

## 75. Palladium-Catalyzed ‘Metallo-Ene’-Type Cyclization/Vinylstannane Coupling of 1-Acetoxy-octa-2,7-dienes and 1-Acetoxy-oct-2-en-7-ynes

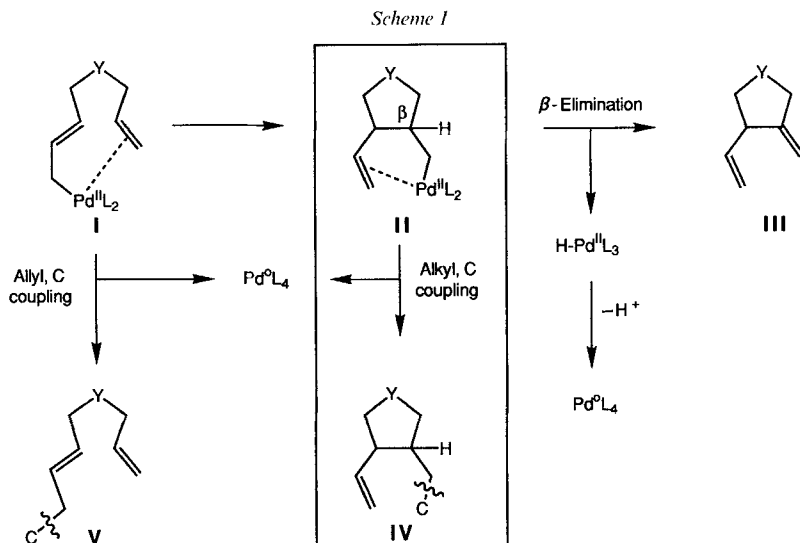
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Palladiumbis(dibenzylideneacetone)/tri(2-furyl)phosphine-catalyzed cyclizations of dienyl acetates **2** in the presence of an (1-alkenyl)(tributyl)stannane and  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  provided *trans*-substituted 3-alkenyl-4-vinylcyclopentanes **11** in good yields. Analogous intramolecular carbometallation/C,C-coupling of enynyl acetates **4**, **6**, and **8** furnished, stereospecifically, monocyclic trienes **19**, **20**, and **21**, respectively.

**Introduction.** – The recently discovered  $\text{Pd}^0$ (and  $\text{Ni}^0$ )-catalyzed intramolecular tandem alkene allylation/ $\beta$ -elimination reactions **I**  $\rightarrow$  **II**  $\rightarrow$  **III** offer interesting perspectives for the stereocontrolled construction of various carbo- and heterocyclic systems (*Scheme 1*) [1].

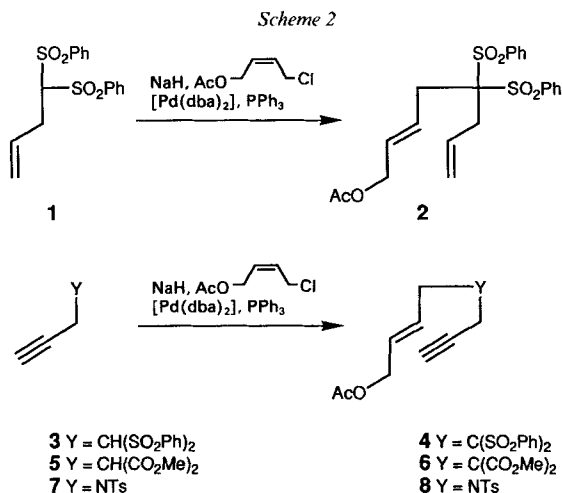


Particularly attractive is trapping of the transient  $\sigma$ -alkylpalladium species **II** by means of C,C-coupling reactions with simultaneous regeneration of the catalyst (**I**  $\rightarrow$  **II**  $\rightarrow$  **IV**). This requires not only that the trapping process **II**  $\rightarrow$  **IV** is faster than  $\beta$ -elimination **II**  $\rightarrow$  **III**, but also that the allylation step **I**  $\rightarrow$  **II** prevails over allylic coupling **I**  $\rightarrow$  **V**. Carbonylation reactions of intermediates **II** meet these requirements [2].

Of more limited scope are intramolecular *Heck*-type olefin insertions into Pd complexes **II** as these depend critically on a rigid conformation of **II** enforcing proximity of the C–metal and C=C bonds [3].

An alternative bimolecular C,C-coupling process linked with the ‘metallo-ene’-type cyclization could be the interception of  $\sigma$ -palladium complexes **II** with vinylmetal reagents<sup>1)</sup>.

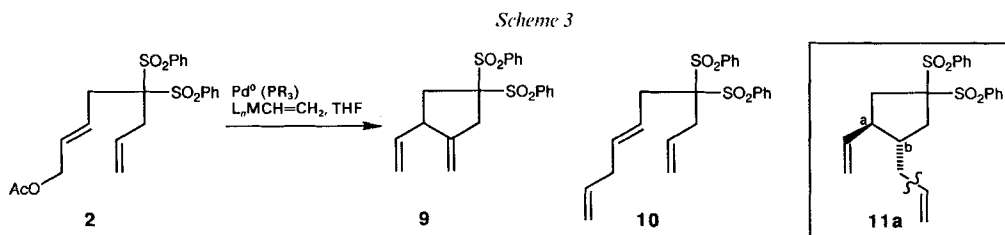
**Results.** – Acyclic dienyl acetate precursor **2** was easily prepared by a Pd-catalyzed allylation of deprotonated gem-disulfone **1** with (*Z*)-4-chlorobut-2-enyl acetate (*Scheme 2*).



The corresponding enyne substrates **4**, **6**, and **8** were routinely obtained by analogous allylation of acetylene derivatives **3**, **5**, and **7**, respectively.

Treatment of dienyl acetate **2** with [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] (0.15 mol-equiv.) and (tributyl)-(vinyl)stannane (1.2 mol-equiv.) in THF at 40° afforded, to our disappointment, the cyclized  $\beta$ -elimination product **9** in 69% yield (*Scheme 3*; *Table 1*, *Entry 1*).

Equally discouraging was the [Pd(dba)<sub>3</sub>]/tri(2-furyl)phosphine-catalyzed<sup>2)</sup> reaction of **2** with divinylzinc which furnished the acyclic, allylic coupling product **10** in 71% yield



<sup>1)</sup> For Pd-catalyzed C,C-coupling reactions of vinylmetal reagents, see [4].

<sup>2)</sup> Tri(2-furyl)phosphine has been described as a superior ligand to Ph<sub>3</sub>P in Pd<sup>0</sup>-catalyzed coupling reactions of 1-alkenylstannanes [5]. For the beneficial effect of ZnCl<sub>2</sub>, see [5b].

Table 1. *Pd*-Catalyzed Reactions of 5,5-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)octa-2,7-diene (**2**) with Vinylmetal Reagents in THF. Competition between cyclization ( $\beta$ -elimination (**2**  $\rightarrow$  **9**)), allyl/vinyl coupling (**2**  $\rightarrow$  **10**), and cyclization/vinyl coupling (**2**  $\rightarrow$  **11**) (Scheme 3).

| Entry | [Pd <sup>0</sup> L <sub>4</sub> ]     | PR <sub>3</sub> | L <sub>n</sub> MCH=CH <sub>2</sub><br>([mol-equiv.]) | Additive<br>([mol-equiv.]) | Temp.<br>[°C] | Time<br>[h] | Product    |           |
|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
|       |                                       |                 |                                                      |                            |               |             |            | Yield [%] |
| 1     | [Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ] | –               | Bu <sub>3</sub> SnCH=CH <sub>2</sub> (1.2)           | –                          | 40            | 6           | <b>9</b>   | 69        |
| 2     | [Pd(dba) <sub>2</sub> ]               |                 | Zn(CH=CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (2.3)           | –                          | 0             | 96          | <b>10</b>  | 71        |
| 3     | [Pd(dba) <sub>2</sub> ]               |                 | Bu <sub>3</sub> SnCH=CH <sub>2</sub> (2)             | ZnCl <sub>2</sub> (2)      | reflux        | 1           | <b>11a</b> | 76        |

(Entry 2). However, using the same catalyst but employing (tributyl)(vinyl)stannane and ZnCl<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup> in THF at reflux the desired cyclization/coupling product **11a** was obtained in 76% yield (Entry 3).

Under analogous reaction conditions, dienyl acetate **2** was cyclized in the presence of various (1-alkenyl)(tributyl)stannanes to give a series of functionalized 1-vinyl-2-(2'-alkenyl)cyclopentane products **11** (Scheme 4, Table 2).

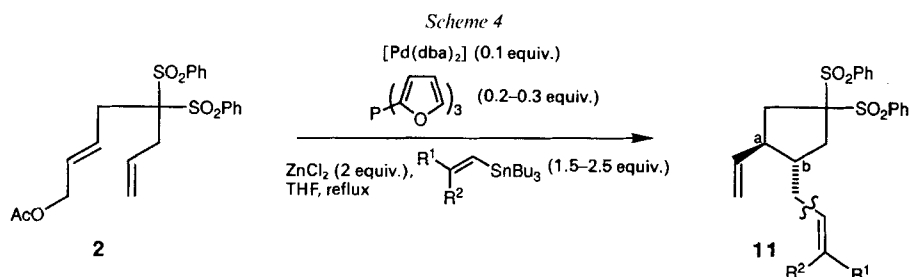
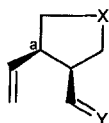


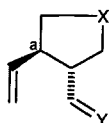
Table 2. *Pd*-Catalyzed Octa-2,7-dienyl Acetate Cyclization/Vinylstannane Coupling **2**  $\rightarrow$  **11** (Scheme 4)

| Entry | Vinylstannane            |                    | Time<br>[h] | Product <b>11</b> |           |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------|
|       | R <sup>1</sup>           | R <sup>2</sup>     |             |                   | Yield [%] |
| 3     | H                        | H                  | 1           | <b>11a</b>        | 76        |
| 4     | SiMe <sub>3</sub>        | H                  | 2           | <b>11b</b>        | 85        |
| 5     | CO <sub>2</sub> Et       | H                  | 2           | <b>11c</b>        | 77        |
| 6     | H                        | CO <sub>2</sub> Et | 4           | <b>11d</b>        | 67        |
| 7     | CH <sub>2</sub> OTHP     | H                  | 2           | <b>11e</b>        | 75        |
| 8     | CH <sub>2</sub> NH(Fmoc) | H                  | 2           | <b>11f</b>        | 65        |

The (*E/Z*)-integrity is preserved (Entries 5 and 6), and the two substituents in **11** are predominantly *trans*-related (94 to > 99%). This *trans*-substitution pattern of products **11** was readily assigned by comparing the chemical shifts of the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR signals of C(a) ( $\delta$  = 49.23 to 49.76 ppm) with those of *trans*-cyclopentanes and *trans*-pyrrolidines **13**



**12**



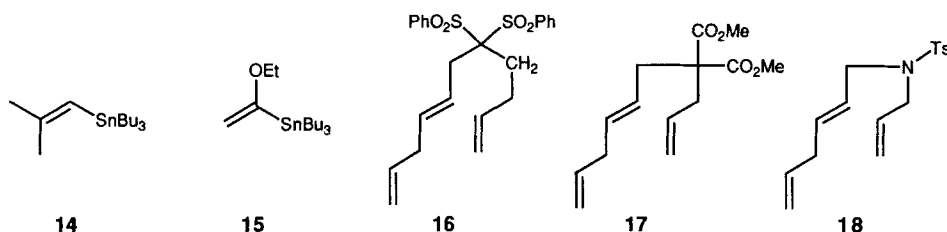
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Table 3.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Chemical Shifts of C(a) in cis/trans-Vicinally Substituted Vinylcyclopentanes and Vinylpyrrolidines **12** and **13** [6b]

| X                                  | Y                         | $\delta(\text{C(a)})$ [ppm] <b>12</b> (cis) | $\delta(\text{C(a)})$ [ppm] <b>13</b> (trans) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| $\text{CTs}_2$                     | $\text{CH}_2$             | 47.39                                       | 49.41                                         |
| $\text{NCOCF}_3$                   | $\text{CH}_2$             | 46.35                                       | 48.46                                         |
| $\text{C}(\text{CO}_2\text{Me})_2$ | H, $\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ | 45.7                                        | 50.1                                          |
| NTs                                | H, $\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ | 44.9                                        | 48.8                                          |

( $\delta = 48.46$  to  $50.1$  ppm). C(a) in cis-isomers **12** resonate at higher fields ( $\delta = 44.9$  to  $47.39$  ppm; Table 3) [6].

Nevertheless, two limitations deserve to be mentioned. Attempted cyclization/coupling of **2** with the sterically more demanding (1-alkenyl)stannanes **14** [7] and **15** [8] gave only the cyclized  $\beta$ -elimination product **9**.



The other limiting factor is the relatively small rate difference between cyclization (**I**  $\rightarrow$  **II**) and allylic coupling (**I**  $\rightarrow$  **V**): dieny acetates in which the  $\text{C}(\text{SO}_2\text{Ph})_2$  moiety of **2** was replaced by a  $\text{C}(\text{SO}_2\text{Ph})_2\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{CO}_2\text{Me})_2$ , or NTs group gave mainly non-cyclized allylic coupling products **16**, **17**, or **18**, respectively.

'Metallo-ene'-type cyclizations usually proceed faster with alkyne 'enophiles' (as compared to alkene 'enophiles') and do not pose the problem of  $\beta$ -elimination. They should, therefore, offer wider possibilities when combined with such a C,C-coupling protocol.

Indeed,  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2]$ /tri(2-furyl)phosphine-catalyzed cyclization of enynyl acetates **4**, **6**, and **8** in the presence of  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  and an (1-alkenyl)(tributyl)stannane afforded the expected products **19**, **20**, and **21** (61–83% yield; Scheme 5, Table 4), respectively.

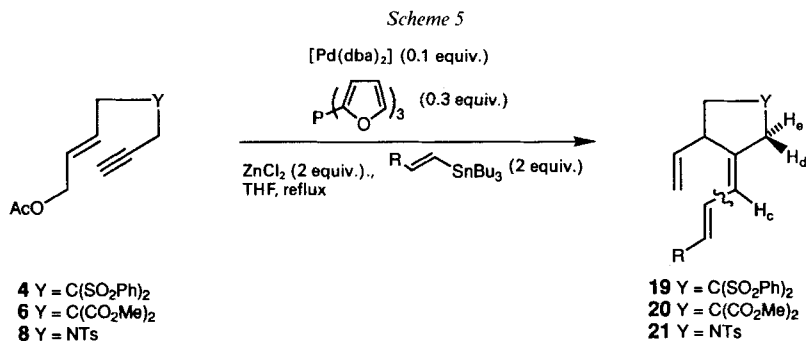


Table 4. *Pd-Catalyzed Oct-2-en-7-ynyl Acetate Cyclization/Vinylstannane Couplings 4 → 19, 6 → 20a, and 8 → 21a (Scheme 5)*

| Entry | Enyne |                                    | Vinylstannane<br>R   | Time<br>[h] | Product |           |
|-------|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------|-----------|
|       |       | Y                                  |                      |             |         | Yield [%] |
| 9     | 4     | C(SO <sub>2</sub> Ph) <sub>2</sub> | H                    | 1           | 19a     | 76        |
| 10    | 4     | C(SO <sub>2</sub> Ph) <sub>2</sub> | CO <sub>2</sub> Et   | 1           | 19c     | 74        |
| 11    | 4     | C(SO <sub>2</sub> Ph) <sub>2</sub> | CH <sub>2</sub> OTHP | 4           | 19e     | 61        |
| 12    | 6     | C(CO <sub>2</sub> Me) <sub>2</sub> | H                    | 0.5         | 20a     | 72        |
| 13    | 8     | NTs                                | H                    | 1           | 21a     | 83        |

The 1,3-diene configurations of **19**, **20**, and **21** were assigned based on strong NOE interactions  $H_c \leftrightarrow H_d$  and  $H_c \leftrightarrow H_e$  in the NOESY spectrum of product **21a**.

They are consistent with a suprafacial (*syn*)-carbometallation of the 'enophilic' acetylene unit. Coupling with (*E*)-2-substituted (1-alkenyl)stannanes gave products **19c** and **19e** with preservation of the stereochemical integrity (*Entries 10 and 11*).

In summary, the synthetic potential of Pd-catalyzed intramolecular alkene and alkyne allylations can be further extended to encompass (1-alkenyl)stannane coupling reactions.

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### Experimental Part

**General.** All reactions were carried out under Ar with magnetic stirring, unless otherwise specified. Solvents were dried by distillation from drying agents as follows: Et<sub>2</sub>O, THF, toluene (Na), DMF, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (CaH<sub>2</sub>), CCl<sub>4</sub> (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>), MeOH (Mg). 'Workup' denotes extraction with an org. solvent, drying (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporation *in vacuo*. Column flash chromatography (FC): SiO<sub>2</sub> (60, 0.04–0.06 mm, Merck 9385). M.p.: Kofler hot stage; uncorrected. IR: *Polaris Matteson*, in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, unless otherwise specified. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, unless otherwise specified; <sup>13</sup>C-NMR in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, unless otherwise specified; standard CDCl<sub>3</sub> (δ = 7.27 ppm), J in Hz. MS: *Varian CH-4* or *Finnigan 4023* at 70 eV, *m/z* (rel.-%). HR-MS: *VG 7070-E*.

**Preparation of Acyclic Acetoxydienes and Acetoxyenynes.** – *4,4-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)but-1-yne (3)*. NaH (60% in mineral oil; 485 mg, 12 mmol) was added portionwise at 0° to a soln. of bis(phenylsulfonyl)methane (3.0 g, 10.12 mmol) in DMF (50 ml). After stirring the mixture at r.t. for 1 h, propargyl bromide (1.26 g, 10.6 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 16 h and then poured into ice-water. Extraction (AcOEt), washing of the extracts with H<sub>2</sub>O and sat. aq. NaCl, drying (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), evaporation, and chromatography of the residue (hexane/AcOEt 3:2) gave **3** (2.30 g, 68%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz): 1.93 (*t*, *J* = 3, 1 H); 3.12 (*dd*, *J* = 6, 3, 2 H); 4.59 (*t*, *J* = 6, 1 H); 7.5–7.8 (6 H); 7.95–8.05 (4 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: 137.54 (*s*); 134.86 (*d*); 129.8 (*d*); 129.34 (*d*); 129.16 (*d*); 128.82 (*d*); 81.91 (*d*); 76.78 (*s*); 72.16 (*d*); 16.56 (*t*).

*N-(Prop-2-ynyl)-p-toluenesulfonamide (7)*. TsCl (5.0 g, 26.23 mmol) and pyridine (2.3 ml, 28.4 mmol) were added at 0° under Ar to a stirred soln. of propargylamine (1.2 g, 21.8 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 ml). Stirring of the mixture at 0° for 20 min then at r.t. for 20 min, followed by workup and chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 7:3) and crystallization (EtOH) furnished **7** (3.8 g, 84%). M.p. 74–75°. IR: 3400, 3300, 3000, 1400, 1320, 1150. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz): 2.09 (*t*, *J* = 3, 1 H); 2.42 (*s*, 3 H); 3.82 (*dd*, *J* = 6, 3, 2 H); 4.70 (*t*, *J* = 3, 1 H); 7.29–7.35 (2 H); 7.72–7.82 (2 H).

*5,5-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)octa-2,7-dienyl Acetate (2)*. NaH (60%, 0.92 g, 22.9 mmol) was added portionwise at 0° to a soln. of **1** [9] (7.0 g, 20.8 mmol) in THF (90 ml). After stirring the mixture at 0° for 1 h, then at r.t. for 1 h, [Pd(dba)<sub>2</sub>] [10] (0.60 g, 1.04 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.09 g, 4.15 mmol) followed by a soln. of (*Z*)-4-chlorobut-2-enyl acetate [11] (3.10 g, 20.9 mmol) in THF (50 ml) were added under Ar. Stirring of the mixture for 16 h, pouring into H<sub>2</sub>O, extraction (Et<sub>2</sub>O), washing, and drying of the extracts, followed by chromatography of the residue (hexane/AcOEt 4:1→7:3) provided **2** (6.34 g, 68%). M.p. 67–68°. IR: 2950–3100, 1720, 1450, 1320, 1300, 1230, 1150.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz): 2.07 (s, 3 H); 2.98–3.04 (4 H); 4.52 (dd, *J* = 7, 2, 2 H); 5.17 (dd, *J* = 17, 2, 1 H); 5.23 (dd, *J* = 10, 2, 1 H); 5.68 (m, 1 H); 5.92 (m, 1 H); 6.0 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 7, 1 H); 7.56–7.60 (4 H); 7.69–7.73 (2 H); 8.04–8.06 (4 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz): 170.61 (s); 136.75 (s); 134.68 (d); 131.53 (d); 129.95 (d); 129.83 (d); 128.60 (d); 126.39 (d); 120.80 (t); 90.01 (s); 64.25 (t); 33.94 (t); 32.48 (t); 20.90 (q). MS: 389 (9, [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> – CH<sub>3</sub>COO]<sup>+</sup>), 247 (15), 246 (10), 143 (23), 125 (100), 105 (85), 91 (22), 77 (90).

**5,5-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)oct-2-en-7-ynyl Acetate (4).** Employing the reaction conditions described for the preparation of **2**, **3** (1.893 g, 5.66 mmol) was treated successively with NaH (60%, 0.25 g), [Pd(dba)<sub>2</sub>] [10] (0.2 g), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.3 g) and (*Z*)-4-chlorobut-2-enyl acetate [11] (0.84 g) giving **4** (oil, 2.3 g, 91%). IR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 3300, 1750, 1450, 1340, 1317, 1240, 1150, 1080. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (360 MHz): 2.01 (s, 4 H); 3.09 (dd, *J* = 7, 1, 2 H); 3.14 (d, *J* = 3, 2 H); 4.55 (dd, *J* = 6, 1.2, 2 H); 5.79 (m, 1 H); 5.98 (m, 1 H); 7.5–7.65 (4 H); 7.65–7.75 (2 H); 8.05–8.15 (4 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (50 MHz): 170.60 (s); 136.32 (s); 134.89 (d, 2 C); 131.4 (d, 2 C); 130.52 (d); 128.64 (d, 2 C); 125.84 (d); 88.43 (s); 75.65 (s); 74.54 (s); 64.25 (t); 32.11 (t); 20.91 (t). MS: 304 (20, [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>), 141 (10), 125 (31), 97 (9), 91 (11), 77 (100). HR-MS: 262.0685 ([C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>, calc. 262.0663).

**Dimethyl 2-(4-Acetoxybut-2-enyl)-2-(prop-2-ynyl)propanedioate (6).** Employing analogous reaction conditions as described for the preparation of **2**, dimethyl 2-(prop-2-ynyl)propanedioate [12] (**5**; 180 mg, 1.4 mmol) was treated successively with NaH (71 mg, 1.7 mmol), [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] (161 mg, 0.14 mmol) and (*Z*)-4-chlorobut-2-enyl acetate [11] (251 mg, 1.7 mmol) for 4 h at r.t., giving **6** (oil, 321 mg, 82%). IR: 3300, 3020, 2970, 1740, 1450, 1370, 1250, 1200, 1030, 970. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz): 1.98 (s, 3 H); 1.98 (m, 1 H); 2.65–2.75 (4 H); 3.75 (s, 6 H); 4.40 (d, *J* = 6, 2 H); 5.40–5.70 (2 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (50 MHz): 170.45 (s); 169.78 (s); 129.21 (d); 128.37 (d); 78.42 (s); 71.71 (d); 64.26 (t); 59.95 (s); 56.67 (t); 52.77 (q); 52.68 (q); 34.90 (t); 20.75 (q).

**N-(4-Acetoxybut-2-enyl)-N-(prop-2-ynyl)-p-toluenesulfonamide (8).** Employing analogous reaction conditions as described for the preparation of **2**, **7** (1.9 g, 9 mmol) was treated successively with NaH (55%, 419 mg, 9.5 mmol), [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] (200 mg, 0.17 mmol), and (*Z*)-4-chlorobut-2-enyl acetate [11] (1.5 g, 10 mmol) for 4 h at r.t., giving **8** (oil, 2.6 g, 90%). IR: 3300, 3000, 2950, 1740, 1600, 1460, 1450, 1360, 1250, 1160. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz): 2.00 (m, 1 H); 2.02 (s, 3 H); 2.42 (s, 3 H); 3.80 (d, *J* = 6, 2 H); 4.05 (d, *J* = 4, 2 H); 4.52 (d, *J* = 5, 2 H); 5.61 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 6, 1 H); 5.79 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 6, 1 H); 7.25 (d, *J* = 8, 2 H); 7.7 (d, *J* = 8, 2 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (50 MHz): 170.47 (s); 143.60 (s); 135.74 (s); 129.46 (d); 129.39 (d); 127.61 (d); 127.46 (d); 76.30 (s); 73.97 (d); 63.61 (t); 47.59 (t); 35.85 (t); 21.46 (q); 20.75 (q). MS: 262 (5, [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>), 261 (8), 248 (12), 166 (15), 155 (44), 106 (55), 91 (100), 79 (21). HR-MS: 261.0778 ([C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, calc. 261.0823).

**Attempted Cyclization/Coupling Procedures.** – **1,1-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)-3-methylidene-4-vinylcyclopentane (9).** A mixture of **2** (270 mg, 0.6 mmol), [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] (104 mg, 0.09 mmol), (tributyl)(vinyl)stannane (0.22 ml, 0.75 mmol), and THF (3 ml) was stirred at 40° for 6 h. Dilution with Et<sub>2</sub>O, washing with sat. aq. NaCl soln., drying, evaporation, and chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 3:2) furnished **9** (161 mg, 69%). M.p. 113–114° (EtOH). IR: 3100–2950, 1450, 1330, 1310, 1150, 1070. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz): 2.48 (dd, *J* = 15, 10.5, 1 H); 2.75 (dd, *J* = 15, 8.2, 1 H); 3.25–3.40 (3 H); 4.75 (q, *J* = 2.3, 1 H); 4.88 (q, *J* = 2.3, 1 H); 5.10 (ddd, *J* = 17, 1.5, 1, 1 H); 5.15 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 1.5, 1 H); 5.55 (ddd, *J* = 17, 10.5, 8.2, 1 H); 7.55–7.80 (6 H); 8.0–8.13 (4 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz): 148.37 (s); 137.67 (d); 134.67 (d); 134.56 (d); 131.31 (d); 131.22 (d); 128.79 (d); 128.75 (d); 117.53 (d); 108.64 (t); 91.79 (s); 48.04 (d); 38.15 (t); 37.70 (t). MS: 248 (10), 247 (42, [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>), 246 (64), 245 (15), 125 (64), 121 (25), 105 (100), 77 (72). HR-MS: 246.06813 ([C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>, calc. 246.07145).

**(E)-7,7-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)deca-1,4,9-triene (10).** A 2.3M soln. of distilled divinylzinc [13] in THF (0.13 ml, 0.3 mmol) was added at 0° to a mixture of **2** (127 mg, 0.284 mmol) and [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] (16 mg, 0.014 mmol). Stirring the mixture at 0° for 4 days, dilution with Et<sub>2</sub>O, washing with sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl soln., drying, evaporation, and chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 10:1) gave **10** (oil, 84 mg, 71%). IR: 3073, 3018, 2926, 2854, 1448, 1330, 1311, 1149, 1077. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (360 MHz): 2.7–2.8 (2 H); 2.96–3.05 (4 H); 5.00–5.08 (2 H); 5.18 (dd, *J* = 17, 2, 1 H); 5.23 (dd, *J* = 10, 2, 1 H); 5.55–5.62 (2 H); 5.78 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 7, 1 H); 6.02 (ddt, *J* = 17, 10, 7, 1 H); 7.54–7.62 (4 H); 7.65–7.75 (2 H); 8.03–8.12 (4 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz): 136.95 (s); 135.96 (d); 134.49 (d); 134.34 (d); 131.52 (d); 130.03 (d); 128.46 (d); 122.16 (d); 120.36 (t); 115.69 (t); 90.44 (s); 36.66 (t); 33.68 (t); 32.60 (t). MS: 275 (23, [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>), 279 (21), 233 (7), 219 (6), 210 (6), 143 (27), 133 (99), 125 (76), 117 (25), 105 (42), 91 (82), 80 (65), 77 (100), 67 (43), 55 (33).

**Successful Cyclization/Coupling Procedures.** – **trans-1,1-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)-3-(prop-2-enyl)-4-vinylcyclopentane (11a).** To a soln. of **2** (318 mg, 0.71 mmol) in THF (5 ml) was added successively ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (dried *in vacuo* at 130° for 16 h, 200 mg, 1.47 mmol), (tributyl)(vinyl)stannane (450 mg, 1.42 mmol), [Pd(dba)<sub>2</sub>] [10] (41 mg, 0.07 mmol), and tri(2-furyl)phosphine [14] (33 mg, 0.14 mmol). Heating the mixture under reflux for 1 h, dilution with Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 ml), washing with sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl soln., sat. aq. KF soln. (4×), H<sub>2</sub>O and sat. aq. NaCl soln., drying,

evaporation, and chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 15:1) gave **11a** (oil, 224 mg, 76%). IR: 3030–2900, 1650, 1600, 1450, 1290, 1260, 1200, 1150, 1050.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 1.72 (*m*, 1 H); 1.85 (*m*, 1 H); 2.15–2.30 (2 H); 2.25 (*dd*, *J* = 15, 11, 1 H); 2.40 (*dd*, *J* = 15, 11, 1 H); 2.68 (*dd*, *J* = 15, 8, 2 H); 4.96–5.10 (4 H); 5.55 (*ddd*, *J* = 17, 9, 8, 1 H); 5.60–5.72 (1 H); 7.56–7.62 (4 H); 7.65–7.75 (2 H); 8.05–8.12 (4 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 138.08 (*d*); 136.34 (*s*); 135.42 (*d*); 134.58 (*d*); 131.33 (*d*); 131.26 (*d*); 128.71 (*d*); 117.37 (*t*); 116.76 (*t*); 91.45 (*s*); 49.23 (*d*); 44.47 (*d*); 38.35 (*t*); 37.40 (*t*); 35.88 (*t*). MS: 416 (30,  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$ ), 356 (65), 274 (60), 143 (20), 133 (100), 105 (45), 91 (86), 77 (95). HR-MS: 416.1112 ( $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$ , calc. 416.1116).

*trans*-1,1-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)-3-[(*E*)-3-(trimethylsilyl)prop-2-enyl]-4-vinylcyclopentane (**11b**). Employing the cyclization/coupling conditions described for the preparation of **11a**, **2** (268 mg, 0.6 mmol) was treated with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (465 mg, 2 mol-equiv.), (*E*)-(tributyl[2-(trimethylsilyl)vinyl]stannane [15] (465 mg, 2 mol-equiv.),  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2]$  [10] (35 mg, 0.1 mol-equiv.), and tri(2-furyl)phosphine [14] (42 mg, 0.3 mol-equiv.) to give **11b** (oil, 248 mg, 85%). IR: 3030–2950, 1650, 1625, 1590, 1450, 1320, 1300, 1250, 1150, 1070, 970.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 0.05 (*s*, 9 H); 1.67 (*m*, 1 H); 1.87 (*m*, 1 H); 2.10–2.45 (4 H); 2.55–2.75 (2 H); 4.95–5.12 (2 H); 5.50 (*ddd*, *J* = 16.5, 10.5, 8, 1 H); 5.62 (*d*, *J* = 18.5, 1 H); 5.83 (*dt*, *J* = 18.5, 6, 1 H); 7.50–7.80 (6 H); 7.98–8.15 (4 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 143.57 (*d*); 138.19 (*d*); 136.42 (*s*); 136.31 (*d*); 134.64 (*d*); 132.62 (*d*); 131.38 (*d*); 131.32 (*d*); 128.79 (*d*); 128.73 (*d*); 117.37 (*t*); 91.55 (*s*); 49.51 (*d*); 44.42 (*d*); 39.13 (*t*); 38.36 (*t*); 37.54 (*t*); –1.16 (*q*). MS: 488 (0.75,  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2\text{Si}^+$ ), 347 (25), 331 (81), 215 (48), 199 (30), 135 (56), 125 (45), 91 (29), 77 (44), 73 (100), 59 (38). HR-MS: 347.1509 ( $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2\text{Si} - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}]^+$ , calc. 347.1501).

Ethyl (*E*)-4-[*trans*-4,4-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2-vinylcyclopentyl]but-2-enoate (**11c**). Employing the cyclization/coupling conditions described for the preparation of **11a**, **2** (310 mg, 0.69 mmol) was treated with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (190 mg, 2 mol-equiv.), ethyl (*E*)-3-(tributylstannyl)propenoate [16] (540 mg, 2 mol-equiv.),  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2]$  [10] (40 mg, 0.1 mol-equiv.), and tri(2-furyl)phosphine [14] (33 mg, 0.2 mol-equiv.) to give **11c** (oil, 260 mg, 77%). IR: 3070–2900, 1715, 1675, 1450, 1325, 1150, 1050, 1020, 900.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 1.30 (*t*, *J* = 8, 3 H); 1.75 (*m*, 1 H); 1.95 (*m*, 1 H); 2.05–2.30 (2 H); 2.30–2.45 (2 H); 2.60–2.80 (2 H); 4.20 (*q*, *J* = 8, 2 H); 4.95–5.15 (2 H); 5.48 (*ddd*, *J* = 17, 10, 7, 1 H); 5.76 (*dd*, *J* = 16, 2, 1 H); 6.75 (*dt*, *J* = 16, 8, 1 H); 7.50–7.80 (6 H); 7.98–8.15 (4 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 166.06 (*s*); 145.55 (*d*); 137.58 (*d*); 136.10 (*s*); 136.06 (*s*); 134.70 (*d*); 131.26 (*d*); 128.82 (*d*); 123.16 (*d*); 117.96 (*t*); 91.34 (*s*); 60.28 (*t*); 49.62 (*d*); 43.93 (*d*); 38.20 (*t*); 37.47 (*t*); 34.34 (*t*); 14.26 (*q*). MS: 488 (0.28,  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2^+$ ), 205 (14), 159 (43), 141 (14), 131 (68), 125 (100), 91 (65), 77 (99). HR-MS: 301.0881 ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ , 301.0898). Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$ : C 61.47, H 5.73, S 13.11; found: C 61.69, H 5.68, S 12.87.

Ethyl (*Z*)-4-[*trans*-4,4-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2-vinylcyclopentyl]but-2-enoate (**11d**). Employing the cyclization/coupling conditions described for the preparation of **11a**, **2** (332 mg, 0.74 mmol) was treated with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (205 mg, 2 mol-equiv.), ethyl (*Z*)-3-(tributylstannyl)propenoate [16] (578 mg, 2 mol-equiv.),  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2]$  [10] (43 mg, 0.1 mol-equiv.), and tri(2-furyl)phosphine [14] (35 mg, 0.2 mol-equiv.) to give **11d** (oil, 245 mg, 67%). IR: 3030–2900, 1725, 1640, 1450, 1325, 1300, 1180, 1150, 1075, 900.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 1.30 (*t*, *J* = 8, 3 H); 1.60–1.90 (2 H); 2.10–2.45 (4 H); 2.60–2.80 (2 H); 4.20 (*q*, *J* = 8, 2 H); 4.96–5.10 (2 H); 5.54 (*ddd*, *J* = 16, 11, 8, 1 H); 5.80 (*dt*, *J* = 11.5, 2, 1 H); 6.10 (*dt*, *J* = 11.5, 8, 1 H); 7.50–7.80 (6 H); 7.98–8.15 (4 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 166.03 (*s*); 146.69 (*d*); 137.81 (*d*); 136.31 (*s*); 134.56 (*d*); 134.51 (*d*); 131.48 (*d*); 131.31 (*d*); 128.67 (*d*); 121.29 (*d*); 117.67 (*t*); 91.38 (*s*); 59.89 (*t*); 49.76 (*d*); 44.81 (*d*); 38.32 (*t*); 37.40 (*t*); 30.98 (*t*); 14.24 (*q*). MS: 488 (0.34,  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2^+$ ), 301 (16), 205 (14), 159 (77), 131 (52), 125 (100), 91 (65), 77 (96). HR-MS: 301.0895 ( $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_3\text{S}]^+$ , calc. 301.0898).

(*E*)-2-[[4-[*trans*-4,4-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2-vinylcyclopentyl]but-2-enyl]oxy]tetrahydropyran (**11e**). Employing the cyclization/coupling conditions described for the preparation of **11a**, **2** (293 mg, 0.65 mmol) was treated with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (200 mg, 2.25 mol-equiv.), tetrahydro-2-[(*E*)-3-(tributylstannyl)prop-2-enyl]oxy]pyran [17] (704 mg, 2.5 mol-equiv.),  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2]$  [10] (35 mg, 0.1 mol-equiv.), and tri(2-furyl)phosphine [14] (31 mg, 0.2 mol-equiv.) to give **11e** (oil, 263 mg, 75%). IR: 3050–2900, 1700, 1475, 1325, 1300, 1140, 1050.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 1.45–1.90 (8 H); 2.10–2.30 (3 H); 2.36 (*dd*, *J* = 15, 11.5, 1 H); 2.61–2.70 (2 H); 3.50 (*m*, 1 H); 3.82–3.95 (2 H); 4.18 (*m*, 1 H); 4.60 (*m*, 1 H); 4.96–5.15 (2 H); 5.50 (*ddd*, *J* = 17, 10, 8, 1 H); 5.55–5.6 (2 H); 7.55–7.62 (4 H); 7.65–7.75 (2 H); 8.05–8.10 (4 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 138.00 (*d*); 136.28 (*s*); 134.60 (*d*); 131.31 (*d*); 131.26 (*d*); 130.43 (*d*); 130.36 (*d*); 128.71 (*d*); 117.37 (*t*); 97.88 (*d*); 97.85 (*d*); 91.41 (*s*); 67.45 (*t*); 67.42 (*t*); 62.25 (*t*); 49.24 (*d*); 44.62 (*d*); 38.32 (*t*); 37.46 (*t*); 34.32 (*t*); 30.63 (*t*); 25.38 (*t*); 19.53 (*t*). MS: 286 (24,  $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4\text{S}]^+$ ), 145 (45), 125 (100), 117 (23), 91 (66), 77 (83), 67 (22). HR-MS: 286.0989 ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$ , calc. 286.1027).

*trans*-1,1-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)-3-[(*E*)-4-[fluoren-9-yl]methoxycarbonylamino]but-2-enyl]-4-vinylcyclopentane (**11f**). Employing the cyclization/coupling conditions described for the preparation of **11a**, **2** (150 mg, 0.335 mmol) was treated with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (92 mg, 2 mol-equiv.), (*E*)-1-[(fluoren-9-yl)methoxycarbonylamino]-1-(tributylstannyl)propene [18] (290 mg, 1.5 mol-equiv.),  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2]$  [10] (20 mg, 0.1 mol-equiv.), and tri(2-furyl)phosphine [14] (16 mg, 0.2 mol-equiv.) to give **11f** (solid, 143 mg, 65%). IR: 3400, 3050–2900, 1730, 1520, 1450, 1325, 1300, 1230, 1150, 1070.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (200 MHz): 1.65–1.92 (2 H); 2.10–2.45 (4 H); 2.60–2.75 (2 H); 3.60–3.84 (2 H); 4.22 (*t*, *J* = 7,

1 H); 4.42 (*d*, *J* = 7, 2 H); 4.80 (*m*, 1 H); 4.94–5.12 (2 H); 5.38–5.60 (3 H); 7.20–7.45 (4 H); 7.50–7.85 (10 H); 7.95–8.15 (4 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 156.17 (*s*); 143.89 (*s*); 141.26 (*s*); 138.05 (*d*); 136.28 (*d*); 136.25 (*s*); 134.64 (*d*); 131.31 (*d*); 131.26 (*d*); 129.79 (*d*); 128.75 (*d*); 128.61 (*d*); 128.32 (*d*); 127.63 (*d*); 127.00 (*d*); 125.00 (*d*); 119.93 (*d*); 117.45 (*t*); 91.52 (*s*); 66.65 (*t*); 66.60 (*t*); 49.28 (*d*); 47.21 (*d*); 44.65 (*d*); 42.80 (*t*); 38.35 (*t*); 37.37 (*t*). MS: 286 (14,  $[\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{S}]^+$ ), 165 (100), 125 (35), 77 (32). Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_6\text{S}_2$ : C 68.36, H 5.54, N 2.09, S 9.59; found: C 68.11, H 5.47, N 2.33, S 9.48.

(*Z*)-1,1-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)-3-(prop-2-enylidene)-4-vinylcyclopentane (**19a**). Employing the cyclization/coupling conditions described for the preparation of **11a**, **4** (335 mg, 0.747 mmol) was treated with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (210 mg, 2 mol-equiv.), (tributyl)(vinyl)stannane (0.44 ml, 2 mol-equiv.),  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2]$  [10] (43 mg, 0.1 mol-equiv.), and tri(2-furyl)phosphine [14] (53 mg, 0.3 mol-equiv.) to give **19a** (235 mg, 76%). IR: 3050, 3000, 2950, 1650, 1600, 1450, 1330, 1320, 1250, 1150, 1070.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (200 MHz): 2.58 (*dd*, *J* = 15.5, 7.5, 1 H); 2.90 (*ddd*, *J* = 15.5, 8.5, 2, 1 H); 2.86 (*d*, *J* = 17, 1 H); 3.48–3.64 (1 H); 3.63 (*br. d*, *J* = 17, 1 H); 4.95–5.15 (4 H); 5.74 (*ddd*, *J* = 17, 10, 8, 1 H); 5.88 (*br. d*, *J* = 10.5, 1 H); 6.40 (*dt*, *J* = 16.5, 10.5, 1 H); 7.50–7.80 (6 H); 7.90–8.15 (4 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 140.39 (*s*); 139.18 (*d*); 137.03 (*s*); 135.78 (*s*); 134.77 (*d*); 134.55 (*d*); 132.45 (*d*); 131.03 (*d*); 130.96 (*d*); 128.67 (*d*); 125.57 (*d*); 117.16 (*t*); 115.38 (*t*); 91.81 (*s*); 45.05 (*d*); 39.41 (*t*); 38.02 (*t*). MS: 414 (0.5,  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2^+$ ), 272 (26), 271 (11), 147 (12), 131 (100). HR-MS: 272.0852 ( $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{O}_2\text{S}]^+$ , calc. 272.0870). Anal. calc.: C 63.76, H 5.31, S 15.45; found: C 63.53, H 5.33, S 15.42.

Ethyl (2*E*,4*Z*)-4-[4,4-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2-vinylcyclopentylidene]but-2-enoate (**19c**). Employing the cyclization/coupling conditions described for the preparation of **11a**, **4** (286 mg, 0.64 mmol) was treated with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (175 mg, 2 mol-equiv.), ethyl (*E*)-3-(tributylstannyl)propenoate [16] (500 mg, 2 mol-equiv.),  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2]$  [10] (37 mg, 0.1 mol-equiv.), and tri(2-furyl)phosphine [14] (45 mg, 0.3 mol-equiv.) to give **19c** (oil, 230 mg, 74%). IR: 3000–2950, 1700, 1625, 1600, 1425, 1320, 1300, 1270, 1150, 1050.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 1.25 (*t*, *J* = 8, 3 H); 2.62 (*dd*, *J* = 15, 8, 1 H); 2.89 (*ddd*, *J* = 15, 8, 2, 1 H); 2.95 (*d*, *J* = 18, 1 H); 3.68 (*d*, *J* = 18, 1 H); 3.76 (*m*, 1 H); 4.18 (*q*, *J* = 8, 2 H); 5.05–5.20 (2 H); 5.72 (*d*, *J* = 16, 1 H); 5.77 (*ddd*, *J* = 16, 8, 6, 1 H); 6.01 (*d*, *J* = 10, 1 H); 7.42 (*dd*, *J* = 16, 10, 1 H); 7.50–7.80 (6 H); 7.92–8.10 (4 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 166.80 (*s*); 149.86 (*s*); 139.45 (*d*); 136.99 (*d*); 136.74 (*s*); 135.49 (*s*); 134.94 (*d*); 134.71 (*d*); 131.01 (*d*); 130.97 (*d*); 128.80 (*d*); 128.75 (*d*); 122.65 (*d*); 121.12 (*d*); 116.25 (*t*); 91.59 (*s*); 60.27 (*t*); 45.57 (*d*); 39.85 (*t*); 37.80 (*t*); 14.20 (*q*). MS:  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2^+$  absent, 344 (25), 298 (17), 270 (21), 203 (12), 157 (31), 129 (100), 125 (41), 115 (21), 91 (25). HR-MS: 299.0767 ( $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_3\text{S}]^+$ , calc. 299.0742).

2-{{(2*E*,4*Z*)-4-[4,4-Bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2-vinylcyclopentylidene]but-2-enyl}oxy}tetrahydropyran (**19e**). Employing the cyclization/coupling conditions described for the preparation of **11a**, acetoxyenynone **4** (172 mg, 0.386 mmol) was treated with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (110 mg, 2 mol-equiv.), (*E*)-tetrahydro-2-(propenyloxy)-3-(tributylstannyl)-pyran [17] (340 mg, 2 mol-equiv.),  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2]$  [10] (23 mg, 0.1 mol-equiv.), and tri(2-furyl)phosphine [14] (27 mg, 0.3 mol-equiv.) to give **19e** (oil, 125 mg, 61%). IR: 3030–2900, 1450, 1325, 1300, 1150, 1075, 1000.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 1.40–1.95 (6 H); 2.56 (*dd*, *J* = 15, 7.5, 1 H); 2.75–2.96 (2 H); 3.43–3.72 (3 H); 3.86 (*m*, 1 H); 3.92 (*dd*, *J* = 13, 6.5, 1 H); 4.16 (*dd*, *J* = 13, 6.5, 1 H); 4.62 (*m*, 1 H); 4.98–5.16 (2 H); 5.55–5.85 (2 H); 5.84 (*d*, *J* = 11, 1 H); 6.34 (*ddd*, *J* = 15, 11, 2, 1 H); 7.50–7.80 (6 H); 7.90–8.15 (4 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 140.12 (*d*); 139.32 (*s*); 137.04 (*d*); 134.53 (*d*); 131.03 (*d*); 130.97 (*d*); 129.55 (*d*); 128.65 (*d*); 127.84 (*d*); 127.75 (*d*); 124.25 (*d*); 115.41 (*t*); 97.87 (*d*); 91.84 (*s*); 67.23 (*t*); 62.16 (*t*); 62.11 (*d*); 45.15 (*d*); 39.44 (*t*); 38.03 (*t*); 30.57 (*t*); 25.38 (*t*); 19.35 (*t*). MS: 286 (0.62,  $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_6\text{S}_2 - \text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4\text{S}]^+$ ), 125 (11), 85 (20), 84 (66), 77 (27), 55 (100), 51 (21).

Dimethyl (*Z*)-3-(Prop-2-enylidene)-4-vinylcyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate (**20a**). Employing the cyclization/coupling conditions described for the preparation of **11a**, **6** (224 mg, 0.795 mmol) was treated with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (220 mg, 2 mol-equiv.), (tributyl)(vinyl)stannane (504 mg, 2 mol-equiv.),  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2]$  [10] (46 mg, 0.1 mol-equiv.), and tri(2-furyl)phosphine [14] (55 mg, 0.3 mol-equiv.) to give **20a** (oil, 145 mg, 72%). IR: 3070, 3050, 2990, 1730, 1650, 1640, 1630, 1430, 1280, 1170, 1100, 1050.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 2.04 (*dd*, *J* = 13, 7, 1 H); 2.69 (*ddd*, *J* = 13, 7, 2, 1 H); 2.86 (*br. d*, *J* = 16.5, 1 H); 3.12 (*d*, *J* = 16.5, 1 H); 3.59 (*m*, 1 H); 3.68 (*s*, 3 H); 3.69 (*s*, 3 H); 4.91–5.11 (4 H); 5.71 (*ddd*, *J* = 17, 10, 7, 1 H); 6.03 (*dd*, *J* = 10, 2, 1 H); 6.46 (*dt*, *J* = 17, 10.5, 1 H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ : 171.69 (*s*); 171.63 (*s*); 142.65 (*s*); 139.86 (*d*); 133.20 (*d*); 125.08 (*d*); 115.95 (*t*); 114.62 (*t*); 58.84 (*s*); 52.75 (*q*); 52.65 (*q*); 44.27 (*d*); 41.89 (*t*); 40.73 (*t*). MS: 250 (7,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4^+$ ), 191 (13), 190 (37), 132 (12), 131 (100), 130 (32), 129 (15). HR-MS: 250.1197 ( $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4^+$ , calc. 250.1205).

3-[(*E*)-Prop-2-enylidene]-1-(*p*-toluenesulfonyl)-4-vinylpyrrolidine (**21a**). Employing the cyclization/coupling conditions described for the preparation of **11a**, **8** (280 mg, 0.87 mmol) was treated with  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (240 mg, 2 mol-equiv.), (tributyl)(vinyl)stannane (504 mg, 2 mol-equiv.),  $[\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2]$  [10] (50 mg, 0.1 mol-equiv.), and tri(2-furyl)phosphine [14] (61 mg, 0.3 mol-equiv.) to give **21a** (oil, 210 mg, 83%). IR: 3000–2900, 1650, 1350, 1160.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ : 2.41 (*s*, 3 H); 3.26 (*d*, *J* = 5.5, 2 H); 3.49 (*m*, 1 H); 3.70 (*d*, *J* = 15, 1 H); 3.95 (*d*, *J* = 15, 1 H); 4.98–5.18 (4 H); 5.68 (*ddd*, *J* = 17, 10, 7, 1 H); 5.96 (*dd*, *J* = 11, 2, 1 H); 6.37 (*dt*, *J* = 17, 10, 1 H); 7.35 (*d*, *J* = 8, 2 H); 7.70 (*d*, *J* = 8, 2 H). The NOESY spectrum shows significant NOE interactions between the signals at 5.96/3.95 ppm and



5.96/3.70 ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 143.73 (s); 138.70 (s); 136.96 (d); 132.28 (d); 132.21 (s); 129.61 (d); 127.87 (d); 124.37 (d); 117.86 (t); 115.85 (t); 53.83 (t); 52.14 (t); 44.46 (d); 21.49 (q). MS: 289 (5,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^{++}$ ), 222 (4), 155 (16), 134 (63), 91 (100). HR-MS: 134.0966 ( $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{S} - \text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{O}_2\text{S}]^+$ , calc. 134.0970).

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