Supporting Information

Ruthenium-Catalyzed [2+2] Cycloaddition of Allenynes Leading to a Bicyclo[4.2.0]octa-1(8),5-diene Skeleton

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Experimental Section

Compounds 2a and 3a (Scheme 1, eq 1). A mixture of 1a (72.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and Cp*RuCl(cod) (11.4 mg, 0.030 mmol) in degassed toluene (3 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. After removal of volatiles, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 1/1 - 0/1) to give 2a (20.1 mg, 28%) as a colorless solid and 3a (45.7 mg, 63%) as a colorless solid, respectively. 2a: mp. 180-182 °C (recrystallized from toluene); IR (nujor) 3281, 1216 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 4.82 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.41 (s, 4 H), 3.70 (s, 4 H), 3.10 (dt, J = 1.5, 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.00 (dd, J = 8.6, 13.2, Hz, 2 H), 1.54 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.43 (dd, J = 8.6, 13.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.33 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 2 H), 0.95 (s, 18 H), 0.92 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) & 147.3 (2C), 133.5 (2C), 67.5 (2C), 65.9 (2C), 55.6 (2C), 54.9 (2C), 53.5 (2C), 49.8 (2C), 42.5 (2C), 34.2 (2C), 32.7 (2C), 31.2 (6C), 16.6 (2C); FAB-LRMS m/z 473 $[(M+H)^+]$, 277, 263, 185, 93; FAB-HRMS calcd for C₃₀H₄₉O₄ 473.3631, found 473.3651. **3**: mp. 118-119 °C (recrystallized from toluene); IR (film, CHCl₃) 3268, 1216 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 4.91 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.68-3.58 (m, 4 H), 3.00 (s, 1 H), 2.24-1.96 (m, 6 H), 1.80 (s, 3 H), 2.24-1.96 (m, 6 H), 2.24 H), 0.90 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.2, 142.1, 139.4, 101.6, 70.8, 69.4, 62.7, 40.4, 32.5, 29.1, 27.8 (3C), 25.2, 15.0; ESI-LRMS m/z 250 [(M+Na)⁺], 237, 218, 187; ESI-HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₂₄O₂Na 259.16740, found 259.16778.

The structure of **3a** was elucidated by detailed analyses of various spectral data including 2D-NMR (COSY, NOESY, HMBC, HSQC, and INADEQUATE) of **3h**, which was derived from **3a** as shown in Scheme S1.



To a solution of **3a** (17.7 mg, 0.075 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) were added 2,2-dimethoxypropane (50 μ L, 0.41 mmol) and PPTS (2.0 mg, 8.0 μ mol) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 2 h. To the mixture was added H₂O at 0 °C, and the aqueous layer was washed extracted with Et₂O. The organic layer was washed with saturated NaCl aqueous solution, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrate. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/Et₂O = 20/1) to give **3h** (23.0 mg, quant) as a colorless oil. IR (neat) 1683, 1640, 1075 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.88 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.67-3.52 (m, 4 H), 2.98 (s, 1 H), 2.35 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.13 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 16.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.07-2.00 (m, 1 H), 1.96 (d4, *J* = 4.0, 16.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.83 (s, 3 H), 1.43 (s, 6 H), 0.90 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.5, 142.0, 139.4, 101.5, 98.1, 69.5, 68.2, 62.5, 33.9, 32.4, 31.2, 27.8 (3C), 27.1, 24.7, 22.8, 15.0; EI-LRMS m/z 276 (M⁺), 261, 218, 187; EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₈O₂ 276.2089, found 276.2083.

General Procedure for [2+2] Cyclization of Allenyne in MeOH. A mixture of allenyne 1 and Cp*RuCl(cod) (5 mol% to 1) in degassed MeOH ([1] = 0.3 M) was stirred at room temperature under argon atmosphere (1 atm). After removal of volatiles, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 3.

Compound 3a (Scheme 2, eq 2). According to the general procedure, a crude product, which was

obtained from **1a** (70.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and Cp*RuCl(cod) (5.7 mg, 0.015 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) for 2 h, was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 2/1) to give **3a** (70.3 mg, 99%) as a colorless solid.

Compound 3b. According to the general procedure, a crude product, which was obtained from **1b** (87.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and Cp*RuCl(cod) (5.7 mg, 0.015 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) for 3 h, was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 12/1) to give **3b** (87.5 mg, quant) as a colorless oil. IR (neat) 1737, 1643, 1255 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.97 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H), 3.69 (s, 3 H), 2.98 (s, 1 H), 2.89 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.60 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.80 (s, 3 H), 0.87 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 171.5, 142.9, 141.6, 138.2, 101.8, 62.5, 55.4, 52.7, 52.6, 32.3, 30.9, 27.9, 27.6 (3C), 14.9; EI-LRMS *m/z* 292 (M⁺), 261, 233, 217, 173, 131; EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₂₄O₄ 292.16746, found 292.16744.

Compound 3c. According to the general procedure, a crude product, which was obtained from **1c** (159.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and Cp*RuCl(cod) (5.7 mg, 0.015 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) for 2 h, was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 15/1) to give **3c** (150.9 mg, 94%) as a colorless amorphous solid. IR (film, CHCl₃) 1726, 1530, 1216 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.74-7.60 (m, 8 H), 4.96 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 13.8 Hz, 2 H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 3.07 (m, 1 H), 2.15 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.10 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.06 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.70 (s, 3 H), 1.00 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 164.4, 164.3, 150.70, 150.66, 144.7, 142.4, 138.5, 134.94, 134.92, 130.5 (2C), 130.4 (2C), 123.6 (2C), 123.4 (2C), 101.4, 68.6, 67.7, 63.2, 39.4, 32.7, 29.7, 28.0 (3C), 26.2, 14.9; FAB-LRMS *m/z* 534 (M⁺), 518, 305, 199, 166, 152; FAB-HRMS calcd for C₂₉H₃₀N₂O₈ 534.2002, found 534.2013.

Compound 3d. According to the general procedure, a crude product, which was obtained from **1d** (106.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) and Cp*RuCl(cod) (5.7 mg, 0.015 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) for 2 h, was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 12/1) to give **3d** (100.8 mg, 95%) as a colorless amorphous solid. IR (film, CHCl₃) 1739, 1597, 1246 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.29 (m, 4 H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 1 H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H), 3.59 (m, 1 H), 3.32 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 16.6, Hz, 1 H), 2.88 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 16.6, Hz, 1 H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 16.6 Hz, 1 H), 0.92 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 171.5, 143.3, 141.4, 139.0, 135.6, 128.1 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 126.9, 105.8, 60.3, 55.5, 52.8 (2C), 33.2, 31.0, 29.2, 28.3 (3C); EI-LRMS *m*/*z* 354 (M⁺), 339, 295, 279, 237, 178; EI-HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₆O₄ 354.18311, found 354.18246.

Compound 3e. According to the general procedure, a crude product, which was obtained from **1e** (118.9 mg, 0.31 mmol) and Cp*RuCl(cod) (5.7 mg, 0.015 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) for 2 h, was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 10/1) to give **3e** (111.5 mg, 94%) as a colorless solid. mp. 109-111°C (recrystallized from toluene); IR (film, CHCl₃) 1734, 1604, 1249 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.6, Hz, 2 H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.6, Hz, 2 H), 5.17 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H), 3.56-3.52 (m, 1 H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 16.0, Hz, 1 H), 2.85 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 16.0, Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 0.92 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 171.5, 158.6, 142.9, 141.5, 137.0, 128.44 (2C), 128.37, 113.6 (2C), 104.6, 60.3, 55.4, 55.1, 52.7 (2C), 33.1, 31.0, 29.1, 28.3 (3C); EI-LRMS *m/z* 384 (M⁺), 327, 309, 267, 208, 165; EI-HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₂₈O₅ 384.19367, found 384.19309.

Compound 3f. According to the general procedure, a crude product, which was obtained from **1f** (124.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and Cp*RuCl(cod) (5.8 mg, 0.015 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) for 2 h, was

purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 8/1) to give **3f** (122.2 mg, 98%) as a colorless amorphous solid. IR (film, CHCl₃) 1726, 1603, 1280 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4, Hz, 2 H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.4, Hz, 2 H), 5.31 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 3.63-3.60 (m, 1 H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 16.8, Hz, 1 H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 16.8, Hz, 1 H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 16.8 Hz, 1 H), 0.92 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 171.2, 166.7, 142.2, 141.7, 141.2, 139.9, 129.5 (2C), 128.0, 126.8 (2C), 107.5, 60.4, 55.4, 52.8 (2C), 52.0, 33.2, 31.0, 29.2, 28.2 (3C); FAB-LRMS *m/z* 435 [(M+Na)⁺], 412, 381, 176, 154, 136; FAB-HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₈O₆Na 435.1783, found 435.1801.

Compound 3g. According to the general procedure, a crude product, which was obtained from **1g** (126.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and Cp*RuCl(cod) (5.8 mg, 0.015 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) for 4 h, was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 14/1) to give **3g** (122.3 mg, 97%) as a colorless oil. IR (neat) 1739, 1254, 1088 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.07 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 3.68 (s, 3 H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.06 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 16.6, Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (m, 1 H), 2.60 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 16.6 Hz, 1 H), 0.92 (s, 9 H), 0.86 (s, 9 H), 0.08 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9, 171.4, 144.5, 141.1, 138.3, 103.7, 61.1, 61.0, 55.4, 52.7, 52.6, 32.1, 30.8, 28.6 (3C), 27.7, 25.9 (3C), 18.3, -5.5, -5.5; EI-LRMS *m*/*z* 422 (M⁺), 407, 381, 365, 305, 231, 175, 75; EI-HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₃₈O₅Si 422.2489, found 422.2480.

Compound 3h (Table 1, run 6). According to the general procedure, a crude product, which was obtained from **1h** 83.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and Cp*RuCl(cod) (5.8 mg, 0.015 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) for 4 h, was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 14/1) to give **3h** (81.3 mg, 98%) as a colorless oil.

Compound 3i. According to the general procedure, a crude product, which was obtained from **1i** (95.8 mg, 0.29 mmol) and Cp*RuCl(cod) (5.7 mg, 0.015 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) for 3 h, was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 12/1) to give **3i** (76.5 mg, 80%) as a colorless solid. mp. 103 °C (recrystallized from CHCl₃); IR (film, CHCl₃) 1599, 1343, 1163 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.96 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.97-3.86 (m, 2 H), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.93 (s, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 1.80 (s, 3 H), 0.86 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.2, 142.9, 140.1, 135.3, 134.3, 129.5 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 101.0, 63.3, 44.1, 41.8, 32.2, 27.5 (3C), 21.4, 15.1; EI-LRMS *m*/*z* 331 (M⁺), 316, 274, 175, 160, 120; EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₉H₂₅O₂S 331.1606, found 331.1607.





























