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# Substrate Control of Diastereoselectivity in Zirconium(II) Mediated Enyne Cyclizations.

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Abstract: The reductive cyclization of an extensive series of chiral enynes by  $Cp_2Zr(II)$  complexes has been examined. In most instances excellent substrate control of cyclization stereochemistry was observed.

The elucidation of processes that control relative and absolute stereogenesis has become central to the practice of selective organic synthesis. In this context, transformations mediated by transition metals have gained increasing recognition as a powerful means for achieving reaction selectivity. This characteristic is derived, in part, from the ability of transition metals to serve as vehicles for both substrate<sup>2</sup> and reagent<sup>3</sup> based stereocontrol. The intramolecular Pauson-Khand reaction has been utilized quite frequently for the construction of fused 2-cyclopenten-1-ones.<sup>4</sup> Although numerous diastereoselective variations of this cobalt centered annulation exist,<sup>4,5</sup> comparatively little has been reported regarding the corresponding  $Cp_2Zr(II)$  mediated cyclizations (Negishi cyclizations).<sup>6</sup> Our interests in the use of Group IV metal templated cyclizations for the synthesis of bioactive [3,4] fused cyclopentenones led us to an early investigation of substrate directed stereo-control in Zr-enyne cyclizations (Scheme 1).<sup>7,8</sup> Herein, we provide the results of a more detailed study of this phenomenon.





## Synthesis of Chiral Enynes.

The chiral envnes 1c, 2b, and 3b that were utilized in this investigation were prepared by the union of the appropriate organometallic reagent and aldehyde. Accordingly, treatment of pent-4en-1-al with lithium (trimethylsily)acetylide provided 1c upon protonation ( $NH_4Cl_{sq}$ ). Silylation of 1c (TBDMSCI-imidazole, DMF)<sup>9a</sup> subsequently gave 1a. Alternatively, C-desilylation of 1c (KOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) followed by C-sulfenylation (a. LDA, THF; b. CH<sub>3</sub>SCN)<sup>10</sup> and final alcohol silvlation (vide supra) furnished 1b. Envnes 2b and 3b were prepared in a similar manner from 6-trimethylsilyl-5-hexynal or 5-trimethylsilyl-4-pentynal and vinylmagnesium bromide in 84% and 86% yield respectively. The 3-carboxamido-1-hepten-6-ynes 3c and 3d were readily procured in 41% and 64% yield by the deconjugative alkylation of N,N-diethyl-2-butenamide and (2S)-1-(2'-butenoyl)-2-(hydroxymethyl)pyrrolidine respectively with 1-iodo-4-trimethylsilyl-3-butyne followed by O-silylation in the case of 3d. It is interesting to note that the deconjugative alkylation leading to 3d afforded a 20:1 ratio of diastereomeric amides. The absolute stereochemical assignment of 3d is based on analogy with literature precedent.<sup>11</sup> Reduction of 3c (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>) provided the 3-(diethylaminomethyl) substituted envne 3e in 74% yield. The 4-(hydroxymethyl)-1-hepten-6-yne derivatives 4a and 4b were prepared by the decarbomethoxylation of dimethyl 2-(2-propenyl)-2-(2-propynyl)-1,3-propanedioate (NaCl, wet DMF)<sup>12</sup> and subsequent reduction/silylation [1. LiAlH<sub>4</sub>; 2. (a) n-BuLi, (b) Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl, (c) HCl<sub>ao</sub>; 3. TBDMSCl-imidazole, DMF (48% overall)] in the case of 4a, or methylation/SEM ether formation [1. (a) CH<sub>3</sub>Li; (b) Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl; (c) HCl<sub>ao</sub>; 2. SEMCl/(*i*-Pr)<sub>2</sub>NEt<sup>9b</sup> (34% overall)] for 4b. The 4-(silyloxy)-1-hepten-6-yne 4c was secured in 80% overall yield by the addition of allylmagnesium bromide to 4,4-dichlorobutanal followed by O-silylation<sup>9a</sup> and final bis-elimination/silylation (LDA-Me<sub>2</sub>SiCl,<sup>13b</sup> THF, -78 °C). The latter transformation constitutes a new (and synthetically quite useful) variation of the Normant acetylene synthesis.<sup>13a</sup> O-Desilylation of 4c  $(HF_{a0}-CH_3CN)^{14}$  provided the free alcohol 4d.



 1a:  $R^1 = TBDMS$ ,  $R^2 = TMS$  

 1b:  $R^1 = TBDMS$ ,  $R^2 = SCH_3$  

 1c:  $R^1 = H$ ,  $R^2 = TMS$ 



2a: R = TBDMS 2b: R = H



### Cyclization Studies.

The cyclization of 6-(t-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-octen-7-ynes 1a and 1b was conducted in close analogy with literature precedent.<sup>15,16</sup> Accordingly, treatment of Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub> in THF with *n*-BuLi (2 equiv) at -78 °C followed by the addition of the appropriate enyne substrate and subsequent stirring (-78 °C, 0.5 h then 25 °C, 12 h) generated the corresponding zirconacyclopentene 6. In the case of 1c the THF solution of Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub> was treated with 3 equiv of n-BuLi prior to the addition of the substrate to effect initial conversion to the corresponding alkoxide derivative. Protonolysis of the reaction mixture [2 equiv of AcOH, 0 °C (3 equiv in the case of 6b)] gave, in each case, a major cyclized product with > 30:1 diastereoselectivity as determined by capillary G.C. and 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. The relative stereochemistry of the substituents on alkylidenecyclohexanes 7a-c prepared in this manner was assigned as trans on the basis of the following spectroscopic data. The coupling constants observed for the silvoxy C-H resonances  $(H_a)$  in the cyclohexanes 7a-c were invariably small in magnitude (ca. 0-3 Hz) as would be expected for equatorially disposed protons. By way of contrast, the allylic hydrogens  $(H_b)$  of 7a-c exhibited both large (ca. 6.0 Hz) and small couplings characteristic of axial protons. Additional evidence for the trans orientation of the silyloxy and methyl substituents as well as for the Z geometry of the alkylidene moiety was provided by nuclear Overhauser enhancement difference (NOED) spectroscopy. Significant NOEs were observed between the vinylic hydrogens and the peripheral methyl substituents of the cyclization products 7a-c. In addition, no observable NOEs were detected between  $H_a$  and  $H_b$  nor between the vinylic hydrogen and H<sub>b</sub> in these products. These data are again consistent with the existence of a trans relationship between  $H_a$  and  $H_b$ , the equatorial disposition of the C-3 methyl substituent and Z alkene geometry.

The foregoing stereochemical results are consistent with the following mechanistic analysis. Reductive elimination of butane from  $Cp_2Zr(n-Bu)_2$  followed by enyne complexation with loss of 1-butene<sup>17</sup> should generate the transient zirconacyclopropenes **5a-c** for which there are two extreme precyclization conformers (e.g., **5** and **5'**). Conformers corresponding to **5'** are expected to be disfavored energetically as a consequence of allylic 1,3-nonbonded interactions between the proequatorial oxygen bearing moiety and the vicinally disposed zirconacyclopropenyl substituent. Accordingly, cyclization via conformers corresponding to **5**, in which allylic 1,3-strain is minimized, should occur preferentially to provide the exo substituted zirconacyclopentenes **6a-c**.



Cyclization of the 1-octen-7-yne derivatives 2a and 2b (vide supra) followed by protonolysis (vide supra) gave the trans homoallylic ether 10a and the alcohol 10b as the predominant stereoisomers (stereoselectivity > 30:1) in 68% and 70% isolated yield respectively. In the case of 10a, both the silyloxy C-H and allylic hydrogen (H<sub>a</sub> and H<sub>b</sub>, respectively) exhibited one large [9.0 Hz (H<sub>a</sub>), 8.9 Hz (H<sub>b</sub>)] and one small [3.0 Hz (H<sub>a</sub>), 1.4 Hz (H<sub>b</sub>)] coupling constant. Moreover, no observable NOE was detected between H<sub>a</sub> and H<sub>b</sub> but a relatively strong NOE was observable

between the C-2 methyl substituent and the vinylic hydrogen. These internally consistent data strongly support the designated trans stereochemical and geometrical assignments for 10a. The homoallylic alcohol 10b exhibited closely analogous splitting patterns and NOE behavior.

An alternative mechanistic model can be advanced that is consistent with the high selectivity observed for the conversion of 2a and b into 10a and b. As in the case of the zirconacyclopropenes 5a-c, two extreme precyclization conformers (e.g., 8 and 8') can be envisaged. Conformer 8' is expected to be higher in energy than 8 as a result of an unfavorable quasi 1,3-diaxial interaction between the ether moiety at C-3 and a methylene hydrogen bound to C-5. The energy difference between 8 and 8' should be further exacerbated by an allylic 1,3-interaction involving the C-3 oxygen substituent and a terminal vinylic hydrogen.<sup>18</sup> Cyclization via 8 leads to the exo-substituted zirconacyclopentenes 9a,b and ultimately to 10a and 10b.



We next directed our attention to the utilization of  $Cp_2Zr(II)$  complexes for the annulation of 2,3-disubstituted alkylidenecyclopentane derivatives. In this study five allylic enynes were examined. Cyclization of the allylic enynes 3a and 3b, as before, led to the formation of the trans alkylidenecyclopentanes 13a and b in a highly stereocontrolled fashion and in very good yield. In the case of 3a two diastereomeric cyclization products were formed in a 14:1 ratio. For 3b, a single stereochemically homogeneous product 13b was formed as a consequence of Cp<sub>2</sub>Zr(II) mediated annulation. In the instances of 13a and b, evidence for relative stereochemistry derived both from NOE spectroscopy and single-crystal X-ray analysis. As in the case of the alkylidenecyclohexanes 10a and 10b, the splitting patterns and chemical shift data for the alkylidenecyclopentanes 13a and 13b were closely analogous with one another. Similarly, no observable NOE was detected between H<sub>a</sub> and H<sub>h</sub>. A strong NOE was also observed between the C-2 methyl substituent and the vinylic hydrogen for both 13a and 13b. The latter enhancement, however, may not be stereochemically meaningful in view of the expected conformational mobility of the cyclopentane framework. In the instance of 13b, the trans relationship of the pendant methyl and hydroxy substituents as well as the E geometry of the alkylidene moiety were ultimately confirmed via single-crystal X-ray analysis of the corresponding 4-phenylbenzoate ester 13f (Figure 1).



Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of 13f

Zirconocene mediated cyclization of enynes bearing carboxamido moieties at the 3-position (e.g., 3c and 3d) initially proved problematic. Although cyclization could be achieved to some extent using the standard set of reaction conditions (vide supra), substrate to product conversion was typically below 70% even when an excess of  $Cp_2Zr(n-Bu)_2$  was utilized. In light of the possibility that 3c and 3d might be anomalous with respect to their rate of cyclization, we theorized that competitive decomposition of the active Zr(II) species might be responsible for the observed inefficiency of conversion. We have previously shown that complexation with 4-dimethylamino-pyridine (DMAP) confers enhanced stability on low valent zirconocene complexes.<sup>19</sup> In accord with the foregoing hypothesis, cyclizations of carboxamides 3c and 3d were performed in the presence of 2 equiv each of  $Cp_2Zr(n-Bu)_2$  and DMAP. To our gratification, the efficiency of cyclization was restored for both of the above substrates under these conditions to provide the alkylidenecyclopentanes 13c and

13d in 93% and 94% yield respectively. In each of the above cases a very high level of stereoselectivity was observed as a consequence of substrate controlled cyclization. Specifically, the alkylidenecyclopentanes 13a and 13b were formed with > 40:1 diastereoselectivity as determined by capillary G.C.. In the instances of 13c and 13d, the indicated products were formed in greater than 99:1 and 50:1 isomeric purity respectively. The assignment of relative stereochemistry for 13c and 13d is at present tentative as it rests strictly on the *absence* of NOE's between the vicinal hydrogens H<sub>a</sub> and H<sub>b</sub> and on analogy with the stereochemical outcome of the cyclizations that led to 13a and 13b. In this connection the cyclization of amine 3e might be seen as stereochemically informative. Exposure of 3e to  $Cp_2Zr(n-Bu)_2$  under the *standard* set of experimental conditions (*no DMAP*) provided a predominant diastereomeric alkylidenecyclopentane 13e (stereoselectivity > 40:1) in 88% yield upon protonolysis. As in the previous cases, no detectable NOE was observed between H<sub>a</sub> and H<sub>b</sub>. However, a strong NOE *was observable* between H<sub>b</sub> and the  $-CH_2N(Et)_2$  methylene. In light of the corpus of data presented above, it is very likely that the stereochemical outcome of the cyclizations of 3a-e is analogous.

The excellent diastereoselectivity observed for the preceding five cyclizations can be rationalized as arising from minimization of quasi 1,3-diaxial interactions and 1,3-allylic strain by the adoption of conformers of the type 11 by the  $Cp_2Zr$ -alkyne complex prior to cyclization.



The Zr(II) mediated cyclization of several 1-hepten-6-yne substrates bearing a single C-4 substituent was subsequently examined. From the standpoint of substrate derived stereocontrol, substituents of this variety were not expected to be as influential as those proximate to the sites of ring formation. Accordingly, cyclization of 4a (vide supra) proceeded without incident to furnish the alkylidenecyclopentanes 14a and 15a (14a/15a=2) in 89% yield. Cyclization of 4b under analogous conditions provided 14b and 15b (14b/15b=11) in 99% isolated yield. In the case of 14a and 15a, the minor isomer 15a gave a NOE between the C-2 and C-4 hydrogens as would be expected for a molecule possessing cis disposed substituents. In addition, the TBDMSOCH<sub>2</sub> <sup>1</sup>H resonance of the minor isomer 15a appeared as multi-line pattern (2 dd,  $\delta$  3.40) as a consequence of restricted rotation (as might be expected for the cis isomer) whereas the TBDMSOCH<sub>2</sub> signal of 14a appeared as a sharp doublet centered at  $\delta$  3.46. For 14b and 15b, the absence of a NOE between the C-2 and C-4 methines of the major isomer 14b is consistent with a trans stereochemical relationship of these hydrogens. Although quite suggestive, the foregoing data must be viewed as inconclusive and accordingly, the precise stereochemical outcome for the cyclizations of 4a and b is tentative at the time of this writing. The diastereoselectivities observed for the cyclizations of 4a and b can be viewed as arising from nonbonded interactions that are related in origin but smaller in magnitude than those of the preceding series (i.e., 3a-e). Cyclizations of enynes bearing oxygen substituents at the 4-position were next briefly examined. Exposure of 4c to  $Cp_2Zr(n-Bu)_2$  (1.1 equiv) in the usual manner gave the alkylidenecyclopentanes 14c and 15c (14c/15c=1) in 80% yield after protonation. Interestingly, the alkoxide derived from *in-situ* deprotonation of 4d  $[Cp_2Zr(n-Bu)_2 + n-BuLi$ (1 equiv)] proved inert toward Zr(II) mediated cyclization. Presumably, a previously inoperative Zr-ligation effect by the alkoxide moiety was responsible for the observed torpitude of the intended cyclization.<sup>20</sup>



In summary, several of the factors that appear to influence substrate based control of diastereoselection in  $Cp_2Zr(II)$  promoted enyne cyclizations have been illuminated. Although the stereochemical outcome for the preceding annulations has not yet been unequivocally established in all cases, it is evident that a high level of stereocontrol can often be achieved by way of this transition metal-based reaction.

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#### **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

General experimental details: Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from potassium; diethyl ether (Et<sub>2</sub>O) was distilled from sodium-benzophenone. Dichloromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) and hexamethylphosphoramide (HMPA) were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. N,N-Diisopropylamine (DIPA), diisopropylethylamine and triethylamine (TEA) were distilled from LiAlH<sub>4</sub>. Zirconocene dichloride was purchased from Boulder Scientific and was purified by extraction (45 g of zirconocene dichloride) through a pad of dry Celite (4 cm diameter by 10 cm) with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (200 mL) and the resulting crystals were dried in vacuo. 4-Dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) was purified by sublimation. The molarities for organolithium and alkylmagnesium halide reagents were established by titration with 2-butanol and 1,10-phenanthroline or 2,2'-bipyridyl, respectively, as indicators. Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of argon in flamed, oven-dried vessels. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were measured at 300 and 75 MHz, respectively, with a Bruker AC-300 spectrometer unless otherwise stated. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are reported as  $\delta$  values in ppm relative to residual proton signals in CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta = 7.24, 77.0$ ) or C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>  $(\delta = 7.15, 128.7)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR coupling constants are reported in Hz and refer to apparent multiplicities and not true coupling constants. Multiplicity is indicated as follows: s (singlet); d (doublet); t (triplet); q (quartet); p (pentet); sx (sextet); br (broad); m (multiplet); app d (apparent doublet); app t (apparent triplet); dd (doublet of doublets); etc. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker IFS 25 IR. Electron impact mass spectra (70-eV) were recorded with a Hewlet Packard 5970 series mass selective detector. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a VG Instruments 70E-HF spectrometer. Analytical gas chromatographs were obtained for all products on a Varian Model 3700 gas chromatograph equipped with a flame ionization detector and either an Alltech Econocap SE-54 bonded phase column (15 m length, 0.54 mm id, and 1.2  $\mu$ m film thickness) or a Heliflex (Alltech) RSL150BP bonded phase column (30 m length, 0.32 mm id, and 0.25  $\mu$ m film thickness). TLC and column chromatography were performed with Merck silica gel 60 or Aldrich activity 1 basic alumina. Concentrations were performed under reduced pressure with a Büchi rotary evaporator. LDA THF complex was prepared by dropwise addition of n-BuLi (5.1 mL, 9.8 M in heptane, 50 mmol) to a solution of N,N-diisopropylamine (7.0 mL, 50 mmol) in THF (4 mL, 50 mmol) and methylcyclohexane (34 mL) maintained at 0 °C. This complex was titrated by the method of Vedejs<sup>21</sup> prior to use.

6-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy]-8-(trimethylsilyl)-1-octen-7-yne (1a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  5.78 (m, 1H, C=CH), 4.95 (m, 2H, C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.31 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H, OCH), 2.05 (app dd, J = 7.0, 14.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.63 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.50 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.88 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.13 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.11 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.09 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 3077, 2167 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>34</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 310.2139, found 310.2145.

**6**-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy]-8-(methylthio)-1-octen-7-yne (1b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.77 (m, 1H, C=CH), 4.97 (m, 2H, C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.41 (app br d, J = 5.53 Hz, 1H, OCH), 2.34 (s, 3H, SCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.04 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.66 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.50 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.87 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.03 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.01 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 3077, 2178 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>28</sub>OSSi (M<sup>+</sup>) 284.1623, found 284.1623.

8-(Trimethylsilyl)-1-octen-7-yn-6-ol (1c): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.79 (m, 1H, C=CH), 4.97 (m, 2H, C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.34 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H, OCH), 2.07 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.92 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.73-1.38 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.15 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3449, 3077, 1642 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSi (M<sup>+</sup>) 196.1278, found 196.1280.

 $(1Z,2\beta,6\alpha)$ -[2-[[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy]-6-methylcyclohexylidene]methyl]trimethylsilane (7a). A 10 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a septum was charged with Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub> (146 mg, 0.5 mmol) and THF (5 mL). The resulting solution was cooled to -78 °C with stirring and *n*-BuLi (313  $\mu$ L, 3.20 M in heptane, 1.0 mmol) was added dropwise by syringe. After stirring for a further 10 min at -78 °C a solution of enyne 1a (98 mg, 0.5 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise by syringe. The stirred reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C over  $\sim 5$  min whereupon the flask was immersed in a cooling bath containing approximately 75 g ice and 25 mL  $H_2O$ . Stirring was continued for 10 h as the reaction mixture attained room temperature. At the end of this time the solution was cooled to 0 °C and degassed H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) was added. Vigorous stirring was continued for a further 15 min at which time the resulting suspension was filtered through a pad of Florisil (3 g). The filter cake was subsequently extracted with benzene (3 x 5 mL), the filtrate was dried with anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvents were removed in vacuo. The residual oil was purified by chromatography on silica gel (2% EtOAc/hexane for elution) to provide 78.2 mg (79%) of 7a as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.19 (br s, 1H, C=CH), 4.76 (br s, 1H, OCH), 2.85 (m, 1H, CH), 2.45 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.10 (dt, J = 4.1, 13.4 Hz, 1H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.97 (m, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.55 (m, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.10 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.05 (s, 9H,  $CH_3$ ), 0.28 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.24 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.18 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.4, 115.9, 71.2, 38.3, 36.6, 34.0, 25.9, 20.4, 18.3, 18.1, 0.8, -4.3; IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 3050, 1616 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C17H36OSi2 (M<sup>+</sup>) 312.2295, found 312.2304.

 $(1\alpha, 2Z, 3\beta)(1, 1-\text{Dimethylethyl})$ dimethyl[[3-methyl-2-[(methylthio)methylene]cyclohexyl]oxy] silane (7b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.39 (app d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, C=CH), 4.81 (app t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H, OCH), 2.52 (m, 1H, CH), 2.23 (s, 3H, SCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.92 (dt, J = 3.5, 13.3 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.74 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.42 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.32 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.22 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.97 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.86 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.06 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.3, 115.7, 67.4, 37.31, 35.2, 32.9, 29.9, 25.8, 20.2, 17.9, 17.5, -4.7, -5.0; IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 3057 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>30</sub>OSSi (M<sup>+</sup>) 286.1779, found 286.1794.

 $(1\beta,2Z,3\alpha)$ -2-(Trimethylsily)methylene-3-methylcyclohexanol (7c): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.42 (s, 1H, C=CH), 4.81 (br s, 1H, OCH), 2.23 (m, 1H, CH), 2.01 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.60-1.20 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.08 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 3371, 2955, 2930, 2857, 1616 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSi (M<sup>+</sup>) 198.1440, found 198.1436.

**3-**[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy]-8-(trimethylsilyl)-1-octen-7-yne (2a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.77 (m, 1H, C=CH), 5.07 (m, 2H, C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.11 (m, 1H, OCH), 2.20 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, C=CCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.58 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.87 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.12 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.03 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.01 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 3077, 2174 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>34</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 310.2139, found 310.2137.

8-(Trimethylsilyl)-1-octen-7-yn-3-ol (2b). A 50 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a septum was charged with THF (5 mL) and vinylmagnesium bromide (1.0 M in

THF, 11 mL, 11 mmol). The resulting solution was cooled to -78 °C and a solution of 6-(trimethylsilyl)-5-hexyn-1-al (1.68 g, 10 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C and then allowed to warm to room temperature with stirring. After stirring for an additional 30 min the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel containing saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (25 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (35 mL). The organic layer was separated, sequentially dried with brine (25 mL), anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (5 g) and the solvents were removed in vacuo. The resulting oil was purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation at 70 °C (0.1 torr) to provide the title compound 2b 1.65 g (84%) as a colorless liquid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.85 (m, 1H, C=CH), 5.19 (m, 2H, C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.12 (m, 1H, OCH), 2.23 (m, 2H, C=CCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.60 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub> and OH), 0.11 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 3542, 3084 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSi (M<sup>+</sup>) 196.1278, found 196.1274.

 $(1E,2\beta,3\alpha)$ -[[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsibyloxy]-2-methylcyclohexylidene] methyl]trimethylsilane (10a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.15 (br s, 1H, C=CH), 3.13 (m, 1H, OCH), 2.45 (app dt, J = 3.8, 12.8 Hz, 1H, C=CCH), 2.05 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.87 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.76 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.45 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.23 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.03 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.88 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.08 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.03 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.02 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.5, 119.5, 77.4, 49.0, 35.3, 34.4, 26.0, 24.8, 18.1, 14.9, 0.5, -4.1, -4.6; IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 3050 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>36</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 312.2295, found 312.2306.

 $(1\alpha,2\beta,3E)$ -2-Methyl-3-[(trimethylsilyl)methylene]cyclohexanol (10b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.22 (s, 1H, C=CH), 3.25 (m, 1H, OCH), 2.41 (app dt, J = 5.0, 14.9 Hz, 1H, C=CCH), 2.08 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.96 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.77 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.52-1.27 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub> and OH), 1.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.10 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  161.2, 120.9, 76.9, 49.9, 35.1, 34.8, 25.6, 15.4, 1.2; IR (thin film) 3372, 2956, 2933, 2859, 1615 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>22</sub>OSi (M<sup>+</sup>) 198.1440, found 198.1434.

**3-**[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy]-7-(trimethylsilyl)-1-hepten-6-yne (3a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.76 (m, 1H, C=CH), 5.08 (m, 2H, C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.22 (app q, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H, OCH), 2.25 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.65 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.88 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.12 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.05 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.02 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 3084, 2173 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>32</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 296.1983, found 296.1982.

7-(Trimethylsilyl)-1-hepten-6-yn-3-ol (3b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.85 (m, 1H, C=CH), 5.18 (m, 2H, C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.25 (br d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H, OCH), 2.32 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.83 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.72 (app dd, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.12 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 3542, 3084 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSi (M<sup>+</sup>) 182.1122, found 182.1116.

*N,N*-Diethyl-2-ethenyl-6-(trimethylsilyl)-5-hexynamide (3c). A solution of *n*-BuLi (2.53 mL, 4.34 M in heptane, 11 mmol) was added dropwise to a magnetically stirred solution of DIPA (1.68 mL, 12 mmol) in THF (300 mL) maintained at -78 °C. After 10 min the mixture was warmed to 0 °C, then recooled to -78 °C. After stirring for an additional 15 min at -78 °C a solution of *N,N*-diethyl-2-buteneamide (1.41 g, 10 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise over 5 min and the reaction mixture was then stirred for 1 h at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was subsequently allowed to warm to 23 °C, held at this temperature for 1.5 h and then recooled to -78 °C. A solution of 4-iodo-1-(trimethylsilyl)-1-butyne (3.02 g, 12 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was then introduced dropwise, the -78 °C bath was removed and the reaction mixture allowed to stir 9 h. The resulting solution was quenched with half-saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (200 mL) and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with 1:1 Et<sub>2</sub>O-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with 10% aqueous H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (2 x 5 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL), brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 1.08 g (41%) of 3c as a light yellow oil:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.83 (ddd, J = 8.4, 10.4 and 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.10 (m, 2H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.34 (m, 5H, COCH and NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.2 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=C), 1.94 (app sx, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H, COHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.68 (app sx, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H, COHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.19 (t, J = 7.15 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.08 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.11 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.7, 137.9, 117.3, 107.5, 86.0, 45.9, 42.4, 41.2, 32.0, 18.1, 15.5, 13.3, 0.8; IR (thin film) 2963, 2173, 1647, 1632, 1449, 1250, 1139, 1043, 918, 843, 638 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 265 (M<sup>+</sup>), 192, 165, 100, 73.

(25,2'S)-1-[2'-Ethenyl-6'-(trimethylsilyl)-5'-hexynoyl]-2-(hydroxymethyl)pyrrolidine (16). A solution of n-BuLi (4.39 mL, 4.78 M in heptane, 21 mmol) was added dropwise to a magnetically stirred solution of DIPA (3.08 mL, 22 mmol) in THF (60 mL) maintained at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was warmed to 0 °C and then recooled to -78 °C. After stirring for an additional 15 min at -78 °C, a solution of (2S)-2-(hydroxymethyl)-1-(2'-butenoyl)pyrrolidine (2.52 g, 10 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise and the resulting mixture was stirred for 15 min at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 22 °C, held at this temperature for 45 min and then recooled to -78 °C. A solution of 4-iodo-1-(trimethylsily)-1-butyne (2.52 g, 10 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was then introduced and the reaction mixture was stirred for a further 15 min at -78 °C whereupon stirring was continued for 6 h at 0 °C. After stirring for an additional 3 h at 25 °C the reaction mixture was quenched with half-saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and the solution was concentrated in vacuo to approximately 20 mL. The resulting heterogeneous mixture was extracted with 1:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 x 15 mL), washed with brine (5 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 1.87 g (64%) of 16 as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  5.50 (ddd, J = 8.5, 9.8, 16.0 Hz, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.10 (m, 2H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.89 (m, 1H, OH) 4.18 (m, 1H, NCHCH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.65-3.48 (m, 4H,  $CH_2NCHCH_2OH)$  3.37 (app q, J = 7.9 Hz, COCH), 2.21 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H,  $CH_2C \equiv C$ ), 1.91-1.84 (m, 4H), 1.64-1.55 (m, 2H), 0.09 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 174.7 (C), 136.7 (CH), 118.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 107.1 (C), 86.2 (C), 67.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.8 (CH), 48.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.1 (CH), 30.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 3394, 3079, 2957, 2171, 1621, 1615, 1435, 1249, 1047, 842, 760, 668, 637 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(25,2'S)-1-[2'-Ethenyl-6'-(trimethylsilyl)-5'-hexynoyl]-2-[[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy]methyl]pyrrolidine (3d). A solution of 16 (4.26 mmol, 1.25 g), imidazole (10.22 mmol, 0.696 g), and t-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (4.65 mmol, 0.706 g) in DMF (8 mL) was magnetically stirred at 45 °C for 30 h. The cooled reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL) and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 10% aqueous H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (5 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL), brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting oil was initially purified by chromatography on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexane for elution). Final purification by bulb-to-bulb distillation afforded 1.42 g (82%) of 3d as a viscous clear oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.74 (ddd, J = 8.6, 10.4, 18.5 Hz, 1H,  $CH=CH_2$ ), 5.09 (m, 2H,  $CH=CH_2$ ), 4.13 (m, 1H, NCHCH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.68 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H,  $CH_2$ OSi), 3.52 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.32 (m, 1H, COCH), 2.21 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H,  $CH_2C=C$ ), 2.10-1.07 (m, 6H,  $CH_2$ ), 0.82 (s, 9H,  $C(CH_3)_3$ ) 0.08 (s, 9H, Si( $CH_3$ )<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (s, 3H, Si( $CH_3$ )<sub>2</sub>), 0.03 (s, 3H, Si( $CH_3$ )<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.0, 137.4, 117.5, 107.6, 86.0, 59.1, 58.9, 48.2, 47.9, 31.1, 27.7, 26.5, 24.9, 22.6, 18.1, 0.8, -4.8; IR (thin film) 3082, 2241, 1643, 1490, 1467, 1379, 1260, 1117, 1057, 1002, 912, 733, 687, 645 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 407 (M<sup>+</sup>), 350, 262, 73; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>41</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 407.2676, found 407.2667.

3-(Diethylaminomethyl)-7-(trimethylsilyl)-1-hepten-6-yne (3e). To a magnetically stirred solution of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (8.5 mg, 2.2 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) at 22 °C was added a solution of 3c (80 mg, 0.3 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.3 mL) in one portion. The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 36 h, then cooled to 0 °C. To the cooled reaction mixture was added H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and aqueous NaOH (1 mL, 2 M). After 15 min of vigorous stirring at room temperature the organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 2 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on

basic alumina (1% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 56 mg (74%) of 3e as a clear oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.51 (m, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.02 (m, 2H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.48 (dt, J = 1.8 and 6.9 Hz, 4H, N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)), 2.29 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.15 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C = C), 1.75 (m, 1H, CH), 1.24 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C = C), 0.96 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.11 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.1, 115.4, 107.6, 84.4, 57.9, 47.3, 41.5, 31.4, 17.6, 11.5, 0.1; IR (thin film) 3076, 2175, 1639, 1453, 1250, 1041, 914, 841, 760, 637 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 149 (MH<sup>+</sup> - TMS, -Et), 121, 93, 73 (TMS).

 $(1E,2\alpha,3\beta)$ -[[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy]-2-methylcyclopentylidene]methyl]trimethylsilane (13a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.23 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H, C=CH), 3.52 (dq, J = 8.5, 14.7 Hz, 1H, OCH), 2.47 (m, 1H, CH), 2.19 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.90 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.53 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.01 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.88 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.06 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.04 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.03 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.1, 118.0, 79.3, 49.8, 33.1, 29.2, 25.9, 18.1, 15.6, -0.3, -4.4, -4.7; IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) 3050 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>34</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 298.2139, found 298.2152.

 $(1\beta,2\alpha,3E)$ -2-Methyl-3-[(trimethylsilyl)methylene]cyclopentanol (13b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.30 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H, C=CH), 3.66 (m, 1H, OCH), 2.50 (m, 1H, CH), 2.31 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.22 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.01 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.06 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.07 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 3371, 2957, 2929, 2858, 1625 cm<sup>-1</sup>; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSi (M<sup>+</sup>) 184.1283, found 184.1291.

 $(1\alpha, 2\beta, 3E)$ -N,N-Diethyl-2-methyl-3-[(trimethylsilyl)methylene]cyclopentane-1-carboxamide (13c). A solution of n-BuLi (0.36 mL, 5.9 M in heptane, 2.12 mmol) was added to a magnetically stirred solution of Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub> (307 mg, 1.05 mmol) and DMAP (107 mg, 1.075 mmol) in THF (10 mL) maintained at -78 °C. After 10 min the Dry ice-acetone bath was removed and the vigorously stirred reaction mixture was allowed to warm to -10 °C. As soon as the reaction mixture became homogeneous (usually at -20 °C) the resulting yellow solution was recooled to -78 °C. A solution of 3c (132 mg, 0.5 mmol) in THF (0.15 mL) was then added dropwise and the resulting mixture was held at -78 °C for 15 min. The Dry ice-acetone bath was subsequently removed, the reaction flask was wrapped in foil and the vigorously stirred solution was allowed to gradually warm to 25 °C. After 10 h at 25 °C, H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) was added, the reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 5 min and then 10% aqueous  $H_2SO_4$  (1 mL) was added. After 1 h the supernatent solution was decanted and filtered through a pad of silica gel (1 cm diameter by 2 cm) which was subsequently extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 10 mL). The filtrate was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (35 mL), and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 x 15 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with 10% aqueous  $H_2SO_4$  (5 mL),  $H_2O$  (5 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 123 mg (93%) of 11c as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(CDCl_3) \delta 5.19$  (app d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H, C=CH), 3.34 (app sx, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.79-2.67 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.61-2.48 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.36 (m, 1H, CHCO), 2.29 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.90-1.65 (m, 2H,  $CH_{2}$ ), 1.09 (dt, J = 7.0, 15.8 Hz, 6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.9 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H,  $CH_{3}$ ), 0.04 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>2</sub>) § 174.5, 165.5, 117.3, 49.5, 46.4, 42.4, 41.2, 32.3, 29.5, 16.9, 15.7, 13.9, 0.4; IR (thin film) 3393, 2960, 1624, 1458, 1381, 1247, 1138, 840 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 267 (M<sup>+</sup>), 194, 167, 73; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NOSi (M<sup>+</sup>) 267.2018, found 267.2010.

 $(1E,2\alpha R,3\beta)$ -2-Methyl-3-[1-oxo-[-1-[2S-(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxymethyl]pyrrolidino]]methylcyclopentylidenemethyl]trimethylsilane (13d). The enyne 3d (205 mg, 0.25 mmol) was cyclized according to the procedure described above for 3c to afford 193 mg (94%) of 11d as a light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.18 (app t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H, C=CH), 4.15 (m, 1H, NCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.72-3.61 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.59-3.30 (m, 3H, NCH<sub>2</sub> and COCH), 2.62 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.60-1.68 (m, 8H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.99 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.82 (s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.03 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (s, 3H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), -0.02 (s, 3H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.4, 164.8, 116.7, 64.7, 63.1, 58.4, 51.1, 47.7, 46.0, 31.6, 27.6, 25.9, 21.8, 18.1, 16.4, -0.3, -5.4; IR (thin film) 3037, 2955, 2858, 1645, 1422, 1321, 1249, 1103, 841, 967 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 409 (M<sup>+</sup>), 352, 167, 73; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for  $C_{22}H_{43}NO_2Si_2$  (M<sup>+</sup>) 409.2832, found 409.2850.

 $(1\alpha,2\beta,3E)$ -1-(N,N-Diethylaminomethyl)-2-methyl-3-[(trimethylsilyl)methylene]cyclopentane (13e). Enyne 3e (38 mg, 0.15 mmol) was cyclized according to the general procedure utilized for 4a except after stirring for 10 h the reaction was treated with H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and heated at 35 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool and then treated with aqueous NaOH (1 mL, 2 M) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (4 x 2 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 2 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on basic alumina (1% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 31 mg (88%) of 11e as a pale yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.48 (app q, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, C=CH), 2.52-2.25 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.23-2.09 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub> and 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=C), 1.95-1.86 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=C), 1.86-1.78 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.54-1.40 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>N), 1.26-1.11 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.95 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.20 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  168.9, 117.6, 59.3, 48.6, 47.5, 46.5, 32.5, 31.3, 19.3, 13.1, 0.7; IR (thin film) 1621, 1459, 1382, 1247, 1203, 1068, 870, 839, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 253 (M<sup>+</sup>), 180, 151, 86; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NSi (M<sup>+</sup>) 253.2226, found 253.2230.

Methyl-2-(2'-propenyl)-5-pentynoate (17). A magnetically stirred solution of dimethyl 2-(2-propenyl)-2-(2-propynyl)propan-1,3-dioate (1.76 g, 8.82 mmol), NaCl (0.515 g, 8.82 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>O (318  $\mu$ L, 17.6 mmol) in DMF (8 mL) was heated at reflux for 36 h. The cooled reaction mixture was subsequently poured into H<sub>2</sub>O (100 ml), and extracted with hexane (4 x 25 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 777 mg (62%) of the title compound 17 as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.61 (m, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.00 (m, 2H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.57 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.5 (m, 1H, CHCO), 2.3 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.90 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.4, 134.9, 118.0, 81.6, 70.5, 52.1, 44.4, 35.5, 20.8; IR (thin film) 3299, 3080, 2122, 1741, 1438, 921.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

4-(Hydroxymethyl)-6-hepten-1-yne (18). A solution of methyl 2-(2-propenyl)-5-pentynoate (17) (2.07 g, 13.5 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) was added dropwise to a magnetically stirred solution of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (387 mg, 10.2 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) at a rate sufficient to maintain a gentle reflux. The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 3 h, cooled to 0 °C and H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) was added dropwise, followed by 10% aqueous H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (50 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (4 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (15 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 1.50 g (89%) of the title compound 18 as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.72 (ddt, J = 17.4, 10.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.01 (m, 2H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.58 (m, 2H, HOCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.33 (s, 1H, HO), 2.23 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=C), 1.94 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, C=CH), 1.7 (m, 1H, HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.6, 117.4, 83.0, 70.4, 65.2, 40.1, 35.4, 20.4; IR (thin film) 3350 (br), 3303, 3078, 2117, 1641, 1438, 1033, 917 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 124 (M<sup>+</sup>), 83.

4-(Hydroxymethyl)-1-(trimethylsilyl)-6-hepten-1-yne (19). A solution of n-BuLi (4.86 mL, 4.78 M in heptane, 23.27 mmol) was added to a magnetically stirred solution of 4-(hydroxymethyl)-6-hepten-1-yne (18) (1.376 g, 11.1 mmol) in THF (50 ml) maintained at -78 °C. After 1 h chlorotrimethyl-silane (2.65 g, 24.4 mmol) was added in one portion and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. After 2 h 10% aqueous HCl (30 mL) was added and the heterogenous mixture was vigorously stirred for 6 h. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with 1:4 EtOAc-hexane (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (15 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 2.00 g (92%) of the title compound 19 as a colorless

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oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.70 (dddd, J = 7.2, 7.2, 10.0, 17.2 Hz, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.99 (m, 2H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.54 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 2.26 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=C), 2.12 (ddd, J = 0.9, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.02 (s, 1H, OH), 1.78 (m, 1H, CH), 0.06 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.7, 117.42, 105.9, 87.1, 65.6, 40.4, 35.6, 22.1, 0.7; IR (thin film) 3354, 3078, 2174, 1938, 1641, 1250, 1034, 843, 760, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 196 (M<sup>+</sup>), 165, 155, 123, 73.

4-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsiloxymethyl]-1-(trimethylsilyl)-6-hepten-1-yne (4a). A solution of 4-(hydroxymethyl)-1-(trimethylsilyl)-6-hepten-1-yne (19) (282 mg, 1.44 mmol), imidazole (235 mg, 3.46 mmol), and t-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (238 mg, 1.58 mmol) in DMF (2.8 mL) was magnetically stirred at room temperature for 8 h. The reaction mixture was subsequently poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and the transfer was quantitated with hexane (5 mL). The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with hexane (3 x 10 mL). The organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL), brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to afford 438 mg (98%) of 4a as a colorless oil which was suitable for use without further purification: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.78 (m, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.00 (m, 2H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.55 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 2.25 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=C), 2.12 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.73 (m, 1H, CH), 0.88 (s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.12 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.03 (s, 6H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.2, 117.1, 106.5, 87.0, 64.8, 40.6, 35.3, 26.6, 21.7, 21.4, 0.8, -4.7; IR (thin film) 3079, 2175, 1641, 1250, 1104, 841, 776 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 310 (M<sup>+</sup>), 253, 73.

4-(1,1-Dimethyl-1-hydroxymethyl)-1-(trimethylsilyl)-6-hepten-1-yne (20). To a magnetically stirred solution of methyllithium (11.6 mL, 1.38 M in Et<sub>2</sub>O, 16 mmol) maintained at -35 °C was added 17 (761 mg, 5 mmol) dropwise over 45 min. After 1 h the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and then maintained at that temperature for 1h. The solution was subsequently cooled to -78 °C, chlorotrimethylsilane (2.53 mL, 20 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 22 °C. After 4 h, 10% aqueous HCl (20 mL) was added and the heterogeneous mixture was vigorously stirred for 12 h. The organic layer was separated, the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (4 x 10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 x 5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 597 mg (53%) of the title compound 20 as a clear oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.72 (m, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.00 (m, 2H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.40-2.03 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.55 (m, 1H, CH), 1.19 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.15 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.06 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.2, 116.9, 107.2, 87.8, 73.9, 47.9, 34.2, 28.9, 27.9, 20.1, 0.5; IR (thin film) 3420 (br), 3077, 2963, 2173, 1640, 1426, 1374, 1250, 994, 913, 813, 760, 698, 643 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

4-[1,1-Dimethyl-1-(2-trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethoxymethyl]-1-trimethylsilyl-6-hepten-1-yne (4b). A magnetically stirred solution of 4-(1,1-dimethyl-1-hydroxymethyl)-1-(trimethylsilyl)-6-hepten-1-yne (20) (103 mg, 0.459 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) was treated with diisopropylethylamine (289  $\mu$ L, 2.06 mmol) and SEMCl (80 mg, 0.48 mmol). After 1 h the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was triturated with hexane (4 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 162 mg (99%) of 4b as a clear oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.82 (m, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.02 (m, 2H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.72 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.60 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>TMS), 2.41-2.08 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.75 (m, 1H, CH), 1.21 (app d, J = 2.5 Hz, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.90 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>TMS), 0.11 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.6, 116.5, 107.7, 89.7, 86.5, 79.0, 65.6, 47.6, 34.3, 24.9, 24.7, 20.2, 18.9, 0.7, -0.7; IR (thin film) 3077, 2174, 1640, 1250, 1090, 1071, 916, 840, 760, 650 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 354 (M<sup>+</sup>), 281, 223, 131, 73.

**2-(3',3'-Dichloropropyl)-1,3-dioxolane (21).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.84 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CHCl<sub>2</sub>), 4.90 (t, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, O<sub>2</sub>CH), 3.97-3.82 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.31 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.90 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 103.8, 74.0, 65.7, 38.4, 30.5; IR (thin film) 2958, 2885, 2762, 1476, 1411, 1236, 1141, 1028, 943, 906, 750, 651 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 187, 185, 183 (M<sup>+</sup> – H), 148, 112, 73.

4,4-Dichlorobutanal (22). A magnetically stirred solution of 21 (9.25 g, 50 mmol) in 1:1 10% aqueous HCl-acetone (200 mL) was heated at reflux for 24 h. The reaction mixture was subsequently concentrated in vacuo and then extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL), brine (15 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Fractional distillation of the resultant oil (93 °C, 14 mm Hg) afforded 5.57 g (79%) of the title compound 22 as a clear oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.64 (s, 1H, CHO), 5.78 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H, CHCl<sub>2</sub>), 2.66 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, COCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.35 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  200.1, 72.9, 40.1, 36.1; IR (thin film) 2939, 2848, 1726, 1446, 1352, 1255, 1133, 1071, 927, 746, 676 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 144, 142, 140 (M<sup>+</sup>), 105, 76, 75.

7,7-Dichloro-4-hydroxy-1-heptene (23). To a magnetically stirred solution of 4,4-dichlorobutanal (22) (1.41 g, 10 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) maintained at -10 °C was added a solution of allylmagnesium chloride (17 mL, 0.63 M in THF, 10.7 mmol) dropwise over 20 min. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C the reaction mixture was poured into ice cold H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and acidified with 10% aqueous H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The resultant mixture was then extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with brine (3 x 5 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 1.78 g (98%) of the title compound 23 as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.81 (m, 2H, CHCl<sub>2</sub> and CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.03 (m, 2H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.7 (m, 1H, CHOH), 2.45-2.35 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.35-2.18 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.18-2.10 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.85 (s, 1H, OH), 1.75-1.65 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.65-1.58 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.7, 119.6, 74.3, 70.3, 42.8, 40.7, 33.3; IR (thin film) 3380, 3078, 1640, 1448, 1234, 1071, 998, 924, 865, 784, 747 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

7,7-Dichloro-4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsiloxy]-1-heptene (24). 7,7-Dichloro-4-hydroxy-1-heptene (23) was silylated according to the general procedure utilized for 4a to afford 1.37 g (94%) of the title compound 24 as a clear oil which was suitable for use without further purification: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.74 (m, 2H, CHCH<sub>2</sub> and CHCl<sub>2</sub>), 5.03 (m, 2H, CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.75 (m, 1H, CHOH), 2.22 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.68 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.87 (s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.04 (s, 6H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.2, 117.9, 74.5, 71.6, 42.5, 40.2, 33.2, 26.6, 18.8, -3.6, -3.9; IR (thin film) 3078, 2852, 1642, 1472, 1255, 1091, 9160, 836, 775 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

4-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsiloxy]-1-(trimethylsilyl)-6-hepten-1-yne (4c). To a magnetically stirred solution of 24 (300 mg, 1.0 mmol) and HMPA (348 µL, 2.0 mmol) in THF (5 mL) maintained at -78 °C was added a solution of LDA THF (1.17 mL, 0.856 M in methylcyclohexane, 1.0 mmol). After approximately 10 min an additional solution of LDA THF (1.17 mL, 0.856 M in methylcyclohexane, 1.0 mmol) was added followed by a further portion of LDA THF (1.76 mL, 0.856 M in methylcyclohexane, 1.5 mmol) 20 min later. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h and then warmed to 0 °C. After 45 min the reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C and chlorotrimethylsilane (0.19 mL, 1.5 mmol) was introduced. After 2 h the reaction was quenched with 10% aqueous  $H_2SO_4$ (5 mL). The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, extracted with hexane (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with  $H_2O$  (5 mL), saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (5 mL), brine (3 x 5 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography of the residual oil on silica gel (1% EtOAc/hexane for elution) afforded 258 mg (87%) of 4c as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(CDCl_3)$   $\delta$  5.80 (dddd, J = 8.3, 8.3, 10.6, 14.4 Hz, 1H,  $CH = CH_2$ ), 5.02 (m, 2H,  $CH = CH_2$ ), 3.84 (m, 1H, CHO), 2.36 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.87 (s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.12 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.07 (s, 3H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 0.05 (s, 3H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 135.3, 118.1, 105.3, 86.9, 71.6, 42.1, 29.1, 27.2, 18.8, 0.7, -3.7, -3.8; IR (thin film) 3078, 2178, 1251, 1098, 916, 841, 808, 668, 642 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 295 (M<sup>+</sup> - H), 255, 239, 223, 147, 73.

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**4-Hydroxy-1-(trimethylsilyl)-6-hepten-1-yne (4d).** Enyne **4d** was prepared by the O-desilylation of **4c** according to a literature<sup>14</sup> procedure: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.72 (m, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.04 (m, 2H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.69 (m, 1H, CHOH), 2.33 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C=C), 2.20 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.90 (s, 1H, OH), 0.04 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  134.1, 118.2, 103.0, 87.7, 69.1, 40.6, 28.1, 0.0; IR (thin film) 3417 (br), 3076, 2959, 2176, 1642, 1421, 1250, 1020, 917, 842, 760; m/z 182 (M<sup>+</sup>) 109, 73.

[[4-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)] dimethyl silyloxy methyl] - 2-methyl cyclopentyl idene] methyl] trimethyl silanes14a and 15a). To a vigorously stirred mixture of 4a (77.6, 0.25 mmol) and Cp<sub>2</sub>ZrCl<sub>2</sub> (80.4 mg, 0.275 mmol) in THF (3 mL) maintained at -78 °C was added a solution of n-BuLi (116 µL, 4.78 M in heptane, 0.552 mmol). After 15 min the Dry ice-acetone bath was removed, the reaction vessel was wrapped in foil, and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 25 °C and stirred at this temperature for 10 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) followed by the addition of 10% aqueous H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (5 mL) 5 min later. After 1 h the resultant mixture was extracted with hexane (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered through a pad of silica gel (1 cm diameter by 1.5 cm) which was subsequently extracted with hexane (3 x 2 mL). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to afford 69 mg (89%) of 14a and 15a as a colorless oil. GLC analysis indicated 99.6% conversion to a 2.1 to 1 mixture of diastereomers: trans-14a: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  5.42 (m, 1H, C=CH), 3.46 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.62 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.35 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.22-2.10 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub> and CH), 1.88 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.09 (d, J = 6.8 Hz,  $CH_3$ ), 0.97 (s, 9H, -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.20 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.05 (s, 6H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); cis-15a 5.40 (m, 1H, C=CH), 3.40 (2 dd, J = 4.0, 6.4 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.62 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.38 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.22-2.10 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub> and CH), 1.78 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.30 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.04 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.97 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.19 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.05 (s, 6H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  168.0 and 162.4, 118.3 and 117.4, 67.7 and 67.4, 42.6 and 41.9, 41.2 and 40.8, 39.1 and 37.3, 37.4 and 36.6, 26.8, 21.1, 19.2, 0.6, -4.5; IR (thin film) 1632, 1471, 1249, 1099, 838, 774, 685 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 255 (M<sup>+</sup> - tBu), 180, 73; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C17H36OSi2 (M<sup>+</sup>) 312.2305, found 312.2313 (cis) and 312.2321 (trans).

[[4-[1,1-Dimethyl-1-[(2-trimethylsilylethoxy)methoxymethyl]]-2-methylcyclopentylidene]methyl]trimethylsilanes 14b and 15b). Enyne 4b (71 mg, 0.20 mmol) was cyclized according to the general procedure for utilized 4a to afford 73 mg (99%) of 14b and 15b as an 11 to 1 mixture of diastereomers: trans-14b: <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  5.45 (app q, J = 2.3, 1H, C=CH), 4.72 (s, 2H,  $OCH_2O$ ), 3.66 (m, 2H,  $CH_2CH_2TMS$ ), 2.56 (m, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.35 (m, 1H,  $CHCH_3$ ), 1.95-1.71 (m, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.14 (m, 9H, overlapping  $C(CH_3)_2$  and  $CHCH_3$ ), 0.94 (m, 2H,  $CH_2TMS$ ), 0.21 (s, 9H, Si( $CH_3$ )<sub>3</sub>), 0.00 (s, 9H, Si( $CH_3$ )<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  167.7, 116.8, 90.2, 76.8, 65.6, 50.2, 42.8, 36.9, 34.9, 25.8, 25.1, 19.1, 18.9, 0.7, -0.5; IR (thin film) 1632, 1459, 1379, 1248, 1056, 937, 768 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 283 (M<sup>+</sup> - TMS), 225, 209, 131, 73; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for  $C_{19}H_{40}O_2Si_2$  (M<sup>+</sup>) 356.2567, found 356.2563.

[[3-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy]-5-methylcyclopentylidene]methyl]trimethylsilanes 14c and 15c). Enyne 4c (74 mg, 0.25 nmol) was cyclized according to the general procedure for 4a to afford 60 mg (80%) of 14c and 15c as a colorless oil as a 1.1 to 1 mixture of diastereomers: <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  5.47 (app q, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H, C=CH) and 5.43 (app q, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, C=CH), 4.23-4.18 and 4.15-4.06 (m, 1H, OCH), 2.82 and 2.72 (m, 1H, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.55-2.25 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.00-1.83 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.13 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) and 1.06 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.96 and 0.94 (s, 9H, CCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.17 and 0.16 (s, 9H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.05 (s, 12H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  166.1 and 165.3 (C), 118.8 and 118.6 (CH), 73.3 and 72.9 (CH), 44.9 and 44.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.0 and 43.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.3 and 39.4 (CH), 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.3 and 19.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.9 (C), 0.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -3.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (thin film) 643, 1462, 1248, 1055, 837, 774, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; m/z 297 (M<sup>+</sup> - H), 241, 167, 147, 133, 73; high resolution mass spectrum calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>34</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 298.2148, found 298.2159 and 298.2159.

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