# **Cobalt Catalyzed Reductive Dimethylcyclopropanation of 1,3-Dienes**

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### **1. General Information**

**General considerations.** All manipulations were carried out using standard Schlenk or glovebox techniques under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub>. THF was dried and degassed by passage through a column of activated alumina and sparging with Ar gas. CDCl<sub>3</sub> was purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc., degassed, and stored over activated 3 Å molecular sieves prior to use. All other reagents and starting materials were purchased from commercial vendors and used without further purification unless otherwise noted. PDI ligands were synthesized according to reported methods.<sup>1,2</sup> Zn powder (325 mesh, 99.9%) and CoBr<sub>2</sub> were purchased from Strem. ZnBr<sub>2</sub> was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. CoBr<sub>2</sub> was dried in the oven and stored in the glovebox.

**Physical methods.** <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were collected at room temperature on a Varian INOVA 300 MHz spectrometer, Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer, or Bruker Avance 500 MHz spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra are reported in parts per million relative to tetramethylsilane, using the residual solvent resonances as an internal standard. High-resolution mass data were obtained using an Agilent 6320 Trap LC/MS, Agilent 5975C GC/MS, or Thermo Electron Corporation MAT 95XP-Trap instrument. ATR-IR data were collected on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet Nexus spectrometer.

### 2. Reaction Optimization Studies

**General Procedure for Optimization Study.** In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a 2-dram vial was charged with the metal salt (0.014 mmol, 0.10 equiv), ligand (0.014 mmol, 0.10 equiv), THF (0.5 mL) and a magnetic stir bar. The metal complex was allowed to form by stirring at room temperature for 24 h. Then, Zn powder (18 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv), ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (18 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and a stock solution of the substrate (0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and a mesitylene standard dissolved in THF (0.5 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for approximately 15 min, during which time a deep violet color developed. Me<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub> (31.6 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added, and stirring was continued at room temperature. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and an aliquot was analyzed by GC (FID detector).

Me	Metal Sou Ligand Cl <sub>2</sub> C(M Zn ZnBr	rce (10 mol%) (10 mol%) e) <sub>2</sub> (2 eq.) (2 eq.) <sub>2</sub> (1 eq.)	Me Me Me	
1	TH	<sup>–</sup> , 24 h	2	
Entry	Metal Source	Ligand	Yield <b>2</b> [%]	
1	_	-	< 1	
2	-	<sup>2-<i>t</i>-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L1</b> )	< 1	
3	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	-	< 1	
4	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2-<i>t</i>-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L1</b> )	93	
5	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2,4,6-Me</sup> PDI ( <b>L2</b> )	77	
6	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>3,5-t-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L3</b> )	8	
7	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2,6-<i>i</i>-PrPDI (<b>L4</b>)</sup>	2	
8	NiBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2-<i>t</i>-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L1</b> )	5	
9	FeBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2-<i>t</i>-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L1</b> )	4	
10	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2,6-<i>i</i>-Pr</sup> IP ( <b>L5</b> )	2	
11	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2,6-<i>i</i>-Pr</sup> DAD ( <b>L6</b> )	<1	
12	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	bpy ( <b>L7</b> )	4	
13	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	terpy ( <b>L8</b> )	1	
14	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	Chiral PDI ( <b>L9</b> )	9	
15	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	Chiral PDI ( <b>L10</b> )	17	
16 <sup>[b]</sup>	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2-<i>t</i>-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L1</b> )	87	
17 <sup>[c]</sup>	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2-<i>t</i>-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L1</b> )	78	
18 <sup>[d]</sup>	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2-<i>t</i>-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L1</b> )	79	
19 <sup>[e]</sup>	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2-<i>t</i>-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L1</b> )	26	
20 <sup>[f]</sup>	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2-<i>t</i>-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L1</b> )	>99	
21 <sup>[g]</sup>	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2-<i>t</i>-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L1</b> )	7	
22[h]	CoBr <sub>2</sub>	<sup>2-<i>t</i>-Bu</sup> PDI ( <b>L1</b> )	11	



**Figure S1.** Optimization studies probing metal and ligand sources. [b] Modifications from standard conditions: without ZnBr<sub>2</sub>. [c] Modifications from standard conditions: 1.1 equiv of Me<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>. [d] Modifications from standard conditions: 2.0 equiv of Me<sub>2</sub>CBr<sub>2</sub>. [e] Modifications from standard conditions: 2.0 equiv of I<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>2</sub>. [f] Modifications from standard conditions: 1.1 equiv of Zn. [g] Modifications from standard conditions: 1 equiv of MgBr<sub>2</sub> (No ZnBr<sub>2</sub>). [h] Modifications from standard conditions: 1 equiv of LiCl (No ZnBr<sub>2</sub>).



**General Procedure for Zinc Carbenoid Dimethylcyclopropanation.**<sup>3</sup> In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a 2dram vial was charged with **1** (0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1.0 mL), mesitylene, and a magnetic stir bar.  $Et_2Zn$  (69 mg, 0.56 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added dropwise to the solution at -30 °C.  $I_2CMe_2^4$  (166 mg, 0.56 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added dropwise, and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. The crude reaction mixture was diluted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ , and an aliquot was analyzed by GC (FID detector). Conversion of **1**: 70%. Yield of **2**: 45%.



**Figure S2.** GC/MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture  $(1 + I_2CMe_2/Et_2Zn)$ . Additional products correspond to isomers of **2**, products containing two Me<sub>2</sub>C fragments, and products containing additional Et groups.



**Figure S3.** A <sup>1</sup>H NMR comparison of the crude reaction mixtures for the cobalt-catalyzed cyclopropanation of **1** (top) and the non-catalytic Furukawa-type Simmons–Smith reaction of **1** (bottom).

## 3. Procedures for the Dimethylcyclopropanation of 1,3-Dienes

**Preparation of [**<sup>2-*t*Bu</sup>**PDI]CoBr<sub>2</sub> (3).** In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a 5-dram vial was charged with <sup>2-*t*Bu</sup>PDI<sup>5</sup> (100 mg, 0.23 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CoBr<sub>2</sub> (anhydrous) (50.1 mg, 0.23 mmol, 1.0 equiv), THF (7.0 mL) and a magnetic stir bar. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After 24 h, the mixture was concentrated to dryness under vacuum to produce a mustard-yellow solid.



Figure S4. UV-Vis spectrum of [2-tBuPDI]CoBr<sub>2</sub>(3).

**General procedure for the dimethylcyclopropanation of 1,3-dienes.** In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a 2dram vial was charged with the [<sup>2-tBu</sup>PDI]CoBr<sub>2</sub> catalyst **3** (9.0 mg, 0.014 mmol, 0.10 equiv), the substrate (0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Zn powder (18 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv), ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (31 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv), THF (1.0 mL), and a magnetic stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for approximately 15 min during which time a deep violet color developed. Me<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub> (31.6 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added, and stirring was continued at room temperature. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was directly loaded onto a SiO<sub>2</sub> column for purification.



(2). The reaction was conducted using (*E*)-deca-1,3-diene<sup>6</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **2** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 24.7 mg (98% yield). Run 2: 22.2 mg (88% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; pentane.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.54-5.44 (m, 1H), 5.22-5.14 (m, 1H), 2.00 (q, *J* = 6.52 Hz, 2H), 1.36-1.26 (m, 8H), 1.23-1.16 (m, 1H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.97 Hz, 3H), 0.61-0.57 (m, 1H), 0.28 (t, *J* = 4.71 Hz, 1H).

 $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  130.3, 130.1, 32.8, 31.8, 29.8, 28.9, 27.5, 27.0, 22.7, 21.0, 20.5, 18.0, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>23</sub>: m/z=179.1794, found: m/z=179.1792 IR (film): 3052, 3001, 2952, 2915, 2851, 1452, 1365, 963 cm<sup>-1</sup>



**(4).** The reaction was conducted using (*E*)-1-(buta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-4-chlorobenzene<sup>7</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **4** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 27.8 mg (96% yield). Run 2: 27.2 mg (94% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; pentane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25 (s, 4H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 15.70 Hz, 1H), 6.01-5.92 (m, 1H), 1.47-1.39 (m, 1H), 1.15 (s, 6H), 0.83-0.79 (m, 1H), 0.52 (t, *J* = 4.87 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.5, 132.5, 131.9, 128.6, 128.0, 126.8, 28.6, 27.1, 22.5, 20.8, 19.9. HRMS (ESI) calc. for  $C_{13}H_{14}Cl: m/z=205.0779$ , found: m/z=205.0781

IR (film): 3001, 2944, 2858, 1645, 1487, 1444, 1085, 971 cm<sup>-1</sup>



**(5).** The reaction was conducted using (*E*)-1-(buta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene<sup>8</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **5** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 26.6 mg (94% yield). Run 2: 26.9 mg (95% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27 (d, *J* = 8.50 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.44 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 15.69 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (dd, *J* = 8.87, 6.54 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.45-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 6H), 0.79-0.75 (m, 1H), 0.48 (t, *J* = 4.78 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.4, 130.9, 129.4, 128.6, 126.7, 113.9, 55.3, 28.5, 27.1, 22.1, 20.8, 19.4.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O: m/z=201.1274, found: m/z=201.1277 IR (film): 2995, 2958, 1609, 1509, 1236, 1164, 1049, 934 cm<sup>-1</sup>



(6). The reaction was conducted using (*E*)-2-(buta-1,3-dien-1-yl)furan<sup>9</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **6** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 16.8 mg (74% yield). Run 2: 15.9 mg (70% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 1.62 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 1.84, 1.42 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 15.73 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 3.23 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (dd, *J* = 9.24, 6.48 Hz, 1H), 1.41-1.33 (m, 1H), 1.13-1.12 (m, 6H), 0.80-0.76 (m, 1H), 0.49 (t, *J* = 4.78 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.5, 140.9, 130.8, 117.8, 111.1, 105.2, 28.4, 27.0, 22.5, 20.8, 19.9. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O: m/z=161.0961, found: m/z=161.0960 IR (film): 2995, 2944, 2865, 1444, 1150, 1006, 949, 906 cm<sup>-1</sup>



(7). The reaction was conducted using (*E*)-(2-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene<sup>10</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **7** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 23.7 mg (91% yield). Run 2: 23.0 mg (88% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; pentane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.36-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H),

1.95 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 6.97 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.70 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 0.60-0.56 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.6, 138.0, 128.8, 128.0, 125.8, 125.0, 34.4, 27.5, 20.1, 19.3, 18.4, 17.8.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>: m/z=185.1325, found: m/z=185.1323 IR (film): 3073, 2937, 2851, 1652, 1595, 1452, 1372, 1071, 913 cm<sup>-1</sup>



(8). The reaction was conducted using (E)-N,4-dimethyl-N-(penta-2,4-dien-1-

yl)benzenesulfonamide<sup>11</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **8** as a yellow oil.

Run 1: 23.4 mg (57% yield). Run 2: 20.5 mg (50% yield). Purification:  $SiO_2$  column; hexane/EtOAc (80:20)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ7.67 (d, *J* = 8.29 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.44 Hz, 2H), 5.42-5.26 (m, 2H), 3.63-3.51 (m, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.26-1.17 (m, 1H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.67-0.62 (m, 1H), 0.30 (t, *J* = 4.89 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  143.2, 136.5, 134.6, 129.6, 127.5, 123.2, 52.5, 33.9, 27.2, 26.9, 21.6, 21.5, 20.5, 18.9.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SNa: m/z=316.1342, found: m/z=316.1346 IR (film): 2966, 2915, 2872, 1430, 1336, 1164, 1078, 956, 906 cm<sup>-1</sup>



(9). The reaction was conducted using (*E*)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane<sup>12</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **9** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 29.8 mg (90% yield). Run 2: 30.1 mg (91% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.54 (d, *J* = 18.07 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 18.05 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (s, 12H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 6H), 0.79 (d, *J* = 4.38 Hz, 1H), 0.51 (d, *J* = 4.37 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.1, 82.8, 29.9, 28.2, 24.8, 24.4, 22.8, 22.7, 17.4.

<sup>11</sup>B NMR (96 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.85.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BO<sub>2</sub>: m/z=236.2057, found: m/z=236.2054

IR (film): 2973, 2937, 1609, 1344, 1307, 1164, 956 cm<sup>-1</sup>



(10). The reaction was conducted using (*Z*)-(((4-methylpenta-2,4-dien-1-yl)oxy)methyl)benzene without modification from the general procedure to provide **10** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 31.0 mg (96% yield). Run 2: 31.0 mg (96% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38-7.26 (m, 5H), 5.75-5.71 (m, 1H), 5.67-5.60 (m, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.27-4.21 (m, 1H), 4.15-4.09 (m, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.38 (d, *J* = 4.04 Hz, 1H), 0.33 (d, *J* = 4.04 Hz, 1H).

 $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  138.4, 137.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.6, 72.6, 66.9, 28.1, 23.8, 23.3, 21.3, 21.2, 20.1.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O: m/z=231.1743, found: m/z=231.1741 IR (film): 3030, 2980, 2944, 2851, 1452, 1350, 1064, 1021, 934 cm<sup>-1</sup>



(11). The reaction was conducted using diethyl (*E*)-buta-1,3-dien-1-ylphosphonate<sup>14</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **11** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 30.2 mg (93% yield). Run 2: 29.6 mg (91% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; EtOAc

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.71-6.55 (m, 1H), 5.65 (dd, *J* = 16.82, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.08 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.38 (m, 1H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.66 Hz, 6H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 0.94-0.90 (m, 1H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 4.85 Hz, 1H).

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<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.3, 111.9 (d, *J* = 194.2 Hz), 62.9, 30.4, 30.2, 26.9, 24.4, 22.7, 20.9, 16.3.

<sup>31</sup>P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 20.8 HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P: m/z=233.1301, found: m/z=233.1303 IR (film): 2980, 2865, 1616, 1207, 1021, 956, 826 cm<sup>-1</sup>



(12). The reaction was conducted using (*E*)-1-phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one<sup>13</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **12** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 14.0 mg (50% yield). Run 2: 15.1 mg (54% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; hexane/EtOAc (95:5)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.96-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 15.05 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.82 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.54 (m, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.06-1.01 (m, 1H), 0.79 (t, J = 4.75 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 189.7, 152.8, 138.3, 132.4, 128.4, 128.4, 124.4, 29.5, 27.0, 25.2, 23.3, 21.1.

HRMS (APCI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O: m/z=201.1274, found: m/z=201.1276

IR (film): 3059, 2958, 2872, 1667, 1602, 1279, 1178, 1006, 920 cm<sup>-1</sup>



(13). The reaction was conducted using ethyl (*E*)-penta-2,4-dienoate<sup>14</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide 13 as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 21.0 mg (89% yield). Run 2: 21.4 mg (91% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(1:1)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.69 (dd, *J* = 14.80, 10.92 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d, *J* = 15.35 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 8.02 Hz, 2H), 1.46-1.38 (m, 1H), 1.28 (td, J = 7.13, 1.24 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.94-0.90 (m, 1H), 0.66 (t, / = 4.92 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.7, 151.3, 119.6, 60.0, 28.3, 26.9, 24.3, 22.3, 20.9, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: m/z=169.1223, found: m/z=169.1221 IR (film): 2973, 2944, 2865, 1724, 1630, 1221, 1143, 1035 cm<sup>-1</sup>



(14). The reaction was conducted using *trans*-3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-methoxy-1,3butadiene

without modification from the general procedure to provide **14** as a colorless oil. Run 1: 24.3 mg (68% yield). Run 2: 25.6 mg (72% yield). Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.42 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.60 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 0.42 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 0.09 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.6, 104.3, 61.5, 56.0, 25.9, 24.3, 22.3, 21.4, 20.2, 18.1. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: m/z=255.1775, found: m/z=255.1774 IR (film): 2952, 2923, 2844, 1645, 1458, 1258, 1135, 941 cm<sup>-1</sup>



(15). The reaction was conducted using (*E*)-benzyl(penta-2,4-dien-1-yl)sulfane<sup>15</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **15** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 25.7 mg (79% yield). Run 2: 27 mg (83% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 5.50 (dt, *J* = 14.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 0.69 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 0.36 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H).

 $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  138.5, 134.2, 128.9, 128.3, 126.7, 125.0, 34.8, 33.4, 27.3, 26.9, 21.5, 20.6, 18.6.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>S: m/z=233.1359, found: m/z=233.1358 IR (film): 3030, 2930, 2865, 1501, 1437, 963, 913 cm<sup>-1</sup>



(18). The reaction was conducted using (*E*)-4-methylpenta-2,4-dien-1-ol **16**<sup>16</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **18** as a yellow oil.

Run 1: 11.2 mg (57% yield). Run 2: 11.4 mg (58% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; hexane/EtOAc (90:10)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.64-5.62 (m, 2H), 4.14-4.11 (m, 2H), 1.24-1.22 (m, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 0.60 (d, *J* = 4.55 Hz, 1H), 0.42 (d, *J* = 4.39 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.3, 126.5, 64.2, 28.4, 25.4, 22.9, 22.6, 22.3, 18.5.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O: m/z=139.1117, found: m/z=139.1120

IR (film): 3324, 2980, 2923, 2858, 1659, 1452, 1379, 1085, 956, 906 cm<sup>-1</sup>



![](_page_11_Figure_18.jpeg)

**Non-Catalytic Furukawa-Type Simmons–Smith Cyclopropanation of 16.** In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a 2-dram vial was charged with **16** (0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL), and a magnetic stir bar. Et<sub>2</sub>Zn (69 mg, 0.56 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added dropwise to the solution at –30 °C. I<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>2</sub> (166 mg, 0.56 mmol, 4.0

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equiv) was added dropwise, and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was directly loaded onto a  $SiO_2$  column to obtain a mixture of **16**, **17**, and **18**. Combined Yield of **17** + **18**: 35%. Ratio **17**:**18** = 4:1.

![](_page_12_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR comparison of product **18** obtained from the catalytic dimethylcyclopropanation (middle) and the mixture of **17**, **18**, and recovered starting material (**16**) obtained under the Furukawa-type Simmons–Smith conditions (bottom).

![](_page_12_Figure_4.jpeg)

(26). The reaction was conducted using (*E*)-(3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-1-yl)benzene<sup>10</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **26** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 25.8 mg (99% yield). Run 2: 25.3 mg (97% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; pentane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 15.97 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 15.97 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 0.79 (d, *J* = 4.34 Hz, 1H), 0.53 (d, *J* = 4.41 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.3, 137.0, 128.5, 127.4, 126.5, 125.7, 28.8, 26.4, 23.3, 23.1, 22.5,

18.7.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>: m/z=185.1325, found: m/z=185.1322 IR (film): 3016, 2987, 2944, 2865, 1630, 1444, 1114, 1064, 971 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_13_Figure_1.jpeg)

(28). The reaction was conducted using dimethyl (*E*)-2-allyl-2-(penta-2,4-dien-1-yl)malonate<sup>17</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **28** as a yellow oil.

Run 1: 35.7mg (91% yield). Run 2: 34.5 mg (88% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; hexane/EtOAc (95:5)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.72-5.57 (m, 1H), 5.27 (t, *J* = 5.99 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 5.81 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 2.65-2.59 (m, 4H), 1.22-1.15 (m, 1H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.63-0.59 (m, 1H), 0.27 (t, *J* = 4.67 Hz, 1H).

 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  171.3, 135.7, 132.5, 122.6, 119.0, 58.0, 52.3, 36.8, 35.9, 27.5, 27.0, 21.4, 20.6, 18.5.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: m/z=281.1747, found: m/z=281.1746 IR (film): 2987, 2958, 2858, 1724, 1437, 1200, 963, 920 cm<sup>-1</sup>

### Additional Substrates Exhibiting Modest Yields:

![](_page_13_Picture_9.jpeg)

![](_page_13_Picture_10.jpeg)

![](_page_13_Picture_11.jpeg)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR Yield: 9%

<sup>1</sup>H NMR Yield: 19%

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Messy NMR

![](_page_13_Picture_15.jpeg)

![](_page_13_Picture_16.jpeg)

![](_page_13_Picture_17.jpeg)

Messy NMR

Low Conversion

Low Conversion

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![](_page_14_Figure_2.jpeg)

(27). The reaction was conducted using the procedure reported by Louie using 26 to provide 27 as a colorless oil (65% yield, 10.2 mg).<sup>18</sup>

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; pentane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 3H), 5.29 (t, *J* = 1.46 Hz, 1H), 3.88-3.78 (m, 1H), 2.25 (dd, *J* = 12.58, 8.01 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (dd, *J* = 1.55, 0.81, Hz, 3H), 1.61 (dd, *J* = 8.30, 4.25, Hz, 1H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H).

 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  149.3, 147.0, 128.3, 127.3, 126.2, 125.8, 51.2, 48.0, 46.2, 27.6, 26.0, 12.3.

HRMS (APCI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>: m/z=185.1325, found: m/z=185.1326

IR (film): 3023, 2944, 2930, 2844, 1602, 1501, 1444, 1358, 1035, 834 cm-1

![](_page_14_Figure_9.jpeg)

(29). The reaction was conducted using the procedure reported by Wender using 28 to provide 29 as a colorless oil (77% yield, 28.1 mg).<sup>19</sup>

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; hexane/EtOAc (95:5)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.18-5.14 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 2.86 (qd, *J* = 7.64, 2.48 Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.39 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.11 (dd, *J* = 7.95, 5.62 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (dd, *J* = 8.17, 5.12 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (d, *J* = 4.28 Hz, 1H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.51-1.48 (m, 2H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H).

 $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  173.2, 172.9, 139.6, 126.6, 59.0, 52.7, 52.7, 43.9, 41.4, 41.3, 40.8, 38.7, 37.5, 31.2, 29.8, 26.9.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: m/z=281.1747, found: m/z=281.1752. IR (film): 3009, 2958, 2858, 1724, 1437, 1250, 1207, 1150, 1064 cm<sup>-1</sup>

**Stereochemical Assignment for 29.** The relative stereochemistry of the ring fusion was assigned as cis by analogy to the products obtained by Wender. Additionally, **29** was hydrogenated using a Pd/C catalyst to obtain a mixture of the hydrogenated product and an alkene migration product. The hydrogenated product was assigned as the cis diastereomer based on the non-equivalency <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals corresponding to the two methyl groups and the two methyl esters.

![](_page_15_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### 5. Synthesis and Characterization of Dienoic Esters

Procedure A<sup>20,21</sup>:

![](_page_16_Figure_3.jpeg)

**Step 1:** A 100-mL round bottom flask was charged with the dienoic ester<sup>25</sup> (4.1 mmol) and a THF/MeOH (1:2, 70 mL) solvent mixture. An aqueous solution of 2 M NaOH (19 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was dissolved in water (50 mL), and the aqueous phase was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The aqueous phase was acidified with concentrated HCl (aq) and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 50$  mL). The combined organic phases were washed with water ( $2 \times 25$  mL) then saturated aqueous NaCl ( $2 \times 25$  mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed under vacuum to give provide the dienoic acid<sup>22</sup> (460 mg, 89% yield), which was carried forward without purification.

**Step 2:** To a solution of the dienoic acid (460 mg, 3.6 mmol) dissolved in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (0.65 mL, 7.2 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum to provide the acid chloride (**S1**) (505 mg, 97%) as a yellow oil. The crude product was carried forward without further purification.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 (dd, *J* = 14.60, 11.72 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 11.78 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 14.55 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H).

**Step 3:** To a solution of 3-phenoxy-benzenemethanol (505 mg, 3.5 mmol) in dry toluene (10 mL) was added pyridine (0.5 mL). Acid chloride **S1** was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with water (10 mL) and extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 × 20 mL). The organic phase was washed with 1 M HCl then saturated NaCl (aq). The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford **S2** in an isomerically pure form (452 mg, 43% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62 (dd, *J* = 10.82, 3.56 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (q, *J* = 7.53 Hz, 3H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 3H), 6.97-6.93 (m, 1H), 6.00 (d, *J* = 11.61 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, *J* = 15.18 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 1.89 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.4, 157.5, 157.0, 146.9, 141.7, 138.4, 129.8, 123.7, 123.4, 122.6, 119.0, 118.2, 118.0, 65.4, 26.6, 19.0.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: m/z=309.1485, found: m/z=309.1481. IR (film): 3052, 2901, 1695, 1566, 1466, 1258, 1207, 1121, 985 cm<sup>-1</sup>

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Procedure B:23

![](_page_17_Figure_2.jpeg)

The following dienoic esters were synthesized using the Horner—Wadsworth—Emmons reaction following the literature procedure:

![](_page_17_Figure_4.jpeg)

**(S3).** The reaction was conducted using 2-cyclobutylideneacetaldehyde<sup>24</sup> without modification from procedure B to provide **S3** as a colorless oil (56% yield)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.25 (dd, *J* = 15.32, 11.47, Hz, 1H), 5.97-5.86 (m, 1H), 5.70 (dt, *J* = 15.30, 0.81 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.13 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 7.99 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 7.92 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (tt, *J* = 8.20, 7.39 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.14 Hz, 3H).

 ${}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  167.6, 157.3, 140.8, 119.5, 117.5, 60.1, 32.1, 30.7, 16.9, 14.3.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for  $C_{10}H_{15}O_2$ : m/z=167.1067, found: m/z=167.1068

IR (film): 2973, 2937, 2908, 1716, 1652, 1616, 1258, 1186, 1129, 971 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_17_Figure_10.jpeg)

**(S4).** The reaction was conducted using 2-cyclopentylideneacetaldehyde<sup>25</sup> without modification from procedure B to provide **S4** as a colorless oil (41% yield)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 (dd, *J* = 15.17, 11.66, Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 11.60 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 15.24 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.13 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 6.85 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t, *J* = 6.97 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (quintet, *J* = 6.78 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (quintet, *J* = 6.59 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.12 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.7, 159.1, 142.5, 119.1, 117.7, 60.1, 34.8, 30.2, 26.2, 26.0, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: m/z=181.1223, found: m/z=181.1222.

IR (film): 2966, 2880, 1702, 1630, 1372, 1258, 1200, 1129, 963 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_17_Figure_15.jpeg)

**(S5).** The reaction was conducted using 2-cyclohexylideneacetaldehyde<sup>25</sup> without modification from procedure B to provide **S5** as a colorless oil (38% yield)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (dd, *J* = 15.20, 11.70, Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 11.56 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 15.17 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.12 Hz, 2H), 2.42-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.18 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.57 (m, 6H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.11 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.8, 154.3, 140.4, 120.5, 118.8, 60.1, 37.8, 29.8, 28.5, 27.9, 26.5, 14.4.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: m/z=195.1380, found: m/z=195.1377

IR (film): 2930, 2844, 1702, 1624, 1301, 1272, 1164, 1129, 977, 870 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_18_Picture_1.jpeg)

**(S6).** The reaction was conducted using 3-ethylpent-2-enal<sup>26</sup> without modification from procedure B to provide **S6** as a colorless oil (54% yield)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (dd, *J* =15.12, 11.64, Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 11.78 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 15.14 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.13 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (q, *J* = 7.58 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (q, *J* = 7.49 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (dt, *J* = 7.13, 1.51 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (dq, *J* = 3.98, 1.49 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.7, 157.4, 140.7, 121.3, 119.0, 60.1, 30.0, 24.4, 14.4, 13.8, 12.4. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: m/z=183.1380, found: m/z=183.1379.

IR (film): 2980, 2937, 2837, 1702, 1630, 1358, 1272, 1135, 985, 877 cm<sup>-1</sup>

# 6. Procedures for the Dimethylcyclopropanation of Dienoic Esters

**General procedure for the dimethylcyclopropanation of dienoic esters.** In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a 2-dram vial was charged with the [<sup>2-tBu</sup>PDI]CoBr<sub>2</sub> catalyst **3** (9.0 mg, 0.014 mmol, 0.10 equiv), the substrate (0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Zn powder (18 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv), ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (31 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 1,2-dichloroethane (1.0 mL), and a magnetic stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for approximately 15 min during which time a deep violet color developed. Me<sub>2</sub>CBr<sub>2</sub> (56.5 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added, and stirring was continued at room temperature. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was directly loaded onto a SiO<sub>2</sub> column for purification.

![](_page_19_Figure_3.jpeg)

(19). The reaction was conducted using ethyl (*E*)-5-methylhexa-2,4-dienoate<sup>27</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **19** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 17.9 mg (65% yield, >19:1 trans/cis). Run 2: 16.2 mg (59% yield, 13:1 trans/cis).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; (1:1) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:Hexane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.88 (d, *J* = 9.44 Hz, 1H), 4.17-4.07 (m, 2H), 2.06-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.67 (m, 6H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 5.34 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.25 Hz, 6H), 1.13 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.5, 135.4, 121.2, 60.2, 34.8, 32.6, 28.5, 25.6, 22.2, 20.4, 18.5, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: m/z=197.1536, found: m/z=197.1538.

IR (film): 2958, 2915, 2880, 1731, 1150 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_19_Figure_10.jpeg)

(20). The reaction was conducted using S2 without modification from the general procedure to provide 20 as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 27.5 mg (56% yield, >19:1 trans/cis). Run 2: 26.5 mg (54% yield, 11:1 trans/cis).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; (1:1) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:Hexane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.11 (q, *J* = 8.56 Hz, 2H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 3H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.96 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 7.86 Hz, 1H), 2.09-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 5.33 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H).

 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  172.3, 157.5, 157.0, 138.4, 135.6, 129.8, 129.8, 123.4, 122.7, 121.0, 119.0, 118.3, 118.2, 65.6, 34.7, 33.0, 28.9, 25.6, 22.2, 20.5, 18.5.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: m/z=351.1955, found: m/z=351.1958.

IR (film): 3030, 2944, 2923, 2865, 1724, 1573, 1487, 1473, 1243, 1121 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_20_Figure_1.jpeg)

(21). The reaction was conducted using **S3** without modification from the general procedure to provide **21** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 23.3 mg (80% yield, 8:1 trans/cis). Run 2: 21.9 mg (75% yield, 9:1 trans/cis).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; (1:1) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:Hexane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.85-4.81 (m, 1H), 4.14-4.08 (m, 2H), 2.75-2.69 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 8.76 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (quintet, J = 7.84 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (dd, J = 8.86, 5.27, Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, J = 5.31 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (d, J = 8.13 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H).

 ${}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  172.4, 143.2, 117.1, 60.2, 34.4, 32.7, 31.2, 29.7, 28.2, 22.2, 20.3, 17.1, 14.4.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: m/z=209.1536, found: m/z=209.1532 IR (film): 2973, 2937, 2865, 1716, 1272, 1221, 1172, 841 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_20_Figure_8.jpeg)

(22). The reaction was conducted using **S4** without modification from the general procedure to provide **22** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 22.1 mg (71% yield, 13:1 trans/cis). Run 2: 23.7 mg (76% yield, 12:1 trans/cis). Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; (1:1) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:Hexane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.02 (dt, *J* = 2.20, 8.53 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dq, *J* = 7.10, 2.87, Hz, 2H), 2.31-2.22 (m, 4H), 1.99 (dd, *J* = 8.55, 5.34, Hz, 1H), 1.70-1.57 (m, 4H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 5.32 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.13 Hz, 6H), 1.14 (s, 3H).

 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  172.5, 146.8, 116.6, 60.1, 34.8, 34.0, 33.8, 29.3, 28.4, 26.5, 26.4, 22.3, 20.5, 14.4.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: m/z=223.1693, found: m/z=223.1691

IR (film): 2952, 2858, 1710, 1365, 1236, 1172, 1135, 1028 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_20_Figure_15.jpeg)

(23). The reaction was conducted using **S5** without modification from the general procedure to provide **23** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 23.2 mg (70% yield, 13:1 trans/cis). Run 2: 22.5 mg (68% yield, 13:1 trans/cis). Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; (1:1)  $CH_2Cl_2$ :Hexane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.82 (d, *J* = 7.83 Hz, 1H), 4.17-4.05 (m, 2H), 2.21-2.16 (m, 2H), 2.08-2.04 (m, 3H), 1.57-1.48 (m, 6H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 5.23 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 3.34 Hz, 6H), 1.12 (s, 3H).

 $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  172.6, 143.5, 117.8, 60.1, 36.8, 34.9, 31.7, 29.4, 28.6, 28.5, 27.7, 26.8, 22.2, 20.4, 14.4.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: m/z=237.1849, found: m/z=237.1847 IR (film): 2930, 2851, 1731, 1423, 1372, 1207, 1150, 1121, 834 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_21_Figure_2.jpeg)

**(24).** The reaction was conducted using ethyl (*E*)-5,5-diphenylpenta-2,4-dienoate<sup>28</sup> without modification from the general procedure to provide **24** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 9.9 mg (22% yield, >19:1 trans/cis). Run 2: 8.5 mg (19% yield, 16:1 trans/cis). Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; (1:1) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:Hexane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 6H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 9.45 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (t, *J* = 8.87 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 8.56 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.11 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H).

 $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  171.2, 143.4, 142.6, 140.2, 130.4, 128.1, 128.1, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 123.8, 60.0, 34.0, 32.7, 28.3, 28.0, 15.1, 14.4.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for  $C_{22}H_{25}O_2$ : m/z=321.1849, found: m/z=321.1854

IR (film): 3052, 3030, 2952, 1724, 1200, 1143, 1100 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_21_Figure_9.jpeg)

(25). The reaction was conducted using **S6** without modification from the general procedure to provide **25** as a colorless oil.

Run 1: 17.6 mg (56% yield, >19:1 trans/cis). Run 2: 15.1 mg (48% yield, >19:1 trans/cis). Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; (1:1) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:Hexane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.82 (d, *J* = 8.07 Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.09 (m, 5H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 5.34 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.25 Hz, 6H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.98 (td, *J* = 7.50, 1.92 Hz, 6H)

 $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  172.5, 146.9, 119.2, 60.1, 35.1, 32.2, 29.2, 28.5, 23.9, 22.2, 20.4, 14.4, 13.2, 12.8.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: m/z=225.1849, found: m/z=225.1851

IR (film): 2958, 2930, 2887, 1716, 1458, 1365, 1200, 1150, 1100, 1035, 841 cm<sup>-1</sup>

# 7. Procedure for the Dimethylcyclopropanation of Activated Alkenes

**General procedure for the dimethylcyclopropanation of activated alkenes.** In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a 2-dram vial was charged with the [<sup>2-tBu</sup>PDI]CoBr<sub>2</sub> catalyst **3** (9.0 mg, 0.014 mmol, 0.10 equiv), the substrate (0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Zn powder (18 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv), ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (31 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.0 equiv), THF (1.0 mL), and a magnetic stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for approximately 15 min during which time a deep violet color developed. Me<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub> (31.6 mg, 0.28 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added, and stirring was continued at room temperature. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was directly loaded onto a SiO<sub>2</sub> column for purification.

![](_page_22_Picture_3.jpeg)

(30). The reaction was conducted using cyclopentene without modification from the general procedure to provide **30** as a colorless oil.

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; pentane

<sup>1</sup>H NMR Yield. Run 1: 88%; Run 2: 85%

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.85-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.27 (m, 4H), 1.05 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 31.5, 28.0, 27.8, 25.3, 14.5, 14.1.

![](_page_22_Picture_9.jpeg)

(31). The reaction was conducted using cyclooctene without modification from the general procedure to provide **31** as a colorless oil.

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; pentane

Yield 1: 83%, 17.7 mg; Yield 2: 78%, 16.6 mg

 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.76-1.55 (m, 6H), 1.40-1.29 (m, 4H), 1.08-1.02 (m, 1H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.99-0.97 (m, 1H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.34-0.25 (m, 2H).

 ${}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  29.7, 29.2, 26.6, 26.5, 22.4, 16.4, 15.1.

HRMS (APCI) calc. for  $C_{11}H_{20}$ : m/z=152.1560, found: m/z=152.1557

IR (film): 2923, 2844, 1452, 1372 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_22_Picture_17.jpeg)

(32). The reaction was conducted using indene without modification from the general procedure to provide 32 as a colorless oil.

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; pentane

Yield 1: 75%, 16.7 mg; Yield 2: 82%, 18.3 mg

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 3H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 17.43, 7.26 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 17.40 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dd, *J* = 6.36, 1.23 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (t, *J* = 6.86 Hz, 1H),1.16 (s, 3H) 0.63 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.0, 143.8, 125.8, 125.2, 124.3, 124.0, 37.2, 32.0, 29.1, 26.8, 21.4,

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HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>: m/z=159.1168, found: m/z=159.1166 IR (film): 3023, 2944, 2908, 2858, 1480, 1372, 1114, 884 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_23_Figure_4.jpeg)

(33). The reaction was conducted using norbornene without modification from the general procedure to provide 33 as a colorless oil.

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; pentane

Yield 1:66%, 12.7 mg; Yield 2: 67%, 12.8 mg

 $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.32 (s, 2H), 1.46-1.35 (m, 3H), 1.25-1.19 (m, 2H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 2H), 1.46-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.25-1.19 (m, 2H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 2H)

3H), 0.64 (d, J = 10.64 Hz, 1H), 0.43 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 36.0, 31.1, 31.0, 30.8, 30.5, 18.6, 16.1.

HRMS (APCI) calc. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>: m/z=137.1325, found: m/z=137.1320

IR (film): 2958, 2908, 2844, 1444 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_23_Picture_13.jpeg)

(35). The reaction was conducted using *N*-Boc-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrole without modification from the general procedure to provide **35** as a yellow oil.

Run 1: 26.2 mg (89% yield). Run 2: 26.6 mg (91% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; Hexane/EtOAc (80:20)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.48-3.38 (m, 2H), 3.35-3.24 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.29-1.27 (m, 2H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H).

 $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl\_3)  $\delta$  153.9, 79.0, 46.1, 45.9, 28.5, 27.9, 27.1, 26.3, 18.9, 12.4.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na: m/z=234.1465, found: m/z=234.1467

IR (film): 2966, 2930, 2880, 1702, 1409, 1379, 1178, 1107, 870 cm<sup>-1</sup>

![](_page_23_Figure_21.jpeg)

(37). The reaction was conducted using iminostilbene without modification from the general procedure to provide 37 as a white solid.

Run 1: 30.6 mg (93% yield). Run 2: 32.5 mg (99% yield).

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; hexane/EtOAc (95:5)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27 (dd, *J* = 7.44, 1.18, Hz, 2H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 7.66, 1.67 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (td, *J* = 7.44, 1.28 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 7.93, 1.26 Hz, 2H), 5.55 (br s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 2H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 0.59 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.0, 133.3, 126.4, 125.7, 121.0, 119.5, 30.9, 28.7, 27.8, 18.5. HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N: m/z=236.1434, found: m/z=236.1436 IR (film): 3367, 2966, 2937, 2865, 1587, 1480, 1329, 1250, 1107, 1028, 913 cm<sup>-1</sup> m.p.: 133-136°C

![](_page_24_Picture_2.jpeg)

(38). The reaction was conducted using **37** under previously reported conditions<sup>29</sup> to provide **38** as a white solid.

Run 1: 23.3 mg (64% yield)

Purification: SiO<sub>2</sub> column; 100% EtOAc

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 5.65 (br s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 2H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 0.42 (s, 3H).

 ${}^{13}C\{{}^{1}H\}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d\_6)  $\delta$  157.5, 143.5, 135.4, 132.7, 129.3, 127.8, 127.4, 28.6, 28.1, 19.6, 19.0.

HRMS (ESI) calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: m/z=279.1492, found: m/z=279.1491 IR (film): 3475, 3318, 3203, 2930, 1673, 1581, 1480, 1393, 920 cm<sup>-1</sup> m.p.: 176-177 °C

## 8. NMR Spectra

![](_page_25_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for 2 (CDCI<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_27_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_28_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_29_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

Figure S19: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for 9 (CDCI<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)

![](_page_32_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_33_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_33_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_34_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_34_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)




Figure S27:  $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum for 12 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)







Figure S31: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for 14 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)















Figure S39: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for 27 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)



Figure S41: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for 28 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)



Figure S43: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for 29 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)



Figure S45: NOESY spectrum for 29 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)

















Figure S53: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for S5 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)









190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 f1 (ppm) **Figure S57**: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for **19** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)







Figure S61: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for 21 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)







90 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 f1 (ppm) Figure S67: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for **24** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)











Figure S73: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for 32 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)







Figure S77: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for 35 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 295 K)









## 9. IR Spectra



Figure S82: ATR-IR spectrum for 2



Figure S83: ATR-IR spectrum for 4



v (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Figure S84: ATR-IR spectrum for 5





Figure S85: ATR-IR spectrum for 6



Figure S86: ATR-IR spectrum for 7





Figure S87: ATR-IR spectrum for 8





Figure S88: ATR-IR spectrum for 9





Figure S89: ATR-IR spectrum for 10




Figure S90: ATR-IR spectrum for 11

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Figure S91: ATR-IR spectrum for 12





Figure S92: ATR-IR spectrum for 13



Figure S93: ATR-IR spectrum for 14





Figure S94: ATR-IR spectrum for 15





Figure S95: ATR-IR spectrum for 18



Figure S96: ATR-IR spectrum for 26



Figure S97: ATR-IR spectrum for 27



Figure S98: ATR-IR spectrum for 28





Figure S99: ATR-IR spectrum for 29



Figure S100: ATR-IR spectrum for S2





Figure S101: ATR-IR spectrum for S3





Figure S102: ATR-IR spectrum for S4





Figure S103: ATR-IR spectrum for S5





Figure S104: ATR-IR spectrum for S6





Figure S105: ATR-IR spectrum for 19



Figure S106: ATR-IR spectrum for 20





Figure S107: ATR-IR spectrum for 21





Figure S108: ATR-IR spectrum for 22





Figure S109: ATR-IR spectrum for 23





Figure S110: ATR-IR spectrum for 24





Figure S111: ATR-IR spectrum for 25





Figure S112: ATR-IR spectrum for 31





Figure S113: ATR-IR spectrum for 32



v (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Figure S114: ATR-IR spectrum for 33





Figure S115: ATR-IR spectrum for 35





Figure S116: ATR-IR spectrum for 37



Figure S117: ATR-IR spectrum for 38

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