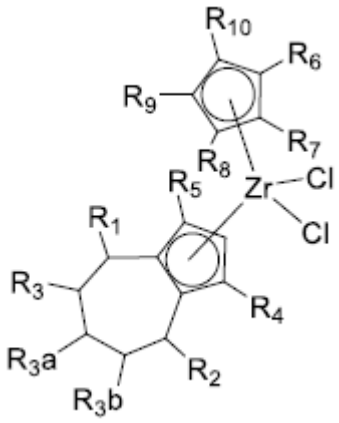
hydrogenation step. The instability or degradation could appear over a long period of time as discoloration and/or a change in molecular weight distribution of the polyolefin, or some other manifestation thereof.

[0008] The inventive method is applied to bicyclo[5.3.0]decene systems and comprises synthesizing a cyclic organic compound via reaction of an unsubstituted or substituted cycloheptene with an unsubstituted or substituted acrylic acid in the presence of phosphoric and/or sulfonic acid reagent to make the cyclic organic compound. Also, a method of synthesizing a ligand for a transition metal, and a related substituted ligand-metal complex and catalyst, from the unsubstituted or substituted cycloheptene and unsubstituted or substituted acrylic acid. Also, the cyclic organic compound, ligand, and substituted ligand-metal complex and catalyst synthesized thereby. Also a method of polymerizing an olefin with the catalyst to give a polyolefin, and the polyolefin made thereby.

[0008a] In one aspect, the present disclosure refers to a compound of formula (8):



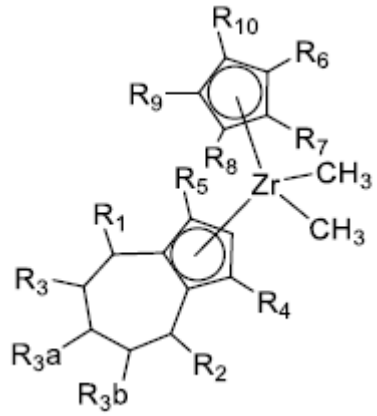
(8), selected from the group consisting of compounds (8-1), (8-2), and (8-3):

compound (8-1): compound (8) wherein R1 to R3b and R6 to R10 are H and R4 and R5 are methyl;

compound (8-2): compound (8) wherein R1 to R3b and R6 to R9 are H, R10 is propyl and R4 and R5 are methyl; and

compound (8-3): compound (8) wherein R1 to R3b and R6 to R9 are H, R10 is methyl and R4 and R5 are methyl.

[0008b] In another aspect, the present disclosure refers to a compound of formula (9):



(9), selected from the group consisting of compounds (9- 1), (9-2), and (9-3):

compound (9-1): compound (9) wherein R1 to R3b and R6 to R10 are H and R4 and R5 are methyl;

compound (9-2): compound (9) wherein R1 to R3b and R6 to R9 are H, R10 is propyl and R4 and R5 are methyl; and

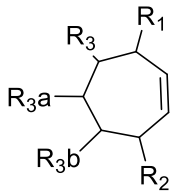
compound (9-3): compound (9) wherein R1 to R3b and R6 to R9 are H, R10 is methyl and R4 and R5 are methyl.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

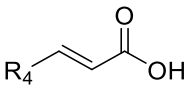
[0009] The Summary and Abstract are incorporated here by reference.

[0010] Certain inventive embodiments are described below as numbered aspects for easy cross-referencing. Additional embodiments are described elsewhere herein.

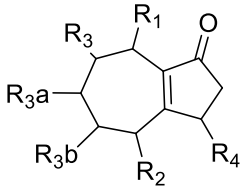
[0011] Aspect 1. A method of synthesizing a bicyclo[5.3.0]decene compound, the method comprising (A) contacting a compound of formula (1) ("compound (1)"):



(1), wherein R1, R2, R3, R3a and R3b are independently H or (C_1-C_4)alkyl, or any two adjacent R1 to R3b groups are bonded together to form a (C_1-C_4)alkylene and the remaining two R1 to R3b groups independently are H or (C_1-C_4)alkyl, with a compound of formula (2) ("compound (2)"):



(2), wherein R4 is H or (C_1-C_4)alkyl, in the presence of an effective amount of a phosphoric and/or sulfonic acid reagent and under reaction conditions sufficient to make a compound of formula (3) ("compound (3)"):



(3) and/or its oxo/R4 regioisomer; wherein R1 to R4 are as defined above; and with the proviso that when each of R1 to

CLAIMS

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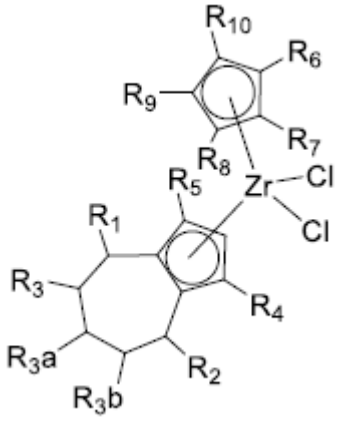

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2. The compound of claim 1 selected from compound (8-1).

3. The compound of claim 1 selected from compound (8-2).

4. The compound of claim 1 selected from compound (8-3).

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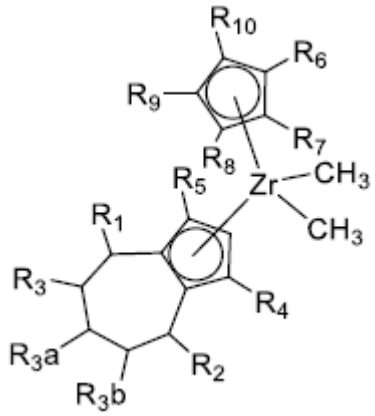

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6. The compound of claim 5 selected from compound (9-1).

7. The compound of claim 5 selected from compound (9-2).

8. The compound of claim 5 selected from compound (9-3).