In situ Methylene Capping: A General Strategy for Efficient Stereo-Retentive Catalytic Olefin Metathesis. The Concept, Methodological Implications and Applications to Synthesis of Biologically Active Compounds

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1. General

Unless otherwise noted, transformations were performed with distilled and degassed solvents under an atmosphere of dry N₂, in oven- (135 °C) or flame-dried glassware with standard dry box or vacuum line techniques. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (400 MHz), 500 (500 MHz) or a 600 (600 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance resulting from incomplete deuterium incorporation as the internal standard (CDCl₃: δ 7.26 ppm, DMSO-d₆: δ 2.50 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, br = broad, m = multiplet), and coupling constants (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity INOVA 400 (100 MHz), 500 (125MHz), or 600 (151 MHz) spectrometers with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃: δ 77.16 ppm). High-resolution mass spectrometry was performed on a Micromass LCT ESI-MS and JEOL Accu TOF Dart (positive mode) at the Boston College Mass Spectrometry Facility. Melting points were determined using a Thomas Hoover Uni-melt capillary melting point apparatus. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker FTIR Alpha (ATR Mode) spectrometer, v_{max} in cm⁻¹. Bands are characterized as broad (br), strong (s), medium (m), or weak (w). Values for E:Z ratios of products were determined by analysis of ¹H NMR or quantitative ¹³C NMR (13 second delay time) spectra. Specific rotations were measured using a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol IV Polarimeter. In the olefin metathesis reaction, 100 torr vacuum is applied for 1-8 h, which often results in complete solvent evaporation.

Solvents

Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from Na/benzophenone. CH_2Cl_2 were purified under a positive pressure of dry argon gas by a modified Innovative Technologies purification system. $CDCl_3$ and $DMSO-d_6$ were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories and stored over activated 4Å molecular sieves prior to use. CH_3CN was used as received. Hexamethylphosphoramide (HMPA) was distilled from CaH_2 and stored over activated 4Å molecular sieves prior to use. Purification procedures of products were carried out with reagent grade solvents (Fisher) under bench-top conditions.

Reagents

(Z)-2-Butene (Aldrich) was dissolved in dried THF and stored in the freezer at -50 °C; Weight percent (wt %) was calculated based on the ¹H NMR analysis of the mixture. (Z)-3-hexene (Alfa Aesar), (Z)-5-decene (Alfa Aesar), hex-5-enoic acid (Aldrich), 3-buten-1-ol (Oakwood), 9-decen-1-ol (Aldrich), dec-9-enal (Aldrich), 2,6-dimethyloct-7-en-2-ol (dihydromyrcenol, Aldrich), 4-allylphenol (Aldrich), 1-decen-3-ol (TCI), (Z)-prop-1-en-1-ylbenzene (cis-β-methyl styrene, Aldrich), (E)-buta-1,3-dien-1-ylbenzene (Aldrich), dec-9-enoic acid (Aldrich), N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC • HCl, Advanced ChemTech), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, Advanced ChemTech), methyl 5-hexenoate (TCI), 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzaldehyde (Combi-blocks), (Z)-1-bromoprop-1-ene (Aldrich), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) $(Pd(PPh_4)_3)$ (Strem)), tetra-n-butylammonium bromide (Aldrich), potassium hydroxide (Aldrich),

(Z)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(prop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (Aldrich), 1-bromopentane (Aldrich), Mg turnings (Aldrich), BrCH₂CH₂Br (Aldrich), L-selectride (Aldrich), hydrogen fluoride pyridine (Aldrich) were used as received.

Benzyl pent-4-enoate (from 4-pentenoic acid (Aldrich)) and benzyl hex-5-enoate (from 5-hexenoic acid (Aldrich)) were prepared in analogy to reported procedures.¹ 2 (Aldrich)), 3-(But-3-en-1-yl)-1H-indole (from indole (*E*)-1-(buta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (from trans-p-methoxycinnamaldehyde (Aldrich))³, (Z)-1,2-dimethoxy-3-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (from (Z)-1-bromoprop-1-ene (Aldrich))⁴, tert-butyl (2-(but-3-en-1-ylamino)-2-oxoethyl)carbamate (from but-3-en-1-amine (Aldrich)), and (S)-tert-butyl (1-(but-3-en-1-ylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)carbamate (from but-3-en-1-amine (Aldrich)) and (*S*)-*tert*-butyl (1-(but-3-en-1-ylamino)-4-(methylthio)-1-oxobutan-2-yl)carbamate (from but-3-en-1-amine (Aldrich))⁵ were prepared according to a reported procedures. Undec-10-en-1-yl hex-5-enoate (from hex-5-enoic acid (Aldrich) and undec-10-en-1-ol (Aldrich)), hex-5-en-1-yl non-8-enoate (from non-8-enoic acid (Aldrich) and hex-5-en-1-ol (Aldrich)), non-8-en-1-yl hept-6-enoate (from hept-6-enoic acid (Aldrich) and non-8-en-1-ol (Aldrich)), dec-9-en-1-yl hept-6-enoate (from hept-6-enoic acid (Aldrich) and dec-9-en-1-ol (Aldrich)), undec-10-en-1-yl non-8-enoate (from non-8-enoic acid (Aldrich) and undec-10-en-1-ol (Aldrich)), undec-10-en-1-yl undec-10-enoate (from undec-10-enoic acid (Aldrich) and undec-10-en-1-ol (Aldrich), N-(undec-10-en-1-yl)hex-5-enamide, N-(undec-10-en-1-yl)undec-10-enamide, 8 nonadeca-1,18-dien-10-ol, 7 2-(*N*-(undec-10-en-1-yl)undec-10-enamido)acetic acid. 4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)cyclopent-2-en-1-one⁹, (*S*,*E*)-*tert*-butyl((1-iodooct-1-en-3-10 yl)oxy)dimethylsilane, (6S,9R,15S,18R)-methyl and 9,18-diallyl-15-benzyl-6-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-2,2-dimethyl-4,7,10,13,16-pentaoxo-3-oxa-5,8,11, 14,17-pentaazanonadecan-19-oate¹¹ were prepared according to reported procedures.

Organometallic complexes

Complex **Ru-1a** (Aldrich) was used as received; **Ru-2a** was prepared according to a previously reported procedure.¹² **Ru-2b** was prepared according to previously reported procedure.¹³

2. Synthesis of compounds 1b-d by cross-metathesis

(Z)-Hept-5-enoic acid (1b). In a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 5-hexenoic acid (1a, 14.5 mg, 0.127 mmol), Z-butene in THF (22 wt %, 647.0 mg, 2.54 mmol) and catechothiolate complex **Ru-2a** (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 100 μ L THF). The mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of undistilled (wet) diethyl ether. The volatiles were then removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **1b** (15.4 mg, 0.121 mmol, 95% yield) in >98:2 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, **CDCl₃):** δ 5.57–5.45 (m, 1H), 5.43–5.30 (m, 1H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); **HRMS[M+H]**⁺ Calcd for C₇H₁₃O₂: 129.0916, found: 129.0913. The characterization data are consistent with these previously reported.¹⁴

(*Z*)-Oct-5-enoic acid (1c). In a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 5-hexenoic acid (29.0 mg, 0.254 mmol), the *Z*-3-hexene (107.0 mg, 1.27 mmol) and **Ru-2a** (4.9 mg, 0.00635 mmol, 100 μ L THF). The mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C, after which the reaction was quenched by wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 1c (29.8 mg, 0.211 mmol, 83% yield) in >98:2 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.45–5.39 (m, 1H), 5.35–5.25 (m, 1H), 2.36 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (q, *J*=7.4, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (pd, *J*=7.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (p, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 3H); HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₈H₁₅O₂: 143.1072, found: 143.1068. The characterization data are consistent with these previously reported.¹⁵

(*Z*)-Dec-5-enoic acid (1d). In a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 5-hexenoic acid (14.5 mg, 0.127 mmol), the (*Z*)-5-decene (90.0 mg, 1.27 mmol) and **Ru-2a** (2.4 mg, 0.00318 mmol, 100 μ L THF). The mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C, after which the reaction was quenched by wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 1d (21.1 mg, 0.124 mmol, 98% yield) in >98:2 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.46–5.38 (m, 1H), 5.36–5.29 (m, 1H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.35–1.28 (m, 4H), 0.92–0.87 (m, 3H); HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₉O₂: 171.1385, found: 171.1391. The characterization data are consistent with these previously reported.¹⁶

3. Procedure for synthesis of alkene 2 by homocoupling of alkenes 1a-d

(*Z*)-Dec-5-enedioic acid (2). In a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 1b (28.1 mg, 0.22 mmol) and a solution of **Ru-2a** (3.4 mg, 0.0044 mmol, 200 µL THF). The system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum and was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10~20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 2 (16.3 mg, 0.16 mmol, 74% yield) in >98:2 *Z:E* as white solid. **M.p.**: 76–77 °C; **IR (neat):** 3021 (m), 2952 (m), 1703 (s), 1458 (m), 1410 (m), 1330 (m), 1244 (m), 1200 (m), 938 (m), 858 (m), 639 (s) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.19 (br, 2H), 5.42–5.36 (m, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.13–2.06 (m, 4H), 1.69 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 180.3, 129.8, 33.5, 26.5, 24.6; HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₇O₄: 201.1127, Found: 201.1118.

4. Procedure for homocoupling with Z-butene as the methylene capping agent

In a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the **1a** (14.5 mg, 0.127 mmol), unpurified Z-butene in THF (22 wt%, 650 mg, 1.27 mmol), and a solution of **Ru-2a** (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 200 μ L THF), and then the vessel was sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* (100 torr for 2 min). The flask containing the residue was charged with a solution of **Ru-2a** (2.0 mg, 0.00254 mmol in 200 μ L THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum

generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10~20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **2** (17.8 mg, 0.089 mmol, 70% yield) in >98:2 *Z:E* as white solid.

5. Cross-metathesis with Z-butene as the methylene-capping agent

General procedure A: In a N₂-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the alkene substrates (1:3 ratio), unpurified Z-butene in THF and a solution of the appropriate amount of **Ru-2a** in THF. The vessel was then sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1–16 h, after which the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of the appropriate amount of **Ru-2a** in THF and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 1–8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Silica gel chromatography was used to obtain pure products.

General procedure B (for the reactions with α -branched terminal alkenes, *Z*- β -methyl styrenes and *Z*-1-propenylboronic acid ester): In a N₂-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the terminal alkene substrate, unpurified *Z*-2-butene (3) in THF and a solution of the appropriate amount of -2 in THF. The vessel was then sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with the other alkene (e.g. *cis*- β -methyl styrene) and a solution of the appropriate amount of **Ru-2a** in THF and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 1–8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Purification was performed by silica gel chromatography.

(Z)-Benzyl-7-hydroxyhept-4-enoate (4). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with but-3-en-1-ol (7.2 mg, 0.10 mmol), benzyl pent-4-enoate (57.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and Z-butene (3) in THF (36 wt %, 312.0 mg, 2.01 mmol) and a solution of **Ru-2a** (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol in 100 μ L THF). The vessel was then sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 16 h, after which the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of **Ru-2a** (3.00 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 200 μ L THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford olefin product **4** (13.2 mg, 0.056 mmol, 56% yield) in 95:5 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil. **IR (neat):** 3386 (br), 3012 (m), 2946 (m), 1731 (s), 1498 (m), 1418 (m), 1258 (m), 1151 (s), 1047 (s), 735 (s), 696 (s), 503 (m)

cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40–7.28 (m, 5H), 5.64–5.31 (m, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.64 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.47–2.40 (m, 4H), 2.34 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.2, 136.1, 130.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 127.3, 66.4, 62.3, 34.2, 30.9, 22.9. HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉O₃: 235.1334, Found: 235.1346.

(Z)-8-(Benzyloxy)-8-oxooct-4-enoic acid (5a). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with benzyl pent-4-enoate (25.4 mg, 0.127 mmol) and hex-5-enoic acid (38.1 mg, 0.38 mmol), unpurified Z-2-butene in THF (22 wt %, 650 mg, 2.54 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 200 µL THF). The vessel was then sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of Ru-2a (3.9 mg, 0.00508 mmol in 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10~20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 5a (24.6 mg, 0.094 mmol, 74% yield) in >98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. For the larger scale process, the above procedure was followed with benzyl pent-4-enoate (380.48 mg, 2.0 mmol) and hex-5-enoic acid (600.7 mg, 6.0 mmol), resulting in the formation of 5a (293.8 mg, 1.117 mmol, 56% yield) in 98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3011 (br), 2954 (w), 1734 (s), 1708 (s), 1454 (w), 1382 (w), 1258 (m), 1213 (m), 1152 (m), 738 (m), 689 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38-7.30 (m, 5H), 5.41-5.39 (m, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 2.43-2.37 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.3, 173.1, 136.1, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 66.4, 34.3, 33.9, 22.9, 22.6; **HRMS**[M+H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{15}H_{19}O_4$: 263.1283, found: 263.1292.

(Z)-8-(1H-Indol-3-yl)oct-5-enoic acid (5b). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the 3-(but-3-en-1-yl)-1H-indole (21.7 mg, 0.127 mmol) and hex-5-enoic acid (43.5 mg, 0.381 mmol), unpurified Z-2-butene in THF (36 wt %, 396 mg, 2.54 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 200 µL THF). The reaction vessel was then sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of Ru-2a (3.9 mg, 0.00508 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was guenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10~20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **5b** (19.0 mg, 0.074 mmol, 58% yield) in >98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless solid. M.p.: 65-67 °C; IR (neat): 3414 (m), 3055 (m), 3004 (m), 2927 (m), 2851 (m), 1701 (s), 1456 (m), 1419 (m), 1243 (m), 1090 (m), 1010 (m), 927 (w), 797 (m), 740 (s) cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.90 (br, 1H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.34 (dt, J = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00 -6.97 (m, 1H), 5.60–5.48 (m, 1H), 5.42–5.31 (m, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, *J*= 7.6, 6.9, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 2.53–2.39 (m, 2H), 2.24 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.12–1.98 (m, 2H), 1.68–1.55 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.9, 136.5, 130.9, 129.0, 127.7, 122.0, 121.4, 119.3, 119.0, 116.4, 111.2, 33.4, 28.0, 26.6, 25.4, 24.6; HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀O₂N: 258.1494, found: 258.1502.

(Z)-14-Hydroxytetradec-5-enoic acid (5c). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the dec-9-en-1-ol (19.8 mg, 0.127 mmol) and hex-5-enoic acid (43.5 mg, 0.381 mmol), unpurified Z-butene in THF (22 wt %, 650 mg, 2.54 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 200 µL THF). The vessel was then sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of Ru-2a (3.9 mg, 0.00508 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10~20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 5c (16.8 mg, 0.074 mmol, 58% yield) in >98:2 Z:E ratio ratio as colorless oil. **IR (neat):** 3336 (br), 3006 (m), 2925 (s), 2854 (m), 1707 (s), 1457 (m), 1409 (m), 1260 (m), 1023 (m), 862 (m), 801 (m), 722 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.08 (br, 1H), 5.45–5.37 (m, 1H), 5.35–5.29 (m, 1H), 3.65 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.48 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.22 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.4, 131.4, 128.5, 63.2, 33.4, 32.7, 29.6, 29.4, 29.3, 29.1, 27.3, 26.6, 25.7, 24.8; **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{27}O_3$: 243.1960, found: 243.1970.

(Z)-14-Oxotetradec-5-enoic acid (5d). Following the general procedure A, in a N_2 -filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the undec-10-enal (19.6 mg, 0.127 mmol) and hex-5-enoic acid (43.5 mg, 0.381 mmol), unpurified Z-butene in THF (22 wt %, 650 mg, 2.54 mmol) and a solution (200 µL) of Ru-2a (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 200 µL THF). The vessel was sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of **Ru-2a** (3.9 mg, 0.00508 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10~20%) ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 5d (20.1 mg, 0.084 mmol, 66% yield) in >98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3006 (m), 2925 (m), 2853 (m), 1705 (s), 1458 (m), 1411 (m), 1239 (m), 1161 (m), 938 (m), 724 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.76 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.45–5.37 (m, 1H), 5.36–5.28 (m, 1H), 2.42 (td, J = 7.3, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.09 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (q, J= 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.73–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.28 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (151) MHz, CDCl₃): δ 203.2, 178.6, 131.4, 128.4, 44.1, 33.3, 29.8, 29.4, 29.4, 29.3, 29.3, 27.3, 26.6, 24.8, 22.2; **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{15}H_{27}O_5$: 255.1960, found: 255.1967.

(Z)-8-((Benzyloxy)methoxy)-8-phenyloct-5-enoic acid (5e). Following the general procedure A, in a N_2 -filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged

with the (1-((benzyloxy)methoxy)but-3-en-1-yl)benzene (34.0 mg, 0.127 mmol), hex-5-enoic acid (43.5 mg, 0.381 mmol), unpurified Z-2-butene in THF (22 wt %, 650 mg, 2.54 mmol) and a THF solution of Ru-2a (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 200 µL THF). The reaction vessel was then sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of Ru-2a (3.9 mg, 0.00508 mmol, 200 µL THF) in and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10~20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 5e (28.7 mg, 0.081 mmol, 64% yield) in >98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3086 (m), 3062 (m), 3029 (m), 2932 (m), 1706 (s), 1454 (m), 1410 (m), 1239 (m), 1100 (m), 1036 (s), 1025 (s), 735 (m), 699 (s) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38–7.26 (m, 10H), 5.51–5.39 (m, 2H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dd, J = 7.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dt, J = 14.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dt, J = 13.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.06-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.58 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.6, 141.8, 138.0, 130.9, 128.5, 128.5, 128.1, 128.1, 127.8, 127.1, 126.6, 92.5, 78.3, 69.8, 35.9, 33.4, 26.7, 24.5; **HRMS** $[M+NH_4]^+$ Calcd for C₂₂H₃₀O₄N: 372.2175, found: 372.2171.

(Z)-7-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)hept-5-enoic acid (5f). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the 4-allyl-1,2-dimethoxybenzene (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol), hex-5-enoic acid (34.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), unpurified Z-butene in THF (17 wt %, 660 mg, 2.00 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol in 200 µL THF). The vessel was sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of Ru-2a (3.0 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10~20%) ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 5f (17.1 mg, 0.064 mmol, 64% yield) in 98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3008 (m), 2937 (s), 2837 (m), 1737 (m), 1706 (s), 1513 (s), 1464 (m), 1260 (s), 1234 (s), 1139 (s), 1029 (s), 756 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.80 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6,70 (s, 1H), 5.65–5.56 (m, 1H), 5.53–5.42 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.34 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.3, 149.1, 147.4, 133.6, 129.8, 129.30, 120.2, 111.8, 111.5, 56.1, 56.0, 33.5, 33.2, 26.6, 24.7; **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{15}H_{21}O_4$: 265.1434, Found: 265.1450.

(Z)-Benzyl-7-(5-acetyl-2-hydroxyphenyl)hept-5-enoate (6a). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the 1-(3-allyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)ethanone (16.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) and benzyl hex-5-enoate (61.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), unpurified Z-butene in THF (24 wt %, 466 mg, 2.00 mmol)

and a solution of Ru-2a (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol, 200 µL THF). The vessel was sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of Ru-2a (3.0 mg, 0.0040 mmol in 200 µL THF, 4.0 mol %) in and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 6a (22.2 mg, 0.063 mmol, 63% yield) in 97:3 Z:E ratio as yellow oil. IR (neat): 3275 (br), 3011 (m), 2951 (m), 1733 (s), 1652 (m), 1588 (s), 1421 (m), 1357 (m), 1276 (s), 1150 (m), 966 (m), 824 (m), 699 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.29 (m, 5H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (br, 1H), 5.67–5.48 (m, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.39 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.41 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.26–2.20 (m, 2H), 1.79 (p, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.9, 174.0, 159.2, 136.0, 131.0, 130.9, 130.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.2, 115.5, 66.5, 33.8, 28.2, 26.7, 26.4, 24.8; **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{22}H_{25}O_4$: 353.1747, Found: 353.1770.

Benzyl (Z)-11-hydroxy-7,11-dimethyldodec-5-enoate (6b). Following the general procedure B, in a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the benzyl hex-5-enoate (77.7 mg, 0.381 mmol), unpurified Z-butene in THF (22 wt %, 650.0 mg, 2.54 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 200 µL THF). The vessel was sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with dihydromyrcenol (19.8 mg, 0.13 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (4.0 mg, 0.0052 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1~5% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **6b** (23.8 mg, 0.075 mmol, 58% yield) in >98:2Z:E ratio as colorless oil. **IR (neat):** 3527 (br), 3034 (m), 2933 (m), 2867 (w), 1735 (s), 1455 (m), 1376 (m), 1309 (w), 1159 (s), 976 (w), 747 (m), 697 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38–7.31(m, 5H), 5.29–5.24 (m, 1H), 5.17-5.11 (m, 3H), 2.39-2.36 (m, 3H), 2.09-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.18 (m, 10H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.6, 137.5, 136.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.2, 71.1, 66.3, 44.2, 38.1, 33.9, 31.8, 29.4, 29.3, 27.0, 25.2, 22.4, 21.5; **HRMS**[**M**+**H**-**H**₂**O**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{21}H_{31}O_3$: 315.2324, found: 315.2309.

Benzyl (Z)-7-hydroxytetradec-5-enoate (6c). In a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the benzyl pent-4-enoate (77.7 mg, 0.381 mmol) unpurified Z-butene in THF solution (2.54 mmol) and a THF solution (200 μ L) of **Ru-2a** (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h. A separate oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with dec-1-en-3-ol (19.8 mg, 0.127mmol) and unpurified Z-butene in THF (1.27 mmol) and a solution of **Ru-2a** (1.5 mg, 0.00191 mmol, 200 μ L THF). The vessel was sealed and the solution was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h. The mixtures were then combined and the

volatiles were removed *in vacuo* (100 torr for 2 mins). The flask containing the residue was charged with a solution of **Ru-2a** (4.9 mg, 0.00635 mmol in 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **6c** (19.7 mg, 0.060 mmol, 47% yield) in 90:10 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil. **IR (neat):** 3430 (br), 3034 (w), 3006 (m), 2926 (s), 2854 (m), 1737 (s), 1456 (m), 1380 (m), 1311 (m), 1234 (m), 1214 (m), 1153 (m), 1045 (m), 1003 (m), 750 (m), 697 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38–7.31 (m, 5H), 5.43–5.38 (m, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.23–2.04 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.53 (m, 2H), 1.45–1.23 (m, 10H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (**151 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 173.6, 136.1, 134.1, 130.7, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 67.6, 66.4, 37.6, 33.7, 32.0, 29.7, 29.4, 27.0, 25.5, 24.9, 22.8, 14.3; HRMS[M+H-H₂O]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₃₁O₂: 315.2324, found: 315.2338.

(Z)-Benzyl 5-phenylpent-4-enoate (7a). Following the general procedure B, in a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the benzyl pent-4-enoate (72.4 mg, 0.381 mmol), unpurified Z-2-butene in THF (22 wt %, 650 mg, 2.54 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 200 µL THF). The vessel was then sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with (Z)-prop-1-en-1-ylbenzene (15.0 mg, 0.127 mmol, 200 µL THF) and a solution of Ru-2a (3.9 mg, 0.00508 mmol) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 7a (16.4 mg, 0.061 mmol, 48% yield) in 96:4 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3063 (w), 3012 (w), 2954 (w), 2922 (w), 1734 (s), 1494 (m), 1447 (m), 1381 (m), 1352 (m), 1512 (s), 751 (m), 697 (s) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41–7.20 (m, 10H), 6.48 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dt, J = 11.6 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 2.83-2.63 (m, 2H), 2.51 (t, 2.51)J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.9, 137.3, 136.1, 130.4, 130.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 126.9, 66.4, 34.6, 24.2; **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd For $C_{18}H_{19}O_2$: 267.1385, found: 267.1380.

(Z)-Benzyl 5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)pent-4-enoate (7b). Following the general procedure B, in a N₂-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with benzyl pent-4-enoate (28.5 mg, 0.050 mmol), Z-butene (3) in THF (24 wt %, 236 mg, 1.01 mmol) and a solution of catechothiolate complex **Ru-2a** (0.38 mg, 0.0005 mmol, 100 μ L THF). The reaction vessel was then sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was charged with (Z)-1,2-dimethoxy-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (8.9 mg, 0.05 mmol), followed by a solution of **Ru-2a** (1.50 mg, 0.002 mmol, 200 μ L THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 4 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **7b** (8.2 mg, 0.025 mmol, 50% yield) in 92:8 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil. **IR (neat):** 3007 (m), 2934 (m), 2836 (m), 1733 (s), 1602 (m), 1514 (s), 1456 (m), 1257 (s), 1238 (s), 1141 (s), 1027 (s), 750 (m), 656 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37–7.28 (m, 5H), 6.87–6.79 (m, 3H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (dt, *J* = 11.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.70 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.9, 148.7, 148.1, 136.1, 130.3, 130.1, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 121.4, 112.1, 111.1, 66.4, 56.1, 56.0, 34.6, 24.3; HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₃O₄: 327.1596, found: 327.1608.

(Z)-Methyl 6-(3-formylphenyl)hex-5-enoate (7c). Following the general procedure B, in a N₂-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with methyl hex-5-enoate (19.2 mg, 0.15 mmol) and Z-butene (3) in THF (17 wt %, 334 mg, 1.01 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (0.38 mg, 0.00050 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with (Z)-3-(prop-1-en-1-yl)-benzaldehyde (7.3 mg, 0.050 mmol), followed by a solution of **Ru-2a** (1.50 mg, 0.0020 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 4 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 7c (7.4 mg, 0.032 mmol, 64% yield) in 96:4 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3013 (m), 2950 (m), 2927 (m), 2852 (m), 2728 (m), 1734 (s), 1700 (s), 1598 (m), 1436 (m), 1376 (m), 1222 (m), 1155 (m), (m), 808 (m), 685 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 **MHz, CDCl₃**): δ 10.03 (s, 1H), 7.77–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.48 (m, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (dt, J = 11.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.42–2.30 (m, 4H), 1.85–1.75 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.5, 173.9, 138.5, 136.6, 134.8, 133.4, 130.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.0, 51.7, 33.6, 28.0, 25.1. **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{17}O_3$: 233.1178, found: 233.1189.

(*Z*)-11-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)undec-10-enal (8). Following the general procedure B, in a N₂-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with undec-10-enal (8.4 mg, 0.050 mmol), Z-butene (3) in THF (36 wt %, 78.0 mg, 0.50 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (0.38 mg, 0.00050 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was then sealed, and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The flask containing the residue was then charged with (Z)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(prop-1-en-1-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (25.2) mg, 0.15 mmol), followed by a solution of Ru-2a (1.50 mg, 0.0020 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (2% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 8 (7.9 mg, 0.027

mmol, 54% yield) in 95:5 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil. **IR (neat):** 2979 (m), 2926 (s), 2855 (m), 1727 (s), 1628 (s), 1436 (m), 1320 (m), 1259 (s), 1145 (s), 968 (m), 760 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.76 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.48–6.37 (m, 1H), 5.32 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.48–2.34 (m, 4H), 1.66–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.44–1.20 (m, 22H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 203.1, 155.3, 82.9, 44.1, 32.3, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.1, 25.0, 22.3; HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₃₂BO₃: 295.2445, found: 295.2446.

(5Z,7E)-12-Hydroxydodeca-5,7-dienoic acid (9a). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the (E)-octa-5,7-dien-1-ol (16.0 mg, 0.127 mmol) and 5-hexenoic acid (43.5 mg, 0.381 mmol), unpurified Z-butene in THF (24 wt %, 593 mg, 2.54 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 200 µL THF). The vessel was sealed, and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of Ru-2a (3.9 mg, 0.00508 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10~50% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 9a (16.1mg, 0.076 mmol, 59% yield) in 95:5 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3017 (m), 2926 (m), 2856 (m), 1707 (s), 1456 (m), 1437 (m), 1409 (m), 1246 (m), 1056 (m), 986 (m), 949 (m), 740 (w) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.30 (dd, J = 15.1, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (t, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dt, J = 14.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.35–5.23 (m, 1H), 3.67 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (dt, J = 14.8, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (p, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 180.0, 134.6, 130.1, 128.5, 126.0, 63.0, 32.8, 32.3, 31.9, 26.8, 25.2, 24.5; HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd For C₁₂H₂₁O₃: 213.1491, found: 213.1495.

Benzyl (5Z,7E)-8-phenylocta-5,7-dienoate (9b). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the (E)-buta-1,3-dien-1-ylbenzene (16.5 mg, 0.127 mmol) and benzyl hex-5-enoate (77.7 mg, 0.381 mmol), unpurified Z-butene in THF (24 wt %, 593 mg, 2.54 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 200 µL THF). The vessel was then sealed, and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of **Ru-2a** (3.9 mg, 0.00508 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography ($1 \sim 2\%$ diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **9b** (31.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 80% yield) in 97:3 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3061 (m), 3027 (w), 2937 (m), 1731 (s), 1493 (m), 1453 (m), 1413 (m), 1382 (m), 1310 (m), 1213 (s), 1912 (m), 1152 (m), 1073 (m), 985 (m), 946 (m), 732 (s), 694 (s) cm⁻¹; ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44–7.17 (m, 10H), 7.00 (ddd, J = 15.5, 11.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (t, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (dt, J = 10.8, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 2.40 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (qd, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 1.83–1.75 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.5, 137.6, 136.2, 134.2, 132.8, 131.6, 130.0, 128.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.6, 126.5, 124.2, 66.3, 33.7, 27.4, 24.9; HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₂₃O₂: 307.1698, found: 307.1704.

Benzyl (5Z,7E)-8-(4-methoxyphenyl)octa-5,7-dienoate (9c). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the (E)-1-(buta-1,3-dien-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene (20.3 mg, 0.127 mmol) and benzyl hex-5-enoate (77.7 mg, 0.381 mmol), unpurified Z-butene in THF (24 wt %, 593 mg, 2.54 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol, 200 µL THF). The vessel was then sealed, and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of Ru-2a (3.9 mg, 0.0051 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1~2% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 9c (23.9 mg, 0.071 mmol, 56% yield) in 97:3 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3029 (w), 3004 (w), 2934 (w), 2836 (w), 1731 (s), 1602 (m), 1509 (s), 1455 (m), 1303 (m), 1245 (s), 1173 (s), 1153 (s), 1115 (w), 1030 (m), 982 (m), 947 (m), 862 (m), 745 (m), 697 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.37–7.30 (m, 7H), 6.91–6.85 (m, 3H), 6.49 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (t, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.45–5.41 (m, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.42 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.5, 159.3, 136.2, 132.3, 130.5, 130.4, 130.1, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 122.3, 114.2, 66.3, 55.4, 33.7, 27.3, 25.0; **HRMS**[**M+H**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{22}H_{25}O_3$: 337.1804, found: 337.1816.

(Z)-Di-tert-butyl ((hex-3-ene-1,6-diylbis(azanediyl))bis(2-oxoethane-2,1-diyl))dicarbamate (10a). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial equipped with magnetic charged with *tert*-butyl а stir bar was (2-(but-3-en-1-ylamino)-2-oxoethyl)carbamate (11.4 mg, 0.0050 mmol) and Z-butene (3) in THF (22 wt %, 256 mg, 1.00 mmol) and a solution of catechothiolate complex Ru-2a (0.38 mg, 0.00050 mmol in 100 µL THF). The vessel was then sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 4 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of Ru-2a (1.50 mg, 0.0020 mmol in 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C under vacuum, and then for another 3 h without vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (2% CH₂Cl₂ in MeOH) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 10a (9.4 mg, 0.022 mmol, 88% yield) in >98:2 Z:E ratio as white solid. M.p.: 52-53 °C; IR (neat): 3306 (s), 2976 (m), 2932 (s), 1698 (s), 1656 (s), 1524 (s), 1454 (m), 1365 (m), 1166 (s), 1050 (m), 864 (m), 731 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.62 (br, 2H), 5.45–5.40 (m, 4H), 3.77 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 4H), 3.32 (q, J = 6.3 Hz, 4H), 2.25 (q, J = 6.2 Hz, 4H), 1.56–1.29 (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.0, 156.4, 129.0, 80.3, 44.5, 39.0, 28.5, 27.7; **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{20}H_{37}O_6N_4$: 429.2713, found: 429.2727.

(S,Z)-Benzyl 8-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-methylbutanamido)oct-5-enoate (10b). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with (S)-tert-butyl (1-(but-3-en-1-ylamino)-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)carbamate (27.0 mg, 0.10 mmol), benzyl hex-5-enoate (61.2 mg, 0.30 mmol, 3.00 equiv.), Z-2-butene (3) in THF (24 wt %, 468 mg, 2.00 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (0.76 mg, 0.001 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed, and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C 16 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of Ru-2a (3.00 mg, 0.004 mmol in 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 10b (20.8 mg, 0.047 mmol, 47% yield) in 91:9 Z:E ratio (determined by quantitative ¹³C NMR, relaxation time = 13 s) ratio as colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ -15.4 (c 0.7, MeOH); IR (neat): 3312 (br), 3012 (w), 2963 (m), 2934 (s), 2873 (m), 1736 (s), 1652 (s), 1525 (m), 1455 (m), 1366 (m), 1245 (m), 1163 (m), 1016 (m), 873 (m), 806 (m), 698 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42–7.28 (m, 5H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 5.43 (dt, J = 10.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dt, J = 10.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 3.86 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.30-3.20 (m, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.15-2.01 (m, 3H), 1.69 (p, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.6, 171.7, 156.0, 136.1, 131.5, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 127.2, 79.9, 66.4, 60.2, 39.2, 33.7, 31.0, 28.5, 27.4, 26.7, 24.9, 19.5, 17.9; **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₃₉O₅N₂: 447.2859, found: 447.2878.

8-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-4-(methylthio)butanamido)oct-5-enoate (S,Z)-Benzyl (10c). Following the general procedure A, in a N₂-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial equipped with magnetic (S)-*tert*-butvl a stir bar was charged with (1-(but-3-en-1-ylamino)-4-(methylthio)-1-oxobutan-2-yl)carbamate (33.9 mg, 0.10 mmol), benzyl hex-5-enoate (61.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), Z-butene (3) in THF (24 wt %, 472 mg, 2.02 mmol) and a solution of Ru-2a (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol in 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed, and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 16 h, after which the volatiles were removed in vacuo (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the green oil residue was then charged with a solution of Ru-2a (3.00 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (40% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 10c (24.4 mg, 0.051 mmol, 51% yield) in >98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -17.5 (c 0.8, MeOH); IR (neat): 3306 (br), 3013 (w), 2972 (m), 2929 (m), 1734 (m), 1656 (s), 1524 (s), 1455 (m), 1366 (m), 1246 (s), 1164 (s), 1025 (s), 752 (m), 698 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41–7.28 (m, 5H), 6.30 (br, 1H), 5.44 (dt, J = 10.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dt, J = 10.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (br, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 4.22 (br, 1H), 3.32-3.18 (m, 2H), 2.58-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.36 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.24-2.15 (m, 2H),

2.11–2.03 (m, 6H), 1.92–1.85 (m 1H), 1.74–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.6, 171.5, 155.7, 136.1, 131.6, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 127.0, 80.1, 66.4, 53.6, 39.2, 33.7, 32.0, 30.4, 28.5, 27.3, 26.7, 24.8, 15.4; HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₃₉O₅N₂S: 479.2580, found: 479.2566.

6. Preparation of compound 11b

(*Z*)-(*Z*)-Dodec-10-en-1-yl hept-5-enoate (11b). In a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified *Z*-2-butene (**3**) in THF (27 wt %, 416 mg, 2.00 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing undec-10-en-1-yl hex-5-enoate (**11a**; 26.6 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by a THF solution of **Ru-2a** (0.76 mg, 0.001 mmol, 250 µL THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **11b** (26.2 mg, 0.089 mmol, 89% yield) in >98:2 *Z*,*Z*:*Z*,*E* ratio as colorless oil. **IR (neat):** 3014 (m), 2926 (s), 2855 (m), 1737 (s), 1454 (m), 1311 (m), 1238 (m), 1160 (s), 1035 (m), 699 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.54–5.26 (m, 4H), 4.06 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.74–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.58 (m, 6H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.38–1.26 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (**151 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 174.0, 131.0, 129.6, 125.0, 123.8, 64.6, 33.9, 29.7, 29.6, 29.60, 29.4, 28.8, 27.0, 26.3, 26.1, 24.9, 12.9; HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₃₅O₂: 295.2637, found: 295.2650.

7. Preparation of compounds 11c and 11d

(Z)-Dodec-10-en-1-yl hex-5-enoate (11c). In a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-2-butene (3) in THF (27 wt %, 10.40 g, 50.10 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing undec-10-en-1-ol (852 mg, 5.00 mmol), followed by a THF solution of Ru-2a (38.0 mg, 0.050 mmol in 250 µL THF, 1 mol %). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 3 h at 22 °C. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) to afford (Z)-dodec-10-en-1-ol (857.0 mg, 4.65 mmol, 93% yield) in 96:4 Z:E ratio as colorless oil, which was directly used in the next step. N-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (307.0 mg, 1.60 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing (Z)-dodec-10-en-1-ol (184.0 mg, 1.00 mmol), hex-5-enoic acid (171.0 mg, 1.50 mmol) and DMAP (22.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) in dried CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at 0 °C. The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 3 h at 22 °C. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of water (10 mL) and washed with Et₂O (20 mL×3). The organic layers were combined and washed with aqueous solution of 1N HCl (10 mL), water (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic layers dried over anhydrous MgSO4 and then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) to afford **11c** (267.0 mg, 0.095 mmol, 95% yield) as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3013 (m), 2925 (s), 2855 (m), 1736 (s), 1456 (m), 1311 (m), 1239 (m), 1160 (s), 1035 (m), 909 (m), 699 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 **MHz, CDCl₃**): δ 5.78 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.50–5.32 (m, 2H), 5.03 (d, J = 17.1Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.65–1.58 (m, 5H), 1.38–1.24 (m, 12H); ¹³C **NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 173.9, 137.9, 131.0, 123.8, 115.5, 64.6, 33.8, 33.2, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.4, 29.4, 28.8, 27.0, 26.1, 24.3, 12.9. **HRMS[M+H]**⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₃₃O₂: 281.2481, found: 281.2489.

(Z)-Undec-10-en-1-yl hept-5-enoate (11d). N-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (307.0 mg, 1.60 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing undec-10-en-1-ol (255.0 mg, 1.50 mmol), Z-hept-5-enoic acid (1b, prepared through the procedure described above, 128.0 mg, 1.00 mmol) and DMAP (22.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) in dried DCM (5 mL) at 0 °C. The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 3 h at 22 °C. The reaction was quenched by the addition of water (10 mL) and washed with Et₂O (20 mL \times 3). The organic layers were combined and washed with an aqueous solution of 1N HCl (10 mL), water (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic layers dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) to afford 11d (237 mg, 0.085 mmol, 85% yield) in 98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3012 (m), 2926 (s), 2855 (m), 1736 (s), 1457 (m), 1310 (m), 1253 (m), 1169 (s), 1024 (m), 912 (m), 702 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.81 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dt, J = 13.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.39–5.32 (m, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (q, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (q, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (q, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (q, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.0 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (p, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.65–1.57 (m, 5H), 1.42–1.24 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.0, 139.3, 129.6, 125.0, 114.3, 64.6, 34.0, 33.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 29.1, 28.8, 26.3, 26.1, 24.9, 12.9. **HRMS**[**M+H**]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₃₃O₂: 281.2481, found: 281.2476.

8. Macrocyclic ring-closing metathesis with Z-butene as the methylene capping agent

General procedure: In a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (**3**) in THF was added to an oven-dried vial containing a bis(α)-olefin substrate (1.0 equiv.), followed by a solution of the appropriate amount of catechothiolate complex **Ru-2a** dissolved in THF. The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1–12 h at 22 °C. The reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. After >95% conversion (disappearance of bis(α)-olefin), the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the resulting black residue was dissolved in THF and a solution of the appropriate amount of **Ru-2a** in THF was added. The system was placed under 400 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 12–48 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Purification was performed by silica gel chromatography.

(Z)-Oxacyclohexadec-6-en-2-one (12a). Following the general procedure, in a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (27 wt %, 416 mg, 2.01 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing undec-10-en-1-yl hex-5-enoate (11a, 26.6 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by a THF solution of **Ru-2a** (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol, 100 μ L THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the resulting green residue was dissolved in THF (19.5 mL) and a solution of **Ru-2a** (3.00 mg, 0.004 mmol, 500 μ L THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **12a** (13.4 mg, 0.056 mmol, 56% yield) in 96:4 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.51–5.25 (m, 2H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.38–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.01 (4H, m), 1.78–1.51 (m, 4H), 1.49–1.24 (m, 12H). HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₇O₂: 239.2006, found: 239.2011. The characterization data are consistent with those previously reported.¹⁷

(Z)-Oxacyclotetradec-9-en-2-one (12b). Following the general procedure, in a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (33 wt %, 342 mg, 2.02 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing hex-5-en-1-yl non-8-enoate (23.8 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by a THF solution of Ru-2a (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed in vacuo and the resulting green residue was dissolved in THF (19.5 mL) and a solution of Ru-2a (3.00 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 500 µL THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 12b (14.2 mg, 0.067 mmol, 67% yield) in 98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3001 (m), 2925 (m), 2858 (m), 1733 (s), 1456 (m), 1249 (s), 1085 (m), 990 (m), 896 (m), 713 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.48 (J = 10.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dt, J = 10.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.42–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.10–1.93 (m, 4H), 1.81–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.36 (m, 4H), 1.33–1.22 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.0, 129.9, 129.9, 62.7, 35.5, 27.7, 27.6, 27.2, 26.8, 26.0, 25.7, 25.5, 24.8. **HRMS** $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for C₁₃H₂₃O₂: 211.1698, found: 211.1699.

(Z)-Oxacyclopentadec-7-en-2-one (12c). Following the general procedure, in a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (33 wt %, 342 mg, 2.02 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing non-8-en-1-yl hept-6-enoate (25.2 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by a THF solution of Ru-2a (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed in vacuo and the resulting green residue was dissolved in THF (19.5 mL) and a solution of Ru-2a (3.00 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 500 µL THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 12c (15.1 mg, 0.067 mmol, 67% yield) in 98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3005 (m), 2927 (m), 2857 (m), 1732 (s), 1459 (m), 1232 (m), 1144 (m), 1061 (m), 969 (w), 719 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.41 (dt, J = 10.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (dt, J = 10.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.75–1.61 (m, 4H), 1.45–1.30 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.1,

130.8, 129.2, 64.3, 34.5, 29.4, 28.2, 28.0, 27.2, 27.2, 27.0, 25.6, 25.5, 25.3. **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{14}H_{25}O_2$: 225.1855, found: 225.1866.

(Z)-Oxacyclohexadec-11-en-2-one (12d). Following the general procedure, in a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (33 wt %, 342 mg, 2.02 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing hex-5-en-1-yl undec-10-enoate (26.6 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by a THF solution of Ru-2a (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed in vacuo and the resulting green residue was dissolved in THF (19.5 mL) and a solution of Ru-2a (3.00 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 500 µL THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a plug of activated charcoal to afford 12d (16.6 mg, 0.070 mmol, 70% yield) in 98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.45–5.30 (m, 2H), 4.14 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.41-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.01 (m, 4H), 1.68-1.63 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.19 (m, 10H); HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{15}H_{27}O_2$: 239.2011, found: 239.2000. The characterization data are consistent with those reported previously.¹⁸

(Z)-Azacyclohexadec-6-en-2-one (12e). Following the general procedure, in a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (33 wt %, 342 mg, 2.02 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing N-(undec-10-en-1-yl)hex-5-enamide (25.1 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by a THF solution of Ru-2a (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed in vacuo and the resulting green residue was dissolved in THF (19.5 mL) and a solution of Ru-2a (3.00 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 500 µL THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (25% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 12e (12.3 mg, 0.055 mmol, 55% yield) in 98:2 Z:E selectivity as white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.53 (br, 1H), 5.42–5.28 (m, 2H), 3.34 (dt, J = 6.0, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.22–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.12–2.06 (m, 2H), 2.05–1.98 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.43–1.25 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.9, 130.9, 129.1, 39.1, 36.5, 29.1, 27.8, 27.5, 27.4, 26.7, 26.6, 26.3, 26.0, 25.9, 25.7; **HRMS**[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₈ON: 238.2171, found: 238.2174. The characterization data are consistent with those previously reported.¹⁹

(Z)-Cycloheptadec-9-enol (12f). Following the general procedure, in a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-2-butene (3) in THF (33 wt %, 342 mg, 2.02 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing nonadeca-1,18-dien-10-ol (29.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by a THF solution of **Ru-2a** (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol, 100 μ L THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the resulting green residue was dissolved in THF (19.5 mL) and a solution of **Ru-2a** (4.9 mg, 0.0065 mmol in 500 μ L THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum

generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **12f** (14.1 mg, 0.053 mmol, 53% yield) in 96:4 *Z:E* selectivity (determined by quantitative ¹³C NMR, relaxation time = 13 s) as white solid. ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 5.38–5.29 (m, 2H), 3.72 (p, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.15–1.95 (m, 4H), 1.60–1.40 (m, 4H), 1.39–1.22 (m, 21H); ¹³C NMR (**101** MHz, CDCl₃): δ 130.3, 70.6, 35.8, 29.2, 28.3, 28.1, 28.0, 26.9, 23.6. HRMS[M-H₂O+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₃₁: 235.2426, found: 235.2424. The characterization data are consistent with those reported previously⁷.

(Z)-Oxacyclononadec-9-en-2-one (12g). Following the general procedure, in a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (33 wt %, 342 mg, 2.02 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing undec-10-en-1-yl non-8-enoate (30.8 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by a THF solution of Ru-2a (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed in vacuo and the resulting green residue was dissolved in THF (19.5 mL) and a solution of Ru-2a (3.00 mg, 0.0040 mmol in 500 µL THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 12g (18.2 mg, 0.065 mmol, 65% yield) in 96:4 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3002 (m), 2927 (s), 2855 (s), 1736 (s), 1461 (m), 1345 (w), 1248 (m), 1081 (m), 718 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 5.44–5.26 (m, 2H), 4.12 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.05–1.95 (m, 4H), 1.71–1.57 (m, 4H), 1.46–1.22 (m, 18H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.2, 130.3, 130.0, 64.3, 34.8, 29.8, 29.3, 29.2, 29.0, 28.9, 28.7, 28.1, 28.0, 27.3, 26.2, 26.1, 25.5. **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₃₃O₂: 281.2481, found: 281.2493.

(Z)-Oxacyclohenicos-11-en-2-one (12h). Following the general procedure, in a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (33 wt %, 342 mg, 2.02 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing undec-10-en-1-yl undec-10-enoate (33.4 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by a THF solution of **Ru-2a** (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol, 100 μ L THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the resulting green residue was dissolved in THF (19.5 mL) and a solution of **Ru-2a** (3.00 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 500 μ L THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **12h** (18.3 mg, 0.060 mmol, 60% yield) in 96:4 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.45–5.30 (m, 2H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.09–1.94 (m, 4H), 1.72–1.58 (m, 4H), 1.43–1.24 (m, 22H); **HRMS**[M+H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{20}H_{37}O_2$: 309.2794, found: 309.2807. The characterization data are consistent with those reported previously.²⁰

(Z)-Azacyclohenicos-11-en-2-one (12i). Following the general procedure, in a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (33 wt %, 342 mg, 2.02 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing N-(undec-10-en-1-yl)undec-10-enamide (33.5 mg, 0.10 mmol), followed by a THF solution of Ru-2a (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed in vacuo and the resulting green oil residue was dissolved in THF (19.5 mL) and a solution of Ru-2a (3.00 mg, 0.0040 mmol, 500 µL THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was guenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (25% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 12i (17.6 mg, 0.057 mmol, 57% yield) in 98:2 Z:E selectivity as white solid. IR (neat): 3287 (br), 3087 (m), 3002 (m), 2922 (s), 2852 (s), 1639 (s), 1556 (s), 1465 (m), 1436 (m), 1355 (m), 1278 (w), 721 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, **CDCl₃**): δ 5.49 (s, 1H), 5.39–5.30 (m, 2H), 3.28 (q, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.04–1.95 (m, 4H), 1.67–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.47 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.22 (m, 22H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.3, 130.3, 130.1, 39.4, 37.3, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.1, 29.1, 29.0, 28.7, 28.7, 28.6, 26.8, 26.7, 26.6, 26.1. **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{20}H_{38}ON$: 308.2953, found: 308.2953.

(Z)-2-(2-Oxoazacyclohenicos-11-en-1-yl)acetic acid (12j). Following the general procedure for MRCM reaction, in a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (33 wt %. 342 mg, 2.02 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing 2-(N-(undec-10-en-1-yl)undec-10-enamido)acetic acid (19.7 mg, 0.050 mmol), followed by a THF solution of Ru-2a (0.38 mg, 0.00050 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed in vacuo and the resulting green residue was dissolved in THF (9.5 mL) and a solution of Ru-2a (1.50 mg, 0.0020 mmol, 500 µL THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane/MeOH/AcOH: 200/4/1) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 12j (7.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 40% yield) in 97:3 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3000 (m), 2919 (s), 2851 (s), 1723 (m), 1585 (s), 1463 (m), 1251 (s), 1092 (w), 874 (w), 723 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.81 (br, 1H), 5.40–5.26 (m, 2H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 3.33 (t, J = 7.7 Hz 2H), 2.38 (J = 7.6 Hz 2H), 2.03 (q, J = 6.1 Hz, 4H), 1.77–1.53 (m, 4H), 1.40–1.20 (m, 22H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.3, 172.8, 130.2, 130.2, 49.9, 49.1, 32.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.5, 29.2, 29.1, 29.0, 28.9, 28.7, 28.3, 27.1, 27.0, 26.3, 25.4; **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{22}H_{40}O_3N$: 366.3008, found: 366.3022.

Macrocyclic ring-closing metathesis of compound 11a in the presence of 4-acetylbenzaldehyde: In a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (24 wt %, 236 mg, 1.01 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing undec-10-en-1-yl hex-5-enoate (11a, 13.3 mg, 0.050 mmol) and 4-acetylbenzaldehyde (7.4 mg, 0.050 mmol),

followed by a THF solution of **Ru-2a** (0.38 mg, 0.00050 mmol, 100 μ L THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the resulting green residue was dissolved in THF (9.5 mL) and a solution of **Ru-2a** (1.50 mg, 0.0020 mmol, 500 μ L THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) to afford macrocyclic olefin product **12a** (6.0 mg, 0.025 mmol, 50% yield) in 98:2 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil.

9. Influence of time on Z selectivity in homocoupling and cross-metathesis



Dibenzyl (Z)-dec-5-enedioate (S1). In a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar is charged with benzyl hex-5-enoate (25.9 mg, 0.127 mmol) and a solution of catechothiolate complex **Ru-2a** (2.0 mg, 0.00254 mmol) dissolved in THF (200 μ L). The mixture was allowed to stir for 4 hrs at 22 °C, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (20% diethyl ether in hexanes) to afford olefin product (6.3 mg, 0.018 mmol, 14% yield) in 77:23 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil. **IR (neat):** 3063 (w), 3032 (w), 2954 (w), 1735 (s), 1497 (m), 1455 (m), 1235 (m), 1213 (m), 1154 (m), 738 (m), 697 (m); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) *Z* isomer: δ 7.39–7.30 (m, 10H), 5.39 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 4H), 2.41–2.37 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) *Z* isomer: δ 173.0, 136.1, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 66.4, 34.3, 22.9. HRMS[M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₂H₂₅O₄: 352.17; found:352.1755.



(Z)-9-(Benzyloxy)-9-oxonon-5-enoic acid (S2). Following the general procedure A, in a N_2 -filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with benzyl pent-4-enoate (25.4 mg, 0.127 mmol) and hex-5-enoic acid (43.5 mg, 0.38 mmol), unpurified Z-butene in THF (22 wt %, 650 mg, 2.54 mmol) and a THF solution (200 µL) of **Ru-2a** (1.0 mg, 0.00127 mmol). The vessel was sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* (100 torr for 2 mins). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of **Ru-2a** (3.9 mg, 0.00508 mmol) in THF (200 µL) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 8 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10~20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of

activated charcoal to afford the desired product (24.6 mg, 0.089 mmol, 70% yield) in >98:2 *Z:E* ratio as colorless oil. **IR (neat):** 3009 (m), 2926 (s), 1734 (s), 1703 (s), 1498 (m), 1455 (m), 1381 (m), 1237 (m), 1148 (s), 958 (m), 697 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45–7.28 (m, 5H), 5.49–5.27 (m, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 2.46–2.29 (m, 6H), 2.14–2.07 (m, 2H), 1.69 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.7, 173.1, 136.1, 130.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 66.4, 34.4, 33.5, 26.6, 24.6, 22.9; HRMS[M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₂₁O₄: 277.1440, Found: 277.1452.



(Z)-Benzyl 5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)pent-4-enoate (7b). Following the general procedure 2, in a N₂-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with benzyl pent-4-enoate (28.5 mg, 0.050 mmol) and Z-2-butene (3) in THF (24 wt %, 236 mg, 1.01 mmol) and a solution of **Ru-2a** (0.38 mg, 0.0005 mmol in 100 μ L THF). The vessel was sealed, and the mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with (Z)-1,2-dimethoxy-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (8.9 mg, 0.05 mmol), followed by a solution of **Ru-2a** (1.50 mg, 0.002 mmol, 200 μ L THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 16 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting dark oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford olefin product 7b (8.5 mg, 0.026 mmol, 52% yield) in 82:18 Z:E ratio as colorless oil.



10. Influence of time on Z selectivity in macrocyclic ring-closing metathesis

In a N₂-filled glove box, a THF solution of **Ru-2a** (1.50 mg, 0.0020 mmol in 500 μ L THF) was added to an oven-dried vial containing **11** (0.05 mmol) and THF (9.50 mL). The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was dissolved in CDCl₃ and subjected to ¹H NMR analysis. Conversion refers to the disappearance of the starting material; yield refers to the conversion to macrocyclic alkene **12a**.

Possible explanation of lowering of Z selectivity MRCM (back-biting):

As shown in the scheme below, when a substrate contains a terminal alkene (e.g., **ED1**), homocoupling can readily occur to afford **ED2**. Reaction via metallacyclobutane **IV**, although less favored than **III**, may generate minor amounts of the *E*-**ED2**. Subsequent reaction would afford Ru carbene **ED3**, which may then undergo MRCM via metallacyclobutane **I** (from *Z*-**ED3**) as well as **II** (from *E*-**ED3**) by a "back-biting" mechanism to afford **12a** as a mixture of stereoisomers. Thus, minimization of homocoupling can lead to higher levels of *Z* selectivity.



11. Stereoselective synthesis of compound 16



(Z)-3-(Prop-1-en-1-yl)benzaldehyde (S3). In a N₂-filled glove box, to a solution of 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzaldehyde (464.0 mg, 2.00 mmol), was added (Z)-1-bromoprop-1-ene (290.0 mg, 2.40 mmol), *tetra-n*-butylammonium bromide (TBAB, 772.0 mg, 2.40 mmol, 10 mL toluene) and Pd(PPh₄)₃ (46.0 mg, 0.040 mmol), followed by an aqueous solution of KOH (3 M, 2.2 mL, 6.6 mmol). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 3 h at 80 °C in the dark. The solution was passed through a pad of celite with ether as eluent. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and the resulting brown oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) to afford (Z)-3-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzaldehyde (S3, 234.0 mg, 1.60 mmol, 80% yield) as colorless oil. **IR** (neat): 2981 (m), 2936 (m), 2829 (m), 2732 (m), 1696 (s), 1604 (m), 1483 (m), 1447 (m), 1377 (m), 1275 (m), 1187 (m), 801 (m), 753 (m), 692 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.00 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (dq, *J* = 11.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.4, 138.6, 136.5, 134.8, 129.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.6, 127.8, 14.66; HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O: 147.0810, found: 147.0808.

(Z)-1-(3-(Prop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)hexan-1-ol (20). Under N₂ protection, a frame-dried flask was charged with Mg turnings (41.0 mg, 1.71 mmol) in THF (5 mL), followed by BrCH₂CH₂Br

(13.2 mg, 0.050 mmol). After 2 minutes, $n-C_5H_{11}Br$ (211.0 mg, 1.40 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added slowly via a syringe under reflux. The mixture was refluxed for 2 hours, and then cooled to -78 °C. (Z)-3-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzaldehyde **S3** (102.2 mg, 0.70 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added. The mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C within 1 h, after which the reaction was quenched with brine and washed with Et₂O (20 mL × 3). The organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and then filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting colorless oil residue and purified by silica gel chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford **20** (134.2 mg, 0.62 mmol, 88% yield) as colorless oil. **IR (neat):** 3428 (br), 3016 (s), 2954 (m), 2930 (s), 2858 (m), 1602 (w), 1483 (m), 1402 (m), 1367 (m), 1112 (m), 1054 (m), 897 (s), 804 (m), 702 (s) cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dq, *J* = 11.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 1.86–1.64 (m, 3H), 1.47–1.37 (m, 1H), 1.35–1.25 (m, 5H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C **NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 145.0, 137.9, 130.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.1, 126.6, 124.2, 74.9, 39.2, 31.9, 25.7, 22.7, 14.8, 14.2; **HRMS[M-H₂O+H]**⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₁: 201.1643, found: 201.1634.

(Z)-Methyl 6-(3-(1-hydroxyhexyl)phenyl)hex-5-enoate (16). Following general procedure B (see above), in a N₂-filled glove box, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the methyl hex-5-enoate (19.2 mg, 0.15 mmol), unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (17 wt %, 334 mg, 1.01 mmol), followed by a THF solution of **Ru-2a** (0.38 mg, 0.00050 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed in vacuo, and the vial containing the residue was charged (Z)-1-(3-(prop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)hexan-1-ol (10.9 mg, 0.050 mmol), followed by a THF solution of Ru-2a (1.50 mg, 0.00020 mmol, 200 µL THF) and the mixture was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 4 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. Purification of the dark oil residue by silica gel chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded 16 (8.5 mg, 0.028 mmol, 56% yield) in 96:4 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. IR (neat): 3435 (br), 3008 (m), 2952 (m), 2930 (s), 2858 (m), 1737 (s), 1483 (m), 1457 (m), 1367 (m), 1117 (m), 1055 (m), 899 (m), 806 (m), 704 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (dt, J = 11.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (br, 1H), 1.89–1.63 (m, 4H), 1.48–1.40 (m, 1H), 1.34–1.26 (m, 5H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 174.1, 145.1, 137.7, 131.8, 129.9, 128.4, 127.9, 126.4, 124.4, 74.8, 51.7, 39.2, 33.6, 31.9, 28.1, 25.7, 25.1, 22.7, 14.2; **HRMS**[**M-H₂O+H**]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₇O₂: 287.2011, found: 287.1999.

12. Stereoselective synthesis of prostaglandins E_2 and $F_{2\alpha}$



(2R,3R,4R)-2-allyl-4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-((S,E)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-((S,E)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-((S,E)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-((S,E)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy

butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)oct-1-en-1-yl)cyclopentan-1-one & (2S,3S,4S)-2-allyl-4-((tertbutyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-((S,E)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)oct-1-en-1-yl)cyclopentan-1-one (S4). To a solution of (S,E)-tert-butyl((1-iodooct-1-en-3-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane (276.0 mg, 0.75 mmol) in THF (1.2 mL) was added t-BuLi (1.7 M, THF, 0.88 mL, 1.50 mmol) at -78 °C. The mixture was allowed to stir for 2 h after which Me₂Zn (2.0 M, toluene, 0.38 mL, 0.76 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to warm to and stir at 0 °C for 30 min, after which it was allowed to cool -78°C. solution to А of rac-4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (106.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) in THF (0.8 mL) was slowly added to the mixture by the use of a syringe pump within an hour (-78 °C). HMPA (0.56 mL) and allyl iodide (0.15 mL) were then added, and the mixture was allowed to stir at -40 °C for an additional 18 h. At this time, the reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated solution of NH₄Cl after which it was washed with ethyl acetate (20 mL \times 3). The organic layers were combined and washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, concentrated in vacuo and the resulting yellow oil purified by silica gel chromatography (1% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford S4 (168.0 mg, 68% yield) as colorless oil (mixture of diastereomers). The isomers were inseparable by silica gel chromatography and used directly in the next step. IR (neat): 2955 (m), 2929 (m), 2856 (m), 1746 (m), 1471 (m), 1462 (m), 1361 (m), 1250 (m), 1112 (m), 1004 (m), 967 (m), 937 (m), 877 (s), 733 (s), 668 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.79-5.66 (m, 2H), 5.63-5.37 (m, 4H), 5.04-5.00 (m, 4H), 4.14-4.00 (m, 4H), 2.63 (dd, J = 18.2, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.56–2.40 (m, 4H), 2.33–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.20–2.11 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.38 (m, 4H), 1.41-1.19 (m, 12H), 0.94-0.83 (m, 42H), 0.05-0.02 (m, 24H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 215.5, 215.4, 137.3, 136.7, 135.2, 135.0, 129.0, 128.6, 117.6, 117.4, 73.5, 73.4, 73.3, 72.9, 53.6, 52.5, 52.4, 47.9, 47.8, 38.7, 38.6, 32.0, 32.0, 32.0, 31.8, 26.0, 25.9, 25.9, 25.9, 25.2, 24.9, 22.8, 18.4, 18.2, 18.1, 14.2, 14.2, -4.1, -4.1, -4.4, -4.5, -4.5, -4.5, -4.6, -4.6; **HRMS**[**M**+**NH**₄]⁺ Calcd for C₂₈H₅₈O₃Si₂N: 512.3955; found: 512.3968.

(2R,3R,4R)-2-Allyl-4-hydroxy-3-((S,E)-3-hydroxyoct-1-en-1-yl)cyclopentan-1-one (21a). To the solution of S4 (32.4 mg, 0.070 mmol) in CH₃CN (1.5 mL) was added hydrogen fluoride pyridine (70%, 0.3 mL) at 22 °C and the mixture was allowed to stir for 15 min. The reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ and washed with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 3). The organic layers were combined and washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by silica gel chromatography (50% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford 21a (8.0 mg, 46% yield) as colorless oil. Note: the two diastereomers were separated by silica gel chromatography at this stage. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -78.3 (c 0.59, CHCl₃); **IR (neat):** 3374 (br), 2955 (m), 2927 (m), 2857 (m), 1736 (s), 1604 (w), 1458 (m), 1334 (m), 1259 (m), 1160 (m), 1073 (s), 1002 (m), 968 (s), 914 (s) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.77–5.59 (m, 2H), 5.51 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07–4.98 (m, 2H), 4.18–3.98 (m, 2H), 3.48 (br, 1H), 2.74 (ddd, J = 18.5, 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.55–2.35 (m, 3H), 2.34–2.25 (m, 1H), 2.19 (dd, J = 18.6, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.14–2.06 (m, 1H), 1.67–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.25 (m, 6H), 0.96–0.85 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 213.9, 137.2, 134.8, 131.6, 117.7, 73.3, 72.0, 54.3, 53.8, 46.1, 37.5, 31.8, 31.6, 25.3, 22.8, 14.2; **HRMS**[**M**-**H**₂**O**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for $C_{16}H_{25}O_{2}$: 249.1855, found: 249.1865.

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Prostaglandin E2. In a N2-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (22) 184.0 mg, 0.72 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing wt %. (2R,3R,4R)-2-allyl-4-hydroxy-3-((S,E)-3-hydroxyoct-1-en-1-yl)cyclopentanone **21a** (9.6 mg, 0.036 mmol), followed by a THF solution of Ru-2a (0.54 mg, 0.00072 mmol in 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 16 h at 22 °C. In another oven-dried vial, a mixture of purified 3 in THF (22 wt %, 184.0 mg, 0.72 mmol), hex-5-enoic acid (1a, 12.3 mg, 0.11 mmol) and Ru-2a (0.27 mg, 0.00036 mmol, 100 µL THF) was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The mixtures were combined and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. To the resulting green oil was added a solution of **Ru-2a** (4.1 mg, 0.0054 mmol, 200 µL THF). The vessel was then connected to a 100 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump, and the solution was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C under 100 torr, and then for 7 h under 400 torr. At this time, the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane/MeOH/AcOH (v/v/v 200/2/1)) and filtered through a plug of activated charcoal with ethyl acetate as eluent to afford prostaglandin E₂ (6.4 mg, 0.0182 mmol, 51% yield) in >98:2 Z:E ratio as off-white solid. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -60.0 (c 0.15, EtOH); ¹H NMR (400 **MHz, CDCl₃**): δ 5.68 (dd, J = 15.4, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.47–5.34 (m, 2H), 4.20–4.10 (m, 1H), 4.05 (dd, J = 16.7, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, J = 17.9, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.47–1.93 (m, 9H), 1.82–1.43 (m, 4H), 1.40–1.20 (m, 6H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 214.4, 177.6, 136.7, 130.9, 126.9, 73.2, 72.5, 54.6, 53.6, 46.4, 37.2, 33.2, 31.8, 26.4, 25.4, 25.3, 24.6, 22.8, 14.2; [note: two olefin carbon signals overlap at 130.9 ppm]; **HRMS** $[M-H_2O+H]^+$ Calcd for C₂₀H₃₁O₄: 335.2222, found: 335.2231. The characterization data are consistent with those of commercially available prostaglandin E₂ (Aldrich) and those reported previously.²¹



(1*S*,2*R*,3*R*,4*R*)-2-allyl-4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-((*S*,*E*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)oct-1-en-1-yl)cyclopentan-1-ol

(1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*S*)-2-allyl-4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-((*S*,*E*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ox y)oct-1-en-1-yl)cyclopentan-1-ol (S5). To compound S4 (40.9 mg, 0.080 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL) was added L-selectride (1M in THF, 0.12 mL) at -78 °C and the resulting mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated solution of NH₄Cl and washed with ethyl acetate (10 mL × 3). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* and the resulting brown oil residue purified by silica gel chromatography (1% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford S5 (39.0 mg, 95% yield) as a colorless oil (mixture of diastereoisomers). The diastereoisomers could not be separated by silica gel chromatography and were therefore used directly in the next step. **IR** (neat): 2955 (m), 2928 (m), 2856 (m), 1746 (m), 1471 (m), 1462 (m), 1250 (m), 1112 (m), 1004 (m), 966 (m), 912 (m), 877 (m), 833 (s), 773 (s), 668 (m) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.94–5.79 (m, 2H), 5.50–5.41 (m, 2H), 5.39–5.27 (m, 2H), 5.15–5.02 (m, 2H), 5.01–4.93 (m, 2H), 4.18–4.11 (m, 2H), 4.10–3.93 (m, 4H), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.42–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.32–2.24 (m, 2H), 2.24–2.13 (m, 2H), 1.95–1.87 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.20 (m, 10H), 0.94–0.85 (m, 42H), 0.14–0.02 (m, 24H); ¹³C **NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 138.1, 138.0, 135.0, 134.7, 131.1, 130.8, 115.4, 115.4, 80.1, 80.0, 74.7, 74.5, 73.7, 73.4, 56.5, 56.5, 51.6, 51.4, 43.2, 43.1, 38.7, 38.6, 33.5, 33.3, 32.0, 26.1, 26.0, 25.2, 25.1, 22.8, 18.4, 18.0, 18.0, 14.2, 14.2, -4.1, -4.1, -4.4, -4.5, -4.6, -4.6, -4.7, -4.7; **HRMS[M+H]**⁺ Calcd for C₂₈H₅₇O₃Si₂: 497.3846, found: 497.3866.

(1R,3S,4R,5R)-4-Allyl-5-((S,E)-3-hydroxyoct-1-en-1-yl)cyclopentane-1,3-diol (21b). To S5 (35.0 mg, 0.070 mmol) in CH₃CN (1.5 mL) was added HF•pyridine and the solution was allowed to stir for 10 min. The reaction was quenched at this time by addition of a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ and resulting mixture was washed with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 3). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated in vacuo and the yellow oil purified by silica gel chromatography (50% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford the desired product 21b (7.3 mg, 34% yield) as a colorless oil. The diastereomers were separable by silica gel chromatography at this stage. $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$ +10.2 (c 0.46, CHCl₃); **IR** (neat): 3341 (br), 2956 (m), 2927 (m), 2858 (m), 1727 (s), 1437 (m), 1375 (m), 1245 (m), 1182 (m), 1078 (m), 1045 (m), 1021 (m), 994 (s), 909 (s), 732 (s) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.90–5.80 (m, 1H), 5.57 (dd, J = 15.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (dd, J = 17.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.07–4.99 (m, 1H), 4.22 (br, 1H), 4.07 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.00–3.92 (m, 1H), 2.51 (br, 1H), 2.40–2.14 (m, 4H), 1.95 (br, 2H), 1.78 (dd, J = 14.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.66–1.44 (m, 3H), 1.38–1.27 (m, 6H), 0.92–0.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.5, 135.3, 132.4, 116.0, 78.3, 73.3, 73.1, 56.1, 49.9, 42.9, 37.5, 32.6, 31.9, 25.4, 22.8, 14.2; **HRMS**[M-H₂O+H]⁺ Calcd for $C_{16}H_{27}O_2$: 251.2011, found: 251.2024.

Prostaglandin $F_{2\alpha}$. In a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene (3) in THF (22) 102.4 mg, 0.40 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing wt %, (1R,3S,4R,5R)-4-allyl-5-((S,E)-3-hydroxyoct-1-en-1-yl)cyclopentane-1,3-diol **21b** (5.4 mg, 0.02 mmol), followed by Ru-2a (0.30 mg in THF, 0.0004 mmol in 100 µL THF, 2.0 mol %). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 4 h at 22 °C. In another oven-dried vial, the mixture of purified 3 in THF (22 wt %, 102.4 mg, 0.40 mmol), hex-5-enoic acid (1a, 6.8 mg, 0.060 mmol) and Ru-2a (0.15 mg, 0.00020 mmol in 100 µL THF) was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The mixtures were combined and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. To the resulting green residue was added a solution of Ru-2a (2.3 mg, 0.0030 mmol, 200 µL THF). The vessel was then connected to a 100 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C under 100 torr, and then for 12 h at 22 °C at ambient pressure, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane/MeOH/AcOH (v/v/v 200/2/1)) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal with ethyl acetate as eluent to afford prostaglandin $F_{2\alpha}$ (4.2 mg, 0.0119 mmol, 59% yield) in >98:2 Z:E ratio as colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +24.0 (c 0.21, THF); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.57 (dd, J = 15.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.50-5.42 (m, 1H), 5.40-5.32 (m, 1H), 5.10-4.35 (br, 1H), 4.18 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.98–3.93 (m, 1H), 2.38–2.27 (m, 3H), 2.25–2.17 (m, 2H), 2.16–2.09 (m, 3H), 1.77 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 1.73–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.53 (m, 1H), 1.53–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.25 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ 177.2, 134.6, 132.4, 129.6, 129.1, 77.9, 73.0, 72.8, 55.6, 50.5, 42.8, 37.0, 32.9, 31.7, 26.2, 25.3, 25.2, 24.5, 22.6, 14.0; **HRMS[M-H₂O+H]**⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₃₃O₄: 337.2379, found: 337.2391. The characterization data are consistent with those previously reported.²²

13. Stereoselective synthesis of macrocyclic stapled peptide 23

(5*R*,8*R*,13*R*,*Z*)-Methyl 5-benzyl-13-((S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(4hydroxyphenyl)propanamido)-3,6,14-trioxo-1,4,7-triazacyclotetradec-10-ene-8-carboxylat e (23). In a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified Z-butene in THF (33 wt %, 170.0 mg, 1.00 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing (6S,9R,15S,18R)-methyl 9,18-diallyl-15-benzyl-6-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-2,2-dimethyl-4,7,10,13,16-pentaoxo-3-oxa-5,8,11, 14,17-pentaazanonadecan-19-oate 22 (34.7 mg, 0.050 mmol), followed by a solution of Ru-2a (0.76 mg, 0.0010 mmol in 200 µL THF). The vial was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 12 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed in vacuo and the green solid was dissolved in THF (800 µL) and a solution of Ru-2a (3.78 mg, 0.0050 mmol in 200 µL THF) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir for 48 h at 35 °C, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black solid residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (3% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂) afford 23 (24.0 mg, 0.036 mmol, 72% yield) in >98:2 Z:E selectivity as off-white solid. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +34.2 (c 0.76, MeOH); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆ at 37 ° C): δ 9.08 (s, 1H), 8.84 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.83 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.22–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.27 (m, 2H), 4.35-4.27 (m4.24 (ddd, J = 11.4, 8.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 13.3, 5.1 Hz, 1H),3.67 (s, 3H), 3.18 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.16–3.10 (m, 1H), 2.89–2.71 (m, 3H), 2.67–2.55 (m, 2H), 2.31 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (s, 9H); **HRMS**[**M**+**H**]⁺ Calcd for C₃₄H₄₄N₅O₉: 666.3134, found: 666.3131. The characterization data are consistent with those previously reported¹¹.

14. Cross-metathesis and macrocyclic ring-closing metathesis with *E*-butene as methylene capping agent

Benzyl (*E*)-12-hydroxydodec-4-enoate (24). In a N₂-filled glovebox, an oven-dried vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with benzyl pent-4-enoate (28.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) and 8-non-1-ol (7.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), unpurified *E*-2-butene in THF (30 wt %, 698 mg, 3.75 mmol) and a solution of **Ru-2b** (3.0 mg, 0.00375 mmol, 200 μ L THF). The vessel was then sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir at 22 °C for 1 h, after which the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* (100 torr, 2 min). The flask containing the residue was then charged with a solution of **Ru-2b** (2.1 mg, 0.0025 mmol in 200 μ L THF) and the system was placed under 100 torr of vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 4 h at 22 °C under vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10~20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford **24** (10.0 mg, 0.033 mmol, 66% yield) in 96:4 *E:Z* ratio as colorless oil. **IR (neat)**: 3387 (br), 2925 (s), 2853 (m), 1735 (s), 1497 (w), 1455 (m), 1345 (m), 1213 (m), 1158 (s), 1059 (m), 1002 (m), 968 (m), 913 (m), 749 (m), 697 (m) cm⁻¹;

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43–7.29 (m, 5H), 5.50–5.35 (m, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.63 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67–2.38 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.29 (m, 2H), 1.95 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.61–1.53 (m, 3H), 1.46–1.13 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.21, 136.23, 132.00, 128.67, 128.30, 128.30, 128.01, 77.41, 77.16, 76.91, 66.26, 63.20, 34.56, 32.93, 32.57, 29.45, 29.38, 29.17, 28.05, 25.83; HRMS[M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₉O₃: 305.213, found: 305.2117.

(E)-oxacyclohexadec-6-en-2-one (25). In a N₂-filled glove box, a solution of unpurified E-butene (3) in THF (23 wt %, 608 mg, 2.50 mmol) was added to an oven-dried vial containing undec-10-en-1-yl hex-5-enoate (11a, 13.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), followed by a THF solution of Ru-2b (1.60 mg, 0.0020 mmol, 100 µL THF). The vessel was sealed and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at 22 °C. The volatiles were removed in vacuo and the resulting green residue was dissolved in THF (9.5 mL) and a solution of Ru-2b (2.40 mg, 0.0030 mmol, 500 µL THF) was added. The vessel was then connected to a 400 torr vacuum generated from a diaphragm pump. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 h at 35 °C under vacuum and then 12 h at 35 °C without vacuum, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of wet (undistilled) diethyl ether and the volatiles were removed in vacuo. The resulting black oil residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (1% diethyl ether in hexanes) and filtered through a small plug of activated charcoal to afford 25 (6.2 mg, 0.026 mmol, 52% yield) in 95:5 E:Z ratio as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.38–5.28 (m, 2H), 4.12 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.12–2.00 (m, 4H), 1.77–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.68–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.21 (m, 12H). The characterization data are consistent with those previously reported¹⁸.

15. NMR spectra



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