

# Organometallic Chemistry

## Synthesis and transformation of metallacycles

### 25.\* On a mechanism of the Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub>-catalyzed conversion of 3-alkyl-1-ethylalumacyclopentanes into 1,1-disubstituted cyclopropanes

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The reactions of 3-alkyl-1-ethylalumacyclopentanes with allyl halides in the presence of Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub> as a catalyst were studied by dynamic NMR spectroscopy. Under the action of Ni complexes, alumacyclopentanes initially undergo intramolecular hydride transfer to give but-3-enyl(ethyl)aluminum hydrides and then react with the starting allyl halide, yielding but-3-enyl(ethyl)aluminum halides. Subsequent intramolecular carboalumination affords the corresponding 1,1-disubstituted cyclopropanes.

**Key words:** organoaluminum compounds, alumacyclopentanes, catalysis, olefins, allyl halides, substituted cyclopropanes.

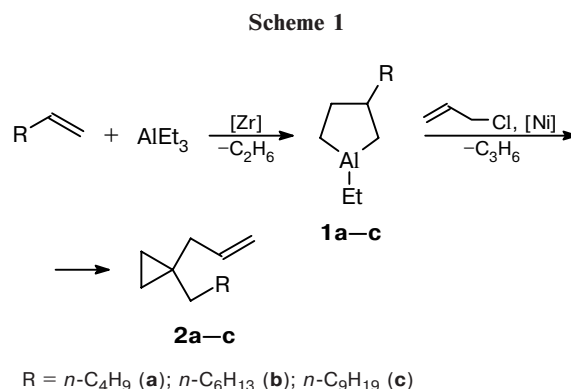
Previously,<sup>2</sup> we showed that 3-alkyl-1-ethylalumacyclopentanes (ACP) **1** obtained by the Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub>-catalyzed reactions of  $\alpha$ -olefins with AlEt<sub>3</sub><sup>3</sup> react with an excess of allyl chloride in the presence of Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub> to give 1,1-disubstituted cyclopropanes. The resulting 1-alkyl-1-allylcyclopropanes **2** were identified by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR and IR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry (Scheme 1).

In the present work, this process was studied by dynamic <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy to reveal the mechanism of the reactions of ACP with allyl halides in the presence of Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub> and identify intermediate compounds.

## Results and Discussion

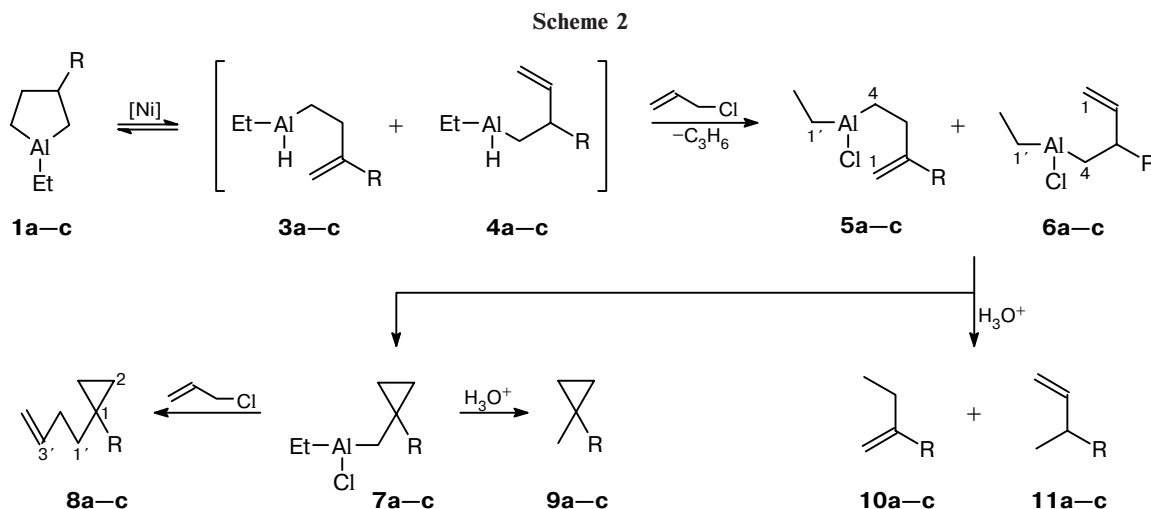
Alumacyclopentane **1** was mixed with allyl halide and a catalytic amount of Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub> in Et<sub>2</sub>O at –5 °C.

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The reactions were carried out in a glass reaction vessel in a flow of an inert gas at –20 °C, with periodically sampling for NMR analysis.

The reaction of an ethereal solution of 1-ethyl-3-(*n*-hexyl)alumacyclopentane (**1b**)<sup>3</sup> with a threefold ex-



cess of allyl chloride in the presence of freshly sublimed 5 mol. % Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub> begins with the formation of unsaturated regioisomeric organoaluminum compounds (OAC) **5b** and **6b** (Scheme 2).

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of these compounds show characteristic highfield signals from the α-carbon atoms of OAC at δ 0.2–16.2, which are broadened owing to <sup>27</sup>Al quadrupole relaxation (*I*<sub>27Al</sub> = 5/2). In addition, their <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra contain signals at δ 155.1 and 107.1 from the doubly bonded C atoms in **5b** and signals at δ 148.2 and 111.5 from the vinyl group in **6b**. Apparently, low-valence Ni complexes initiate the β-hydride transfer<sup>4</sup> causing *in situ* reversible opening of ACP **1b**. The resulting regioisomeric aluminum hydrides **3b** and **4b** reduce the starting allyl chloride to propylene<sup>5</sup>, irreversibly giving OACs **5b** and **6b**. Indeed, the evolution of gaseous propylene was observed in these experiments.

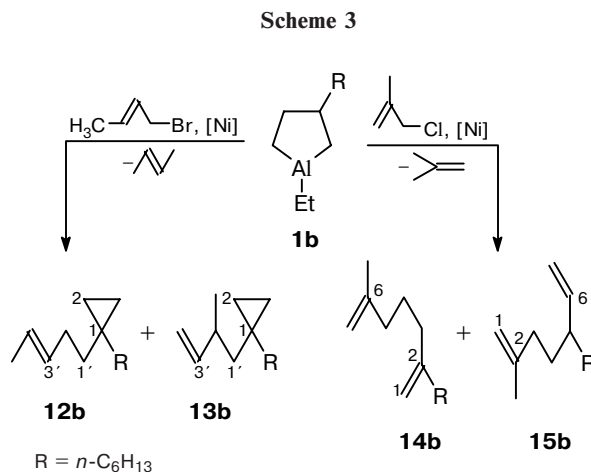
In the NMR spectrum recorded an hour after the starting reagents (ACP, allyl chloride and Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub>) were mixed, the intensities of signals at δ 155.1 and 107.1 characteristic of the sp<sup>2</sup>-hybridized carbon atoms in OAC **5b** noticeably decreased. After 24 h, the NMR spectrum of this mixture does not virtually contain resonance lines from the doubly bonded C atoms in **5b**. Hydrolysis of the mixture yields 1-(but-3-enyl)-1-(*n*-hexyl)cyclopropane (**8b**), probably, through intramolecular cyclization of **5b** into OAC **7b**, which then undergoes cross-linking with the starting allyl chloride to give **8b** in ~65% yield (see Scheme 2). A minor reaction product (~20%) was identified as olefin **11b**.

The study of the process dynamics showed that, unlike OAC **5b**, compound **6b** is not involved in the aforesaid transformation, being virtually unchanged throughout the reaction time. Hydrolysis of the reaction mixture (~1 h after the reaction started) gives 1-(*n*-hexyl)-1-methylcyclopropane (**9b**), 2-ethyloct-1-ene (**10b**), and 3-methylnon-1-ene (**11b**) in the ratio 4 : 1 : 7, respec-

tively (GLC data). This indicates the *in situ* formation of intermediate regioisomeric OACs **5b**, **6b**, and **7b**.

ACPs **1a** and **1c** react in a similar manner with allyl chloride to give the corresponding unsaturated acyclic OACs, which are transformed *in situ* (~20 °C, 8 h, Et<sub>2</sub>O) into 1,1-substituted cyclopropanes **8a,c**. The hydrolysis products contain, along with 1,1-disubstituted cyclopropanes **8a,c**, olefins **10a,c** and **11a,c** in the ratio 12 : 1 : 3, respectively (the total yield was ~80%).

To find out how the structure of the starting allyl halide influences the direction of cross-linking, the catalytic transformations of ACP **1b** in the presence of crotyl bromide and methallyl chloride were studied (Scheme 3). The reaction of OAC **1b** with crotyl bromide (Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol. %), ether, 21–22 °C, 8–9 h) gives regioisomeric cyclopropanes **12b** and **13b** (1 : 1) in 60% yield, suggesting the formation of the target products according to Scheme 2.

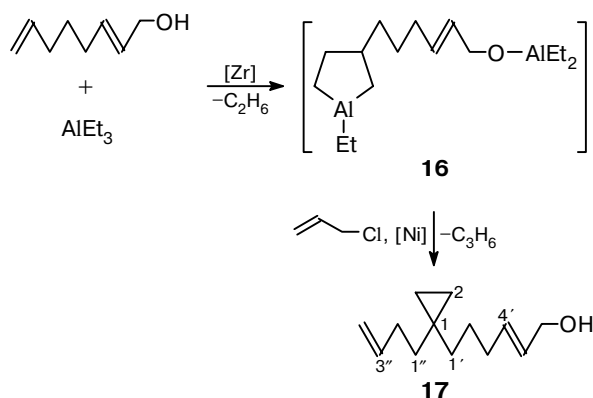


The reaction of ACP **1b** with a threefold excess of methallyl chloride in the presence of 5 mol. % Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub>

initially yields regioisomers **5b** and **6b**, which are involved *in situ* in cross-linking with an excess of methallyl chloride. The latter process occurs faster than intramolecular carboalumination with the formation of cyclopropane-containing OACs of the type **7b**. As the result, a mixture of regioisomeric heptadienes **14b** and **15b** (1 : 1) is formed in ~65% total yield.

The proposed method opens the route to the synthesis of various 1,1-disubstituted cyclopropanes whose structures are dependent on those of the starting  $\alpha$ -olefins and allyl halides. In particular, the cycloalumination of 2*E*,7-octadienol under the action of  $\text{AlEt}_3$  in the presence of 5 mol. %  $\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2$  followed by the  $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2$ -catalyzed reaction of OAC **16**<sup>6</sup> with allyl chloride in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  gives 1,1-disubstituted cyclopropane **17** in ~50% yield (Scheme 4).

Scheme 4



Thus, the study of catalytic transformations of 3-alkyl-1-ethylalumacyclopentanes with allyl halides and the identification of the reaction intermediates made it possible to propose the most plausible mechanism for the formation of 1,1-disubstituted cyclopropanes (through intermediate acyclic unsaturated organoaluminum compounds) and develop a preparative method for the synthesis of cyclopropanes from 1-ethyl-3-alkylalumacyclopentanes and allyl halides in the presence of Ni complexes as catalysts.

### Experimental

Reactions with OAC were carried out in an atmosphere of dry argon. Solvents were distilled over  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  immediately before use. Commercially available 98%  $\text{AlEt}_3$  (Joint-Stock Company "Nizhnekamskneftekhim") was used. The reaction products were analyzed on a Chrom-5 chromatograph (flame ionization detector, column  $200 \times 0.3$  cm with 15% PEG-6000 or 5% SE-30 on Chromaton N-AW, 50–190 °C).  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL FX-90Q (90 and 22.5 MHz, respectively; with complete or partial proton decoupling for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) and Bruker AM-300 spectrometers (300 and 75.46 MHz, respectively) with  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as the internal standard, except for OAC ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_{12}$ ). IR spectra were obtained

with an IR-75 spectrometer (thin film). Mass spectra were recorded on a Finnigan 4021 spectrometer (EI, 70 eV, ionization chamber temperature 200 °C).

**Synthesis of 1-alkyl-1-(but-3-enyl)cyclopropanes.**  $\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2$  (0.5 mmol) obtained according to the known procedure,<sup>7</sup>  $\alpha$ -olefin (10 mmol), and  $\text{AlEt}_3$  (12 mmol) were placed in a glass reaction vessel in an atmosphere of dry Ar at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 21–23 °C for 8 h. To 3-alkyl-1-ethylalumacyclopentane that formed<sup>3</sup>  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (8 mL), freshly sublimed  $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2$  (0.5 mmol), and allyl chloride (methallyl chloride or crotyl bromide) (36 mmol) were added at –5 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred at –20 °C for 8–10 h. The course of the process was monitored by dynamic  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy; samples (0.5 mL) were withdrawn at regular intervals. After 8–10 h, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed with 10% HCl to give 1-alkyl-1-(but-3-enyl)cyclopropanes **8**, **12**, and **13**. ACP **16** was obtained according to the known procedure<sup>6</sup> from 2*E*,7-octadienol with a 2.5-fold excess of  $\text{AlEt}_3$  and a threefold excess of allyl chloride with respect to  $\text{AlEt}_3$ .

**3-Butylbut-3-enyl(ethyl)aluminum chloride (5a).**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 1.1 (br.t,  $\text{C}(1')$ ); 8.7 (q,  $\text{C}(2')$ ); 14.1 (q,  $\text{C}(4'')$ ); 16.7 (br.t,  $\text{C}(4)$ ); 22.9 (t,  $\text{C}(3'')$ ); 30.5 (t,  $\text{C}(2'')$ ); 35.7 (t,  $\text{C}(1'')$ ); 39.6 (t,  $\text{C}(3)$ ); 106.6 (t,  $\text{C}(1)$ ); 154.5 (s,  $\text{C}(2)$ ).

**Ethyl(3-hexylbut-3-enyl)aluminum chloride (5b).**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 1.2 (br.t,  $\text{C}(1')$ ); 9.0 (q,  $\text{C}(2')$ ); 14.5 (q,  $\text{C}(6'')$ ); 16.2 (br.t,  $\text{C}(4)$ ); 23.4 (t,  $\text{C}(5'')$ ); 28.7 (t,  $\text{C}(2'')$ ); 30.0 (t,  $\text{C}(3'')$ ); 32.6 (t,  $\text{C}(4'')$ ); 36.5 (t,  $\text{C}(1'')$ ); 40.5 (t,  $\text{C}(3)$ ); 107.1 (t,  $\text{C}(1)$ ); 155.1 (s,  $\text{C}(2)$ ).

**Ethyl(3-nonylbut-3-enyl)aluminum chloride (5c).**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 1.5 (br.t,  $\text{C}(1')$ ); 8.8 (q,  $\text{C}(2')$ ); 14.3 (q,  $\text{C}(9'')$ ); 16.8 (br.t,  $\text{C}(4)$ ); 23.1 (t,  $\text{C}(8'')$ ); 28.3 (t,  $\text{C}(2'')$ ); 28.4 (t,  $\text{C}(6'')$ ); 29.8 (t,  $\text{C}(3'')$ ); 29.9 (t,  $\text{C}(5'')$ ); 30.1 (t,  $\text{C}(7'')$ ); 32.4 (t,  $\text{C}(4'')$ ); 36.1 (t,  $\text{C}(1'')$ ); 40.1 (t,  $\text{C}(3)$ ); 106.7 (t,  $\text{C}(1)$ ); 154.6 (s,  $\text{C}(2)$ ).

**2-Butylbut-3-enyl(ethyl)aluminum chloride (6a).**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 1.1 (br.t,  $\text{C}(1')$ ); 8.7 (q,  $\text{C}(2')$ ); 14.1 (q,  $\text{C}(4'')$ ); 16.7 (br.t,  $\text{C}(4)$ ); 23.1 (t,  $\text{C}(3'')$ ); 29.0 (t,  $\text{C}(2'')$ ); 31.7 (t,  $\text{C}(1'')$ ); 41.4 (d,  $\text{C}(3)$ ); 111.1 (t,  $\text{C}(1)$ ); 147.7 (d,  $\text{C}(2)$ ).

**Ethyl(2-hexylbut-3-enyl)aluminum chloride (6b).**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 1.2 (br.t,  $\text{C}(1')$ ); 9.0 (q,  $\text{C}(2')$ ); 14.5 (q,  $\text{C}(6'')$ ); 16.2 (br.t,  $\text{C}(4)$ ); 23.4 (t,  $\text{C}(5'')$ ); 28.4 (t,  $\text{C}(2'')$ ); 30.3 (t,  $\text{C}(3'')$ ); 32.1 (t,  $\text{C}(4'')$ ); 32.7 (t,  $\text{C}(1'')$ ); 41.8 (t,  $\text{C}(3)$ ); 111.5 (t,  $\text{C}(1)$ ); 148.2 (s,  $\text{C}(2)$ ).

**Ethyl(2-nonylbut-3-enyl)aluminum chloride (6c).**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 1.5 (br.t,  $\text{C}(1')$ ); 8.8 (q,  $\text{C}(2')$ ); 14.3 (q,  $\text{C}(9'')$ ); 16.8 (br.t,  $\text{C}(4)$ ); 23.1 (t,  $\text{C}(8'')$ ); 28.1 (t,  $\text{C}(2'')$ ); 29.9 (t,  $\text{C}(3'')$ ); 29.9 (t,  $\text{C}(6'')$ ); 30.1 (t,  $\text{C}(5'')$ ); 31.8 (t,  $\text{C}(7'')$ ); 32.4 (both t,  $\text{C}(1'')$ ,  $\text{C}(4'')$ ); 41.5 (t,  $\text{C}(3)$ ); 111.2 (t,  $\text{C}(1)$ ); 147.8 (s,  $\text{C}(2)$ ).

**1-(But-3-enyl)-1-butylcyclopropane (8a).** B.p. 63–64 °C (10 Torr),  $n_D^{22}$  1.4390. IR,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3085, 2970, 2935, 2870, 1645, 1470, 1390, 1025, 1010, 925.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.22 (s, 4 H,  $\text{H}(2)$ ,  $\text{H}(3)$ , both ring); 0.89 (m, 3 H, Me); 1.20–1.39 (m, 4 H,  $\text{H}(2'')$ ,  $\text{H}(3'')$ ); 1.39–1.68 (m, 4 H,  $\text{H}(1')$ ,  $\text{H}(1'')$ ); 1.81–2.11 (m, 2 H,  $\text{H}(2')$ ); 4.68–5.70 (m, 3 H,  $\text{H}(3')$ ,  $\text{H}(4')$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 12.1 (t,  $\text{C}(2)$ ); 14.2 (q,  $\text{C}(4'')$ ); 19.2 (s,  $\text{C}(1)$ ); 23.1 (t,  $\text{C}(3'')$ ); 28.9 (t,  $\text{C}(2'')$ ); 31.1 (t,  $\text{C}(2')$ ); 35.7 (both t,  $\text{C}(1')$ ,  $\text{C}(1'')$ ); 113.8 (t,  $\text{C}(4')$ ); 139.4 (d,  $\text{C}(3')$ ). Found (%): C, 86.61; H, 13.04.  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}$ . Calculated (%): C, 86.76; H, 13.24.

**1-(But-3-enyl)-1-hexylcyclopropane (8b).** B.p. 72–74 °C (5 Torr),  $n_D^{22}$  1.4445. IR,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3085, 2970, 2940, 2870, 1650, 1470, 1385, 1025, 1015, 925.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.18 (s, 4 H,  $\text{H}(2)$ ,  $\text{H}(3)$ , both ring); 0.88 (m, 3 H, Me); 1.18–1.29 (m, 8 H,  $\text{H}(2'')$ ,  $\text{H}(3'')$ ,  $\text{H}(4'')$ ,  $\text{H}(5'')$ ); 1.40–1.65 (m, 4 H,  $\text{H}(1')$ ,  $\text{H}(1'')$ ); 1.70–2.03 (m, 2 H,  $\text{H}(2')$ ); 4.52–5.55 (m, 3 H,  $\text{H}(3')$ ,  $\text{H}(4')$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\delta$ : 12.1 (t,  $\text{C}(2)$ ); 14.1 (q,  $\text{C}(6'')$ ); 19.2 (s,  $\text{C}(1)$ ); 22.5 (t,  $\text{C}(5'')$ ); 26.6 (t,  $\text{C}(2'')$ ); 29.7 (t,  $\text{C}(3'')$ ); 31.1 (t,  $\text{C}(2')$ ); 32.0 (t,  $\text{C}(4'')$ ); 35.6 (t,  $\text{C}(1')$ ); 36.0 (t,  $\text{C}(1'')$ );

113.8 (t, C(4')); 139.4 (d, C(3')). Found (%): C, 86.48; H, 13.24. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 86.59; H, 13.41.

**1-(But-3-enyl)-1-nonylcyclopropane (8c).** B.p. 88–90 °C (2 Torr),  $n_D^{22}$  1.4499. IR,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3085, 2970, 2940, 2870, 1650, 1470, 1385, 1025, 1010, 925. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.21 (s, 4 H, H(2), H(3), both ring); 0.88 (m, 3 H, Me); 1.15–1.30 (m, 14 H, H(2''), H(3''), H(4''), H(5''), H(6''), H(7''), H(8'')); 1.38–1.66 (m, 4 H, H(1''), H(1'')); 2.08–2.20 (m, 2 H, H(2'')); 4.70–5.80 (m, 3 H, H(3'), H(4')). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 12.1 (t, C(2)); 14.1 (q, C(9'')); 19.2 (s, C(1)); 22.8 (t, C(8'')); 26.6 (t, C(2'')); 29.4 (t, C(6'')); 29.6 (t, C(3'')); 29.7 (both t, C(4''), C(5'')); 31.1 (t, C(2'')); 32.0 (t, C(7'')); 35.5 (t, C(1'')); 36.1 (t, C(1'')); 113.9 (t, C(4'')); 139.4 (d, C(3')). Found (%): C, 86.15; H, 13.43. C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>30</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 86.41; H, 13.59.

**1-Hexyl-1-methylcyclopropane (9b).** B.p. 80–83 °C (50 Torr),  $n_D^{22}$  1.4413. IR,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2905, 2970, 2872, 1460, 1380, 1010, 925. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.18 (s, 4 H, H(2), H(3), both ring); 0.86 (t, 3 H, C(5')Me,  $J = 6.1$  Hz); 0.92 (s, 3 H, C(1)Me); 1.20–1.53 (m, 8 H, H(2''), H(3''), H(4''), H(5'')); 2.28 (t, 2 H, H(1''),  $J = 6.6$  Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 13.1 (t, C(2)); 14.2 (q, C(6'')); 15.5 (s, C(1)); 22.8 (t, C(5'')); 27.0 (q, C(1'')); 29.6 (t, C(3'')); 29.8 (t, C(2'')); 32.0 (t, C(4'')); 39.6 (t, C(1'')). Found (%): C, 85.35; H, 14.28. C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 85.63; H, 14.37.

**2-Ethyl-1-ene (10b).** B.p. 82–84 °C (50 Torr),  $n_D^{22}$  1.4221. IR,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3080, 2960, 2950, 2930, 2880, 2855, 1645, 1465, 1375, 890, 725. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.89 (6 H, Me); 1.20–1.64 (m, 8 H, H(4), H(5), H(6), H(7)); 1.90–2.28 (m, 4 H, H(3), H(1'')); 4.69–4.82 (m, 2 H, H(1)). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 12.5 (q, C(2'')); 14.2 (q, C(8)); 22.8 (t, C(7)); 27.9 (t, C(4)); 28.9 (t, C(5)); 29.2 (t, C(6)); 31.9 (t, C(1'')); 36.4 (t, C(3)); 107.3 (t, C(1)); 152.0 (s, C(2)). MS,  $m/z$ : 140 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Found (%): C, 85.32; H, 14.28. C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 85.63; H, 14.37.

**3-Methylnon-1-ene (11b).** B.p. 78–81 °C (50 Torr),  $n_D^{22}$  1.4223. IR,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3090, 2970, 2925, 2865, 1650, 1475, 1385, 1010, 930, 740, 700. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.86 (t, 3 H, C(8)Me,  $J = 6.1$  Hz); 0.98 (d, 3 H, C(3)Me,  $J = 4.2$  Hz); 1.08–1.35 (m, 10 H, H(4), H(5), H(6), H(7), H(8)); 1.58–1.69 (m, 1 H, H(3)); 4.92–5.01 (m, 2 H, H(1)); 5.44–5.88 (m, 1 H, H(2)). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 14.2 (q, C(9)); 20.3 (q, C(1'')); 22.8 (t, C(8)); 27.4 (t, C(5)); 29.6 (t, C(6)); 32.0 (t, C(7)); 36.8 (t, C(4)); 37.9 (d, C(3)); 112.3 (t, C(1)); 145.1 (d, C(2)). MS,  $m/z$ : 140 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Found (%): C, 85.33; H, 14.29. C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 85.63; H, 14.37.

**1-Hexyl-1-(trans-pent-3-enyl)cyclopropane (12b).** B.p. 78–81 °C (2 Torr),  $n_D^{22}$  1.4621. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.04 (s, 4 H, H(2), H(3), both ring); 0.84 (t, 3 H, C(5')Me,  $J = 6.4$  Hz); 1.11–1.35 (m, 12 H, H(1''), H(1''), H(2''), H(3''), H(4''), H(5'')); 1.74–2.02 (m, 2 H, H(2'')); 1.45–1.69 (m, 3 H, C(4')Me); 4.66–5.59 (m, 2 H, H(3''), H(4'')). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 10.3 (t, C(2)); 14.2 (q, C(6'')); 17.9 (q, C(5'')); 18.6 (s, C(1)); 22.8 (t, C(5'')); 25.8 (t, C(2'')); 28.0 (t, C(2'')); 29.6 (t, C(3'')); 32.1 (t, C(4'')); 37.2 (t, C(1'')); 38.2 (t, C(1'')); 124.6 (d, C(4'')); 131.5 (d, C(3')). Found (%): C, 86.21; H, 13.39. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>26</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 86.52; H, 13.48.

**1-Hexyl-1-(2-methylbut-3-enyl)cyclopropane (13b).** B.p. 73–75 °C (2 Torr),  $n_D^{22}$  1.4541. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.15 (s, 4 H, H(2), H(3), both ring); 0.88–1.04 (m, 6 H, Me); 1.04–1.36 (m, 12 H, H(1''), H(1''), H(2''), H(3''), H(4''), H(5'')); 1.80–2.10 (m, 1 H, H(2'')); 4.66–5.59 (m, 3 H, H(3'), H(4')). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 11.4 (t, C(2)); 14.2 (q, C(6'')); 19.3 (q, MeC(4'')); 19.7 (s, C(1)); 22.8 (t, C(5'')); 28.5 (t, C(2'')); 29.2 (t, C(3'')); 32.1 (t, C(4'')); 35.0 (t, C(2'')); 43.7 (t, C(1'')); 45.2 (t, C(1'')); 114.2 (d, C(4'')); 143.3 (d, C(3')). Found (%): C, 86.22; H, 13.40. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>26</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 86.52; H, 13.48.

**2-Hexyl-6-methylhepta-1,6-diene (14b).** B.p. 99–101 °C (5 Torr),  $n_D^{22}$  1.4421. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.81 (t, 3 H, C(5')Me,

$J = 6.1$  Hz); 1.04–1.34 (m, 10 H, H(1''), H(2''), H(3''), H(4''), H(5'')); 1.01 (s, 3 H, C(2)Me); 1.86–2.01 (m, 6 H, H(3), H(4), H(5)); 4.40–5.67 (m, 4 H, H(1), H(7)). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 14.2 (q, C(6'')); 21.1 (q, C(6)Me); 22.7 (t, C(5'')); 27.2 (t, C(4)); 29.2 (t, C(3'')); 29.5 (t, C(2'')); 32.0 (t, C(4'')); 35.7 (t, C(1'')); 36.2 (t, C(3)); 37.6 (t, C(5)); 108.7 (t, C(7)); 109.9 (t, C(1)); 146.0 (s, C(6)); 150.1 (s, C(2)). MS,  $m/z$ : 194 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Found (%): C, 86.21; H, 13.39. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>26</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 86.52; H, 13.48.

**5-Hexyl-2-methylhepta-1,6-diene (15b).** B.p. 79–81 °C (2 Torr),  $n_D^{22}$  1.4422. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.81 (t, 3 H, C(5')Me,  $J = 6.1$  Hz); 1.04–1.34 (m, 12 H, H(4), H(1''), H(2''), H(3''), H(4''), H(5'')); 1.86–1.93 (m, 2 H, C(3)); 1.93–2.10 (m, 1 H, C(5)); 4.40–5.67 (m, 5 H, H(1), H(6), H(7)). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 14.2 (q, C(6'')); 22.5 (q, C(6)Me); 22.7 (t, C(5'')); 29.6 (t, C(3'')); 29.8 (t, C(2'')); 32.0 (t, C(4)); 33.0 (t, C(4'')); 35.2 (t, C(3)); 35.5 (t, C(1'')); 43.9 (t, C(5)); 109.6 (t, C(1)); 114.4 (t, C(7)); 143.4 (d, C(6)); 146.4 (s, C(2)). MS,  $m/z$ : 194 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Found (%): C, 86.32; H, 13.38. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>26</sub>. Calculated (%): C, 86.52; H, 13.48.

**1-(But-3-enyl)-1-(6-hydroxyhex-4-enyl)cyclopropane (17).** B.p. 120–123 °C (1 Torr),  $n_D^{22}$  1.4902. IR,  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3360, 3080, 3010, 2935, 2865, 1645, 1470, 1105, 1030, 985, 925. <sup>1</sup>H NMR,  $\delta$ : 0.24 (s, 4 H, H(2), H(3), both ring); 1.10–1.62 (m, 6 H, H(1''), H(2''), H(1'')); 1.84–2.20 (m, 4 H, H(3'), H(2'')); 3.83 (s, 1 H, OH); 4.15 (d, 2 H, H(6''),  $J = 4.0$  Hz); 4.82–5.90 (m, 5 H, H(4'), H(5'), H(3''), H(4'')). <sup>13</sup>C NMR,  $\delta$ : 12.0 (t, C(2)); 19.0 (s, C(1)); 26.1 (t, C(2'')); 31.0 (t, C(2'')); 32.4 (t, C(3'')); 35.5 (t, C(1'')); 35.5 (t, C(1'')); 63.8 (q, C(6)); 113.9 (t, C(4'')); 129.0 (d, C(4'')); 133.6 (d, C(5'')); 139.3 (d, C(3')). Found (%): C, 80.41; H, 11.53; O, 7.61. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O. Calculated (%): C, 80.36; H, 11.41; O, 8.23.

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