Palladium-catalyzed *Z*-alkenylative cross-coupling via βalkenyl elimination of *Z*-allylic alcohols

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I. General Information

1H NMR and **13C NMR** spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 600 MHz and 400 MHz instruments. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform δ 7.26), carbon (chloroform δ 77.16) or tetramethylsilane (TMS δ 0.00) was used as a reference. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), dt (doublet of triplet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on quadrupole time-of-flight (QTOF) mass spectrometer (Bruker IMPACT II, Bremen, Germany) with Electron Spray Ionization (ESI) resource. For thin layer chromatography (**TLC**), Qingdao Haiyang Chemical was used, and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm. Further visualization was achieved by staining with phosphomolybdic acid solution or potassium permanganate solution followed by heating using a heat gun. Flash chromatography separations were performed on Qingdao Haiyang Chemical 200-300 mesh silica gel. All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. All commercially available reagents were used as received for the reactions without any purification. All solvents were dried on alumina columns using a solvent dispensing system.

Materials: $Pd(TFA)_2$, phosphine ligands, and Cs_2CO_3 were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All Solvents were purified by standard procedure before use. Allylic alcohols¹⁻² and bromobenzene³ are synthesis via the known procedures.

II. Reaction Optimization

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Entry	Ligand	Yield (%)
1	P(<i>m</i> -tol) ₃ (20)	57
2	PPh ₃ (20)	54
3°	P(o-tol) ₃ (20)	45
4	$P(p-tol)_{3}(20)$	47
5	P(1-nap) ₃ (20)	30
6	SPhos (20)	trace
7	PCy ₃ (10)	43
8	$PAr^{F_{3}}(10)$	trace
9	DPPP (10)	NR
10	DPPPE (10)	10
11	DPPF (10)	22
12	DCyPF (10)	trace
13	Xantphos (10)	12

Table S1 Ligand screening of the reaction 1a and 2a

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.15 mmol), Pd(TFA)₂ (5 mol %), ligand (x mol %), Cs₂CO₃ (1.2 equiv.), and *p*-Xylene (0.3 mL) at 120 °C for 12 h. The yields are isolated yields. $Ar^{F} = 3,5-(CF_{3})_{2}C_{6}H_{3}$.

	Ph + Ph + $Ph1a 2a$	Pd(TFA) ₂ (5 mol%) P(<i>m</i> -tol) ₃ (20 mol%) Base (1.2 equiv) <i>p</i> -Xylene (0.3 mL) 120 °C, 12 h 3	
Entry	Base	Yield (%)	
1	Cs_2CO_3	57	
2	Na ₂ CO ₃	NR	
3°	K ₂ CO ₃	NR	
4	K ₃ PO ₄	trace	
5	NaOH	33	
6	КОН	23	
7	NaO'Bu	42	
8	KO'Bu	39	
9	TMG	NR	
10	DBU	NR	

Table S2 Base screening of the reaction 1a and 2a

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.15 mmol), Pd(TFA)₂ (5 mol %), P(m-tol)₃ (20 mol %), base (1.2 equiv.), and p-Xylene (0.3 mL) at 120 °C for 12 h. The yields are isolated yields.

III. General procedure



To a vial equipped with a dried stir bar was added cis-allyl alcohol 1 (0.1 mmol), aryl bromide 2 (0.15 mmol), Pd(TFA)2 (5 mol%), P(m-Tol)3 (20 mol%) and cyclohexane (0.3 mL) in a nitrogen box. The reaction mixture was sealed with a screw cap and stirred at 110 °C (oil bath) for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the residue was purified by column chromatography with silica gel to give the products.

IV. The analytical and spectral characterization data

(Z)-1,2-Diphenylethene $(3)^4$



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 77% yield (13.9 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25-7.16 (m, 10H), 6.59 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.4, 130.4, 129.0, 128.3, 127.2.

(Z)-1-Methoxy-4-styrylbenzene (4)⁴

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 81% yield (17.1mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.54-6.48 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 137.8, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 127.0, 113.8, 55.2.

(Z)-1-Methoxy-4-styrylbenzene (5)⁵

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The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 87% yield (22.3 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.65-6.58 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.8, 139.9, 137.5, 136.4, 130.6, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 127.0.

(Z)-1-Chloro-4-styrylbenzene (6)⁴

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 60% yield (12.9 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 4H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl3) δ 137.0, 135.8, 132.9, 131.1, 130.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5.

(Z)-1-Chloro-3-styrylbenzene (7)⁴

CI

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 58% yield (12.4 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28-7.23 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 3H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.3, 136.8, 134.2, 131.7, 129.6, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2.

(Z)-1-Chloro-2-styrylbenzene (8)⁶

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 58% yield (12.5 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.13 (m, 7H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.6, 136.2, 133.8, 131.9, 130.9, 129.7, 129.1, 128.6, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5.

(Z)-2-Styrylthiophene (9)⁷



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 39% yield (7.3 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.0, 137.5, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 126.6, 125.7, 123.5.

(Z)-(2-(Cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)vinyl)benzene (10)⁸

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 46% yield (8.4 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.78-5.74 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.07 (m, 2H), 1.96-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.57 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.8, 135.8, 133.9, 129.2, 129.0, 127.9, 127.4, 126.6, 28.3, 25.9, 23.0, 22.3.

(Z)-1-Styryl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (11)⁴

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 91% yield (22.6 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 4H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.1, 136.7, 132.5, 129.3, 129.1 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 127.7, 125.3 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.3 (q, *J* = 272.1 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.53.

(Z)-1-Methyl-4-styrylbenzene (12)⁴



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The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 66% yield (12.8 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.58-6.52 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.7, 137.0, 134.4, 130.4, 129.7, 129.0, 129.0, 129.0, 128.3, 127.1.

(Z)-1-Methyl-3-styrylbenzene $(13)^7$

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 79% yield (15.3 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.11-7.03 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.9, 137.5, 137.3, 130.5, 130.2, 129.7, 129.0, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.2, 126.0, 21.5.

(Z)-1-Methyl-2-styrylbenzene (14)⁹



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 42% yield (8.1 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.3, 137.2, 136.2, 130.7, 130.2, 129.7, 129.0, 129.0, 128.2, 127.4, 127.2, 125.8, 12.0.

(Z)-1,3-Dimethyl-5-styrylbenzene (15)⁴

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 63% yield (13.1 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.8, 137.5, 137.3, 130.6, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 127.1, 126.7, 21.3.

(Z)-1,3,5-Trimethyl-2-styrylbenzene (16)¹⁰

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 43% yield (9.5 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (s, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.8, 136.5, 135.6, 134.2, 131.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.2, 29.9,

21.2, 20.3.

(Z)-1-Styryl-4-vinylbenzene (17)¹¹



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 55% yield (11.4 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.17 (m, 9H), 6.66 (dd, J = 18.0 Hz, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.5, 137.0, 136.7, 136.5, 130.5, 130.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 127.3, 126.2, 113.8.

(Z)-3-Styrylpyridine (18)⁴

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The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 88% yield (15.9 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (dd, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3, 148.2, 136.7, 135.9, 133.1, 132.8, 128.8, 128.6, 127.7, 126.6, 123.1.

(Z)-1-Styrylnaphthalene (19)⁴

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The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 50% yield (11.6 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.08 (s, 5H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.9, 135.4, 133.8, 132.2, 131.7, 129.2, 128.6, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.2, 126.6, 126.2, 126.1, 125.7, 125.1.

(Z)-2-Styrylnaphthalene (20)¹²



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 74% yield (17.0 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (dd, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.4, 135.0, 133.6, 132.7, 130.8, 130.3, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 126.1, 126.0.

(Z)-4-(4-Methoxystyryl)benzonitrile (21)⁶

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 78% yield (18.4 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 142.7, 133.0, 132.2, 130.3, 129.6, 128.7, 127.0, 119.1, 114.0, 110.4, 55.4.

(Z)-(4-(4-Methoxystyryl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone (22)¹³



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The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 64% yield (20.1 mg) as a colorless oil.

²² ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.4, 159.2, 142.3, 137.9, 135.9, 132.4, 132.1, 130.4, 130.4, 130.1,

129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 127.8, 113.9, 55.4.

Ethyl (Z)-4-(4-methoxystyryl)benzoate (23)¹⁴



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 63% yield (17.8 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 159.2, 142.6, 131.8, 130.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 127.9, 113.9, 61.0, 55.3, 14.5.

(Z)-1-Chloro-4-(4-methoxystyryl)benzene (24)⁶

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The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 55% yield (13.4 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (s, 4H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 136.2, 132.6, 130.6, 130.3, 130.3, 129.4, 128.6, 127.6, 113.9, 55.4.

(Z)-2-(4-Methoxystyryl)naphthalene (25)¹⁵



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 70% yield (18.3 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 135.4, 133.7, 132.3, 130.4, 130.3, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8,

127.7, 127.2, 126.1, 125.9, 113.8, 55.4.

(1R,2S,5R)-2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl-4-((Z)-styryl)benzoate (26)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 51% yield (18.5 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dt, *J* = 10.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.99-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 1.56-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.16-1.06 (m, 2H), 0.94-0.88 (m, 7H), 0.79 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 142.0, 136.9, 132.3, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 129.0, 128.5, 127.6, 74.9, 47.4, 41.2, 34.5, 31.6, 26.6, 23.8, 22.2, 20.9, 16.7.

HRMS(ESI): m/z Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{30}O_2Na$ [M+Na]⁺: 385.2138; Found: 385.2138. $\Delta = 0.00$ ppm.

(3S,8S,9S,10R,13R,14S,17R)-17-((2R,5S,E)-5-Ethyl-6-methylhept-3-en-2-yl)-10,13-dimethyl-

2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl 4-((*Z*)styryl)benzoate (27)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 36% yield (22.0 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (s, 5H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dd, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.87-4.80 (m, 1H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.07-1.97 (m, 5H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.76-1.67 (m, 3H), 1.23-1.14 (m, 5H), 1.07-1.02 (m, 9H), 0.87-0.80 (m, 15H), 0.70 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 142.0, 139.8, 138.5, 136.9, 132.3, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.6, 122.9, 74.7, 57.0, 56.1, 51.4, 50.3, 42.4, 40.6, 39.8, 38.4, 37.2, 36.8, 32.1, 29.1, 28.1, 25.6, 24.5, 21.4, 21.2, 21.2, 19.5, 19.2, 12.4, 12.2.

HRMS(ESI): m/z Calcd. for C₄₄H₅₈O₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 641.4329; Found: 641.4332. $\Delta = 0.47$ ppm.

(3S,8S,9S,10R,13R,14S,17R)-17-((2R,5R)-5-Ethyl-6-methylheptan-2-yl)-10,13-dimethyl-

2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl 4-((Z)styryl)benzoate (28)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 51% yield (31.7 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (s, 5H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.41-5.37 (m, 1H), 4.87-4.80 (m, 1H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.06-1.95 (m, 4H), 1.93-1.83 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.63 (m, 3H), 1.23-1.12 (m, 6H), 1.09-0.98 (m, 9H), 0.96-0.89 (m, 4H), 0.89-0.77 (m, 13H), 0.70 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 4H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 142.1, 139.9, 136.9, 132.3, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.6, 122.9, 74.7, 56.9, 56.2, 51.4, 50.2, 46.0, 42.5, 39.9, 38.4, 37.2, 36.8, 36.3, 34.1, 32.1, 29.4, 28.1, 26.3, 24.5, 23.3, 21.2, 20.0, 19.5, 19.2, 19.2, 19.0, 12.1, 12.0.

HRMS(ESI): m/z Calcd. for $C_{44}H_{60}O_2Na$ [M+Na]⁺: 641.4486; Found: 643.4495. $\Delta = 1.40$ ppm.

2,5,7,8-Tetramethyl-2-(4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)chroman-6-yl (Z)-4-styrylbenzoate (29)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 54% yield (34.3 mg) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.86-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.33 (m, 5H), 1.29-1.22 (m, 11H), 1.16-1.03 (m, 7H), 0.87-0.74 (m, 12H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 149.6, 142.7, 136.8, 132.6, 130.2, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 125.3, 123.3, 75.2, 39.5, 37.6, 33.0, 28.1, 25.0, 24.6, 22.9, 22.8, 21.2, 20.8, 19.9, 19.9, 13.2, 12.4, 12.0.

HRMS(ESI): m/z Calcd. for C₄₄H₆₆O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 659.4435; Found: 659.4430. $\Delta = 0.76$ ppm.

(Z)-1-Bromo-4-styrylbenzene (31)¹¹

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 78% yield (20.2 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.0, 136.3, 131.5, 131.2, 130.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 127.5, 121.1.

1,4-Di((Z)-styryl)benzene (32)⁴

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The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 81% yield (22.8 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (s, 4H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.5, 136.2, 130.4, 130.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 127.3.

1-Methoxy-4-((Z)-4-((Z)-styryl)styryl)benzenel (34)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 52% yield (16.2 mg) as a colorless oil.

1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.27 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 5H),

7.12 (dd, J = 10.2 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 137.5, 136.6, 136.0, 130.3, 130.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.2, 113.7, 55.3.

HRMS(ESI): m/z Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{20}ONa$ [M+Na]⁺: 335.1406; Found: 335.1405. $\Delta = 0.29$ ppm.

4,4'-Di((Z)-styryl)-1,1'-biphenyl (36)¹⁶



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The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 82% yield (29.4 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 8H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.63-6.57 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.3, 137.5, 136.4, 130.6, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 127.3, 126.7.

1,2-Di((Z)-styryl)benzene (38)¹⁷



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 75% yield (21.1 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 10H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.6, 137.4, 130.5, 130.2, 129.6, 129.0, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.2.

1,3-Di((Z)-styryl)benzene (40)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 81% yield (22.9 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24-7.14 (m, 11H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.2, 136.7, 130.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.2, 127.2, 127.2.

HRMS(ESI): m/z Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{19}$ [M+H]⁺: 283.1481; Found: 283.1476. $\Delta = 1.77$ ppm.

1,3,5-Tri((Z)-styryl)benzene (42)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 62% yield (23.8 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14 (s, 15H), 6.98 (s, 3H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 3H),

6.39 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.7, 137.2, 130.6, 130.0, 129.0, 128.3, 128.1, 127.2.

HRMS(ESI): m/z Calcd. for $C_{30}H_{24}Na \ [M+Na]^+$: 407.1770; Found: 407.1772. $\Delta = 0.49 \ ppm$.

((1Z,1'Z,1''Z)-(2-methoxybenzene-1,3,5-triyl)tris(ethene-2,1-diyl))tribenzene (44)

PhOMe Ph The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 62% yield (17.6 mg) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23-7.12 (m, 10H), 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.5, 137.1, 137.0, 132.9, 131.3, 131.1, 130.0, 129.9, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 127.0, 125.9, 61.2.

HRMS(ESI): m/z Calcd. for $C_{31}H_{26}ONa \ [M+Na]^+$: 437.1876; Found: 437.1876. $\Delta = 0$ ppm.

(Z)-(3-(4-Methoxystyryl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone (47)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described. Silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes resulting in 65% yield (20.5 mg) as a colorless oil.

⁴⁷ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.6, 159.0, 137.9, 137.8, 137.6, 132.9, 132.4, 131.2, 130.9, 130.4, 130.1, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 113.9, 55.4.

HRMS(ESI): m/z Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{18}O_2Na \ [M+Na]^+$: 337.1199; Found: 337.1198. $\Delta = 0.30 \ \text{ppm}$.

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