Synthesis of the C1–C12 Fragment of Calyculin C

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Abstract
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Table 1 Overview of the Reported Total Syntheses of Calyculins

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Suzuki–Miyaura coupling strategies for the key connections of three precursors: iodonitrile 1, an appropriate component 2, 3 or 4 and alcohol 5 (Scheme 2).

The synthesis of iodonitrile 1 started with a one-pot Red-Al reduction of readily available 2-butyn-1-ol (6) followed by iodination to give alcohol 7. Oxidation of the primary alcohol 7 with MnO2 gave aldehyde 8, which was converted into oxime 9 (as a mixture of isomers) in 85% yield over the three steps. Initial attempts to convert 9 into iodonitrile 1 using (CF3CO)2O and imidazole or N-chlorosuccinimide and triphenylphosphine in CH2Cl2 proved unsuccessful. However, the desired conversion was achieved by treatment of 9 with thionyl chloride at 0 °C, providing (Z)-3-iodobut-2-enenitrile (1) as the only isomer in 68% overall yield in four steps (Scheme 3). The oximes 9 and iodonitrile 1 were found to be light- and temperature-sensitive but could be stored in a freezer in darkness for a long time (a year or more).

A Stille coupling was initially attempted in order to obtain adduct 11 (Scheme 4). Stannyl derivative 2 was prepared from propargylic alcohol (3) by several methods: a direct stannylcupration reaction with in situ generated Bu3Sn(Bu)CuCNLi2, a radical hydrostannylation reaction with Bu3SnH and AIBN at 80 °C, or a Pd(0)-catalyzed hydrostannylation reaction. Due to the formation of isomer mixtures, the yield of 2 obtained by these different methods varied from low to moderate, the best being obtained through direct stannylcupration. The large excess of toxic Bu3SnH required for full conversion of substrate 3, the low yield and the necessity to separate isomers made this approach unattractive. Therefore, the Stille coupling of iodonitrile 1 with 2, although giving 11 stereoselectively in 39% yield, was not optimized further.

The next attempt to prepare adduct 11 was through a Negishi coupling procedure. This alternative shorter route
included a one-pot Schwartz hydrozirconation of 3, transmetalation from Zr to Zn and a Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling of the vinylzinc intermediate 10 with iodonitrile 1 to provide 11 in 60% yield as a single isomer. Oxidation of 11 with MnO2 afforded the conjugated aldehyde 12 in an excellent 90% yield (Scheme 4).

The Mizoroki–Heck cross-coupling reaction is a much more attractive method providing conjugated aldehyde 12 directly from 1 in one step (Scheme 5). Unfortunately, initial experiments showed that the reaction of iodonitrile 1 with acrolein (4) at room temperature yielded an inseparable mixture of two isomeric compounds 12 and 13 (Table 2, entries 1–3). The isomeric compound was likely to be diene 13 because of the typical trans double bond coupling constant ($J = 15.8$ Hz) in the $^1$H NMR spectrum and the low possibility of the formation of branched Heck coupling products with olefins containing an electron-withdrawing carbonyl group, as found in acrolein. The only remaining possibility is the isomerization of the cyano group, which has been described previously.

Some reactions (Table 2, entries 1 and 5) gave high conversions (determined from the $^1$H NMR spectral data), but low isolated yields. A possible explanation is base-initiated iodine elimination in 1 and removal of volatile but-2-ynenitrile from the reaction mixture. Reaction times that were too long led to contamination of the product with polymerization or Diels–Alder cyclization by-products. After screening different catalysts and bases, we were fortunate to find conditions delivering the desired isomer 12 with 95% isomeric purity and 85% yield (entry 9). The NMR data of this product were identical with those previously obtained for compound 12 prepared via different methods (Scheme 4).

Aldehyde 12 was next subjected to the Ramirez reac- tion by treatment with the ylide formed in situ from triphenylphosphine and tetrabromomethane to give dibromide 14 (Scheme 6).

A Negishi-type reaction of dibromide 14 would require iodide 15, which was synthesized according to Scheme 7. Thus, alcohol 6 was reacted with Schwarz’s reagent and then iodinated leading to iodide 21. Silylation then gave the protected iodide 15. However, attempts to couple 14 with the Zn reagent derived from iodide 15 in the presence of Pd(PPh3)$_2$Br failed.

Alternatively, the Suzuki–Miyaura coupling of dibromide 14 and olefin 16 gave the corresponding tetraene 17 (Scheme 6). The synthesis of 16 is shown later in Scheme 11. Treatment of 17 with t-BuMe$_2$SiOTf and 2,6-lutidine in...
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dichloromethane at –85 °C led to the protected compound 18 in 91% yield along with a small amount of cyclized compound 19. Unfortunately, compound 18 showed a tendency to undergo spontaneous cyclization to give compound 19 during column chromatography or on standing in solution at room temperature. This type of Pd-catalyzed cyclization of conjugated tetraenes has been reported by Parker, Trauner and Baldwin. Finally, the bromotetraene 18 was subjected to a Negishi cross-coupling using ZnMe2 and [Pd(t-Bu3P)2] to give tetraene 20.

Scheme 7 Synthesis of iodide 15

As the approach to tetraene 20 was significantly complicated by the undesired formation of the cyclic compound 19, modifications according to Scheme 8 were undertaken to avoid the undesired cyclization.

Scheme 8 Modified retrosynthetic analysis of tetraene fragment D

The synthesis of the key compound 5 started with self-aldol condensation of propionaldehyde (23) catalyzed by 4-trans-hydroxy-L-proline in DMSO to give 24 as a 6:1 anti/syn diastereomeric mixture (determined by 1H NMR) (Scheme 9). Unfortunately, the next step, silylation with tert-butyldimethylsilyl triflate and diisopropylethylamine in dichloromethane at 0 °C, was accompanied by partial racemization at the labile α-stereogenic center leading to compound 25 in 76% yield (2 steps from 23), but a diastereomeric ratio of 2:1 (anti/syn). The protected compound 25 was subjected to the Ramirez reaction and the dibromoolefins 26 and 27 were separated through column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired diastereomer 26 as the major product. Dibromide 26 was then subjected to a Corey–Fuchs alkynylation step. Thus, elimination with n-butyllithium and methylation with iodomethane gave intermediate 28 in excellent yield. Sequential hydrozirconation of 28 with Schwartz’s reagent (obtained in situ from Cp2ZrCl2 and DIBAL-H) and iodination afforded iodide 29 in 65% yield.

The enantiomeric composition of the obtained chiral compounds was determined according to the Mosher method. Deprotection of 26 with n-Bu4NF at 45–50 °C proceeded with dehydrobromination leading to monobromo-substituted 30. Improved results were obtained when 28 was deprotected under the same conditions to give the more stable compound 31 (Scheme 10), which was then subjected to derivatization with Mosher’s acid chlorides. NMR analysis established a 70% enantiomeric excess for alkyne 28 (see the Supporting Information).

Only a few approaches to the anti diastereomer of 24 or its precursors with high de and ee values, requiring multi-step syntheses, are described. When we first tested the key steps of the approach (see Scheme 8), we gave preference to the shorter synthetic route to compound 29 with lower ee over the longer synthetic route with higher ee.
In multistep syntheses a convergent strategy is much more advantageous over a linear one. We therefore prepared three compounds, 32, 29, and 21, and planned to modify them according to Scheme 11. A further intention was the Heck coupling of the obtained diene with 1 and final assembly of the resulting triene with key compound 5 (i.e., vinyl iodide 29) in the last step.

Only the tin derivative 34 was obtained with a satisfactory yield according to this scheme. All attempts to convert 34 into compound 37 by metathesis with 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-vinyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane led to complex reaction mixtures with low yields of 37 (Scheme 12). The reaction of 34 with 1 resulted in formation of the Stille coupling product instead of the desired Heck coupling product.

The Pd(PPh3)4-catalyzed Suzuki–Miyaura coupling of vinylboronate 16 with iodide 29 proceeded stereoselectively with 95% yield to give the conjugated diene 38 with two tri-substituted double bonds (Scheme 13). Oxidation with MnO2 afforded aldehyde 39, which was subjected to Wittig olefination to yield the conjugated triene 40.

Inspired by the successful Mizoroki–Heck coupling of 1 with acrolein (4) (see Scheme 5), we first tried to apply the same conditions to couple triene 40 with iodonitrile 1 (Scheme 14). As AgOAc had demonstrated the best stereoselectivity in this reaction, we opted for AgOAc as the base again and no other bases were tested. However, the best conditions from Table 2 were not a guarantee of the desired result for the reaction of iodonitrile 1 with triene 40. All experiments yielded a mixture of isomers, which were not separated into individual components. One of the components was tetraene 41, the 1H NMR data of which were identical to those of the same compound obtained later through Suzuki–Miyaura coupling according to Scheme 15. Analysis of the spectral data of the second component most likely showed the formation of isomer 42 instead of 43.

Despite the lack of high stereoselectivity this reaction is interesting because, to the best of our knowledge, it is one of only a few examples of the Heck coupling of vinyl halides with nonaromatic trienes.47

Metathesis of 40 with 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-vinyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane in dichloromethane at room temperature gave triene 45 (Scheme 15), which was reacted with iodo-
nitrile 1 via a Suzuki–Miyaura coupling to afford the desired tetraene 41. The chemical shifts and coupling constants in the $^1$H NMR of the obtained tetraene 41 matched very well with the same parameters described previously for an analogous tetraene fragment.48

In summary, we have demonstrated a concise route to access the C1–C12 tetraene fragment 41 of calyculin C. The synthesis starts from propionaldehyde (23) and proceeds in 10 steps with 7.5% overall yield. We have also described an efficient route for the preparation of (Z)-3-iodobut-2-enenitrile (1) in four steps and 68% overall yield.

Moisture-sensitive reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere, and glassware was flame-dried under high vacuum or in an oven. Dry solvents (THF, Et$_2$O, toluene, MeCN, CH$_2$Cl$_2$) were obtained using an MBraun MB-SPS 800 solvent drying system. Commercial reagents were used without further purification. Ph$_3$P was recrystallized from hot ethanol and was dried over P$_2$O$_5$ under vacuum. Dry solvents (THF, Et$_2$O, toluene, MeCN, CH$_2$Cl$_2$) were obtained using an MBraun MB-SPS 800 solvent drying system. Commercial reagents were used without further purification. Ph$_3$P was recrystallized from hot ethanol and was dried over P$_2$O$_5$ under vacuum. IR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance DPX-400 spectrometer ($^1$H: 400 MHz; $^{13}$C: 101 MHz). The chemical shifts and coupling constants in $^1$H NMR of the obtained tetraene 41 according to the second strategic plan 41.

Scheme 15  Final steps in the synthesis of tetraene 41 according to the second strategic plan

(Z)-3-Iodobut-2-enenitrile (1)

To a solution of oxime 9 (0.5 g, 2.4 mmol) in THF (8 mL) cooled to –5 °C under an inert atmosphere was added dropwise SOCl$_2$ (0.26 mL, 3.6 mmol) and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min. It was then poured into a saturated aqueous solution of ice-cold NaHCO$_3$ and extracted with CH$_2$Cl$_2$. The combined organic extracts were dried over Na$_2$SO$_4$, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure (140 mbar) without heating. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/Et$_2$O, 40:1 to 15:1) to give compound 1 (0.36 g, 80%) as a colorless oil. IR (thin film): 3397, 2975, 2937, 2226, 1614, 1461, 1364, 1272, 1178, 1101, 838, 793 cm$^{-1}$.

$^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$): $\delta$ = 6.13 (q, $J$ = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.68 (d, $J$ = 1.6 Hz, 3 H).

$^{13}$C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl$_3$): $\delta$ = 122.84, 118.21, 110.28, 34.72.


Stannylation of propargylic alcohol (3) with in situ generated Bu$_3$Sn(Bu)CuCNLi$_2$ was performed according to the reported procedure.29

(Z)-3-Iodobut-2-en-1-ol (7)

A solution of Red-Al® (65% in toluene, 9 mL, 3.5 M, 31.5 mmol) was added dropwise over 1 h to a solution of 2-butyn-1-ol (6) (1.59 g, 22.7 mmol) in dry Et$_2$O (35 mL) at 0 °C under an inert atmosphere. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly to r.t. and was stirred at ambient temperature overnight. After the starting material had been completely consumed (TLC monitoring), the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and EtOAc (1.8 mL) was added dropwise. The mixture was then cooled to –78 °C and a solution of I$_2$ (8.65 g, 34.1 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added dropwise over 1.5 h. After 30 min, the cooling bath was removed and stirring was continued at r.t. for 1 h. The mixture was then poured into an ice-cold saturated aqueous solution of Na$_2$S$_2$O$_3$ and extracted with Et$_2$O. The combined organic fractions were dried over Na$_2$SO$_4$, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure (50 mbar) without heating to give 4.5 g (quant.) of crude compound 7 as a colorless oil, which was used in the next step without purification. Pure compound 7 was obtained by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 5:1). The spectroscopic data are consistent with reported literature data.49,50

(ZZ)-3-Iodobut-2-enal Oxime (9)

To a solution of alcohol 7 (4.5 g) in CH$_2$Cl$_2$ (100 mL) was added MnO$_2$ (22 g, 253 mmol) portionwise. When the reaction was complete, the MnO$_2$ was removed by filtration through a pad of Celite and the pad was rinsed with CH$_2$Cl$_2$. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure (250 mbar) without heating. The residue was dissolved in THF (30 mL) and NH$_2$OH·HCl (1.9 g, 27.3 mmol), H$_2$O (7 mL) and NaHCO$_3$ (1.9 g, 22.7 mmol) were added portionwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 20 min and then poured into a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO$_3$ and extracted with CH$_2$Cl$_2$. The combined organic fractions were dried over Na$_2$SO$_4$, filtered and concentrated under vacuum without heating. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/Et$_2$O, 40:1 to 20:1) to give compound 9 (1.0 g, 67%) as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$): $\delta$ = 7.26 (m, 1 H), 5.89 (d, $J$ = 16 Hz, 1 H), 4.61 (d, $J$ = 12 Hz, 1 H), 3.65 (m, 1 H), 2.91 (m, 2 H).
give 9 as a slightly yellow solid [4.0 g, 84% from 2-butyn-1-ol (6)]. This compound was very light-sensitive and should be stored in a freezer at –18 °C in the dark.

IR (thin film): 3160, 3042, 2865, 2772, 1633, 1478, 1423, 1309, 1261, 1080, 1015, 974, 839, 726 cm–1.

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 9.92 (br s, 1 H), 7.97 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 0.62 H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.34 H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.34 H), 6.28 (dd, d = 9.1, 1.4 Hz, 0.64 H), 2.71 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1.05 H), 2.66 (s, 1.93 H).

13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 154.96, 150.91, 127.86, 122.84, 113.02, 109.22, 35.33, 34.95.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]+ calcd for C7H9NONa: 144.0422; found: 144.0422.

(2Z,4E)-6-Hydroxy-3-methylhexa-2,4-dienenitrile (11) (1st Method)

A mixture of iodide 1 (80 mg, 0.4146 mmol), stannyl derivative 2 (140 mg, 0.4146 mmol) and Pd(CH2CN)2Cl2 (11 mg, 0.0414 mmol, 0.1 equiv) in THF (1.5 mL) was added MnO2 (190 mg, 2.19 mmol, 15 equiv) portionwise and the resulting mixture was stirred at r.t. When the reaction was complete, MnO2 was removed by filtration through a pad of Celite® and the pad was rinsed with CH2Cl2. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to give 11 as a colorless oil (190 mg, 90%).


(2Z,4E)-6-Hydroxy-3-methylhexa-2,4-dienenitrile (11) (2nd Method)

Next, a solution of ZnBr2 (280 mg, 1.24 mmol, 3 equiv) in THF (1.5 mL) and DMF (1.5 mL) was heated at 80 °C under vacuum. The adduct 11 was also obtained by a slightly modified procedure.[32] Under argon at 0 °C, Dibal-H (0.62 mL, 1 M in hexane, 0.62 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added slowly via syringe to a solution of alcohol 3 (35 mg, 0.62 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in THF (0.3 mL) and the resulting solution was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred for 1 h. In another flask covered with aluminum foil under argon were added Cp2ZrCl2 (363 mg, 1.24 mmol, 3 equiv) and THF (2 mL). To this mixture was added dropwise DIBAL-H (1.24 mL, 1 M in hexane, 1.24 mmol, 3 equiv) at –78 °C were added dropwise to give 11 as a colorless oil (20 mg, 14%).

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]+ calcd for C8H7NONa: 144.0422; found: 144.0422.

(2Z,4E)-7,7-Dibromo-3-methylhepta-2,4,6-trienenitrile (14)

To a solution of Ph3P (2.2 g, 8.59 mmol, 8 equiv) in dry CH2Cl2 (20 mL) cooled to 0 °C under an inert atmosphere was added a solution of CBr4 (306 mg, 4.29 mmol, 4 equiv) in dry CH2Cl2 (5 mL). After 10 min, the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with CH2Cl2. The combined organic layers were dried over Na2SO4, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc, 1:1 to 1:3) to give 14 (180 mg, 61%) as a white solid.

IR (thin film): 3160, 3042, 2865, 2772, 1633, 1478, 1423, 1309, 1261, 1080, 1015, 974, 839, 726 cm–1.

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 9.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (dd, d = 15.9, 0.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.43 (ddd, J = 15.8, 7.6, 0.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.56–5.57 (m, 1 H), 2.13 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3 H).

13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 193.26, 153.77, 146.04, 134.39, 115.47, 104.55, 19.36.

The data are consistent with those reported in the literature[51]

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(2Z,3E,4E,5S,6E,7R,8S)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-3,4-dimethyldeca-2,4,6,8-tetraenenitrile (17)
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A solution of 16 (56 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1 equiv) in degassed THF (0.45 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added TlOEt (0.018 mL, 0.45 mmol, 1 equiv) followed by H2O (0.04 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred at r.t. for 5 min. A solution of 17 (70 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv) and Pd(PPh3)4 (15 mg, 0.013 mmol, 0.05 equiv) in THF (1 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 4 h. After filtration through a pad of Celite® and Na2SO4, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on SiO2 (hexane/Et2O, 60:1 to 2:1) to give: (1) dibromide 18 (22 mg, 31%), and (2) adduct 17 (43 mg, 63%), which was isolated crude and used in the next step without purification.

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(2Z,4E,6S,8E)-7-Bromo-10-hydroxy-3,8-dimethyldeca-2,4,6,8-tetraenenitrile (18)
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To solution of Pd(t-Bu3P)2 (4 mg, 0.008 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (0.4 mL) at 0 °C was added ZnMe2 (0.16 mL, 0.32 mL, 4 equiv). The obtained solution was transferred via cannula to neat 18 (31 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1 equiv) which had been cooled to 0 °C under argon. The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h and then quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO3 and with CH2Cl2. The combined organic fractions were dried over Na2SO4 and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on SiO2 (hexane/Et2O, 60:1 to 40:1) to give 20 (11 mg, 42%).

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IR (thin film): 2954, 2929, 2856, 2209, 1593, 1094, 1050, 960, 836 cm\textsuperscript{–1}.
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1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): \delta = 6.69 (dd, J = 15.0, 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.85 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.38 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.86 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.09 (s, 1 H), 4.40 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.07 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.02 (s, 3 H), 1.84 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3 H), 0.92 (s, 9 H), 0.09 (s, 6 H).
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13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3): \delta = 156.17, 153.75, 132.28, 132.13, 127.02, 117.05, 79.39, 61.13, 26.05, 19.39, 18.47, 15.39, 0.01.
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HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na\textsuperscript{+}] calcd for C\textsubscript{18}H\textsubscript{28}NONaSiBr: 404.1021; found: 404.1031.

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(2Z,4E,6S,8E)-10-[[\text{4-Butyldimethylsilyloxy}-3,7,8-trimethylene-ca-2,4,6,8-tetraenenitrile (20)]
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To solution of Pd(t-Bu3P)2 (4 mg, 0.008 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (0.4 mL) at 0 °C was added ZnMe2 (0.16 mL, 0.32 mL, 4 equiv). The obtained solution was transferred via cannula to neat 18 (31 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1 equiv) which had been cooled to 0 °C under argon. The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h and then quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO3 and with CH2Cl2. The combined organic fractions were dried over Na2SO4 and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on SiO2 (hexane/Et2O, 60:1 to 40:1) to give 20 (11 mg, 42%).

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HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na\textsuperscript{+}] calcd for C\textsubscript{18}H\textsubscript{28}NONaSiBr: 404.1021; found: 404.1031.
with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic fractions were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure without heating. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/Et₂O, 40:1 to 16:1) to give 25 (0.97 g, 98%) as a colorless oil.

IR (thin film): 2958, 2931, 2858, 1726, 1463, 1253, 833, 773, 668 cm⁻¹.

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.74 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.02 (td, J₁ = 6.6, 3.7 Hz, 0.5 H), 3.85 (q, J₂ = 5.5 Hz, 0.5 H), 2.55–2.40 (m, 1 H), 1.63–1.42 (m, 2 H), 1.05 (df, J = 7.0 Hz, 1.5 H), 1.04 (df, J = 6.9 Hz, 1.5 H), 0.92–0.87 (m, 3 H), 0.86 (s, 4.5 H), 0.85 (s, 4.5 H), 0.05 (s, 3 H), 0.04 (s, 1.5 H), 0.02 (s, 1.5 H).

13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 205.50, 205.27, 74.65, 73.49, 50.93, 50.71, 27.58, 27.53, 25.89, 25.88, 18.16, 18.14, 10.61, 10.22, 9.03, 7.66, –4.11, –4.16, –4.68.

tert-Butyl[(6,6-dibromo-4-methylhex-5-en-3-yl)oxy]dimethylsilane (ant-26) and tert-Butyl[(6,6-dibromo-4-methylhex-5-en-3-yl)oxy]dimethylsilane (syn-27)

To a solution of Ph₃P (11.4 g, 43.4 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL) cooled to –78 °C, a solution of dibromide 26 (1.55 g, 21.7 mmol) was added dropwise. After 5 min, the reaction mixture turned yellow as a solution of aldehyde 25 was stirred for 5 min. To this mixture were added a solution of I₂ (158 mg, 0.62 mmol) in THF (0.6 mL) and stirring was continued for 1 h. After 50 min, the pretreated solution of 28 was transferred via cannula into the second reaction flask, the cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and then stirred at 40 °C for 1 h until all the solid had dissolved. The mixture was cooled to –78 °C and treated with a solution of I₂ (158 mg, 0.62 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in THF (1 mL) until the iodine color was persistent. After 5 min, the cooling bath was removed, and the mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and then quenched with a minimum amount of aqueous Na₂SO₄ solution, dried over Na₂SO₄, and filtered through a Celite® pad. The pad was rinsed with Et₂O and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane) to give 29 (60 mg, 65%) as a colorless oil.

IR (thin film): 2958, 2930, 2857, 1726, 1463, 1255, 1109, 1079, 1038, 872, 773 cm⁻¹.

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.07 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.37–3.45 (m, 1 H), 2.57–2.46 (m, 1 H), 2.38 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.50–1.37 (m, 2 H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.89 (s, 9 H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.05 (s, 3 H), 0.04 (s, 3 H).

13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 144.09, 93.64, 76.49, 40.12, 28.01, 27.28, 26.06, 18.24, 16.60, 9.61, –4.15, –4.26.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₂₈ONaSi: 263.1807; found: 263.1795.

tert-Butyldimethyl(35,4E)-4-iodo-4-methylhept-5-en-3-yloxy]dimethylsilane (29)

Under argon at 0 °C, Dibal-H (0.07 mL, 1 M in cyclohexane, 0.07 mmol, 0.3 equiv) was added slowly via syringe to a solution of 28 (60 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (1 mL). The solution was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred for 1 h. To another flask covered with aluminum foil under argon were added Cp₂ZrCl₂ (182 mg, 0.62 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and THF (1.5 mL). To this suspension was added dropwise Dibal-H (0.06 mL, 1 M in cyclohexane, 0.62 mmol, 2.5 equiv) at 0 °C. After 50 min, the pretreated solution of 28 was transferred via cannula into the second reaction flask, the cooling bath was removed and the mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and then stirred at 40 °C for 1 h until all the solid had dissolved. The mixture was cooled to –78 °C and treated with a solution of I₂ (158 mg, 0.62 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in THF (1 mL) until the iodine color was persistent. After 5 min, the cooling bath was removed, and the mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and then washed with a minimum amount of aqueous Na₂SO₄ solution, dried over Na₂SO₄, and filtered through a Celite® pad. The pad was rinsed with Et₂O and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane) to give 29 (60 mg, 65%) as a colorless oil.

IR (thin film): 2958, 2929, 2857, 1726, 1461, 1277, 1251, 1023, 1005, 832, 772 cm⁻¹.

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.07 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.37–3.45 (m, 1 H), 2.57–2.46 (m, 1 H), 2.38 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.50–1.37 (m, 2 H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.89 (s, 9 H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.05 (s, 3 H), 0.04 (s, 3 H).

13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 144.09, 93.64, 76.49, 40.12, 28.01, 27.28, 26.06, 18.24, 16.60, 9.61, –4.15, –4.26.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₂₈ONaSi: 391.0930; found: 391.0919.

[(2E,4E,6R,7S)-7-[(tert-Butyldimethylsiloxy)-3,4,6-trimethylno-2,4-dien-1-ol (38)

To a solution of boronic ether 16 (163 mg, 0.81 mmol, 2 equiv) in THF (1.5 mL) under argon was added TIOEt (0.05 mL, 0.73 mmol, 1.8 equiv) and degassed H₂O (0.15 mL) at r.t. and the resulting mixture was stirred for 5 min. To this mixture were added a solution of iodide 29 (150 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (0.6 mL) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (23 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and stirring was continued for 4 h. The mixture was filtered through Celite® and the pad rinsed with EtO.
The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and the residue purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtO, 30:1 to 6:1). To give adduct 38 (161 mg, 95%) as a colorless oil.

IR (thin film): 3314, 2957, 2928, 2857, 1642, 1377, 1254, 1102, 1073, 1060, 1006, 835, 773 cm⁻¹.

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.70 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.59 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.31 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.47 (td, J = 6.1, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (ddq, J = 13.6, 6.8, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.83 (s, 3 H), 1.81 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.32–1.50 (m, 2 H), 1.22 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.90 (s, 9 H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.04 (s, 6 H).

13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 139.64, 135.02, 130.75, 124.05, 77.36, 60.29, 37.74, 27.24, 26.07, 18.28, 16.98, 14.40, 14.27, 10.27, –4.09, –4.32.


tert-Butyldimethyl(4,6,8,10-tetramethyltrideca-2,4,6,8-tetraenenitrile (41)

To a solution of boronetric 45 (27 mg, 0.06 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (0.9 mL) under argon was added TiOEt (0.01 mL, 0.14 mmol, 2 equiv) and degassed H₂O (0.09 mL) at r.t. and the mixture stirred for 5 min. Next, a solution of iodide 1 (16 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1.4 equiv) in THF (1 mL) and Pd[PPh₃]₄ (7 mg, 0.006 mmol, 0.1 equiv) were added and stirring was continued for 1 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® and the pad was rinsed with EtO. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtO, 10:1 to 8:1) to give adduct 41 (15 mg, 67%) as a colorless oil.

IR (thin film): 2957, 2928, 2856, 2209, 1591, 1378, 1360, 1250, 1012, 961, 835, 773 cm⁻¹.

1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.00 (dd, J = 15.0, 11.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.84 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.35 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.79 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.07 (s, 1 H), 3.50 (td, J = 6.0, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.69 (ddq, J = 13.6, 6.8, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.07 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3 H), 2.00 (s, 3 H), 1.87 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 3 H), 1.33–1.51 (m, 2 H), 0.99 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 0.90 (s, 9 H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.05 (s, 6 H).

13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 156.82, 144.25, 135.41, 133.96, 133.73, 128.79, 124.49, 117.63, 94.91, 77.32, 38.02, 27.50, 26.06, 19.59, 18.28, 17.09, 14.78, 14.40, 10.13, –4.07, –4.32.

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