

# $\beta$ -Acylvinyl Anion and Dianion Equivalents: Lithiation of 1-[(2*EZ*)-3-Chloroprop-2-enyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-benzotriazole: Preparation and Elaboration of 1-(2-Oxiranylvinyl)-1*H*-benzotriazoles

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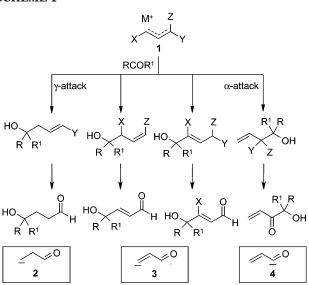
The allyllithium generated from 1-[(2EZ)-3-chloroprop-2-enyl]-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazole (5) and LDA, in the presence of HMPA, reacts with enolizable and nonenolizable carbonyls solely at the CCl terminus to give 1-(2-oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazoles  $6\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{g}$  in 61 - 82% yields. Allyllithiums generated from  $6\mathbf{a}$ , $\mathbf{c}$  reacted exclusively at the CBt terminus to give  $10\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{d}$  in 68 - 88% yields. Acidic hydrolysis of (oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazoles  $6\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{g}$  and  $10\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{d}$  provided 4-hydroxyalk-2-en-1-one derivatives  $12\mathbf{a}$ , $\mathbf{b}$ , $\mathbf{c}$ , $\mathbf{e}$ , $\mathbf{g}$ ,  $13\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{d}$ , and furan 14 in 54 - 86% yields.

## Introduction

Regiocontrol in the deprotonation-substitution of unsymmetrically substituted allylic systems is challenging. Heteroatom-stabilized allylic anions of type 1 are synthetically important as 3-carbon homologating agents. Species 1 can act as diverse reversed-polarity equivalents: homoenolate anions 2,  $^2$   $\beta$ -acylvinyl anions 3,  $^3$  or  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated acyl anions 4^4a-c (Scheme 1). The  $\alpha/\gamma$ -regiochemistry of ambident allylic anions is controlled in a complex manner by several factors, such as the nature of the heteroatom(s), charge delocalization, steric effects, countercation, type of electrophile, solvation, and additives. Allylic anions stabilized by a wide variety of heteroatoms including oxygen, sulfur, selenium, nitrogen, phosphorus, boron, silicon, and halogens have been examined.

Prior to the advent of the in situ quench procedure (Barbier technique), <sup>7</sup> 1-chloroallyllithiums were underuti-

# SCHEME 1



X, Y, Z = O, S, Se, N, P, B, Si, X, H......

lized because of facile self-coupling. 1-Chloroallyllithiums preferentially react at the  $CH_2$  terminus with carbonyl compounds and at the CCl terminus with aliphatic halides. 8a-c However, replacement of the lithium counterion with zinc results in a regioselective reaction at the CCl terminus with aldehydes as electrophiles. 9 Chloroallyllithiums generated from *trans*-cinnamyl chloride and 2-[(1*E*)-3-chloroprop-1-enyl]-1,3-benzothiazole react with

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nonenolizable ketones and aromatic aldehydes at the CCl terminus exclusively.<sup>10</sup>

The regioselectivity of additions of 1,1-dichloroallyllithium to carbonyl compounds has been suggested to depend on electronic factors. Carbonyl compounds with electron-withdrawing substituents usually favor bond formation at the CH2 terminus, and those with electronreleasing groups favor bond formation at the CCl2 terminus.11 The attack could be directed to the CCl2 terminus exclusively by the presence of additives such as 'BuOK12 or cryptand[2.2.1].13

1-Chloro-(1-trimethylsilyl)allyllithium is less selective as compared to 1,1-dichloroallyllithium, and both  $\alpha$ - and γ-adducts result from reactions with carbonyl compounds. 14 The anion derived from (E)-3-chloro-1-phenylsulfonylprop-1-ene reacts with aldehydes exclusively at the CCl terminus. 15 Both (E)- and (Z)-γ-chloroallylphosphonamides react exclusively at the CCl terminus with  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones to give the corresponding cyclopropanes.16

The synthetic utility of allyllithiums generated from 1-allylbenzotriazole, <sup>17a,b</sup> 1-(1-ethoxyprop-2-enyl)-1*H*-1,2,3benzotriazole, <sup>18</sup> 3-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-1-ethoxyprop-1-ene, <sup>19</sup> and 1-(3-morpholinoprop-2-enyl)benzotriazole<sup>20</sup> is well established. Anions generated from these N-allylbenzotriazoles react exclusively at the CBt terminus with aldehydes and nonhindered ketones. However, the regiochemistry is reversed to give  $\gamma$ -adducts when the intermediate 1-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)-1-ethoxyprop-1-ene is first generated in situ from 1-(1-ethoxyprop-2-enyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-benzotriazole; deprotonation of the phosphoryl intermediate and subsequent reaction with carbonyl compounds now result in hydroxyalkylation exclusively at the CP terminus.<sup>21</sup>

We now report regiospecific lithiation-substitutions of 1-[(2*EZ*)-3-chloroprop-2-enyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-benzotriazole and its utilization as  $\beta$ -acylvinyl anion ( ${}^{-}$ CH=CHCHO) or  $\beta$ -acylvinyl dianion ( $^{-}COCH=CH^{-}$ ) equivalents.

#### **SCHEME 2**

## **Results and Discussion**

1-benzotriazolyl

Regioselectivity of Reactions of Lithiated (E)-5 and (Z)-5 with Carbonyl Compounds. 1-[(2EZ)-3-Chloroprop-2-enyl]-1*H*-1,2,3-benzotriazole (**5**) was prepared by the reaction of BtNa and (1EZ)-1,3-dichloroprop-1-ene. (**Z**)-5 (47%) and (**E**)-5 (21%) were separated by silica gel column chromatography. Unlike (1*E*)-3-chloro-1-phenylsulfonylprop-1-ene,  $^{15}$  no E/Z-isomerization was observed when a 1:1 mixture of (E)-5 and (Z)-5 was stirred with Et<sub>3</sub>N in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 20 °C for 3 h. Under Barbier conditions, 7 lithiated (E)-5 or (Z)-5 reacted with various carbonyl compounds at the CBt terminus to give the corresponding homoallylic alcohols 7b-d or at the CCl terminus to give either the corresponding (oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazoles 6a,b or allylic alcohol 8c (Scheme

9, 40%

Lithiation of (Z)-5 with LDA at -78 °C and trapping with benzophenone gave vinyloxirane (E)-6a in 74% yield as the sole product (Scheme 2). However, reaction of benzophenone with lithiated (E)-5 provided a complex mixture of products having both (Z)- and (E)-configured double bonds as shown by the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.

Deprotonation of (*Z*)-5 and reaction with acetophenone at -78 °C gave products from attack at both the CBt and

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the CCl termini in a 1:1 ratio to give (i) vinyloxiranes *trans-(E)-6b* and *cis-(E)-6b* in a combined yield of 28% in a 2:1 ratio and (ii) homoallylic alcohols (*Z*)-7b as mixed diastereomers in 30% yield in a 2:1 ratio. No formation of the corresponding isomerized alcohol (*E*)-7b was detected in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude product mixture. <sup>17b,c</sup> Furthermore, no change in the reaction yield or the 1:1 product ratio arising from the reaction of acetophenone at the CBt and the CCl termini was observed when the reaction was carried out at -30 °C.

Cyclohexanone reacted with the anion generated from (Z)-5 preferentially at the CBt terminus to give (Z)-7c in 40% yield; the attack at the CCl terminus now resulted in allylic alcohol 8c in 10% yield instead of a vinyloxirane. However, the reaction of cyclohexanone with the anion from (E)-5 gave the products from the reaction at the CBt terminus exclusively, with isomerization of the double bond to give alcohols (E)-7c and (Z)-7c in 20% and 5% yields, respectively.

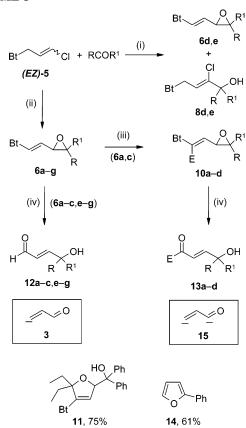
Lithiated **(Z)-5** and **(E)-5** each reacted with benzaldehyde only at the CBt terminus to provide the corresponding homoallylic alcohols **(Z)-7d** and **(E)-7d** in 68% and 62% yields, respectively. Compounds **(Z)-7d** and **(E)-7d** were each formed as a mixture of *syn*- and *anti*-diastereomers in the ratio 2:1. No  $Z \rightarrow E$  isomerization was detected in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude material when **(Z)-5** was used as a reactant with benzaldehyde, but  $E \rightarrow Z$  isomerization was evident (ca. 10% from the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude product mixture). The *syn*-stereochemistry of the major isomers of **(Z)-7d** and **(E)-7d** were each unambiguously determined by X-ray crystallography.

The reaction of lithiated (**Z**)-5 with hydrocinnamaldehyde did not give any of the expected products; only the corresponding self-coupling product (**9**) was obtained in 40% yield (Scheme 2).

Regiospecific Reactions of Lithiated (EZ)-5 with Carbonyl Compounds in the Presence of HMPA: Preparation of (Oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazoles. Use of coordinating solvents often results in improved regioselectivity.<sup>22a</sup> Indeed, only the products arising from substitution at the CCl terminus were obtained when the lithiation-substitution was performed in the presence of HMPA. Initial experiments with benzaldehyde and pchlorobenzophenone conducted in THF/HMPA (ratio 10: 1) resulted in substitution at the CCl terminus only. However, with benzaldehyde, the oxirane (6d) and the alcohol (8d) were obtained in 32% and 30% yields, respectively (Scheme 3). Similarly, the reaction with p-chlorobenzophenone provided 6e and 8e in 40% and 39% yields, respectively. The structure of alcohol 8d was confirmed by X-ray crystallography. An increase in the amount of HMPA (THF/HMPA 5:1) resulted in the formation of oxiranes (E)-6a-g in 61-82% yields (Scheme 3, Table 1). Apparently, HMPA directs the attack of the electrophile to the CCl terminus and also facilitates ring closure to give the oxirane.22b

The reaction with acetophenone gave an isomeric mixture of vinyloxirane **6b** in the ratio 2:1, with *trans*-

#### SCHEME 3a



 $^a$  (i) LDA, THF/HMPA (10:1),  $-78\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ ; (ii) LDA, THF/HMPA (5:1).  $-78\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ ; (iii) n-BuLi, THF,  $-78\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ , E+; (iv) p-TsOH, THF, reflux, 30 min. For descriptions of R, R¹, and E in **6**, **10**, **12**, and **13**, see Tables 1 and 2.

TABLE 1. Preparation of  $\gamma$ -Hydroxy-α, $\beta$ -enals 12a,b,c,e,g via (Oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazoles 6a-g

entry	R	$\mathbb{R}^1$	oxirane, yield <sup>a</sup> (%)	aldehyde, yield <sup>a</sup> (%)
1	Ph	Ph	<b>6a</b> (78)	<b>12a</b> (73)
2	Ph	Me	<b>6b</b> $(73)^b$	<b>12b</b> (74)
3		$(CH_2)_5$	<b>6c</b> (72)	<b>12c</b> (62)
4	Ph	Н	<b>6d</b> (69) <sup>c</sup>	
5	Ph	<i>p</i> -ClPh	<b>6e</b> (76) <sup>d</sup>	<b>12e</b> (86)
6	Ph	<i>p</i> -MeOPh	<b>6f</b> (82) <sup>d</sup>	
7	Ph	<i>p</i> -MePh	<b>6g</b> $(61)^d$	<b>12g</b> (54)

 $^a$  Isolated yields.  $^b$  Isolated yield of *trans*- and *cis*-isomers is 50% and 23%, respectively.  $^c$  Isolated yield of *trans*- and *cis*-isomers is 47% and 22%, respectively.  $^d$  Product is a mixture of isomers in the ratio 1:1.

and cis-configuration at the oxirane ring and (E)-configuration ( $J_{trans} \sim 14$  Hz) at the double bond in 73% yield. The major and minor isomers were separated by column chromatography, and the major isomer was assigned as trans-(E)-6b by single-crystal X-ray analysis. Similarly, reaction with benzaldehyde gave a mixture of cis-(E)-6d ( $J_{vic} = 4.1$  Hz) and trans-(E)-6d ( $J_{vic} = 1.6$  Hz) in a 2:1 ratio in 69% yield. Again, the isomers could be separated by column chromatography. With p-chlorobenzophenone, p-methoxybenzophenone, and p-methylbenzophenone, the respective products (E)-6e, (E)-6f, and (E)-6g were each formed as mixtures of isomers in the ratio 1:1 in 61-82% yield.

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TABLE 2. Preparation of  $\gamma$ -Hydroxy- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -enones 13a-d via (Oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazoles 10a-d

entry	R	$\mathbb{R}^1$	E	oxirane, yield <sup>a</sup> (%)	ketone, yield <sup>a</sup> (%)
1	Ph	Ph	Me	10a (88)	13a (76)
2	Ph	Ph	Et	<b>10b</b> (72)	<b>13b</b> (78)
3	Ph	Ph	Bu	<b>10c</b> (68)	13c (82)
4	$(CH_2)_5$		Me	<b>10d</b> (85)	<b>13d</b> (56)
<sup>a</sup> Isolat	ed yields	S.			

## SCHEME 4a

 $^a$  (i) LDA, THF, PhCOPh,  $-78~^{\circ}\mathrm{C};$  (ii) BuLi, MeI,  $-78~^{\circ}\mathrm{C};$  (iii) LDA, THF, MeI,  $-78~^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ 

Regiospecific Lithiation-Substitutions of (Oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazoles. Vinyloxiranes 6a,c were further lithiated and reacted with alkyl halides to provide alkylation exclusively at the CBt terminus. Lithiation of **6a** with BuLi and trapping with various alkyl iodides at -78 °C gave the alkylated products **10a**-**c** in 68–88% yields (Scheme 3, Table 2). Interestingly, the E-stereochemistry of the double bond is retained, which is evident from the X-ray structure of **10a** and also by  $J_{\text{allylic}} = 1$ Hz between the methyl group and the allylic proton attached to the oxirane ring. Similarly, lithiation and subsequent methylation of 6c provided vinyloxirane 10d in 85% yield. However, the procedure was limited to the use of alkyl iodides as electrophiles; the use of 3-pentanone to trap lithiated 6a resulted in the oxirane ring opening to give 11 in 75% yield. The structure for compound 11 was unambiguously determined by X-ray crystallography. Thus, both alkyl iodides and carbonyl compounds react at the CBt terminus of (oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazole.

Starting from **(Z)-5**, a one-pot, two-step procedure using the sequence **(Z)-5**  $\rightarrow$  **[6a]**  $\rightarrow$  **10a** gave **10a** in 68% yield (Scheme 4). However, changing the sequence to **(Z)-5**  $\rightarrow$  **[16]**  $\rightarrow$  **10a** resulted in a low yield of **10a** (7%) along with **17** in 62% yield. The regiochemistry of the addition of MeI to the lithiated **(Z)-5** has been assigned by analogy to the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1-(1-methylprop-2-enyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-benzotriazole <sup>17b</sup> and 3-chlorobut-1-ene. <sup>23</sup> The methine proton in 1-(1-methylprop-2-enyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-benzotriazole [CH<sub>2</sub>=CH $\rightarrow$ CH(Me)Bt] and in 3-chlorobut-1-ene [CH<sub>2</sub>=CH $\rightarrow$ CH(Me)Cl] appears at 5.57 and 4.34 ppm, respectively; the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **16** showed the signal for the allylic methine proton at 5.95 ppm. Furthermore, no  $Z\rightarrow$  E isomerization was observed.

Acid-Catalyzed Hydrolysis of (Oxiranylvinyl)-benzotriazoles: Preparation of  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds. The synthetic utility of heteroatom-stabilized allylic systems as  $\beta$ -acylvinyl anion equivalents is well established.<sup>3a</sup> A direct approach toward the

## SCHEME 5<sup>a</sup>

 $^a$  X = Y = S, (i) HgCl₂; X = Y = Se, (i) H₂O₂; X = S, Y = O, (i) NaIO₄ or MoO₅; X = SO₂, Y = O, (i) DBU or SiO₂; X = Y = O, (i) 150 °C, 72 h; (ii) LDA, R¹X, THF, -78 °C; (iii) SiO₂, hexane, reflux, 4 h; (iv) BuLi, TMEDA, THF, 0 °C, R²X; (v) NaIO₄, dioxane/H₂O.

generation of  $\beta$ -acylvinyl anion equivalents involves the use of protected carbonyl systems 18, which can undergo halogen<sup>3b-d</sup> or tin<sup>3e,f</sup>-lithium exchange (Scheme 5). An alternative route involves the use of heteroallylic systems of type 19, which carry the carbonyl group in the heterovinyl mask.<sup>5,6</sup> Deprotonation-electrophilic substitution followed by unmasking provides an easy introduction of the  $\beta$ -acylvinyl moiety to the electrophilic reagent. The thio  $(X = Y = SR \text{ and } X = SR, Y = OR)^{3g,h,24}$  and seleno  $(X = Y = Se)^{3i}$  analogues of 19 have been used extensively; however, these systems require oxidative unmasking in the presence of reagents such as HgCl<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, NaIO<sub>4</sub>, or MoO<sub>5</sub>. In the case of allylic sulfones, <sup>3j,k</sup> often DBU is required for the final elimination of the sulfonyl group, and 4H-1,3-dioxin (RX, YR =  ${}^{-}$ OCH<sub>2</sub>O ${}^{-}$  in 19) requires prolonged thermolysis at 150 °C for 72 h for deprotection.31

Although systems of type **19** have been widely utilized as  $\beta$ -acylvinyl anion equivalents, reports on their use as  $\beta$ -acylvinyl dianion equivalents are rare. Mandai et al. introduced  $\alpha$ -methoxyallyl sulfides as  $\beta$ -acylvinyl dianion equivalents; electrophilic substitution ( $\alpha$ - to SPh) followed by silica-gel-promoted thioallylic rearrangement facilitated the second electrophilic substitution at the other end of the allylic system. Furthermore, oxidative removal of the heteroatoms provided  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds (Scheme 5).

Starting from (*EZ*)-5, we have successfully carried out two successive lithiation-electrophilic substitutions to get (oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazoles  $\mathbf{6a} - \mathbf{g}$  and  $\mathbf{10a} - \mathbf{d}$ . Furthermore, hydrolysis of (oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazoles under mild conditions provided the corresponding  $\alpha, \beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl derivatives. Thus, the treatment of

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**6a,b,c,e,g** with *p*-TsOH (10 mol %) in THF at reflux for 30 min resulted in the formation of  $\gamma$ -hydroxy- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -enals **12a,b,c,e,g** in 54–86% yields (Scheme 3, Table 1). Under identical conditions, the hydrolysis of **6d** resulted in the formation of 2-phenylfuran (**14**) in 61% yield. However, the hydrolysis of **6f** resulted in the formation of **12f** in low yield (ca. 10%) along with other benzotriazole-containing byproducts as shown by the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude material. Similarly, acidic hydrolysis of alkylated (oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazoles **10a**–**d** provided  $\gamma$ -hydroxy- $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -enones **13a**–**d** in 56–82% yields (Scheme 3, Table 2). Thus, **5** functions as a synthetic equivalent for both  $\beta$ -formylvinyl anion **3** and  $\beta$ -acylvinyl dianion **15**.

## **Conclusions**

In summary, we have shown that 3-chloroallylbenzotriazole (5), in the presence of HMPA, undergoes a regiospecific lithiation-substitution at the CCl terminus to give (oxiranylvinyl)benzotriazoles  $\bf 6a-g$ . Furthermore, lithiation-alkylation of  $\bf 6a,c$  takes place exclusively at the CBt terminus to give  $\bf 10a-d$  in good yields. Acidic hydrolysis of  $\bf 6a-g$  and  $\bf 10a-d$  provided the corresponding 4-hydroxyalk-2-en-1-one derivatives  $\bf 12a,b,c,e,g$ , and  $\bf 13a-d$ , respectively, establishing the utility of  $\bf 5$  as a  $\beta$ -acylvinyl anion and dianion equivalent. Furthermore, our procedure requires only a catalytic amount of acid for unmasking, which is milder than the oxidative unmasking procedures used for other  $\beta$ -acylvinyl anion equivalents.

## **Experimental Section**

**1-[(***E***)-2-(3,3-Diphenyloxiran-2-yl)vinyl]-1***H***-1,2,3-benzotriazole (6a). White needles (from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); yield, 78%; mp 122–125 °C. ¹H NMR \delta: 8.04 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.31 (m, 10H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 1H), 5.99 (dd, J = 14.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR \delta: 146.4, 140.1, 136.5, 131.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 126.8, 124.9, 120.6, 116.3, 110.1, 68.3, 64.9. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: C, 77.86; H, 5.05; N, 12.38. Found: C, 77.46; H, 4.95; N, 12.49.** 

(4Z)-3-(1H-1,2,3-Benzotriazol-1-yl)-5-chloro-2-phenylpent-4-en-2-ol (7b). White needles (from EtOAc/hexanes); yield, 30%; major diastereomer: mp 132–133 °C. ¹H NMR δ: 7.89 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.11–7.06 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.97 (m, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J=9.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, J=9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR δ: 144.5, 144.3, 133.0, 128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 126.6, 124.1, 123.8, 119.8, 109.3, 77.4, 63.0, 27.0. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O: C, 65.07; H, 5.14; N, 13.39. Found: C, 65.32; H, 5.10; N, 13.32.

**1-[3-(1***H***-1,2,3-Benzotriazol-1-yl)-1-chloroprop-1-enyl]-cyclohexanol (8c).** White needles (from EtOAc/hexanes); yield, 10%; mp 113–114 °C. ¹H NMR  $\delta$ : 8.03 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 1H), 6.21 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 1H), 1.87–1.56 (m, 9H), 1.25–1.18 (m, 1H).  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$ : 146.3, 146.2, 132.9, 127.7, 124.3, 120.2, 117.8, 109.7, 74.8, 47.0, 35.6, 25.4, 21.7. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>CIN<sub>3</sub>O: C, 61.75; H, 6.22; N, 14.40. Found: C, 62.05; H 6.27; N, 14.46.

**1-[4-(1***H***-1,2,3-Benzotriazol-1-yl)-6-chloro-1,5-hexadien-yl]-1***H***-1,2,3-benzotriazole (9). White needles (from EtOAc/hexanes); yield, 40%; mp 156–157 °C. ^{1}H NMR \delta: 8.09–8.02 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.35 (m, 6H), 6.48–6.37 (m, 3H), 6.04–5.97 (m, 1H), 3.51–3.41 (m, 1H), 3.29–3.19 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR \delta: 146.1, 145.9, 132.9, 131.3, 128.9,** 

128.3, 127.8, 126.4, 124.5, 124.3, 122.6, 120.3, 120.2, 115.5, 109.9, 109.4, 55.8, 34.9. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{15}ClN_6$ : C, 61.63; H, 4.31; N, 23.96. Found: C, 61.91; H, 4.23; N, 24.38.

1-[(E)-2-(3,3-Diphenyloxiran-2-yl)-1-methylvinyl]-1H**1,2,3-benzotriazole** (10a). Colorless cubes (from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/ hexanes); yield, 88%; mp 102–104 °C.  $^1$ H NMR  $\delta$ : 8.02–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.34 (m, 8H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 1H), 5.35 (dd, J = 8.4, 1 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (d, J = 1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$ : 146.4, 139.9, 138.1, 137.1, 131.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.1, 124.5, 120.3, 117.8, 111.2, 67.9, 62.5, 16.9. Crystal data: triclinic, space group  $P\bar{1}$ , a = 7.628(1) Å, b = 9.693(1) Å, c =13.398(1) Å,  $\alpha = 76.206(1)^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta = 76.886(1)^{\circ}$ ,  $\gamma = 72.791(1)^{\circ}$ , V = 905.8(1) Å<sup>3</sup>, F(000) = 372, Z = 2, T = -110 °C,  $\mu$  (Mo Kα) = 0.081 mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $D_{\rm calcd}$  = 1.296 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, crystal size 0.39 × 0.26 × 0.18 mm<sup>3</sup>,  $2\theta_{\rm max}$  = 45° (CCD area detector, Mo K $\alpha$ radiation), 245 parameters, GOF = 1.17,  $wR(F^2) = 0.1076$  (all 2370 data), R = 0.0485 (2145 data with  $I > 2\sigma I$ ). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: C, 78.16; H, 5.42; N, 11.89. Found: C, 78.27; H, 5.51; N, 11.99.

2-[3-(1*H*-1,2,3-Benzotriazol-1-yl)-5,5-diethyl-2,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl](diphenyl)methanol (11). White pellets (from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); yield, 75%; mp 122–124 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ : 8.08 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 5.99 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 1H), 2.26–2.07 (m, 2H), 2.01-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.4Hz, 3H).  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$ : 145.8, 145.5, 144.2, 139.7, 133.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 127.5, 126.2, 124.9, 120.5, 116.3, 111.1, 94.4, 88.5, 79.3, 31.4, 31.3, 8.8, 8.5. Crystal data: monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/c$ , a = 14.113(4) Å, b = 9.571(3)Å, c = 17.403(5) Å,  $\beta = 106.192(6)^{\circ}$ , V = 2257(1) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $F(000) = 100.192(6)^{\circ}$ 904, Z = 4, T = -105 °C,  $\mu$  (Mo K $\alpha$ ) = 0.080 mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $D_{calcd} =$  $1.252~{
m g~cm^{-3}}$ , crystal size  $0.54 \times 0.42 \times 0.21~{
m mm^{3}}$ ,  $2\theta_{
m max} = 50^{\circ}$ (CCD area detector, Mo Ka radiation), 292 parameters, GOF = 0.90,  $wR(F^2) = 0.0827$  (all 3935 data), R = 0.0366 (2459) data with  $I > 2\sigma I$ ). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 76.21; H, 6.40; N, 9.87. Found: C, 75.97; H 6.44; N, 9.86.

(2*E*)-4-Hydroxy-4,4-diphenylbut-2-enal (12a). Yellow needles (from Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexanes); yield, 73%; mp 119–120 °C. ¹H NMR  $\delta$ : 9.69 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 10H), 7.28 (d, J= 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (dd, J= 15.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$ : 193.6, 160.3, 144.0, 130.1, 128.9, 128.4, 127.1, 79.5. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 80.65; H, 5.92. Found: C, 80.57; H, 5.89.

(3*E*)-5-Hydroxy-5,5-diphenylpent-3-en-2-one (13a). Colorless needles (from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes); yield, 76%; mp 152–154 °C. ¹H NMR δ: 7.35–7.25 (m, 11H), 6.48 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR δ: 198.6, 150.6, 144.6, 128.7, 128.1, 127.1, 79.2, 28.4. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 80.92; H, 6.39. Found: C, 80.50; H, 6.18.

**2-Phenylfuran (14).**<sup>25</sup> Yellow oil; yield, 61%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ : 7.69–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 1H), 6.64 (d, J= 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, J= 3.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$ : 154.2, 142.3, 131.1, 128.9, 127.5, 124.0, 111.8, 105.1.

**1-(1-Methylprop-2-enyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-benzotriazole (16).** Yellow oil; not isolated.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$ : 8.06 (d, J= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 1H), 6.28–6.22 (m, 2H), 5.95 (dq, J= 6.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (d, J= 6.9 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta$ : 146.2, 132.5, 130.9, 127.4, 124.1, 121.0, 120.1, 109.7, 52.1, 19.9.

**4-(1***H***-1,2,3-Benzotriazol-1-yl)-2-chloro-1,1-diphenylpent-2-en-1-ol (17).** White needles (from Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexanes); yield, 62%; mp 102–104 °C. ¹H NMR  $\delta$ : 8.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 10H), 5.98–5.89 (m, 2H), 3.26 (s, 1H), 1.87 (d, J = 6.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR  $\delta$ : 146.2, 142.5, 132.6, 129.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 124.3, 120.3, 109.8, 82.9, 54.2, 20.1. Anal. Calcd for

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 $C_{23}H_{20}ClN_3O; \;\; C, \; 70.85; \; H, \; 5.17; \; N, \; 10.78. \; Found; \;\; C, \; 71.27;$ H, 5.24; N, 10.73.

Supporting Information Available: General experimental methods and procedures, characterization data for compounds 6b-g, 7c,d, 8d,e, 10b-d, 12b,c,e,g, 13b-d,  ${}^{1}H$  and  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR spectra for the compounds with HRMS (12e,g), and X-ray structures for *trans*-6b, *syn-(Z)-7d*, *syn-(E)-7d*, 8d, 10a, and 11. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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