT-720 spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H (400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were obtained with TMS as internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-DS303. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (MERK C60). Bulb-to-bulb distillation (Kugelrohr) was accomplished in a Sibata GTO-250RS at the oven temperature and pressure indicated. Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using internal standards.

# Materials.

Dichloromethane (stabilized with 2-methyl-2-butene, Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) were used as obtained. 1,2-Dichloroethane was distilled from  $P_2O_5$ . The starting vinylsilane **4** and **6** were prepared and the experimental details are described below (These preparation methods were not optimized.). The starting alcohol **1j**<sup>1</sup> and the starting vinylsilane **2a**<sup>2</sup>, **2b**<sup>3</sup>, **2c**<sup>3</sup>, **2d**<sup>3</sup>, **2e**<sup>2</sup>, **2f**<sup>4</sup>, **2g**<sup>5</sup> and **2h**<sup>2</sup> were prepared by known methods and these compounds was reported. All other starting alcohols are commercially available. All catalysts were commercially available.

## Synthesis of 4.



To a solution of 4-pentyn-1-ol (143 mmol) in THF (800 mL) was slowly added n-BuLi (210 mL, 1.6 M in hexane) at -78 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C. Me3SiCl (55 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and quenched with aqueous HCl (2M, 200 mL). After 48 h, the mixture was extracted with ether (50 x 3 mL), and the collected organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography and ditillation to give the product **s1** (18.9 g, 93%). The compound **s1** was reported (ref. E. C. Davison, I. T. Forbes, A. B. Holmes and J. A. Warner, *Tetrahedron*, **1996**, *52*, 11601.).



To a solution of PPh<sub>3</sub> (140 mmol) and CBr<sub>4</sub> (140 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (160 mL) at room temperature was added **s1** (127 mmol) and stirring continued at room temperature for 2 days. The resulting suspension was filtered, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by distillation to give the product **s2** (26.4 g, 98%). The compound **s2** was reported (ref. A. P. Dobbs, K. Jones and K. T. Veal, *Tetrahedron*, **1998**, *54*, 2149.).



Hexane was removed from DIBAH (187 mL, 1 M in hexane) in vacuo, and Et<sub>2</sub>O (340 mL) was added. To this solution of DIBAH in Et<sub>2</sub>O was added **s2** at room temperature, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C. Then, the reaction was quenched at 0 °C with 3 N HCl, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 x 3 mL), washed with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>aq (50 x 3 mL) and brine (50 x 1 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by distillation to give the product **s3**. The compound **s3** was reported (ref. E. Negishi, L. D. Boardman, H. Sawada, V. Bagheri, A. T. Stoll, J. M. Tour and C. L. Rand, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **1988**, *110*, 5383.).



To a suspention of Mg (88 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was slowly added a solution of **s3** (82 mmol) in THF (10 mL). Then, the additional THF (30 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h. To the resulted mixture was slowly added a solution of benzaldehyde (90 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C. Then, the additional THF (10 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with sat. NaHCO3aq (70 mL) at 0 °C, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 x 3 mL), washed with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>aq (50 x 1 mL) and brine (50 x 1 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by distillation to give the product **4** (5.9 g, 32%). The compound **4** was reported (ref. P. Claus, A. Brückner, C. Mohr and H. Hofmeister, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2000**, *122*, 11348.).



To a solution of PPh<sub>3</sub> (133 mmol) and CBr<sub>4</sub> (133 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (160 mL) at room temperature was added **s4** (120 mmol, commercially avairable) and stirring continued at room temperature for 2 days. The resulting suspension was filtered, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the product **s5** (19.7 g, 75%). The compound **s5** was reported (ref. L. -M. Yang, L. -F. Huang and T. -Y. Luh, *Org. Lett.*, **2004**, *6*, 1461.).



Hexane was removed from DIBAH (108 mL, 1 M in hexane) in vacuo, and Et<sub>2</sub>O (90 mL) was added. To this solution of DIBAH in Et<sub>2</sub>O was added **s5** at room temperature, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. Then, the reaction was quenched at 0 °C with 3 N HCl, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 x 3 mL), washed with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>aq (50 x 3 mL) and brine (50 x 1 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the product **s6** (12.6 g, 63%). IR: (neat) 1608 (C=C), 1250 (HBrC-H) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 6.23 (dt, J = 14.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 5.56 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H, 1-H), 3.42 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, 5-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.27 (dt, J = 7.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H, 3-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.95 (tt, J = 6.8, 6.8 Hz, 2H, 4-H<sub>2</sub>), 0.13 (s, 9H, Si-CH<sub>3</sub> x 3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 146.4 (d, C-2), 130.8 (d, C-1), 33.2 (t, C-5), 32.7 (t, C-4), 31.9 (t, C-3), 0.18 (q, Si-CH<sub>3</sub>); MS: (EI, 70 eV) m/z, 207 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2 - Me, 12), 205 (M<sup>+</sup> - Me, 12), 139 (98), 137 (100); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub><sup>81</sup>BrSi) 207.0022 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2 - Me) Found: 207.0029.



To a suspention of Mg (75 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was slowly added a solution of **s6** (60 mmol) in THF (10 mL). Then, the additional THF (30 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. To the resulted mixture was slowly added a solution of benzaldehyde (60 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C. Then, the additional THF (10 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with sat. NaHCO3aq (70 mL) at 0 °C, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 x 3 mL), washed with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>aq (50 x 1 mL) and

brine (50 x 1 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography and distillation to give the product **6** (9.6 g, 64%). bp: 112-117 °C/0.2 Torr; IR: (neat) 1604 (C=C), 3348 (OH) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.38-7.26 (m, 5H, aroma), 6.26 (dt, J = 14.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H, 5-H), 5.48 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H, 6-H), 4.69-4.65 (m, 1H, 1-H), 2.15 (td, J = 8.4, 7.2 Hz, 2H, 4-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.86-1.69 (m, 2H, 2-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.83 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable) 1.58-1.33 (m, 2H, 3-H<sub>2</sub>) 0.09 (s, 9H, Si-CH<sub>3</sub> x 3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 148.5 (d, C-5), 144.7 (s, C-*i*), 129.4 (d, C-6), 128.5 (d, C-*m*), 127.6 (d, C-*p*), 125.9 (d, C-*o*), 74.6 (d, C-1), 38.6 (t, C-2), 33.2 (t, C-4), 25.9 (t, C-3), 0.2 (q, Si-CH<sub>3</sub>); MS: (CI, 70 eV) *m/z*, 249 (M + 1, 4), 231 (M + 1 - H<sub>2</sub>O, 28), 157 (M - H<sub>2</sub>O - SiMe<sub>3</sub>, 100), 73 (SiMe<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, 71); HRMS: (CI, 70 eV) Calculated (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>OSi) 249.1675 (M + 1) Found: 249.1683; Analysis: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OSi (248.44) Calcd: C 72.52, H 9.74. Found: C 72.36, H 9.87

#### **Typical Procedure for the coupling of 1a with 2a (Table 1, Entry 2)**

To a mixture of  $InCl_3$  (0.05 mmol) and benzhydrol (**1a**, 1.0 mmol) in dichloroethane (1 mL) was added *E*-2-phenyl-1-trimethylsilylethylene (**2a**, 2.0 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred under the reaction conditions noted in the text. The resulting mixture was poured into Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL). The solution was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and the organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The evaporation of the ether solution gave the crude product which was analyzed by NMR. The details of further purification performed for the new compounds are described in Product Data.

#### Intramolecular cyclization reactions (Scheme 2)

To a mixture of  $InCl_3$  (0.1 mmol) and 4 (1.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (200 mL) was was stirred under the reaction conditions noted in the text. The resulting mixture was poured into  $Et_2O$  (10 mL) and aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL). The solution was extracted with  $Et_2O$  and the organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The evaporation of the ether solution gave the crude product which was analyzed by NMR. The details of further purification performed for the new compounds are described in Product Data.

# The coupling reaction using the optically active alcohol



To a mixture of catalyst (0.05 mmol) and (R)-(+)-1-phenylethanol ((R)-1b, 1.0 mmol, Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.) 1,2-dichloroethane (1 in mL) was added E-2-phenyl-1-trimethylsilylethylene (2a, 2.0 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 80 °C. The resulting mixture was poured into Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL). The solution was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and the organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The evaporation of the ether solution gave the crude product. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 95/5) on silica gel (70-230 mesh) to give the pure product. Enantiomer excess was analyzed by HPLC (OD-H, hexane/isopropanol, 99.8/0.02, 0.9 mLmin<sup>-1</sup>, 215 nm).

#### **Product Data.**

The spectral data of **3aa**<sup>6</sup>, **3ba**<sup>6</sup>, **3ca**<sup>7</sup>, **3fa**<sup>8</sup>, **3ga**<sup>8</sup>, **3ha**<sup>7</sup>, **3ia**<sup>9</sup>, **3ja**<sup>10</sup>, **3ka**<sup>11</sup>, **3la**<sup>12</sup>, **3ma**<sup>13</sup>, **3af**<sup>14</sup>, **5**<sup>15</sup> and **7**<sup>16</sup> were in an excellent agreement with the reported data. The spectral data for the products **3da**, **3ea**, **3ab**, **3ac**, **3ad** and **3ag** are shown below.

*E*-3-(4-Methylphenyl)-1-phenyl-1-butene (3da)



According to the typical procedure, this compound was produced from InCl<sub>3</sub>, 1-(4-methylphenyl)-ethanol and *E*-2-phenyl-1-trimethylsilylethene to give the pure product after column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 95/5) on silica gel (70-230 mesh). IR: (neat) 1647 (C=C) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.35 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, *o*-H), 7.28 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 2H, *m*-H), 7.24-7.11 (m, 5H, aroma), 6.41 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H, 1-H), 6.36 (dd, J = 16.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 3.60 (qd, J = 7.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 2.33 (s, 3H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, 4-H<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 142.6 (s, C-*i*'), 137.6 (s, C-*i*), 135.7 (s, C-*p*'), 135.4 (d, C-2), 129.1 (d, C-*m*'), 128.4 (d, C-*m*), 128.3 (d, C-1), 127.1 (d, C-*o*'), 127.0 (d, C-*p*), 126.1 (d, C-*o*), 42.1 (d, C-3), 21.2 (q, C-4), 21.0 (Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>); MS: (EI, 70 eV) *m*/*z*, 222 (M<sup>+</sup>, 58), 207 (M<sup>+</sup> - Me, 100), 129 (43), 115 (42), 91 (Me-Ph<sup>+</sup>, 23); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>) 222.1409 (M<sup>+</sup>) Found: 222.1411; Analysis: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub> (222.32) Calcd: C 91.84, H 8.16. Found: C 91.57, H 8.18.

*E*-3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1-butene (3ea)



According to the typical procedure, this compound was produced from InCl<sub>3</sub>, 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-ethanol and *E*-2-phenyl-1-trimethylsilylethene to give the pure product after column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 95/5) on silica gel (70-230 mesh). IR: (neat) 1647 (C=C), 1095 (Ar-Cl) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.36-7.15 (m, 9H, aroma), 6.40 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H, 1-H), 6.32 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 3.62 (qd, J = 7.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 1.44 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, 4-H<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 144.0 (s, C-*i*'), 137.3 (s, C-*i*), 134.5 (d, C-2), 131.9 (s, C-*p*'), 128.9 (d), 128.7 (d, C-1), 128.55 (d), 128.51 (d), 127.2 (d), 126.1 (d, C-*o*), 41.9 (d, C-3), 21.1 (q, C-4); MS: (EI, 70 eV) *m*/*z*, 244 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 21), 242 (M<sup>+</sup>, 66), 229 (29), 227 (M<sup>+</sup> - Me, 88), 207 (M<sup>+</sup> - Cl, 100), 192 (54), 149 (34), 129 (35), 115 (48), 91 (33); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl) 242.0862 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found:242.0862; Analysis: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl (242.74) Calcd: C, 79.17; H, 6.23; Cl, 14.61. Found: C, 78.94; H, 6.22; Cl, 14.51.

*E*-1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,3-diphenyl-1-propene (3ab)



According to the typical procedure, this compound was produced from InCl<sub>3</sub>, benzhydrol and

*E*-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-trimethylsilylethene to give the pure product after column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 95/5) on silica gel (70-230 mesh). Further purification was performed by GPC. mp: 91-93 °C; IR: (KBr) 1643 (C=C), 1246 (Ar-OMe) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.33-7.22 (m, 12H, aroma), 6.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, *m*-H), 6.53 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 6.29 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, 1-H), 4.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 159.0 (s, C-*p*), 143.7 (s, C-*i*'), 130.8 (d, C-1), 130.4 (d, C-2), 130.1 (s, C-*i*), 128.6 (d, C-*o*'), 128.4 (d, C-*m*'), 127.4 (d, C-*o*), 126.3 (d, C-*p*'), 113.9 (d, C-*m*), 55.3 (q, C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 54.2 (d, C-3); MS: (EI, 70 eV) *m*/*z*, 301 (23), 300 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 299 (33), 223 (24), 222 (25), 209 (26), 192 (50), 191 (40), 178 (26), 121 (30), 115 (27); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O) 300.1514(M<sup>+</sup>) Found: 300.1516; Analysis: C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O (300.39) Calcd: C 87.96, H 6.71. Found: C 87.69, H 6.67.

*E*-1-(4-Methylphenyl)-3,3-diphenyl-1-propene (3ac)



According to the typical procedure, this compound was produced from InCl<sub>3</sub>, benzhydrol and *E*-2-(4-methylphenyl)-1-trimethylsilylethene to give the pure product after column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 95/5) on silica gel (70-230 mesh). IR: (neat) 1650 (C=C) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.33-7.09 (m, 14H, aroma), 6.62 (dd, J = 16.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 6.32 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H, 1-H), 4.88 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 2.32 (s, 3H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 143.6 (s, C-*i*'), 137.1 (s, C-*p*), 134.4 (s, C-*i*), 131.5 (d, C-2), 131.2 (d, C-1), 129.2 (d, C-*m*), 128.6 (d, C-*o*'), 128.4 (d, C-*m*'), 126.4 (d, C-*p*'), 126.2 (d, C-*o*), 54.1 (d, C-3), 21.2 (q, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>); MS: (EI, 70 eV) *m/z*, 285 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 22), 284 (M<sup>+</sup>, 97), 283 (43), 282 (88), 270 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1 - Me, 21), 269 (M<sup>+</sup> - Me, 91), 207 (21), 206 (48), 205 (29), 193 (44), 192 (100), 191 (99), 179 (29), 178 (47), 165 (46) 115 (40), 91 (Me-Ph<sup>+</sup>); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>) 284.1565 (M<sup>+</sup>) Found: 284.1569.

*E*-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3-diphenyl-1-propene (3ad)



According to the typical procedure, this compound was produced from BiBr<sub>3</sub>, benzhydrol and *E*-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-trimethylsilylethene to give the pure product after column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 90/10) on silica gel (70-230 mesh). Further purification was performed by GPC. mp: 66-69 °C; IR: (KBr) 1650 (C=C), 1095 (Ar-Cl) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.34-7.22 (m, 14H, aroma), 6.65 (dd, J = 16, 7.6 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 6.29 (d, J = 16 Hz, 1H, 1-H), 4.89 (d,

 $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}, 3\text{-H}; {}^{13}\text{C NMR}: (100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) 143.2 \text{ (s, C-}i'), 135.7 \text{ (s, C-}i), 133.3 \text{ (d, C-}2), 132.9 \text{ (s, C-}p), 130.2 \text{ (d, C-}1), 128.63 \text{ (d, aroma)}, 128.61 \text{ (d, C-}o'), 128.5 \text{ (d, aroma)}, 127.5 \text{ (d, C-}o), 126.5 \text{ (d, aroma)}, 54.1 \text{ (d, C-}3); \text{MS}: (EI, 70 eV) <math>m/z$ , 306 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 34), 305 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 26), 304 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 269 (M<sup>+</sup> - Cl, 67), 226 (47), 192 (67), 191 (89), 189 (22), 179 (36), 178 (49), 165 (45), 115 (23), 91 (26); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl) 304.1019 (M<sup>+</sup>) Found: 304.1016; Analysis: C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl (304.81) Calcd: C 82.75, H 5.62, Cl 11.63. Found: C 82.94, H 5.70, Cl , 11.49.

*E*-1,1-Diphenyl-2-heptene (3ag)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} Ph & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ m & 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \end{array}$$

According to the typical procedure, this compound was produced from InCl<sub>3</sub>, benzhydrol and *E*-1-trimethylsilyl-1-hexene to give the pure product after column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 95/5) on silica gel (70-230 mesh). Further purification was performed by GPC. IR: (neat) 1685 (C=C) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H, *m*-H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 6H, aroma), 5.88 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 5.43 (dt, *J* = 15.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 1-H), 2.07 (td, *J* = 7.2, 6.8 Hz, 2H, 4-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.54-1.30 (m, 4H, 5-H<sub>2</sub> and 6-H<sub>2</sub>) 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 7-H<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 144.3 (s, C-*i*), 132.5 (d, C-3), 132.2 (d, C-2), 128.5 (d, C-*o*), 128.3 (d, C-*m*), 126.1 (d, C-*p*), 54.0 (d, C-1), 32.3 (t, C-4), 31.5 (t), 22.3 (t), 13.9 (q, C-7); MS: (EI, 70 eV) *m*/*z*, 250 (M<sup>+</sup>, 41), 193 (M<sup>+</sup> - Bu, 100), 180 (27), 115 (34), 91 (22); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>) 250.1722 (M<sup>+</sup>) Found: 250.1721.

#### Z-1,1-Diphenyl-2-heptene (3ah)



According to the typical procedure, this compound was produced from InCl<sub>3</sub>, benzhydrol and Z-1-trimethylsilyl-1-hexene to give the pure product after column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate, 95/5) on silica gel (70-230 mesh) and distillation. bp: 138-140 °C/0.5 mmHg; IR: (neat) 1655 (C=C) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.28 (t, 7.2 Hz, 4H, *m*-H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 6H, aroma), 5.85 (dd, J = 10.6, 9.7 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 5.69 (dt, J = 10.6, 7.00, 1H, 3-H), 5.00 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H, 1-H), 2.16 (, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, 2H, 4-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.54-1.30 (m, 4H, 5-H<sub>2</sub> and 6-H<sub>2</sub>), 0.87 (t, 3H, J = 7.24 Hz, 7-H<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 144.7 (s, C-*i*), 131.8 (d, C-2), 130.7 (d, C-3), 128.4 (d), 128.3 (d), 126.1 (d, C-*p*), 48.4 (d, C-1), 31.7 (t), 27.1 (t, C-4), 22.4 (t), 13.7 (q, C-7); MS: (EI, 70 eV) *m*/*z*, 250 (M<sup>+</sup>, 29), 193 (M<sup>+</sup> - Bu, 100), 180 (21), 115 (37), 91 (25); HRMS: (EI, 70 eV) Calculated (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>)

250.1722 (M<sup>+</sup>) Found: 250.1733.

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