Nickel–Catalyzed, Carbonyl–Ene–Type Reactions: Selective for Alpha Olefins and More Efficient with Electron–Rich Aldehydes

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Supporting Information

Experimental Procedures, Analytical and Spectroscopic Data for Compounds.

General Aspect.

Unless otherwise indicated, all reactions were performed under an oxygen-free atmosphere of nitrogen or argon with rigid exclusion of moisture from reagents and glassware. Bis(cyclooctadienyl)nickel(0) (Ni(cod)₂) and triphenylphosphine were purchased from Strem Chemicals, Inc., stored under nitrogen atomosphere and used without further purification. Ethyl diphenylphosphinite was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and was used as received. All alkenes and aldehydes were used as received without further purification. Triethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (TESOTf), triethylamine and toluene were distilled over calcium hydride before use.

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using EM Science silica gel 60 F254 plates. The developed chromatogram was analyzed by UV lamp (254 nm), ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid (PMA) or potassium permanganate (KMnO₄). Liquid chromatography was performed using a forced flow (flash chromatography) of the indicated solvent system on Silicycle Silica Gel (230–400 mesh). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 MHz or Varian 500 MHz spectrometers in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts in ¹H NMR spectra are reported in ppm on the δ scale from an internal

standard of residual chloroform (7.27 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constant in hertz (Hz), and integration. Chemical shifts of ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in ppm from the central peak of CDCl₃ (77.23 ppm) on the δ scale. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer 2000 FT–IR. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a Bruker Daltonics APEXII 3 Tesla Fourier Transform Mass Spectrometer by Dr. Li Li of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Chemistry Instrument Facility.

General Procedure for the Nickel-Catalyzed Coupling Reaction.

A 10 mL test tube and a stir bar were oven-dried and brought into a glove box. Ni(cod)₂ (0.1 mmol, 20 mol%) and phosphine ligand (0.2 mmol, 40 mol%) were added to the tube. The tube was sealed with a septum, and was brought out of the glove box and connected to an argon line. The catalyst mixture was dissolved in degassed toluene (2.5 mL) under argon and stirred at room temperature. The alkene (1.5 mmol, 300 mol% to 0.5 mL), triethylamine (3 mmol, 600 mol%), aldehyde (0.5 mmol, 100 mol%) were added sequentially to the reaction mixture. Triethylsilyltriflate (0.875 mmol, 175 mol%) was added finally to the reaction mixture in dropwise fraction and the mixture was stirred at room temperature or at indicated temperature for 48 h. The mixture was diluted with ether and filtered through a plug of silica gel. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification via flash chromatography on silica gel (1% ethyl acetate in hexane, unless otherwise indicated) afforded the coupling product.

In some cases, the coupling product overlapped with the starting materials,

characterization data of the corresponding alcohol was reported instead. The corresponding alcohol product was obtained by treating the mixture with 1 M TBAF in THF at 0 °C and allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 hours, followed by flash column chromatography on silica (15% ethyl acetate in hexane, unless otherwise indicated). E:Z selectivity for the compound **2** was determined by comparing the TES group deprotected alcohol product with the literature.^{1,2}

Figure 1. Structures of the Coupling Products





Compound Characterization



The standard procedure was followed, except that a balloon filled with propene (**1a**, 1 atm) was used in place of Ar. Yield: 65%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.27–7.38 (m, 5H); 5.78–5.89 (m, 1H); 5.05–5.10 (m, 2H); 4.74 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.5 Hz, 1H); 2.42–2.59 (m, 2H); 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 9H); 0.59 (dq, *J* = 2.6, 7.9 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ):145.3, 135.4, 128.2, 127.2, 126.1, 117.0, 75.1, 45.6, 7.0, 5.0.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 3029, 2956, 2912, 2877, 1641, 1493, 1454, 1414, 1239, 1089, 1068, 1006, 914, 839, 744, 699.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for C₁₆H₂₆OSiNa, 285.1651; found, 285.1633.



The standard procedure was followed, except that a balloon filled with propene (**1a**, 1 atm) was used in place of Ar. Yield: 8%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.24–7.39 (m, 5H); 5.15 (m, 2H); 4.86 (s, 1H); 1.56 (s, 3H); 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 9H); 0.61 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 148.1, 143.5, 128.1, 127.0, 126.3, 111.0, 78.4, 17.4, 7.0, 5.0.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2955, 2913, 2877, 1451, 1237, 1091, 1066, 1005, 899, 853, 740, 698.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₆OSiNa, 285.1645; found, 285.1651.



Table 1, entry 2 and 3: $2b^{1}$

The standard procedure was followed (entry 2). Yield: 81%. Isolated as a 75:25 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

The standard procedure was followed, except that the reaction time was 18 h (entry 3). Yield: 68%. Isolated as a 75:25 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.20–7.40 (m, 5H); 5.30–5.50 (m, 2H); 4.63 (dd, J = 5.6,

7.2 Hz, 1H); 2.45 (quintet, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H); 2.35 (quintet, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H); 1.33 (m, 2H);

0.92 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 12H); 0.56 (dq, *J* = 2.4, 7.6 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 145.6, 133.3, 128.1, 127.1, 126.6, 126.2, 75.6, 44.5, 32.8, 31.6, 29.3, 22.8, 14.2, 7.0, 5.1.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for C₂₁H₃₆OSi, 355.243; found, 355.244.



The standard procedure was followed (entry 2). Yield: 4%.

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H); 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H); 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.2, 1H); 5.22 (brs, 1H); 5.15 (brs, 1H); 5.25 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H); 4.87 (s, 1H); 1.96 (pentet, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H); 1.76 (pentet, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); 1.15–1.40 (m, 8H); 0.93 (t, *J* = 8.0

Hz, 9H); 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); 0.60 (dq, *J* = 1.6, 7.9 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 152.3, 143.8, 128.1, 127.1, 126.6, 109.5, 78.3, 32.0, 30.8, 29.4, 28.0, 22.8, 14.3, 7.0, 5.1.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2956, 2876, 1647, 1456, 1089, 1066, 742.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for C₂₁H₃₆OSi, 355.243; found, 355.242.



Table 1, entry 4: 2c: MeO

The standard procedure was followed, except that the reaction time was 18 h. Yield: 81%. Isolated as a 75:25 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.22 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H); 6.84 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H); 5.33–5.43 (m, 2H); 4.58 (dd, J = 6.1 Hz, 6.1 Hz, 1H); 3.81 (s, 3H); 2.27–2.42 (m, 2H); 1.93–1.98 (m, 2H); 1.22–1.60 (m, 6H); 0.95 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H); 0.88 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 9H); 0.53 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 158.7, 137.9, 133.2, 127.3, 126.7, 113.4, 75.2, 55.4, 44.5, 32.8, 31.6, 29.3, 22.8, 14.3, 7.0, 5.0.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2955, 2876, 1613, 1512, 1459, 1302, 1247, 1172, 1078, 1005, 972, 830, 742.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for C₂₂H₃₈O₂SiNa, 385.2539; found, 385.2537.



Table 1, entry 5: 2d: CI

The standard procedure was followed, except that the reaction time was 18 h. Yield: 35%. Isolated as a 74:26 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.28–7.24 (m, 4H); 5.30–5.41 (m, 2H); 4.61 (dd, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6.1 Hz, 1H); 2.26–2.40 (m, 2H); 1.89–1.97 (m, 2H); 1.21–1.59 (m, 6H); 0.94 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 9H); 0.54 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 144.1, 133.7, 132.5, 128.2, 127.5, 126.0, 74.8, 44.4, 32.8, 31.5, 29.2, 22.7, 14.3, 7.0, 4.9.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2956, 2876, 1490, 1458, 1412, 1238, 1080, 1014, 971, 741.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na-C_6H_{15}SiOC1]^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{20}Na$, 223.1463; found, 223.1305.



The standard procedure was followed, except that the reaction was heated at 35 °C. Yield: 84%. Isolated as a 70:30 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.83–7.92 (m, 3H); 7.80 (s, 1H); 7.48–7.59 (m, 3H); 5.43–5.53 (m, 2H); 4.89 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 13.2 Hz, 1H); 2.45–2.68 (m, 2H); 1.98–2.05 (m, 2H); 1.26–1.39 (m, 6H); 0.97 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 9H); 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); 0.63 (q, *J* = 4.1, 8.0 Hz 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.1, 133.4, 133.0, 132.3, 128.1, 127.9, 126.5, 126.0, 125.6, 125.6, 124.7, 124.7, 75.7, 44.4, 32.8, 31.7, 29.3, 22.8, 14.3, 7.0, 5.1.
IR (NaCl, thin film): 2956, 2929, 2875, 1458, 1414, 1377, 1239, 1086, 1005, 972, 744.
HRMS–ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₃₈OSiNa, 405.2590; found, 405.2584



Table 1, entry 7: **2f**:

The standard procedure was followed, except that the product was purified with 10% ethyl acetate in hexane buffered with 1% triethylamine. Yield: 53%. Isolated as a 83:17 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.65 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); 7.37 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H); 7.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H); 7.17 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H); 6.40 (s, 1H); 5.43–5.59 (m, 2H); 4.96 (dd, J = 6.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H); 3.92 (s, 3H); 2.56–2.71 (m, 2H); 2.01–2.07 (m, 2H); 1.29–1.42 (m, 6H); 0.97 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9H); 0.95 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 3H); 0.63 (dq, J = 1.1, 8.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 142.3, 138.4, 133.7, 127.7, 126.2, 121.3, 120.7, 119.4, 109.1, 100.2, 70.6, 42.2, 32.8, 31.6, 31.0, 29.3, 22.8, 14.3, 7.0, 5.0. IR (NaCl, thin film): 2954, 2927, 2874, 1466, 1339, 1236, 1072, 1010, 731. HRMS–ESI (m/z): [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₃₉ONSiNa, 408.2693; found, 408.2695.



The standard procedure was followed, except that the reaction was heated at 35 °C. Yield: 61%. Isolated as a 78:22 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 5.37–5.53 (m, 2H); 3.37 (dd, J = 3.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H); 2.30–2.36 (m, 1H); 1.99–2.12 (m, 3H); 1.27–1.42 (m, 6H); 0.99 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 9H); 0.92 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); 0.90 (s, 9H); 0.63 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 130.6, 128.5, 81.2, 36.2, 31.8, 31.4, 29.5, 27.6, 26.5, 22.8, 14.2, 7.3, 5.7.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2956, 2876, 1466, 1238, 1096, 1009, 737.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for C₁₉H₄₀OSiNa, 335.2746; found, 335.2741.

Table 1, entry 9:
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The standard procedure was followed. Yield: 79%. Isolated as a 95:5 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.30–7.50 (m, 10H); 6.51 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H); 6.34 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 15.9 Hz 1H); 4.89 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H); 2.64–2.81 (m, 2H); 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 9H); 0.68 (dq, *J* = 2.0, 7.9 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 145.5, 138.0, 132.4, 128.8, 128.4, 127.4, 127.4, 127.2, 126.3, 126.2, 75.5, 45.0, 7.1, 5.2.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 3062, 3028, 2955, 2911, 2876, 1600, 1494, 1453, 1414, 1239, 1088, 1070, 1006, 965, 830, 742, 700.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for C₂₂H₃₀OSiNa, 361.1964; found, 361.1974.



The standard procedure was followed, except that the coupling product was first purified with 1% ethyl acetate in hexane, followed by TES group deprotection of the coupling product **3h** with TBAF and finally purified with 10% ethyl acetate in hexane in order to separate it from the starting materials. Yield 7%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.29–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.24 (m, 1H),

7.13–7.15 (m, 2H), 5.37 (s, 1H); 5.15 (s, 1H); 4.93 (s, 1H); 3.38 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H); 3.13 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H); 1.24 (brs, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 150.6, 142.0, 139.3, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.0, 126.4, 112.4, 76.7, 39.2.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 3377, 3061, 3028, 2919, 1494, 1453, 1025, 909, 750, 699.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for C₁₆H₁₆ONa, 247.1099; found, 247.1101.



Table 1, entry 10 and 11: 2i: MeO

The standard procedure was followed (entry 10). Yield: 91%. Isolated as a 95:5 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

The standard procedure was followed, except that the reaction was carried out in five fold larger scale at reaction was heated at 35 °C and using 9 mL toluene (entry 11). Yield: 90%. Isolated as a 95:5 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.29–7.49 (m, 7H); 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H); 6.52 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H); 6.35 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 15.9 Hz, 1H); 4.85 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H); 3.89 (s, 3H); 2.63–2.81 (m, 2H); 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 9H); 0.70 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 159.0, 138.1, 137.7, 132.3, 128.7, 127.5, 127.3 127.2, 126.3, 113.7, 75.0, 55.4, 45.1, 7.1, 5.2.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 3027, 2954, 2910, 2875, 1612, 1511, 1414, 1302, 1248, 1171, 1081, 1005, 966, 836, 743, 693.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for C₂₃H₃₂O₂SiNa, 391.2069; found, 391.2057.



Table 1, entry 12: **2j**:

The standard procedure was followed, except that the reaction was heated at 35 °C. Yield: 84%. Isolated as a 95:5 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.90–7.96 (m, 4H); 7.67 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H); 7.60–7.65 (m, 2H); 7.30–7.59 (m, 5H); 6.54 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H); 6.36 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 15.9 Hz, 1H); 5.05 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H); 2.74–2.89 (m, 2H); 1.03 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 9H); 0.70 (dq, *J* = 2.9, 8.0 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 142.9, 137.9, 133.4, 133.1, 132.4, 128.7, 128.1, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 126.2, 126.1, 125.7, 124.6, 75.5, 44.9, 7.0, 5.1.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 3026, 2954, 2910, 2875, 1507, 1496, 1457, 1239, 1123, 1083, 1005, 965, 819, 744.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for C₂₆H₃₂OSiNa, 411.2120; found, 411.2167.



The standard procedure was followed, except that the coupling product was first purified with 1% ethyl acetate in hexane, followed by TES group deprotection of the coupling product **3j** with TBAF and finally purified with 10% ethyl acetate in hexane in order to separate it from the starting materials. Yield 4%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.86–7.88 (m, 4H); 7.48–7.55 (m, 3H); 7.20–7.36 (m, 3H); 7.13–7.16 (m, 2H); 5.43 (s, 1H); 5.32 (s, 1H); 4.97 (s, 1H); 3.41 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (brs, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 150.5, 149.2, 139.4, 139.3, 133.4, 133.3, 129.4, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 126.4, 126.4, 126.2, 126.0, 124.9, 112.8, 77.4, 39.2.
IR (NaCl, thin film): 3365, 3058, 2923, 1495, 1453, 1031, 908, 819, 745, 700.
HRMS–ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₈ONa, 297.1255; found, 297.1260.



The standard procedure was followed, except that the coupling product was first purified with 10% ethyl acetate in hexane buffered with 1% triethylamine, followed by TES group deprotection of the coupling product **2k** with TBAF and finally purified with 25% ethyl acetate in hexane buffered with 1% triethylamine in order to separate it from the starting materials. Yield: 54%. Isolated as a 95:5 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H); 7.20–7.41 (m, 8H); 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H); 6.62 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H); 6.55 (s, 1H); 6.34 (dt, *J* = 7.3, 15.8 Hz, 1H); 5.01 (m, 1H); 3.86 (s, 3H); 2.93–2.99 (m, 2H); 1.93 (brs, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 149.2, 141.3, 138.1, 137.2, 133.8, 128.7, 127.6, 126.4, 125.7, 122.1, 121.0, 119.8, 109.3, 99.4, 66.9, 40.2, 30.4.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 3640, 3026, 2953, 2910, 2875, 1467, 1339, 1237, 1073, 1006, 966, 744.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for C₁₉H₁₉ONNa, 300.1364; found, 300.1365.



Table 1, entry 13: 3k (TES group deprotected):

The standard procedure was followed, except that the coupling product was first purified with 10% ethyl acetate in hexane buffered with 1% triethylamine, followed by TES group deprotection of the coupling product **3k** with TBAF and finally purified with 25% ethyl acetate in hexane buffered with 1% triethylamine in order to separate it from the starting materials. Yield 3%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.63 (d, 2H); 7.12–7.38 (m, 10H); 6.49 (s, 1H); 5.38 (s, 1H); 5.31 (s, 1H); 5.14 (s, 1H); 3.70 (s, 3H); 3.54 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H); 3.33 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H); 1.98 (d, *J* = 5.1Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 148.7, 139.6, 139.1, 138.4, 129.3, 128.6, 127.3, 126.6, 122.0, 121.0, 119.7, 113.2, 109.3, 101.5, 69.6, 40.2, 30.3.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 3349, 3059, 3027, 2923, 1649, 1601, 1494, 1468, 1453, 1318, 1234, 1030, 968, 907, 751, 737, 700.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₉NONa, 300.1364; found, 300.1369.



Table 1, entry 14: 21 (TES group deprotected):

The standard procedure was followed, except that the reaction was carried out at 35 °C and the coupling product was first purified with 40% hexane in CH_2Cl_2 , followed by TES group deprotection of the coupling product **21** with TBAF and finally purified with 15% hexane in CH_2Cl_2 . Yield: 72%. Isolated as a 83:17 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.86 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 5.4 Hz, 2H); 7.73 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 5.4 Hz, 2H); 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); 5.73(dt, *J* = 6.0, 15.4 Hz, 1H); 5.62 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 15.4 Hz, 1H); 4.68 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H); 4.25–4.33 (m, 2H); 3.78 (s, 3H); 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.09 (brs, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.2, 159.1, 136.1, 134.1, 132.3, 130.8, 127.2, 127.1, 123.5, 113.9, 73.1, 55.4, 42.3, 39.7.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 3466, 2929, 1770, 1711, 1611, 1512, 1395, 1249, 1174, 1034, 833, 720.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M-OH]^+$ calcd for C₂₀H₁₈O₃N, 320.1287; found, 320.1297.



Table 1, entry 14: 31: MeC

The standard procedure was followed, except that the reaction was carried out at 35 °C and the coupling product was purified with 40% hexane in CH₂Cl₂. Yield 4%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.81 (dd, 2H); 7.70 (dd, 2H); 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); 5.27 (s, 1H); 5.15 (s, 1H); 4.99 (s, 1H); 3.66–3.86 (m, 2H); 3.78 (s, 3H); 2.33–2.40 (m, 1H); 2.16–2.23 (m, 1H); 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 9H); 0.57 (q, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 168.4, 158.8, 148.6, 135.2, 134.0, 132.3, 127.7, 123.3, 113.5, 111.8, 77.6, 55.3, 37.2, 29.8, 7.0, 5.0.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2954, 2876, 1773, 1715, 1511, 1467, 1431, 1395, 1354, 1247, 1078, 952, 719.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₃₃O₄SiNa, 474.2066; found, 474.2071.



Table 1, entry 15: $2\mathbf{m}^{l}$

The standard procedure was followed. Yield: 78%. Isolated as a 81:29 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.30 (m, 5H); 5.40 (m, 2H); 4.63 (dd, J = 5.3, 7.3 Hz,

1H); 2.41 (quintet, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H); 2.30 (quintet, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H); 2.24 (septet, J = 6.7

Hz, 1H); 2.00 (m, 2H); 0.95 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 7.6 Hz, 6H); 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 9H); 0.62 (q, *J*

= 7.9 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 145.6, 140.2, 128.1, 127.0, 126.1, 123.7, 75.7, 44.5,

31.3, 22.6, 7.01, 5.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₃₂OSi, 327.212; found, 327.212.



The standard procedure was followed. Yield: 5%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H); 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H); 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.1, 1H); 5.30 (brs, 1H); 5.12 (brs, 1H); 4.87 (brs, 1H); 1.65–1.85 (m, 3H); 0.93 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 9H); 0.84 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H); 0.60 (dq, *J* = 1.3, 8.3 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 150.5, 143.7, 128.1, 127.1, 126.7, 110.7, 77.9, 41.1, 26.3, 23.0, 22.6, 7.0, 5.0.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2955, 2877, 1646, 1454, 1088, 1067, 743.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₃₂OSi, 327.211; found, 327.212.



The standard procedure was followed. Yield: 82%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.27–7.43 (m, 5H); 5.19–5.24 (m, 1H); 4.68 (dd, J = 5.8,

7.2 Hz, 1H); 2.36–2.54 (m, 2H); 1.74 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H); 1.58 (s, 3H); 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz 9H); 0.60 (dq, *J* = 3.4, 7.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 145.8, 133.6, 128.1, 127.0, 126.1, 121.0, 75.4, 40.0, 26.0, 18.0, 7.0, 5.0.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 3028, 2956, 2877, 2912, 1454, 1414, 1377, 1239, 1089, 1069, 1005, 941, 744, 699.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{30}OSiNa$, 313.1964; found, 313.1966.



The standard procedure was followed. Isolated as a mixture of **20** and **30**. **20**: Yield 74%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.24–7.42 (m, 5H); 5.14 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); 4.66 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H); 2.37–2.52 (m, 2H); 2.00–2.11 (m, 3H); 1.50–1.78 (m, 3H); 1.03–1.48 (m, 4H); 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 9H); 0.59 (dq, *J* = 2.8, 7.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 145.7, 141.6, 128.0, 127.0, 126.2, 117.5, 75.6, 39.0, 37.5,

29.0, 28.7, 27.8, 27.1, 7.0, 5.0.



The standard procedure was followed. Isolated as a mixture of **20** and **30**.

30: Yield 25%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.24–7.42 (m, 5H); 5.69 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 15.4 Hz, 1H); 5.56 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 15.4 Hz, 1H); 5.18 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H); 2.00–2.11 (m, 3H); 1.63–1.78 (m, 1H); 1.50–1.78 (m, 3H); 1.03–1.48 (m, 4H); 1.00 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 9H); 0.67 (dq, *J* = 2.3, 8.0 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 144.8, 136.9, 131.2, 128.2, 126.9, 126.1, 75.9, 40.4, 33.0, 32.9, 26.4, 26.2, 7.1, 5.2.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2954, 2928, 2876, 2853, 1449, 1414, 1238, 1086, 1067, 1007, 969, 829, 744, 699.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for C₂₁H₃₄OSiNa, 353.2277; found, 353.2267.

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Scheme 1: 2p:

The standard procedure was followed. Yield: 75%. Isolated as a 71:29 mixture of E and Z isomers, respectively.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.25–7.36 (m, 5H); 5.18–5.20 (m, 1H); 5.12–5.12 (m,

1H); 4.64-4.68 (m, 1H); 2.37-2.48 (m, 2H); 2.01-2.10 (m, 4H); 1.73 (s, 4H); 1.64 (s,

3H); 1.55 (s, 2H); 0.92 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 9H); 0.57 (dq, *J* = 3.0, 6.9 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 145.8, 145.8, 137.2, 137.1, 131.7, 131.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.0, 127.0, 126.1, 126.1, 124.6, 124.5, 121.8, 120.7, 75.5, 75.3, 40.0, 39.8, 39.7, 32.3, 26.8, 26.7, 25.9, 25.9, 23.6, 17.8, 17.8, 16.3, 7.0, 7.0, 5.0, 5.0.

IR (NaCl, thin film): 2955, 2876, 1454, 1376, 1239, 1088, 1068, 1006, 829, 743, 700.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₈OSiNa, 381.2590; found, 381.2583.

Procedure for the preparation of 4^3

 β -Citronellene (0.5 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added Me₂AlCl (1.0 M in hexane, 1.1 mL) at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature for 24 hrs. The reaction was quenched by dilution with ether followed by slow addition of water until gas evolution ceased. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether twice. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried and evaporated in vacuo. Purification via flash chromatography on silica gel afforded the coupling product.



Yield: 40%. Isolated as a mixture of diastereomers.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.28–7.39 (m, 5H); 5.45–5.61 (m, 1H); 5.09 (s, 1H); 5.00 (s, 1H); 4.79–4.94 (m, 2H); 4.38 (dd, *J* = 0.7, 8.5 Hz, 1H); 2.19–2.35 (m, 1H); 1.89–2.05 (m, 1H); 1.73, 1.75 (two s, 3H); 1.67 (brs, 1H); 0.91–1.27 (m, 4H); 0.87, 0.84 (two d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 145.1, 144.3, 142.9, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 126.0, 116.5, 116.4, 113.1, 112.4, 75.5, 75.4, 56.5, 56.4, 37.8, 37.5, 34.2, 34.2, 31.2, 26.3, 21.0, 19.5, 18.3, 18.1.

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