#### Two Palladium-Catalyzed Domino Reactions from One Set of Substrates/ Reagents: Efficient Synthesis of Substituted Indenes and *cis*-Stilbenoid Hydrocarbons from the Same Internal Alkynes and Hindered Grignard Reagents

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#### **Supporting Information**

General: NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 200 MHz or 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm down field from internal tetramethylsilane. All yields reported refer to isolated yields (average of two runs) unless otherwise indicated, and the product purity was estimated to be greater than 95% as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Melting points were measured on a Fisher-Johns Melting Point Apparatus and uncorrected. Elemental analyses were performed by Atlantic Microlab, Inc. THF was distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl. 2,6-Dimethylphenylmagnesium bromide, 2-mesitylmagnesium bromide, 1-phenyl-1-propyne, 3hexyne, 1,2-dibromethane, anhydrous iron(III) chloride were purchased from Aldrich and used directly. Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> was a gift from Frontier Scientific, Inc. PPh<sub>3</sub> was purchased from Acros Organics and used directly. Anhydrous copper(II) chloride, Anhydrous copper(II) sulfate, silver carbonate, and Iron(III) chloride were purchased from Stem Chemical Inc. and were used as received. Other chemical reagents were purchased from Alfa Aesar and used without further purification. Bromopentamethylbenzene, pentamethylphenylmagnesium bromide were prepared according to reported methods.<sup>1,2</sup> 2-Bromo-1-ethyl-3-methylbenzene, 2-bromo-1,3diethylbenzene and 2-bromo-1-isopropyl-3-methylbenzene were prepared according to literature procedures.<sup>3</sup> 1.2-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)acetylene and 4-(1-Hexyn-1-yl)methylbenzene was prepared according to reported method.<sup>4</sup>

# General Procedures for Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>-Promoted Domino Reaction of Diphenylacetylene with Mesitylmagnesium Bromide:

- A. In glove box with nitrogen atmosphere, to a mixture of diphenylacetylene (44.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) and 0.5 ml THF (in a schlenk flask) was added palladium acetate (56 mg, 0.25 mmol). After stirred for 5-10 minutes, Grignard reagent (0.65 mL, 1M in THF, 0.65 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature or  $60^{\circ}$ C (oil bath) or refluxing for 20 hours. After quenched with water, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL x 3). The organic layer was washed with brine and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The reaction mixtures were analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, from which the reaction conversion and the ratios of cyclization product : cross-coupling product : self-coupling product were be obtained.
- **B.** In glove box with nitrogen atmosphere, to a mixture of diphenylacetylene (44.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) and 0.5 mL THF (in a schlenk flask) was added palladium acetate (56 mg, 0.25

mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (2 equiv., 131 mg, 0.5 mmol, or 4 equiv., 262 mg, 1.0 mmol). After stirred for 5-10 minutes, Grignard reagent (1.0 mL, 1M in THF, 1.0 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir under room temperature or  $60^{\circ}$ C (oil bath) or refluxing for 20 hours. After quenched with water, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL x 3). The organic layer was washed with brine and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The reaction mixtures were analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, from which the reaction conversion and the ratios of cyclization product: cross-coupling product : self-coupling product were be obtained.

### General Procedure of the Oxidant Screening for Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>-Catalyzed Domino Reaction of Diphenylacetylene with Mesitylmagnesium Bromide:

In glove box with nitrogen atmosphere, to a mixture of diphenylacetylene (89 mg, 0.5 mmol), oxidant (0.5 mmol) and 0.5 mL THF (in a Schlenk flask) was added palladium acetate (3.4 mg, 0.015 mmol). After stirred for 5-10 minutes, Grignard reagent (1.25 mL, 1M in THF, 1.25 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir under  $60^{\circ}$ C (oil bath) for 20 hours. After quenched with water, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL x 3). The organic layer was washed with brine and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The crude reaction mixtures were analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Flash chromatography on silica gel (hexane: ethyl acetate = 100: 0 to 90: 10) gave the cyclization products.

## General Procedure for Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>-Catalyzed Annulative Domino Reaction of Internal Alkynes with Hindered Grignard Reagents:

In glove box with nitrogen atmosphere, to a mixture of alkyne (0.5 mmol), 1,2dibromoethane (0.75 mmol, 65  $\mu$ l) and 0.5 mL THF (in a schlenk flask) was added palladium acetate (3.4 mg, 0.015 mmol). After stirred for 5-10 minutes, Grignard reagent (1.25 mL, 1M in THF, 1.25 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir under 60°C (oil bath) for 20 hours. After quenched with water, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL x 3). The organic layer was washed with brine and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Flash chromatography on silica gel (hexane: ethyl acetate = 100: 0 to 90: 10) gave the cyclization products.

**4,6-Dimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indene** (**1**): white solid. m. p.: 86-87°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.403~7.345 (m, 3H), 7.313 (d, J= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.209 (s, 1H), 7.178 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.139 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.097 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.819 (s, 1H), 3.861 (s, 2H), 2.368 (s, 3H), 1.808 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  143.118, 141.612, 141.367, 140.054, 139.278, 136.729, 134.756, 131.576, 130.386, 129.620, 128.560, 127.998, 127.851, 127.159, 126.457, 122.188, 40.595, 21.168, 19.834. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>: C, 93.20%; H, 6.80%. Found: C, 93.00%; H, 6.69%.

**4-Methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indene** (2): light yellow solid. M. p.: 118-119°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.412~ 7.367 (m, 4H), 7.325 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.194 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.160 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.127 (t, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.992 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.905 (s, 2H), 1.848 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  144.101, 142.721, 141.478, 141.152, 139.137, 136.584, 131.940, 129.669, 129.553, 128.563, 128.022, 127.969, 127.225, 126.639, 124.933, 121.334, 40.844, 20.012. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>: C, 93.57%; H, 6.43%. Found: C, 93.35%; H, 6.47%.

**4,5,6,7-Tetramethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indene** (**3**): off-white solid. M. p.: 139-141°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.383 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.345 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.292 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.160 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.134 (t, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.090 (t, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.795 (s, 2H), 2.377 (s, 3H), 2.299 (s, 3H), 2.194 (s, 3H), 1.795 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  142.156, 141.415, 140.474, 139.912, 139.147, 137.132, 134.573, 132.119, 129.676, 128.636, 128.205, 128.026, 127.906, 127.011, 126.319, 40.573, 16.368, 16.227, 16.119, 16.048. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>: C, 92.54%; H, 7.46%. Found: C, 92.33%; H, 7.45%.

**6-Methoxy-4-methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indene** (**4**): white solid. M. p.: 108-109°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.387 (t, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.361 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.317 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.167~ 7.121 (m, 4H), 7.087 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.980 (d, J= 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.560 (d, J= 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.867 (s, 2H), 3.836 (s, 3H), 1.813 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  157.782, 144.656, 141.132, 139.239, 138.843, 137.561, 136.743, 132.815, 129.592, 128.585, 127.995, 127.686, 127.177, 126.275, 115.188, 107.412, 55.463, 40.813, 20.069. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O: C, 88.43%; H, 6.45%. Found: C, 88.34%; H, 6.34%.

**2,3-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,6-dimethyl-1H-indene** (**5**): yellow solid. M. p.: 116-118°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.211 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.179 (s, 1H), 7.139 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.948 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.802 (s, 1H), 6.703 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.868 (s, 3H), 3.807 (s, 2H), 3.745 (s, 3H), 2.359 (s, 3H), 1.831 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  158.670, 158.066, 142.778, 142.009, 139.741, 139.422, 134.233, 131.572, 131.182, 130.691, 130.301, 129.497, 128.890, 122.076, 114.012, 113.419, 55.115, 55.068, 40.419, 21.115, 19.875. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 84.24%; H, 6.79%. Found: C, 83.89%; H, 6.81%.

**2,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-1H-indene (6):** white solid. M. p.: 131-132°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.354 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.221 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.152 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.089 (t, J= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.971 (d, J= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.952 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.710 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.871 (s, 3H), 3.845 (s, 2H), 3.749 (s, 3H), 1.868 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  158.742, 158.226, 144.545, 142.407, 140.859, 139.577, 131.580, 131.457, 130.766, 129.499, 129.362, 129.049, 124.506, 121.210, 114.041, 113.466, 55.162, 55.113, 40.667, 20.056. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 84.18%; H, 6.48%. Found: C, 83.84%; H, 6.38%.

**2,3-Diethyl-4,6-dimethyl-1H-indene** (7): colorless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz): δ 7.056 (s, 1H), 6.825 (s, 1H), 3.217 (s, 2H), 2.640 (q, J= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.537 (s, 3H), 2.438 (q, J= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.320 (s, 3H), 1.130 (t, J= 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.127 (t, J= 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz): δ 143.869, 143.233, 141.288, 139.182, 132.951, 129.939, 129.173, 122.138, 39.376, 21.261, 20.970, 19.889, 19.590, 15.290, 14.644.

**2,3-Diethyl-4-methyl-1H-indene (8)**: colorless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz): δ 7.230 (t, J= 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.004 (d, J= 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.699 (d, J=3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.256 (s, 2H), 2.667 (q, J= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.582 (s, 3H), 2.462 (q, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.144 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz): δ 144.397, 143.993, 143.470, 139.447, 129.575, 129.175, 123.400, 121.185, 39.575, 21.298, 19.901, 19.750, 15.320, 14.625.

**3-Butyl-4,6-dimethyl-2**-*p*-tolyl-1H-indene/2-butyl-4,6-dimethyl-3-*p*-tolyl-1H-indene (9): <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed a 91: 9 ratio. Analytic sample of 3-butyl-4,6-dimethyl-2-*p*-tolyl-1H-indene was obtained by recrystalization of the mixture of 3-butyl-4,6-dimethyl-2-*p*-tolyl-1H-indene and 2-butyl-4,6-dimethyl-3-*p*-tolyl-1H-indene in hexanes. white solid. M. p.: 81-82°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.276 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.204 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.127 (s, 1H), 6.890 (s, 1H), 3.600 (s, 2H), 2.733 (t, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.583 (s, 3H), 2.382 (s, 3H), 2.352 (s, 3H), 1.604

(m, 2H), 1.375 (m, 2H), 0.894 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  144.160, 141.320, 140.432, 140.397, 136.163, 135.401, 133.986, 130.434, 130.300, 128.973, 128.267, 122.222, 41.700, 33.074, 27.482, 22.795, 21.166, 21.051, 19.720, 13.889. The structure of 3-butyl-4,6-dimethyl-2-*p*-tolyl-1H-indene was established by NOE effect: NOE effect observed when irradiated at the peak at  $\delta$  3.600 ppm: 7.276 (d, 0.60%), 7.127 (s, 0.65%). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>: C, 90.98%; H, 9.02%. Found: C, 90.74%; H, 9.05%.

**3,4,6-Trimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene** (10): <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed a 92: 8 ratio. Analytic sample of 3,4,6-trimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene was obtained by recrystalization of the mixture of 3,4,6-trimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene and 2,4,6-trimethyl-3-phenyl-1H-indene in hexanes. White solid. m.p.: 108-110°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.414 ~ 7.389 (m, 4H), 7.271 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.130 (s, 1H), 6.881 (s, 1H), 3.633 (s, 3H), 2.618 (s, 3H), 2.419 (s, 3H), 2.357 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  143.6, 142.0, 140.2, 138.0, 136.0, 134.3, 130.9, 130.2, 128.6, 128.2, 126.4, 122.2, 41.2, 21.1, 20.3, 15.6. The structure of 3,4,6-trimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene was established by NOE effect: NOE effect observed when irradiated at the peak at  $\delta$  3.633 ppm: 7.400~7.390 (m, 0.9%), 7.130 (s, 0.65%).

**3,4-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene (11):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed a 90: 10 ratio. Analytic sample of 3,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene was obtained by recrystallization of the mixture of 3,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene and 2,4-dimethyl-3-phenyl-1H-indene in hexanes. White solid. m.p.: 75-77°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.426 ~ 7.390 (m, 4H), 7.311 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.282 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.093 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.058 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.674 (s, 2H), 2.665 (s, 3H), 2.440 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  144.6, 143.3, 141.3, 137.9, 136.2, 131.3, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 126.6, 124.6, 121.4, 41.4, 20.4, 15.6. The structure of 3,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene was established by NOE effect: NOE effect observed when irradiated at the peak at  $\delta$  3.674 ppm: 7.421~7.410 (m, 0.8%), 7.311 (d, 0.6%).

**3-Ethyl-4-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene (12):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed a 89: 11 ratio. Analytic sample of 3-ethyl-4-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene was obtained by recrystallization of the mixture of 3-ethyl-4-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene and 2-ethyl-4-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-indene in hexanes. White solid. m. p.: 46-47°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.405 ~ 7.397 (m, 4H), 7.316 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.297 (m, 1H), 7.103 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.074 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.659 (s, 2H), 2.789 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.654 (s, 3H), 1.269 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  143.8, 143.6, 142.4, 141.2, 138.1, 130.8, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 126.7, 124.5, 121.4, 41.9, 20.6, 19.8, 15.6.

**3,4-Diethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene (13):** <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed a 85: 15 ratio. Analytic sample of 3,4diethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene was obtained by recrystallization of the mixture of 3,4-diethyl-2phenyl-1H-indene and 2,4-diethyl-3-phenyl-1H-indene in hexanes. White solid. m. p.: 65-66°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.425 ~ 7.389 (m, 4H), 7.323 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.307 ~ 7.292 (m, 1H), 7.161 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.144 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.661 (s, 2H), 2.977 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.768 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.300 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.261( t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  144.0, 142.4, 142.1, 141.6, 138.2, 137.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 126.7, 124.7, 121.3, 42.0, 25.5, 20.6, 17.1, 15.6. The structure of 3,4-diethyl-2-phenyl-1H-indene was established by NOE effect: NOE effect observed when irradiated at the peak at  $\delta$  3.661 ppm: 7.412~7.400 (m, 0.6%), 7.323 (d, 0.3%). **4-Ethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indene** (14): Off-white solid. m. p.: 80-81°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.403 ~ 7.365 (m, 4H), 7.344 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.341 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.181 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.156 ~ 7.140 (m, 3H), 7.130 ~ 7.108 (m, 1H), 7.069 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.902 (s, 2H), 2.216 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.872 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  143.4, 143.0, 141.5, 141.3, 139.2, 138.6, 136.6, 129.5, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 126.6, 125.1, 121.2, 41.0, 25.0, 16.3.

**4-Isopropyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indene** (**15**): White solid. m. p.: 79-80°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz): δ 7.400 ~ 7.358 (m, 4H), 7.337 ~ 7.323 (m, 2H), 7.238 ~ 7.221 (m, 2H), 7.144 ~ 7.137 (m, 4H), 7.120 ~ 7.097 (m, 1H), 3.895 (s, 2H), 2.739 (m, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 0.961 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz): δ 143.7, 142.9, 142.8, 141.6, 141.3, 139.5, 136.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.3, 126.6, 125.3, 124.2, 121.1, 41.0, 26.8, 24.1.

### General Procedure for Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>-Catalyzed Domino Carbopalladation-Cross-Coupling Reactions of Internal Alkynes with Hindered Grignard Reagents:

In glove box with nitrogen atmosphere, to a mixture of alkyne (0.5 mmol), 1,2dibromoethane (1.5 mmol, 130  $\mu$ l and 0.5 mL THF (in a schlenk flask) was added palladium acetate (3.4 mg, 0.015 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.1 mmol). After stirred for 5-10 minutes, Grignard reagent (2.0 mL, 1M in THF, 2.0 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir under refluxing for 20 hours. After quenched with water, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL x 3). The organic layer was washed with brine and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Flash chromatography on silica gel (hexane: ethyl acetate = 100: 0 to 90: 10) gave the cross-coupling products.

**1,2-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)stilbene (16):** white solid. M. p.: 177-178.5°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.047~ 7.025 (m, 6H), 6.928~ 6.911 (m, 4H), 6.641 (s, 4H), 2.167 (s, 6H), 2.052 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  142.812, 140.323, 138.228, 136.729, 135.893, 131.150, 128.595, 127.152, 125.828, 21.722, 20.890. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>32</sub>: C, 92.26%; H, 7.74%. Found: C, 92.22%; H, 7.78%.

**1,2-Bis(pentamethylphenyl)stilbene** (**17**):<sup>5</sup> white solid. m.p.: 252-254°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz): δ 7.057~ 7.027 (m, 6H), 7.000~ 6.987 (m, 4H), 2.110 (s, 12H), 2.105 (s, 6H), 2.009 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz): δ 143.304, 141.545, 138.971, 132.803, 131.806, 131.761, 130.929, 127.176, 125.656, 20.026, 16.631, 16.413.

**1,2-Bis(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)ethylene** (**18**): white solid. M. p.: 204-206°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  6.918 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.873 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 4H), 6.800 (d, J= 7.2 Hz, 4H), 6.621 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 4H), 3.748 (s, 6H), 2.080 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  157.589, 141.201, 138.863, 136.904, 135.054, 132.133, 127.587, 126.457, 112.713, 55.076, 21.782. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 85.68%; H, 7.19%. Found: C, 85.38%; H, 7.16%.

**1,2-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)ethylene** (**19**): white solid. M. p.: 195.5-196.5°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  6.838 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 4H), 6.627 (s, 4H), 6.598 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 4H), 3.737 (s, 6H), 2.161 (s, 6H), 2.029 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz):  $\delta$  157.434, 138.892, 138.573, 136.715, 135.646, 135.585, 132.165, 128.540, 112.645, 55.079, 21.711, 20.900. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 85.67%; H, 7.61%. Found: C, 85.79%; H, 7.64%.

**3,4-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)hex-3-ene** (**20**):<sup>5</sup> white solid. M. p.: 165-166°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  6.648 (s, 4H), 2.472 (q, J= 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.154 (s, 6H), 2.064 (s, 12H), 1.016 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  138.615, 138.471, 135.697, 134,880, 128.083, 28.228, 20.926, 20.803, 13.382.

**3,4-Bis(pentamethylphenyl)hex-3-ene** (**21**):<sup>5</sup> white solid. M. p.: 175-177°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz): δ 2.498 (q, J= 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.112 (s, 6H), 2.025 (s, 12H), 2.004 (s, 12H), 1.059 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz): δ 139.449, 139.330, 131.965, 131.600, 131.112, 29.343, 19.647, 16.544, 16.442, 13.272.

**1,2-Bis(2,6-dimethylphenyl)prop-1-ene (22)**: white solid. m.p.: 120-121°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.295 (d, J= 4.2 Hz, 4H), 7.192 (q, J= 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.929 (t, J= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.890 (t, J= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.852 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.774 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.216 (s, 3H), 2.202 (s, 6H), 2.084 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  141.991, 141.966, 140.920, 137.862, 136.641, 135.777, 135.257, 130.090, 127.404, 127.383, 127.355, 126.316, 126.102, 126.032, 22.750, 21.778, 21.068. The stereochemistry of 1,2-bis(dimethylphenyl)prop-1-ene was established by NOE effect: NOE effect observed when irradiated at the peak at  $\delta$  2.084 ppm: 7.295 (d, 0.33%), 6.774 (d, 0.32%), 2.202 (s, 0.75%). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>: C, 91.97%; H, 8.03%. Found: C, 91.41%; H, 7.94%.

**1,2-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)prop-1-ene** (**23**): white solid. M. p.: 133-135°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.275~ 7.259 (m, 4H), 7.181~ 7.153 (m, 1H), 6.682 (s, 2H), 6.598 (s, 2H), 2.173 (s, 3H), 2.165 (s, 3H), 2.162 (s, 6H), 2.132 (s, 3H), 2.041 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  142.475, 139.287, 138.273, 137.883, 136.416, 135.686, 135.454, 135.296, 135.106, 130.086, 128.320, 128.306, 127.292, 125.842, 23.020, 21.697, 20.988, 20.837, 20.819. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>: C, 91.47%; H, 8.53%. Found: C, 91.58%; H, 8.52%.

**1,2-Bis(pentamethylphenyl)prop-1-ene** (**24**): white solid. M. p.: 177-179 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz):  $\delta$  7.329 (d, J= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.275 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.156 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.219 (s, 3H), 2.123(s, 6H), 2.118 (s, 3H), 2.085 (s, 3H), 2.073 (s, 6H), 2.053 (s, 6H), 1.996 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz):  $\delta$  143.063, 140.114, 138.966, 138.927, 137.112, 132.447, 132.362, 131.962, 131.716, 131.615, 130.375, 129.933, 127.307, 125.598, 24.145, 20.062, 19.641, 16.611, 16.513, 16.453, 16.380. The stereochemistry of 1,2-bis(pentamethylphenyl)prop-1-ene was established by NOE effect: NOE effect observed when irradiated at the peak at  $\delta$  2.219 ppm: 7.329 (d, 0.7%), 2.123 (s, 1.0%).

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