**Synthesis** 

**Key words** 

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An Annulation Reaction for the Synthesis of Cross-Conjugated Triene-Containing Hydroindanes from Acyclic Precursors

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## Metallacycle-Mediated Annulation for the Synthesis of Hydroindanes

 $R^1 = Me, Bn$ 

 $R^2 = H$ , Me, Ph

 $R^3 = Me, PMB$ 

**Significance:** Cheng and Micalizio report a stereoselective annulation reaction to afford cross-conjugated triene-containing hydroindanes that are subsequently trapped by a dienophile in a [4+2]-cycloaddition reaction to obtain highly functionalized carbo- and heterocyclic systems.

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**Comment:** The tendency of products of type **A** to undergo Diels–Alder-based dimerization upon standing was harnessed to accomplish this reaction cascade of annulation and intermolecular cycloaddition.