An Efficient Protocol for the Cross-Metathesis of Sterically Demanding Olefins

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General Experimental Information

Instrumentation

Melting points (m.p.) were determined using a Reichert hot-stage melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

Infrared spectra (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 1600 series Fourier Transform infrared spectrophotometer as thin films of liquid (neat) between sodium chloride plates. IR absorptions (v_{max}) are reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹) with the relative intensities expressed as s (strong), m (medium) or prefixed b (broad).

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (1 H n.m.r.) spectra were recorded on Bruker DPX300 or DRX400 spectrometers operating at 300 or 400 MHz respectively, as solutions in deuterated solvents as specified. Each resonance was assigned according to the following convention: chemical shift; multiplicity; observed coupling constants (J Hz); number of protons. Chemical shifts (δ), measured in parts per million (ppm), are reported relative to the residual proton peak in the solvent used as specified. Multiplicities are denoted as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), pentet (p), multiplet (m) or prefixed broad (b), or a combination where necessary.

Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (13 C n.m.r.) spectra were recorded on Bruker DPX300 or DRX400 spectrometers operating at 75 or 100 MHz respectively, as solutions in deuterated solvents as specified. Chemical shifts (δ), measured in parts per million (ppm), are reported relative to the residual proton peak in the deuterated solvent (as specified).

Low resolution electrospray ionisation (ESI) mass spectra were recorded on a Micromass Platform Electrospray mass spectrometer (QMS-quadrupole mass electrometry) as solutions in specified solvents. Spectra were recorded in positive and negative modes (ESI⁺ and ESI⁻) as specified. High resolution electrospray mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker BioApex 47e Fourier Transform mass spectrometer (4.7 Tesla magnet) fitted with an analytical electrospray source. The mass spectrometer was calibrated with an internal standard solution of sodium iodide in MeOH.

Solvents and Reagents

Dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2) was supplied by Merck and distilled over CaH prior to use. Diethyl ether (Et_2O), ethyl acetate (EtOAc), hexane and methanol (MeOH) were used as supplied by Merck. (S)-(-)-2-Amino-4-pentenoic acid, α -methylstyrene, 2,3-dimethyl-1-butene, (-)-carvone, (-)- β -pinene, camphene, (1S)-(-)-camphor, geranyl acetate, (+)-limonene oxide, (1,3-bis-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-2-imidazolidinylidene)dichloro-(o-isopropoxyphenylmethylene)ruthenium and benzylidene[1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-2-imidazolidinylidene]dichloro-(tricyclohexylphosphine)ruthenium were used as supplied by Aldrich.

Experimental Procedures

Preparation of Cross Partners

2-Methyl-1-methylenecyclohexane

2-Methyl-1-methylenecyclohexane was prepared according to a modified procedure of Corey. Dry DMSO (50 mL) was added to sodium hydride powder (2.54 g, 0.101 mol) under an inert atmosphere. The resultant suspension was stirred for 45 min at 80 °C or until bubbling of the mixture had ceased and a clear yellow solution remained. After the reaction mixture had returned to r.t., a solution of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (35.7 g, 0.100 mol) in dry DMSO (100 mL) was added *via* cannula and allowed to stir for a further 45 min. 2-Methylcyclohexanone (12.3 g, 0.110 mol) was then added to the reaction mixture and left to stir for 16 h. Distillation of the reaction mixture (20 °C, 0.2 mbar) into a liquid nitrogen trap gave the titled compound as a colourless liquid (9.21 g, 75 %). All spectral data for 2-methyl-1-methylenecyclohexane matched those previously reported.²

2-Benzyl-1-methylenecyclohexane

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3\text{PPh}_3\text{Br},\\ \text{}^{\text{PBuLi}}\\ \text{Et}_2\text{O},0^{\text{CC}} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{Pr} \\ \end{array}$$

Titled compound was prepared according to a modified procedure of Ghatak.³ To a stirred suspension of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (10.7 g, 30.0 mmol) in diethyl ether (100 mL) at 0 °C was added ⁿBuLi (17.3 mL, 26.0 mmol) dropwise. The resultant orange solution was stirred for a further 1 h before 2-benzylcyclohexanone (3.77 g, 20.0 mmol) was added dropwise *via* syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at r.t. before being quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over NaSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified *via* flash column chromatography to give the titled compound as a colourless oil (2.98 g, 80%). All spectral data for 2-benzyl-1-methylenecyclohexane matched those previously reported.⁴

Ethyl 3-(2-methylenecyclohexyl)propanoate

Titled compound was prepared according to the procedure of Renaud.⁵ All spectral data for ethyl 3-(2-methylenecyclohexyl)propanoate matched those previously reported.

(1R,4S)-1,7,7-Trimethyl-2-methylenebicyclo[2.2.1]heptane

Titled compound was prepared according to the procedure of Yan.⁶ All spectral data for 2,7,7-trimethyl-3-methylenebicyclo[2.2.1]heptane matched those previously reported.

General procedure for butenolysis of terminal olefins

The geminal dimethyl analogues were prepared according to a modified procedure of Grubbs. An oven dried (thick walled) Schlenk vessel with stir bar was flushed with dry nitrogen. The terminal olefinic substrate (1.0 mmol) was added and the vessel was lowered into a liquid nitrogen bath. Catalyst 3 (0.01 mmol) was added to the frozen substrate against a flow of nitrogen. The vessel was evacuated and backfilled with dry nitrogen 3 times before isobutylene (5 mL) was condensed into the vessel. The vessel was sealed and warmed to r.t. before being lowered into an oil bath at 40 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h before the vessel was removed from the oil bath and cooled to r.t.. The excess isobutylene was carefully vented and the residue was purified by column chromatography.

(S)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-methylhex-4-enoate 17

 $v_{max} \ (neat): 3326bm, \ 2965m, \ 2915m, \ 1747s, \ 1641s, \ 1521s, \ 1493m, \ 1225m, \ 1173m \ cm^{-1} \ cm^{-$ ¹. ¹H n.m.r. (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dt, J = 7.25.6 & 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.66-2.45 (m, 2H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H). ¹³C n.m.r. (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.5, 166.9, 136.0, 133.9, 131.4, 128.3, 126.9, 117.6, 52.5, 52.1, 30.5, 25.7, 17.7. LRMS $(ESI^{+}, MeOH)$: m/z 284.0 [M + Na]⁺, $C_{15}H_{19}NO_3Na$ requires 284.1.

5-Methylhex-4-en-1-yl acetate 20

 v_{max} (neat): 2963m, 2931m, 1739s, 1367m, 1235s, 1041m cm⁻¹. ¹H n.m.r. (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.12-5.07 (m, 1H), 4.05 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.07-2.02 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.71-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H). ¹³C n.m.r. (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.3, 131.9, 124.2, 64.7, 28.3, 27.7, 26.2, 21.1, 17.8. LRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 179.0 [M + Na]⁺, $C_9H_{16}O_2Na$ requires 179.1.

Representative CM Procedure for Sterically Hindered Olefins

(S)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-methylhex-4-enoate 17 (50.0 mg, 0.191 mmol), 2-methyl-1methylenecyclohexane (631 mg, 5.74 mmol, 30.0 eq.) and benzene (1 mL) were added to an oven dried Schlenk vessel equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The vessel was sealed and subjected to freeze pump thaw to remove trace oxygen. 2nd Gen. Hoveyda-Grubbs catalyst 3 (6.0 mg, 5.0 mol %) was then added under a flow of N₂ to the reaction mixture. The reaction vessel was then placed under a partial vacuum until the solvent begins to bubble. It was then sealed and heated to 100 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was distilled at 0.2 mmHg with a water or liquid N₂ condenser to recover excess cross partner. In all cases, the excess olefin was recovered in >90% yield. The residue was then loaded onto a silica column and eluted with EtOAc: hexane $(1:5 \rightarrow 1:3)$ to isolate the cross product(s). In the cases where racemic starting material was used or no E/Z- selectivity was obtained, up to 4 diastereo-isomeric cross products may be formed. No attempt was made to separate these isomers and therefore some n.m.r. spectra represent the isomeric mixture of the cross products. An asterisk (*) is used to denote any twinning pairs of peaks where the difference in δ is below 0.1 ppm in the 13 C n.m.r. spectrum.

Compound Characterisation

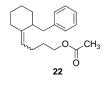
(2S)-Methyl 2-benzamido-4-(2-methylcyclohexylidene)butanoate 8

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Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above. After purification, the titled compound was obtained as a colourless oil (33.1 mg, 55 %). v_{max} (neat): 3347bm, 2927s, 2851s, 1742s, 1655s, 1537s, 1445m, 1361m, 1246m,

8 1211s, 1100m, 1073m, 1027m cm⁻¹. ¹H n.m.r. (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (dt, J = 7.2 & 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.77-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.44-2.40 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.37 (m, 6H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C n.m.r. (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.8, 172.7, 167.0, 148.8*, 144.9, 134.3, 131.8, 128.7, 127.2, 127.1, 114.2, 111.9*, 52.8, 52.7, 52.5*, 38.9, 37.4, 36.7, 30.0*, 29.9, 28.9, 28.8, 28.4, 28.3*, 28.2, 28.0, 26.9, 25.2*, 18.8*. (Mixture of 4 isomers) HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 316.1909 [M + H]⁺, C₁₉H₂₆NO₃ requires 316.1913.

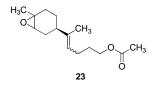
4-(2-Benzylcyclohexylidene)butyl acetate 22



Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above, using 5-methylhex-4-en-1-yl acetate **18** (30.0 mg, 0.192 mmol), 2-benzyl-1-methylenecyclohexane (1.07 g, 5.76 mmol, 30 eq.) and **3** (6.0 mg, 5.0 mol %). After purification, the titled compound was obtained as a colourless oil (49.5 mg,

90 %). 1 H n.m.r. (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.18-7.03 (m, 5H), 4.98 (t, J = 7.2, 1H), 3.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (dd, J = 13.6 & 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 13.6 & 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.32-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.00 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.60-1.20 (m, 8H). All spectral data matched those previously reported.

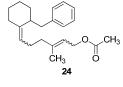
5-((3R)-6-Methyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-3-yl)hex-4-en-1-yl acetate



Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above, using 5-methylhex-4-en-1-yl acetate **18** (30 mg, 0.192 mmol), (+)-limonene oxide (877 mg, 5.76 mmol, 30 eq.) and **3** (6.0 mg, 5.0 mol %).

After purification, the titled compound was obtained as a colourless oil (42.1 mg, 87 %). v_{max} (neat): 2931s, 1738s, 1436m, 1367m, 1241s, 1038m cm⁻¹. ¹H n.m.r. (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.01 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.00-1.54 (m, 10H), 1.46-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.27-1.17 (m, 2H). ¹³C n.m.r. (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.3, 139.2, 123.3, 64.7, 59.6, 57.7, 42.7, 31.0, 30.0, 28.3, 27.4, 26.2, 24.5, 23.3, 21.1, 13.8. HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 275.1612 [M + Na]⁺, $C_{15}H_{24}O_2Na$ requires 291.1357.

6-(2-Benzylcyclohexylidene)-3-methylhex-2-en-1-yl acetate 24



Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above, using geranyl acetate (40.0 mg, 0.204 mmol), 2-benzyl-1-methylenecyclohexane (1.14 g, 6.11 mmol, 30 eq.) and 3 (6.4 mg, 5.0 mol %). After purification, the titled compound was obtained as a colourless oil (35.3

mg, 53 %).

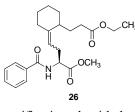
 $ν_{max}$ (neat): 2924m, 2855m, 1737s, 1449m, 1367m, 1231s, 1022m cm⁻¹. ¹H n.m.r. (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 3H), 5.39-5.26 (m, 1H), 5.05-5.00 (m, 1H), 4.64-4.56 (m, 2H), 2.90 (dd, J = 6.0 & 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.15-1.99 (m, 5H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.79-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.72 (s, 2H), 1.61 (s, 1H), 1.58-1.27 (m, 5H). ¹³C n.m.r. (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.2*, 149.1, 142.8, 142.6, 142.3*, 141.7*, 141.1, 129.2, 128.3, 128.1*, 125.9, 125.7*, 120.0, 119.7, 119.3, 118.5, 114.7, 61.5, 61.3, 60.9, 46.2, 46.1, 40.0, 39.0*, 38.8, 32.9, 32.8, 32.7, 32.6, 28.4, 28.3*, 28.1, 27.4*, 25.9, 25.5, 24.3, 24.2*, 23.7, 21.2*, 16.6. (Mixture of 4 isomers) HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 349.2129 [M + Na]⁺, $C_{22}H_{30}O_2$ Na requires 349.2138.

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(2S)-Methyl 2-benzamido-4-(2-benzylcyclohexylidene)butanoate 25

Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above, using (*S*)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-methylhex-4-enoate **17** (50.0 mg, 0.191 mmol), 2-benzyl-1-methylenecyclohexane (1.07 g, 5.74 mmol, 30 eq.), benzene (1 mL) and HGII **3** (6.0 mg, 5.0 mol%). After purification, the titled compound was obtained as a colourless oil (37.4 mg, 50 %).

 v_{max} (neat): 3326bm, 3060m, 3025m, 2926s, 2853s, 1742s, 1645s, 1528s, 1488s, 1448s, 1355m, 1261m, 1211m, 1178m, 1155m, 1095m, 1028m cm⁻¹. ¹H n.m.r. (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.5H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.5H), 5.00 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.85-4.79 (m, 1H), 3.76 (bs, 3H), 2.89-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.77-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.24 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.39 (m, 3H), 1.35-1.26 (m, 1H). ¹³C n.m.r. (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.7, 172.6, 167.0*, 147.0, 146.9, 141.3, 141.2, 134.3, 134.2, 131.8*, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7*, 128.3*,127.2, 125.9, 114.1, 114.0, 52.8, 52.7, 52.5*, 46.4, 46.2, 38.9, 38.8, 33.1*, 29.9, 28.4*, 27.5, 27.3, 24.0, 23.9. (Mixture of isomers). HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 414.2049 [M + Na]⁺, $C_{25}H_{29}NO_3Na$ requires 414.2040.

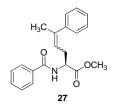


(2S)-Methyl 2-benzamido-4-(2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)cyclohexylidene) butanoate 26

Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above, using (*S*)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-methylhex-4-enoate **17** (50.0 mg, 0.191 mmol), ethyl 3-(2-methylenecyclohexyl)propanoate (1.12 g, 5.74 mmol, 30 eq.), benzene (1 mL) and HGII **3** (6.0 mg, 5.0 mol %). After

purification, the titled compound was obtained as a colourless oil (43.7 mg, 57 %).

 v_{max} (neat): 3346bm, 2925s, 2853m, 1731s, 1660s, 1651s, 1531s, 1488m, 1446m, 1371m, 1261m, 1210m, 1177m cm⁻¹. ¹H n.m.r. (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.40 (m, 3H), 6.5 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (dt, J = 7.5 & 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.84-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.21 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.14-2.01 (m, 3H), 1.97-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.55 (m, 5H), 1.32-1.26 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2H, 3H). ¹³C n.m.r. (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.0, 172.7*, 167.0*, 146.0, 134.2*, 131.8, 128.7*, 127.2*, 115.0*, 60.4, 60.3, 52.8*, 52.6, 52.5, 44.5, 44.4, 33.7*, 32.7*, 30.0*, 28.2*, 27.1*, 26.2, 23.0*, 14.4. (Mixture of isomers). HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 424.2087 [M + Na]⁺, C₂₃H₃₁NO₅Na requires 424.2094.



(S)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-phenylhex-4-enoate 27

Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above, using (S)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-methylhex-4-enoate **17** (50.0 mg, 0.191 mmol), α -methylstyrene (677 mg, 5.74 mmol, 30 eq.), benzene (1 mL) and HGII **3** (6.0

mg, 5.0 mol %). After purification, the titled compound was obtained as a colourless oil (59.9 mg, 97 %).

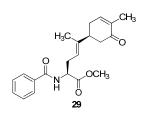
 $ν_{max}$ (neat): 3345bm, 1739s, 1646s, 1602w, 1533s, 1489s, 1436m, 1266m, 1217m, 1179m cm⁻¹. ¹H n.m.r. (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.51 (tt, J = 7.2 & 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.22 (m, 5H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (tq, J = 7.6 & 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dt, J = 7.6 & 5.8 Hz, 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.99-2.77 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C n.m.r. (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.6, 167.1, 143.4, 139.4, 134.1, 131.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.2, 127.1, 125.9, 121.2, 60.5, 52.7, 52.6, 31.7, 16.3. (Mixture of isomers). HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 346.1417 [M + Na]⁺, $C_{20}H_{21}NO_3Na$ requires 346.1414.

(S,E)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5,6-dimethylhept-4-enoate 28

Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above, using (*S*)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-methylhex-4-enoate **17** (50.0 mg, 0.191 mmol), 2,3-dimethyl-1-butene (482 mg, 5.74 mmol, 30 eq.), benzene (1 mL) and HGII **3** (6.0 mg, 5.0 mol %). After purification, the titled compound was obtained as a colourless oil (39.2 mg, 71 %).

 v_{max} (neat): 3347bm, 2961m, 1741s, 1651s, 1532s, 1488m, 1435m, 1361m, 1270m, 1215m cm⁻¹. ¹H n.m.r. (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77 (dd, J = 7.8 & 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (tt, J = 7.8 & 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (td, J = 7.8 & 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dt, J = 7.8 & 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.72-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.25 (septet, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C n.m.r. (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.8, 167.0, 146.3, 134.2, 131.8, 128.7, 127.1, 115.2, 52.5, 52.4, 37.1, 30.7, 21.5, 13.5. (Three signals overlapping). HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 312.1573 [M + Na]⁺, $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3Na$ requires 312.1570.

NOESY experiment:



(S,E)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-((S)-4-methyl-5-oxocyclohex-3-en-1-yl)hex-4-enoate 29

Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above, using (*S*)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-methylhex-4-enoate **17** (50.0 mg, 0.191 mmol), (-)-carvone (861 mg, 5.74 mmol, 30 eq.), benzene (1 mL) and HGII **3** (6.0 mg, 5.0 mol %). After purification, the titled compound was

obtained as a colourless oil (29.2 mg, 43 %).

ν_{max} (neat): 3391bm, 2960s, 2922s, 2852m, 1739s, 1653s, 1533m, 1447m, 1436m, 1362, 1262s, 1104s, 1026s cm⁻¹. ¹H n.m.r. (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77 (dd, J = 7.8 & 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (tt, J = 7.8 & 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (tt, J = 7.8 & 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.72-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (tt, J = 6.6 & 1.2 H, 1H), 4.88 (dt, J = 7.2 & 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.78-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.70-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.47 (ddd, J = 16.2, 3.6 & 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dd, J = 16.2 & 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.32-2.24 (m, 2H), 1.77 (dt, J = 2.4 & 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.63 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C n.m.r. (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.7, 172.6, 167.0, 144.6, 141.2, 135.6, 134.1, 132.0, 128.8, 127.1, 118.5, 52.7, 52.5, 44.5, 43.3, 31.4, 31.0, 15.8, 14.4. HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 378.1670 [M + Na]⁺, C₂₁H₂₅NO₄Na requires 378.1676.

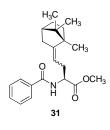
NOESY experiment:

CH₃ CH₃ OCH₃ OCH₃ oil (23.5 mg, 36 %).

(S)-Methyl 2-benzamido-4-((1R,5S)-6,6-dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-2-ylidene)butanoate 30

Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above, using (*S*)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-methylhex-4-enoate **17** (50.0 mg, 0.191 mmol), (-)- β -pinene (781 mg, 5.74 mmol, 30 eq.), benzene (1 mL) and HGII **3** (6.0 mg, 5.0 mol %). After purification, the titled compound was obtained as a colourless

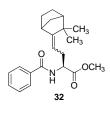
 $ν_{max}$ (neat): 3335bm, 2951m, 2921m, 2869m, 1741s, 1652s, 1525s, 1488m, 1439m, 1361m, 1212m, 1179m cm⁻¹. ¹H n.m.r. (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.79-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.92-4.89 (m, 1H), 4.88-4.82 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.61-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.39-2.27 (m, 3H), 1.97-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 0.65 (s, 3H). ¹³C n.m.r. (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.9, 167.0, 147.4, 134.3, 131.8, 128.7, 127.2, 114.4, 52.9, 52.6, 45.3, 40.9, 40.6, 30.2, 27.9, 26.1, 23.8, 22.1, 20.0. (Mixture of isomers). HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 364.1886 [M + Na]⁺, $C_{21}H_{27}NO_3Na$ requires 364.1883.



$(S) - Methyl \qquad 2 - benzamido - 4 - ((1S,4S) - 1,7,7 - trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1] heptan-2-ylidene) butanoate 31$

Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above, using (*S*)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-methylhex-4-enoate **17** (50.0 mg, 0.191 mmol), (1*R*,4*S*)-1,7,7-trimethyl-2-methylenebicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (861 mg, 5.74 mmol, 30 eq.), benzene (1 mL) and HGII **3** (6.0 mg, 5.0 mol %). After purification, the titled compound was obtained as a colourless oil (16.3 mg, 24 %).

 v_{max} (neat): 3331bm, 2952s, 2869m, 1742s, 1651s, 1520s, 1486m, 1446m, 1366m, 1265m, 1215m cm⁻¹. H n.m.r. (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.40 (m, 3H), 6.63 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (tt, J = 7.5 & 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dt, J = 7.5 & 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.71-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.47-2.40 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.70 (m, 3H), 1.65-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.04 (m, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.66 (s, 3H). Hn.r. (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.9, 166.9, 155.0, 134.2, 131.8, 128.7, 127.2, 109.3, 52.6, 52.5, 51.5, 47.4, 44.6, 35.3, 34.9, 31.6, 28.1, 19.8, 18.9, 12.9. (Mixture of isomers). HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 378.2041 [M + Na]⁺, $C_{22}H_{29}NO_3Na$ requires 378.2040.



(2S)-Methyl 2-benzamido-4-(3,3-dimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-ylidene)butanoate 32

Titled compound was prepared according to Representative CM Procedure above, using (S)-Methyl 2-benzamido-5-methylhex-4-enoate **17** (50.0 mg, 0.191 mmol), camphene (781 mg, 5.74 mmol, 30 eq.), benzene (1 mL) and HGII **3** (6.0 mg, 5.0 mol %). After purification, the titled compound was obtained as a colourless oil

(22.1 mg, 34 %).

 v_{max} (neat): 3340bm, 2952s, 2873m, 1742s, 1644s, 1538s, 1488m, 1435m, 1362m, 1209m cm⁻¹. ¹H n.m.r. (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.40 m, 2H), 6.65 (bm, 1H), 5.18-5.11 (m, 0.8H), 5.00-4.93 (m, 0.2H), 4.87-4.79 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.77-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.37-

2.23 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.99 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.65 (m, 4H), 1.27-1.00 (m, 2H), 0.97-0.95 (m, 3H), 0.88-0.83 (m, 3H). 13 C n.m.r. (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.9, 166.9, 152.4, 134.2, 131.8, 128.7, 127.2, 111.2, 53.8, 52.5, 47.7, 44.5, 39.0, 35.3, 31.7, 31.6, 28.9, 21.9, 20.8. (Major diasteromer). HRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 364.1886 [M + Na]⁺, $C_{21}H_{27}NO_3Na$ requires 364.1883.

Deuterium labeling experiment

The CM reaction was performed according to Representative CM Procedure above, using (S)-methyl 2-benzamidopent-4-enoate **5** (50.0 mg, 0.214 mmol), **11** (720 mg, 6.43 mmol, 30 eq.), benzene (1 mL) and HGII **3** (6.7 mg, 5 mol %). After distillation of volatiles (0.2 mmHg, 40 °C), the residue was diluted with methanol (5 mL) and transferred to a Fisher-Porter tube equipped with a stir bar. Pd/C (10% w/w, 11 mg) was added and the reaction vessel was charged with H₂ (90 psi). The heterogeneous reaction mixture was left to stir for 16 h at room temperature. The excess H₂ was carefully vented, the reaction mixture filtered, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified *via* column chromatography to yield a 1:1 mixture of the compound **15** and **15b** (46% combined yield).

Analysis of the 1:1 mixture of compound **15** and **15b**.

¹H n.m.r. (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.42 (m, 3H), 6.66 (bd, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dt, J = 7.5 & 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.00-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.00-0.94 (m, 2H).

²D n.m.r. (61 MHz, CHCl₃): δ 0.72 (bs, 2D).

LRMS (ESI⁺, MeOH): m/z 238.2 [M + H]⁺, $C_{13}H_{16}D_2NO_3$ requires 238.1.

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