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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

|                      |                                           |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Ac                   | Acetyl                                    |
| Ad                   | Adamantyl                                 |
| Ar                   | Aryl                                      |
| Boc                  | <i>t</i> -Butyloxycarbonyl                |
| Bn                   | Benzyl                                    |
| Bu (or <i>n</i> -Bu) | <i>n</i> -Butyl                           |
| <i>t</i> -Bu         | <i>tert</i> -Butyl                        |
| <i>c</i> -Hex        | Cyclohexyl                                |
| Cat.                 | Catalyst                                  |
| Cp                   | Cyclopentadienyl                          |
| dppf                 | 1,1'- Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene     |
| DBU                  | 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene        |
| DCC                  | <i>N,N'</i> -Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide     |
| DCE                  | 1,2-Dichloroethane                        |
| DCM                  | Dichloromethane                           |
| DDQ                  | 2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone |
| DFT                  | Density functional theory                 |
| DHP                  | 3,4-Dihydropyran                          |
| DIBAL-H              | Diisobutylaluminum hydride                |
| DMAP                 | 4-Dimethylaminopyridine                   |
| DME                  | Dimethoxyethane                           |
| DMF                  | Dimethylformamide                         |
| DMSO                 | Dimethyl sulfoxide                        |

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS (continued)

|                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| dr                     | Diastereomeric ratio              |
| equiv                  | equivalent                        |
| E                      | Electrophile                      |
| EI                     | Electron impact                   |
| ESI                    | Electrospray ionization           |
| Et <sub>2</sub> O      | Diethyl ether                     |
| EtOAc                  | Ethyl acetate                     |
| FG                     | Functional group                  |
| HDDA                   | Hexadehydro Diels-Alder           |
| Hex (or <i>n</i> -Hex) | <i>n</i> -Hexyl                   |
| HRMS                   | High resolution mass spectrometry |
| Hz                     | Hertz                             |
| <i>i</i> -Pr           | Isopropyl                         |
| IN                     | Intermediate                      |
| IR                     | Infrared                          |
| Kcal                   | Kilocalorie                       |
| LA                     | Lewis acid                        |
| LAH                    | Lithium aluminum hydride          |
| LG                     | Leaving group                     |
| MCR                    | Multicomponent reaction           |
| MS                     | Molecular sieves                  |
| Ms                     | Methanesulfonyl (Mesyl)           |
| mol                    | mole                              |
| Nu                     | Nucleophile                       |

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS (continued)

|                         |                                              |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Naph                    | Naphthyl                                     |
| NBS                     | <i>N</i> -Bromosuccinimide                   |
| NCS                     | <i>N</i> -Chlorosuccinimide                  |
| NIS                     | <i>N</i> -Iodosuccinimide                    |
| Nm                      | Nanometer                                    |
| NMR                     | Nuclear magnetic resonance                   |
| nOe                     | Nuclear Overhauser effect                    |
| <i>o</i> -DCB           | <i>ortho</i> -Dichlorobenzene                |
| Ph                      | Phenyl                                       |
| Ph(4-Cl)                | 4-Chlorophenyl                               |
| PhH                     | Benzene                                      |
| PhMe                    | Toluene                                      |
| Ph(4-OMe)               | 4-Methoxyphenyl                              |
| ppm                     | Parts per million                            |
| PMB                     | <i>p</i> -Methoxybenzyl                      |
| Pr also ( <i>n</i> -Pr) | <i>n</i> -Propyl                             |
| rt                      | Room temperature                             |
| sol                     | Solvent                                      |
| TBAF                    | Tetra- <i>n</i> -butylammonium fluoride      |
| TBAT                    | Tetrabutylammonium difluorotriphenylsilicate |
| TBS                     | <i>t</i> -Butyldimethylsilyl                 |
| TES                     | Triethylsilyl                                |
| Tf                      | Trifluoromethanesulfonyl                     |
| TFA                     | Trifluoroacetic acid                         |

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS (continued)

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| THF          | Tetrahydrofuran                   |
| THP          | Tetrahydropyran                   |
| TIPS         | Triisopropylsilyl                 |
| TLC          | Thin layer chromatography         |
| TMS          | Trimethylsilyl                    |
| TMEDA        | Tetramethylethylenediamine        |
| Ts           | <i>p</i> -Toluenesulfonyl (Tosyl) |
| TS           | Transition state                  |
| <i>t</i> -Oc | 1,1,3,3-Tetramethylbutyl          |

## SUMMARY

This thesis consists of two main parts, Part I and Part II. The four chapters in Part I cover various reactions of allene. The special structure containing three consecutive unsaturated carbons allows allene to participate in various cycloaddition reactions with multiple reacting counterparts, furnishing diverse products including multicyclic carbon framework. Part II describes the applications of cycloaddition reactions of allene in total synthesis of natural product selaginpulvin A. Below is the brief outline of each chapter.

Chapter 1 provides a brief overview of the discovery, developments, and synthetic applications of allene. Advancement in allene synthetic procedures in many cases has led to enantioselective syntheses of chiral molecules. In turn, the high reactivity of allenes is then utilized in synthetic steps to rapidly increase skeletal complexity. The effect of substituents on allenes is also briefly described.

Chapter 2 describes the selectivity of competing intramolecular reactions between a tethered allenes and arynes influenced by the substituent pattern of the allene moiety. Arynes generated from tri- and tetrayne precursors in general undergo a facile Alder-ene reaction with an allylic C–H bond with trisubstituted allenes whereas that of an allenic C–H bond becomes more favorable with monosubstituted and 1,3-disubstituted allenes. Alternatively, 1,1-disubstituted terminal allene induces [2 + 2] cycloaddition over an Alder-ene reaction.

In chapter 3, a new cycloaromatization process of allenyne–alkyne is described. The reaction proceeds via forming an  $\alpha,3$ -dehydrotoluene intermediate, which formally behaves as a diradical to react with a hydrogen donor, whereas it behaves as a zwitterion to react with a nucleophile–proton donor. The efficiency and product distribution in this reaction mainly depends on the tether structure of the  $\alpha,3$ -dehydrotoluene intermediate and the reacting counterparts. Most notable features of the reaction are the activating role of an extra alkyne in 1,3-diyne moiety that reacts with an allenyne moiety and the opposite mode of trapping with oxygen- and nitrogen-based nucleophiles. Oxygen-based nucleophiles such as

alcohol and carboxylic acid resulted in oxygen nucleophile incorporation at the benzylic position of the  $\alpha$ ,3-dehydrotoluene intermediate, whereas nitrogen nucleophiles were incorporated on the aromatic ring.

In chapter 4, an unprecedented Diels-Alder reaction between bis-allene and nitrile is described. Nitrile is known for its role as a dienophile in Diels-Alder reaction, but the cyclization requires both high temperature and special tether to promote the reaction. However, the reactions involving in situ generated bis-allene from alleneyne as a diene component proceeded at relatively mild condition with moderate to good yield.

In the final chapter 5, the prowess of the new cycloaromatization reaction described in chapter 3 is applied to synthesis of selaginpulvilin A, an alkynyl polyphenol natural product of *selaginella* family. The core fluorene skeleton of selaginpulvillin A can be directly constructed via cycloaromatization of diyne-allenyne. Sequential arylation of fluorenone adducts follow by demethylation furnished selaginpulvilin A in 6 steps.

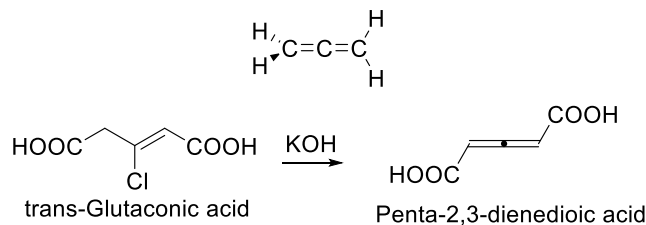
## **CHAPTER 1**

### **Allenes and Their Transformations**

## 1.1. Allene

### 1.1.1 First Documented Synthesis of Allene

Allene is a common name for 1,2-dienes. The central atom of the allene is  $sp$ -hybridized and two terminal carbons are  $sp^2$ -hybridized, therefore the molecular geometry is linear. Allenes contain two  $\pi$ -plane and these planes are twisted by  $90^\circ$  (perpendicular) from each other. For an allene molecule with four identical substituents, there are two twofold axes of rotation inclined at  $45^\circ$  with  $\pi$  planes. This molecule also has the third twofold axis of rotation passing through  $C=C=C$  bond and there are two mirror planes passing through both  $\pi$  planes. All these elements of symmetry indicate that the allene with four identical substituents belongs to a  $D_{2d}$  point group. Because of the symmetry, the allene molecule with four identical substituents have zero net dipole moment and for a long time allenes were considered highly unstable due to their unique structure. The structure of allene was first predicted by Jacobus H. van't Hoff in 1874.<sup>1</sup> Not surprisingly, the first documented total synthesis of 2,3-pentadienoic by Burton and Pechmann in 1887<sup>2</sup> was an attempt to prove the nonexistence of the allene structure. Later in 1935,<sup>3</sup> an experiment conducted by Maitland and Mills proved the existence of the allene structure. When IR and Raman spectroscopy was introduced as a tool for studying molecular structures, the characteristic vibration at  $1950\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of the allenic  $C=C$  bond suggested that Burton and Pechmann had indeed synthesized an allenic molecule.<sup>4</sup>



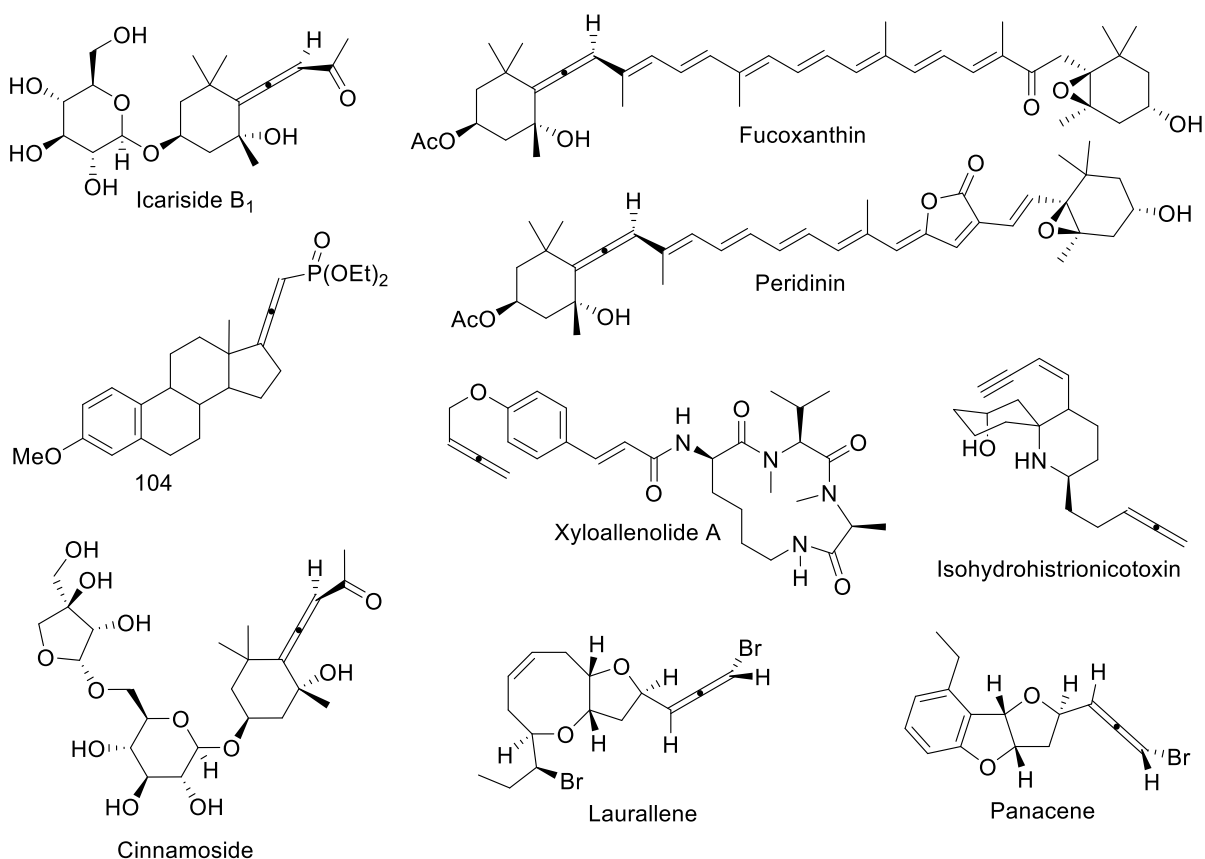
**Scheme 1.1. Structure of Allene and the First Documented Synthesis of Allene**

### 1.1.2. Allene-containing Natural Products

Because of the incorrect conception about the instability of the allene and limitation of analytical tools, the correct structural assignment of allenic natural products took place long after their isolation. For



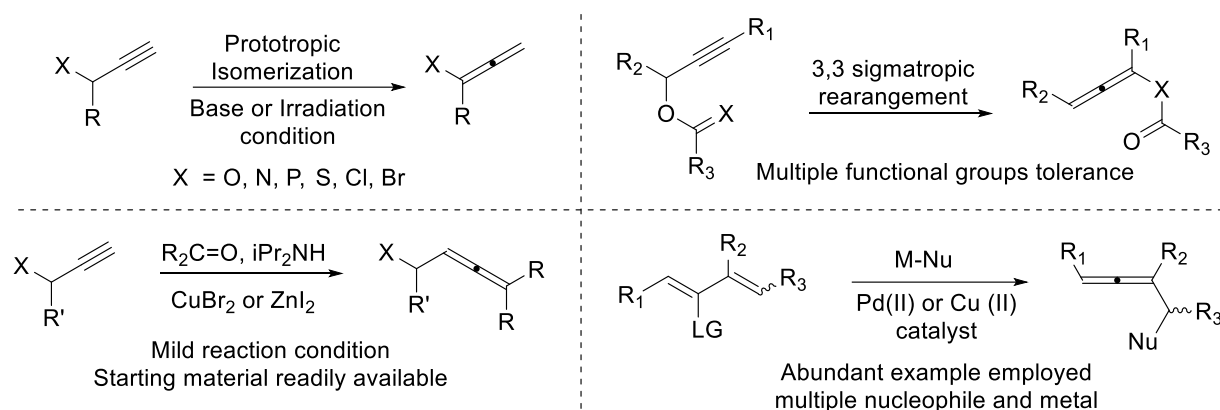
example, fucoxanthin, the most abundant of all carotenoids, was first isolated by Willstatter and Page in 1914,<sup>5</sup> but its correct structural assignment was realized fifty years later in 1964.<sup>6</sup> More surprisingly, peridinin, the carotenoid which plays an important role in photosystem of dinoflagellates, was first isolated in 1890,<sup>7</sup> but the full structure was not assigned until 1971.<sup>8</sup> Nowadays, about 150 natural products containing cumulenenic structure are known. The allene moiety present in broad range of natural products, from glycosides to terpenoids and alkaloids. These increasing number of allene-containing natural products prove that allene is an important structural category for various classes of compounds. It has been described that allene-containing natural products display higher potency, increased metabolic stability, and enhanced bioactivity. For example, the allenic phosphonate 104 (**Scheme 1.2**) was found to inhibit the sterol biosynthesis of the pathogen responsible for *Pneumocystis-carinii* pneumonia (PCP), the most abundant AIDS-related disease.<sup>9</sup>



**Scheme 1.2. Allene-containing Bioactive Compounds**

## 1.2. Synthesis of Allenes

Allene, with their unique chemical and structure properties, becomes the integral parts of modern synthetic method of organic chemistry. The higher reactivity of allenic compounds compare to their alkyne and alkene counterparts allows the reactions to occur at mild conditions, resulting in higher selectivity. The  $\pi$ -systems of the allene are distributed over three-carbon atoms, which allow flexibility and opportunities to perform tandem or sequential reactions. The flexible reactivity of allenic compounds combines with their axial chirality make allene a versatile building block for synthetic method development. Allenes are typically synthesized by isomerization of alkyne and alkene,<sup>10</sup> Crabbe homologative allenylations<sup>11</sup> of terminal alkynes with aldehydes/ketones, sigmatropic rearrangement of propargyl alcohol derivatives<sup>12</sup> and metal-mediated  $S_N2'$  substitutions.<sup>13</sup>

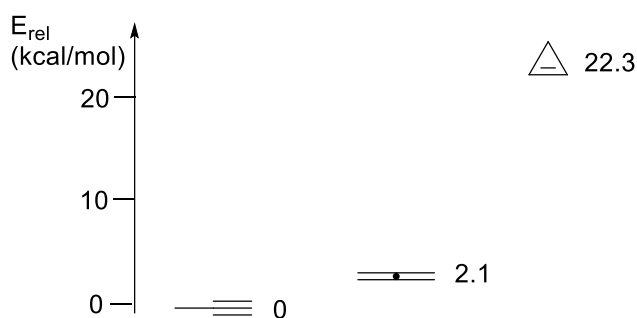


**Scheme 1.3. Generation of Allenes with Various Conditions**

### 1.2.1. Isomerization of Alkyne

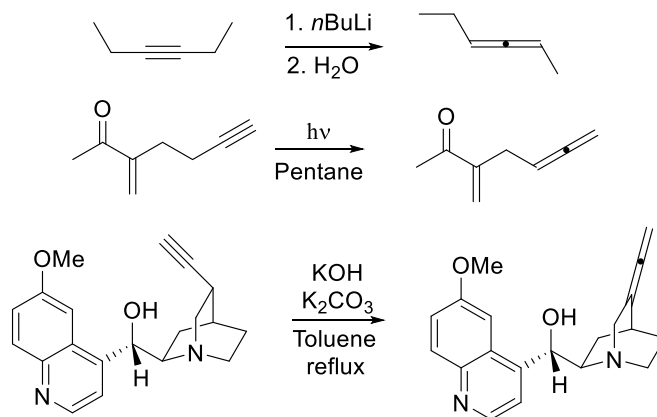
Isomerization is a chemical process associated with a change in either connectivity or spatial arrangement of atoms or functional groups in the molecule. However, the total degree of unsaturation in the molecule should be preserved during isomerization process. The simplest allene, 1,2-propadiene, can be generated from its two constitutional isomers, propyne and cyclopropene (**Scheme 1.4**). Thermodynamically, propyne is most stable, allene is 2.1 kJ higher in energy, and cyclopropene is least

stable with 22.3 kJ higher in energy. Therefore, isomerization among these isomers should be in favor of propyne. However, there are several elements that can alter the equilibrium in favor of allene. For example, the change in substituents can increase the thermodynamic stability of allene, which decreases the 2.1 kJ energy barriers between alkyne and allene. Another factor that can influence the equilibrium is a kinetically controlled environment, i.e., stoichiometric deprotonation followed by kinetic protonation. For a long time, thermodynamic stability controlled through altering substituents was the most popular method for the synthesis of allenes.



**Scheme 1.4. Relative Energy of 1,2-Propadiene Isomers**

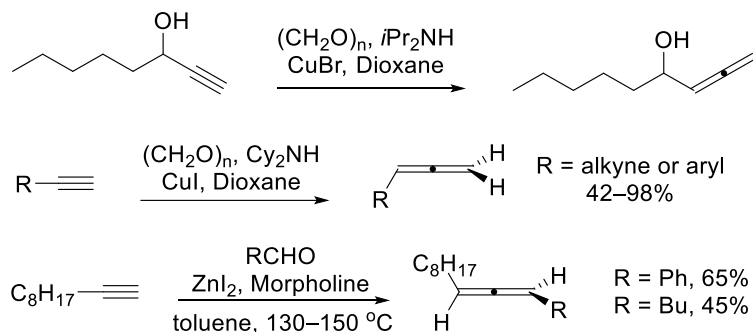
Most of the isomerization reactions require an initiator, either catalytic amount of base, heating or microwave irradiation. In some cases, a stoichiometric amount of base is required to initiate the isomerization process, for example, stoichiometric deprotonation using organolithium reagents followed by kinetic protonation. The isomerization approach is most popular to synthesize small allenic building blocks. The relatively high reactivity of allene is then utilized in the later stage of synthesis process. However, there are many situations where an allene moiety is installed at the late stage of total synthesis. In basic conditions, isomerization can take place via stoichiometric deprotonation of a propargyl proton followed by  $\pi$ -bond migration to generated allenyl anion, which can be kinetically protonated at an allenic carbon. As a result, alkyne can deliver 1,2-diene and the number of isomers depends on how many types of propargyl protons are available in the first deprotonation step. For the thermal isomerization, kinetic experiment data<sup>13</sup> suggest that at least 50% of 1,2-propadiene is formed via cyclopropene as an intermediate, contradicting the original proposal of a direct 1,3-H-shift from the precursor alkyne.<sup>14</sup>



**Scheme 1.5. Formation of Allenes through Isomerization of Alkynes**

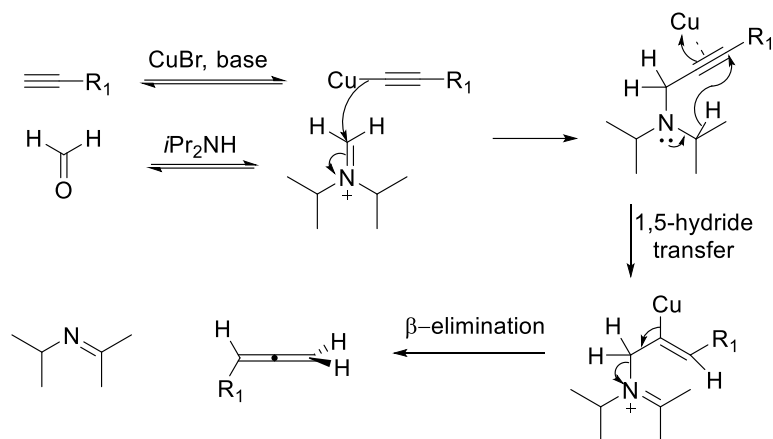
### 1.2.2. Crabbe Homologation

In 1979, Crabbe and coworker developed a method to synthesize allenes from terminal alkynes, using formaldehyde as a carbon source in the presence of a soft Lewis acid as a catalyst and diisopropylamine as a base (**Scheme 1.6**).<sup>15</sup> This method was the most convenient way to get access to allenes relying on mild reaction conditions and readily available starting materials. Later, Ma and coworker thoroughly investigated the scope of the reaction, and revealed the effect of the Lewis acid catalyst and identified the critical role of the base. The secondary amine serves not only as a Brønsted base but also as a hydride donor, generating imine as a side product.<sup>16</sup>



**Scheme 1.6. Crabbe Homologation of Terminal Alkynes**

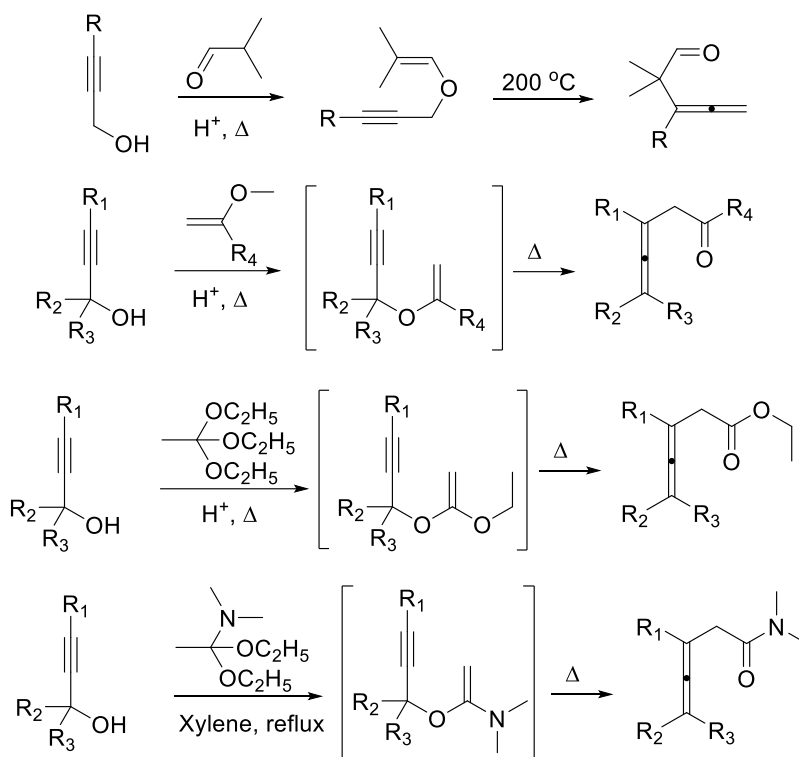
The mechanism was first investigated by Searles and coworkers.<sup>17</sup> It is believed that the reaction is initiated by formation of an iminium ion between secondary amine and aldehyde followed by addition of alkynylmetal species into the iminium ion to produce propargyl amine as an intermediate. The alkyne moiety of the propargyl amine coordinated with a Lewis acid to delivery metal complex, which undergoes 1,5-hydride transfer followed by  $\beta$ -elimination to deliver allene as a product (**Scheme 1.7**). The mechanism is supported by an isotope-labelling experiment and an observed substituents effect.<sup>17</sup> The computational studies of this mechanism revealed that the hydride transfer step is a rate-determining step of the process.<sup>18</sup> Theoretical calculations also indicate a high activation barrier of the hydride transfer step in the absence of a Lewis acid catalyst.



**Scheme 1.7. Proposed Mechanism of the Crabbe Homologation**

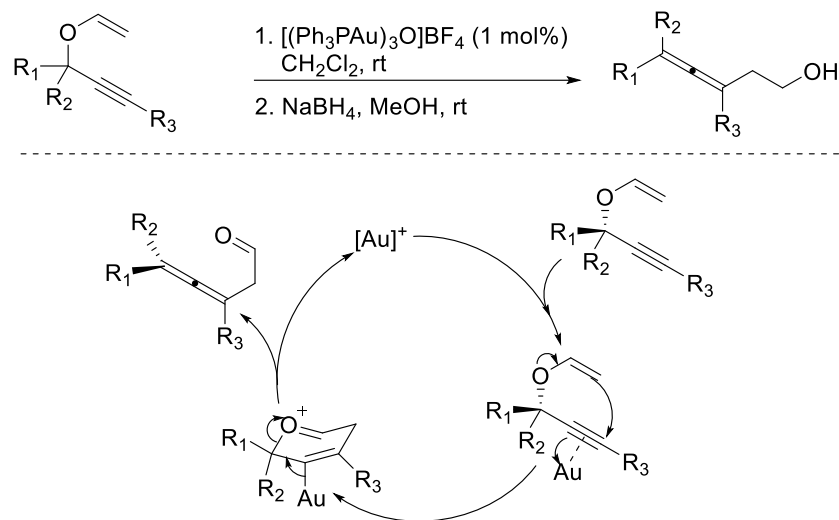
### 1.2.3. Allene Synthesis via Claisen Rearrangement

The [3,3] sigmatropic Claisen rearrangement of propargyl alcohols is a known protocol to gain access to functionalized allenes. The first Claisen rearrangement was discovered in 1912,<sup>19</sup> and in the next 50 years, there had been a common bias that alkyne cannot participated in this rearrangement due to a geometrical reason. This bias existed until early 1960s, when the first rearrangement of aryl propargyl ether was reported.<sup>20</sup> Since then, the thermal Claisen rearrangement was used for the generation of allenyl aldehyde,<sup>21</sup> ketone,<sup>22</sup> ester,<sup>23</sup> and amide<sup>24</sup> from their propargyl alcohol precursors (**Scheme 1.8**).



**Scheme 1.8. Synthesis of Allenes through the Claisen Rearrangement**

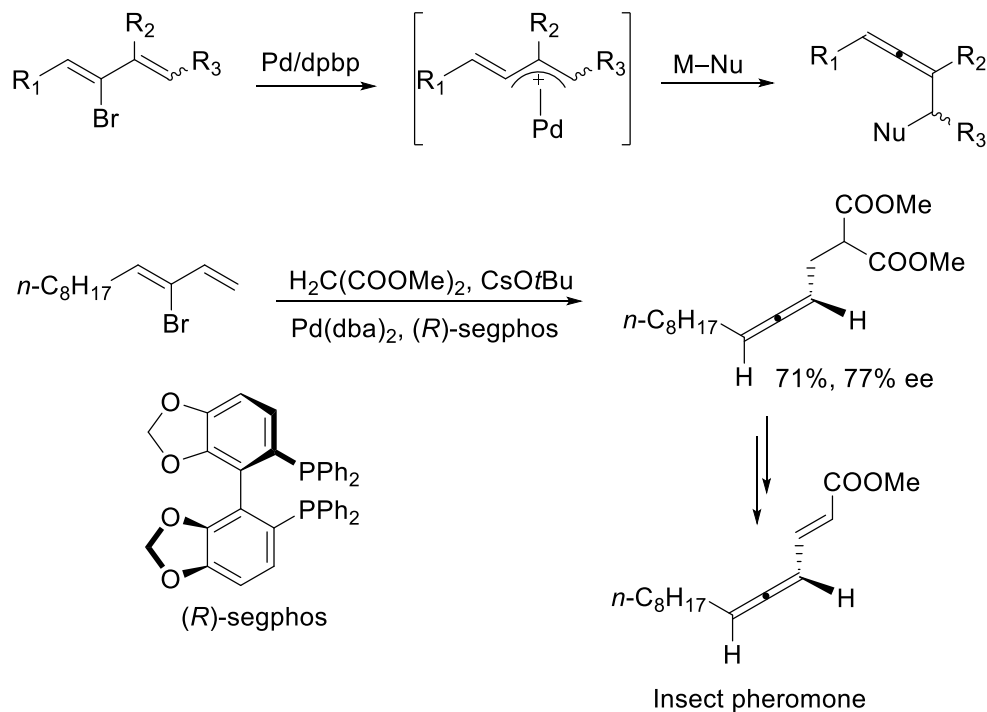
The Claisen rearrangement was conducted at high temperature, therefore the reaction conditions usually involved high boiling point solvent, or no solvent was employed. To improve the scope of the reaction, transition metal complexes were introduced to catalyze the process. In 2004, Toste and a coworker reported the Claisen rearrangement conducted at room temperature employing Au(I) complex as a catalyst.<sup>25</sup> It is believed that the reaction proceeds through a concerted mechanism, and it was found that the increased number of substituents has a minimum impact on the reaction rate, suggesting that steric hinderance is not an important factor. Further investigations revealed the effectiveness of Au(I) catalyst in transferring the chirality of starting materials into the chirality of allene product (**Scheme 1.9**).<sup>25</sup> The Claisen rearrangement is an excellent method to gain access to functionalized allenes with functional group tolerance.



**Scheme 1.9. Au(I)-Catalyzed Claisen Rearrangement of Propargyl Ether**

#### 1.2.4. Allene Synthesis through Metal-mediated $S_N2'$ Substitution

One of the traditional synthetic approaches to allenes relies on the  $S_N2'$  substitution reaction of propargylic compounds.<sup>26</sup> Unfortunately, the allene products formed by this method were usually contaminated with the corresponding  $S_N2$  reaction product or 1,3-diene. These by-products often share similar physical properties such as retention factor, boiling point and melting point, thus making the purification process problematic. In the presence of a metal catalyst, allene products could be obtained with higher purity. The reaction occurred under mild conditions, and high enantioselectivity could be achieved in the presence of a chiral ligand.<sup>27</sup> The reaction proceeded through a  $\pi$ -allylmetal intermediate. Further investigation indicates that product distribution depends subtly on nucleophiles; hard nucleophiles tend to generate 1,3-diene while soft nucleophiles generate allene.<sup>28</sup> This method has several advantages: (1) the reactions proceed under mild conditions, (2) a wide variety of nucleophile can be used to construct functionalized allenic compounds, and (3) stereoselectivity can be achieved by using chiral ligands. The asymmetric protocol to form chiral allenes was applied to a total synthesis of methyl (*R,E*)-(-)-tetradeca-2,4,5-trienoate, a sex pheromone containing a chiral allene moiety found in a male dried bean beetle (**Scheme 1.10**).<sup>29</sup>

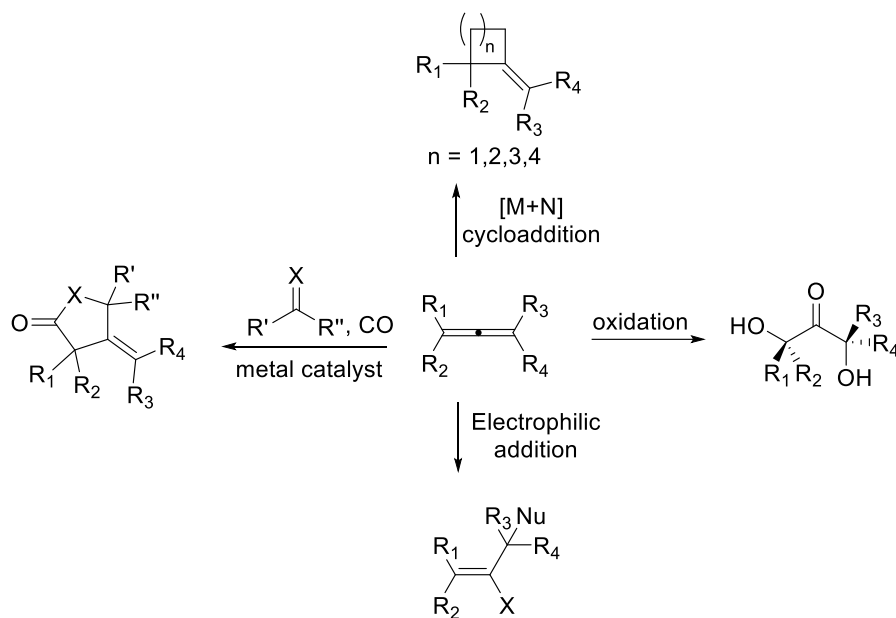


**Scheme 1.10. Allene Synthesis by  $S_N2'$  Substitution**

### 1.3. Allenes in Organic Synthesis

Preparation of allenes is an important task in organic chemistry. Cumulene compounds are interesting target for organic synthesis because of their synthetic challenge and their presence in natural products, and the relatively high reactivity of allenes make them a key intermediate en route to other functioning groups. The unsaturation of allene was distributed over 3 atoms, which has a unique feature for versatile synthetic manipulations. Allene can participated in  $[M+N]$  cycloaddition with a suitable reacting counterpart to generate cyclic compound with various ring sizes, and the unsaturation of allene allows its participation in oxidation reactions to generate compounds that contain a carbon chain of a high oxidation level. It is also found that allene can behave as either electrophile or nucleophile to react with both electron-rich and electron-deficient species. Moreover, the allene structure containing cumulated alkenes allows for forming unique metal complexes, which are useful intermediates for various functional group manipulations (**Scheme 1.11**).





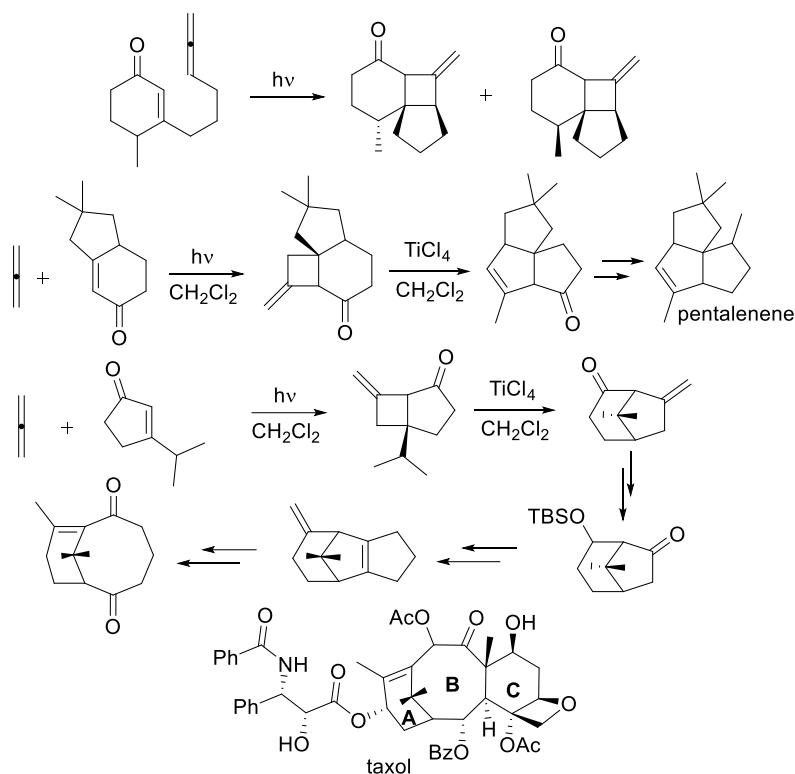
**Scheme 1.11. Different Modes of Transformation of Allene**

## 1.4. Cycloaddition Reactions

The  $\pi$ -system of allene is distributed over three atoms and the central atom is  $sp$ -hybridized, therefore allene can participate in various cycloaddition reaction ranging from [2+2] cycloaddition to [4+3] cycloaddition to generate cyclobutanes to cycloheptanes.

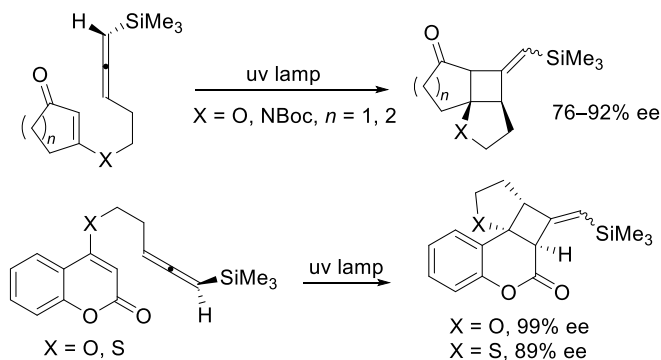
### 1.4.1. [2+2] Cycloaddition

In mid 1970s, , Becker and coworkers studies the intramolecular [2+2] cycloaddition reaction of allene-tethered cyclohexenone, an electron-deficient  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone, which produced cyclobutane-containing tricyclic product.<sup>30a, 30b</sup> This type of bicyclic compounds containing an  $\alpha$ -keto methylenecyclobutane can undergo a Cargrill rearrangement<sup>30d</sup> in the presence of acid to generate triquinane.<sup>30c, 31</sup> In 2004, Kaikiuchi and coworkers applied intermolecular [2+2] cycloaddition reaction between propadiene and cyclo-enone to the total synthesis of ( $\pm$ )-pentalenene<sup>31</sup> and to the construction of the AB ring core of taxol (**Scheme 1.12**).<sup>32</sup>



**Scheme 1.12. Cycloaddition of Allene and Its Applications to Synthesis of Pentalene and Taxol**

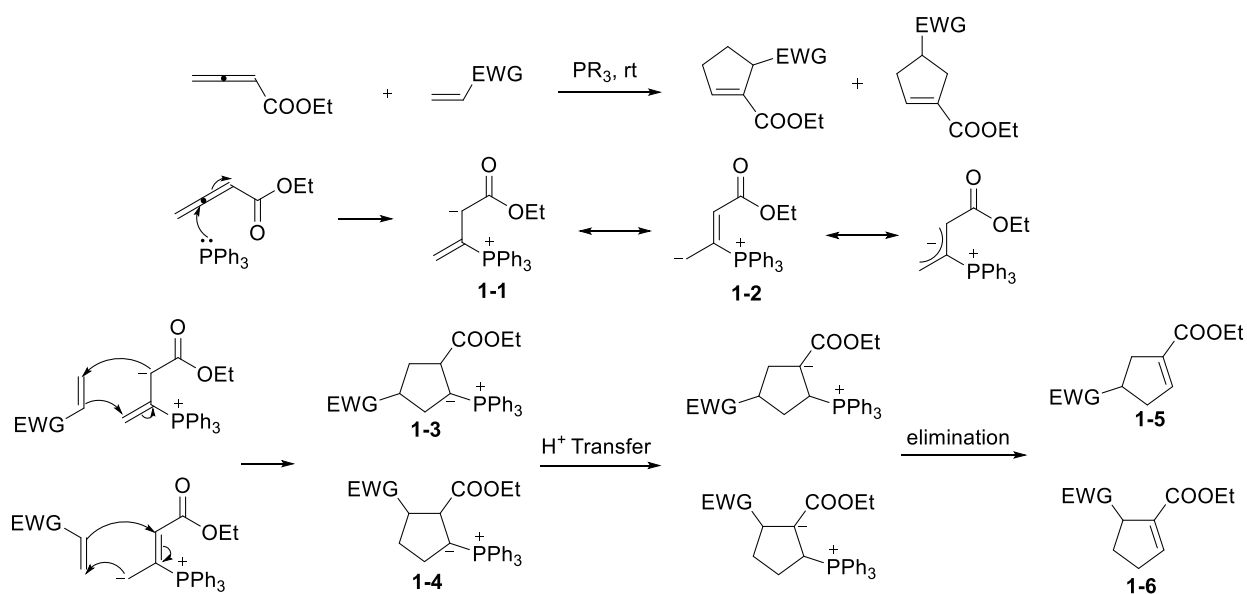
[2+2] Cycloaddition was promoted with irradiation under high pressure and temperature. It is also found that the axial chirality of allene could be efficiently translated into the central chirality in the products. Carreira and a coworker reported an enantioselective intramolecular [2+2] reaction between chiral allenyl silane and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone.<sup>33</sup> In this case, only the non-silyl substituted C=C bond participated in the [2+2] cycloaddition reaction with high enantioselectivity (**Scheme 1.13**).



**Scheme 1.13. Intramolecular [2+2] Cycloaddition of Chiral Allene with Tethered Enone**

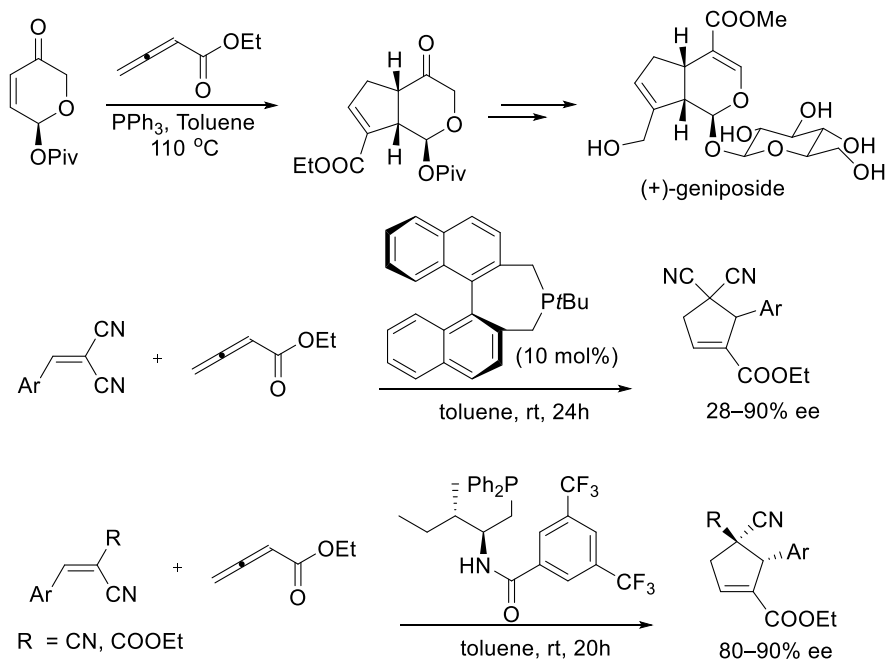
### 1.4.2. [3+2] Cycloaddition

In 1995, Lu and a coworker reported a phosphine-catalyzed [3+2] reaction between 2,3-butadienoate and electron-deficient alkene to afford cyclopentene derivatives.<sup>34</sup> The reaction was initiated by nucleophilic addition of phosphine to 2,3-butadienoate to generate zwitterion **1-1** or its resonance form **1-2**. Subsequent Michael addition occurs between the allylic carbanion and the electron-deficient alkene to afford cyclopentane anion **1-3** and **1-4**. The cyclic intermediates undergo intramolecular proton transfer followed by elimination of phosphine to afford cyclopentene derivative **1-5** and **1-6**, respectively (**Scheme 1.14**).



**Scheme 1.14. [3+2] Cycloaddition of Allene with a Nucleophilic Initiator**

[3+2] Cycloaddition of allene and alkene is novel and reliable method to construct cyclopentene derivatives under mild reaction condition from readily available starting materials. In 2009, Krische and a coworker successfully applied the [3+2] cycloaddition to a total synthesis of (+)-geniposide.<sup>35</sup> Around the same time, Marinetti<sup>36</sup> and Zhao<sup>37</sup> independently reported an enantioselective [3+2] cycloaddition employing chiral phosphine as a nucleophilic initiator (**Scheme 1.15**).

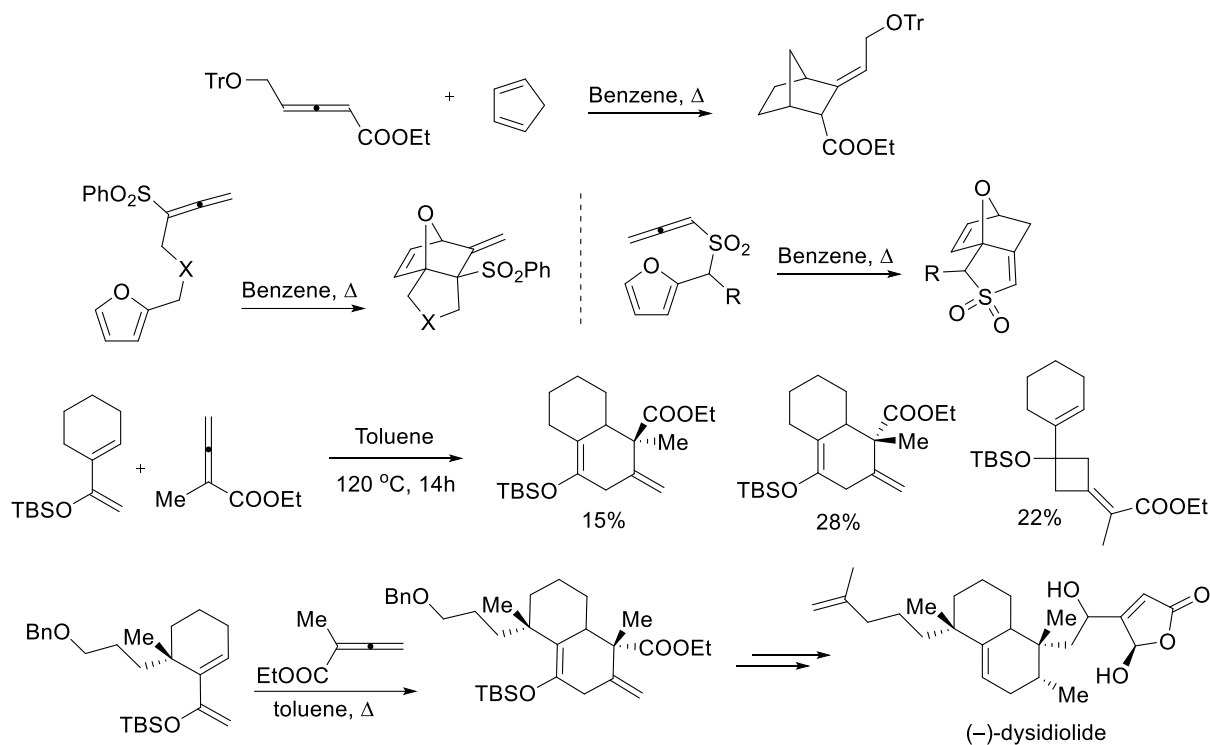


**Scheme 1.15. Enantioselective [3+2] Cycloaddition between Allenyl Carboxylate and Alkene**

### 1.4.3. [4+2] Cycloaddition

[4+2] Cycloaddition, Diels-Alder reactions, is a transformation of a diene and a dienophile to generate a cyclohexene derivative. There are many examples where allene serves as a dienophile in [4+2] cycloaddition. The main concern of the [4+2] cycloaddition is the selectivity between two C=C bonds of the allene, which is expected to depend on the substituent patterns and their electronic nature. The more electron-deficient C=C bond is more reactive as a dienophile,<sup>38</sup> whereas the length of the tether between diene and allene will determine which  $\pi$ -system will engage as a dienophile in intramolecular reactions (**Scheme 1.16**).<sup>39</sup>

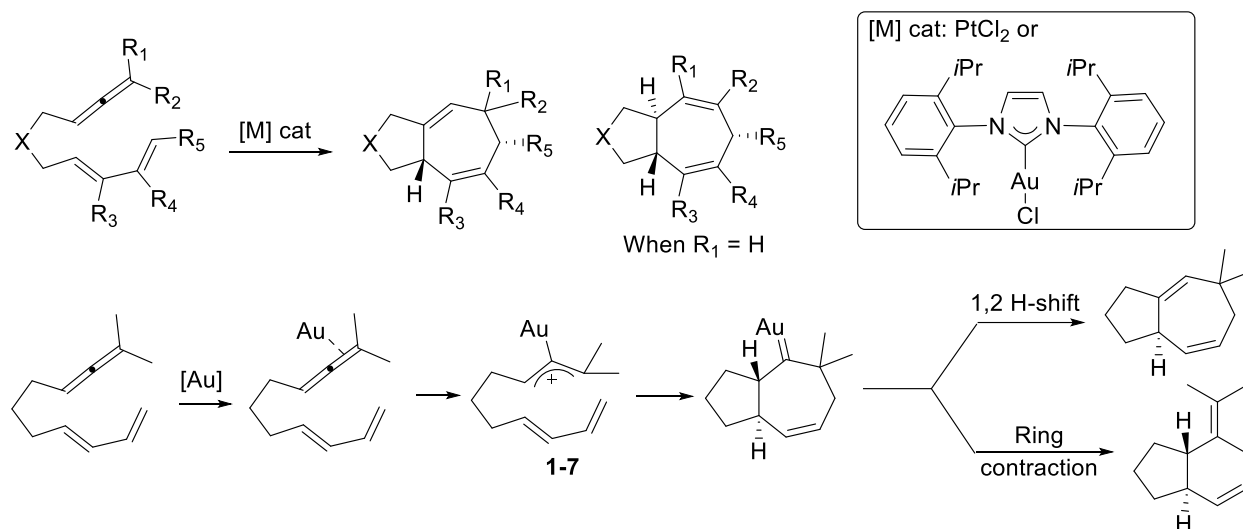
The similarity between [4+2] and [2+2] cycloadditions often led to competition between them, affording both cyclohexene and cyclobutane adducts.<sup>40</sup> The intermolecular [4+2] reaction between a diene and an allene ester was successfully applied to a total synthesis of natural product (–)-dysidiolide,<sup>41a</sup> which inhibited the growth of the A-549 human lung carcinoma and P388 murine leukemia cell lines (**Scheme 1.16**).<sup>41b</sup>



**Scheme 1.16. Selectivity in [4+2] and [2+2] Cycloadditions**

#### 1.4.4. [4+3] Cycloaddition

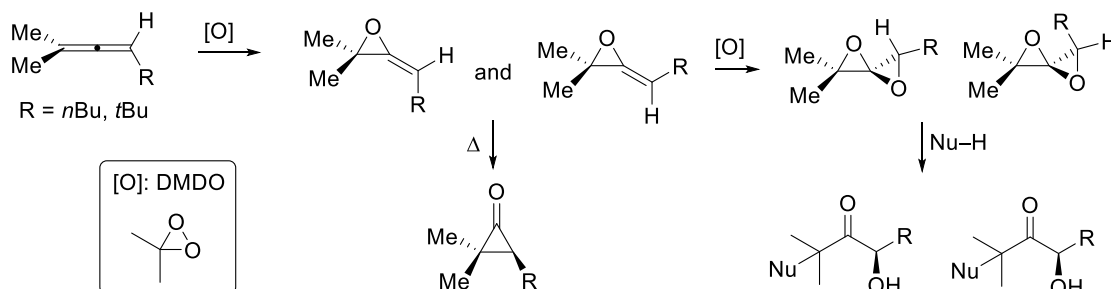
Cycloheptanoid systems are attractive synthetic targets because of their abundant existence in a wide range of biologically active natural products. Among different methods of constructing seven-membered rings, [4+3] is one of the most attractive methods because of its potential to rapidly increase the skeletal complexity.<sup>42</sup> In [4+3] cycloaddition reactions, 1,3-diene was employed as a four-atom component and allene was employed as a three-atom component. The reaction was initiated by activation of allene with a  $\pi$ -philic Lewis acid to generate allylic cation–Lewis acid adduct **1-7**, which reacts with 1,3-diene. In this reaction, the allylic cation generated from allene serves as a reacting counterpart with the 1,3-diene similar to the dienophile in Diels-Alder reaction, while the  $\pi$ -system is distributed over three-carbon unit (**Scheme 1.17**).<sup>43</sup>



**Scheme 1.17. Metal-catalyzed [4+3] Cycloaddition**

## 1.5. Oxidation Reactions

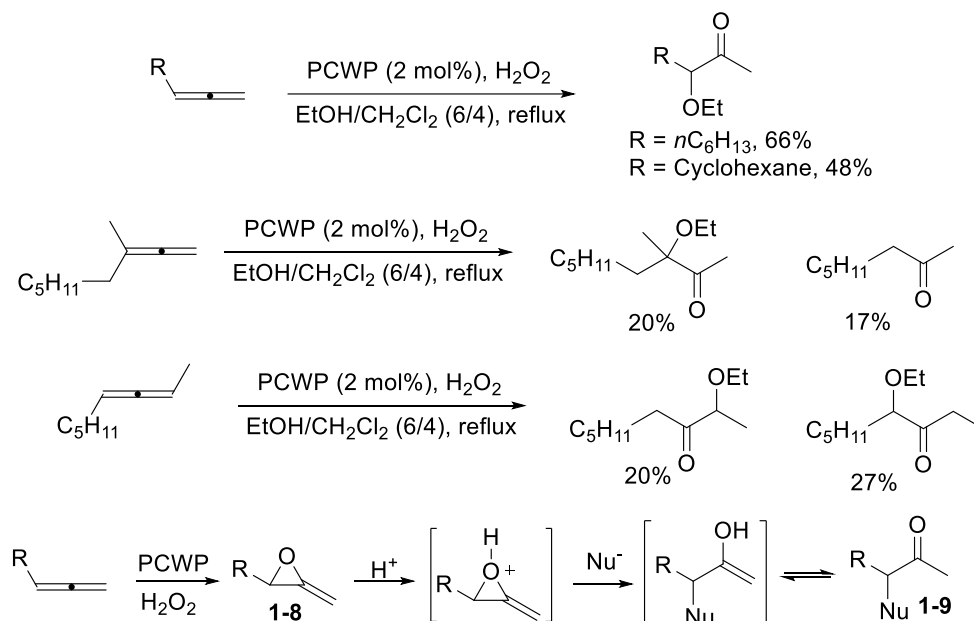
Allene can behave as either a nucleophilic species or an electrophilic species depending mostly on the reacting counterpart. In the presence of oxidizing reagents, allene usually serves as an electron-donor component. In 1991, Crandall and coworkers studied stoichiometric oxidation of allene, and they observed the tautomerization between allene monoxide and cyclopropenone.<sup>44</sup>



**Scheme 1.18. Stoichiometry-controlled Epoxidation of Allene**

Crandall also demonstrated the bis-epoxidation reaction of allene with dimethyldioxirane (DMDO) as an oxidizing reagent to afford two diastereomeric products. The first epoxidation selectively occurred at the more substituted  $\pi$ -bond of the allene (**Scheme 1.18**).

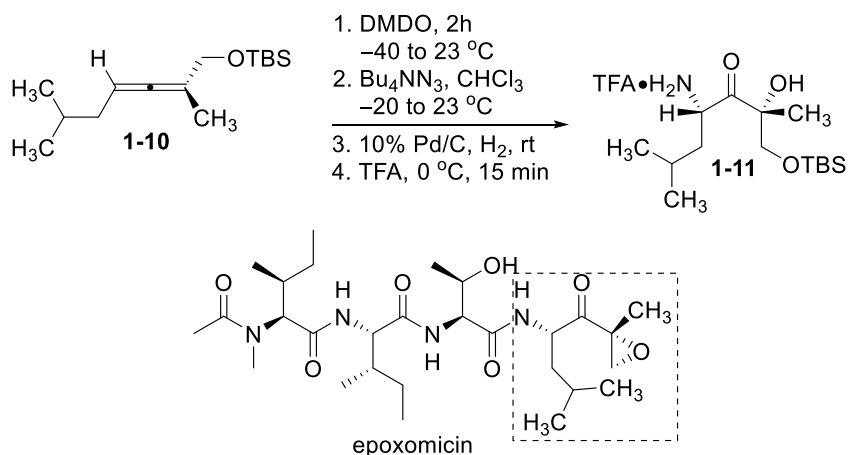
In 1994, Ishii and coworkers described the oxidation reaction of allene employing hydrogen peroxide as an oxidizing reagent in the presence of a catalytic amount of cetylpyridinium peroxotungstophosphate (PCWP), which afforded  $\alpha$ -ethoxy ketone as a product.<sup>45</sup> The reaction initiated with mono-epoxidation of the allene to afford allene oxide **1-8**, which underwent protonation under acidic condition to afford an oxonium ion intermediate followed by nucleophilic attack and tautomerization of  $\alpha$ -ethoxy enol formed  $\alpha$ -ethoxy ketone **1-9** (Scheme 1.19). In this reaction, terminal allene provided the highest regioselectivity with epoxidation selectively occurring at the more substituted  $\pi$ -bond of the allene while 1,3-disubstituted allene afforded a mixture of both regioisomers (Scheme 1.19).



**Scheme 1.19. Oxidation of Allenes with Hydrogen Peroxide Catalyzed by Cetylpyridinium Peroxotungstophosphate (PCWP)**

The oxidation of allene has a potential to be applied to prepare compounds with multiple oxygen functional groups. The stoichiometry-controlled oxidation can form either allene oxide or spirodiepoxides.<sup>46</sup> Both allene oxide and spirodiepoxide can react with various nucleophiles, both in intra- and intermolecular manners, to afford ketones bearing incorporated nucleophile as an  $\alpha$ -substituent.<sup>47</sup> The spirodiepoxide formation followed by stereoselective nucleophilic ring-opening was successfully applied

to a total synthesis of proteasome inhibitor epoxomicin.<sup>48</sup> The chiral allene **1-10** derived from isovaleraldehyde was subjected to epoxidation conditions with an excess amount of DMDO to afford spirodiepoxide. Treatment of the spiroepoxide with azide followed by reduction of the azide furnished  $\alpha$ -amino- $\alpha'$ -hydroxyl ketone **1-11**, which was used as a building block for synthesis of epoxomicin (**Scheme 1.20**).



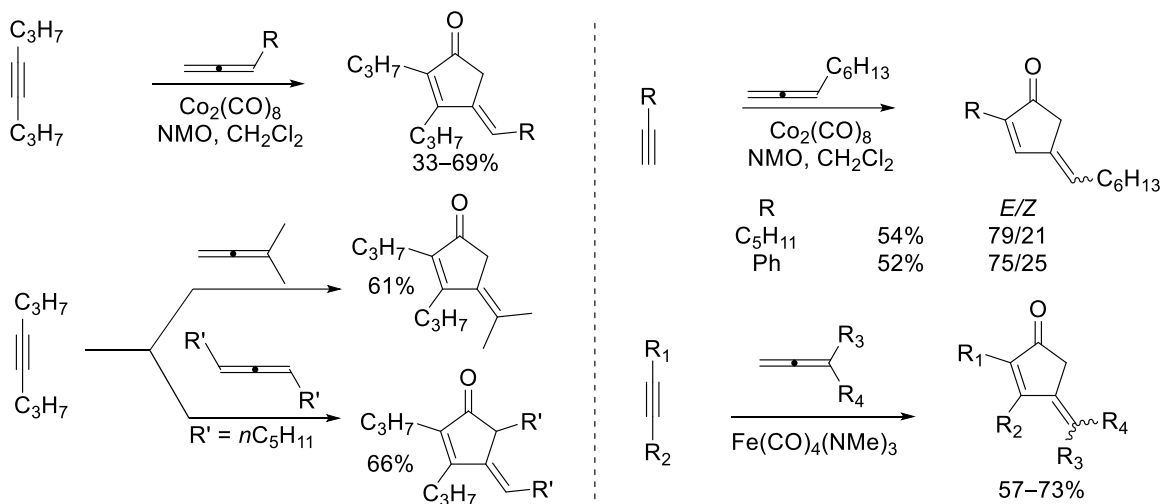
**Scheme 1.20. Application of Spirodiepoxide to a Total Synthesis of Natural Products**

## 1.6. Transition Metal-catalyzed Reaction of Allenes

### 1.6.1. Cyclometallation of Allenes with Alkyne

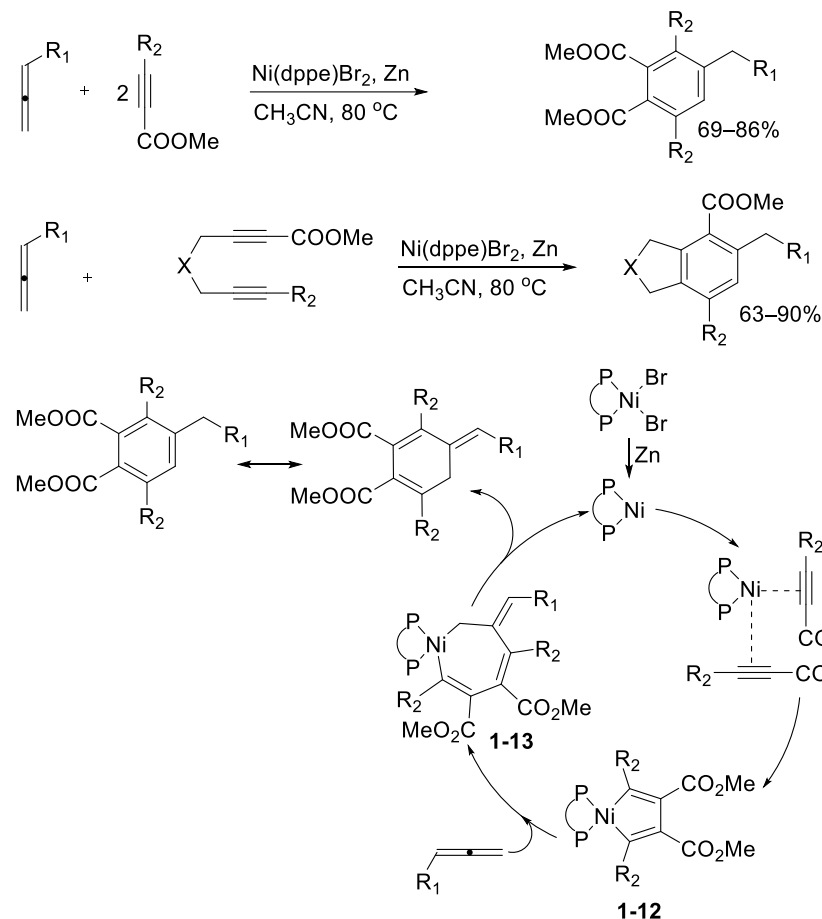
The Pauson-Khand reaction is a [2+2+1] cycloaddition of alkyne with alkene and carbon monoxide to afford 2-cyclopentenone derivative.<sup>49</sup> In 1995, Cazes and coworkers reported a new Pauson-Khand protocol employing allene as an unsaturated reacting counterpart instead of alkene.<sup>50</sup> The octacarbonyldicobalt-mediated Pauson-Khand reaction was promoted by *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (NMO) and the regioselectivity of the reaction proved to be dependent on the substituent pattern on both alkyne and allene. Later, it was found that the same type of reaction can be mediated by  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4(\text{NMe}_3)$  under photo-irradiation conditions (**Scheme 1.21**).<sup>51</sup>





**Scheme 1.21. Cobalt- and Iron-mediated Paulson-Khand Reaction of Allene and Alkyne**

In 2001, Cheng and coworkers developed nickel-catalyzed cyclotrimerization of two electron-deficient alkynes with an allene to afford polysubstituted benzene derivatives.<sup>52</sup> The reaction was initiated by generation of electron-rich Ni(0) from Ni(II) and Zn, and the catalytic cycle proceeds through the coordination of the electron-deficient alkynoates to the Ni-center followed by regioselective oxidative cyclometallation to afford nikelacyclopentadiene **1-12**. Allene was then coordinated with **1-12** followed by regioselective insertion of the sterically less hindered C=C bond of the allene into the Ni(II)–C bond to afford nikkelacycloheptadiene **1-13**. The catalytic cycle was concluded by reductive elimination and tautomerization to afford polysubstituted benzene derivatives (**Scheme 1.22**). The same pattern of the reaction was expanded to cyclotrimerization of arynes. Because of the electrophilic nature of arynes,<sup>53</sup> the more electron rich C=C bond of the allene engaged in [2+2+2] cyclotrimerization to afford 10-methylene-9,10-dihydrophenanthrenes.<sup>54</sup>

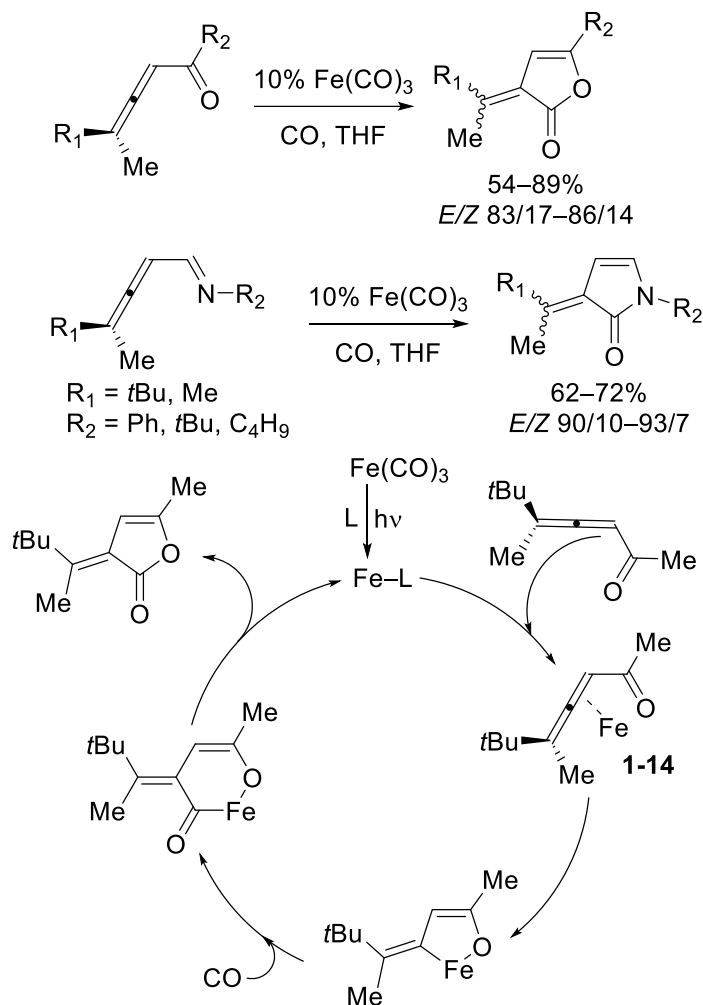


**Scheme 1.22. Nickel-catalyzed Cyclotrimerization of Allene and Alkynes**

### 1.6.2. Cyclometallation of Allenes

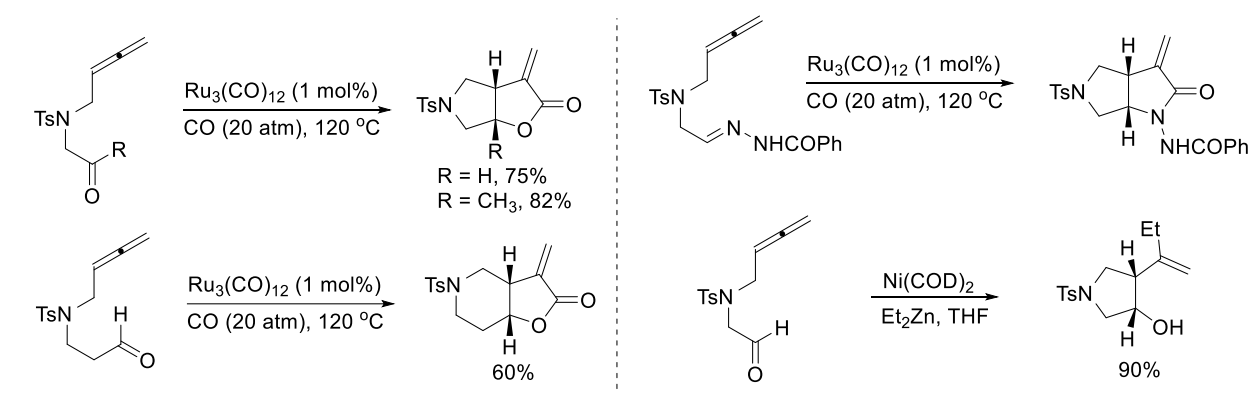
There are many cases where allenes were employed as unsaturated coupling partners in various cyclization processes. In 1993, Eaton and coworkers reported the first intramolecular iron-mediated [4+1] reaction between 1,2-allenyl ketone and carbon monoxide under photoirradiation conditions to afford a five-membered lactone.<sup>55</sup> This reaction concept was later extended to imines, affording lactams as the product.<sup>56</sup> The reaction was initiated by activation of the metal catalyst under photoirradiation conditions followed by the coordination between the electron-rich Fe(0) and the electron-deficient  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone to afford metal complex **1-14**. Subsequent oxidative cyclometallation followed by insertion of

carbon monoxide into Fe(II)–C bond and reductive elimination furnished the five-membered ring lactone (Scheme 1.23).

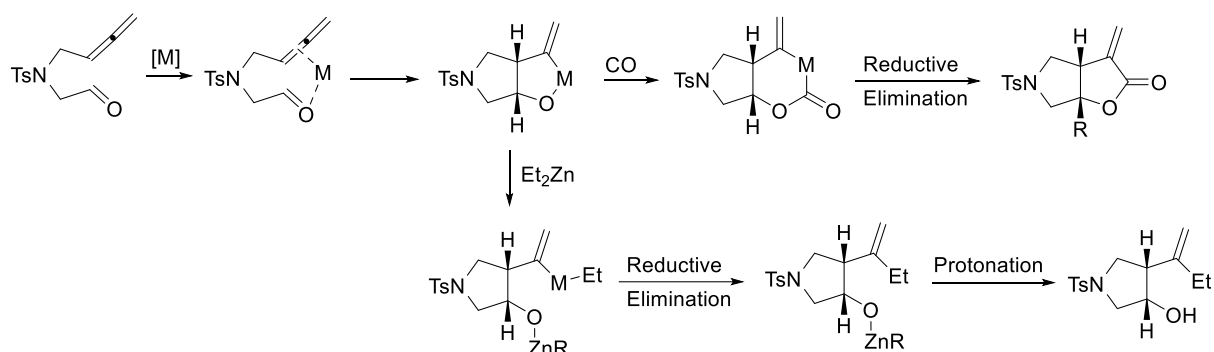


**Scheme 1.23. Iron-catalyzed Lactonization of 1,2-Allenyl Ketone**

Later in early 2000s, Kang and coworkers reported a ruthenium-mediated [2+2+1] cyclization of  $\gamma$ -allenyl aldehyde or ketone and carbon monoxide to afford  $\alpha$ -methylene  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone.<sup>57</sup> The reaction proceeded with high stereoselectivity, generating only cis-butylolactone as the product. In the identical reaction conditions,  $\delta$ -allenyl aldehyde and  $\gamma$ -allenyl imine afforded  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone and  $\gamma$ -butyrolactam, respectively. With the absence of CO, the metallacyclopentene intermediate can be captured by organozinc reagent to afford cis-fused homoallylic cyclopentanol (**Scheme 1.24**).<sup>58</sup>



Proposed mechanistic pathway



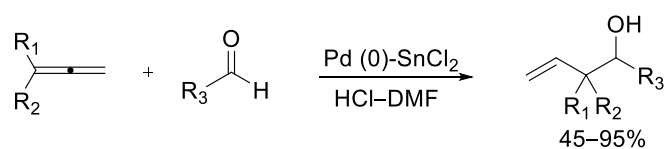
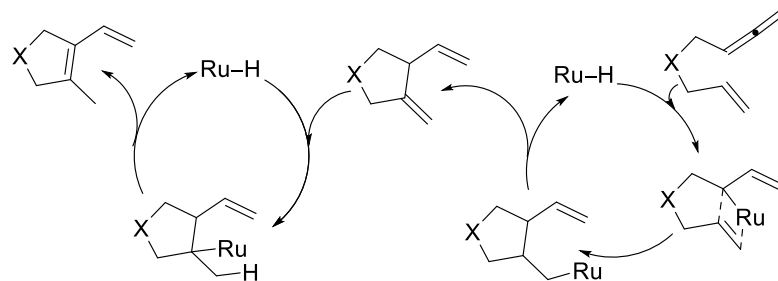
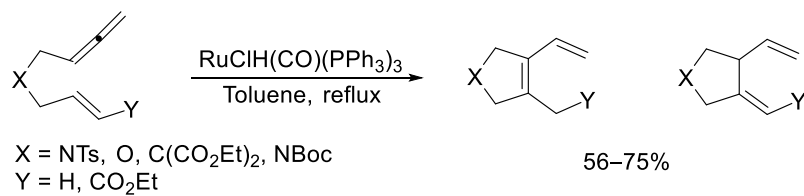
**Scheme 1.24. Ru(0)-catalyzed Cyclization of Allenyl Aldehyde**

### 1.6.3. Hydrometallation of Allenes

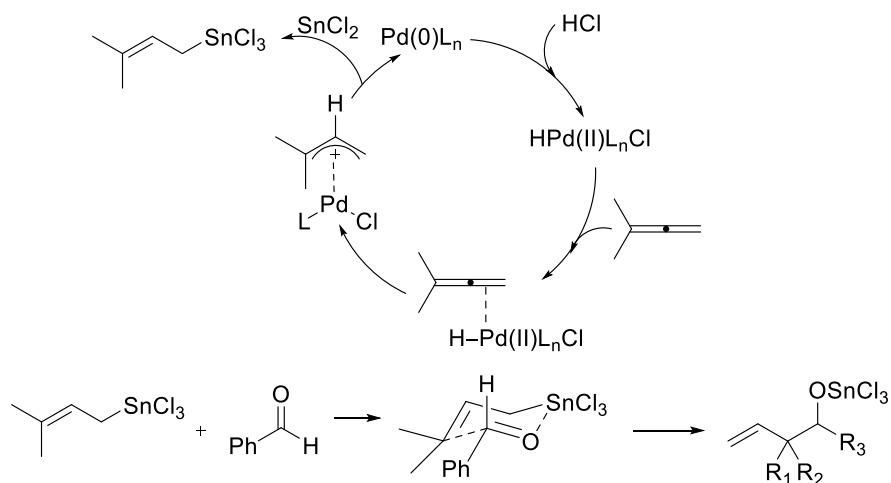
Kang and coworkers reported an intramolecular ruthenium-catalyzed cycloisomerization of  $\gamma$ -enallenes that afforded vinyl cyclopentene derivative.<sup>59</sup> The reaction is initiated by regioselective hydorruthenation of the more electron-rich C=C bond of the allene to generate an allyl ruthenium complex. Subsequent intramolecular olefin addition followed by  $\beta$ -hydride elimination affords 1-methylene-2-vinyl cyclopentane. The hydorruthenation and  $\beta$ -hydride elimination sequence occurs one more time to furnish vinyl cyclopentene as the product (**Scheme 1.25**).

At the same time, Cheng and coworkers reported the stereoselective allylation reaction of aldehyde by allene to afford homoallylic secondary alcohol.<sup>60</sup> The reaction was catalyzed by a Pd(II) catalyst via regioselective hydropalladation of allene to generate an allyl palladium intermediate. Nucleophilic attack

of in situ generated  $\text{SnCl}_3^-$  to allyl palladium complex affords an allylstannane intermediate, which reacts with aldehyde through a six-membered ring transition state to generate the final product (**Scheme 1.25**).



$R_1 = \text{H, Me}$   
 $R_2 = \text{Me, Ph, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, 2-CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4, \text{nButyl}$   
 $R_3 = \text{Aryl, cinamyl, CH}_2=\text{CH}-(\text{CH}_2)_8-$

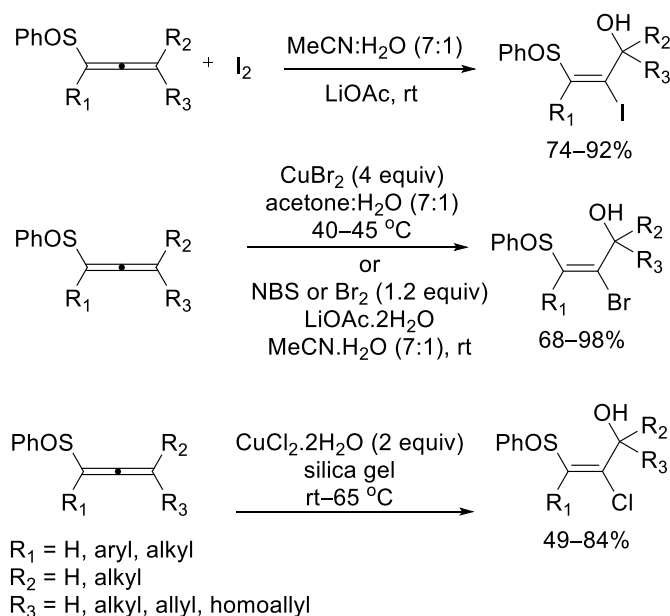


### Scheme 1.25. Hydrometallation Reaction of Allene

## 1.7. Electrophilic Reactions of Allenes

### 1.7.1. Addition to Electron-deficient Allenes

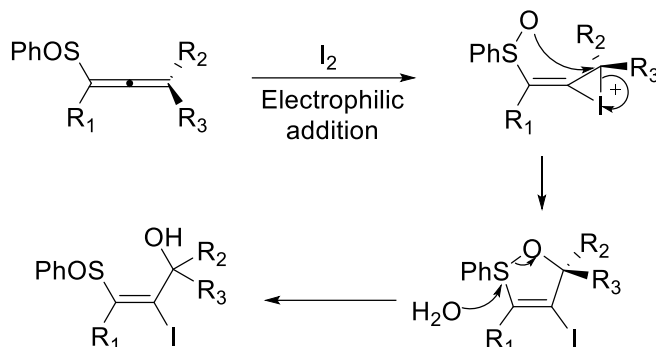
The wide varieties of examples of electrophilic addition and cyclization reactions of alkynes and alkenes<sup>61</sup> bode for allenes to display similar reactivity. The main concern of the addition reaction with allene is the regioselectivity between two  $\pi$ -bonds of allene, which is expected to mainly depend on substituents. Ma and a coworker reported regio- and *E*-stereoselectivity nucleophilic addition of inorganic halides to 1,2-allenyl sulfoxide.<sup>62</sup> The reaction between 1,2-propadienyl sulfoxide with  $I_2$  in the presence of water afforded 3-hydroxy-2-iodo-1(*E*)-propenyl phenyl sulfide. The reaction displayed high chemo- and regioselectivity such that the allene moiety reacted exclusively even in the presence of another unsaturated functional group in the molecule, and only at the less electron-deficient C=C of the allene. The addition reaction affords only the *E*-stereoisomer with high selectivity. The same reaction protocol can be applied to bromo- and chlorohydrin formation<sup>63</sup> to afford 3-hydroxy-2-halog-1(*E*)-propenyl phenyl sulfide (**Scheme 1.26**).



**Scheme 1.26. Selectivity of Halohydrin Reaction of Electron-deficient Allene**

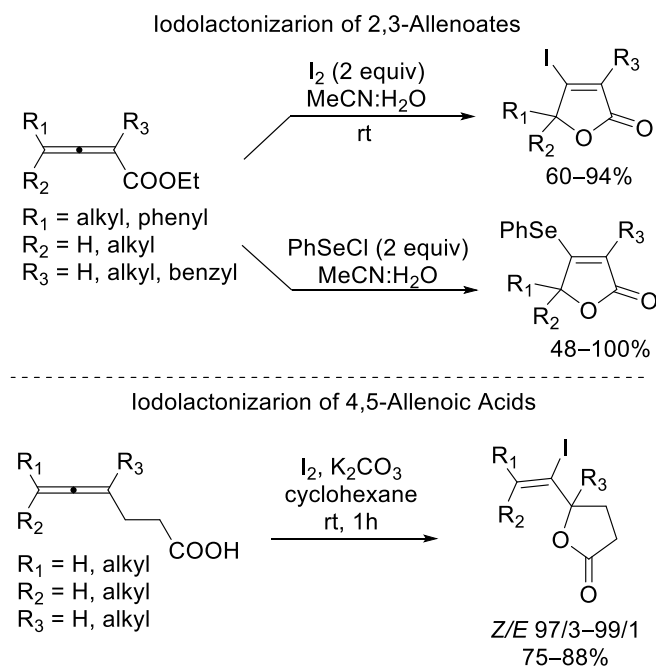
The reaction was proposed to start with interaction of  $I_2$  to the less electron-deficient C=C of 1,2-allenyl sulfoxide to afford an iodonium intermediate. An intramolecular by the sulfoxide oxygen to form

a five-membered ring intermediate, with which a water molecule reacts at the sulfur to furnish the iodo-hydroxylation product (**Scheme 1.27**).



**Scheme 1.27. Mechanism for Iodohydroxylation of 1,2-Allenyl Sulfoxides**

### 1.7.2. Intramolecular Cyclization



**Scheme 1.28. Electrophilic Lactonization of Allenyl Carboxylate**

Similar to the  $I_2$ -promoted addition reactions with allene, the iodonium intermediate can be captured by an internal nucleophile to generate lactones. In the intramolecular reactions, the regioselectivity

depends mainly on the relative electron density of the two C=C bonds and the length of the tether connecting the internal nucleophile and the allene. In most of the cases, the more electron-rich  $\pi$ -bond participates in the reaction more favorably to form five membered lactone.<sup>64</sup>

## 1.8. Summary

In this chapter, the recent developments in allene chemistry are summarized. The establishment of efficient synthetic procedures opens the opportunity to use allenes as a key building block in organic synthesis. The capability of allenes to undergo a wide range of reactions including isomerization, cycloaddition, transition metal-catalyzed couplings, electrophilic additions have been successfully applied to synthesis of natural products with high regio- and stereoselectivity. There are many cases that the reactivity of allenes depends on the number and nature of substituents, which dictate the products distribution of allene reactions. Moreover, the *sp*-hybridization of the central carbon of allene can be used to generate high strain energy intermediates, leading to rapid construction of skeletons that exist in many natural products.

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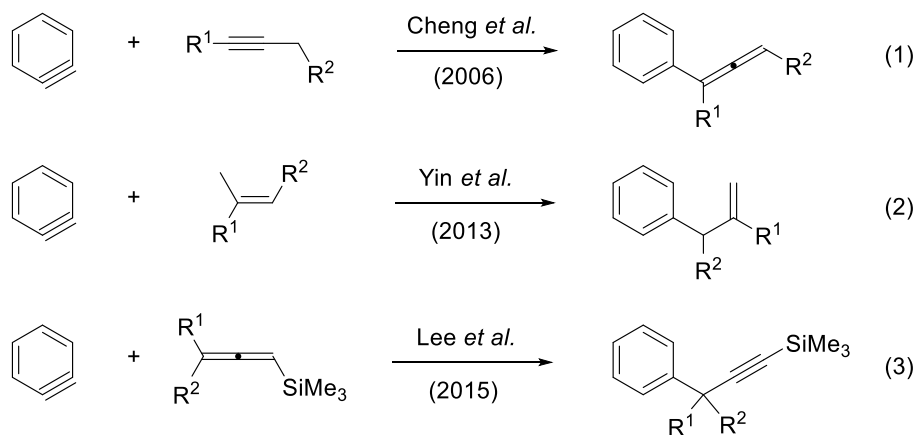
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## **CHAPTER 2**

### **Intramolecular Reactions of Allene with Arynes**

## 2.1. Introduction\*

A wide variety of electron-deficient  $\pi$ -systems have been employed as an ene-acceptor either in thermal or Lewis acid-catalyzed conditions.<sup>1</sup> Arynes, as a form of transient electrophilic intermediate,<sup>2</sup> can behave as an efficient ene-acceptor<sup>3</sup> to react with ene-donors containing  $\pi$ -systems such as alkynes, alkenes, and allenes (**Scheme 2.1**). In 2006, Cheng reported intermolecular Alder-ene reactions between benzyne and terminal and internal alkynes (Eq 1),<sup>4</sup> and in 2013, Yin also reported the corresponding reaction of benzyne with alkenes (Eq 2),<sup>5</sup> which was further extended to alkenes containing a polar functional group<sup>6</sup> in the reaction of arynes generated from tetraynes via hexadehydro Diels-Alder reaction.<sup>7</sup> Recently, Lee and coworkers also explored the Alder-ene reaction between benzyne and a silylated allene (Eq 3).<sup>8</sup>

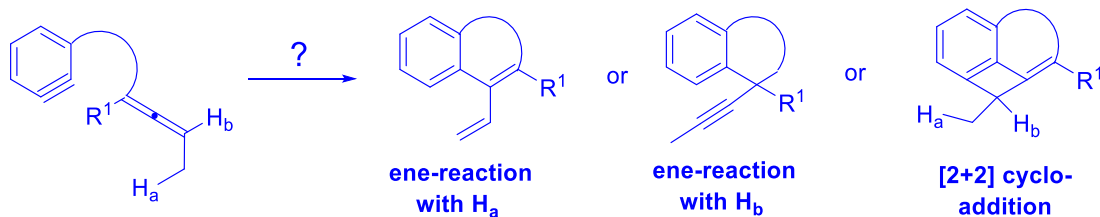


**Scheme 2.1. Alder-ene Reactions of Arynes**

In 2011, Lautens and coworkers reported intramolecular Alder-ene reactions of arynes generated via a strong base-mediated elimination of aryl bromides.<sup>9</sup> Recently, Hoyer<sup>10</sup> and Lee<sup>11</sup> reported the intramolecular Alder-ene reactions of arynes generated from tri- and tetraynes under thermal conditions. At this juncture, the scope and selectivity of the intramolecular Alder-ene reactions was further explored by accommodating an allene as the ene-donor (**Scheme 2.2**).<sup>12</sup> The main concern in this intramolecular Alder-

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ene reaction is the selectivity between the allylic and allenic C–H bonds, which is expected to mainly depend on the substituent pattern of the allene moiety. In this chapter, we describe the reactivity and selectivity trend of intramolecular Alder-ene reactions that also compete with [2+2] cycloaddition of the terminal  $\pi$ -system of the allene.<sup>13</sup>

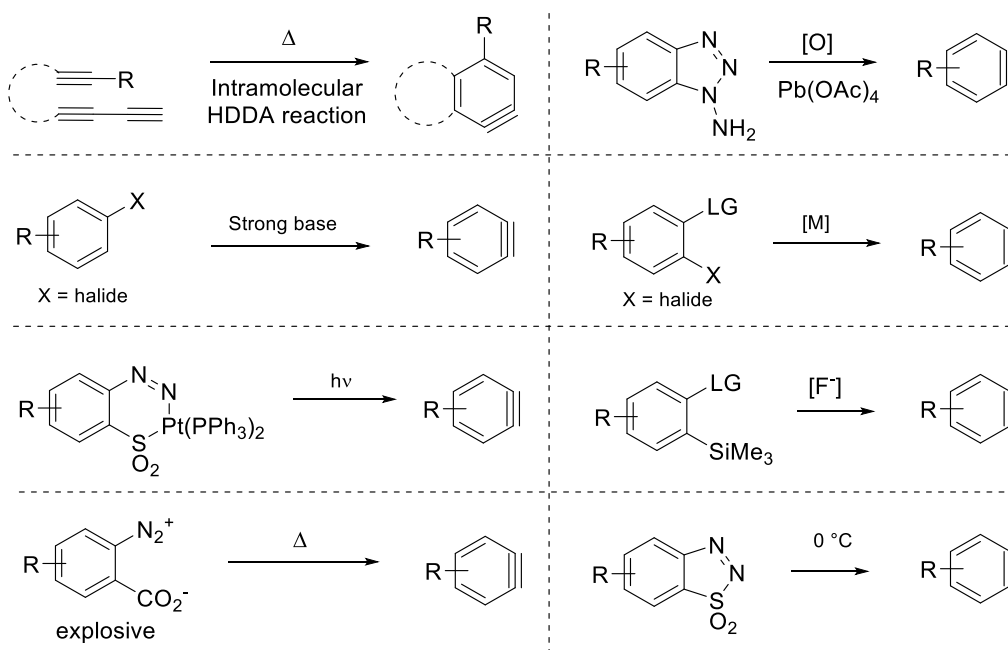


**Scheme 2.2. Possible Reaction Pathways of Aryne Tethered with an Allene Moiety**

## 2.2. Hexadehydo Diels-Alder Reactions

Aryne (benzyne), a highly strained six-membered ring consisting of two C=C bonds and one C≡C bonds, has been widely used as a reactive intermediate in construction of aromatic skeleton-containing compound. First evidence of the existence of benzyne emerged more than 100 years ago, when Stoermer and Kahlert observed the formation of 2-ethoxybenzofuran upon treatment of 3-bromobenzofuran with base in ethanol solvent.<sup>14</sup> The result was justified by the generation of the first aryne intermediate (known as 2,3-dehydrobenzofuran) through  $\beta$ -elimination of aryl bromide. Despite the versatility, the effectiveness of forming benzyne combined with the unusually high reactivity posed a great barrier to the application of benzyne in synthesis of complex molecules. A benzyne intermediate must be generated in situ from its precursor and immediately be trapped by suitable reactants to avoid facile self-decomposition due to extreme reactivity. Since the discovery of benzyne, various methods concerning the generation of aryne have been developed. Traditional methods to produce benzyne include base- or metal-promoted  $\beta$ -elimination of aryl halide,<sup>15</sup> fluoride-promoted desilylation of aryl trimethylsilanes with concomitant elimination of *ortho*-leaving group,<sup>16</sup> thermal decomposition of benzenediazonium-2-carboxylate,<sup>17</sup> and thermal,<sup>18</sup> photochemical<sup>19</sup> and oxidative<sup>20</sup> elimination of molecular nitrogen from various precursors

(**Scheme 2.3**). A unique method has been recently developed by employing thermal intramolecular hexadehydro Diels-Alder (HDDA) reaction of triynes and tetraynes. Compare with the existing methods, the hexadehydro Diels-Alder (HDDA) reaction may eliminate some potential complications of other methods but high temperature for typical substrates is considered to be a barrier of this method.

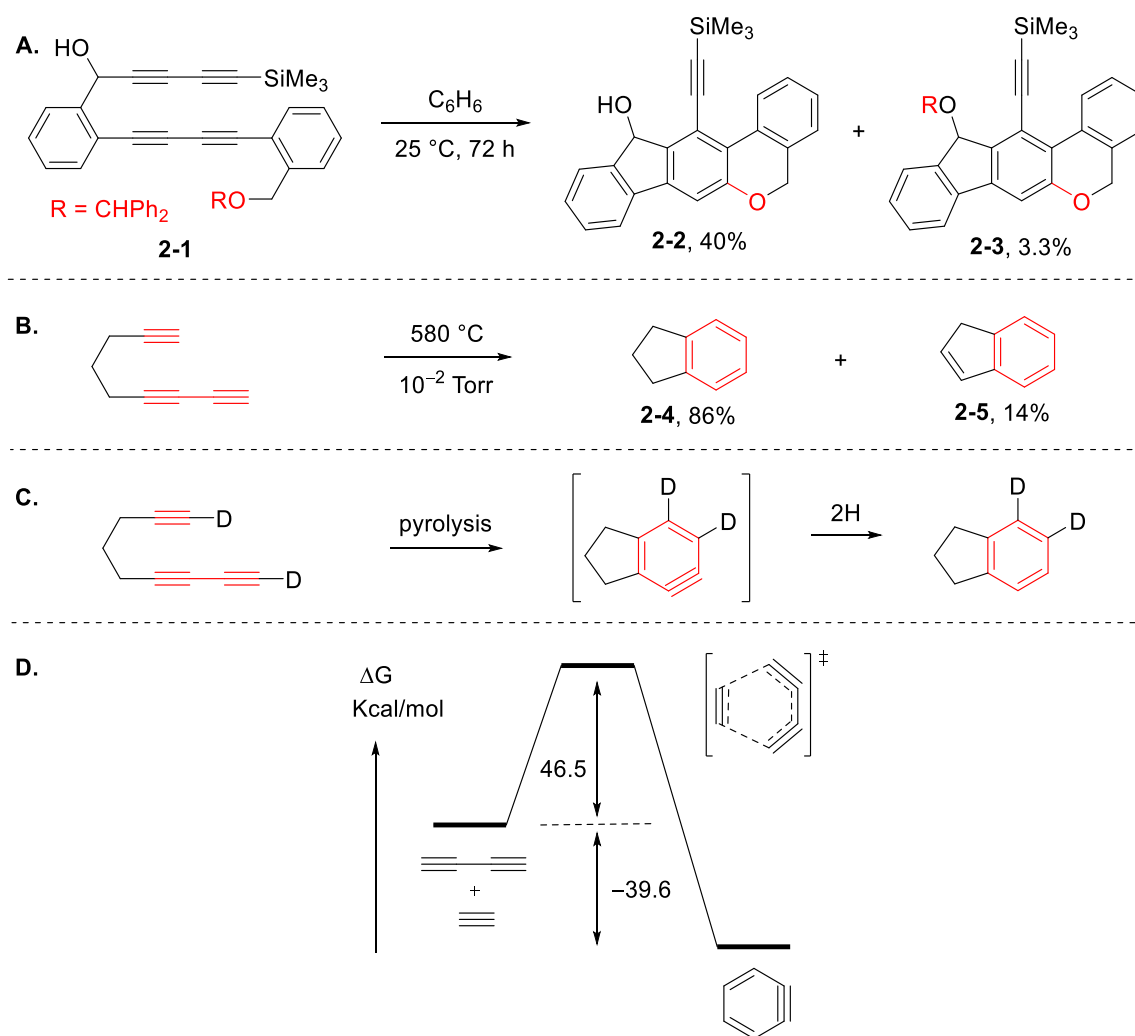


**Scheme 2.3. Various Route for Generation of Arynes**

Hexadehydro Diels-Alder (HDDA) reaction is a unique process that forms aryne frameworks from non-aromatic precursors. Appropriate triyne and tetrayne precursors can undergo HDDA reaction at various temperatures, ranging from 25 °C to as high as 580 °C depending on their structures. This reaction was pioneered by Ueda<sup>26b</sup> and Johnson<sup>26a</sup> in 1997. Ueda reported a tandem thermal cyclization of non-conjugated tetraynes **2-1** follow by intramolecular nucleophilic trapping to afford **2-2** and **2-3** (**Scheme 2.4 A**).<sup>26a</sup> At the same time, Johnson reported the cycloaromatization of 1,3,8-nonatriyne under flash vacuum thermolysis conditions to generate a mixture of indane **2-4** and indene **2-5** (**Scheme 2.4 B**).<sup>26b</sup> Deuterium isotope labelling experiment revealed that cycloaromatization reaction should proceed through a classical mode of [4+2] cycloaddition between alkyne and diyne to afford an aryne intermediate followed by



hydrogen transfer to furnish the observed products (**Scheme 2.4 C**). Ab initio calculation was also conducted to prove the feasibility of cycloaddition reaction between 1,3-butadiyne acetylene. The results reveal that even though high activation energy and dramatic molecular distortion is required, the [4+2] cycloaddition between diyne and alkyne is associated with large exothermicity due to the formation of aromatic system (**Scheme 2.4 D**). In this chapter, our investigations of the selectivity in the intramolecular reaction between allenes and arynes are described wherein ynamide-tethered tetraynes and benzene-tethered triynes are employed as the aryne precursors.

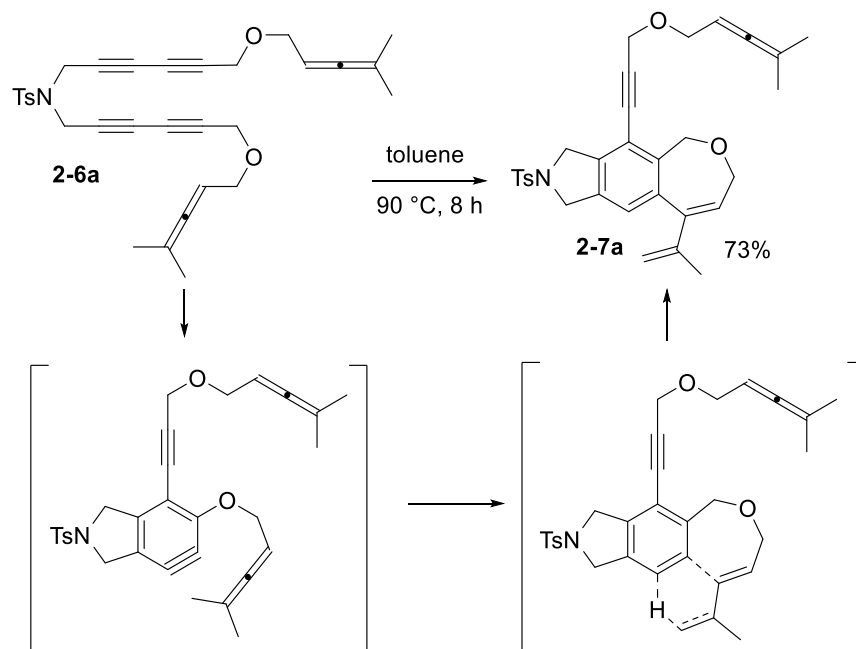


Free energy diagram (Kcal/mol, 25 °C and MP2/6-31G\* transition state structure for the cycloaddition of acetylene with 1,3-butadiyne.

**Scheme 2.4. Cycloaromatization of Tetrayne and Triyne and the Calculated Energy**

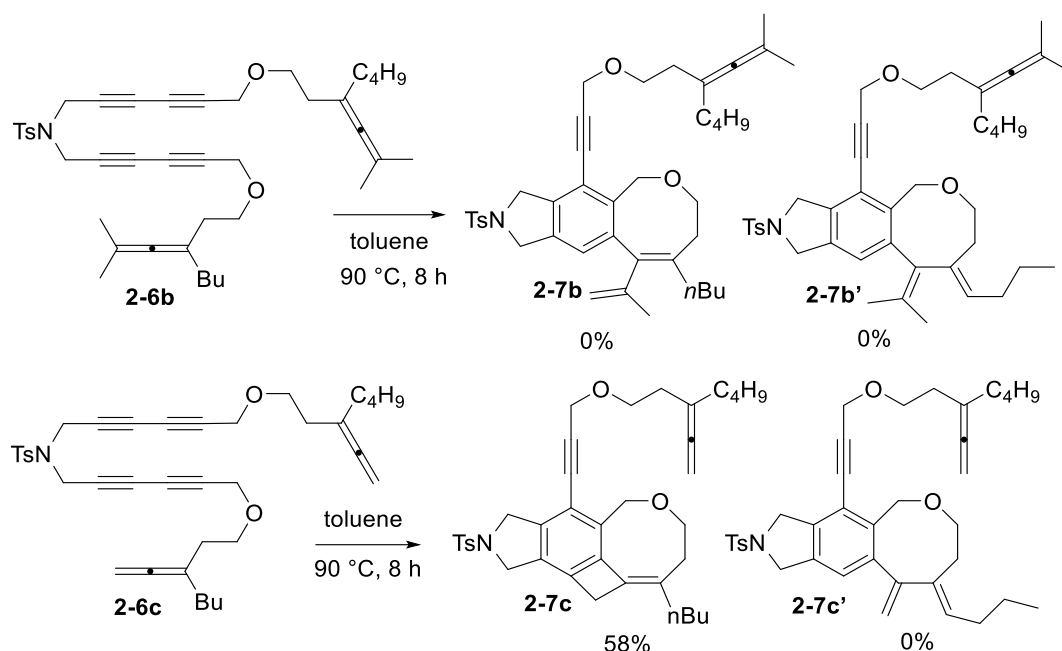
### 2.3. Initial Observation

Inspired by the recent report of the intermolecular Alder-ene reactions of arynes generated from tri- and tetraynes under thermal conditions, we explored the reactivity of intramolecular reaction of aryne-tethered allene. First, we examined the Alder-ene reaction by using symmetrical tetraynes **2-6a** (Scheme 2.5). The reaction of tetrayne **2-6a** that contains a three-atom tether with a *gem*-dimethylated allene<sup>21</sup> moiety (toluene, 90 °C, 8 h) afforded 7-membered ring Alder-ene product **2-7a** in 73% yield.



**Scheme 2.5. Reaction of Symmetrical Tetraynes Containing a Three-atom Tethered Allene Moiety**

On the other hand, tetrayne **2-6b** containing a four-atom tether with a tetrasubstituted allene moiety did not provide either Type-I or Type-II ene reaction product **2-7b/2-7b'** (Scheme 2.6). Under the identical conditions, however, substrate **2-6c** containing a terminal allene<sup>22</sup> moiety afforded only the [2+2] cycloadduct of the terminal  $\pi$ -bond of the allene to generate **2-7c** in 58% yield, and type-II ene product **2-7c'** was not observed. Despite the availability of allenic proton in **2-6c**, no Alder-ene product with the allenic proton was observed.



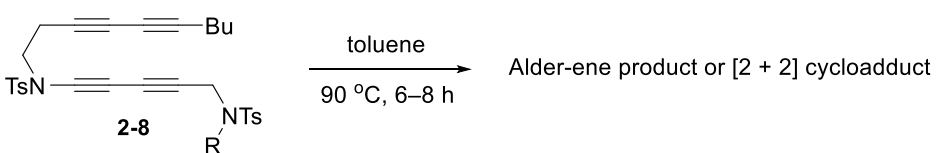
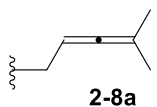
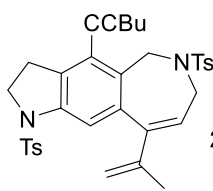
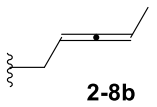
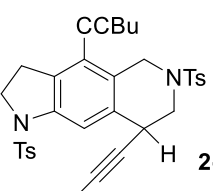
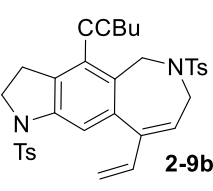
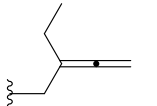
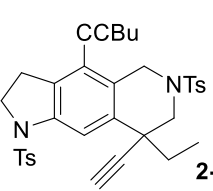
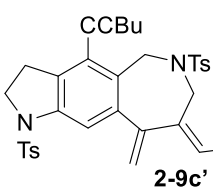
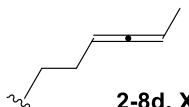
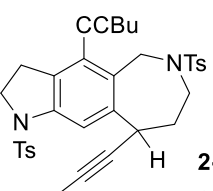
**Scheme 2.6. Reactions of Symmetrical Tetraynes Containing a Four-atom Tethered Allene Moiety**

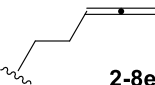
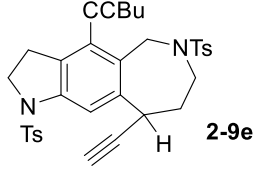
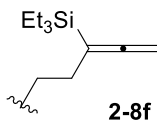
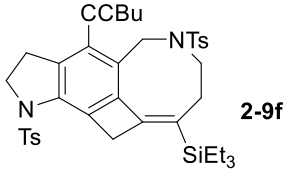
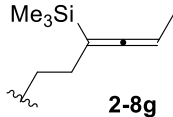
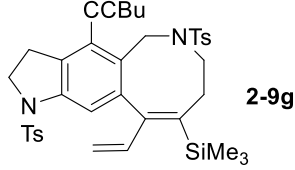
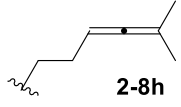
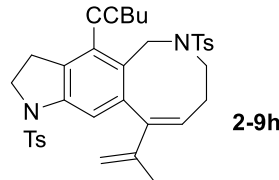
## 2.4. Results and Discussion

### 2.4.1. Reactions of Ynamide-tethered Tetraynes

On the basis of the drastic change of the reaction modes depending on the substituent pattern in allenes, the general trend of the reactivity of unsymmetrical tetraynes **2-8a–2-8h** that contain structurally different allene moieties was further explored (**Table 2.1**). As expected, tetrayne **2-8a** bearing a three-atom tether with a *gem*-dimethyl allene moiety exclusively formed 7-membered Alder-ene product **2-9a** in 63% yield (entry 1). In stark contrast, tetrayne **2-8b** containing a 1,3-disubstituted allene<sup>23</sup> moiety results in decomposition of the starting material and neither Alder-ene product **2-9b** nor **2-9b'** of the allenic or allylic C–H bond was observed (entry 2). Substrate **3c** containing a 1,1-disubstituted terminal allene also decomposed without providing either Type-I or Type-II ene product **2-9c** or **2-9c'** (entry 3). Surprisingly, however, substrates **2-8d** and **2-8d'** containing a 1,3-disubstituted allene with an extra methylene exclusively engaged in the Alder-ene reaction with an allenic C–H bond<sup>8</sup> to afford **2-9d** and **2-9d'** in 64 and 60% yield,

respectively (entries 4 and 5), and the Type-1 ene product of the corresponding allylic C–H bond was not observed. The reaction of the mono-substituted allene in **2-8e** induced the Type-I ene reaction of an allenic C–H bond to provide a terminal alkyne-containing product **2-9e** in 55% yield (entry 6). Substrate **2-8f** containing a 1,1-disubstituted terminal allene, which is identical with **2-8e** but containing a triethylsilyl group at the internal position of the allene, afford [2 + 2] cycloadduct **2-9f** in 62% yield and no Alder-ene product was observed (entry 7). Both substrates **2-8g** and **2-8h** containing a 1,1,3- or 1,3,3-trisubstituted allene<sup>24</sup> moiety, respectively, afforded the corresponding Type-I Alder-ene products **2-9g** and **2-9h** in 34 and 58% yield, respectively (entries 4 and 5).

|  |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                          |                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| entries                                                                            | R                                                                                                           | product                                                                                                                                                                  | yield (%) <sup>a</sup> |
| 1                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                       | 63                     |
| 2                                                                                  |                          |   | 0 <sup>b</sup>         |
| 3                                                                                  |                          |   | 0 <sup>b</sup>         |
| 4                                                                                  | <b>2-8d, X = NTs</b><br> |                                                                                      | 64                     |
| 5                                                                                  | <b>2-8d', X = O</b>                                                                                         |                                                                                      | 60                     |

|   |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |    |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| 6 |  |  | 55 |
| 7 |  |  | 62 |
| 8 |  |  | 34 |
| 9 |  |  | 58 |

<sup>a</sup>Isolated Yield. <sup>b</sup>Decomposition of starting material

**Table 2.1. Reactions of Ynamide-tethered Tetraynes Containing Different Allene Moieties**

These examples suggest that the preference for the formation of different modes of Alder-ene or [2+2] cycloaddition depends subtly on the substituents on the allene moiety and the length of the tether between the allene and the aryne. In general, Alder-ene reaction of an allylic C–H bond is most favorable with trisubstituted allenes (entries 1, 8 and 9) whereas that of an allenic C–H bond becomes more favorable with monosubstituted and 1,3-disubstituted allenes (entries 4–6). Alternatively, 1,1-disubstituted terminal allene induces [2 + 2] cycloaddition over an Alder-ene reaction (entry 7).

#### 2.4.2. Reactions of Benzo-tethered Triynes

Next, the reactivity of arynes generated from triynes **2-10a–2-10f** containing different allene moieties was explored (Table 2.2). The reaction of triynes **2-10a** and **2-10b** bearing a *gem*-dimethyl-containing trisubstituted allene or a 1,3-disubstituted allene moiety led to only decomposition without



| entries | R   | product | yield (%) <sup>a</sup> |
|---------|-----|---------|------------------------|
| 1       |     |         | 0 <sup>b</sup>         |
| 2       |     |         | 0 <sup>b</sup>         |
| 3       |     |         | 72                     |
| 4       |     |         | 50                     |
| 5       |     |         | 34                     |
| 6       | —Me |         | 58                     |
| 7       |     |         | 32 <sup>c</sup>        |
| 8       |     |         | 62 <sup>c</sup>        |

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>b</sup>Decomposition of starting material. <sup>c</sup>Reaction at 150 °C for 12 h.

**Table 2.2. Reactions of Benzo-tethered Triynes Containing Different Allene Moieties**

generating the expected 7-membered ring Type-I Alder-ene product **2-11a** and **2-11b** (entries 1 and 2). On the other hand, triynes **2-10c** with a longer tether bearing a 1,3-disubstituted allene moiety provided Type-I ene product **2-11c** in 72% yield, where only an allenic C–H bond participated in the reaction (entry 3). Unexpectedly, substrate **2-10d** bearing a *gem*-dimethyl-containing trisubstituted allene provided an 8-membered ring Type-I Alder-ene product **2-11d** in 50% yield (entry 4). It is quite surprising to find that **2-10e** containing a 1,1-disubstituted terminal allene moiety did not participate in the expected [2+2] cycloaddition between the allene and aryne, instead the toluene moiety of NTs group participated in a Diels-Alder reaction to generate benzobarrelene<sup>25</sup> **2-11e**, where the allene moiety remains intact (entry 5). The preference of a Diels-Alder reaction is further demonstrated with triyne **2-10f** devoid of the allene moiety, which provided benzobarrelene **2-11f** in 58% yield (entry 6). Despite the identical allene moieties in tetraynes **2-8f** and triynes **2-10e**, their reaction outcomes are quite different, which strongly suggests that the reactivity of the putative aryne intermediates are intricately affected by multiple factors including the substituents on the aryne core moiety. In comparison, a *gem*-dimethyl allene-containing propiolated triynes **2-10g** exclusively provided Alder-ene reaction product **2-11g** in marginal yields (entry 7). The formation of product **2-11g** suggests that the HDDA reaction of **2-10g** require higher activation barrier than the Alder-ene reaction between the alkyne moiety and the tethered allene segment. It was surmised that the low yield from this reaction is the consequence of the instability of the propiolate ester functionality at the elevated temperature. Indeed, when 1,3-diynyl propargyl alcohol **2-10h** was subjected to the identical conditions, the corresponding Alder-ene product **2-11h** was obtained in 62% yield (entry 8).

#### 2.4.3. [2+2] Cycloadditions of Alkynes with Allenes

Having recognized the significant impact of the structure of the tether, alkynes and allene moiety, various substrates that contain a 1,3-diyne (**2-12a–2-12f**) and monoynes (**2-12ga–2-12gd**) tethered with differently substituted allene moieties were further examined to define the selectivity between the Alder-ene and a [2+2] cycloaddition (Table 3). Upon heating (150 °C, toluene, 12 h), all 1,3-diyne-tethered allenes **2-12a–2-12f** provided [2+2] cycloadducts **2-13a–2-13f** in good yields (entries 1–6), whereas

monoynes **7ga–7gd** only led to decomposition under the identical conditions (entries 7–10) and none of the expected [2+2] cycloadducts **8ga–8gd** were observed. It is worthy of note the activating role of the extra alkynyl substituent at the terminal position of the alkyne in these [2+2] cycloadditions.<sup>26</sup>

| $  \begin{array}{c}  \text{R}^1\text{---}\text{C}\equiv\text{C}\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{NTs} \\  \text{2-12} \\  \text{R}  \end{array}  \xrightarrow[150\text{ }^\circ\text{C, 12 h}]{\text{toluene}}  \begin{array}{c}  \text{Alder-ene product or [2 + 2] cycloadduct}  \end{array}  $ |   |                                                     |         |                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| entries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | R | R <sup>1</sup>                                      | product | yield (%) <sup>a</sup>       |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   | <b>2-12a</b> , R <sup>1</sup> = CCSiEt <sub>3</sub> |         | <b>2-13a</b> 82              |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   | <b>2-12b</b> , R <sup>1</sup> = CCSiEt <sub>3</sub> |         | <b>2-13b</b> 85              |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   | <b>2-12c</b> , R <sup>1</sup> = CCSiEt <sub>3</sub> |         | <b>2-13c</b> 80              |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   | <b>2-12d</b> , R <sup>1</sup> = CCSiEt <sub>3</sub> |         | <b>2-13d</b> 78              |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   | <b>2-12e</b> , R <sup>1</sup> = CCSiEt <sub>3</sub> |         | <b>2-13e</b> 65              |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   | <b>2-12f</b> , R <sup>1</sup> = CCSiEt <sub>3</sub> |         | <b>2-13f</b> 78              |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   | <b>2-12ga</b> , R <sup>1</sup> = H                  |         | <b>2-13ga</b> 0 <sup>b</sup> |
| 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   | <b>2-12gb</b> , R <sup>1</sup> = Br                 |         | <b>2-13gb</b> 0 <sup>b</sup> |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |   | <b>2-12gc</b> , R <sup>1</sup> = Bu                 |         | <b>2-13gc</b> 0 <sup>b</sup> |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |   | <b>2-12gd</b> , R <sup>1</sup> = Ph                 |         | <b>2-13gd</b> 0 <sup>b</sup> |

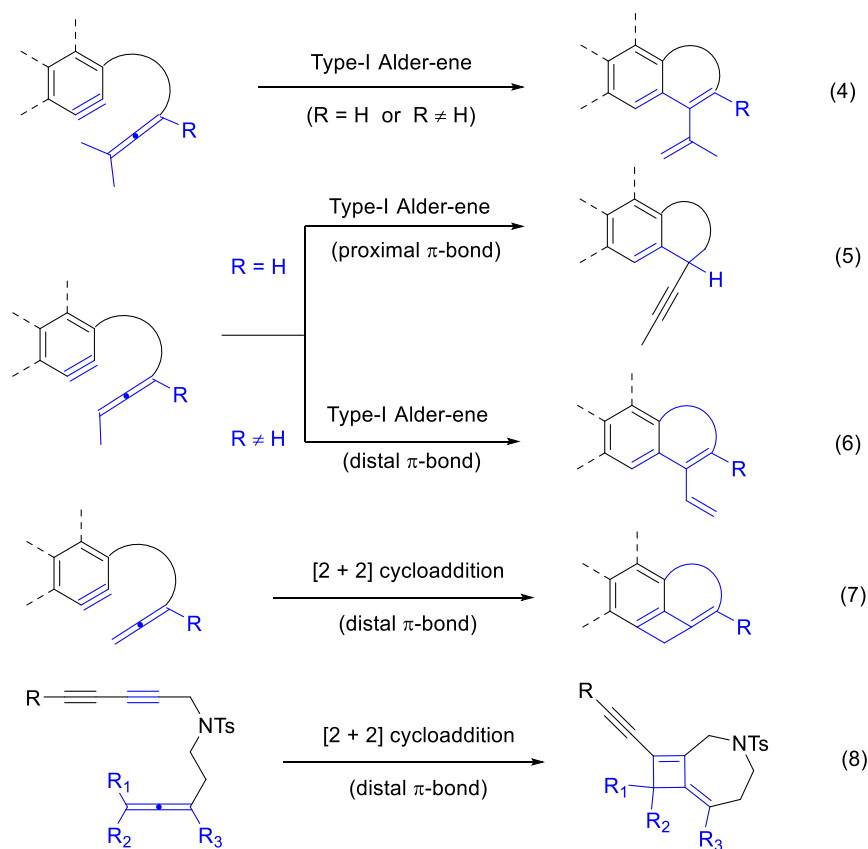
<sup>a</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>b</sup>Decomposition of starting material.

**Table 2.3. Reactivity of Sulfonamide-tethered Alkyne Containing Different Allene Moieties**



## 2.5. Conclusion

In summary, the intramolecular reactions between allenes and arynes were systematically investigated by employing allene-tethered tetraynes and triynes as the aryne precursors. From the data accumulated in **Scheme 2.5–2.6** and **Tables 2.1–2.3**, a general reactivity and selectivity trend has emerged (**Scheme 2.7**). Allenes containing a *gem*-dimethyl group at the distal carbon exclusively participates in the Type-I ene reaction regardless of the substituent at the proximal carbon (Eq 4). 1,3-Disubstituted allenes favorably participate in the Alder-ene reaction with an allenic C–H bond (Eq 5), whereas 1,1,3-trisubstituted allenes prefers to generate the Alder-ene product with an allylic–H bond (Eq 6). The reaction of aryne with a 1,1-disubstituted terminal allene favors for a [2+2] cycloaddition (Eq 7). On the other hand, the reaction between 1,3-diynes and an allene moiety provides [2+2] cycloaddition products irrespective of the substituent pattern of the allene (Eq 8).



**Scheme 2.7. General Selectivity Trend in the Intramolecular Reactions of Allenes with an Aryne**

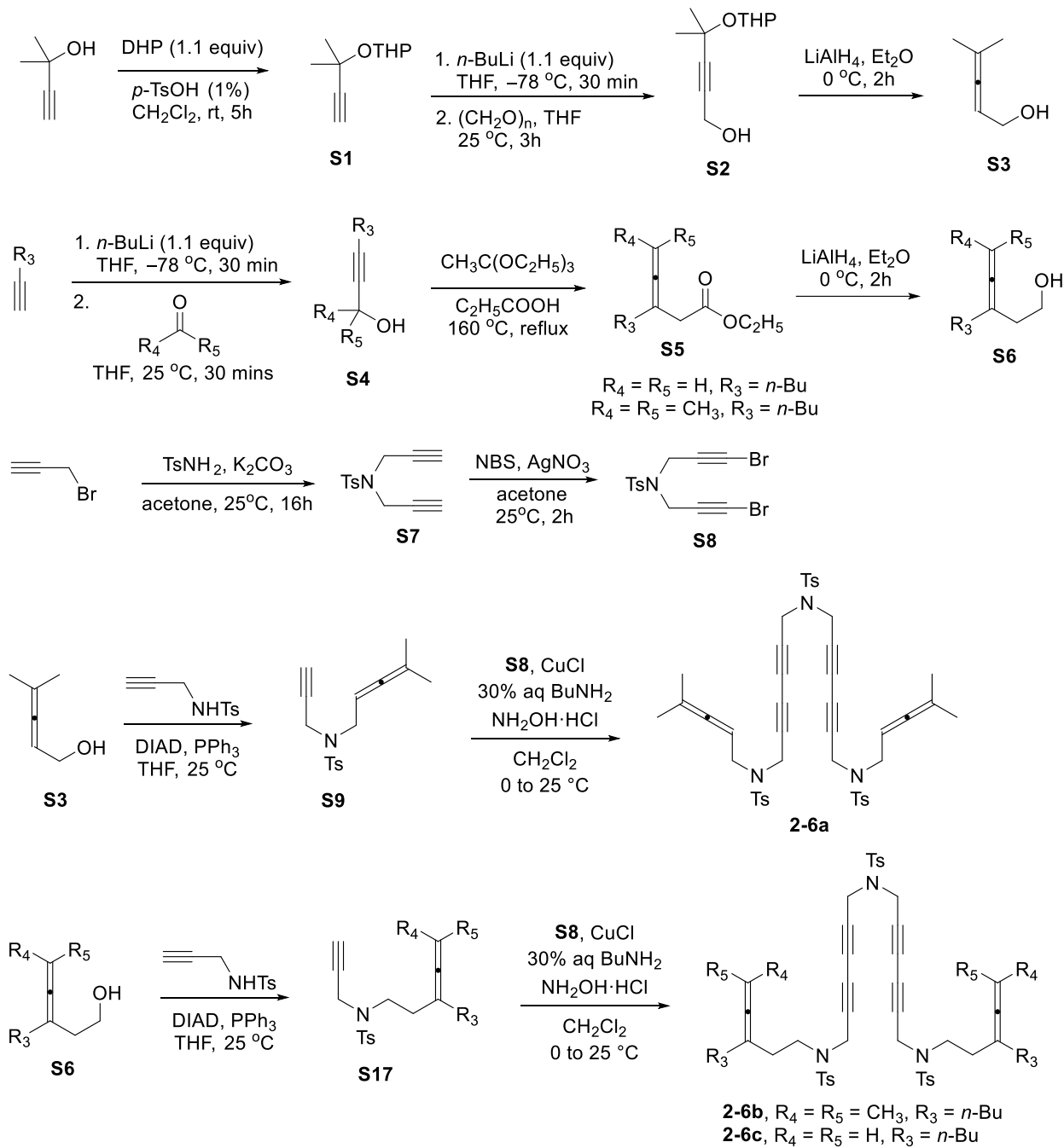
## 2.6. Experimental Details

### 2.6.1. General Information

Reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware unless otherwise noted. Compounds were purchased from Aldrich or Acros or TCI America or Oakwood Chemicals unless otherwise noted. Toluene, acetonitrile, dichloromethane and  $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluorotoluene were distilled over calcium hydride ( $\text{CaH}_2$ ) under nitrogen atmosphere. THF was distilled over sodium-benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen atmosphere. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 Å (32–63 mesh) purchased from Silicycle Inc. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 0.25 mm E. Merck precoated silica gel 60 (particle size 0.040–0.063 mm). Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds unless otherwise stated.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-500 spectrometer.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum was recorded in Varian Mercury-Vx-300 spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield of TMS and are referenced relative to the residual proteated solvent peak ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  (7.26 ppm)).  $^{13}\text{C}$  chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million downfield of TMS and are referenced to the carbon resonance of the solvent ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  (77.2 ppm)). Multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quin (quintet), sext (sextet) or m (multiplet).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals that fall within a ca. 0.3 ppm range are generally reported as a multiplet, with a range of chemical shift values corresponding to the peak or center of the peak. Coupling constants,  $J$ , are reported in Hz (Hertz). Electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectra were recorded on a Waters Micromass Q-Tof Ultima in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Electron impact (EI) mass spectra and Chemical Ionization (CI) mass spectra were obtained using a Micromass 70-VSE in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## 2.6.2 Experimental Procedures

### Synthesis of Symmetrical Tetraynes (2-6a-c)



To a solution of 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol (2 g, 35.7 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (30 mL) was added PTSA (0.5 g, 2.5 mmol) at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred for 5 min at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  before addition of 3,4-dehydropyran (3.3

g, 39.2 mmol). The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 5 h. The reaction solution was quenched with sat.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (50 mL) solution and the organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (x2). The combined organic layers were dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated under vacuum to afford compound **S1** (4.5 g, 32 mmol, 90%) as a light-yellow oil. The crude product was used for the next step without any further purification.

In a dried round-bottomed flask, **S1** was dissolved in dry THF at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  under nitrogen and *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane, 1.1 equiv) was added slowly and the mixture was stirred at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 minutes. A solution of carbonyl compound (1.1 equiv) in THF was added slowly to the mixture and the mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature over 2 hours, and the progression of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The mixture was then cooled to  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  with an ice bath and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (20 mL) and saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  were added. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  ( $2 \times 50\text{ mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, concentrated in vacuo, and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes: $\text{EtOAc}$  = 10:1 to 3:1) to obtain desired products **S2** (82%) and **S4** (68–75%).

A dry round-bottomed flask was equipped with a Dean-Stark trap. Propargyl alcohol (1 equiv), triethyl orthoacetate (3 equiv), and propanoic acid (0.2 equiv) were added sequentially. The mixture was heated to  $150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  until complete consumption of the starting material (monitored by TLC). The mixture was then cooled to  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  with an ice bath.  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (20 mL) and dilute HCl (1 M, 20 mL) were added. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (x2). The combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, concentrated in vacuo, and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes: $\text{EtOAc}$  = 10:1) to afford a desired product **S5** (43–60%).

In a 100 mL round-bottomed flask,  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  (2 equiv) was suspended in anhydrous  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (30 mL) and it was cooled to  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . A solution of an ester substrate (1 equiv) in anhydrous  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was warmed up slowly to room temperature over 1.5 h. The reaction was quenched with MeOH, then with a saturated aqueous solution of potassium sodium tartrate

and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (x3). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure (rotary evaporator bath at 19 °C,  $\geq$  100 mbar) and the crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to afford a pure alcohol **S3** (57%) and **S6** (42%).

To a mixture of *p*-toluenesulfonamide (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (241 mg, 1.75 mmol) in acetone (6 mL) was added propargyl bromide (0.125 mL, 1.46 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL), washed with brine (5 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 5:1) to give **S7** (118 mg, 0.48 mmol, 82%).

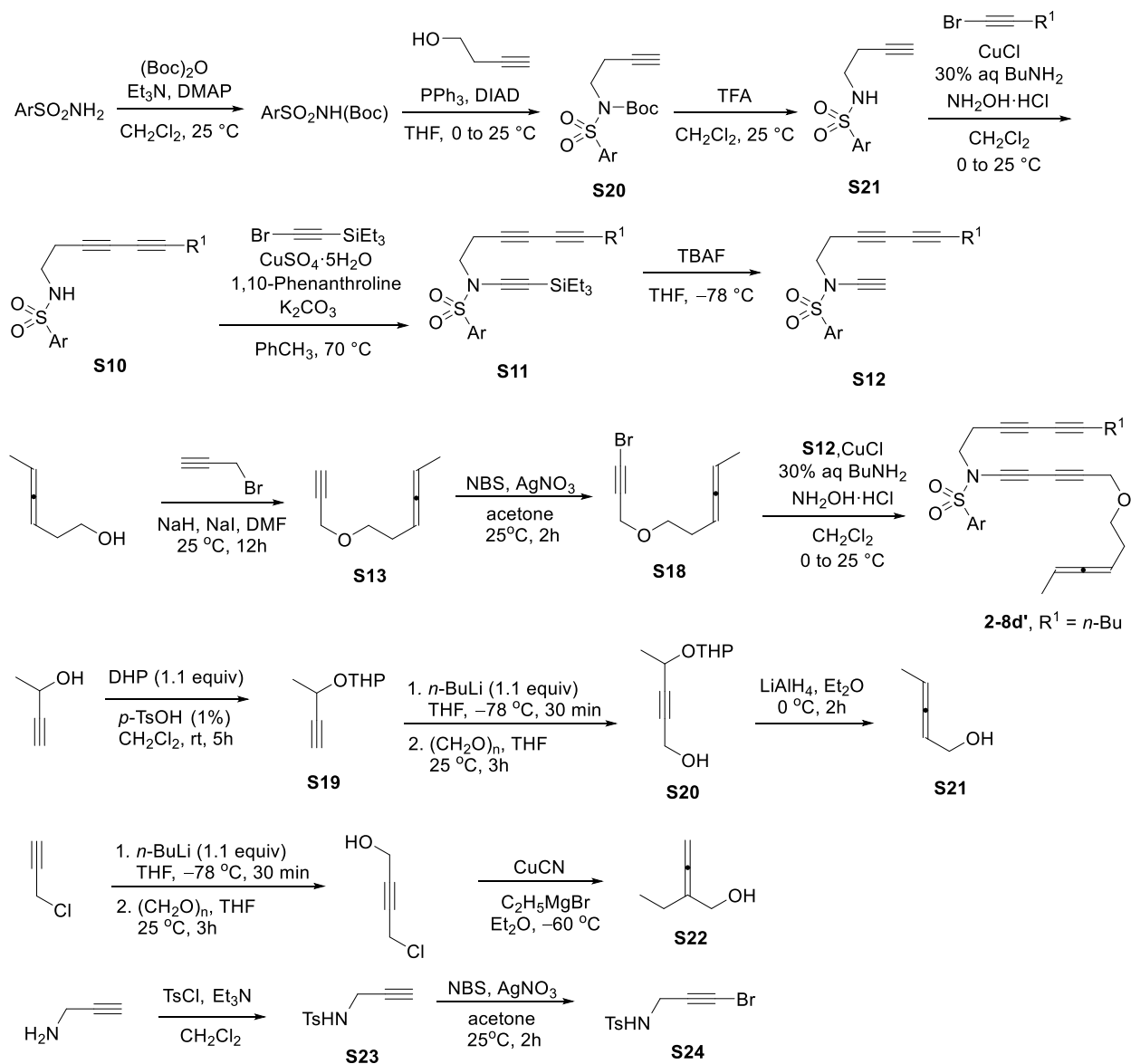
To a stirred solution of diyne (1.0 mmol) in acetone at 25 °C, *N*-bromosuccinimide (2.5 mmol) and AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol) were added sequentially under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere in the dark. After addition, the reaction was allowed to warm up to room temperature over 3 h. Upon complete consumption of alkyne, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and filtered through silica gel. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) provided dibromide **S8** (316 mg, 0.78 mmol, 78%).

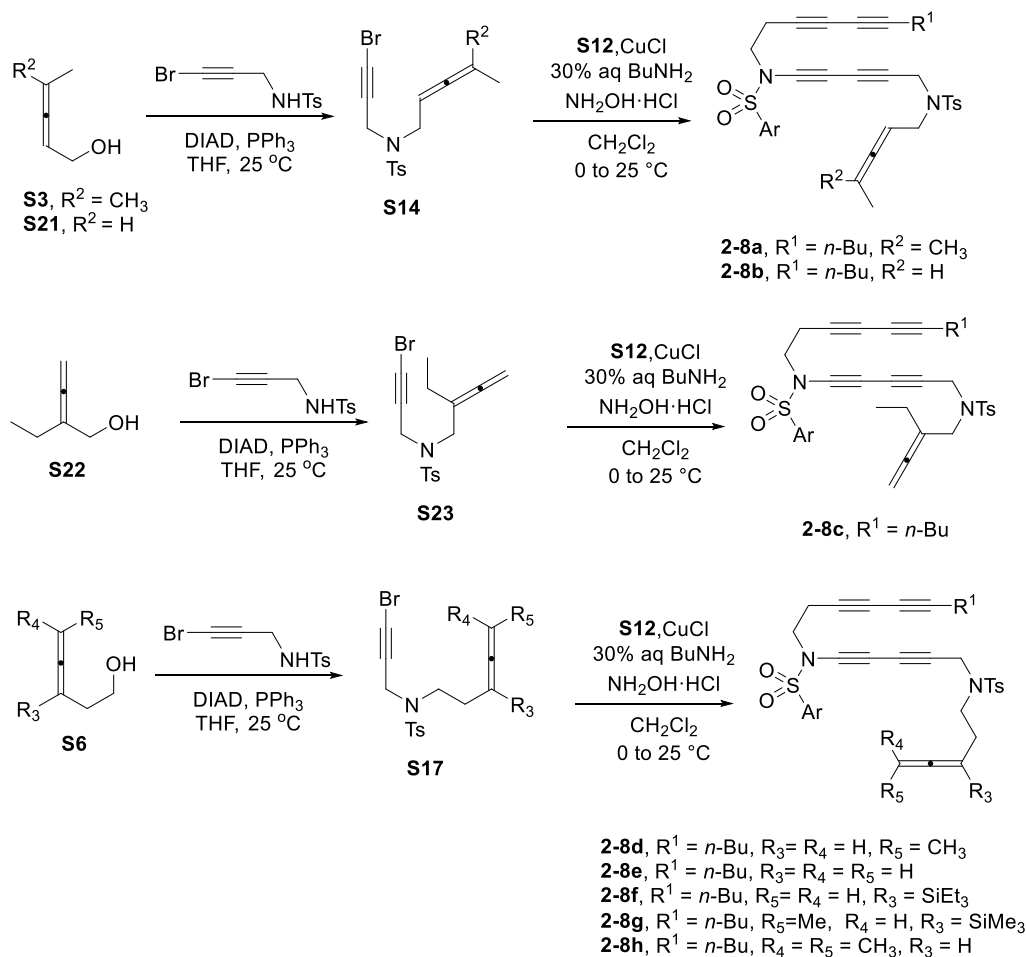
Diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of sulfoamide (1.0 equiv), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.2 equiv), and a substrate alcohol (1.0 equiv) in dry THF at 0 °C under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and further stirred overnight. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get a pure product **S9** (62%). Exact procedures were repeated to obtain **S17** (58%).

In a two-necked round bottomed flask containing CuCl (0.3 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added 30% aqueous BuNH<sub>2</sub> solution under nitrogen flow. A pinch of NH<sub>2</sub>OH•HCl was added until the blue color disappeared. A solution of terminal alkyne **S9** (1.1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added at 0 °C to the flask and the

solution became yellow. A dilute solution of dibromoalkyne (0.5 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added drop wise at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 minutes at room temperature. The progression of the reaction was monitored by TLC and after complete consumption of the starting materials, the nitrogen flow was removed, and the biphasic reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer was separated and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the organic layer was concentrated, and the crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get a pure product **2-6a** (57%). Exact procedures were repeated with terminal alkyne **S17** to obtain **2-6b** (45%) and **2-6c** (53%).

## Synthesis of Unsymmetrical Tetraynes (2-8a-h)





To a solution of arylsulfonamide (1.0 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  were added trimethylamine (1.5 equiv) and DMAP (0.1 equiv). A solution of  $(\text{Boc})_2\text{O}$  (1.05 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added slowly to the reaction mixture at room temperature, which was stirred until complete consumption of the starting materials (monitored by TLC). After completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and washed with water (x2) and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude product was used for the next reaction without further purification.

Diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of  $\text{ArSO}_2\text{NH}(\text{Boc})$  (1.0 equiv),  $\text{PPh}_3$  (1.2 equiv), and 3-butyne-1-ol (1.0 equiv) in dry THF at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and further stirred overnight. After completion, the reaction



mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get pure product **S20** (65%).

Trifluoroacetic acid (5.0 equiv) was added to a solution of Boc-protected sulfonamide (1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature and the mixture was stirred until complete consumption of the starting materials (monitored by TLC). After completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with water (x2) and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to obtain pure product **S21** (56%).

In a two-necked round bottomed flask containing CuCl (0.3 equiv) was added 30% aqueous BuNH<sub>2</sub> solution under nitrogen flow. A pinch of NH<sub>2</sub>OH•HCl was added until the blue color disappeared. A solution of terminal alkyne (1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added at 0 °C to the flask and the solution became yellow. A dilute solution of bromoalkyne (1.2 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added drop wise at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 minutes at room temperature. The progression of the reaction was monitored by TLC and after complete consumption of the starting materials, the nitrogen flow was removed, and the biphasic reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer was separated and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the organic layer was concentrated, and the crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 5:1 to 3:1) to get a pure product **S10** (62%).

CuSO<sub>4</sub>•5H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mol %), 1,10-phenanthroline (20 mol %), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 equiv) and bromoalkyne (2.0 equiv) were added to a solution of sulfonamide **S10** (1.0 equiv) in dry toluene. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C overnight. After complete consumption of the starting materials, the reaction mixture was filtered through a small pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated to get a crude product which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to isolate a pure product **S11** (43%).

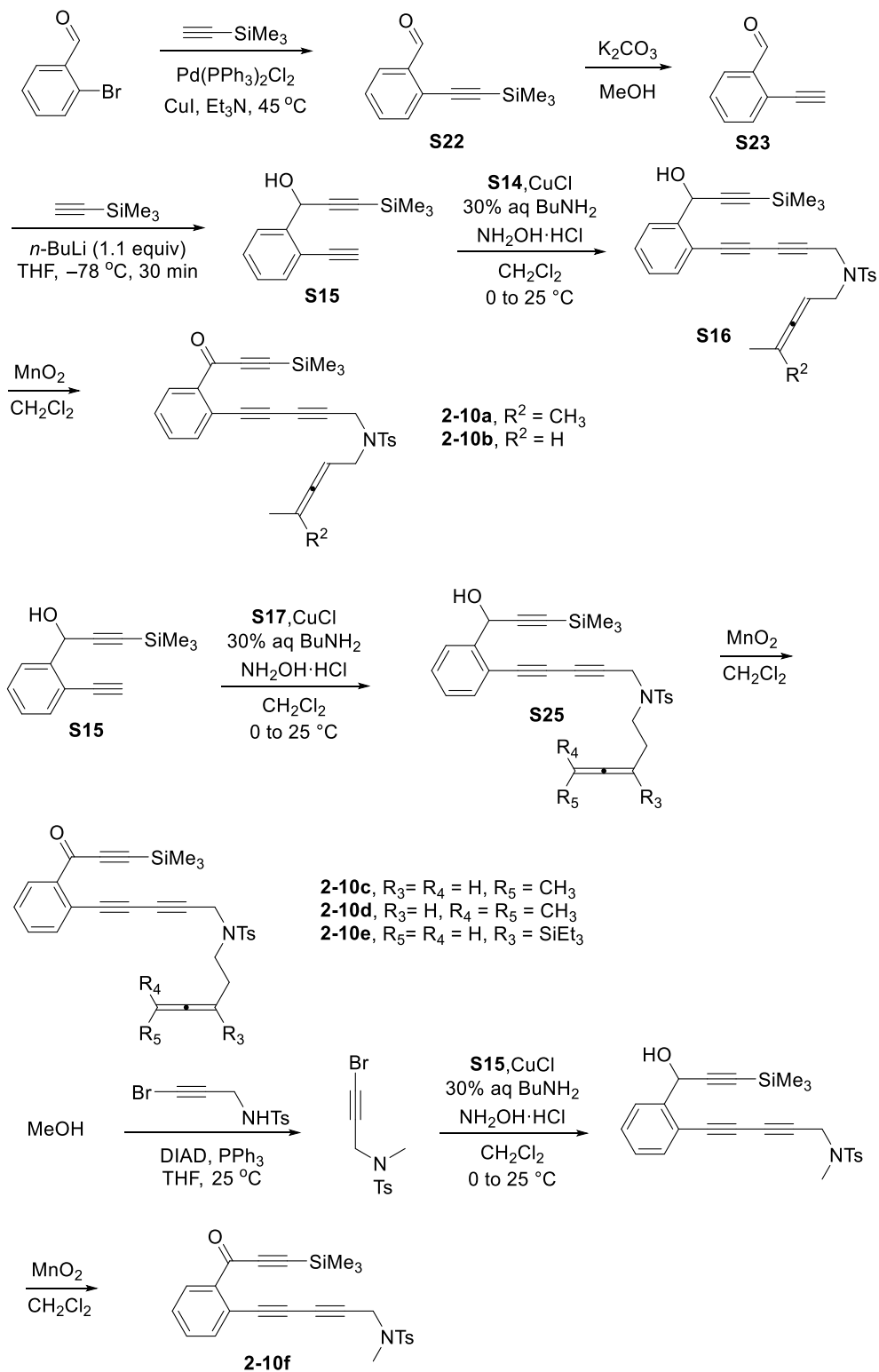
Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1.1 equiv) was added to a solution of alkynyl trialkylsilane (1.0 equiv) in dry THF at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  under nitrogen and progression of the reaction was checked by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, diluted with EtOAc, washed with water (x2) and then brine. The organic layer was separated, drier over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product **S12** was directly used for the next reaction without further purification.

To a stirred solution of alkyne (**S13**, **S23**, 1.0 mmol) in acetone at  $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , *N*-bromosuccinimide (2.5 mmol) and  $\text{AgNO}_3$  (0.1 mmol) were added sequentially under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere in the dark. After addition, the reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 3h. Upon complete consumption of alkyne, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and filtered through silica gel. Purification by flash column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes:EtOAc, 1:5 to 1:3) provided bromide **S18** (78%) and **S24** (75%).

In a two-necked round bottomed flask containing  $\text{CuCl}$  (0.3 equiv) was added 30% aqueous  $\text{BuNH}_2$  solution under nitrogen flow. A pinch of  $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}$  was added until the blue color disappeared. A solution of terminal alkyne **S12** (1.0 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added at  $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to the flask and the solution became yellow. A dilute solution of bromoalkyne **S14** (1.2 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added drop wise at  $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 minutes at room temperature. The progression of the reaction was monitored by TLC and after complete consumption of the starting materials, the nitrogen flow was removed, and the biphasic reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel. The  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  layer was separated and dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After filtration, the organic layer was concentrated, and the crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get pure products **2-8a** (65%) and **2-8b** (58%). Exact procedures were repeat three more time with **S17**, **S18** and **S23** as bromo alkyne to afford **2-8c–2-8h** (53–68%).

**S22** was produce following the established procedure in literature.<sup>27</sup> Please see reference for more information.

## Synthesis of Benzo-tethered Triynes



To a solution of aryl bromide (1 equiv) in Et<sub>3</sub>N (20 mL) was added (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mol%) and CuI (1.0 mol%) at room temperature under nitrogen. Terminal alkyne (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to the above solution with continuous stirring. After 15 minutes, the reaction mixture was warmed up to 40 °C and stirred until complete consumption of the alkenyl bromide (monitored by thin layer chromatography). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite pad, concentrated and directly loaded on a silica gel column and eluted (hexanes:EtOAc, 20:1 to 5:1) to obtain pure product **S22** (quantitative yield).

Potassium carbonate (5 mol%) was added to a solution of alkynyltrialkylsilane **S22** (1.0 equiv) in methanol at room temperature under nitrogen and progress of the reaction was checked by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through silica gel and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was loaded on a silica gel column and eluted (hexanes:EtOAc, 20:1 to 5:1) to obtain the pure product **S23** (95%).

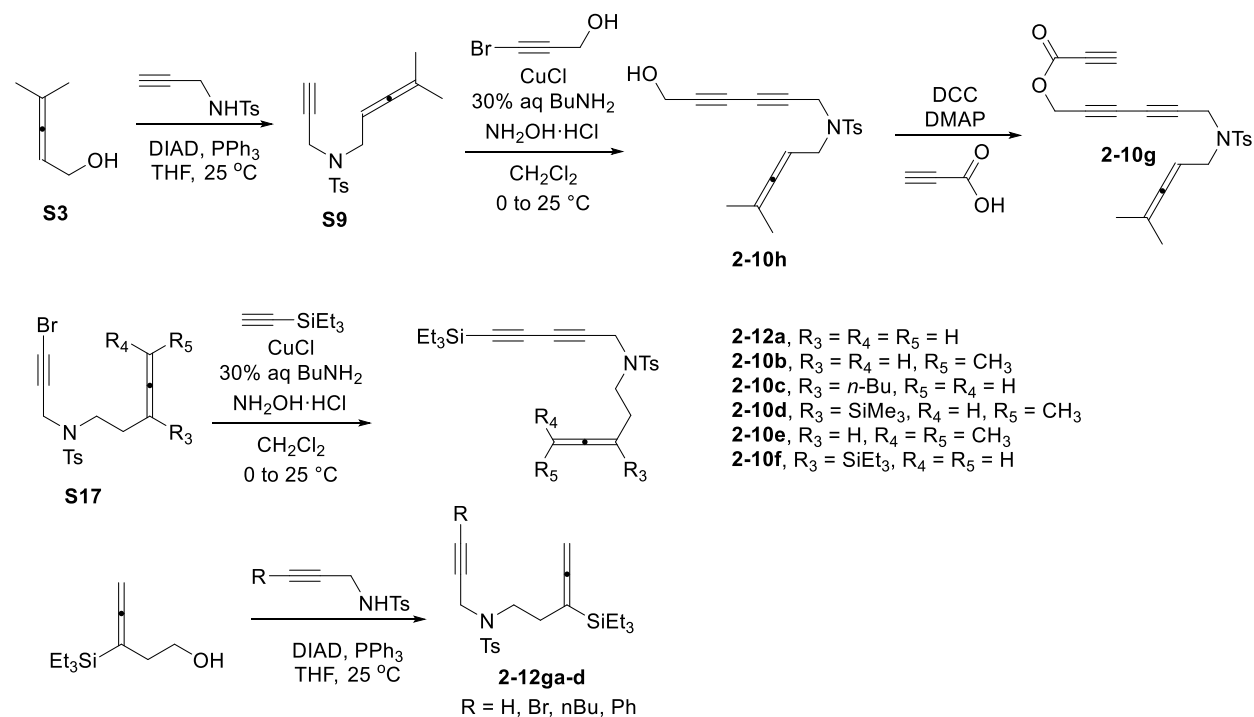
In a dried round-bottomed flask, a precursor alkyne was dissolved in dry THF at –78 °C under nitrogen and *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane, 1.1 equiv) was added slowly and the mixture was stirred at –78 °C for 30 minutes. A solution of carbonyl compound (1.1 equiv) in THF was added slowly to the mixture and the mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature over 2 hours, and the progression of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath and Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl were added. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated in vacuo, and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to obtain desired products **S15** (86%).

In a two-necked round bottomed flask containing CuCl (0.3 equiv) was added 30% aqueous BuNH<sub>2</sub> solution under nitrogen flow. A pinch of NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl was added until the blue color disappeared. A solution of terminal alkyne **S15** (1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added at 0 °C to the flask and the solution became yellow. A dilute solution of bromoalkyne **S14** (1.2 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added drop wise at 0 °C and the

reaction mixture was stirred for 5 minutes at room temperature. The progression of the reaction was monitored by TLC and after complete consumption of the starting materials, the nitrogen flow was removed, and the biphasic reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer was separated and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the organic layer was concentrated, and the crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get a pure product **S16** (62%). An exact procedure was repeat one more time to obtain product **S25** (57%).

Manganese (IV) oxide (5 equiv) was added to a solution of benzylic alcohol **S16** (1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and the solid was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combine organic solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 15:1 to 10:1) to obtain pure product **2-10a–2-10f** (65–82%).

### Synthesis of Diyne and Monoyne-tethered Allenes



Diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of sulfoamide (1.0 equiv), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.2 equiv), and a substrate alcohol (1.0 equiv) in dry THF at 0 °C under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and further stirred overnight. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get a pure product **S9** (65%).

In a two-necked round bottomed flask containing CuCl (0.3 equiv) was added 30% aqueous BuNH<sub>2</sub> solution under nitrogen flow. A pinch of NH<sub>2</sub>OH•HCl was added until the blue color disappeared. A solution of terminal alkyne (1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added at 0 °C to the flask and the solution became yellow. A dilute solution of bromoalkyne (1.2 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added drop wise at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 minutes at room temperature. The progression of the reaction was monitored by TLC and after complete consumption of the starting materials, the nitrogen flow was removed, and the biphasic reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer was separated and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the organic layer was concentrated, and the crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get a pure product **2-10h** (62%).

4-Dimethylaminopyridine (0.1 equiv) was add slowly to the solution of propargryl alcohol **2-10h** (1 equiv), propionic acid (1 equiv), and *N,N'*-Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (1.2 equiv). The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1h. The process was monitor by TLC. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get a pure product **2-10g** (72%).

In a two-necked round bottomed flask containing CuCl (0.3 equiv) was added 30% aqueous BuNH<sub>2</sub> solution under nitrogen flow. A pinch of NH<sub>2</sub>OH•HCl was added until the blue color disappeared. A solution of (Triethylsilyl)acetylene (1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added at 0 °C to the flask and the solution became yellow. A dilute solution of bromoalkyne **S17** (1.2 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added drop wise at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 minutes at room temperature. The progression of the reaction was

monitored by TLC and after complete consumption of the starting materials, the nitrogen flow was removed, and the biphasic reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer was separated and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the organic layer was concentrated, and the crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get a pure product **2-12a-f** (65–78%).

### **General procedures for the intramolecular reaction of alkynes with allenes**

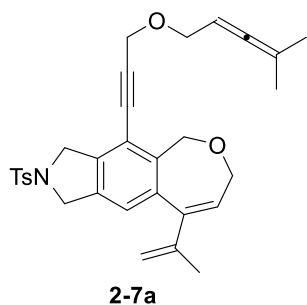
#### **General Procedure A (GPA)**

A solution of a substrate in toluene (10–15 mM) in a Schlenk tube was flushed with nitrogen. The mixture was stirred for 6 h at 90 °C unless otherwise noted. After completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a round-bottomed flask, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography eluted (hexanes:EtOAc = 15:1 to 5:1 ) to get pure products.

#### **General Procedure B (GPB)**

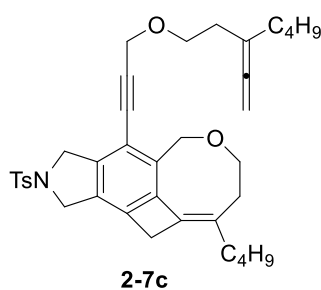
A solution of a substrate in toluene (10–15 mM) in a Schlenk tube was flushed with nitrogen. The mixture was stirred for 12 h at 150 °C unless otherwise noted. After completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a round-bottomed flask, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography eluted (hexanes:EtOAc = 15:1 to 5:1) to get pure products.

### 2.6.3. Characterization Data



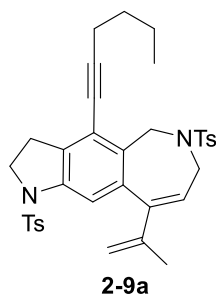
**2-7a**, yellow oil, 73% yield, 18 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.79–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.19 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 5.16 (s, 1H), 5.11–5.07 (m, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.70 (s, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 4.11 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz), 3.74 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.74 (d, 6H,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$

203.6, 147.2, 143.8, 142.8, 139.8, 139.1, 138.4, 135.5, 133.8, 129.9, 127.6, 123.7, 122.9, 117.8, 96.4, 93.7, 85.4, 80.7, 68.8, 64.1, 62.4, 57.1, 54.1, 54.1, 29.7, 21.5, 20.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  516.2208, found 516.2206.



**2-7c**, yellow oil, 58% yield, 11 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.78–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.31 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 4.71 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 4.62 (s, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.89 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz), 3.66 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz), 3.49 (s, 2H), 2.42–2.40 (m, 5H, mixed peaks), 2.29–2.26 (m, 2H), 2.11 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 1.99–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.41 (m, 4H, mixed peaks),

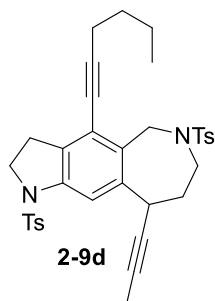
1.36–1.31 (m, 4H, mixed peaks), 0.92–0.88 (m, 6H, mixed peaks);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  205.6, 143.7, 140.6, 139.2, 138.1, 135.1, 133.8, 132.7, 129.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 112.8, 100.0, 94.3, 80.5, 76.1, 70.0, 69.4, 68.5, 58.8, 53.9, 52.1, 36.5, 34.2, 33.9, 32.1, 31.9, 30.6, 29.7, 29.6, 22.6, 22.4, 21.5, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{46}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  600.3145, found 600.3147.



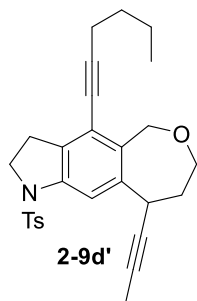
**2-9a**, yellow oil, 63% yield, 12 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.76–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.28–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.21 (m, 2H), 5.72 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.94 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 3.52 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 2.99 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 2.44–2.42 (m, 5H, mixed peaks), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.60–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.41 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, 3H,  $J$  = 7.3



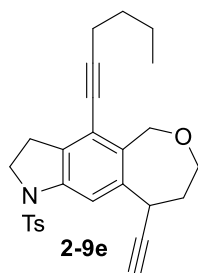
Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  147.3, 144.4, 143.2, 142.0, 141.0, 139.0, 136.6, 134.4, 133.6, 130.2, 129.7, 129.5, 127.6, 127.4, 121.6, 119.8, 118.0, 114.1, 99.6, 75.7, 49.9, 45.9, 43.0, 30.7, 28.1, 22.1, 21.5, 21.5, 21.0, 19.3, 13.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  615.2349, found 615.2047.



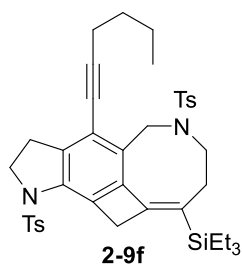
**2-9d**, yellow oil, 64% yield, 14 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.68–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.26–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.19 (m, 2H), 4.78–4.68 (m, 1H), 3.91–3.85 (m, 3H, mixed peaks), 3.71 (brs, 1H), 3.58 (t, 1H,  $J = 10.5$  Hz), 2.92 (t, 2H,  $J = 8.6$  Hz), 2.47 (t, 2H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 2.39 (brs, 6H, mixed peaks), 1.98 (t, 1H,  $J = 10.5$  Hz), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.64–1.58 (m, 4H, mixed peaks), 1.51–1.45 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  144.3, 142.9, 141.2, 141.1, 136.8, 133.7, 132.6, 129.8, 129.4, 127.3, 127.2, 121.6, 114.1, 99.5, 81.4, 78.0, 76.0, 49.9, 48.5, 48.1, 37.1, 33.7, 30.8, 28.0, 22.1, 21.6, 21.5, 19.4, 13.6, 3.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  615.2347, found 615.2346.



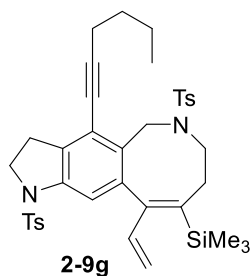
**2-9d'**, yellow oil, 60% yield, 12 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.69–7.67 (m, 3H, mixed peaks), 7.24–7.23 (m, 2H), 5.09 (d, 1H,  $J = 13.7$  Hz), 4.90 (brs, 1H), 4.26 (t, 1H,  $J = 9.6$  Hz), 4.05–3.99 (m, 2H), 3.89 (t, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 2.90 (t, 2H,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 2.39–2.35 (m, 5H, mixed peaks), 2.17 (s, 2H), 2.04 (t, 1H,  $J = 11.2$  Hz), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.54–1.49 (m, 2H), 1.45–1.38 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  144.2, 142.3, 141.0, 133.8, 132.5, 130.0, 129.7, 127.5, 127.4, 114.2, 98.8, 81.3, 76.0, 71.6, 69.7, 49.9, 45.0, 37.5, 35.9, 30.8, 28.0, 21.9, 21.5, 19.2, 13.6, 3.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  462.2103, found 462.2101.



**2-9e**, yellow oil, 55% yield, 12 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.72–7.68 (m, 3H, mixed peaks), 7.24–7.22 (m, 2H), 5.09 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 13.8 Hz), 4.89 (brs, 1H), 4.26 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz), 4.11 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz), 4.03–4.00 (m, 1H), 3.89 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 2.90 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 2.50 (s, 1H), 2.40–2.37 (m, 5H, mixed peaks), 2.11–2.07 (m, 1H), 1.97–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.54–1.49 (m, 2H), 1.44–1.40 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, 3H,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  144.2, 141.1, 140.9, 135.5, 133.7, 132.9, 129.7, 127.4, 121.3, 114.1, 99.0, 83.6, 75.9, 73.7, 71.4, 69.7, 49.9, 37.1, 35.5, 30.7, 28.0, 21.9, 21.5, 19.2, 13.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  448.1946, found 448.1944.



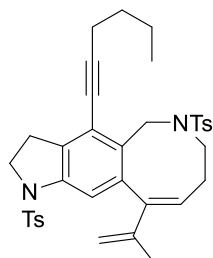
**2-9f**, yellow oil, 62% yield, 15 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.64–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.17 (m, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.87 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.53 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz), 2.93 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz), 2.62 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz), 2.43 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.59–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.45 (m, 2H), 0.98–0.95 (m, 12H, mixed peaks), 0.67 (q, 6H,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  146.0, 144.4, 144.1, 143.1, 136.1, 134.9, 134.6, 134.2, 129.8, 129.1, 127.4, 126.6, 118.7, 99.5, 75.7, 50.1, 49.7, 48.1, 42.0, 32.0, 30.9, 29.7, 28.7, 22.0, 21.5, 21.5, 19.3, 13.6, 7.6, 3.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{50}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2\text{Si}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  715.3059, found 715.3057.



**2-9g**, yellow oil, 34% yield, 11 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.67–7.64 (m, 4H, mixed peaks), 7.30–7.21 (m, 5H, mixed peaks), 6.85 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 16.8, 10.9 Hz), 5.24–5.17 (m, 2H, mixed peaks), 4.64 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 16.7 Hz), 4.05–3.99 (m, 1H), 3.89–3.83 (m, 1H), 3.63–3.60 (m, 1H), 3.18 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 16.7 Hz), 3.02 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz), 2.51 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz), 2.41–2.28 (m, 7H, mixed peaks), 2.04–1.91 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.42 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz), 0.09 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  149.0, 144.3, 143.2, 142.7, 140.6, 140.0, 137.8, 134.6, 131.9, 129.6, 129.4, 127.8,

127.4, 122.6, 118.6, 113.9, 102.0, 75.7, 50.0, 47.3, 46.7, 30.7, 30.6, 28.1, 22.1, 21.5, 21.4, 19.7, 13.7, 0.5.

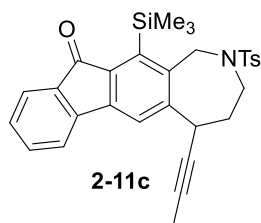
HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{38}H_{47}N_2O_4S_2Si$   $[M + H]^+$  678.2746, found 687.2745.



**2-9h**

**2-9h**, yellow oil, 58% yield, 11 mg (using GPA).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.70–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.28 (m, 3H, mixed peaks), 7.22–7.20 (m, 2H), 5.80 (t, 1H,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 5.25 (d, 1H,  $J = 12.0$  Hz), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 4.04–3.98 (m, 1H), 3.88–3.83 (m, 1H), 3.57–3.53 (m, 1H), 3.38 (d, 1H,  $J = 12.5$  Hz), 3.02 (t, 2H,  $J = 8.3$  Hz), 2.51 (t, 2H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H),

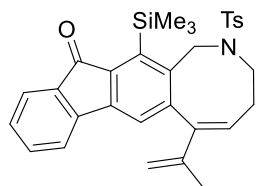
1.60–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.40 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, 2H,  $J = 8.3$  Hz), 0.09 (s, 9H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  144.4, 143.6, 143.1, 142.7, 140.7, 139.3, 135.2, 134.9, 133.3, 131.8, 129.6, 129.5, 127.8, 127.5, 126.9, 122.6, 116.8, 114.5, 101.8, 75.9, 49.9, 47.4, 45.6, 30.6, 28.1, 27.4, 22.1, 21.5, 20.8, 19.7, 13.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{36}H_{41}N_2O_4S_2$   $[M + H]^+$  629.8538, found 629.8536.



**2-11c**

**2-11c**, yellow oil, 72% yield, 11 mg (using GPA).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.61 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.4$  Hz), 7.48–7.44 (m, 5H, mixed peaks), 7.31–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.09–7.07 (m, 2H), 5.01–4.90 (m, 1H), 4.85–4.71 (m, 1H), 3.95–3.93 (m, 1H), 3.70–3.68 (m, 2H, mixed peaks), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.93 (brs, 1H), 1.88 (d, 3H,  $J = 3.2$

Hz), 1.75–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.63–1.56 (m, 2H), 0.89–0.84 (m, 1H), 0.49 (s, 9H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  194.8, 146.8, 144.8, 143.3, 142.9, 138.9, 134.4, 134.0, 129.4, 129.1, 127.0, 124.0, 121.5, 119.6, 81.2, 51.1, 47.8, 29.7, 21.3, 3.7, 2.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{30}H_{32}NO_3SSi$   $[M + H]^+$  514.1872, found 514.1870.

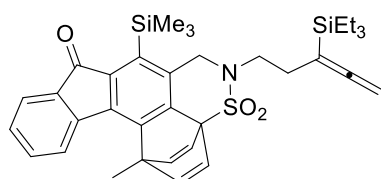


**2-11d**

**2-11d**, yellow oil, 50% yield, 11 mg (using GPA).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.77–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 3H, mixed peaks), 7.22 (s, 1H), 5.30 (t, 1H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.38 (s, 1H), 4.19 (d, 1H,  $J = 10.6$  Hz), 3.56 (brs, 1H), 3.03 (brs, 1H), 2.45–2.39 (m, 4H, mixed peaks),

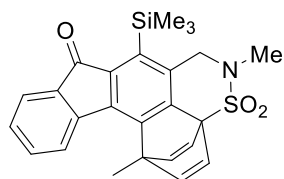
1.95–1.92 (m, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 0.47 (s, 9H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  194.6, 148.3, 145.0, 144.4,

143.4, 143.4, 143.2, 143.1, 139.8, 137.3, 134.5, 134.1, 129.5, 129.3, 127.5, 126.9, 124.1, 122.8, 119.9, 116.0, 49.7, 43.0, 27.3, 21.5, 20.2, 2.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{31}H_{34}NO_3SSi$   $[M + H]^+$  528.2028, found 528.2026.



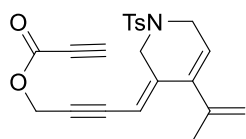
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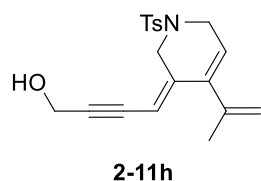
**2-11f**, yellow oil, 58% yield, 11 mg (using GPA).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz): 8.12 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.4$  Hz), 7.67 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.4$  Hz), 7.52–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.31 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.4$  Hz), 7.16–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.68–6.67 (m, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 0.40 (s, 9H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  193.7, 148.5, 146.4, 145.9, 143.9, 137.7, 137.6, 136.5, 135.0, 134.3, 131.4, 128.5, 126.5, 124.2, 56.9, 52.0, 35.5, 29.7, 25.1, 3.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{25}H_{26}NO_3SSi$   $[M + H]^+$  448.1402, found 448.1401.



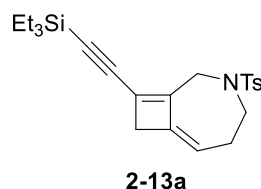
**2-11g**

**2-11g**, yellow oil, 32% yield, 12 mg (using GPB).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.70–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 2H), 5.57 (t, 1H,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 5.45 (s, 1H), 5.01 (d, 2H,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 4.95 (t, 1H,  $J = 1.7$  Hz), 4.57 (s, 1H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 3.90 (d, 2H,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 2.96 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  143.6, 141.9, 141.2,

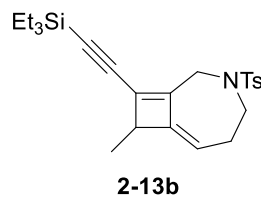
140.4, 134.2, 129.6, 127.8, 123.4, 116.1, 105.5, 90.8, 84.0, 75.8, 54.5, 46.0, 45.3, 22.9, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{22}H_{22}NO_4S$   $[M + H]^+$  396.1269, found 396.1262.



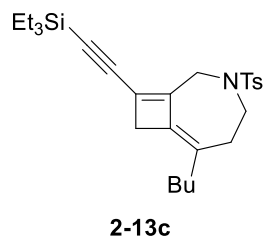
**2-11h**, yellow oil, 62% yield, 18 mg (using GPB).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.69–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 2H), 5.52 (t, 1H,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.90 (d, 2H,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  143.7, 142.0, 140.6, 139.7, 134.3, 129.6, 127.8, 122.6, 116.0, 106.4, 96.8, 82.1, 51.8, 46.0, 45.3, 22.9, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{22}NO_3S$   $[M + H]^+$  344.1320, found 344.1318.



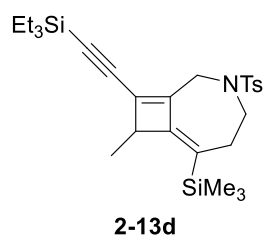
**2-13a**, yellow oil, 82% yield, 25 mg (using GPB).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.68–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 2H), 5.09 (t, 1H,  $J = 4.1$  Hz), 4.06 (s, 2H), 3.38 (t, 2H,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 2.90 (s, 2H), 2.46 (q, 2H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.00 (t, 9H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 0.64 (q, 6H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  149.4, 143.3, 137.1, 136.1, 129.7, 127.1, 122.3, 116.2, 103.4, 100.0, 50.0, 48.9, 38.5, 32.9, 21.5, 7.5, 4.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{23}H_{32}NO_2SSi$   $[M + H]^+$  414.1923, found 414.1910.



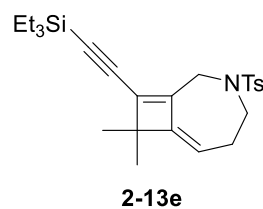
**2-13b**, yellow oil, 85% yield, 22 mg (using GPB).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.69–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 2H), 5.10 (t, 1H,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 4.16 (d, 1H,  $J = 17.4$  Hz), 3.99 (dd, 1H,  $J = 17.4, 3.2$  Hz), 3.49–3.46 (m, 1H), 3.31–3.27 (m, 1H), 3.16–3.14 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.41 (m, 5H, mixed peaks), 1.11 (d, 3H,  $J = 6.4$  Hz), 1.01 (t, 9H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 0.65 (q, 6H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  147.4, 143.8, 143.3, 136.2, 129.7, 128.7, 127.1, 113.9, 104.5, 98.9, 50.0, 48.9, 45.8, 32.7, 21.5, 15.5, 7.5, 4.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{24}H_{34}NO_2SSi$   $[M + H]^+$  428.2080, found 428.2078.



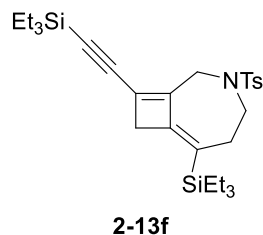
**2-13c**, yellow oil, 80% yield, 20 mg (using GPB).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.69–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.27 (m, 2H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 3.36 (t, 2H,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 2.87 (s, 2H), 2.40–2.38 (m, 5H, mixed peaks), 1.89 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 1.26–1.17 (m, 4H, mixed peaks), 1.00 (t, 9H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 0.85 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 0.63 (q, 6H,  $J = 7.7$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  148.7, 143.3, 136.1, 132.0, 129.7, 128.7, 127.1, 119.1, 102.3, 100.5, 49.3, 49.2, 37.5, 35.8, 32.6, 30.4, 22.4, 21.5, 14.0, 7.5, 4.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_2\text{SSi}$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  470.2549, found 470.2544.



**2-13d**, yellow oil, 78% yield, 22 mg (using GPB).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.70–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 2H), 4.22 (d, 1H,  $J = 17.2$  Hz), 3.87 (d, 1H,  $J = 17.4$  Hz), 3.54–3.51 (m, 1H), 3.22–3.20 (m, 2H), 2.56–2.51 (m, 1H), 2.43–2.36 (m, 4H, mixed peaks), 1.18 (d, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.00 (t, 9H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 0.64 (q, 6H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 0.06 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  150.5, 148.2, 143.3, 136.0, 130.2, 129.6, 127.4, 127.2, 105.9, 98.8, 50.5, 48.8, 47.1, 36.2, 21.5, 17.0, 7.5, 4.4, -0.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{42}\text{NO}_2\text{SSi}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  500.2475, found 500.2476.



**2-13e**, yellow oil, 65% yield, 16 mg (using GPB).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.69–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.27 (m, 2H), 5.10 (t, 1H,  $J = 4.2$  Hz), 4.07 (s, 2H), 3.38 (t, 2H,  $J = 5.2$  Hz), 2.44 (q, 2H,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 6H), 1.01 (t, 9H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 0.64 (q, 6H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  149.1, 145.1, 143.2, 136.3, 133.6, 129.7, 127.1, 111.5, 105.5, 97.7, 51.5, 50.0, 48.9, 32.5, 22.8, 21.5, 7.5, 4.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_2\text{SSi}$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  442.2236, found 442.2242.



**2-13f**, yellow oil, 78% yield, 22 mg (using GPB).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.68–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 2H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 3.36 (t, 3H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 2.99 (s, 2H), 2.45 (t, 2H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 6H), 1.01 (t, 9H,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 0.87 (t, 9H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 0.64 (q, 6H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 0.55 (q, 6H,  $J = 8.2$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  150.4, 144.9, 143.3, 136.0, 129.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 123.9, 104.9, 99.9, 50.7, 48.8, 40.8, 36.4, 21.5, 7.5, 7.4, 4.3, 3.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{46}\text{NO}_2\text{SSi}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  528.2788, found 528.2776.

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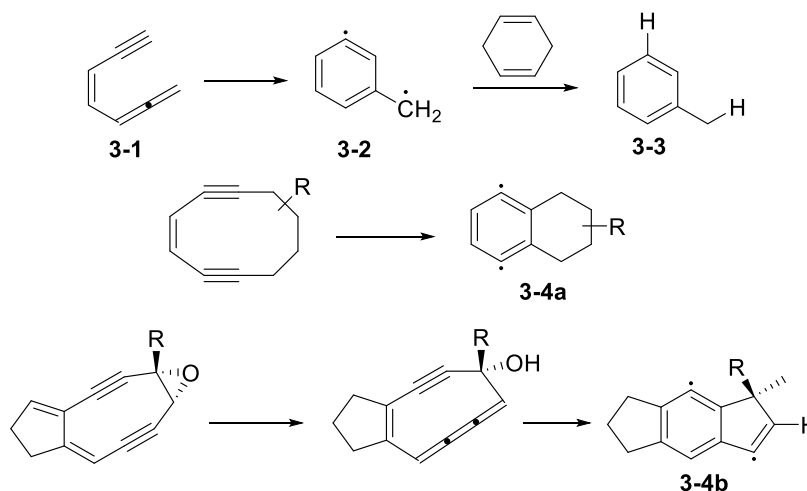
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## **CHAPTER 3**

**[Allenyne + Alkyne] Cycloaddition to Generate  $\alpha,3$ -Dehydrotoluene and Their Reactivity**

### 3.1. Introduction

The Myers-Saito cyclization refers to the aromatization of enallene–alkyne such as **3-1** to form a 1,4-diradical intermediate **3-2**, which reacts with a hydrogen donor to generate arene product **3-3**.<sup>1</sup> There are abundant evidences revealing the intermediacy of 1,4-diradical for the DNA-cleavage mechanism of natural antitumor antibiotic including neocarzinostatin,<sup>2</sup> calicheamicin, esperamicin, and dynemicin. In case of calicheamicin, esperamicin and dynemicin, the 1,4-diradical **3-4a** arise from electrocyclization of (Z)-ene-diyne, the process known as Bergman cyclization.<sup>3</sup> But in neocarzinostatin, the isomerization of (Z)-ene-diyne occur to afford (Z)-cumulene-ene-yne followed by cyclization to generate 1,4-dehydro toluene **3-4b** (Scheme 3.1), which is accountable for DNA strand scission.<sup>4</sup>

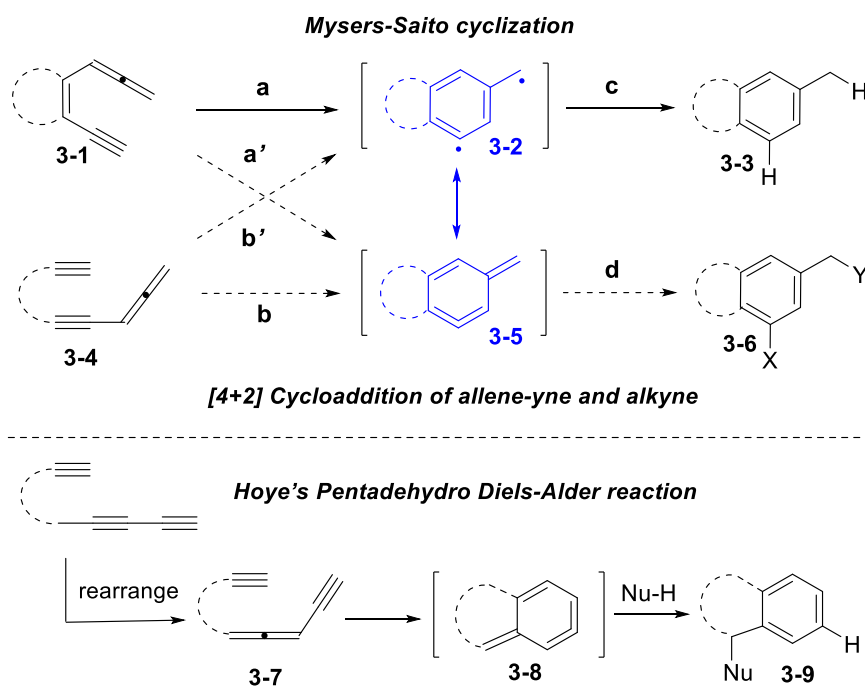


**Scheme 3.1. 1,4-Diradical as a Key Intermediate in DNA-cleavage**

Because of the relevancy of this aromatization process for the biological mode of action of anticancer natural products including neocarzinostatin<sup>2</sup> chromophore, extensive synthetic<sup>5</sup> and mechanistic<sup>1</sup> studies on Myers-Saito reaction have been reported. Although diradical **3-2** reacts with hydrogen donor to generate final product **3-3**, in the presence of nucleophile–proton donor, the reactivity of **3-2** might be revealed by its resonance form,  $\alpha$ ,3-dehydrotoluene **3-5**, leading to functionalized arene **3-6** (path a–d). We surmised this hypothesis can be tested by using allenyne–alkyne **3-4** that may undergo a concerted [4+2] cycloaddition to directly generate **3-5**. If this hypothesis is correct **3-5** should provide not only arene **3-3**

(via path b–c) in the presence of a hydrogen donor but also **3-6** (via path b–d) by reacting with nucleophile–proton donor. Alternatively, allenyne–alkyne **3-4** can undergo a stepwise cyclization (path b') to form diradical **3-2** leading to the same arene **3-3** or **3-6**. This reactivity crossing between diradical<sup>6</sup> and zwitterion<sup>5</sup> depending on the reacting counterparts was also observed in the Bergman cyclization.<sup>3,5g</sup>

In 2016, Hoye and coworkers reported<sup>8</sup> cycloaddition of an in situ generated ynallene–alkyne **3-7**, which afford product **3-9** via an intermediate **3-8** followed by trapping with a nucleophile–proton, and this process was termed as a pentadehydro Diels-Alder (PDDA) reaction. Considering the structural characteristics and the mechanism of these two processes, the cycloaddition of allenyne–alkyne to generate **3-5** followed by trapping to yield **3-6** should be considered as a pentadehydro Diels-Alder reaction. On the same token, the aromatization process of **3-4** to form **3-3** or **3-6** can be considered as a pseudo-Myers-Saito cyclization<sup>9</sup> because of its similarity to the conversion of **3-1** to **3-3**.



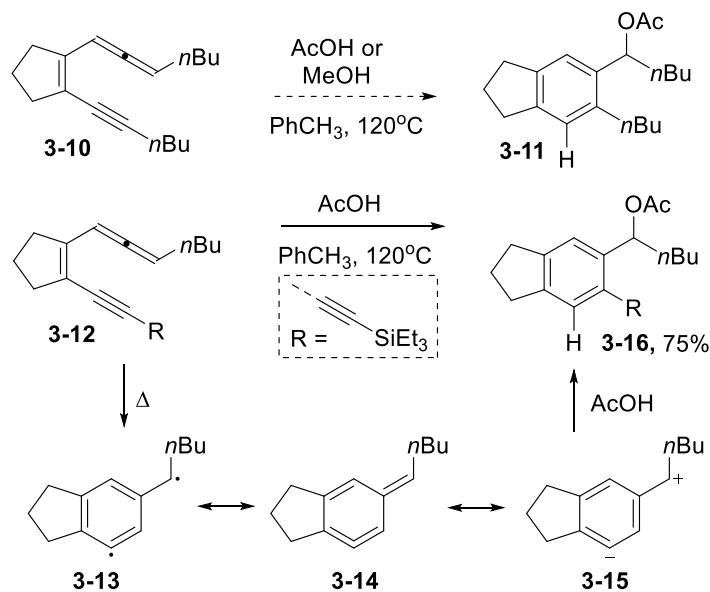
### Scheme 3.2. Development of a New Cycloaromatization Related to Other Aromatization Processes

In this chapter is described new aromatization processes to form functionalized arenes by introducing structural variations on the parent yne–allene–alkyne system **3-4** in combination with a variety

of hydrogen and nucleophile–proton donors. Since this thermal process to generate  $\alpha,3$ -dehydrotoluene **3-5** occurs under base-free conditions, the intrinsic reactivity of this reactive intermediate could be examined with a diverse variation of structural elements on the parent allenyne–alkyne and the reacting counterparts.

### 3.2. Initial Observation

To experiment the feasibility of tautomerization between **3-2** and **3-5** eventually leads to formation of functionalized arene through nucleophilic capture of **3-5** in presence of nucleophile-proton sources, we subjected (Z)-ene-alkyne-allene **3-10** to thermal condition (toluene, 120 °C) with presence of excess amount of acetic acid, an excellent source of nucleophile. To our surprised, **3-10** remained intact after 48h under heating without any sight of forming desired product **3-11**. More aggressive heating at higher temperature only leads to complete decomposition of **3-10** without even a trace of **3-11** (**Scheme 3.3**). We hypothesize that the low reactivity of **3-10** is the result of high activation barrier<sup>1b</sup> (22.5 kcal/mol) of Myers-Saito cyclization. As expected, under identical condition, (Z)-ene-diyne-allene **3-12** undergoes cyclization



**Scheme 3.3. Reactivity of 1,4-Diradical with Nucleophile–Proton Donor**

followed by nucleophilic trapping with AcOH to afford arene **3-16** at 75% yield. The successfully capture of intermediate **3-15** in nucleophile-proton condition indicates that the reactivity of **3-13** manifests through its resonance form.

### 3.3. Results and Discussions

#### 3.3.1. $\alpha$ ,3-Dehydrotoluenes Generated from Monosubstituted Allenes

Our investigation was commenced with sulfonamide-tethered allenyne-alkyne **1a** containing a monosubstituted allene (Table 1). When **1a** was heated at 90 °C in toluene in presence of AcOH (10 equiv) as trapping reagent, **3-17a** remained intact but led to decomposition on prolonged heating at higher temperature and there was no sign of forming **3-18a** or **3-19a** (entry 1). One particular structural element that was found to play a significant activating role for the initial cyclization of **3-12** to form  $\alpha$ ,3-dehydrotoluene **3-13** is an alkynyl substituent at the terminal alkyne. We envisioned that introducing an extra alkynyl substituent on the terminal alkyne of **3-17a** would increase its reactivity based on the significant activating role of an extra alkyne in hexadehydro Diels-Alder reaction.<sup>10</sup> Gratifyingly, under the same conditions, **3-17b** containing an extra alkynyl substituent provided the desired AcOH-trapped product **3-18b** (76%), devoid of its regioisomer **3-19b** (entry 2). The same reaction with **3-17c** containing a TMS substituent instead of a butyl group afforded a mixture of **3-18c/3-19c** with a 3:1 ratio in 66% yield (entry 3). Next, MeOH was used as a trapping agent, which improved the regioselectivity, affording a mixture of regioisomers **3-18d/3-19d** (10:1) and **3-18e/3-19e** (8:1) in 79 and 68% yield, respectively (entries 4 and 5). It is worth noting that the regioisomeric ratio depends significantly on the substituent on the pendant alkyne (butyl vs. trimethyl or triethylsilyl), which is assumed to be mainly a steric effect.

Next, nitrogen-based nucleophiles including butylamine, diethylamine, piperidine and morpholine were employed as a trapping agent (entries 6–10). These reactions provided single regioisomers **3-19f-3-19j** wherein the sense of regioselectivity is the opposite to that of oxygen-based nucleophile trapped products. Also, it was found that the yields of these nitrogen-based nucleophile-trapped products increased



drastically when the reaction was performed at higher temperature (120 °C vs 90 °C).<sup>11</sup> The effect of a *gem*-dimethyl substituent was also examined with **3-17e**, which provided the expected product **3-18f** and **3-18g** in 52 and 65% yield respectively (entries 11 and 12). However, contrary to the typical benefits of the *gem*-dimethyl substituent effect for ring closure reaction,<sup>12</sup> **3-17e** took longer time (12 h) than **3-17b** (6 h).

| Entries | R                               | NuH                | Product      |                       | Yield (%) <sup>a</sup> |
|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|         |                                 |                    |              |                       |                        |
| 1       | <b>a</b> --H                    | AcOH               | <b>3-18a</b> | <b>3-19a</b>          | 0                      |
| 2       | <b>b</b> --≡--Bu                | AcOH               | <b>3-18b</b> | <b>3-19b</b>          | 76                     |
| 3       | <b>c</b> --≡--SiMe <sub>3</sub> | AcOH               | <b>3-18c</b> | <b>3-19c</b>          | 66                     |
| 4       | <b>b</b> --≡--Bu                | MeOH               | <b>3-18d</b> | <b>3-19d</b>          | 79                     |
| 5       | <b>d</b> --≡--SiEt <sub>3</sub> | MeOH               | <b>3-18e</b> | <b>3-19e</b>          | 68                     |
| 6       | <b>b</b> --≡--Bu                | BuNH <sub>2</sub>  |              | <b>3-19f</b>          | 45 <sup>b</sup> (20)   |
| 7       | <b>b</b> --≡--Bu                | Et <sub>2</sub> NH |              | <b>3-19g</b>          | 62 <sup>b</sup> (30)   |
| 8       | <b>b</b> --≡--Bu                |                    |              | <b>3-19h</b>          | 55 <sup>b</sup> (27)   |
| 9       | <b>b</b> --≡--Bu                |                    |              | <b>3-19i</b>          | 55 <sup>b</sup>        |
| 10      | <b>d</b> --≡--SiEt <sub>3</sub> |                    |              | <b>3-19j</b>          | 32                     |
| 11      |                                 | AcOH               |              | <b>3-18f</b> , R = Ac | 52 <sup>c</sup>        |
| 12      |                                 | MeOH               |              | <b>3-18g</b> , R = Me | 65 <sup>c</sup>        |

<sup>a</sup> Isolated Yield. <sup>b</sup> Yield at 120 °C for 2 h (yields in the parenthesis are obtained at 90 °C for 4 h). <sup>c</sup> Reaction for 12 h.

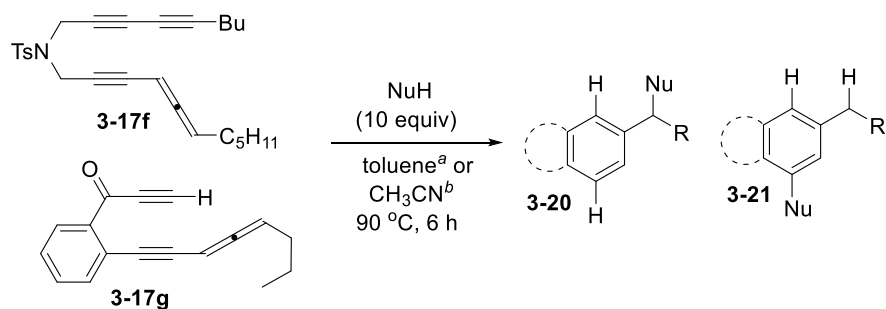
**Table 3.1. Reaction Profiles of Monosubstituted Allenes**

The regioselectivity of the trapping with different nucleophiles seems to have an intimate relationship with the acidity ( $pK_a$  values) of the trapping agents. Because of the relatively higher acidity of the oxygen-based nucleophiles ( $H_2O$ ,  $MeOH$ ,  $AcOH$ ), the initial protonation would preferentially occur with the  $\alpha,3$ -dehydrotoluene on the endocyclic carbon to generate a benzylic cation intermediate, which subsequently reacts with the oxygen nucleophiles to generate complete the reaction. On the other hand, nitrogen-based nucleophiles behave mainly as a nucleophile to react with the  $\alpha,3$ -dehydrotoluene on the endocyclic carbon to generate a benzylic anion, which upon protonation leads to the observed regioisomer.<sup>13</sup>

### 3.3.2. $\alpha,3$ -Dehydrotoluens Generated from Disubstituted Allenes

Next was examined the reactivity of allenyne–alkyne **3-17f** and **3-17g** containing a disubstituted allenyl moiety (Table 2). Under the standard conditions (90 °C in toluene, 6 h, 10 equiv nucleophile), **3-17f** reacted with  $H_2O$  and  $MeOH$  to provide **3-20a** (48%) and **4-20b** (50%) as a single isomer (entries 1 and 2). Under the same condition, reaction of **3-17f** with  $AcOH$  also provided adduct **3-20c** in 45% yield. Similar to **3-17f**, under the identical condition, **3-17g** reacted with  $H_2O$ ,  $MeOH$  and  $AcOH$  to provide **3-20d–3-20f** (entry 7-9).

Much to our surprise, the reactions with nitrogen-based nucleophiles such as diethylamine, piperidine and morpholine failed in producing the expected products (**3-21a–g**), resulting in only decomposition (entries 4–6 and 10–13). In addition, allenyne–alkyne **3-17h** containing the butyl group on the internal carbon of the allene also failed in providing the corresponding **3-21g** even reacting with oxygen-based nucleophiles (entry 14). At this points, the origins of these unsuccessful reaction are not clear.<sup>14</sup> Despite the similarity between **3-17b** and **3-17f**, their results when subjected to identical condition (entry 7, **table 3.1** vs entry 4, **table 3.2**) are very much different, suggesting that the reactivity of 1,4 diradical intermediate depends subtly on the substituents pattern of the allene moiety.



| Entries | Substrate    | NuH                                    | Product                | Yield (%) <sup>c</sup> |
|---------|--------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1       | <b>3-17f</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>b</sup>          | <b>3-20a</b> , R = H   | 48                     |
| 2       | <b>3-17f</b> | MeOH <sup>a</sup>                      | <b>3-20b</b> , R = Me  | 50                     |
| 3       | <b>3-17f</b> | AcOH <sup>a</sup>                      | <b>3-20c</b> , R = Ac  | 45                     |
| 4       | <b>3-17f</b> | Et <sub>2</sub> NH <sup>a</sup>        | <b>3-21a</b>           | 0 <sup>d</sup>         |
| 5       | <b>3-17f</b> |                                        | <b>3-21b</b>           | 0 <sup>d</sup>         |
| 6       | <b>3-17f</b> |                                        | <b>3-21c</b>           | 0 <sup>d</sup>         |
| 7       | <b>3-17g</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>b</sup>          | <b>3-20d</b> , R = H   | 61                     |
| 8       | <b>3-17g</b> | MeOH <sup>a</sup>                      | <b>3-20e</b> , R = Me  | 62                     |
| 9       | <b>3-17g</b> | AcOH <sup>a</sup>                      | <b>3-20f</b> , R = Ac  | 66                     |
| 10      | <b>3-17g</b> | Et <sub>2</sub> NH <sup>a</sup>        | <b>3-21d</b>           | 0 <sup>d</sup>         |
| 11      | <b>3-17g</b> |                                        | <b>3-21e</b>           | 0 <sup>d</sup>         |
| 12      | <b>3-17g</b> |                                        | <b>3-21f</b>           | 0 <sup>d</sup>         |
| 13      | <b>3-17g</b> | BuNH <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>         | <b>3-21g</b>           | 0 <sup>d</sup>         |
| 14      | <b>3-17h</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O<br>MeOH<br>AcOH       | <b>3-20g</b>           | 0 <sup>d</sup>         |
| 15      | <b>3-17i</b> | AcOH <sup>a</sup><br>MeOH <sup>a</sup> | <b>3-20h</b> , R' = Ac | 58                     |
| 16      | <b>3-17i</b> | AcOH <sup>a</sup><br>MeOH <sup>a</sup> | <b>3-20i</b> , R' = Me | 62                     |

<sup>a</sup> Toluene is the solvent. <sup>b</sup> CH<sub>3</sub>CN is the solvent. <sup>c</sup> Isolated Yield.

<sup>d</sup> No reaction at 90 °C and decomposition on prolonged heating at 150 °C.

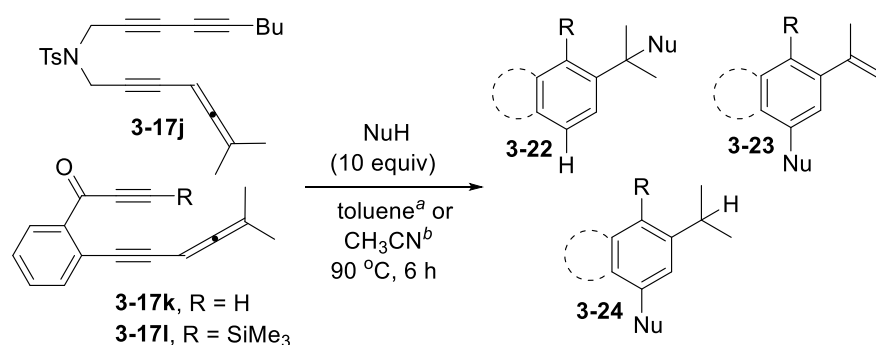
**Table 3.2. Reaction Profiles of Disubstituted Allenes**

Moreover, the extra alkynyl substituent on the terminal alkyne proves to have the same activating effect as a carbonyl group in Diels-Alder reactions.<sup>10</sup> Under standard conditions, substrate **3-17i** reacts with AcOH and MeOH to provide adducts **3-21h** (58%) and **3-21i** (62%) respectively as a single regioisomer (entries 15 and 16).

### 3.3.3. $\alpha$ ,3-Dehydrotoluenes Generated from Trisubstituted Allenes

The effect of the substituents on the allene moiety was further examined with allenynes **3-17j-3-17l** containing a trisubstituted allenyl group (**Table 3.3**). The reaction of **3-17j** and **3-17k** with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 equiv) in toluene or CH<sub>3</sub>CN provided cycloaromatization products **3-22a** (80%) and **3-22b** (62%) as a single regioisomer (entries 1 and 2). On the other hand, under identical conditions the reactions with MeOH generated a mixture of **3-22c/3-23c** (3:1) and **3-22d/3-23d** (5.5:1) in 78 and 65% yield, respectively (entries 3 and 4). The reaction of **3-17l** with MeOH, however, failed in producing **3-22e/3-23e** (entry 5). We believe the trimethylsilyl alkynyl group interferes with the initial formation of  $\alpha$ ,3-dehydrotoluene intermediate due to the steric hindrance, not interfering with the nucleophile trapping. Both the reactions of **3-17j** with *i*-PrOH and this AcOH yielded only alkene product **3-23c** (entries 6 and 7). In case, *i*-PrOH did not play a role as a hydrogen donor.<sup>15</sup> While the reaction of **3-17k** with AcOH resulted in alkene product **3-23d** (entry 8), the same reaction of **3-17l** containing a trimethylsilyl group failed in generating **3-23e** (entry 9). The formation of alkene **3-23c** and **3-23d** can be justified by the formation of benzylic cation intermediate. In case of nucleophile-proton donor (H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>OH and AcOH), the initial protonation would preferentially occur with the  $\alpha$ ,3-dehydrotoluene on the endocyclic carbon to generate a benzylic cation intermediate. In turn, the benzylic cation intermediate can either react with oxygen nucleophile to generate oxygen-containing adducts (**3-22a-d**) or undergo E<sub>1</sub> elimination of  $\beta$ -hydrogen to afford alkene (**3-23c-d**). We hypothesize that the preference of which process occurs depends on the nucleophile. For the primary benzylic cation generating from terminal allenes (**Table 3.1**), the elimination process is impossible due to the absence of  $\beta$ -hydrogen, therefore only oxygen-containing adducts were observed in previous table. On the other hand, despite the similarity between **3-17k** and **3-17l**, their experiment outcomes are quite different

suggesting that the substituents on alkyne moiety have tremendous impact on the cyclization process of alkyne-allenyne. Similar to the reactivity of disubstituted allene-containing substrate **3-17f**, the reactions of **3-17j** and **3-17k** containing a trisubstituted allenyl moiety did not provide nitrogen nucleophile adducts **3-24a–3-24d** (entries 10–13). Because amine behave mainly as a nucleophile to react with the  $\alpha,3$ -dehydrotoluene on the endocyclic carbon to generate a benzylic anion, the transition state can be destabilized by the present of extra substituents on the allene, which ultimately develops an incipient benzylic carbon-centered anion.



| Entries | Substrate    | NuH                             | Product                                                                       | Yield (%) <sup>c</sup>    |
|---------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1       | <b>3-17j</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>b</sup>   | <b>3-22a</b>                                                                  | 80                        |
| 2       | <b>3-17l</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>b</sup>   | <b>3-22b</b>                                                                  | 62                        |
| 3       | <b>3-17j</b> | CH <sub>3</sub> OH <sup>a</sup> | <b>3-22c<sup>d</sup></b> and <b>3-23c</b>                                     | 78 (3:1)                  |
| 4       | <b>3-17l</b> | CH <sub>3</sub> OH <sup>a</sup> | <b>3-22d</b> , R = H                                                          | 65                        |
| 5       | <b>3-17k</b> | CH <sub>3</sub> OH <sup>a</sup> | <b>3-22e</b> , R = SiMe <sub>3</sub> and <b>3-23e</b> , R = SiMe <sub>3</sub> | (5.5:1)<br>0 <sup>d</sup> |
| 6       | <b>3-17j</b> | <i>i</i> -PrOH <sup>a</sup>     | <b>3-23c</b>                                                                  | 65                        |
| 7       | <b>3-17j</b> | AcOH <sup>a</sup>               | <b>3-23c</b>                                                                  | 75                        |

|    |       |                                 |  |                              |                |
|----|-------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------|
| 8  | 3-17k | AcOH <sup>a</sup>               |  | 3-23d, R = H                 | 45             |
| 9  | 3-17l |                                 |  | 3-23e, R = SiMe <sub>3</sub> | 0 <sup>e</sup> |
| 10 | 3-17j | Et <sub>2</sub> NH <sup>a</sup> |  | 3-24a                        | 0 <sup>e</sup> |
| 11 | 3-17j |                                 |  | 3-24b                        | 0 <sup>e</sup> |
| 12 | 3-17k |                                 |  | 3-24c                        | 0 <sup>e</sup> |
| 13 | 3-17k |                                 |  | 3-24d                        | 0 <sup>e</sup> |

<sup>a</sup> Toluene is the solvent. <sup>b</sup> CH<sub>3</sub>CN is the solvent. <sup>c</sup> Isolated Yield.

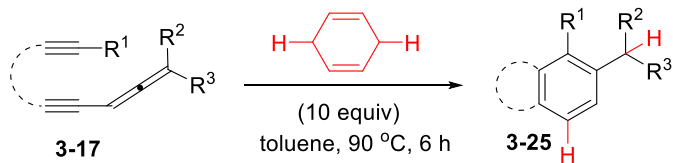
<sup>d</sup> Contaminated with 6% of the regioisomer.

<sup>e</sup> No reaction at 90 °C and decomposition on prolonged heating at 150 °C.

**Table 3.3. Reaction Profiles of Trisubstituted Allenes**

### 3.3.4. Trapping $\alpha,3$ -Dehydrotoluenes with a Hydrogen Donor

To test the hypothesis that  $\alpha,3$ -dehydrotoluene **3-5** in Scheme 1 might reveal its reactivity through a diradical **3-2** in the presence of a hydrogen donor, various allenyne–alkynes **3-17b**, **3-17c**, **3-17f**, **3-17g** and **3-17j–l** were subjected to the standard reaction conditions but with a 1,4-cyclohexadiene instead of a nucleophile-proton donor (Table 3.4). While substrates containing a mono, di, and trisubstituted allene **3-17b**, **3-17c**, **3-17f**, and **3-17j** provided the expected dihydrogen adduct **3-25a**, **3-25b**, **3-25c** and **3-25d** (entries 1–4), the reaction of **3-17g** failed in producing **3-25e** (entry 5). Similar to **3-17g**, trisubstituted allene-containing substrate **3-17k** and **3-17l** also failed to produce corresponding product **3-25e** and **3-25f**. Under the identical conditions, substrate **3-17m** containing a nitrile instead of a 1,3-diyne<sup>16</sup> also failed in producing the corresponding pyridine derivative **3-25h** (entry 7). For now, failure to generate dihydrogen adduct of **3-17g**, **3-17k** and **3-17l** was unclear. We hypothesize that the linkage-containing alkyne-allenynes (sulfonamide vs benzene) might have different effects on stability of  $\alpha,3$ -dehydro toluene intermediate, ultimately manifesting in different reactivity.



| Entries | Substrate                                              | Product                                                                          | Yield (%) <sup>a</sup> |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-17b</b></p>        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-25a</b></p>                                  | 66 <sup>c</sup>        |
| 2       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-17c</b></p>        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-25b</b></p>                                  | 66 <sup>c</sup>        |
| 3       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-17f</b></p>        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-25c</b></p>                                  | 61 <sup>c</sup>        |
| 4       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-17j</b></p>        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-25d</b></p>                                  | 59 <sup>c</sup>        |
| 5       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-17g</b></p>        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-25e</b></p>                                  | 0 <sup>b</sup>         |
| 6       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-17k, 3-17l</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-25f, 3-25g (R = H, SiMe<sub>3</sub>)</b></p> | 0 <sup>b</sup>         |
| 7       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-17m</b></p>        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-25h</b></p>                                  | 0 <sup>b</sup>         |

<sup>a</sup>Isolated Yield. <sup>b</sup>Decomposition of starting materials. <sup>c</sup>Contaminated with 15% of side product.<sup>16</sup>

**Table 3.4. Trapping  $\alpha,3$ -Dehydrotoluene Containing a Differently Substituted Allene Moieties with Hydrogen Source**

### 3.4. Conclusion

In conclusion, a new cycloaromatization reaction of allenyne–alkynes has been developed, which is a new variation of pentadehydro Diels-Alder reaction. The reaction proceeds via forming  $\alpha,3$ -dehydrotoluene intermediates, which formally behaves as a diradical to react with a hydrogen donor, whereas it behaves as a zwitterion to react with a nucleophile–proton donor. The efficiency and product distribution of the reaction mainly depend on the tether structure of the  $\alpha,3$ -dehydrotoluene intermediate and the reacting counterpart. Most notable features of the reaction are the activating role of an extra alkyne in 1,3-diyne that reacts with an allenyne moiety and the opposite mode of trapping with oxygen- and nitrogen-based nucleophiles. In general, oxygen-based nucleophiles such as alcohols and carboxylic acids resulted in oxygen nucleophile incorporation at the benzylic position, whereas nitrogen nucleophiles were incorporated on the aromatic ring.



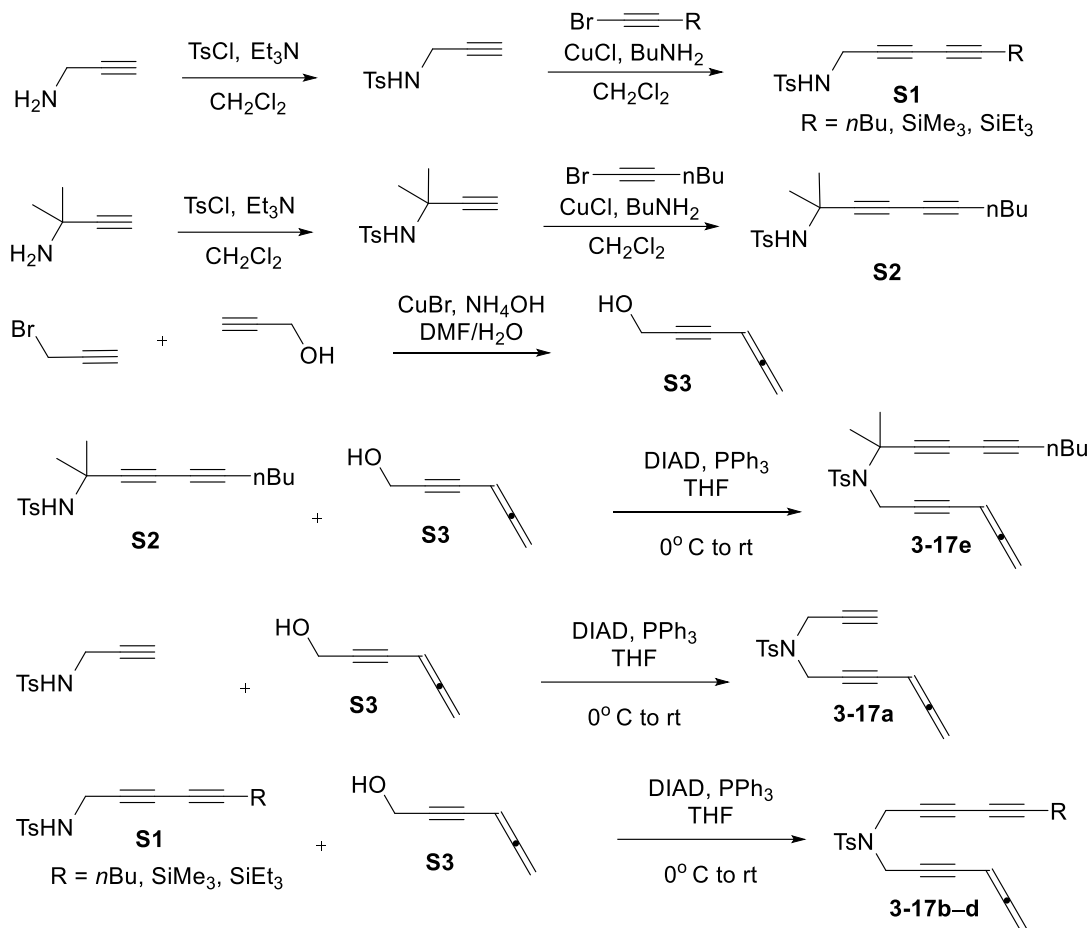
### 3.5. Experimental details

#### 3.5.1. General Information

Reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware unless otherwise noted. Compounds were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or TCI America or Oakwood Chemicals unless otherwise noted. Toluene, acetonitrile, dichloromethane and triethyl amine were distilled over calcium hydride ( $\text{CaH}_2$ ) under nitrogen atmosphere. THF was distilled over sodium-benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen atmosphere. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 Å (32–63 mesh) purchased from Silicycle Inc. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 0.25 mm E. Merck precoated silica gel 60 (particle size 0.040–0.063 mm). Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds unless otherwise stated.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-500 spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield of TMS and are referenced relative to the residual proteated solvent peak ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  (7.26 ppm)).  $^{13}\text{C}$  chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million downfield of TMS and are referenced to the carbon resonance of the solvent ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  (77.2 ppm)). Multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quin (quintet), sext (sextet) or m (multiplet).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals that fall within a ca. 0.3 ppm range are generally reported as a multiplet, with a range of chemical shift values corresponding to the peak or center of the peak. Coupling constants,  $J$ , are reported in Hz (Hertz). Electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectra were recorded on a Waters Micromass Q-Tof Ultima in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Electron impact (EI) mass spectra and Chemical Ionization (CI) mass spectra were obtained using a Micromass 70-VSE in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

### 3.5.2. Experimental Procedures

#### Synthesis of Sulfonamide Tether-containing Monosubstituted Allene



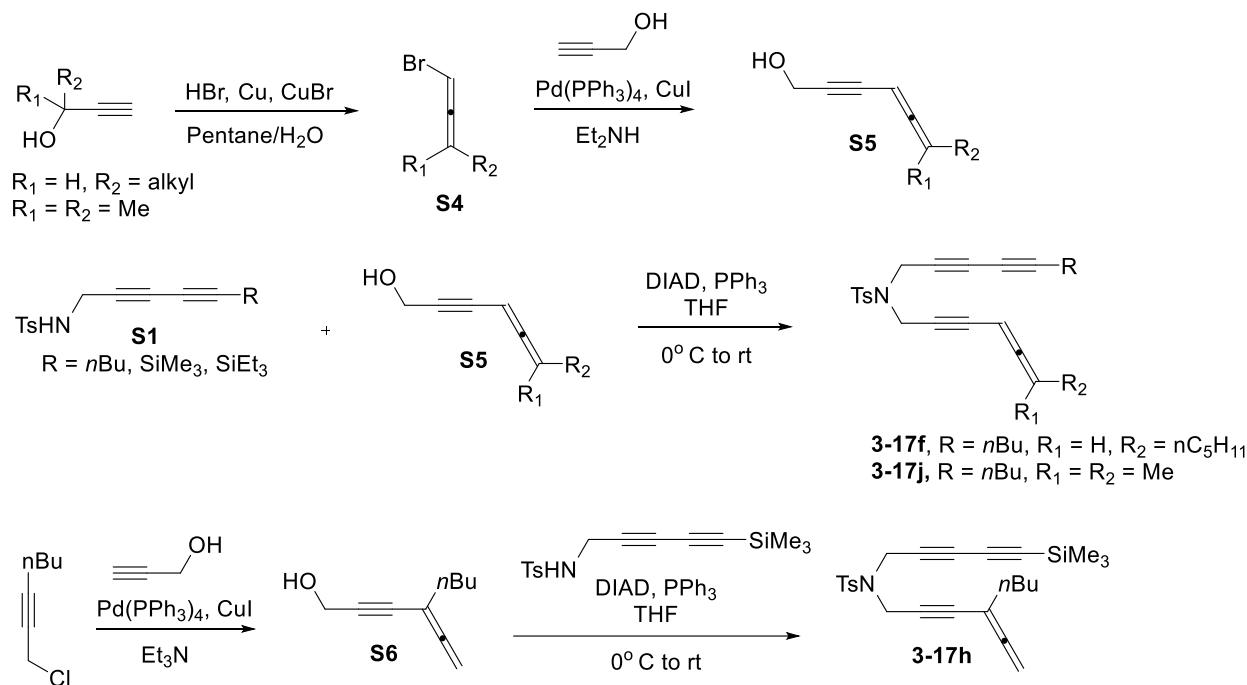
To a solution of propargylamine (2 ml, 31 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) at 0 °C were added Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.5 equiv) and 4-toluenesulfonylchloride (1.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred until complete consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC). After completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, diluted with diethyl ether (100mL) and washed with aqueous HCl (1 N, 200 mL), water (x2) and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to get the crude which was used for the next reaction without further purification. The exact procedure was repeated with 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-amine to afford 4-methyl-N-(2-methylbut-3-yn-2-yl) benzenesulfonamide.

In a two-neck round-bottom flask containing CuCl (0.3 equiv) was added 30% aqueous BuNH<sub>2</sub> solution under nitrogen flow. A pinch of NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl was added until a blue color disappeared. A solution of terminal alkyne (1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added at 0 °C to the flask and the solution became yellow. A dilute solution of bromoalkyne (1.2 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added drop wise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 minutes at room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The nitrogen flow was removed, and the biphasic reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel. Organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the organic layer was concentrated, and the crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 5:1 to 3:1) to get pure diyne **S1** at 82% yield. The same procedure was repeated with 4-methyl-*N*-(2-methylbut-3-yn-2-yl) benzenesulfonamide to afford **S2** at 78% yield.

Propargyl alcohol (1 equiv) was added to a solution of CuBr (0.5 equiv) in NH<sub>4</sub>OH (25% in water)/DMF (1:1). The resulting yellow green solution was cooled to 0 °C and added slowly propargyl bromide (1.3 equiv, 80% in toluene). The deep blue suspension allowed to warm up slowly to room temperature during 2h. Then water was added and filtered through Celite pad. The solid was washed with diethyl ether. The filtrate was extracted by diethyl ether. The combine organic layer was washed with water, brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the organic layer was concentrated, and the crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 4:1) to get pure hexa-4,5-dien-2-yn-1-ol as yellow liquid at 75% yield.

DIAD (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of sulfonamide (1.0 equiv), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.2 equiv), and alcohol (1.0 equiv) in dry THF at 0 °C under nitrogen balloon. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and further stirred overnight. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get pure product **3-17a-e** (62–75% yield).

## Synthesis of Sulfonamide Tether Containing Mono- and Disubstituted Allenes



A 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with copper (I) bromide (20 mol%), copper metal powder (5 mol %), and hydrobromic acid (48%, 25 mL). To this mixture was added dropwise corresponding propargyl alcohol (1 equiv) dissolved in 30 mL of pentane over 30 minutes. The reaction was then stirred for 3 hours at  $40^\circ\text{C}$ . The biphasic mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and the organic layer was collected. The aqueous layer was extracted with pentane (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with aqueous concentrated hydrobromic acid (3 x 5 mL) and water (2 x 10 mL), dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and eluted through a plug of silica (hexanes: $\text{EtOAc}$  = 20:1), which afforded allenyl bromide **S4** (80% yield) after gentle evaporation of volatiles. Spectra data are in accordance with those previously reported.

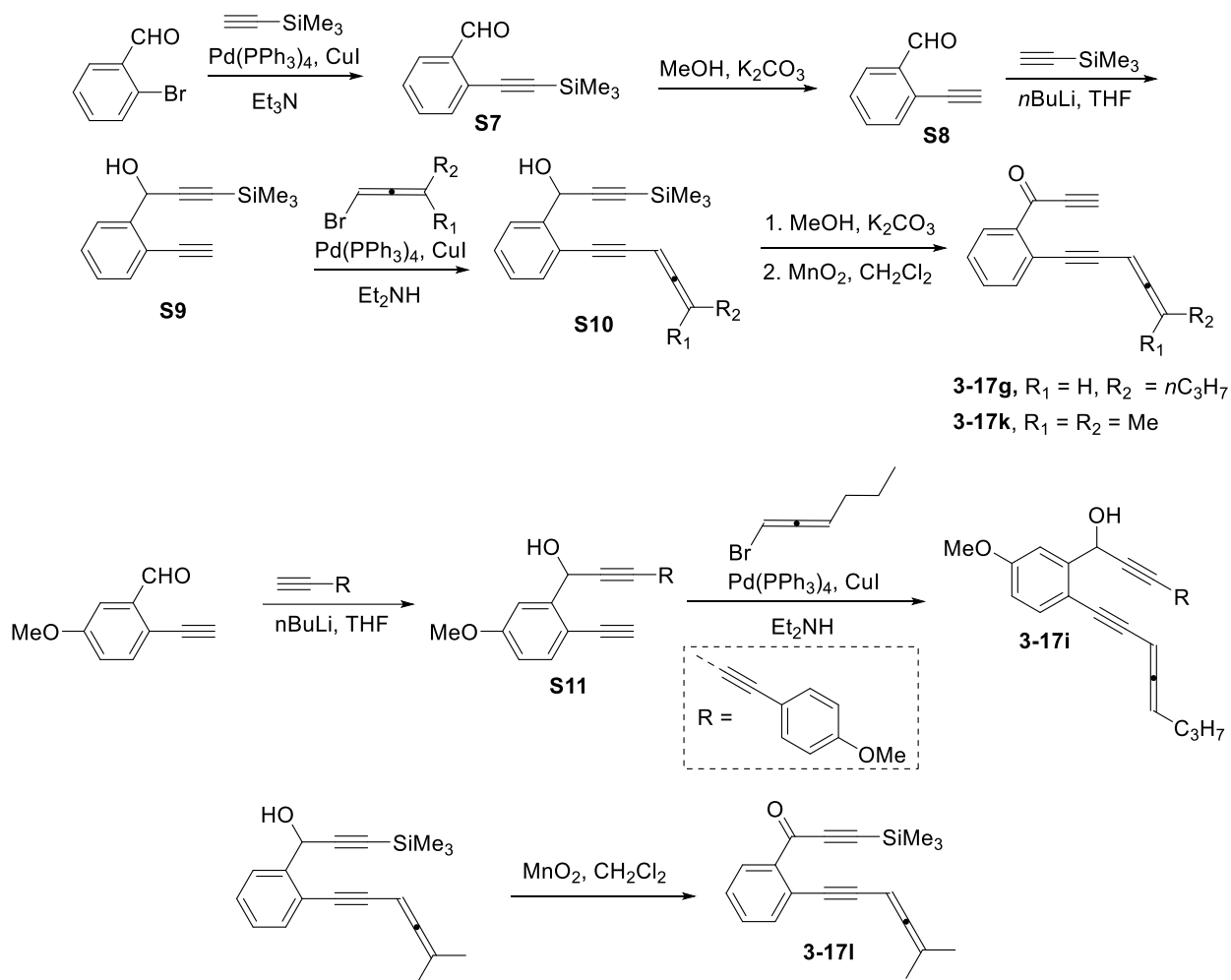
To a solution of allenyl bromide (1 equiv) in  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (20 mL) was added  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4\text{Pd}$  (0.5 mol %) and  $\text{CuI}$  (1.0 mol %) at room temperature under nitrogen. Propargyl alcohol (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to the above solution with continuous stirring. After 15 minutes, the reaction mixture was warmed up to  $40^\circ\text{C}$  and stirred until complete consumption of the allenyl bromide (monitored by thin layer chromatography). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite pad, concentrated, and

purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes:EtOAc = 5:1 to 3:1) to obtain pure allene-yne **S5** (92% yield).

To a solution of 1-chloro-2-heptyne (1 equiv) in  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (20 mL) was added  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4\text{Pd}$  (0.5 mol %) and  $\text{CuI}$  (1.0 mol %) at room temperature under nitrogen. Propargyl alcohol (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to the above solution with continuous stirring. After 15 minutes, the reaction mixture was warmed up to 40 °C and stirred until complete consumption of the alkenyl bromide (monitored by thin layer chromatography). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite pad, concentrated, and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes:EtOAc = 5:1 to 3:1) to obtain pure allene-yne **S6** (73% yield).

DIAD (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of sulfonamide (1.0 equiv),  $\text{PPh}_3$  (1.2 equiv), and alcohol (1.0 equiv) in dry THF at 0 °C under nitrogen balloon. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and further stirred overnight. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes:EtOAc = 15:1 to 5:1) to get pure product **3-17f** (55% yield), **3-17j** (64% yield) and **3-17h** (73% yield).

## Synthesis of Benzo Tether-containing Allene



To a solution of arene bromide (1 equiv) in Et<sub>3</sub>N (20 mL) was added (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>4</sub>Pd (0.5 mol %) and CuI (1.0 mol %) at room temperature under nitrogen. Terminal alkyne (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to the above solution with continuous stirring. After 15 minutes, the reaction mixture was warmed up to 40 °C and stirred until complete consumption of the alkenyl bromide (monitored by thin layer chromatography). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite pad, concentrated and directly loaded on a silica gel column and eluted (hexanes:EtOAc, 20:1 to 5:1) to obtain pure product **S7** (92% yield).

Potassium carbonate (5 mol%) was added to a solution of alkynyltrialkylsilane **S7** (1.0 equiv) in methanol at room temperature under nitrogen and progress of the reaction was checked by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through silicagel and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to obtain pure terminal alkyne **S8** (85% yield).

To a solution of terminal alkyne (1.1 equiv) in dry THF (30 mL) was added *n*-butyllithium (2.5 M in hexanes, 2.2 mL, 1.05 equiv) slowly at –78 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring for 1 h at the same temperature, benzaldehyde **S8** (1.0 equiv) was dissolved in dry THF (6 mL) and added dropwise to the reaction flask. The stirring was continued for 30 min at –78 °C before gradually warming up to room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC, and upon completion, ice-water was added to quench the reaction. Ethyl acetate was added and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to afford diyne **S9** at 82% yield. The exact procedure was repeated once more time to afford triyne **S11** at 78% yield.

To a solution of allenyl bromide (1 equiv) in Et<sub>3</sub>N (20 mL) was added (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>4</sub>Pd (0.5 mol %) and CuI (1.0 mol %) at room temperature under nitrogen. Terminal alkyne dissolve in 3mL Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to the above solution with continuous stirring. After 15 minutes, the reaction mixture was warmed up to 40 °C and stirred until complete consumption of the allenyl bromide (monitored by thin layer chromatography). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite pad, concentrated, and directly loaded on a silica gel column and eluted (hexanes:EtOAc, 20:1 to 5:1) to obtain pure alkyne-allenyl **S10** at 63% yield. The same procedure was repeated once more time to synthesize **3-17i** (58% yield) from triyne **S11** and 1-bromo-1,2-hexadiene.

Manganese (IV) oxide (5 equiv) was added to a solution of benzylic alcohol (1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture

was filtered through Celite and the solid was washed with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The combine organic solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was loaded on a silica gel column and eluted (hexanes:EtOAc, 10:1 to 5:1) to obtain pure product **3-17g** (76%), **3-17k** (65%) and **3-17l** (69%).

### **General Procedure for Cyclization Between Alkyne and Allenyne**

#### **General Procedure A (GPA)**

A solution of a substrate and nucleophile (10 equiv) in toluene in a Schlenk tube was flushed with nitrogen. The mixture was stirred for 6 h at 90 °C unless otherwise noted. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was transferred to a round-bottom flask, concentrated, and purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to obtain pure product.

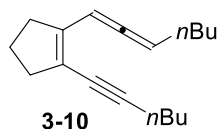
#### **General Procedure (GPB)**

A solution of a substrate and water (10 equiv) in dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  in a Schlenk tube was flushed with nitrogen. The mixture was stirred for 6 h at 90 °C unless otherwise noted. After completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a round-bottom flask, concentrated, and subjected to column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get pure products.

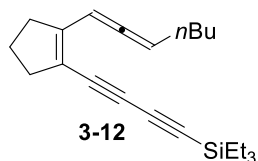


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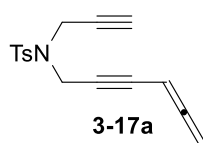
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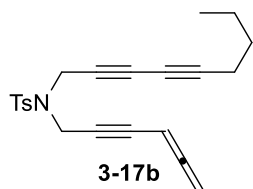
**3-10:** 215 mg, light yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:20). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 6.30 (m, 1H), 5.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 2.51 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 2.41–2.38 (m, 4H), 2.04–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.47–1.35 (m, 6H), 0.94–0.89 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 207.5, 142.6, 120.1, 96.7, 93.1, 90.6, 76.9, 37.4, 33.3, 31.4, 31.1, 28.6, 22.3, 19.5, 13.9, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 243.2113, found 243.2110.



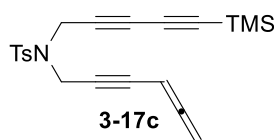
**3-12:** 157 mg, light yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:20). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 6.33 (m, 1H), 5.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 2.55 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 2.46–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.05–2.04 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.87 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.34 (m, 4H), 1.01 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.00 Hz), 0.90 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 0.63 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.00 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 208.3, 150.4, 117.4, 93.5, 90.8, 89.7, 89.2, 80.5, 73.1, 36.7, 33.8, 31.3, 28.4, 22.5, 22.2, 13.9, 7.4, 4.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>33</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 325.2352, found 325.2350.



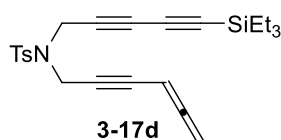
**3-17a:** 196 mg, light yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.70–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.27 (m, 2H), 5.17 (m, 1H), 4.95 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 4.17 (s, 2H), 4.10 (d, 2H, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.15 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 216.7, 143.9, 135.2, 129.5, 127.9, 83.1, 78.0, 77.3, 76.4, 74.5, 74.0, 37.1, 36.3, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 286.0901, found 286.0899.



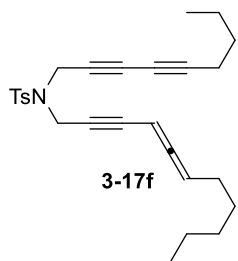
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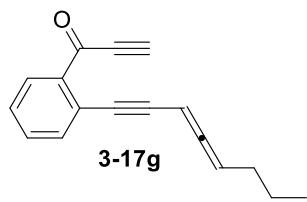
**3-17c**: 213mg, pale yellow oil, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.66–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.26 (m, 2H), 5.17 (m, 1H), 4.92 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 4.17 (s, 2H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 216.7, 144.0, 134.8, 129.6, 127.9, 87.1, 86.6, 82.9, 78.4, 77.3, 74.5, 70.6 (2 peaks), 37.6, 37.1, 21.6, -0.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 382.1297, found 382.1295.



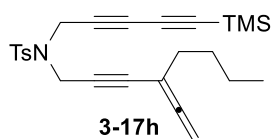
**3-17d**: 110 mg, yellow oil, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.30 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 5.21 (tt, 1H, *J* = 7.1, 2.4 Hz), 4.97 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 4.25 – 4.18 (m, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 0.98 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 0.60 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.9 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 216.76, 143.95, 134.93, 129.71, 129.59, 127.95, 127.88, 88.03, 84.78, 82.95, 78.34, 74.52, 70.81, 69.91, 37.63, 37.13, 21.58, 7.33, 4.11; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SiS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 424.1767, found 424.1756.



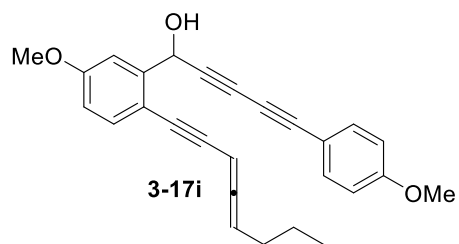
**3-17f:** 352 mg, pale yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.67–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.26 (m, 2H), 5.33–5.30 (m, 1H), 5.13–5.09 (m, 1H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.20 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.99 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 1.46–1.20 (m, 12H), 0.89–0.86 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 212.5, 143.8, 135.1, 129.5, 127.9, 93.4, 81.7, 80.7, 79.5, 74.6, 70.8, 68.2, 64.4, 37.5, 37.0, 31.2, 30.1, 28.4, 28.0, 22.4, 21.9, 21.5, 18.8, 14.0, 13.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 436.2310, found 436.2304.



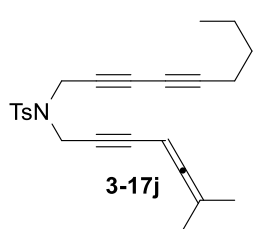
**3-17g:** 296 mg, pale yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 8.11 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.53 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.48 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.38 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 5.64–5.62 (m, 1H), 5.49–5.45 (m, 1H), 3.44 (s, 1H), 2.07–2.05 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.46 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 213.1, 176.5, 136.8, 134.4, 132.9, 132.1, 127.7, 123.5, 93.3, 89.4, 88.3, 81.1, 80.9, 76.1, 30.2, 22.1, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 235.1123, found 235.1118.



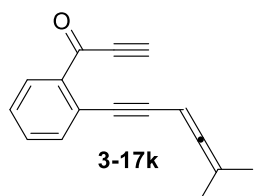
**3-17h:** 315 mg, pale yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.67–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.26 (m, 2H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.91 (t, 2H, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 1.34–1.20 (m, 4H, mix peak), 0.85 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 0.15 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 213.7, 143.9, 134.9, 129.6, 127.9, 88.7, 87.1, 86.5, 83.2, 81.6, 76.8, 70.7, 70.5, 37.7, 37.0, 32.6, 29.7, 21.9, 21.6, 13.8, -0.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 438.1924, found 438.1921.



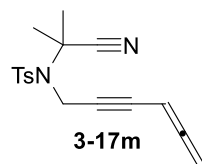
**3-17i:** 152 mg, dark brown liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:6). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.42–7.36 (m, 3H, mix peak), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.83–6.80 (m, 3H, mix peak), 5.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 5.61–5.59 (m, 1H), 5.50–5.46 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 2.11–2.06 (m, 2H), 1.52–1.47 (m, 2H) 0.96 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 212.5, 160.4, 159.9, 143.0, 134.2, 133.7, 114.3, 114.2, 113.9, 113.4, 112.2, 93.3, 87.2, 86.6, 80.7, 79.4, 75.8, 72.3, 71.2, 63.72, 63.67, 55.5, 55.3, 30.2, 22.1, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 397.1805, found 397.1803.



**3-17j:** 495 mg, pale yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.65–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.23 (m, 2H), 4.97 (m, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.17 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.64 (d, 6H, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 1.43–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.30 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 210.4, 143.8, 135.1, 129.5, 127.9, 97.8, 80.64, 80.63, 80.1, 72.4, 70.7, 68.3, 64.4, 37.5, 37.0, 30.1, 21.8, 21.5, 19.8, 18.8, 13.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 394.1841, found 394.1839.

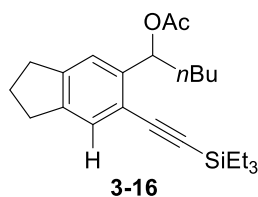


**1h:** 357 mg, pale yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 8.09 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.47 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.36 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 5.50 (s, 1H), 3.45 (s, 1H), 1.74 (d, 6H, *J* = 2.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 211.0, 176.5, 136.8, 134.4, 132.9, 132.1, 127.6, 123.6, 97.9, 90.3, 87.3, 81.1, 81.0, 74.0, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 221.0967, found 221.0972.



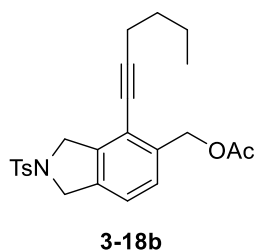
**1m**: 246 mg, pale yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.79–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.24 (m, 2H), 5.32–5.23 (m, 1H), 4.94 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.24 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 216.7, 144.2, 137.4, 129.7, 127.7, 120.6, 85.7, 77.8, 77.4, 74.5, 36.7, 28.6, 21.9, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 315.1168, found 315.1162.

## Characterization Data of Products



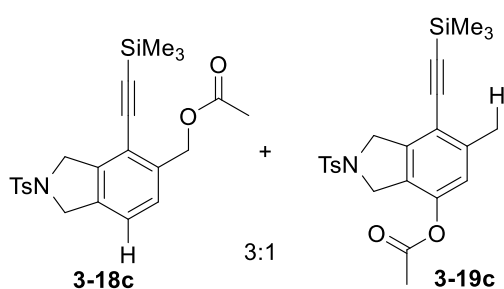
**3-16**, yellow oil, 75% yield (using GPA), 27 mg obtained.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.32(s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.21 (t, 1H,  $J = 6.2$  Hz), 2.90–2.83 (m, 4H), 2.09–2.04 (m, 5H, mix peak), 1.85–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.27 (m, 4H), 1.06 (t, 9H,  $J = 7.00$  Hz), 0.88 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.1$  Hz), 0.68 (q, 6H,  $J = 7.00$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,

125 MHz):  $\delta$  170.4, 145.4, 143.3, 141.7, 128.5, 121.2, 119.0, 104.4, 95.6, 74.5, 36.0, 33.0, 32.3, 27.9, 25.4, 22.6, 21.3, 14.0, 7.5, 4.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{37}\text{O}_2\text{Si}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  385.2563, found 385.2560.



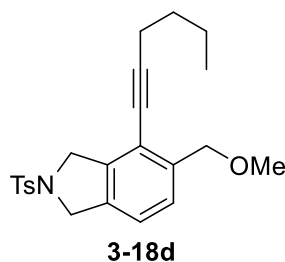
**3-18b**, colorless oil, 76% yield (using GPA), 25 mg obtained.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.78–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.32–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.05 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 5.18 (s, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 2.45 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.62–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.45 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  170.8, 143.8, 139.2, 136.7, 135.9, 133.7, 129.9,

128.1, 127.6, 121.5, 100.7, 74.7, 64.4, 54.2, 54.0, 30.7, 22.0, 21.5, 20.9, 19.3, 13.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  426.1739, found 426.1736.

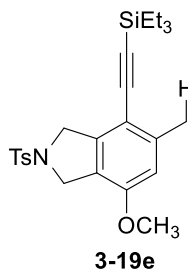
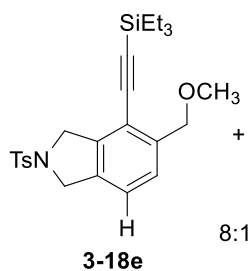


**3-18c/3-19c**: Products **3-18c** and **3-19c** are obtained as an inseparable mixture in 5:1 ratio; yellow solid; 66% total yield; 30 mg (using GPA). Major Product:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 4.69 – 4.64 (m, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 0.26 (s, 9H); Minor Product:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 0.26 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) all

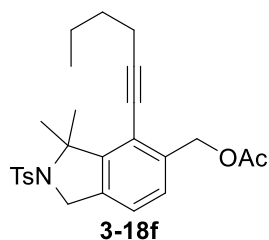
discernable signals for both isomers  $\delta$  170.64, 143.81, 139.54, 137.38, 136.13, 133.73, 129.91, 128.20, 127.57, 122.43, 117.94, 116.52, 104.96, 98.48, 64.27, 54.09, 53.84, 21.52, 20.82, -0.11; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{23}H_{28}NO_4SiS$   $[M+H]^+$  442.1508, found 442.1506.



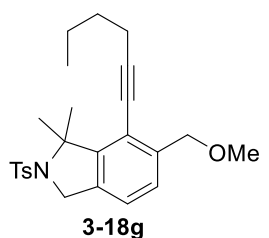
**3-18d:** Products **2d** and **3d** are obtained as an inseparable mixture in 10:1 ratio; yellow liquid; 79% total yield; 34 mg (using GPA). Major Product:  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$ , 7.78–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.47 (t, 3H,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.59–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.47 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, 3H,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  143.7, 139.2, 138.9, 135.0, 133.8, 118.0, 100.0, 75.1, 72.3, 58.5, 54.2, 54.0, 30.8, 22.0, 21.5, 19.3, 13.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{23}H_{28}NO_3S$   $[M+H]^+$  398.1790, found 398.1786.



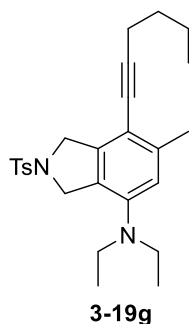
**3-18e/3-19e:** Products **3-18e** and **3-19e** are obtained as an inseparable mixture in 10:1 ratio; yellow solid; 79% total yield; 32 mg obtained (using GPA). Major isomer (**2d**):  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.67 – 4.61 (m, 4H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.13 – 1.00 (m, 9H), 0.69 (q,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 6H); Minor isomer (**3d**):  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 4.62 – 4.58 (m, 4H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 0.92 – 0.81 (m, 15H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) all discernable signals for both isomers  $\delta$  143.73, 139.79, 139.34, 135.20, 133.75, 129.86, 129.82, 127.56, 127.28, 122.38, 117.23, 104.50, 101.81, 100.16, 72.24, 58.57, 54.20, 53.95, 21.51, 7.55, 4.40.



**3-18f:** yellow liquid; 52% yield; 32 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.81–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 2.49 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 6H), 1.62–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.45 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, 3H,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  170.8, 146.6, 143.0, 138.2, 138.1, 134.1, 129.4, 127.7, 127.4, 121.5, 117.7, 102.9, 74.5, 72.5, 64.6, 52.2, 30.5, 26.7, 22.1, 21.5, 20.9, 19.4, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  454.2052, found 454.2050.

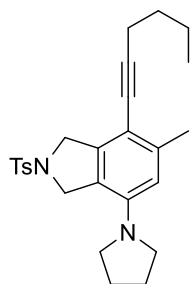


**3-18g:** yellow liquid; 65% yield; 38 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.81–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz), 7.28–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.50 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 6H), 1.64–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.52–1.47 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, 3H,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  146.2, 143.0, 140.7, 138.1, 133.1, 129.4, 126.8, 121.5, 116.7, 102.2, 74.8, 72.6, 72.5, 58.6, 52.3, 30.6, 26.7, 22.5, 21.5, 19.4, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  426.2103, found 426.2097.



**3-19g:** yellow liquid; 62% yield; 23 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.78–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.06 (q, 4H,  $J$  = 7 Hz), 2.44 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.59–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.46 (m, 2H), 1.01–0.95 (m, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  144.9, 143.5, 140.3, 134.0, 129.8, 127.6, 125.0, 118.9, 110.7, 97.1, 76.8, 54.3, 54.2, 45.8, 31.1, 22.0, 21.5, 20.5, 19.3, 13.6, 12.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  439.2419, found 439.2416.

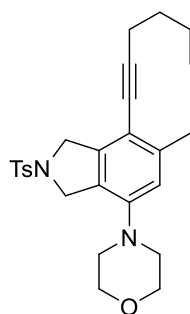




**3-19h**

**3-19h:** yellow liquid; 55% yield; 21 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.77–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.31 (t, 3H,  $J = 2.3$  Hz), 2.42 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.7$  Hz) 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.93 (t, 3H,  $J = 2.3$  Hz), 1.59–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.48 (m, 2H), 0.96, (t, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz) ;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  143.51, 143.49, 140.7, 140.6, 133.9, 129.8, 127.6, 117.3, 113.1, 106.8, 96.1, 54.9, 54.0, 49.2, 31.2, 25.4, 22.0, 21.5, 20.4, 19.4, 13.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for

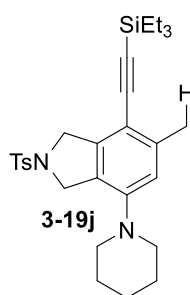
$\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  437.2263, found 437.2264.



**3-19i**

**3-19i:** yellow liquid; 55% yield; 26 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.79–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.31 (m, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.80 (t, 4H,  $J = 2.1$  Hz), 2.90 (t, 4H,  $J = 2.1$  Hz), , 2.44 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.3$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.61–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.46 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.2$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  146.5, 143.6, 141.1, 140.3, 133.9, 129.8, 127.6, 125.6, 117.6, 112.6, 97.9, 76.2, 67.1, 54.2, 53.5, 50.9, 33.7, 31.0, 22.0, 21.5, 19.3, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for

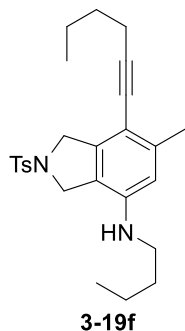
$\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  453.2213, found 453.2214.



**3-19j**

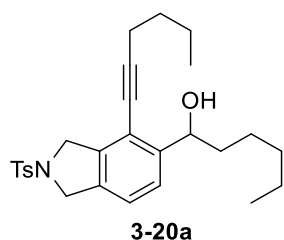
**3j:** white solid; 32% yield; 18 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 4.65 – 4.47 (m, 4H), 3.01 – 2.78 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 4H), 1.58–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.09 – 1.01 (m, 9H), 0.66 (q,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.57, 141.54, 140.64, 133.82, 129.81, 127.60, 125.51, 117.68, 113.50, 102.19, 98.68, 54.17, 53.68,

51.83, 26.24, 24.19, 21.52, 20.48, 7.59, 4.56; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SiS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  509.2654, found 509.2658.

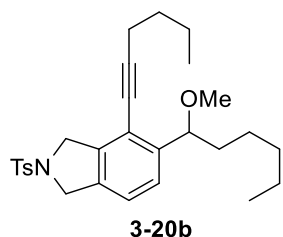


**3-19f:** yellow liquid; 45% yield; 16 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.78–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.30 (m, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 4.61–4.57 (m, 3H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 4.17 (brs, 1H), 3.09 (t, 2H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 2.43–2.40 (m, 5H, mix peak), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.59–1.54 (m, 4H), 1.50–1.46 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.38 (m, 2H), 0.97–0.93 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  143.6, 142.1, 141.5, 139.4, 133.9, 129.8, 127.5, 121.1, 117.4, 110.0, 102.6, 76.7, 54.8, 52.4, 43.3, 31.5, 31.2, 22.0, 21.5, 20.6, 20.2, 19.3, 13.9, 13.6; HRMS (ESI)

calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  439.2419, found 439.2416.



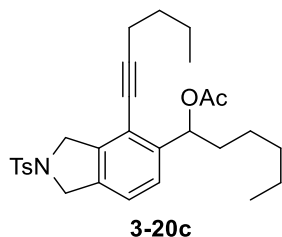
**3-20a:** yellow solid; 48% yield; 28 mg (using GPB).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.78–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.31 (m, 3H, mixed peak), 7.06 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.7$ ), 5.03 (t, 1H,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 2.47 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.71–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.57 (m, 4H, mixed peak), 1.52–1.45 (m, 4H, mixed peak), 1.29–1.25 (m, 2H, mixed peak), 0.97 (t, 3H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 0.87 (t, 3H,  $J = 3.5$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  146.1, 143.7, 139.0, 134.6, 133.9, 129.8, 127.6, 125.1, 121.7, 116.6, 100.5, 75.2, 72.2, 54.1, 54.1, 38.2, 31.7, 30.8, 25.6, 22.6, 22.1, 21.5, 19.3, 14.0, 13.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  454.2416, found 454.2407.



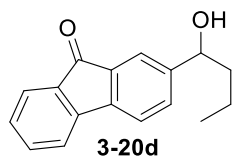
**3-20b:** yellow liquid; 50% yield; 22 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.79–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.07 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 4.57 (t, 1H,  $J = 4.5$  Hz), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.47 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.62–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.59 (m, 4H, mixed peak), 1.51–1.47 (m, 2H, mixed peak), 1.34–1.26 (m, 6H, mixed peak), 0.97 (t, 3H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 0.84 (t, 3H,  $J = 3.5$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  144.0, 143.6, 138.7, 134.5, 133.9, 129.8, 129.7, 127.6, 125.0,

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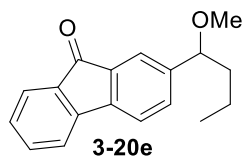
HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{28}H_{38}NO_3S$   $[M+H]^+$  468.2572, found 468.2557.



**3-20c:** yellow liquid; 45% yield; 25 mg (using GPA).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.77–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.03 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 6.05 (t, 1H,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 4.67–4.54 (m, 4H), 2.47 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.77–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.59 (m, 2H, mixed peak), 1.51–1.47 (m, 2H, mixed peak), 1.35–1.26 (m, 6H, mixed peak), 0.97 (t, 3H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 0.86 (t, 3H,  $J = 3.5$  Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  170.1, 143.7, 142.5, 139.0, 134.9, 133.7, 129.9, 127.6, 124.8, 121.5, 117.3, 100.7, 74.9, 74.0, 54.2, 54.1, 35.8, 31.5, 30.7, 25.2, 22.5, 22.0, 21.5, 21.1, 19.4, 14.0, 13.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{29}H_{38}NO_4S$   $[M+H]^+$  496.2522, found 495.2521.

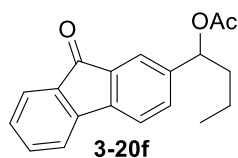


**3-20d:** yellow solid; 61% yield; 27 mg (using GPB).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.65–7.63 (m, 2H, mixed peak), 7.49–7.45 (m, 4H, mixed peak), 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.71 (t, 1H,  $J = 6.7$  Hz), 1.98 (brs, 1H), 1.83–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.73–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.48–1.39 (m, 1H), 1.37–1.29 (m, 1H), 0.94 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  193.9, 146.5, 144.3, 143.7, 134.7, 134.44, 134.41, 132.3, 129.0, 124.4, 122.0, 120.3, 120.2, 73.9, 41.2, 18.9, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{17}O_2$   $[M+H]^+$  253.1230, found 253.1226.



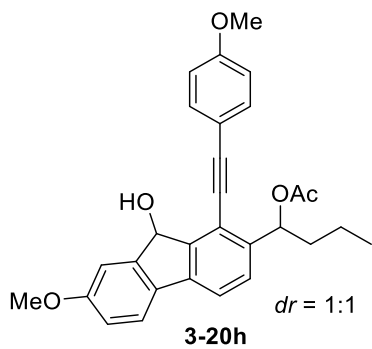
**3-20e:** yellow liquid; 62% yield; 22 mg (using GPA).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.66–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 3H, mixed peak), 7.42 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.27 (m, 1H), 4.12 (t, 1H,  $J = 6.6$  Hz), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.83–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.61–1.57 (m, 1H), 1.43–1.36 (m, 1H), 1.32–1.26 (m, 1H), 0.90 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.3$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125

MHz):  $\delta$  194.0, 144.4, 144.3, 143.8, 134.7, 134.5, 134.4, 132.9, 129.0, 124.4, 122.9, 120.3, 120.2, 8.4, 56.8, 40.0, 18.8, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{18}H_{19}O_2$   $[M+H]^+$  267.1385, found 267.1382.



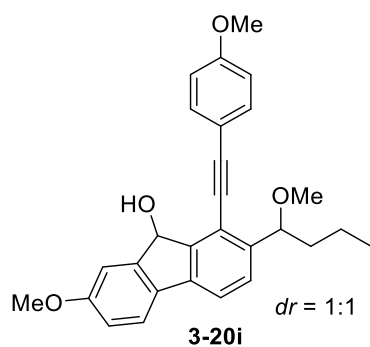
**3-20f**: yellow liquid; 66% yield; 32 mg (using GPA).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.66–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.47 (m, 3H, mixed peak), 7.44–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.27 (m, 1H), 5.72 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.94–1.87 (m, 1H, mixed peak), 1.78–

1.71 (m, 1H, mixed peak), 1.38–1.25 (m, 2H, mixed peak), 0.93 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  193.7, 170.4, 144.2, 144.0, 142.4, 134.8, 134.6, 134.4, 133.2, 129.1, 124.4, 122.3, 120.4, 120.2, 75.4, 38.2, 21.2, 18.7, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{19}O_3$   $[M+H]^+$  295.1335, found 295.1331.

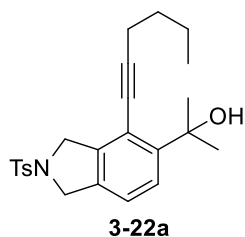


**3-20h**: dark brown solid; 58% yield; 43 mg (using GPA).  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.57–7.55 (m, 2H, mixed peak for both diastereomers), 7.46–7.44 (m, 2H, mixed peak for both diastereomers), 7.41–7.39 (m, 1H, mixed peak for both diastereomers), 7.24–7.22 (m, 1H, mixed peak for both diastereomers), 6.93–6.91 (m, 3H, mixed peak for both diastereomers) 5.80 (s, 1H), 5.81 (t, 1H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 3.88 (s, 3H),

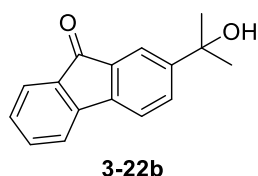
3.86 (s, 3H), 3.29 (m, 3H, mixed peak for both diastereomers), 1.82–1.75 (m, 2H, mixed peak), 1.53–1.42 (m, 2H, mixed peak), 0.96 (t, 3H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 125 MHz): All discernible peaks for both diastereomers  $\delta$  170.3, 170.2, 160.3, 160.2, 160.1, 146.8, 146.74, 146.72, 140.6, 140.5, 139.9, 139.8, 133.2, 132.02, 131.98, 126.6, 126.4, 120.9, 118.93, 118.90, 118.6, 118.5, 115.2, 114.7, 114.2, 110.8, 99.3, 82.97, 82.90, 74.7, 73.8, 73.7, 55.6, 55.4, 38.1, 38.0, 21.3, 18.9, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{29}H_{29}O_5$   $[M+H]^+$  457.2015, found 457.2013.



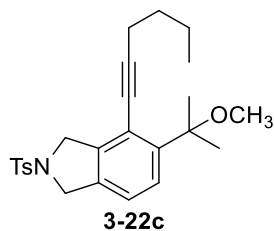
**3-20i:** dark brown solid; 62% yield; 52 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.55–7.53 (m, 4H, mixed peak for both diastereomers), 7.46–7.44 (m, 1H, mixed peak for both diastereomers), 7.26–7.25 (m, 1H, mixed peak for both diastereomers), 6.94–6.93 (m, 3H, mixed peak for both diastereomers), 5.80 (s, 1H), 5.81 (t, 1H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.29 (m, 3H, mixed peak for both diastereomers), 1.82–1.75 (m, 2H, mixed peak), 1.53–1.42 (m, 2H, mixed peak), 0.96 (t, 3H,  $J = 5.5$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz): All discernible peaks for both diastereomers  $\delta$  160.2, 146.6, 142.5, 142.4, 139.4, 134.3, 133.0, 132.3, 126.5, 126.4, 120.9, 119.3, 119.0, 115.1, 114.8, 114.3, 110.8, 98.9, 83.20, 83.15, 80.8, 80.7, 74.7, 57.02, 56.97, 55.6, 55.4, 39.9, 39.8, 19.1, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  429.2026, found 429.2023.



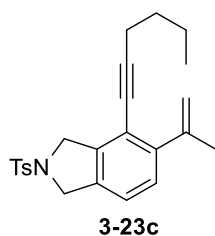
**3-22a:** yellow solid; 80% yield; 31 mg (using GPB).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.78–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.32–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 3.32 (brs, 1H), 2.50 (t, 2H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.63–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.52–1.47 (m, 2H), 0.54 (s, 3H), 0.97 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  149.4, 143.7, 140.8, 134.4, 133.8, 129.8, 127.6, 124.4, 121.5, 115.4, 102.7, 77.1, 73.1, 54.4, 54.2, 30.5, 29.9, 22.1, 21.5, 19.4, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  412.1946, found 412.1932.



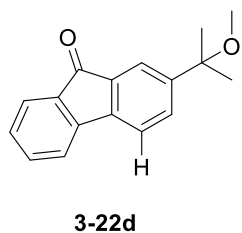
**3-22b:** yellow solid; 62% yield; 24 mg (using GPB).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.75 (s, 1H), 7.69–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.27 (m, 1H), 1.60 (s, 6H), 1.25 (brs, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  194.1, 150.7, 144.3, 143.0, 134.7, 134.5, 134.3, 130.8, 128.9, 124.3, 120.8, 120.3, 120.2, 72.6, 31.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  239.1072, found 239.1071.



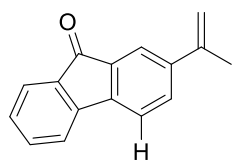
**3-22c:** yellow liquid; 59% yield (along with 19% of **7c**); 28 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.79–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, 1H,  $J = 8$  Hz), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.47 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.62–1.59 (m, 8H), 1.53–1.48 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  146.6, 143.6, 141.1, 134.2, 133.9, 129.8, 127.6, 125.9, 121.0, 117.0, 100.9, 87.9, 77.5, 54.6, 54.3, 50.5, 30.7, 26.6, 22.1, 21.5, 19.5, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  426.2103, found 426.2097.



**3-23c:** white solid; 75% yield; 34 mg (using GPA).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.78–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 6.99 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 5.17 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 2.43 (t, 2H), 3.39–3.34 (m, 1H), 3.08 (m, 4H), 2.56 (dd, 1H,  $J = 17.0, 7.0$  Hz), 2.48 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.58–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.45 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.2$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  145.1, 144.4, 143.6, 139.4, 134.3, 133.8, 129.8, 127.6, 127.5, 121.2, 116.8, 115.8, 99.2, 76.6, 54.3, 54.3, 30.7, 23.3, 22.0, 21.5, 19.4, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  394.1841, found 394.1832.



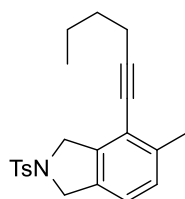
**3-22d:** yellow solid; 55% yield; 33 mg;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.10, 147.91, 144.31, 143.23, 134.73, 134.50, 134.38, 132.23, 128.95, 124.35, 121.99, 120.26, 120.23, 50.71, 27.79; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  253.1229, found 253.1221.



**3-23d**

**3-23d:** This product was obtained as a byproduct with **3-22d**; yellow solid; 10% yield; 6 mg;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 5.21 – 5.10 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.11 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.03,

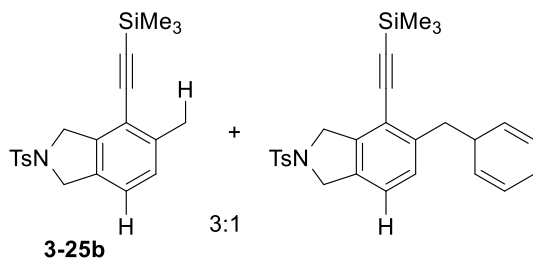
144.36, 143.30, 142.35, 142.17, 134.77, 131.60, 128.96, 124.38, 121.47, 120.33, 120.17, 113.43, 102.65, 98.30, 21.77; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  221.0966, found 221.0960.



**3-25a**

**3-25a:** Compound **3-25a** was isolated as a 3:1 mixture with a byproduct obtained as a result 1,4-CHD addition; colorless oil; 66% yield; 28 mg; Major Product (hydrogenation):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.78–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz), 7.01 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 3.36 (h, 1H,

$J$  = 6.8 Hz), 2.47 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.63–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.47 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, 3H,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  143.6, 139.3, 139.0, 138.7, 133.9, 133.0, 129.8, 128.8, 127.6, 124.2, 121.1, 99.4, 76.2, 54.21, 54.17, 30.9, 22.0, 21.5, 20.2, 19.3, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  368.1684, found 368.1676.



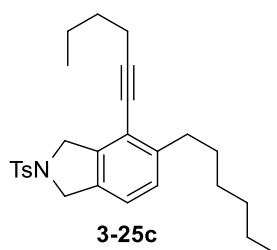
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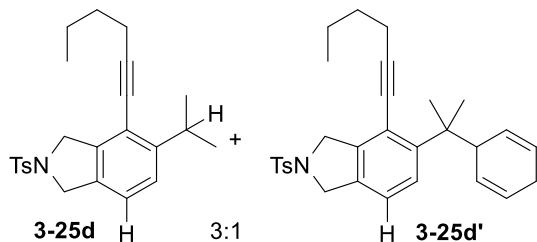
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4.65 (s, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 0.26 (s, 9H); Minor Product (1,4-CHD adduct) :  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.83 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  =

7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dt,  $J = 20.9, 12.5$  Hz, 2H), 5.54 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.77 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 0H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 0.26 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) all discernable signals for both compounds  $\delta$  143.64, 142.07, 140.03, 139.24, 138.99, 133.91, 133.23, 130.48, 129.85, 129.63, 129.39, 128.90, 128.44, 127.60, 127.57, 125.42, 124.33, 124.03, 123.96, 122.10, 121.99, 121.90, 118.05, 103.45, 100.29, 54.13, 54.03, 41.77, 37.97, 36.00, 33.63, 27.95, 26.34, 21.51, 20.11, 0.05, 0.00; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2\text{SiS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  384.1454, found 384.1451; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2\text{SiS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  384.1454, found 384.1451.



**3-25c:** Compound **3-25c** was isolated as a 3:1 mixture with a byproduct obtained as a result 1,4-CHD addition; colorless oil; 61% yield; 35 mg; Major Product (hydrogenation):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.78–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 6.95 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 2.68 (t, 2H,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 2.46 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.61–1.47 (m, 6H), 1.38–1.12 (m, 6H), 0.97 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 0.87 (t, 3H,  $J = 4.5$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  144.3, 143.6, 138.9, 133.9, 133.1, 129.8, 128.2, 127.6, 121.2, 118.5, 98.8, 76.1, 54.3, 54.2, 34.2, 31.7, 30.9, 30.8, 29.2, 22.6, 22.0, 21.5, 19.3, 14.1, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  438.2467, found 438.2463.



**3-25d:** Compound **3-25d** was isolated as a 3:1 mixture with a byproduct obtained as a result 1,4-CHD addition; colorless oil; 59% yield; 23 mg; Major Product (hydrogenation):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 7.01 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 3.36 (h, 1H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 2.47 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.61–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.47 (m, 2H), 1.20 (d, 6H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 0.96 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.0$  Hz); Minor



Product (1,4-CHD adduct) :  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.15 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz), 6.97 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz), 5.80 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 13.6, 2.3 Hz), 5.75–5.72 (m, 2H, mix peak), 5.36 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz), 5.40–5.30 (m, 2H), 2.60 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz), 1.71 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) all discernable signals for both compounds  $\delta$  149.8, 143.6, 138.9, 133.9, 133.0, 129.8, 129.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 126.7, 126.6, 125.8, 124.5, 121.5, 99.3, 75.9, 54.3, 54.2, 41.6, 39.2, 37.1, 31.2, 30.8, 26.5, 24.6, 23.1, 22.1, 22.0, 21.5, 19.6, 19.3, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  396.1997, found 396.1989.

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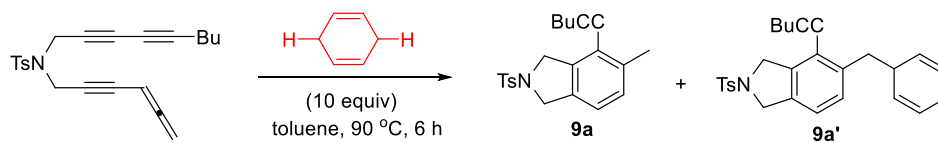
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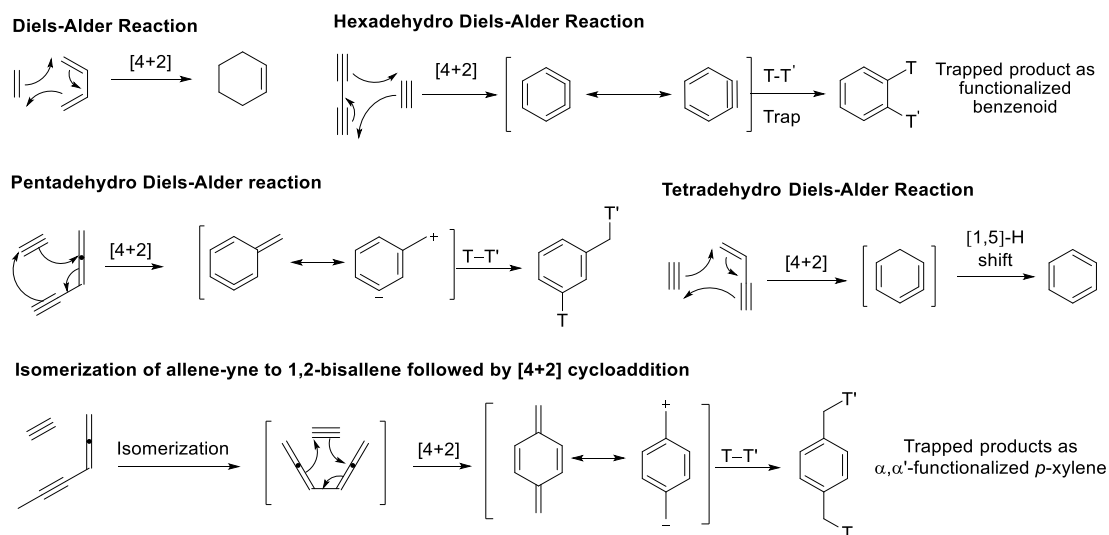


## **CHAPTER 4**

### **[Allenynes + Nitrile] Cycloaddition to Form Pyridine Derivatives**

## 4.1. Introduction

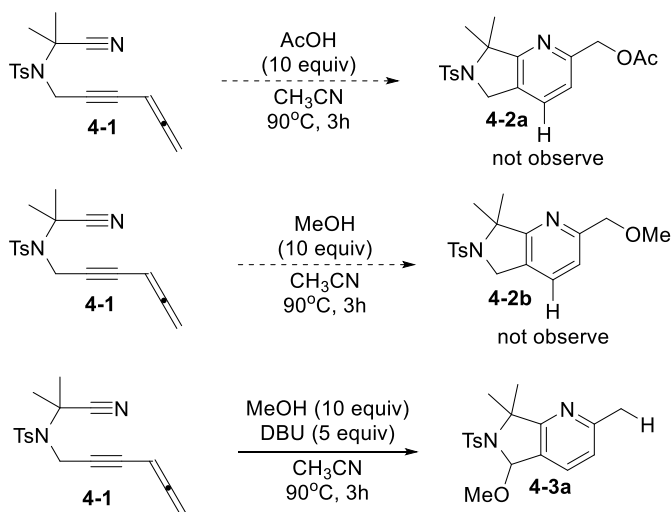
Cycloisomerization between diene and dienophile, known as Diels-Alder reaction is the most versatile method for construction of six-membered ring compounds (Scheme 4.1). Since first discovered in 1928, different modes of Diels-Alder reaction have been subsequently discovered, including tetrahydro Diels-Alder reaction,<sup>1</sup> pentahydro Diels-Alder reaction (PDDAR)<sup>2</sup> and hexahydro Diels-Alder reaction (HDDAR).<sup>3</sup> Both PDDAR and HDDAR involve components of higher degree of unsaturation, which is translated into the high strain energy of intermediates, allowing variety of chemical transformations, including hydrogenation, nucleophile trapping, Alder-ene reaction, Diels-Alder reaction, [3+2] dipolar cycloaddition and so forth. In PDDA reaction, allene-yne is employed as a “diene” component to an  $\alpha,3$ -dehydro toluene intermediate, which ultimately leads to functionalized toluene via nucleophilic trapping. Theoretical calculations show introducing an allene instead of a diene counterpart significantly decreases the activation energy of cycloisomerization step.<sup>1</sup> We hypothesized that under appropriate conditions, allene-yne can undergo isomerization to the corresponding 1,2-bisallene, which is more reactive diene component for [4+2] cycloaddition with alkyne to afford *para*-quinodimethanes (*p*-xylylenes)<sup>4</sup> intermediate. Subsequent trapping of this intermediate under nucleophilic condition will afford  $\alpha,\alpha'$ -functionalized *p*-xylene.



**Scheme 4.1. Types of Diels-Alder Reactions**

## 4.2. Initial Observation

Intrigued by the possibility of an aza-PDDA reaction demonstrated by Hoyer and co-workers,<sup>2</sup> nitrile-tethered sulfonamide-containing allene-yne **4-1** was subjected to standard thermal PDDA reaction conditions in the presence of 10 equivalents of acetic acid as a trapping reagent for the expected  $\alpha,3$ -dehydrotoluene intermediate. Unfortunately, **4-1** remained intact after 3 h at 90 °C and even a trace of desired product **4-2a** was observed. Prolonged heating at higher temperature (150 °C) led to decomposition of the starting material after 12 h. The same behavior was observed when methanol was employed; **4-1** decomposed after 12 h at 150 °C without forming **4-2b**. Based on these results, we hypothesized that the PDDA reaction of allene-yne with nitrile requires higher activation energy compare to that with alkyne. A similar phenomenon was observed in the HDDA reaction of 1,3-diyne with nitrile, which requires higher activation energy than with alkyne.<sup>5</sup> Fortunately, with a non-nucleophilic base additive such as DBU, the reaction of **4-1** proceed in the presence of methanol to afford **4-3a** in 68% yield. The incorporation of nucleophile at the  $\alpha$ -position of the aromatic ring suggests that the reaction proceeds through a 1,2-bisallene intermediate.



Scheme 4.2. Cycloaddition of Allene-yne with Nitrile



### 4.3. Results and Discussion

With these initial results in hand, we explored the reaction scope by employing different nucleophiles and substrates that contain different substituent patterns (**Table 4.1**). One particular structural element that was found to play a significant activating role for the cyclization of **4-1** is the Thorpe–Ingold effect induced by the *gem*-dimethylated quaternary carbon.<sup>6</sup> While *gem*-dimethylated substrate **4-1c** successfully delivered desired product **4-3f** in 65% yield (entry 8), under the identical condition, monomethylated substrate **4-1d** failed in generating product **4-3g** (entry 9). Substrate **4-1d** also failed in

$\text{TsN}-\text{C}(\text{Me})_2-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{R}^1 \xrightarrow[\text{CH}_3\text{CN}, 90^\circ\text{C}, 3\text{h}]{\text{NuH (10 equiv)}} \text{TsN}-\text{C}(\text{Me})_2-\text{C}(\text{Nu})=\text{C}(\text{H})-\text{R}^3$  (4-2)  
 $\text{TsN}-\text{C}(\text{Me})_2-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{R}^1 \xrightarrow[\text{CH}_3\text{CN}, 90^\circ\text{C}, 3\text{h}]{\text{NuH (10 equiv)}} \text{TsN}-\text{C}(\text{Me})_2-\text{C}(\text{H})=\text{C}(\text{Nu})-\text{R}^3$  (4-3)

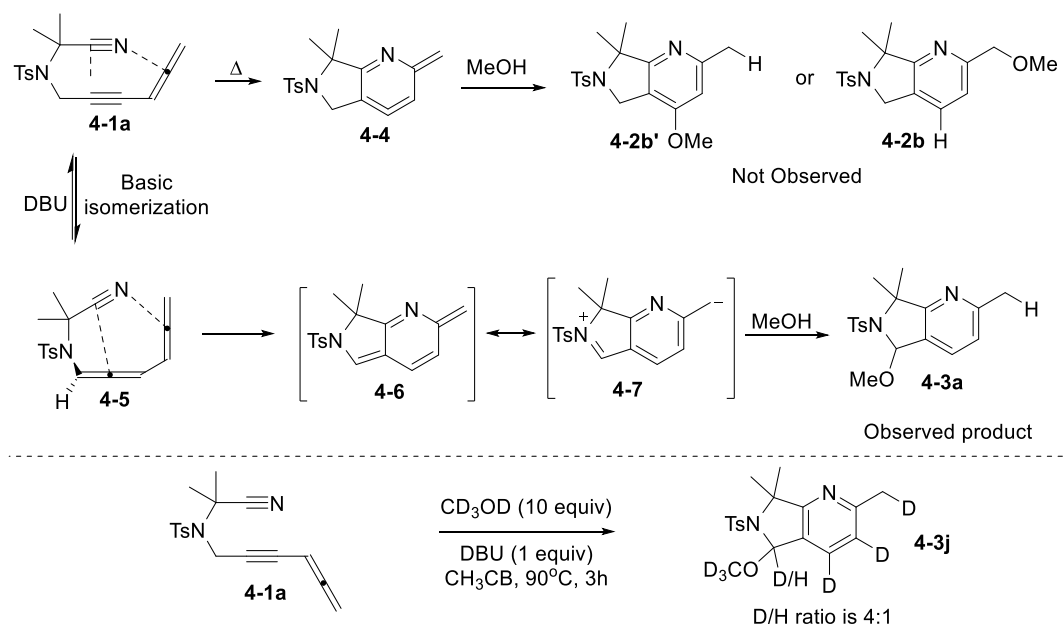
**4-1a**,  $\text{R}_1 = \text{H}$   
**4-1b**,  $\text{R}_1 = n\text{Bu}$

| Entries | Substrate       | NuH                           | Product         | Yield (%) <sup>a</sup> |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1       | <b>4-1a</b>     | AcOH                          | <b>4-2a</b>     | 0 <sup>b</sup>         |
| 2       | <b>4-1a</b>     | MeOH                          | <b>4-2b</b>     | 0 <sup>b</sup>         |
| 3       | <b>4-1a</b>     | MeOH <sup>d</sup>             | <br><b>4-3a</b> | 68 <sup>d</sup>        |
| 4       | <b>4-1a</b>     |                               | <br><b>4-3b</b> | 75                     |
| 5       | <b>4-1a</b>     | BuNH <sub>2</sub>             | <b>4-3c</b>     | 72 <sup>c</sup>        |
| 6       | <b>4-1a</b>     | H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>d</sup> | <b>4-3d</b>     | 52 <sup>d</sup>        |
| 7       | <b>4-1b</b>     | BuNH <sub>2</sub>             | <b>4-3e</b>     | 65                     |
| 8       | <br><b>4-1c</b> | BuNH <sub>2</sub>             | <br><b>4-3f</b> | 65                     |
| 9       | <br><b>4-1d</b> | BuNH <sub>2</sub>             | <b>4-3g</b>     | 0 <sup>b</sup>         |
| 10      | <b>4-1d</b>     | MeOH <sup>d</sup>             | <b>4-3h</b>     | 0 <sup>b</sup>         |

**Table 4.1. Reaction Profiles for Aza-PDDA Reactions Involving Nitriles**

delivering product **4-3h** in the presence of DBU and methanol (entry 10). In the presence of other nucleophilic bases such as morpholine and butylamine, substrate **4-1a** afforded pyridine derivatives **4-3b** and **4-3c** in 75% and 72% yield, respectively (entries 4 and 5). Incorporation of weakly basic nucleophiles such as water was successful in the presence of 5 equivalents of DBU (entries 6), affording **4-3d** in 52% yield. Substrate **4-1b** with a butyl substituent at the proximal carbon also delivered pyridine derivative **4-3e** in the presence of butylamine (entry 7).

The formation of pyridine derivative **4-3a** can be explained on the basis of the initial isomerization of the allene-yne induced by a base additive to the corresponding 1,2-bisallene **4-5** followed by its participation in [4+2] cycloaddition with the tethered nitrile (**Scheme 4.3**). Under the conditions, the cycloadduct  $\alpha$ -dehydropyridine intermediate **4-6** reacts with a nucleophile to form product **4-3a**. Overall, this transformation constitutes a formal PDDA reaction wherein the in situ generated 1,2-bisallene plays a temporary allene-yne surrogate under basic medium. To gain more insight into the reaction mechanism, deuterium labelling experiments were carried out with substrate **4-1a**. It was expected that by using MeOD



**Scheme 4.3. Rationale for the Reaction of Allene-Yne with Nitrile in Basic Conditions**

under the standard reaction conditions, reversible isomerization. Indeed, the isolated product **4-3j** from the reaction showed deuterium labeling pattern that is fully consistent with the isomerization pathway of **4-1a** to **4-5** followed by its participation in the [4+2] cycloaddition.

#### 4.4. Conclusion

This chapter describes the development of a formal aza-PDDA reaction under basic conditions. The direct [4+2] cycloaddition of allene-yne with nitrile does not occur under thermal conditions but proceeds smoothly in the presence of a base additive. This result indicates that the initial isomerization of allene-yne to the corresponding 1,2-bisallenic followed by its participation in the [4+2] cycloaddition of with nitrile should have lower activation energy. The most notable feature of this reaction is the facile involvement of nitrile as dienophile although nitrile requires high temperature for [4+2] cycloaddition reactions. This new cycloaddition allows for synthesis of structurally novel pyridine derivatives, which is an important structural element for both natural and pharmaceutical compounds.

#### 4.5. Experimental Details

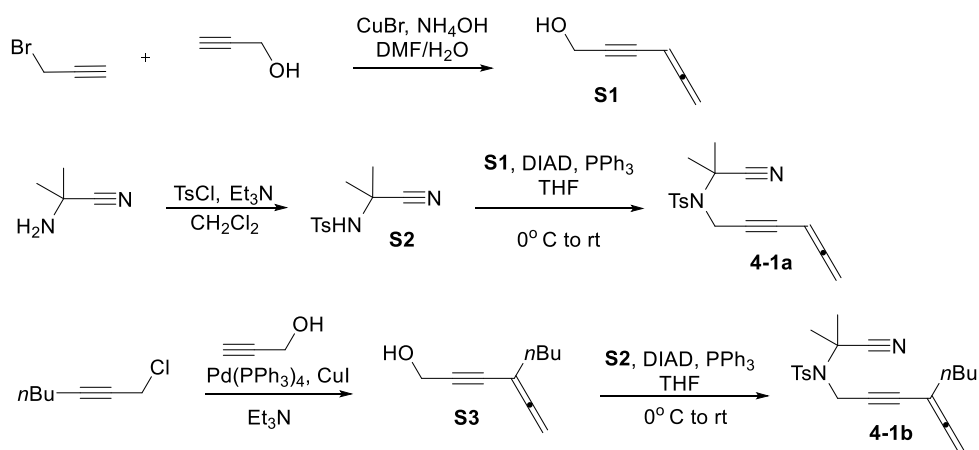
##### 4.5.1. General Information

Reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware unless otherwise noted. Compounds were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or TCI America or Oakwood Chemicals unless otherwise noted. Toluene, acetonitrile, dichloromethane and triethyl amine were distilled over calcium hydride ( $\text{CaH}_2$ ) under nitrogen atmosphere. THF was distilled over sodium-benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen atmosphere. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 Å (32–63 mesh) purchased from Silicycle Inc. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 0.25 mm E. Merck precoated silica gel 60 (particle size 0.040–0.063 mm). Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds unless otherwise stated.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-500 spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield of TMS and are referenced relative to

the residual protected solvent peak ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  (7.26 ppm)).  $^{13}\text{C}$  chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million downfield of TMS and are referenced to the carbon resonance of the solvent ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  (77.2 ppm)). Multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quin (quintet), sext (sextet) or m (multiplet).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals that fall within a ca. 0.3 ppm range are generally reported as a multiplet, with a range of chemical shift values corresponding to the peak or center of the peak. Coupling constants,  $J$ , are reported in Hz (Hertz). Electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectra were recorded on a Waters Micromass Q-Tof Ultima in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Electron impact (EI) mass spectra and Chemical Ionization (CI) mass spectra were obtained using a Micromass 70-VSE in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

#### 4.5.2 Experimental Procedures

##### Synthesis of nitrile 4-1a and 4-1b



Propargyl alcohol (1 equiv) was added to a solution of CuBr (0.5 equiv) in  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  (25% in water)/DMF (1:1). To the resulting yellow green solution was added slowly propargyl bromide (1.3 equiv, 80% in toluene) at 0 °C. The deep blue suspension was allowed to warm up slowly to room temperature over 2 h. Then water was added and filtered through a pad of Celite. The solid was washed with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  and the filtrate was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The combine organic layers were washed with water, brine and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After filtration, the organic layer was concentrated, and the crude material was purified by

column chromatography using (hexanes:EtOAc, 4:1) to get pure hexa-4,5-dien-2-yn-1-ol (**S1**) as yellow liquid at 75% yield.

To a solution of 2-amino-2-methylpropanenitrile (2 mL, 31 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) at 0 °C were added trimethylamine (1.5 equiv) and 4-toluenesulfonylchloride (1.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred until complete consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC). After completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and washed with aqueous HCl (1 N, 200 mL), water (x2) and brine. The organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to get the crude product **S2** which was used for the next reaction without further purification.

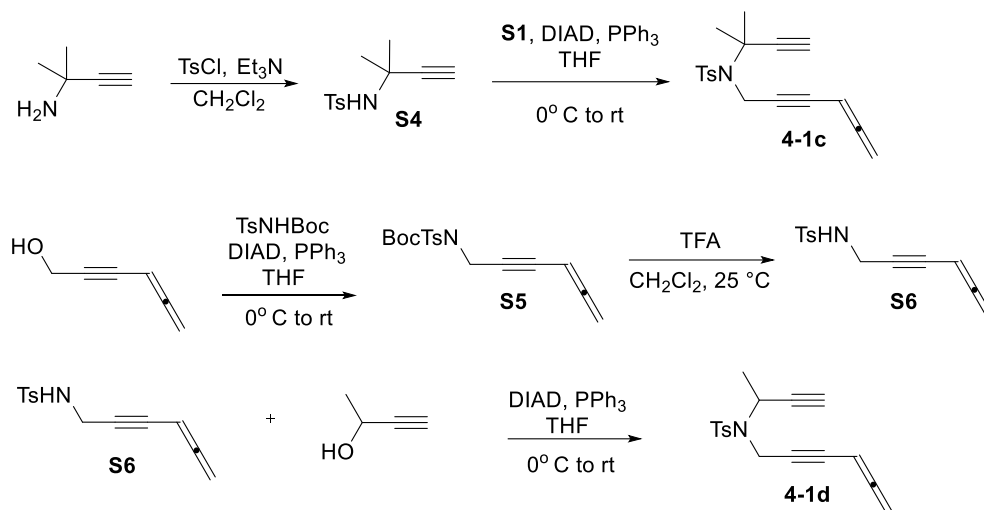
DIAD (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of sulfonamide **S2** (1.0 equiv), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.2 equiv), and alcohol **S1** (1.0 equiv) in dry THF at 0 °C under nitrogen balloon. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and further stirred overnight. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get pure product **4-1a** (196 mg, 62%).

To a solution of 1-chloro-2-heptyne (1 equiv) in Et<sub>3</sub>N (20 mL) was added (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>4</sub>Pd (0.5 mol %) and CuI (1.0 mol %) at room temperature under nitrogen. Propargyl alcohol (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to the above solution with continuous stirring. After 15 minutes, the reaction mixture was warmed up to 40 °C and stirred until complete consumption of the alkenyl bromide (monitored by thin layer chromatography). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite pad, concentrated, and directly loaded on a silica gel column and eluted (hexanes:EtOAc, 20:1 to 5:1) to obtain pure allene-yne **S3** (72%).

DIAD (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of sulfonamide **S2** (1.0 equiv), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.2 equiv), and alcohol **S3** (1.0 equiv) in dry THF at 0 °C under nitrogen balloon. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and further stirred overnight. After completion, the reaction mixture was

concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) **4-1b** (218mg, 63%).

### Synthesis of alkyne **4-1c** and **4-1d**



To a solution 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-amine (1 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) at 0 °C were added trimethylamine (1.5 equiv) and 4-toluenesulfonylchloride (1.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred until complete consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC). After completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, diluted with diethyl ether (100mL) and washed with aqueous HCl (1N, 200 mL), water (x2) and brine (x1). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to get the crude product **S4** which was used for the next reaction without further purification.

DIAD (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of sulfoamide **S4** (1.0 equiv), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.2 equiv), and alcohol **S1** (1.0 equiv) in dry THF at 0 °C under nitrogen balloon. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and further stirred overnight. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to get pure product **4-1c** (187 mg, 65% yield). The same procedure was repeat one more time to afford **S5** at moderate yield.

TFA (5.0 equiv) was added to a solution of Boc-protected sulfonamide (1.0 equiv) in dichloromethane at room temperature and stirred until complete consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC). After completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel diluted with dichloromethane and washed with water (x2) and brine (x1). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to get the crude product which was further purified by column chromatography to afford pure product **S6** (78% yield).

DIAD (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of sulfoamide **S6** (1.0 equiv), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.2 equiv), and 3-butyne-2-ol (1.0 equiv) in dry THF at 0 °C under nitrogen balloon. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and further stirred overnight. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1 to 5:1) to afford pure product **4-1d** (214mg, 65%).

### **General Procedure for Cyclization between Alkyne/nitrile and Allene-yne under Basic Condition**

#### **General Procedure A (GPA)**

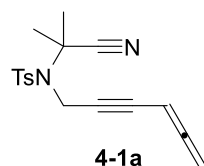
A solution of a substrate and amine (10 equiv) in toluene in a Schlenk tube was flushed with nitrogen. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at 90 °C unless otherwise noted. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was transferred to a round-bottom flask, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography, using ethyl acetate-hexane mixture as the eluent.

#### **General Procedure (GPB)**

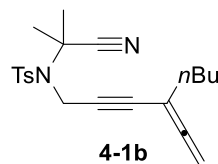
A solution of a substrate, nucleophile (10 equiv) and DBU (5 equiv) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN in a Schlenk tube was flushed with nitrogen. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at 90 °C unless otherwise noted. After completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a round-bottom flask, concentrated, and subjected to column chromatography, using ethyl acetate-hexane mixture as the eluent, to get pure products.

### 4.5.3 Characterization Data

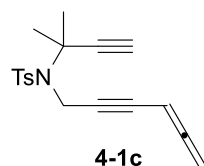
#### Characterization Data of Substrates



**4-1a:** 196 mg, light yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.85–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.30 (m, 2H), 5.30 (m, 1H), 5.01 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 4.30 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 216.8, 144.2, 137.4, 129.7, 127.8, 120.6, 85.7, 77.9, 77.4, 74.6, 54.3, 36.9, 28.7, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 315.1167, found 315.1165.

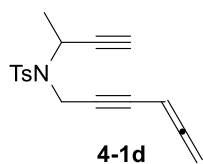


**4-1b:** 218 mg, light yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.86–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.29 (m, 2H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.00 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 1.87 (s, 6H), 1.42–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.28 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 213.7, 144.0, 137.5, 129.6, 127.8, 120.6, 88.8, 86.0, 81.0, 76.9, 60.4, 36.9, 32.5, 29.7, 28.7, 22.0, 21.9, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 371.1793, found 371.1790.



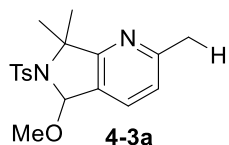
**4-1c:** 187 mg, light yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.79–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.23 (m, 2H), 5.33 (m, 1H), 4.97 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 4.46 (s, 2H), 2.38–2.36 (m, 4H, mix peak), 1.68 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 216.7, 143.1, 139.6, 129.3, 127.4, 88.2, 85.9, 77.2, 75.0, 72.4, 56.4, 37.7, 30.2, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 314.1215, found 314.1213.



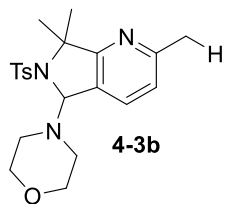


**4-1d:** 214 mg, light yellow liquid, purify by flash column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc–Hexanes, 1:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.70–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.21 (m, 2H), 5.22 (m, 1H), 4.91 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 4.82 (m, 1H), 4.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 4.07 (d, 1H, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 1H), 1.43 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 216.6, 143.6, 136.5, 129.5, 127.6, 86.7, 80.9, 77.2, 76.4, 74.8, 73.8, 45.9, 34.3, 21.8, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 300.1208, found 300.1206.

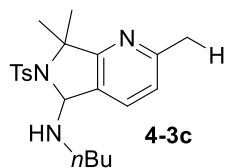
### Characterization Data of Products



**4-3a,** yellow solid, 68% yield (using GPB), 25 mg obtained. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.88–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.27–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.38 (s, 1H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.75 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 164.5, 161.0, 143.1, 139.4, 132.1, 129.2, 127.7, 123.8, 122.7, 90.7, 69.6, 50.8, 28.4, 27.5, 24.6, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 347.1429, found 347.1426.

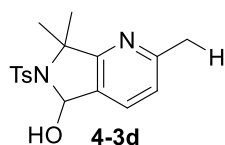


**4-3b,** yellow solid, 75% yield (using GPA), 16 mg obtained. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.85–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 7.27–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 5.78 (s, 1H), 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.26 (m, 2H), 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.64 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.41 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 163.8, 160.1, 142.6, 140.9, 132.0, 129.0, 127.6, 124.0, 122.0, 82.1, 66.9, 66.2, 47.4, 29.6, 27.4, 25.8, 24.5, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 402.1851, found 402.1849.



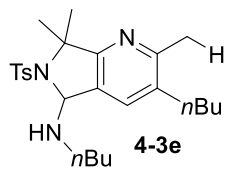
**4-3c**, yellow solid, 72% yield (using GPA), 21 mg obtained.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.81–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.4$  Hz), 7.27–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.4$  Hz), 6.01 (s, 1H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.79

(s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.33–1.25 (m, 4H), 0.82 (t, 3H,  $J = 8.9$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  163.5, 160.2, 143.0, 139.3, 132.4, 129.5, 127.4, 125.4, 122.6, 78.0, 68.3, 40.5, 32.2, 29.0, 27.0, 24.5, 21.4, 20.4, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  388.2059, found 388.2057.



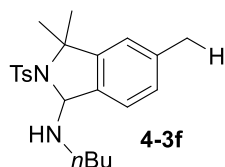
**4-3d**, yellow solid, 52% yield (using GPB), 18 mg obtained.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.83–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.27–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.20 (brs, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.57

(s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  164.2, 160.8, 143.5, 139.4, 132.3, 129.6, 127.1, 125.9, 122.6, 84.5, 69.0, 30.5, 25.8, 24.5, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  333.1273, found 333.1270.



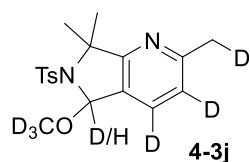
**4-3e**, yellow solid, 65% yield (using GPA), 22 mg obtained.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.81–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.26–7.25 (m, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 2.59–2.56 (m, 3H, mix peak), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.88–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.55–

1.51 (m, 5H, mix peak), 1.39–1.26 (m, 8H, mix peak), 0.93 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 0.82 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  160.6, 158.5, 142.9, 139.4, 135.4, 132.1, 129.5, 127.4, 125.7, 78.0, 68.2, 40.5, 32.4, 32.2, 31.9, 29.1, 27.0, 22.5, 22.3, 21.4, 20.4, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  444.2685, found 444.2682.



**4-3f**, yellow solid, 65% yield (using GPA), 26 mg obtained.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.80–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, 1H,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 7.09 (d, 1H,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.90

(m, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.34–1.27 (m, 4H), 0.84 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  146.9, 142.9, 139.3, 139.0, 131.8, 129.4, 128.9, 127.3, 123.7, 121.4, 80.0, 68.7, 40.4, 32.3, 30.8, 28.6, 21.5, 21.4, 20.4, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  387.2106, found 387.2102.



**4-3j**, yellow solid, 62% yield (using GPB), 23 mg obtained.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.88–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.50 (s, 0.29H), 7.27–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.08 (s, 0.17H), 6.39 (s, 0.57H), 2.56 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.75 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125

MHz):  $\delta$  164.5, 161.0, 143.1, 139.4, 132.0, 129.2, 127.7, 123.7, 122.7, 122.6, 90.6, 69.6, 28.4, 27.5, 24.5, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  347.1429, found 347.1426.

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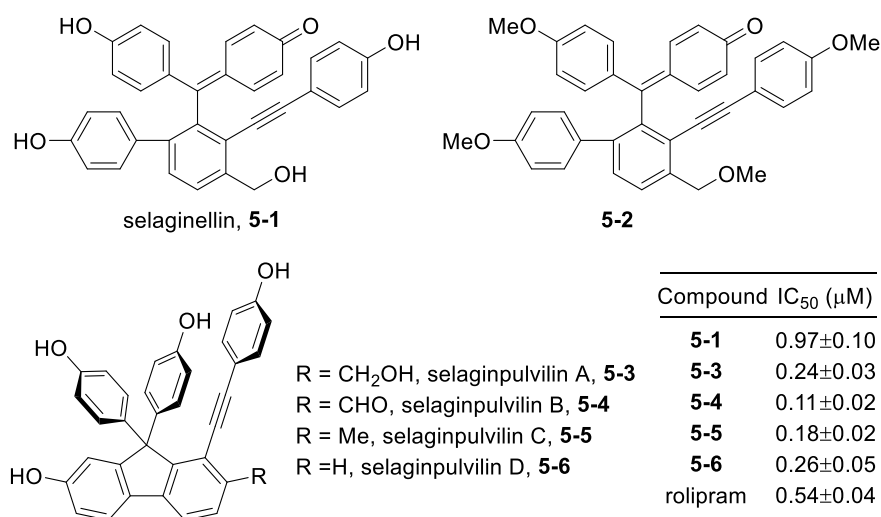
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**CHAPTER 5**  
**Total Synthesis of Selaginpulvin A**

## 5.1. Introduction

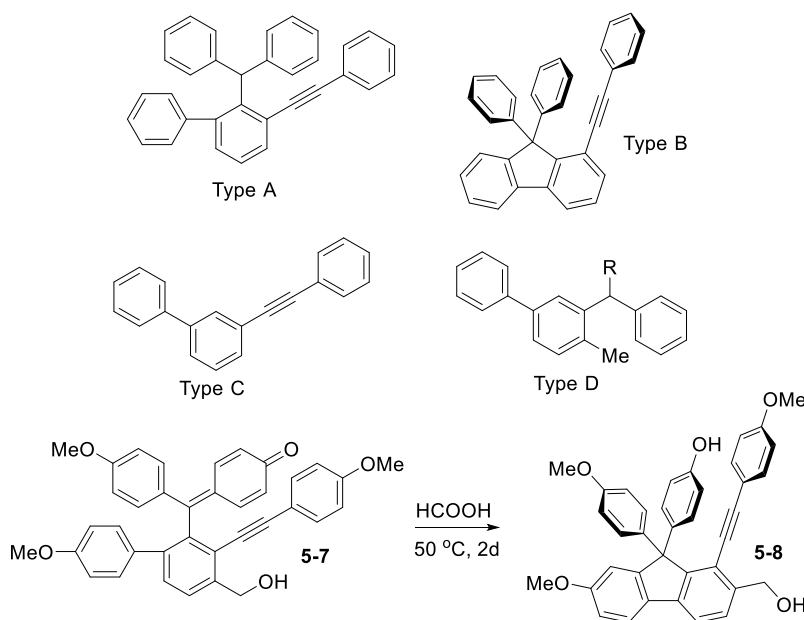
Selaginellins are a small group of pigments exclusively found in the ancient genus *Selaginella*, containing about 750 known species up to date.<sup>1</sup> With the estimated existence for about 400 million years, *Selaginella* species are not only evolutionarily important as the living fossils of vascular plants, but also have been widely used for the treatment of dysmenorrhea, asthma, and traumatic injury in traditional medicine in many regions.<sup>2</sup> The chemical investigation of genus *Selaginella* started from 1970.<sup>3</sup> For a long time, the biological activities of *Selaginella* were only portrayed by simple alkaloids, phenylpropanoids and bioflavonoids, which abundantly exist in many other species.<sup>4</sup> Therefore, there are no enthusiasm conducting further investigations on extracted pigments from *Selaginella* until 2007, when the isolation of unusual racemic natural product selaginellin **5-1** (**Scheme 5.1**).<sup>5</sup> Subsequently, the synthesis of methoxy derivative **5-2** promoted a new tide of chemical and synthetic studies of this genus. The novel carbon framework, which is ultimately accountable for excellent fluorescent properties inspired the discovery of many more congeners in the following decades.<sup>6</sup> In 2014, selaginpulvilins A–D (**5-3–5-6**) were first isolated from *Selaginella pulvinata*.<sup>7</sup> The ethanol extracts containing selaginpulvilins A–D and other constituents display significant inhibitory activity against phosphodiesterase-4 (PDE4), an overactivation enzyme which is responsible for inflammation.<sup>7</sup>



**Scheme 5.1. Selaginellin and Selaginpulvilin A-D and Their Inhibitory Activity against PDE4**

The novel polyphenolic structure of selaginellin family combined with their promising biological activity make them attractive targets for total synthesis, which is also provides an opportunity to develop fast and convenient access to related structures for biological activity-relationship studies. Up until now, 113 selaginellins have been documented, including 61 natural congeners and 52 synthetic analogs.<sup>3</sup>

Based on their skeleton of the polyphenolic compounds, they can be classified into four types. Type A contains a 2-benzhydryl-3-phenylethynyl-1,10-biphenyl skeleton, whereas type B possesses 9,9-diphenyl-1-(phenylethynyl)-9H-fluorene skeleton structure. The simpler Type C consists of 3-phenylethynyl-1,10-biphenyl skeleton, and Type D possesses 2-benzyl-1,10-biphenyl skeleton without an alkyne moiety. Yin and coworkers proposed the biogenesis pathway for selaginpulvilin A-D from a selaginellin precursor.<sup>2</sup> The key step for the conversion of the selaginellin skeleton to that of selaginpulvilin is a Friedel-Crafts reaction arylation between phenol ring and the C9 carbon to construct the fluorenone core. This process was later confirmed by treating trimethyl selaginellin **5-7** with formic acid at 50 °C to afford 7,14,26-trimethoxyselaginpulvilin A **5-8**. In this chapter, the prowess of a new cycloaromatization reaction of allene-yne with alkyne is demonstrated in the total synthesis of selaginpulvilins A.

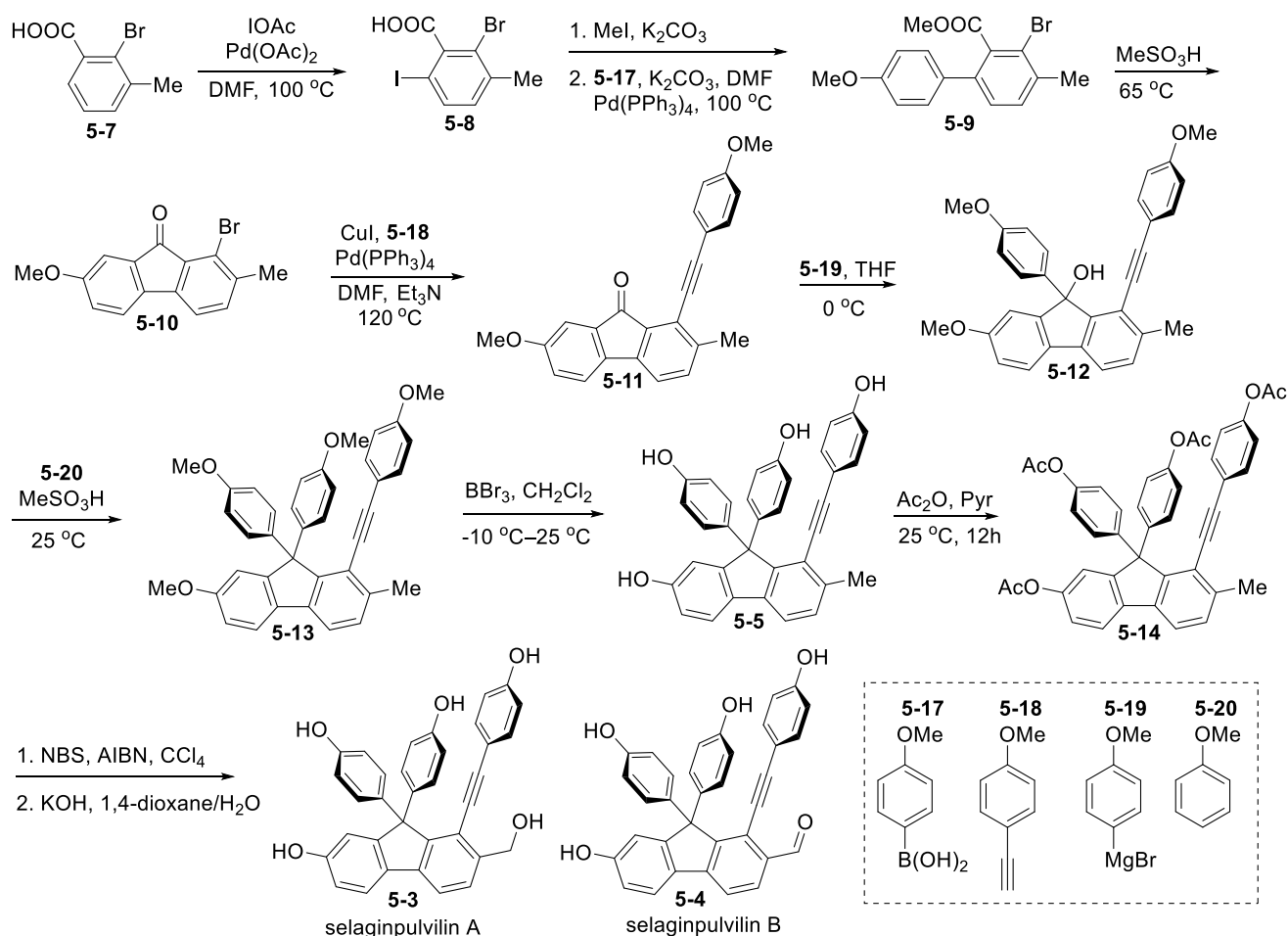


**Scheme 5.2 Types of Selaginellins and Synthesis of Trimethoxyselaginpulvilin A from Selaginellin**

## 5.2. Previous Total Synthesis of Selaginpulvilin

### 5.2.1. Yin's Friedel-Crafts Approach

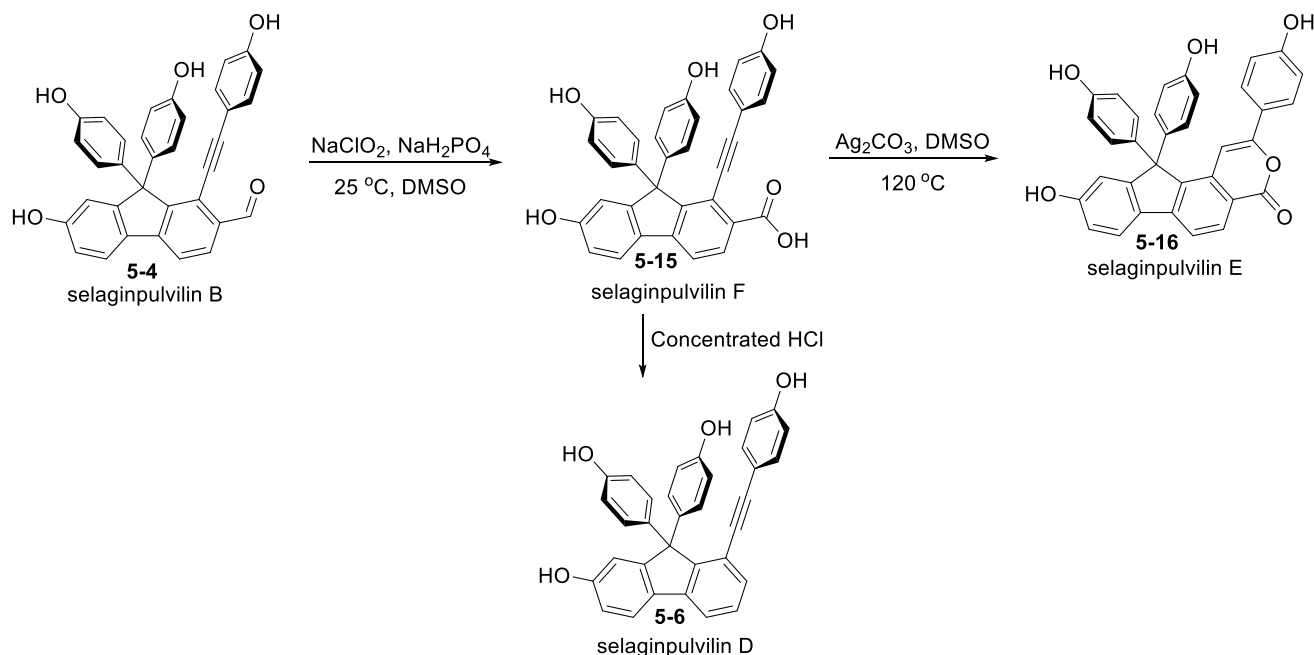
The discovery of selginpulvilin A–D by the Yin group in 2014<sup>7</sup> promoted further investigations toward synthesis of new triaryl fluorene structures. The same group reported the total synthesis of selaginpulvilin A–F in 7 to 11 steps employing intramolecular a Friedel-Crafts reaction of biphenyl-2-methyl carboxylate to afford a fluorenone core (**Scheme 5.3**).<sup>8</sup> The total synthesis commenced from commercially available 2-bromo-3-methyl benzoic acid, Pd(II)-mediated *ortho*-C–H iodination employing IOAc afforded aryl iodide **5-8**. Methylation of the carboxylic acid follow by Suzuki coupling with 4-methoxyphenyl boronic acid afforded biphenyl **5-9**. An intramolecular Friedel-Crafts reaction of **5-9** in the



**Scheme 5.3.** Total Synthesis of Selaginpulvilin A–C Employing Friedel-Crafts Reactions



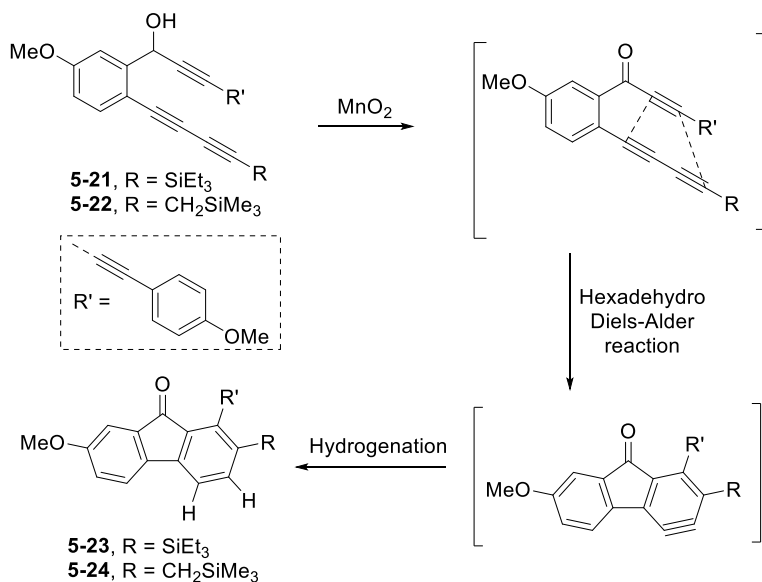
presence of methanesulfonic acid afforded 1-bromo-2-methyl-7-methoxy-9-fluorenone **5-10**, which was subjected to Sonogashira coupling conditions with 4-ethynyl anisole **5-18** to produce 1-phenylethynyl-2-methyl-7-methoxy-9-fluorenone **5-11**. Fluorenone **5-11** was then treated with Grignard reagent **5-19** followed by a Friedel-Crafts reaction with anisole to produce tetramethyl selaginpulvilin C **5-13**. Demethylation of **5-13** with  $\text{BBr}_3$  furnished selaginpulvilin C. Selaginpulvilin A and B could be synthesized from Selaginpulvilin C via a three-step sequence. Acetylation of **5-5** with  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  generated peracetylated product **5-14**, which was treated with NBS for benzylic bromination. The bromide was treated with and KOH to replace the bromide with hydroxide and concomitant removal of acetates, which afforded both selaginpulvilin A (**5-3**, 55% yield) and selaginpulvilin B (**5-4**, 30% yield). In turn, selaginpulvilin B (**5-4**) was used as a precursor to synthesize selaginpulvilin D–F. Pinnick oxidation of **5-4** afforded selaginpulvilin F (**5-15**), which underwent decarboxylation when treated with concentrated hydrochloric acid to produce selaginpulvilin D (**5-6**). Finally, lactonization of **5-15** catalyzed by  $\text{Ag(I)}$  furnished selaginpulvilin E (**5-16**).



**Scheme 5.4. Synthesis of Selaginpulvilin D–F from Selaginpulvilin B**

### 5.2.2. Lee's HDDA Approach

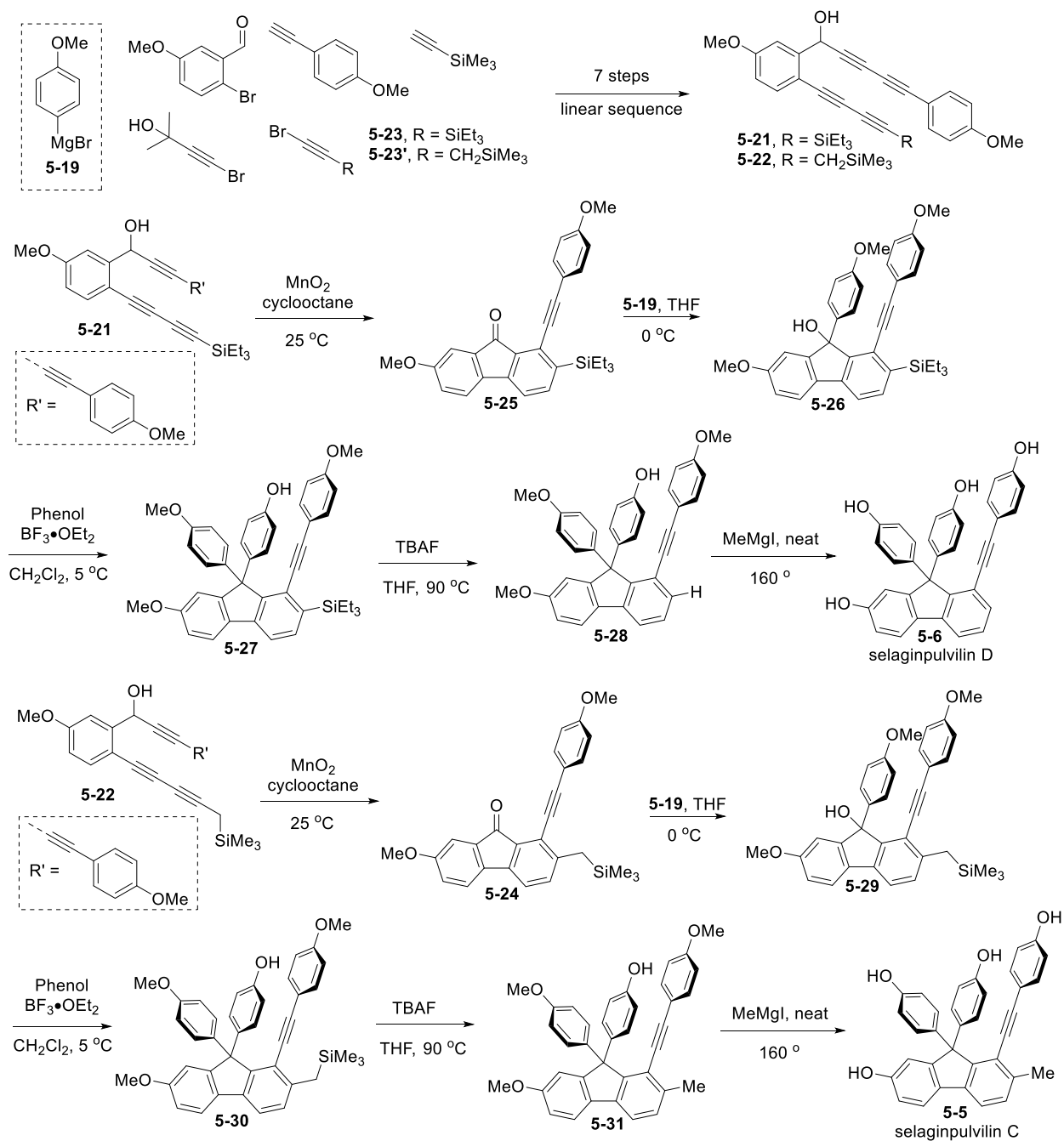
In 2016, Lee and coworker developed a novel approach to a total synthesis of selaginpulvinin C and D relying on a strategy that allows for de novo construction of the fluorenone core. This approach employed *in situ* generation of aryne intermediate via hexadehydro Diels-Alder reaction (HDDAR) followed by formal hydrogenation of the aryne moiety (**Scheme 5.5**).<sup>9</sup>



**Scheme 5.5. Construction of Fluorenone Core via a HDDA Reaction**

Key tetrayne intermediate **5-21** and **5-22** can be synthesized from commercially available arene and alkyne building blocks by series of conventional transformations including Sonogashira coupling, Cadiot-Chodkiewicz coupling and alkynide addition.<sup>5</sup> Next, the intramolecular HDDA reaction of **5-21** and **5-22** under oxidation conditions generated aryne intermediates, which underwent hydrogenation in the presence of cyclooctane as a hydrogen donor to afford 1-phenylethynyl-7-methoxy-9-fluorenone **5-23** and **5-24**. Installation of the two aryl groups at the fluorenyl ketone moiety by double Friedel-Crafts arylation could not be achieved, thus fluorenones **5-25** and **5-24** were treated with Grignard reagent **5-19** and the resulting tertiary alcohol was subjected to Friedel-Crafts arylation with phenol to afford **5-27** and **5-30**, respectively. The intermediates **5-27** and **5-30** containing 9,9-diphenyl-1-(phenylethynyl)-9H-fluorene

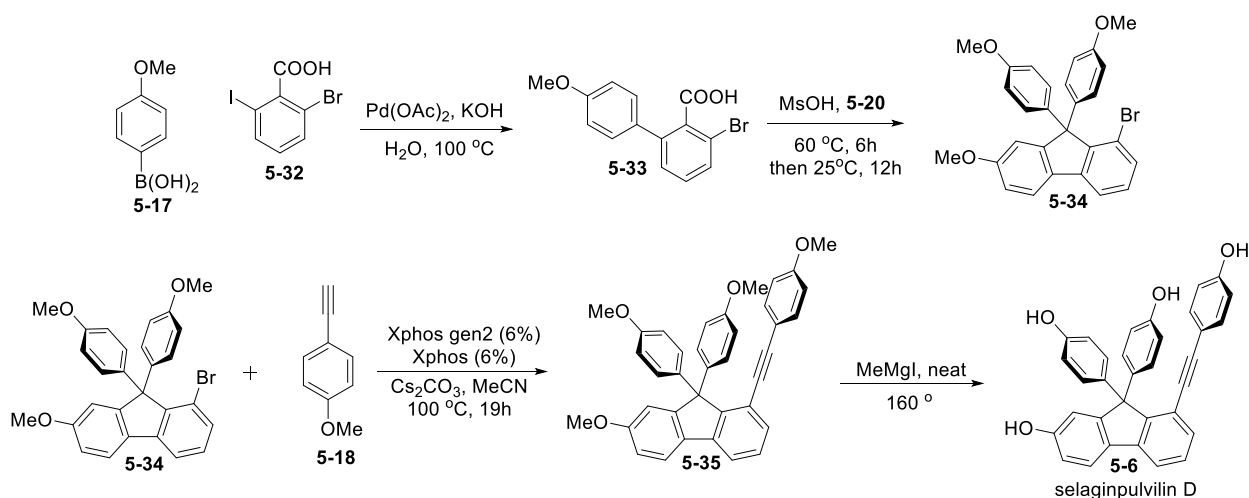
skeleton were subjected to desilylation conditions with TBAF to afford trimethoxy derivatives of selaginpulvilin D (5-28) and selaginpulvilin C (5-31). Finally, demethylation of 5-28 and 5-31 in neat MeMgI at 160 °C produced selaginpulvilin D and C, respectively (Scheme 5.6).



**Scheme 5.6. Synthesis of Selaginpulvilin C and D by the Lee Group**

### 5.2.3. Sherburn's $S_EAr$ Approach

In 2017, Sherburn's group reported an extremely concise total synthesis of selaginpulvin D in four steps, involving a one-pot, 3-fold aromatic substitution sequence to assemble a 9,9-diarylfluorene core (**Scheme 5.7**).<sup>10</sup> Sherburn's synthesis was initiated by a Suzuki–Miyaura coupling of 4-methoxyphenyl boronic acid with 2-bromo-6-iodobenzoic acid in an aqueous medium to generate 2-bromo-5-(4-methoxyphenyl) benzoic acid **5-33**. On heating in methane sulfonic acid, an intramolecular  $S_EAr$  reaction gave the 2-bromo-7-methoxy-9-fluorenone intermediate, which was converted *in situ* to the 1-bromo-9,9-diarylfluorene core **5-34** upon addition of anisole. Subsequent Sonogashira coupling between bromo arene and 4-ethynyl anisole **5-18** turned out to be recalcitrant. Only Buchwald's second-generation XPhos ligand was fruitful to deliver Sonogashira coupling product **5-35**, which was subjected to precedented demethylation conditions<sup>9</sup> to furnish selaginpulvin D.

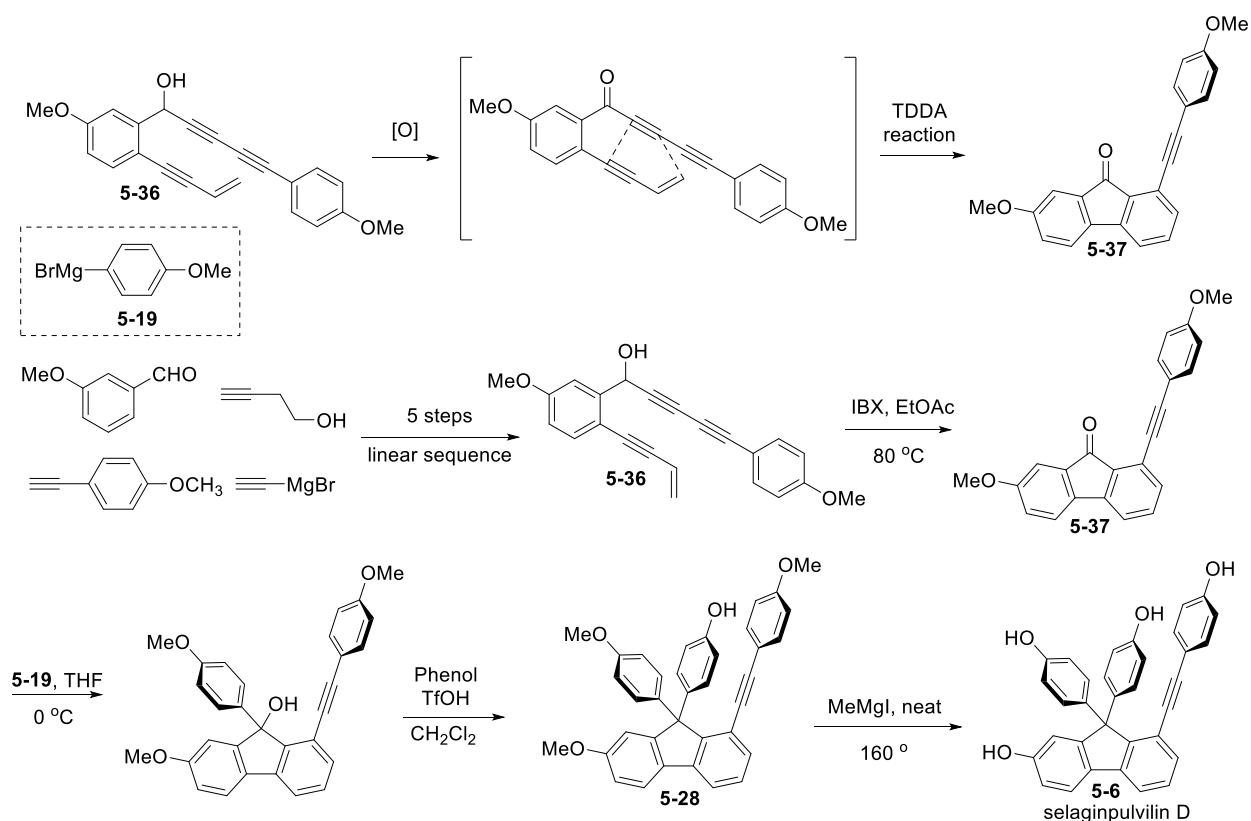


**Scheme 5.7. Four-steps Total Synthesis of Selaginpulvin D by the Sherburn Group**

### 5.2.4. Baire's Tetrahydro Diels–Alder (TDDA) Approach

Shortly after the reports of Lee, Yin and Sherburn, Baire published an efficient and mild synthetic strategy for the total synthesis of selaginpulvin D, involving highly chemoselective enyne–alkyne tetrahydro Diels–Alder (TDDA) reaction to construct the fluorene core (**Scheme 5.8**).<sup>11</sup> The synthesis

was commenced by the construction of eneyne-diyne intermediate **5-36** from commercially available arene and alkyne building blocks employing series of conventional reactions, including Sonogashira and Cadiot–Chodkiewicz coupling reactions. Tetrahydro Diels-Alder reaction of **5-36** under IBX oxidation at 80 °C afforded fluorenone **5-37**. Double arylation was archived by treating **5-37** with Grignard reagent **5-19** follow by Friedel-Crafts arylation with phenol afford **5-28**. Removal of the three methyl groups from **5-28** was realized by treating with MeMgI in neat conditions at 160 °C to deliver selaginpulvinin D.

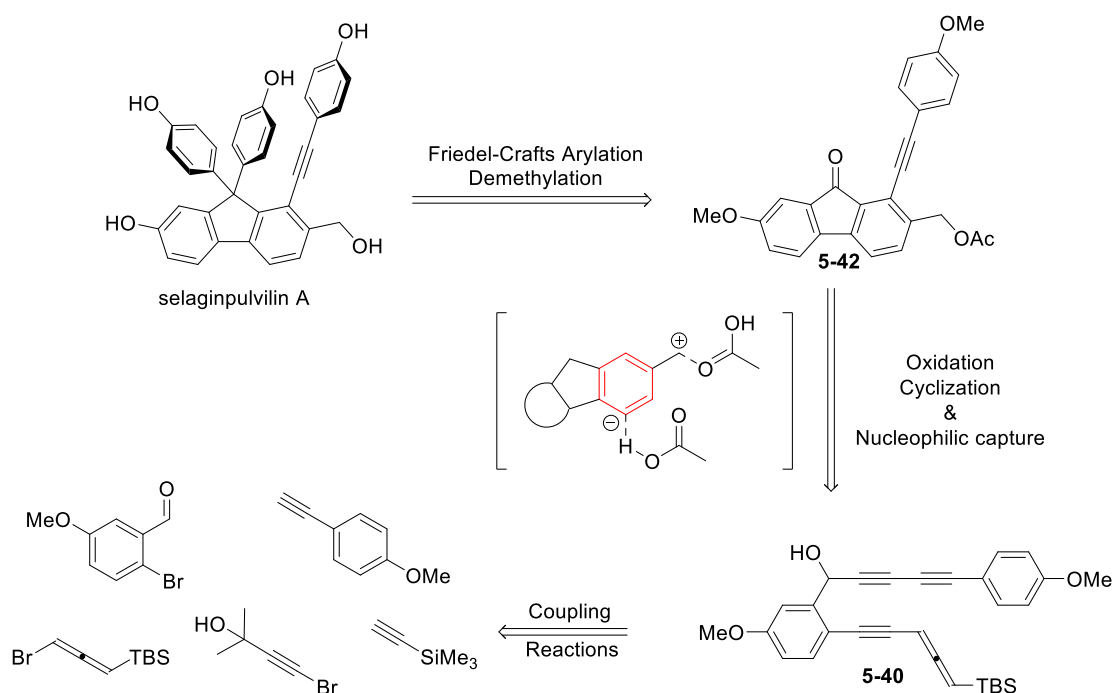


**Scheme 5.8. Total Synthesis of Selaginpulvin D by the Baire Group**

### 5.3. Total synthesis of Selaginpulvinin A

The construction of fluorenone core is the key step in all reported synthetic strategies for successful total synthesis of selaginpulvilins. To achieve this goal, four different routes have been developed, including Friedel-Crafts reaction,  $S_EAr$  reaction, HDDA and TDDA reactions. With the knowledge of pentadehydro

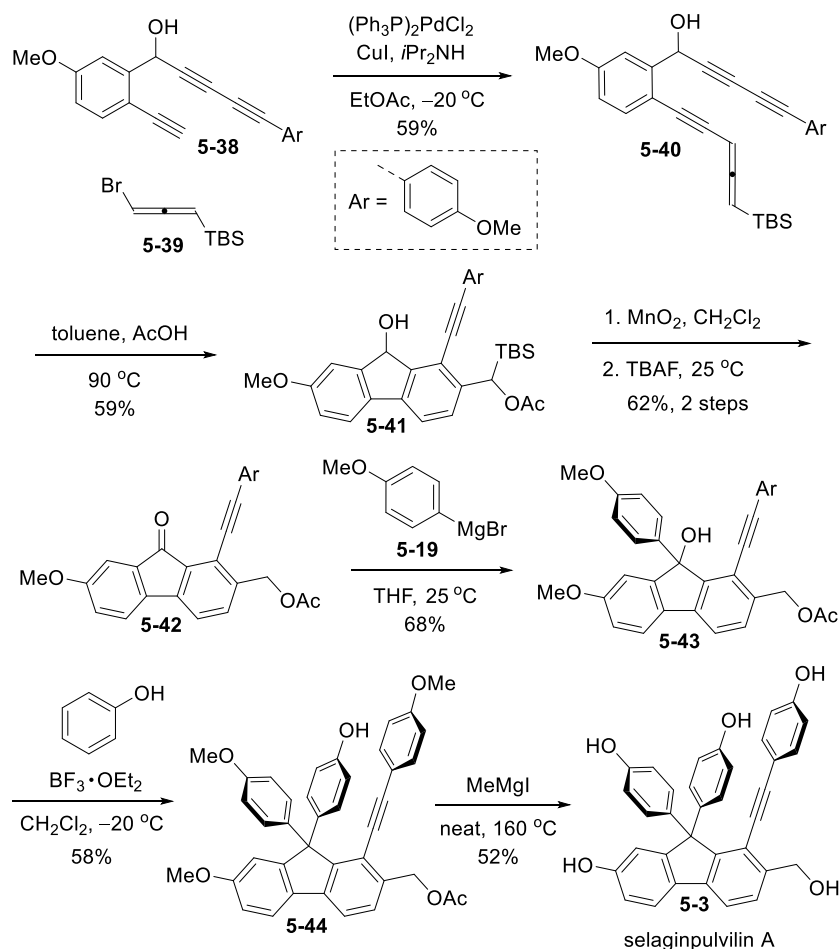
Diels–Alder reaction in hand, we demonstrated the prowess of this new cycloaromatization reaction for a synthesis of selaginpulvilins A, an alkynyl polyphenol natural product of selaginella family. We envision that the core fluorenone skeleton **5-42** of selaginpulvillin A can be constructed via cycloaromatization of key intermediate **5-40** upon oxidation followed by nucleophilic trapping of the  $\alpha,3$ -dehydrotoluene intermediate (**scheme 5.9**). Once obtained, fluorenone **5-42** can be converted to 9,9-diphenyl-1-(phenylethynyl)-9H-fluorene skeleton by established protocol in literature.<sup>9</sup> In turn, **5-40** can be quickly assembled from readily available alkyne and arene building blocks.



**Scheme 5.9. Retrosynthesis of Selaginpulvilin A**

Our approach to total synthesis of selaginpulvilin A was initiated by a Sonogashira coupling of allenyl bromide **5-39**<sup>12</sup> with known terminal alkyne **5-38**<sup>5</sup> to provide **5-40** (59%), which was subjected to the established protocol (AcOH, toluene, 90 °C) to generate fluorenone **5-41** (59%). Oxidation of **5-41** followed by removal of the *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl group afforded phenylethynyl-9H-fluorenone **5-42** (62%, 2 steps), which was treated with **5-19** to generate tertiary alcohol **5-43** (68%). Friedel-Crafts arylation of **5-43** to form **5-44** was interfered with double arylation but it was found that careful control of the reaction

temperature at  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  suppressed the arylation of the benzylic acetoxy group, generating **5-44** in 58% yield. Global removal of the three methoxy and acetoxy groups from **5-44** was realized by treating with MeMgI in neat conditions at  $160\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to deliver selaginpulvillin A (52%) (**scheme 5.10**).



**Scheme 5.10. Total Synthesis of Selaginpulvillin A**

## 5.4. Conclusion

In this chapter, an efficient total synthesis of selaginpulvillin A is achieved (6 steps, 11% total yield) relying on the newly developed pentadehydro Diels-Alder reaction (PDDAR) as a key strategy. Compared to the hexadehydro Diels-Alder approach to the synthesis of Selaginpulvilins,<sup>5</sup> this approach is more effective because it can avoid the relatively inefficient hydrogenation step of an aryne intermediate. This

approach to a successful total synthesis of selaginpulvin A proved that PDDAR is an efficient transformation to synthesize other related structures.

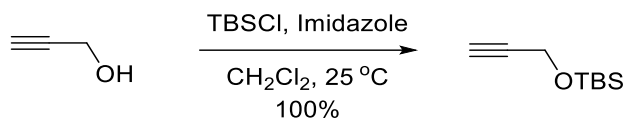


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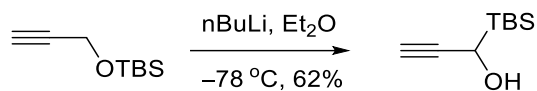
#### 3.5.1. General Information

Reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware unless otherwise noted. Compounds were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or TCI America or Oakwood Chemicals unless otherwise noted. Toluene, acetonitrile, dichloromethane and triethyl amine were distilled over calcium hydride ( $\text{CaH}_2$ ) under nitrogen atmosphere. THF was distilled over sodium-benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen atmosphere. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 Å (32–63 mesh) purchased from Silicycle Inc. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 0.25 mm E. Merck precoated silica gel 60 (particle size 0.040–0.063 mm). Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds unless otherwise stated.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-500 spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield of TMS and are referenced relative to the residual proteated solvent peak ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  (7.26 ppm)).  $^{13}\text{C}$  chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million downfield of TMS and are referenced to the carbon resonance of the solvent ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  (77.2 ppm)). Multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quin (quintet), sext (sextet) or m (multiplet).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals that fall within a ca. 0.3 ppm range are generally reported as a multiplet, with a range of chemical shift values corresponding to the peak or center of the peak. Coupling constants,  $J$ , are reported in Hz (Hertz). Electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectra were recorded on a Waters Micromass Q-Tof Ultima in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Electron impact (EI) mass spectra and Chemical Ionization (CI) mass spectra were obtained using a Micromass 70-VSE in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

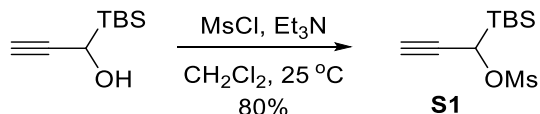
### 3.5.2. Experimental Procedures



To a solution of propargyl alcohol (1.0 equiv) in methylene chloride was added TBSCl (1.5 equiv) followed by imidazole (1.5 equiv) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere until completion (monitored by TLC). The resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane as eluent. Yield: 100%. Characterization data match the known compound in literature.<sup>13</sup>

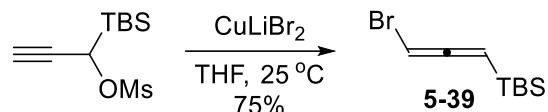


A solution of *tert*-butyldimethyl (prop-2-yn-1-yloxy) silane (1.0 equiv) in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O was added *n*-BuLi dropwise (2.5 equiv) over 30 mins. The resulting mixture was stirred at –78 °C for another 30 mins and then slowly warmed to rt and stirred for addition 4 h. Once completed, the reaction mixture was cooled back to –78 °C, and saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added. The reaction was allowed to warm up to room temperature and extracted with ether (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 5:1), which yielded 1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl) prop-2-yn-1-ol (62% yield). Characterization data match the known compound in literature.<sup>13</sup>

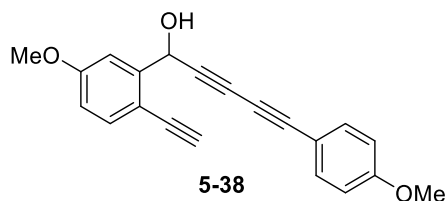


To a solution of 1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl) prop-2-yn-1-ol (1.0 equiv) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added MsCl (1.5 equiv) followed by Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.5 equiv) and the mixture was stirred at 25 °C. After complete consumption of the starting material (monitored by TLC), water was added to the reaction mixture and the two layers were separated. The resulting mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 10 mL). The combined

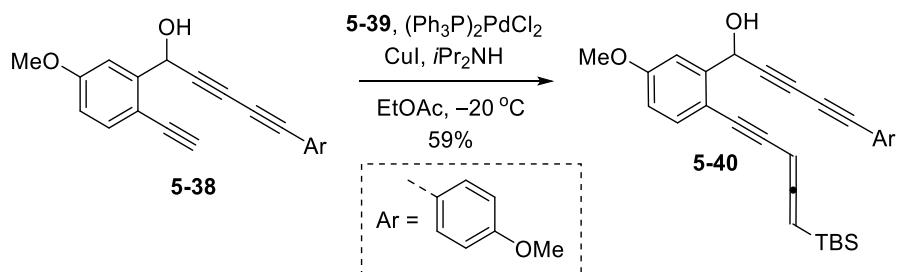
organic layers were dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 10:1), which delivered product **S1** (80% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  5.04 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz), 3.11 (s, 3H), 2.87 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  80.1, 79.5, 64.8, 39.5, 26.6, 17.1, -7.8, -8.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{SSi}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  249.0980, found 249.0976.



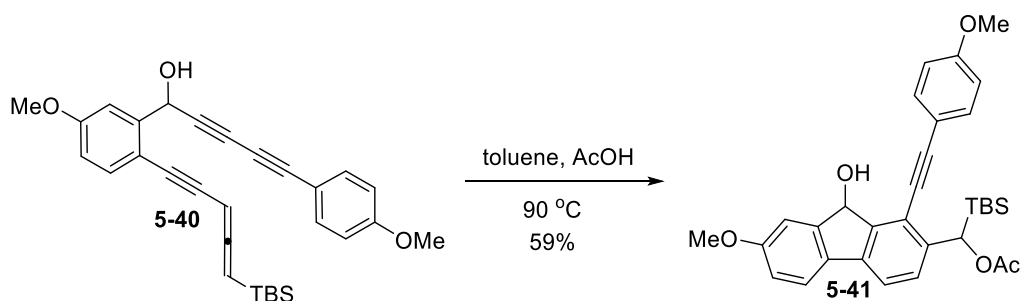
To a solution of CuBr (1.5 equiv) in dry THF was added LiBr (1.5 equiv) at 25 °C and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 mins. The mixture turned light green. Then solution of 1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl) prop-2-yn-1-yl methanesulfonate (1 equiv) in THF was added to the mixture. The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filter to a short path of silica gel, concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 20:1), which yielded allenyl bromide **5-39** (75% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  5.70 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz), 5.24 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  207.4, 90.8, 68.1, 26.1, 17.1, -5.9, -6.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{BrSi}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  233.2161, found 233.2158.



Triyne **5-38** was prepared according to well established protocol in literature.<sup>5</sup> See the references for more information. The characterization data is in agreement with the known value in the literature.

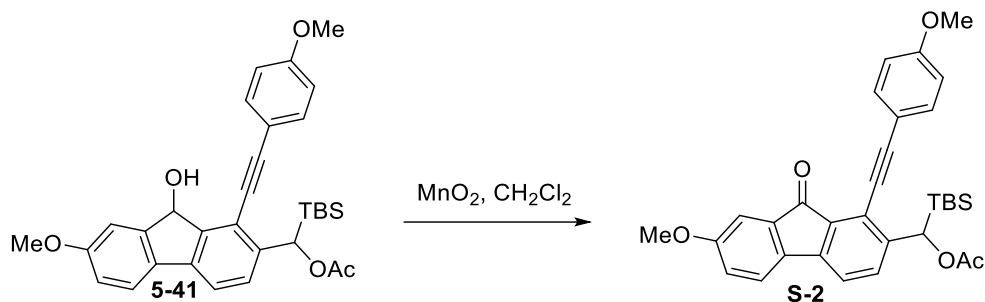


To a solution of **5-38** (1.0 equiv) in EtOAc was added  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{PdCl}_2$  (2 mol%), CuI (8 mol%), allenyl bromide **5-39** (1.05 equiv) and  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{NH}$  (3 equiv) at  $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature until complete consumption of the starting material. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filter to a short path of celite, concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 10:1 to 5:1), which delivered **5-40** (59% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.42–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.84–6.80 (m, 3H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 5.32–5.30 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  215.9, 160.4, 159.7, 142.74, 142.71, 134.2, 133.6, 114.3, 114.1, 112.1, 87.3, 87.0, 82.6, 80.7, 79.4, 72.4, 71.2, 68.7, 63.7, 55.5, 55.3, 26.2, 17.2, -5.70, -5.73; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  469.2199, found 469.2187.

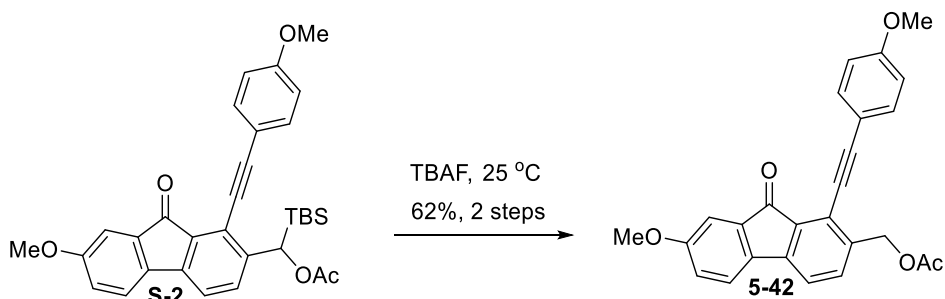


In a sealed Schlenk tube, a solution of **5-40** (325 mg, 0.69 mmol) in dry  $\text{PhCH}_3$  was added acetic acid (8.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at  $90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was transferred to a round-bottom flask, concentrated, and subjected to column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 5:1), which delivered cyclization product **5-41** (215 mg, 59% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.54 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 7.50 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.3$  Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.26–7.23 (m,

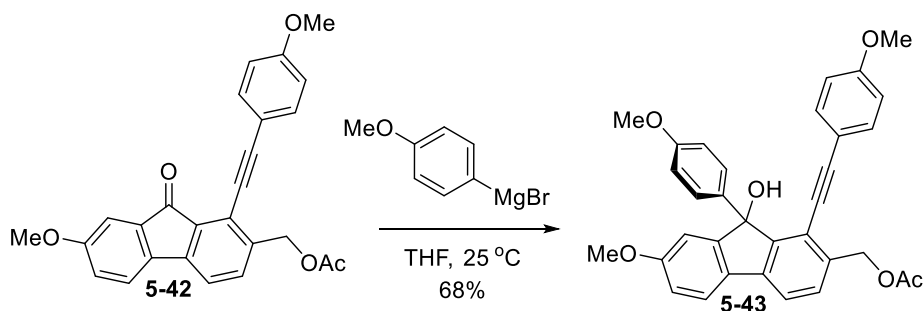
3H), 6.93–6.90 (m, 3H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.95 (brs, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  170.4, 160.1, 146.3, 140.8, 138.5, 133.1, 132.3, 126.5, 126.3, 120.7, 118.9, 117.5, 115.2, 114.9, 114.2, 110.8, 99.5, 83.7, 74.8, 67.3, 55.6, 55.4, 26.8, 21.3, 17.2, -7.0, -8.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_5\text{Si}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  529.2410, found 529.2406.



To a solution of **5-41** (215 mg, 1.0 equiv) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added  $\text{MnO}_2$  (354 mg, 10 equiv) at 25 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature until complete consumption of the starting material (monitor by TLC). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through silica gel pad and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford of the fluorenone product. The crude product was used for the next step without any further purification.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.66 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz), 7.30 (s, 2H), 7.20 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz), 6.95 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 8.1, 2.1 Hz), 6.90, (m, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 3H) 0.09 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  192.0, 170.3, 160.9, 160.1, 143.3, 142.9, 136.1, 135.5, 133.7, 133.5, 131.0, 120.9, 120.0, 118.7, 118.6, 115.4, 114.1, 109.1, 101.6, 83.7, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 66.7, 55.7, 55.3, 29.7, 26.9, 21.2, 17.3, -7.0, -8.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5\text{Si}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  527.2254, found 527.2253.

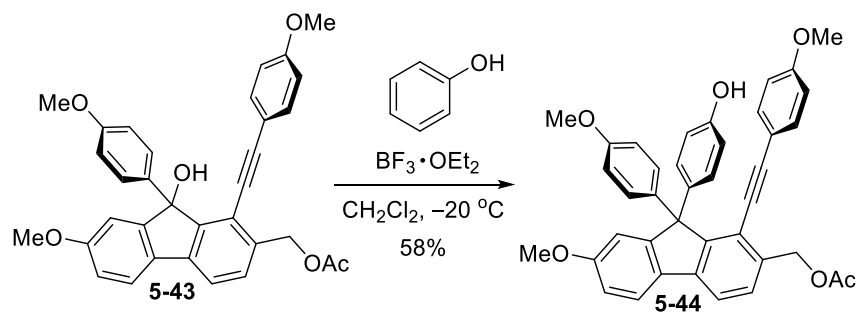


To a solution of fluorenone **S-2** (214 mg, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF was added TBAF (0.32 mL, 1M solution in THF, 1.5 equiv) at -78 °C and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at the room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material (monitor by TLC). Upon completion, saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added and the mixture was extracted by EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combine organic layer was dry over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 10:1), which delivered fluorenone **5-42** (132 mg, 62% yield, 2 steps). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, 1H *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.39 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 6.98 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.1, 2.4 Hz), 6.91 (m, 2H), 5.32 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 191.6, 170.8, 161.2, 160.4, 145.2, 137.0, 136.3, 135.2, 134.5, 133.9, 133.7, 121.4, 121.1, 120.2, 118.3, 114.9, 114.1, 109.1, 101.2, 82.7, 64.2, 55.7, 55.3 21.0; HRMS (ESI), calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 413.1389, found 413.1382.

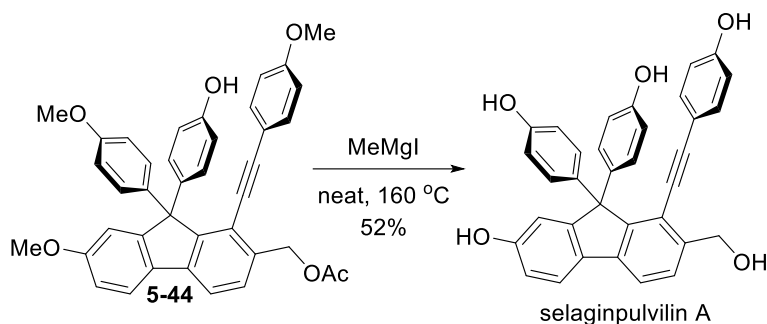


To a solution of **5-42** (131 mg, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF was added 4-Methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (0.36 mL, 1M solution in THF, 1.5 equiv) at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at the room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material (monitor by TLC). Upon completion, water was added slowly, and the mixture was extracted by EtOAc (3x5 mL). The combine organic layer was dry over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 10:1), which delivered tertiary alcohol **5-43** (68% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.87–6.85 (m, 2H), 6.83–6.80 (m, 4H),

5.34 (d, 1H,  $J = 12.6$ ), 5.27 (d, 1H,  $J = 12.6$  Hz), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.35 (brs, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  170.9, 160.7, 160.0, 158.8, 152.4, 150.8, 141.0, 135.6, 135.0, 133.0, 130.5, 129.8, 126.5, 121.2, 119.4, 118.6, 115.0, 114.5, 114.0, 113.6, 110.0, 100.3, 83.8, 82.3, 64.6, 55.5, 55.3, 55.2, 21.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  520.1886, found 520.1885.



To a solution of **5-43** (18.1 mg, 0.035 mmol 1.0 equiv) in dry methylene chloride was added phenol (6.2 mg, 0.07 mmol, 2 equiv) followed by 8.6  $\mu\text{L}$   $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (2 equiv) at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature until complete consumption of the starting material (monitor by TLC). Upon completion, ice water and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was added slowly and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 $\times$ 5 mL). The combine organic layer was dry over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 10:1), which delivered **5-44** (12 mg, 58%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.64 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.41 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 7.23 (d, 2H,  $J = 6.3$  Hz), 7.18 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 6.97 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 6.88 (dd, 1H,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2.3 Hz), 6.82 (d, 1H,  $J = 2.3$ ), 6.79 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 6.72 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 6.64 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 5.32 (s, 2H), 4.67 (brs, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz):  $\delta$  171.1, 160.4, 159.7, 158.2, 154.3, 152.2, 140.8, 135.7, 134.8, 134.6, 132.7, 131.6, 130.4, 130.2, 128.0, 120.7, 118.8, 115.3, 114.5, 114.0, 113.5, 113.1, 111.1, 101.3, 84.5, 65.1, 60.4, 55.5, 55.3, 55.2, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  596.2199, found 596.2197.



A solution of MeMgI in ether (3.0 M, 1.0 mL) was added to solution of **5-44** in diethyl ether (12 mg, 0.02 mmol) at 0 °C. After 5 min, the ice water bath was removed, and the reaction mixture was dried slowly using nitrogen flow created by nitrogen balloon at one end and low pressure (using water aspirator) at another end. After the reaction mixture dried out to leave only white sticky liquid residue, the nitrogen balloon was removed, and the residue was heated at 160 °C under reduced pressure. After 1 h, the reaction was cooled down to room temperature and ether (5 mL) was added, and the excess Grignard reagent was carefully quenched with water. To the biphasic mixture, 1 N HCl was added until the water layer becomes pH 3–4, and ethyl acetate was added (5 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (X2). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 10:1), which provided selaginpulvilin A (5.8 mg, 52% yield).<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500 MHz): δ 7.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8), 7.60 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2), 7.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8), 7.10–7.08 (m, 4H), 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2), 6.70–6.68 (m, 3H), 6.58–6.56 (m, 4H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 1.91 (brs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 125 MHz): δ 157.7, 157.6, 155.5, 140.4, 140.2, 133.8, 132.3, 130.7, 130.0, 126.2, 120.2, 119.3, 118.1, 120.2, 119.3, 118.1, 115.0, 114.3, 114.1, 113.7, 112.0, 101.0, 84.0, 64.8, 62.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M-H]<sup>+</sup> 511.1545, found 511.1542.

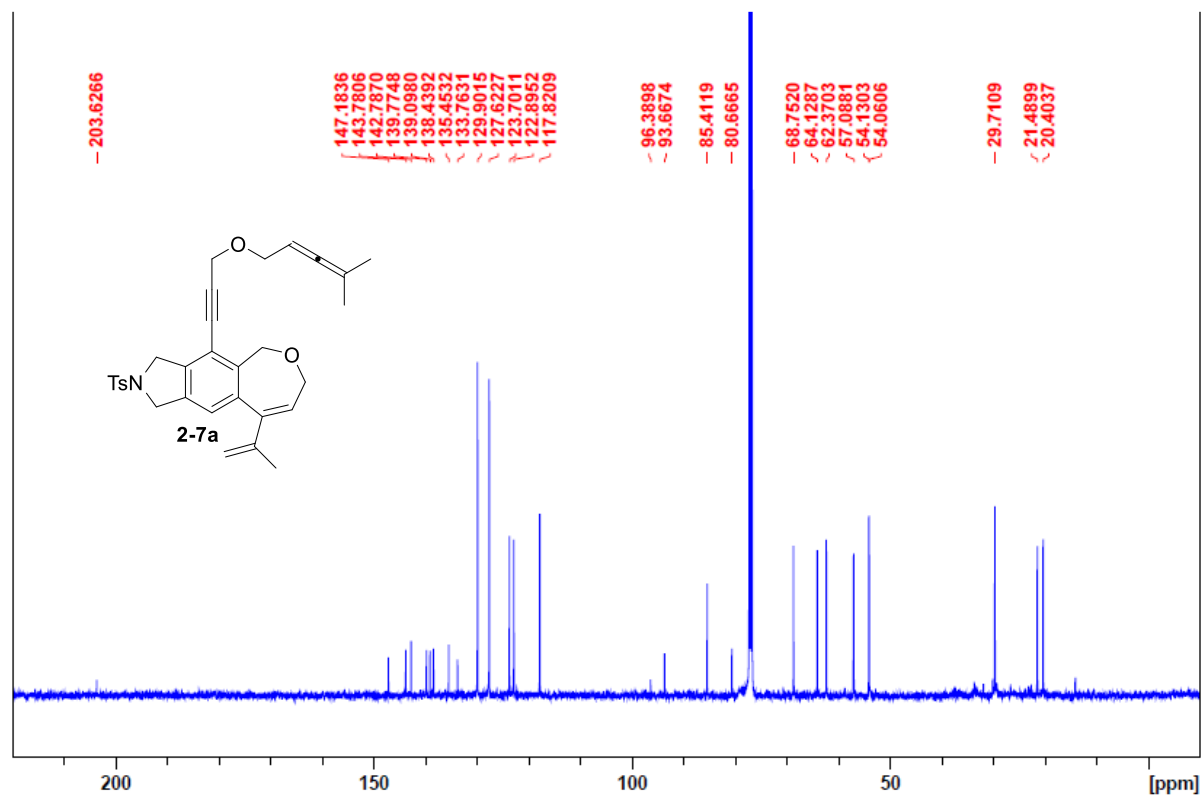
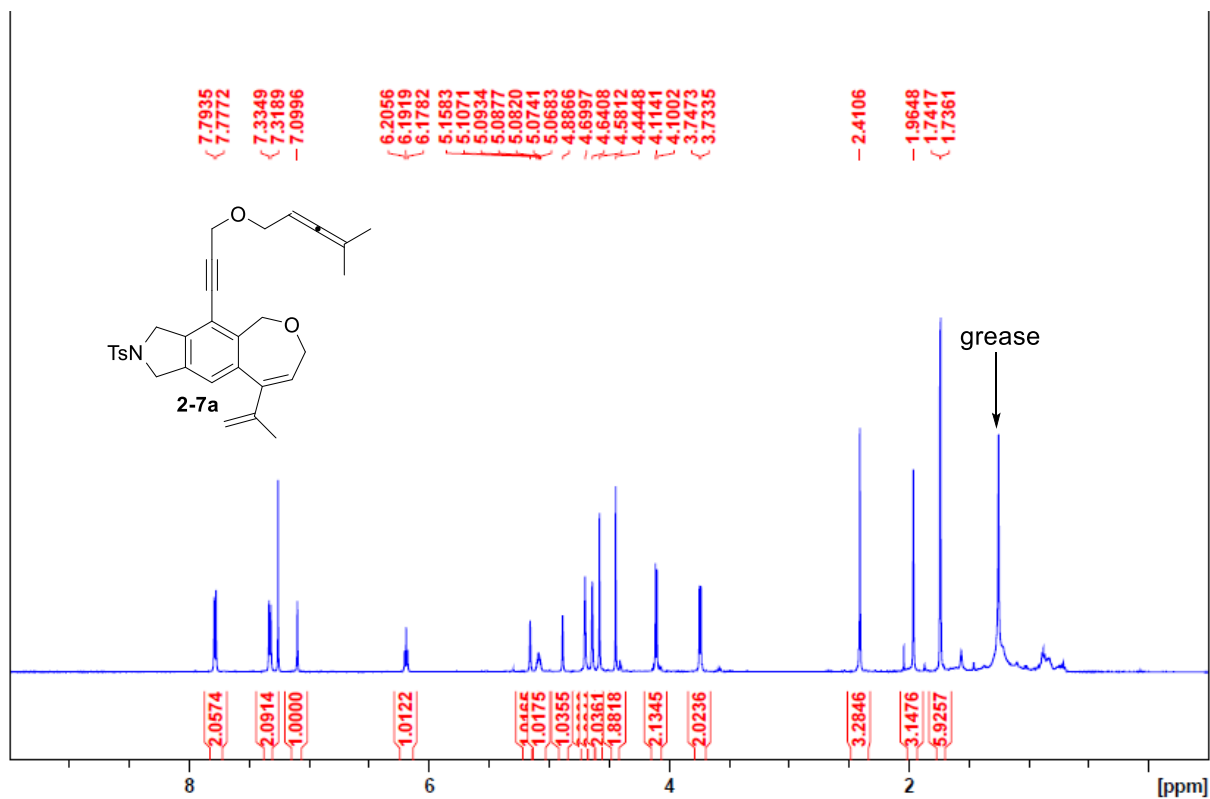


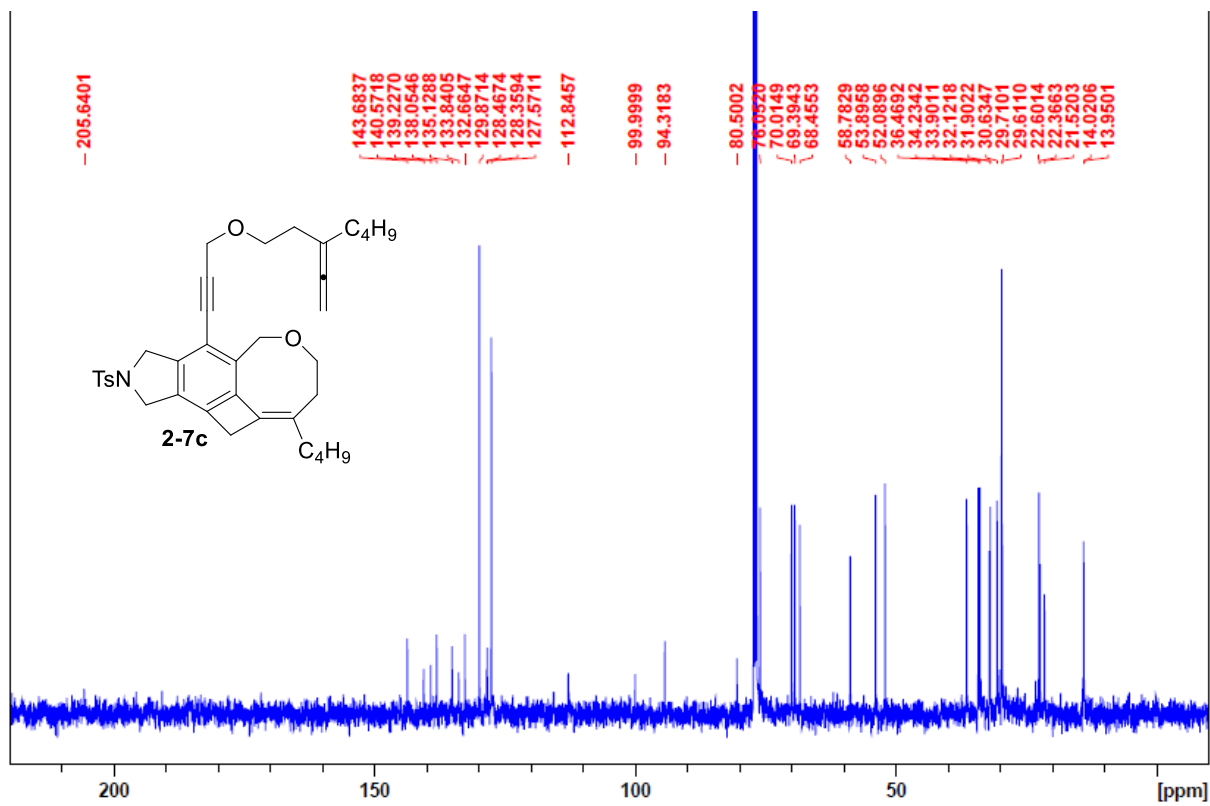
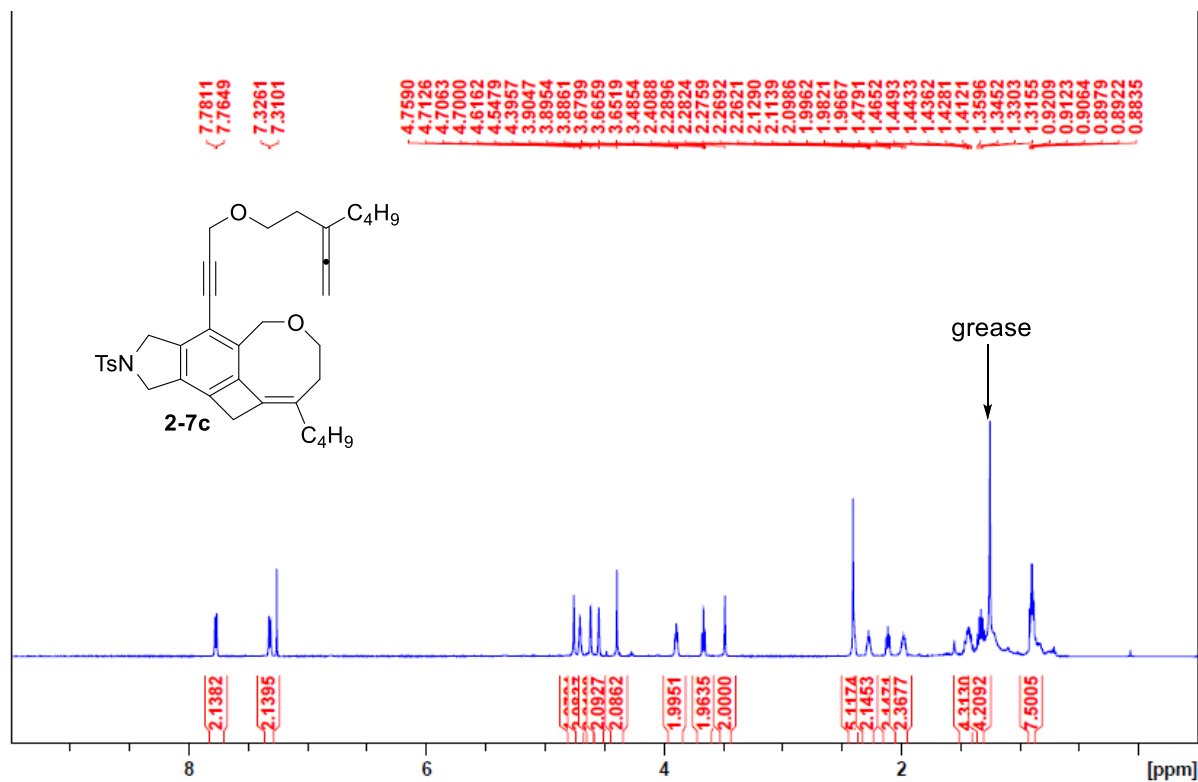
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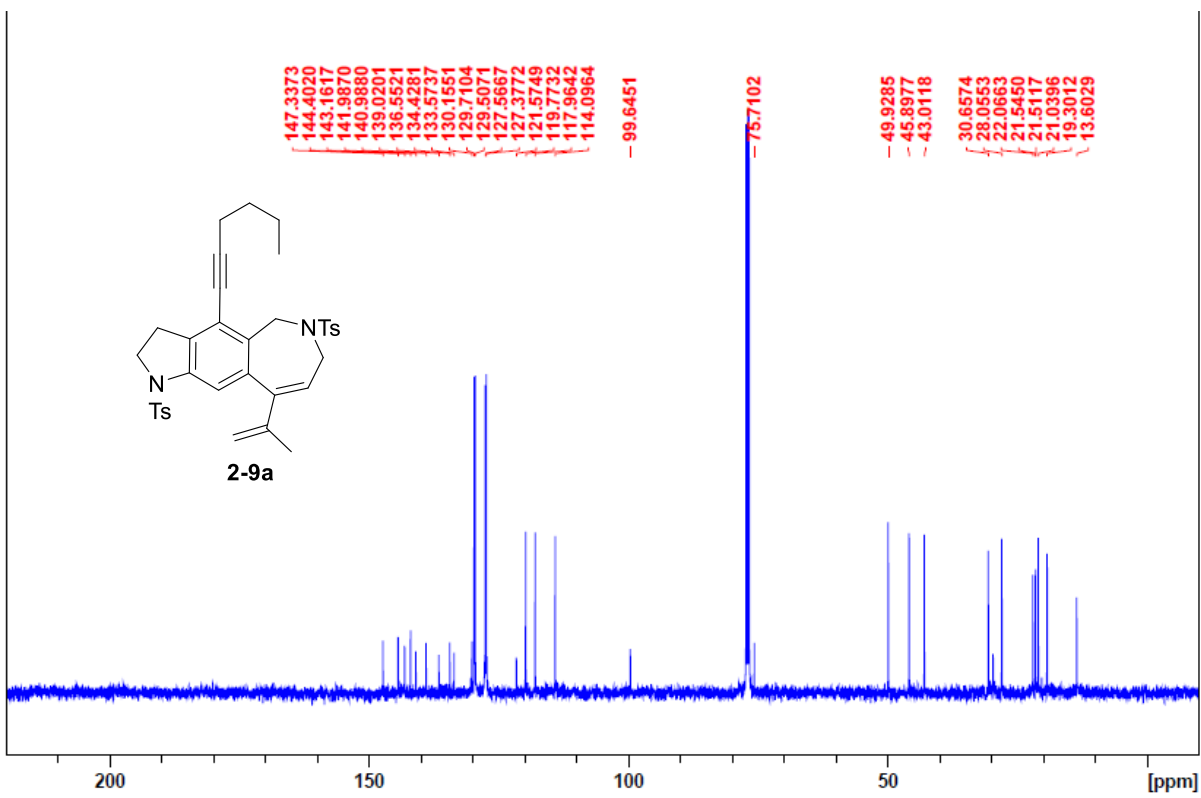
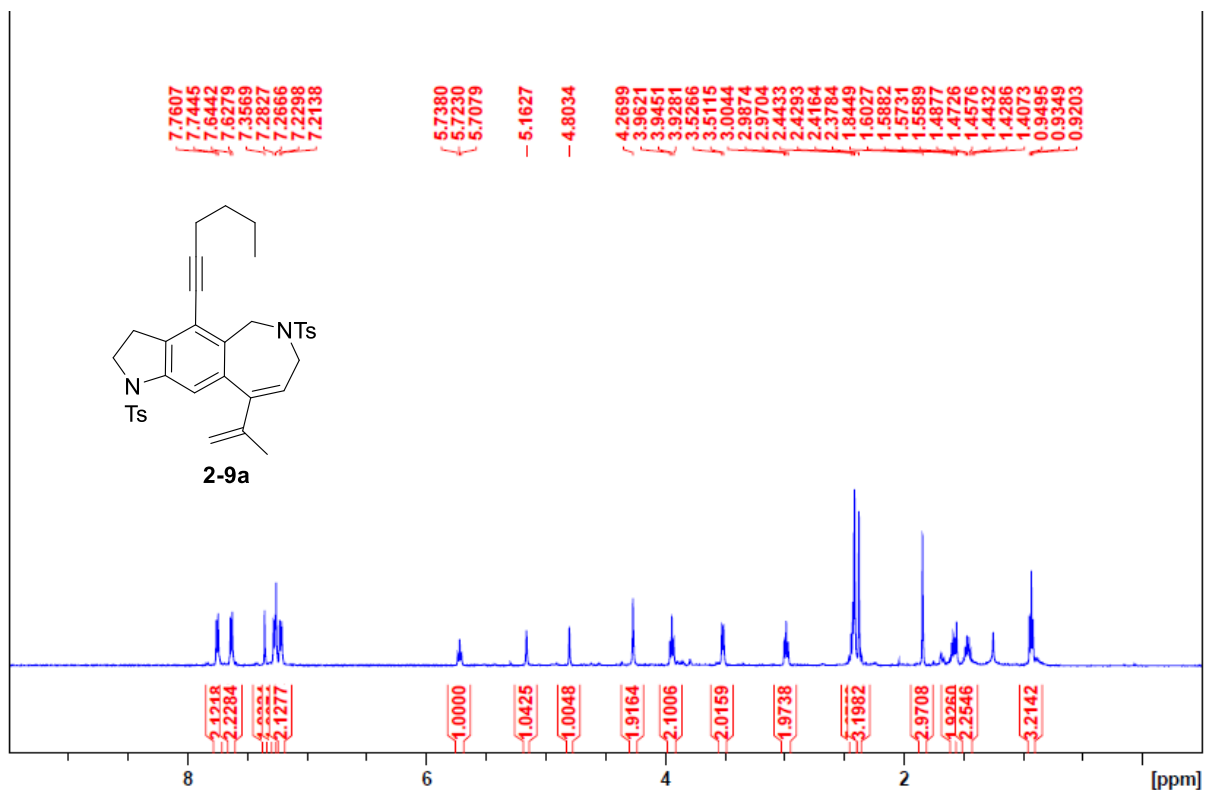
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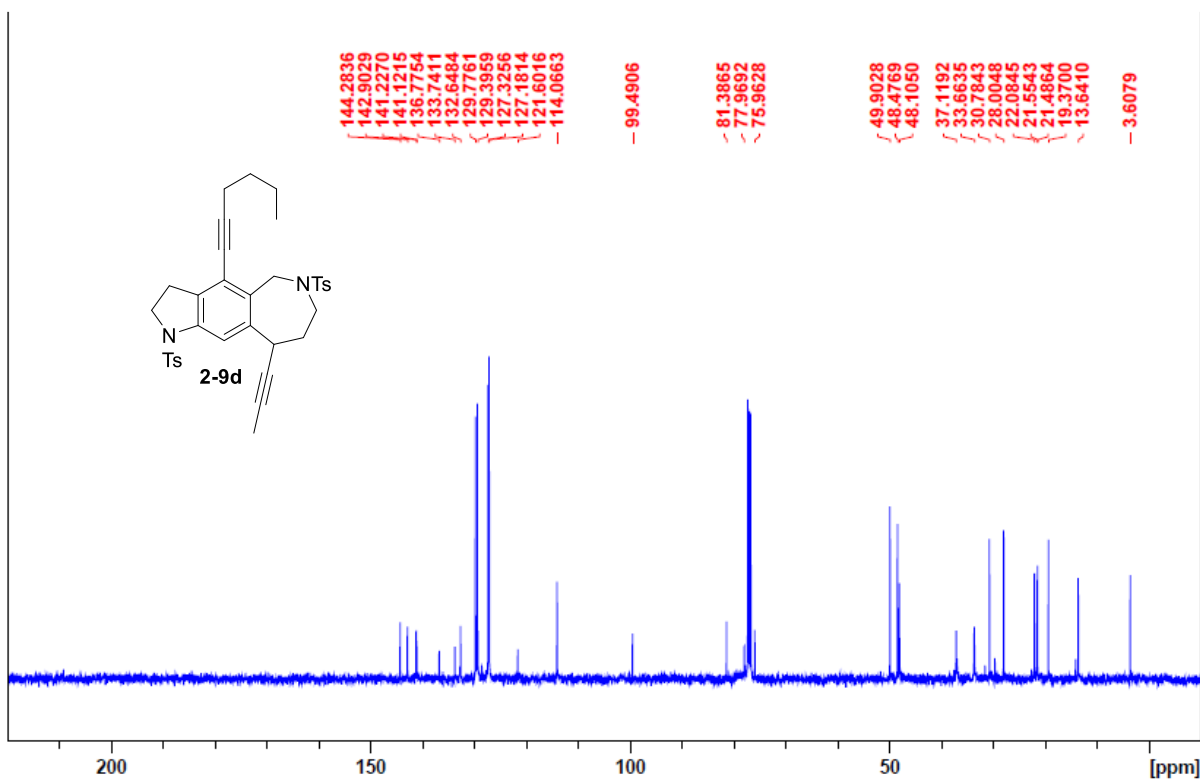
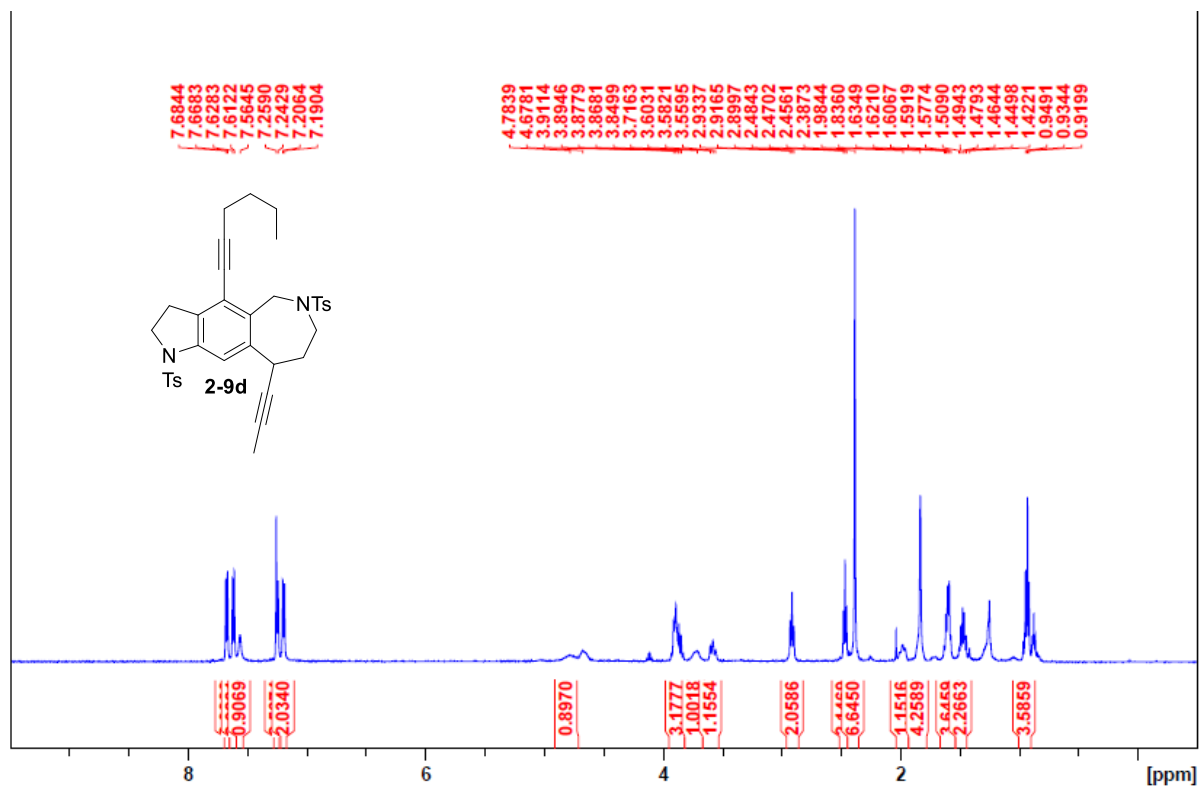
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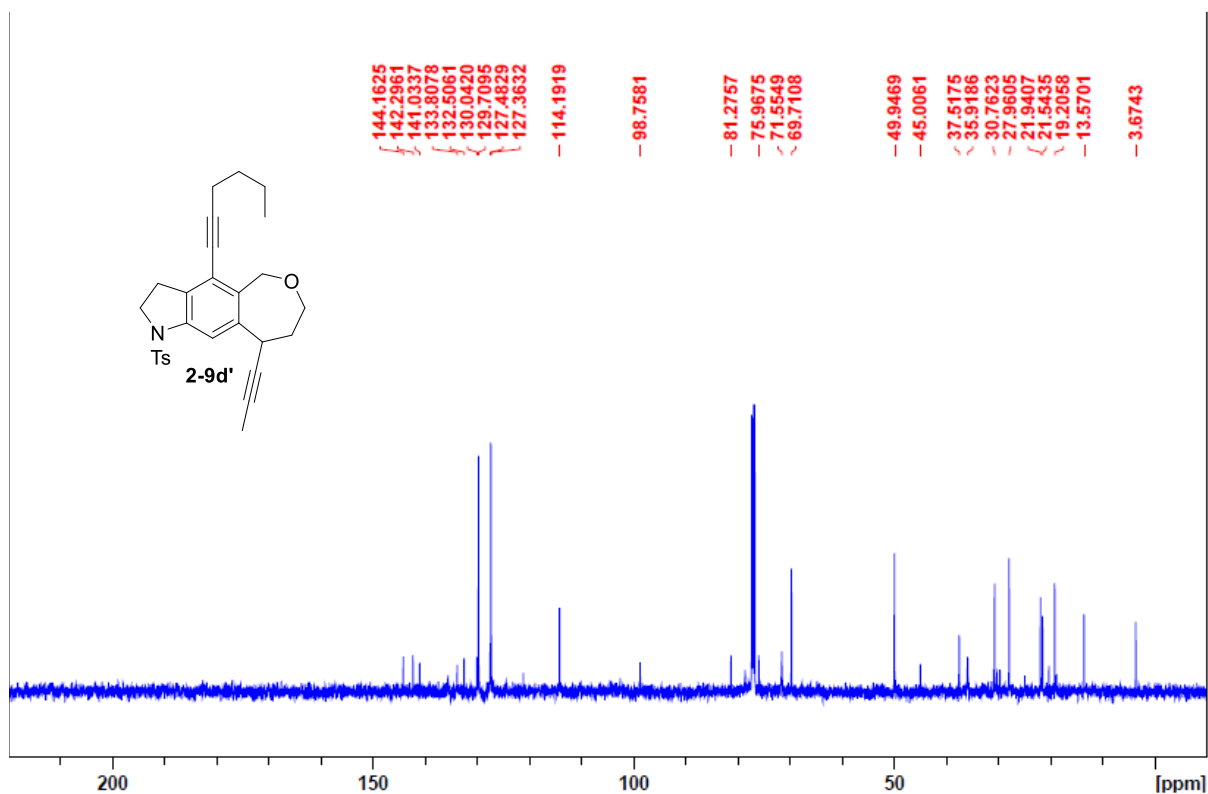
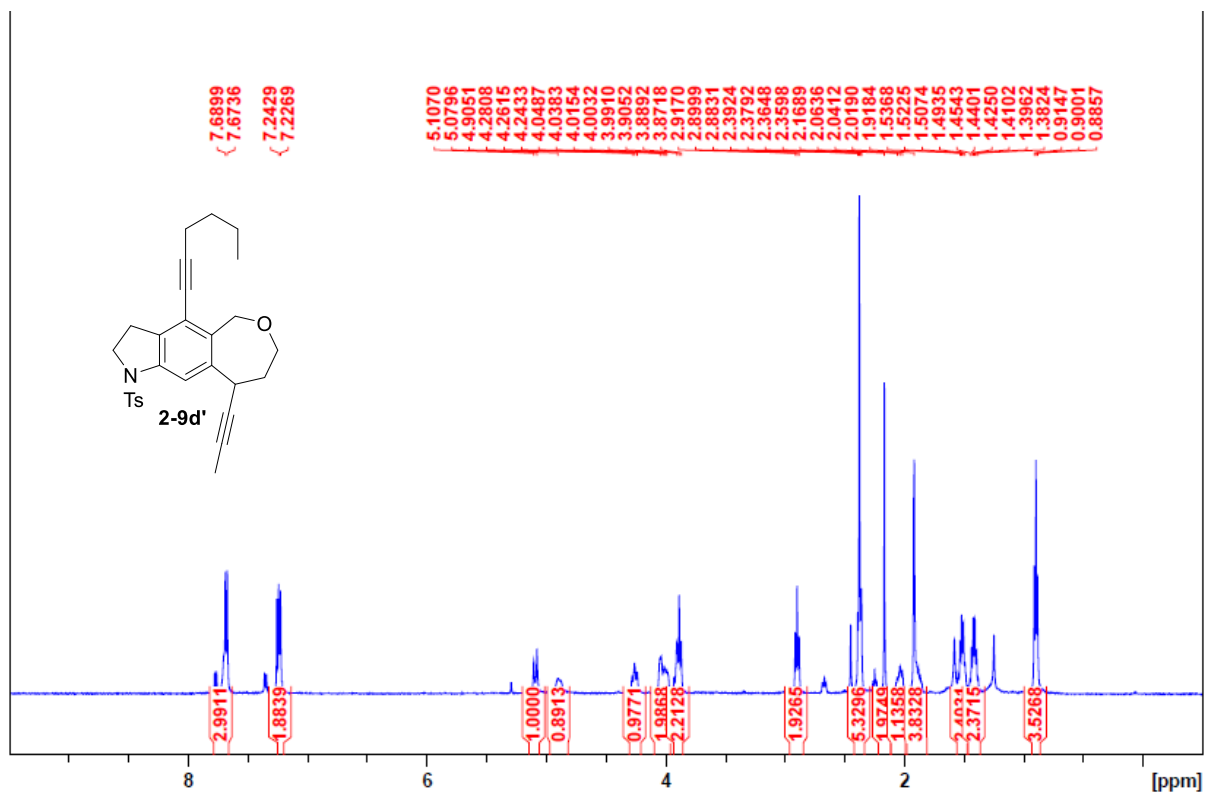
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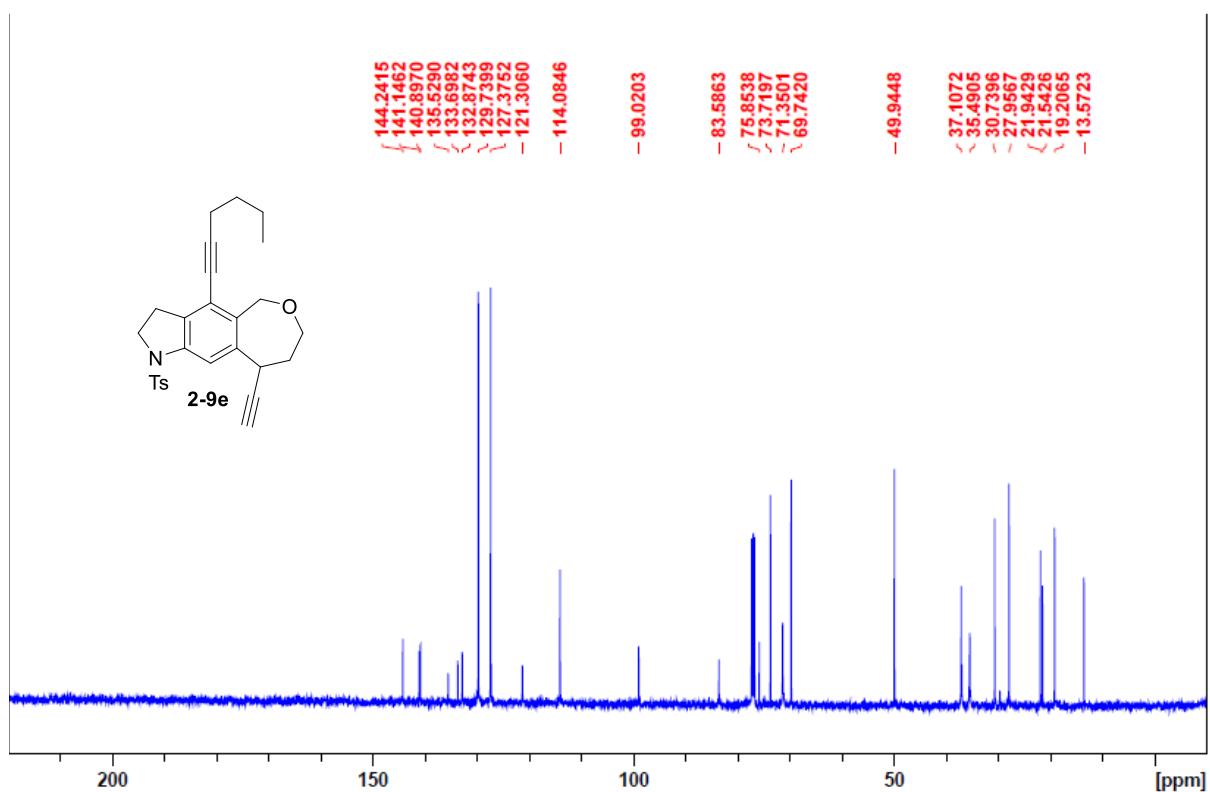
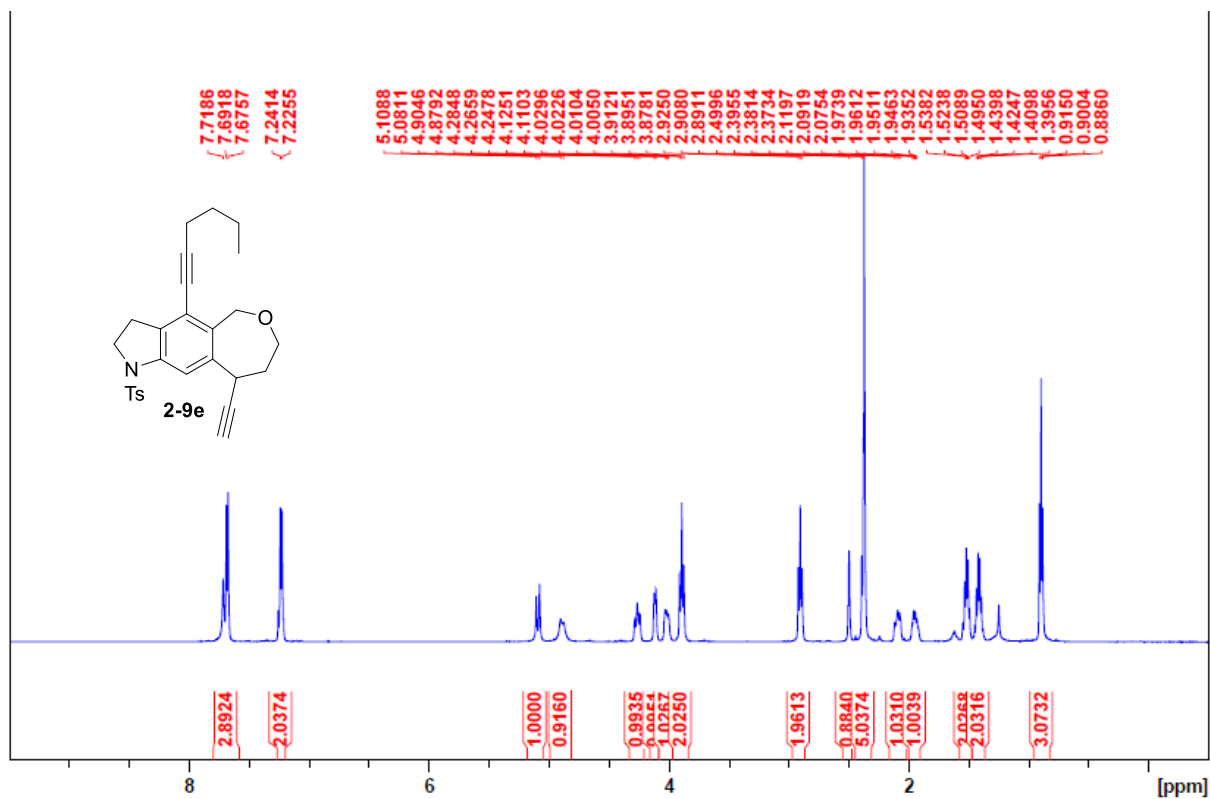


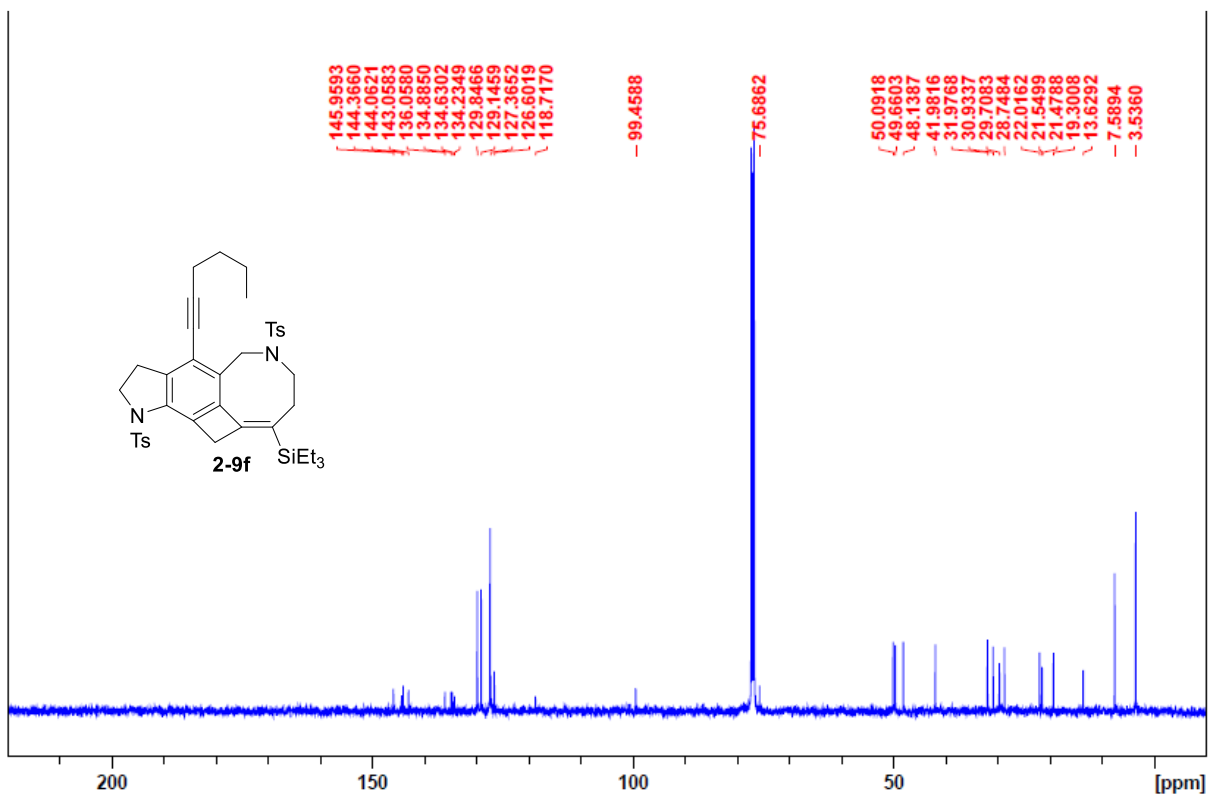
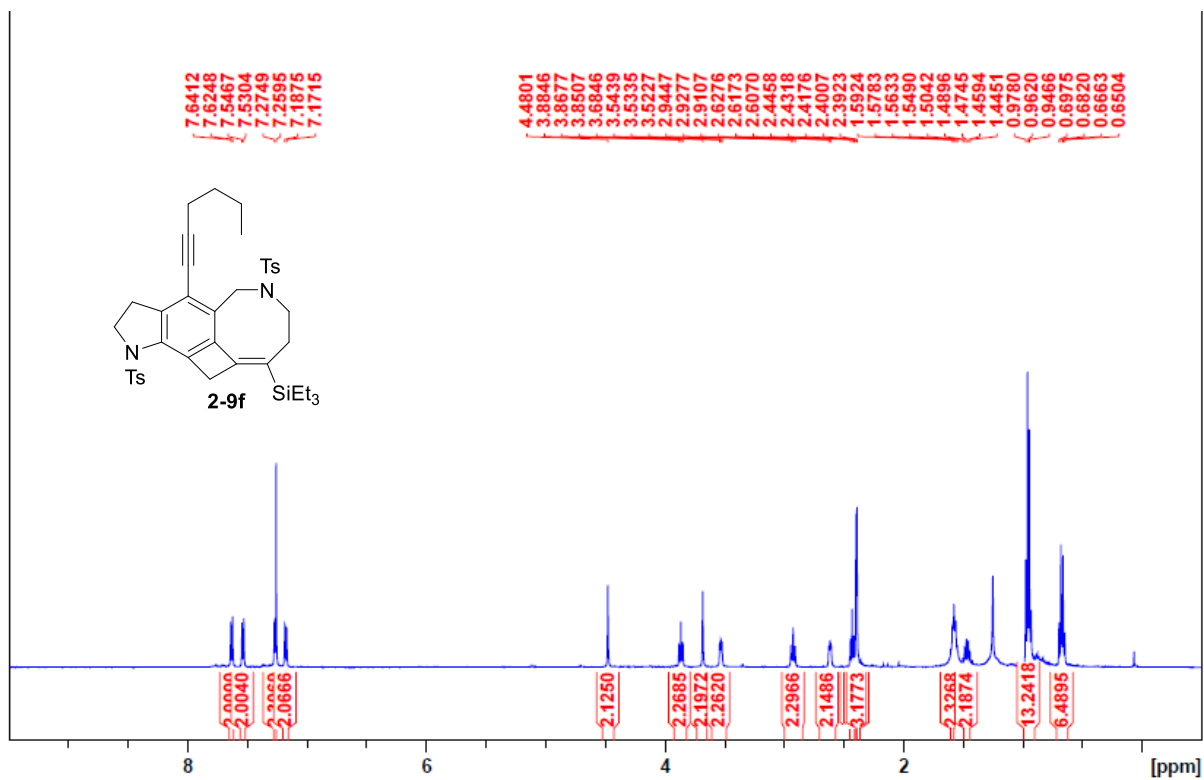


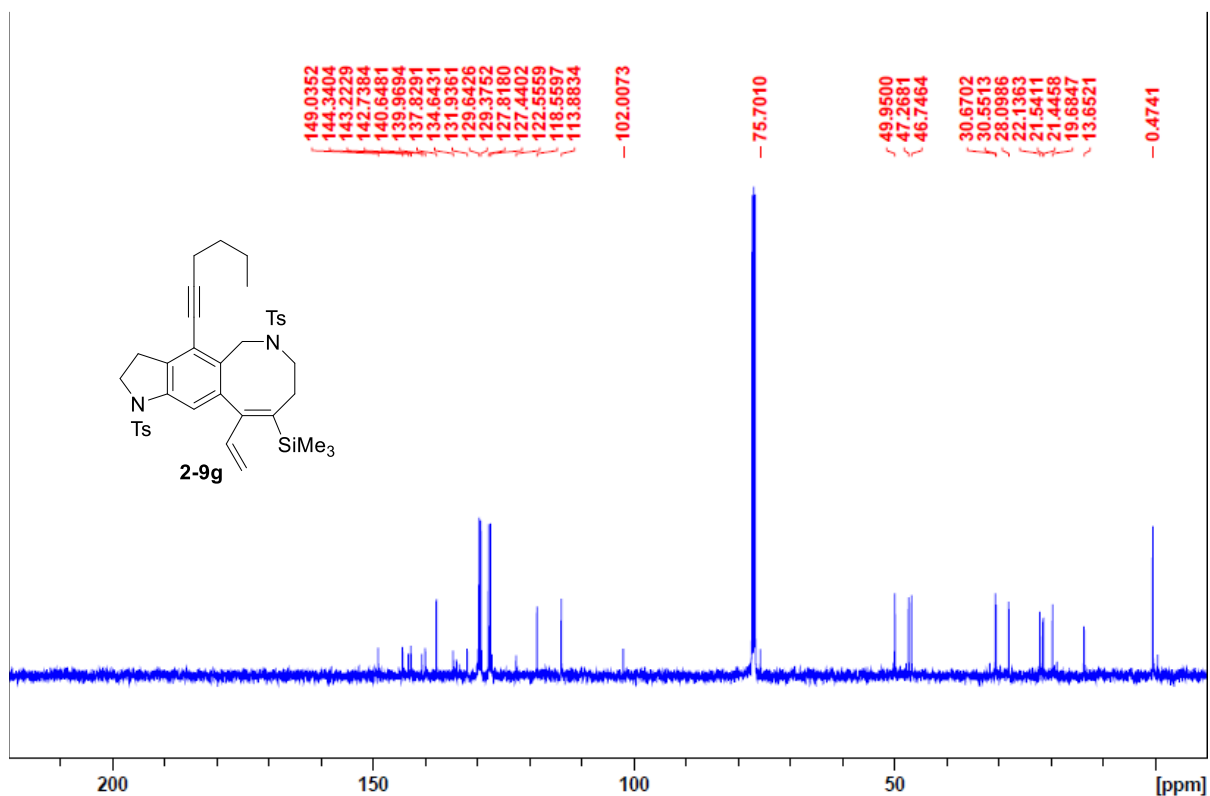
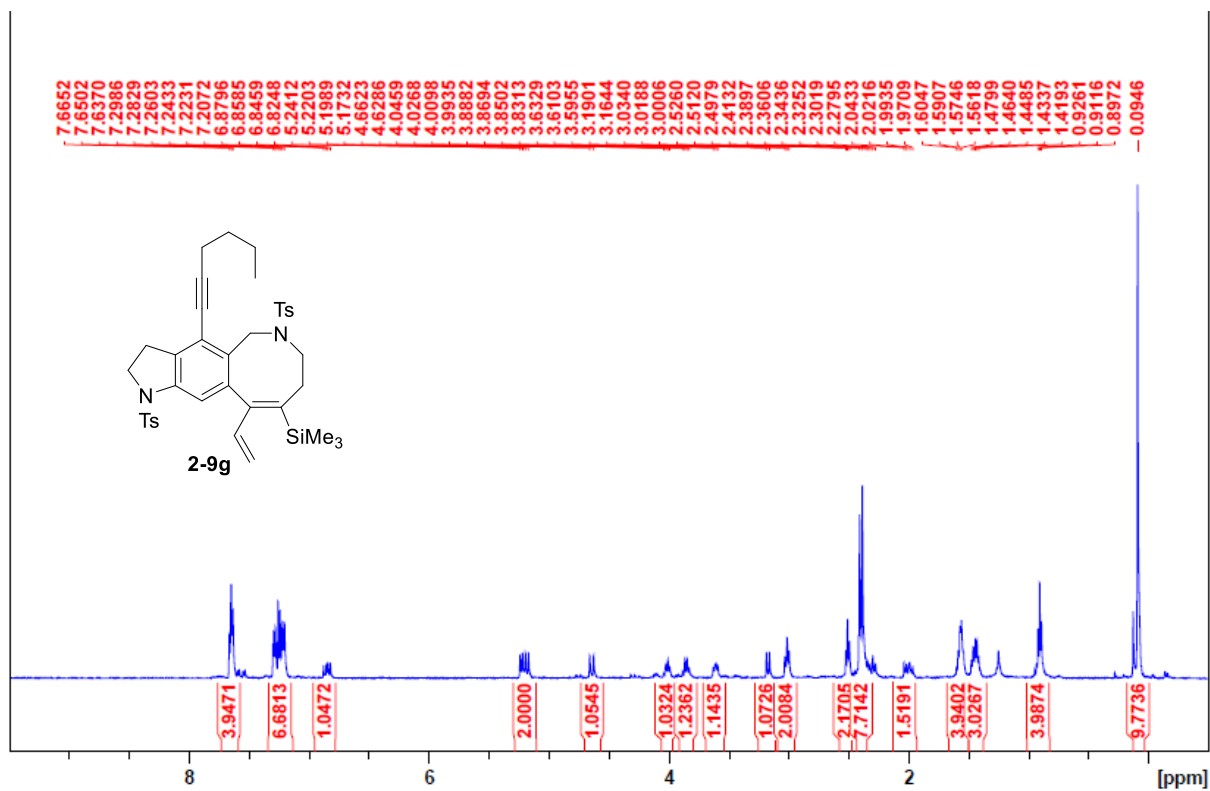


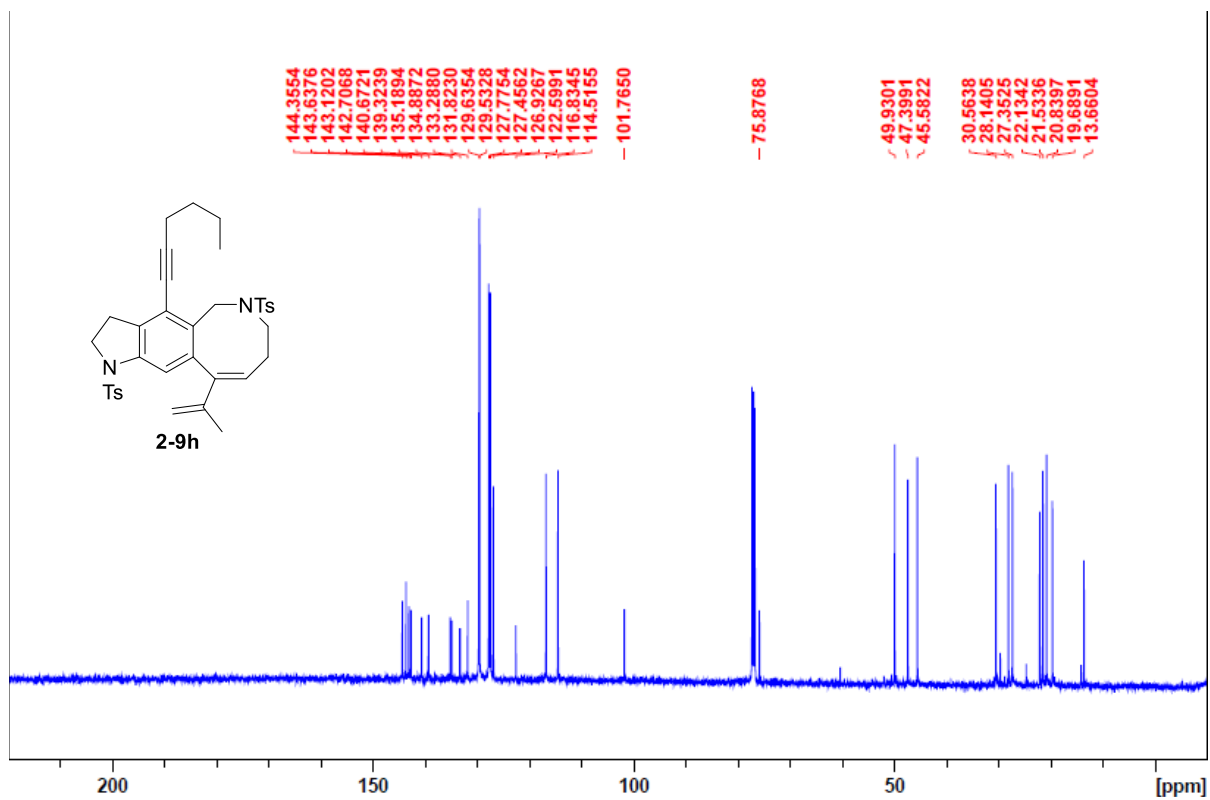
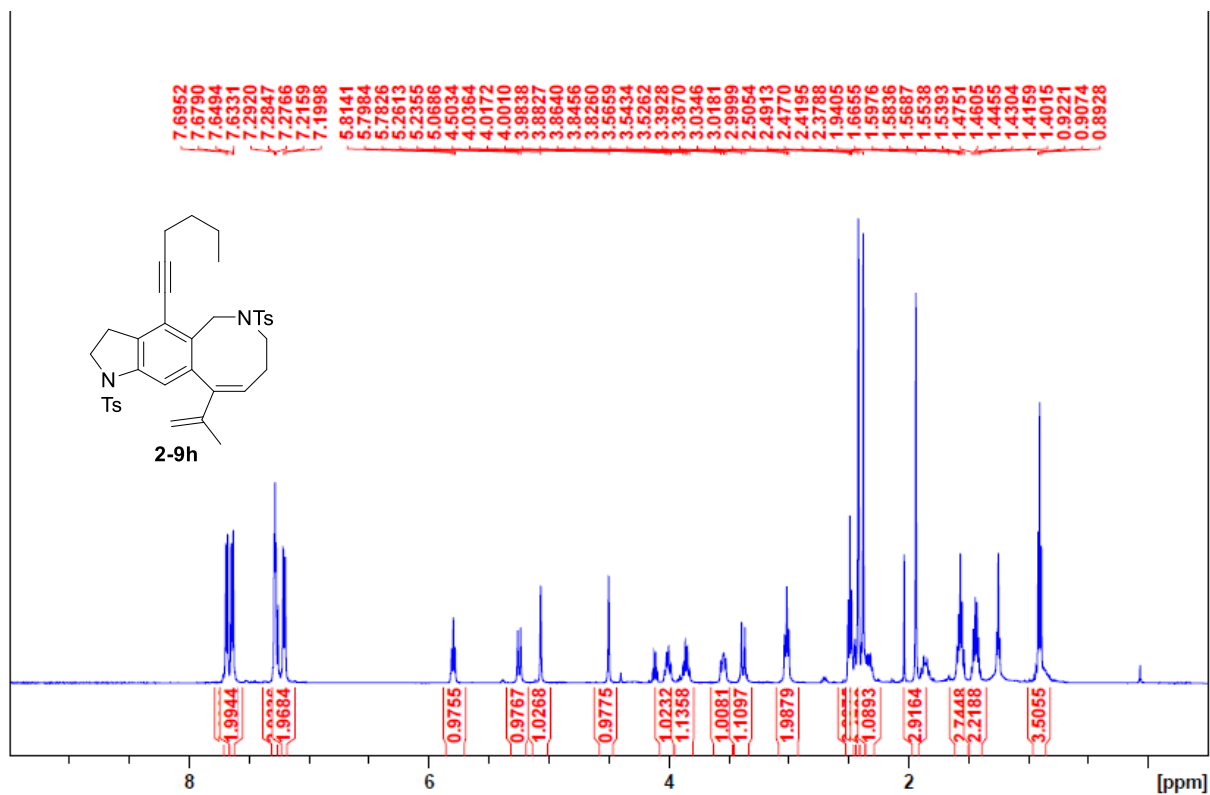


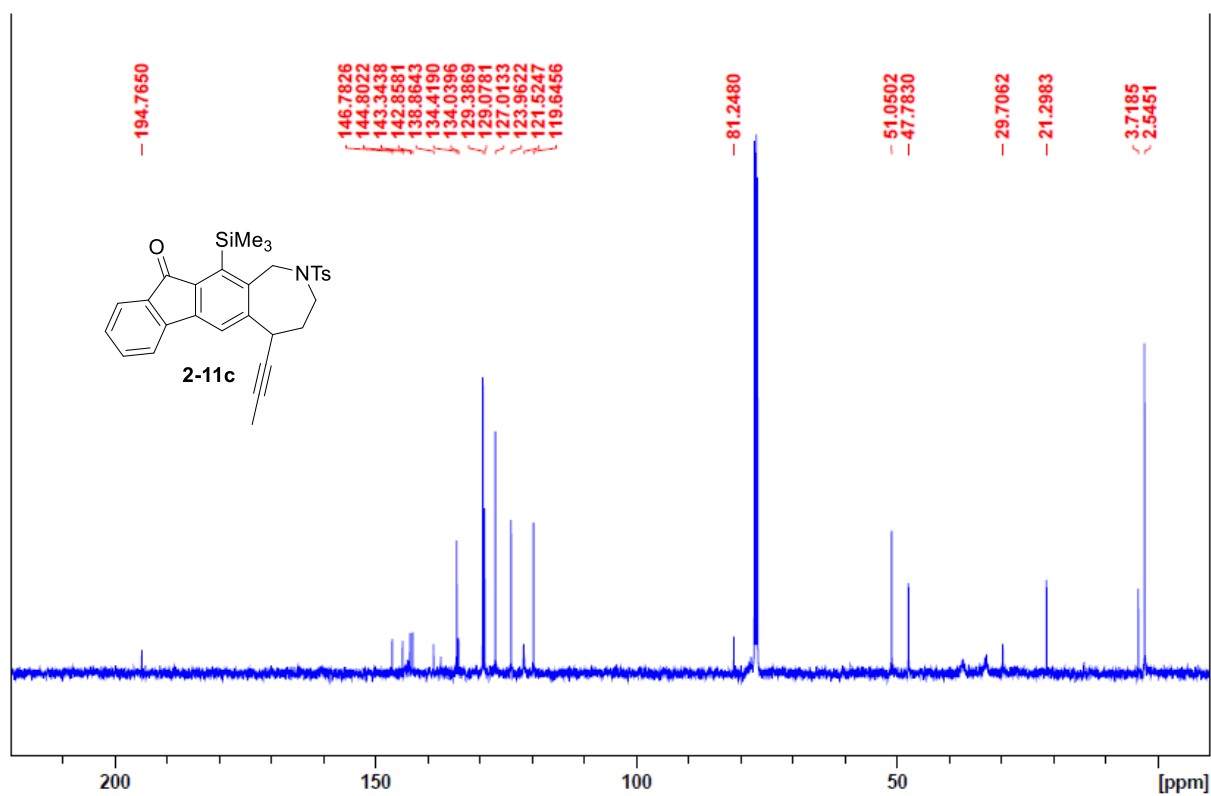
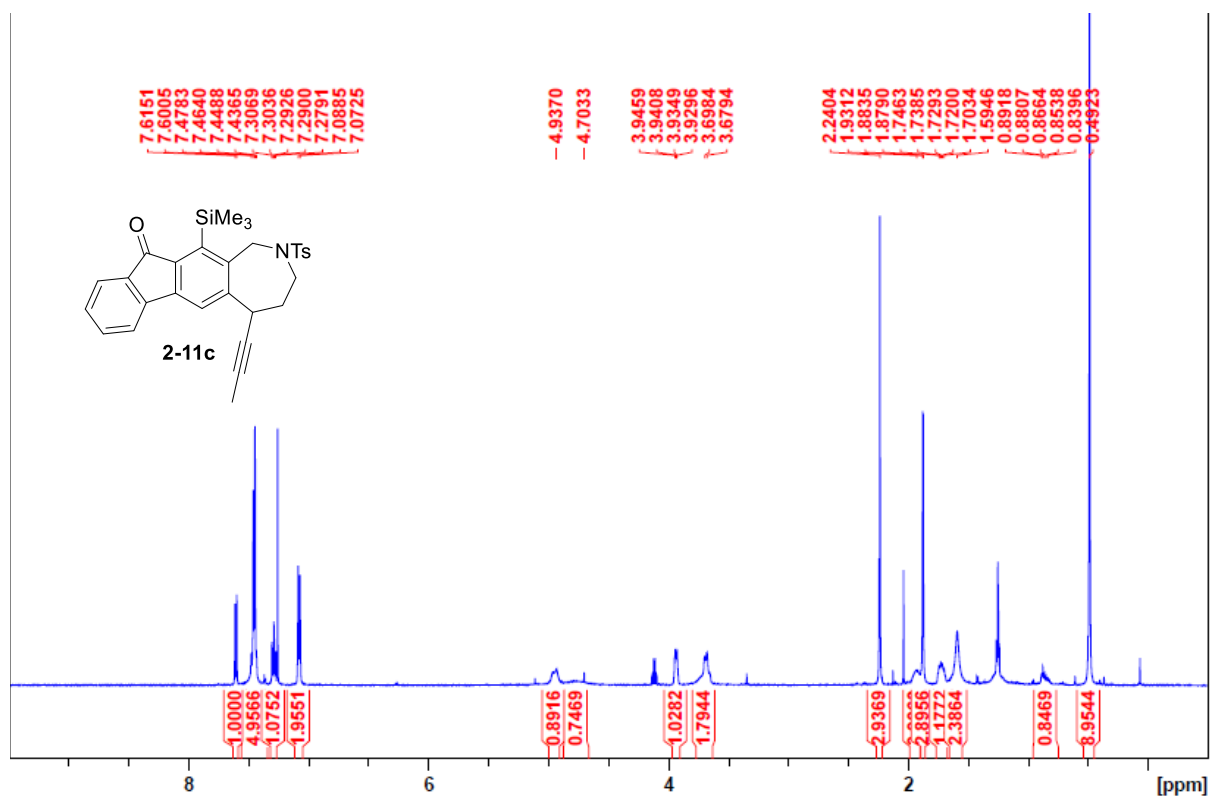


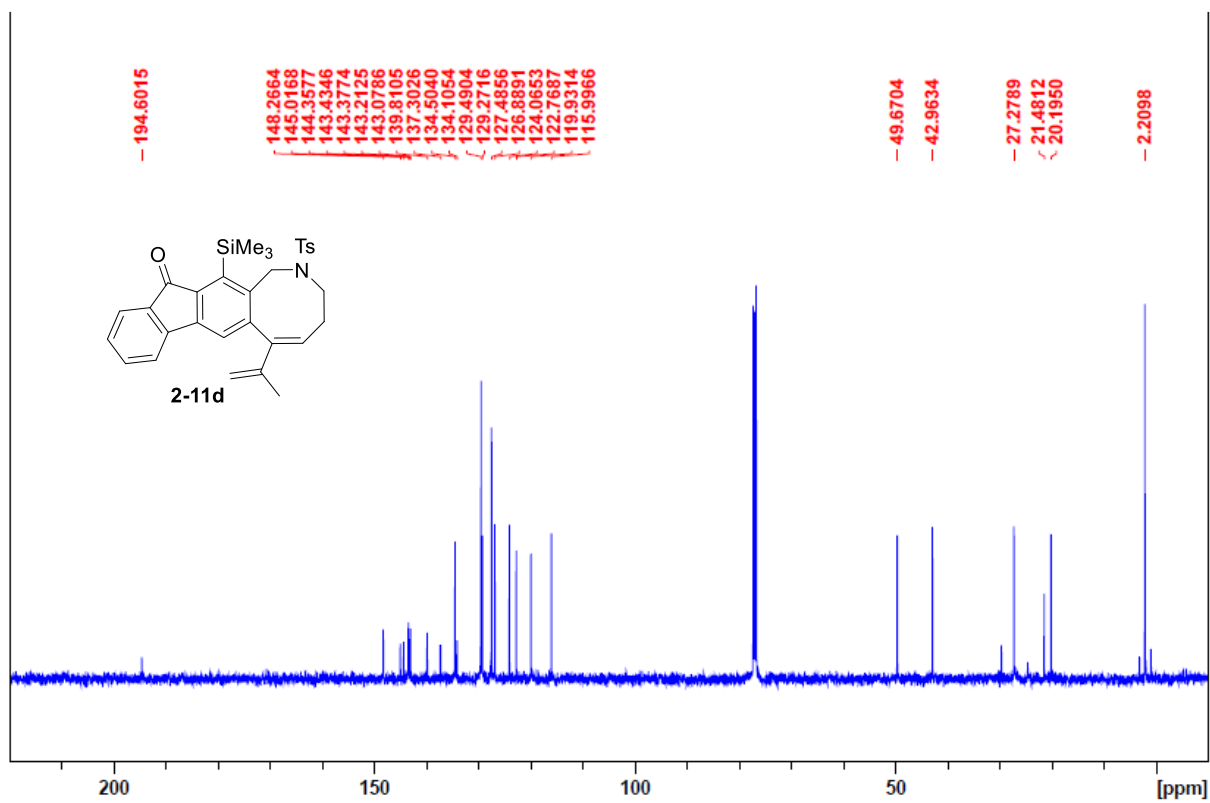
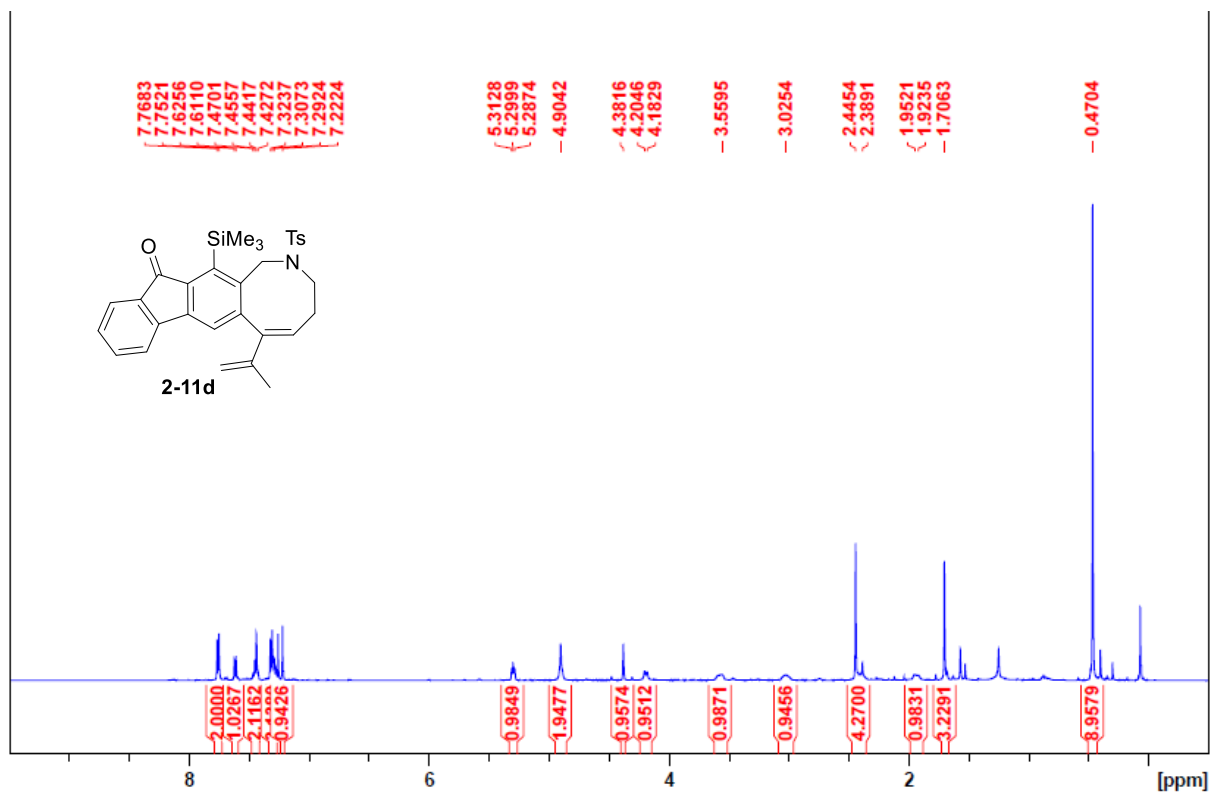


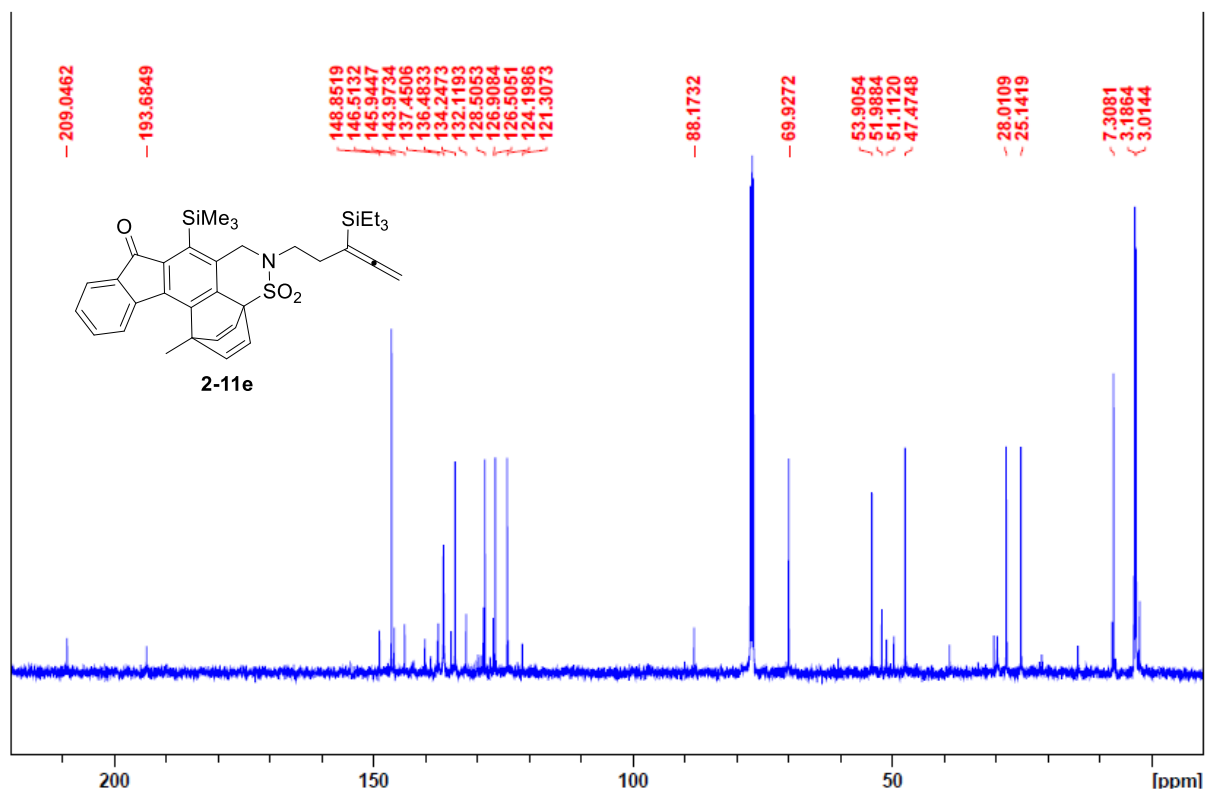
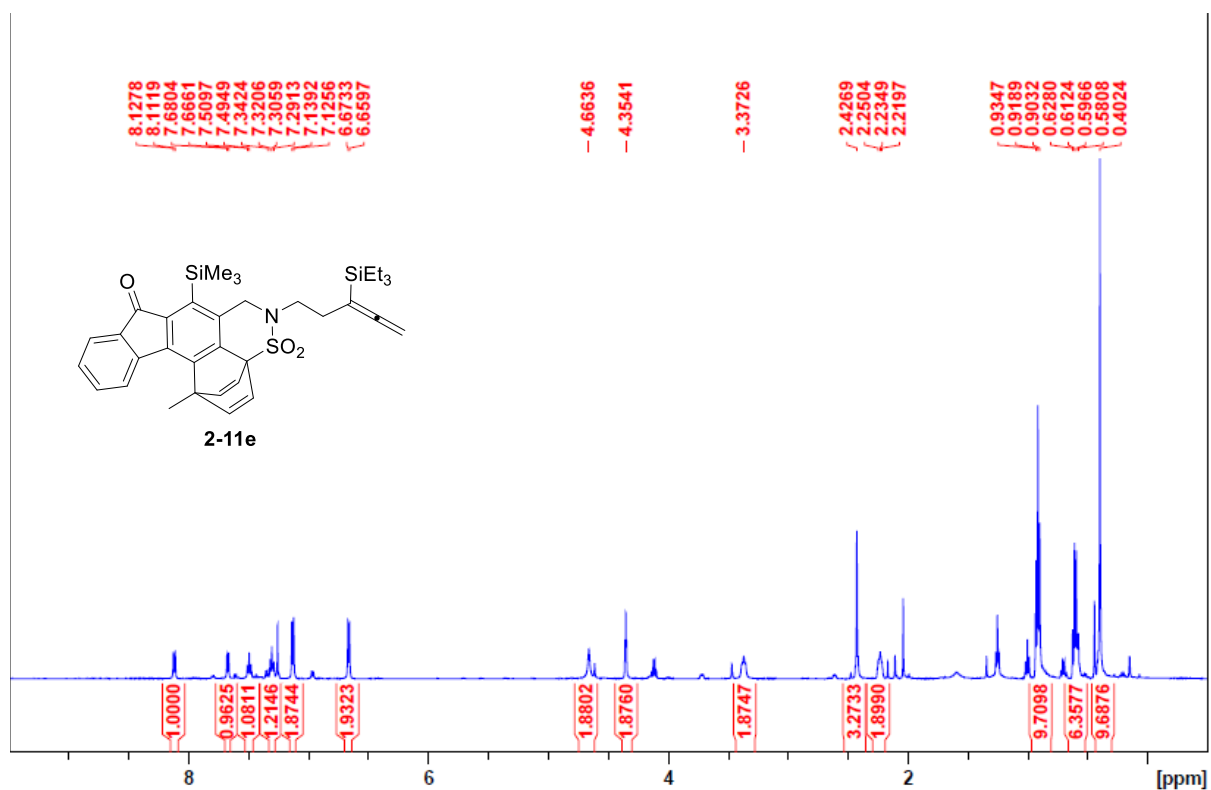


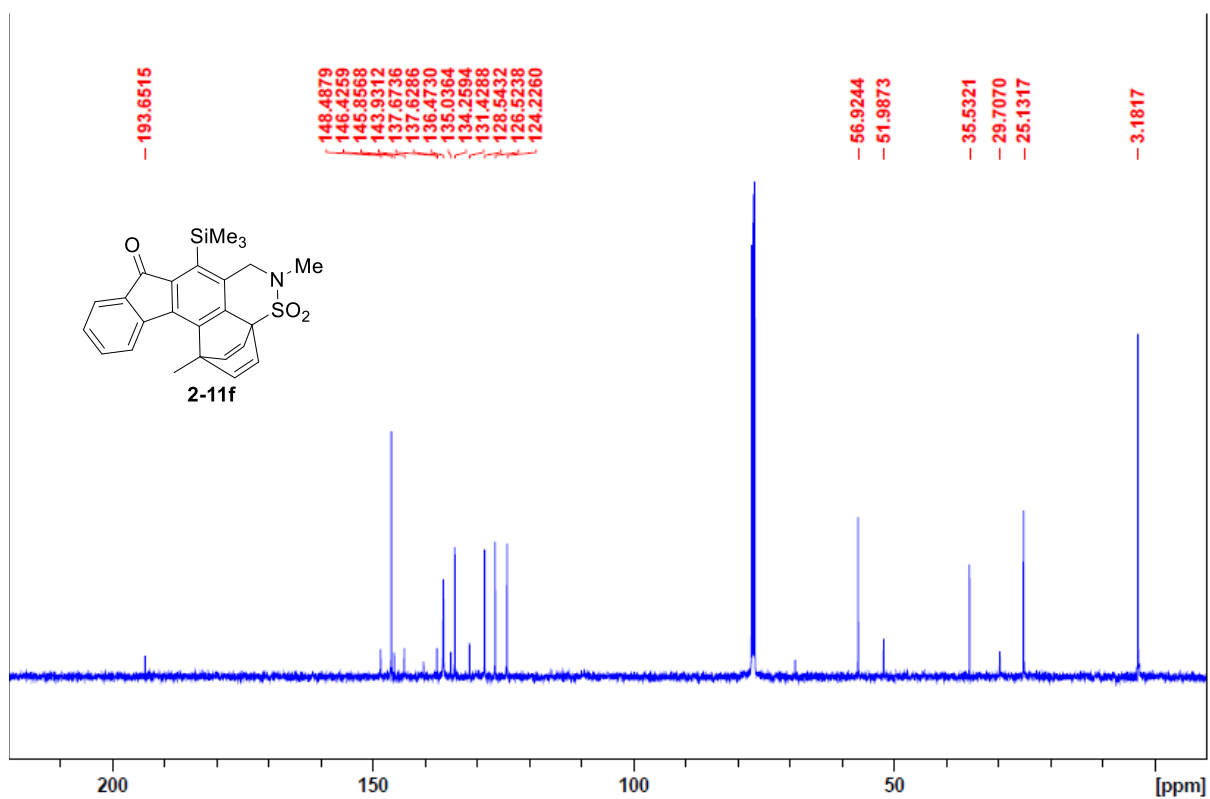
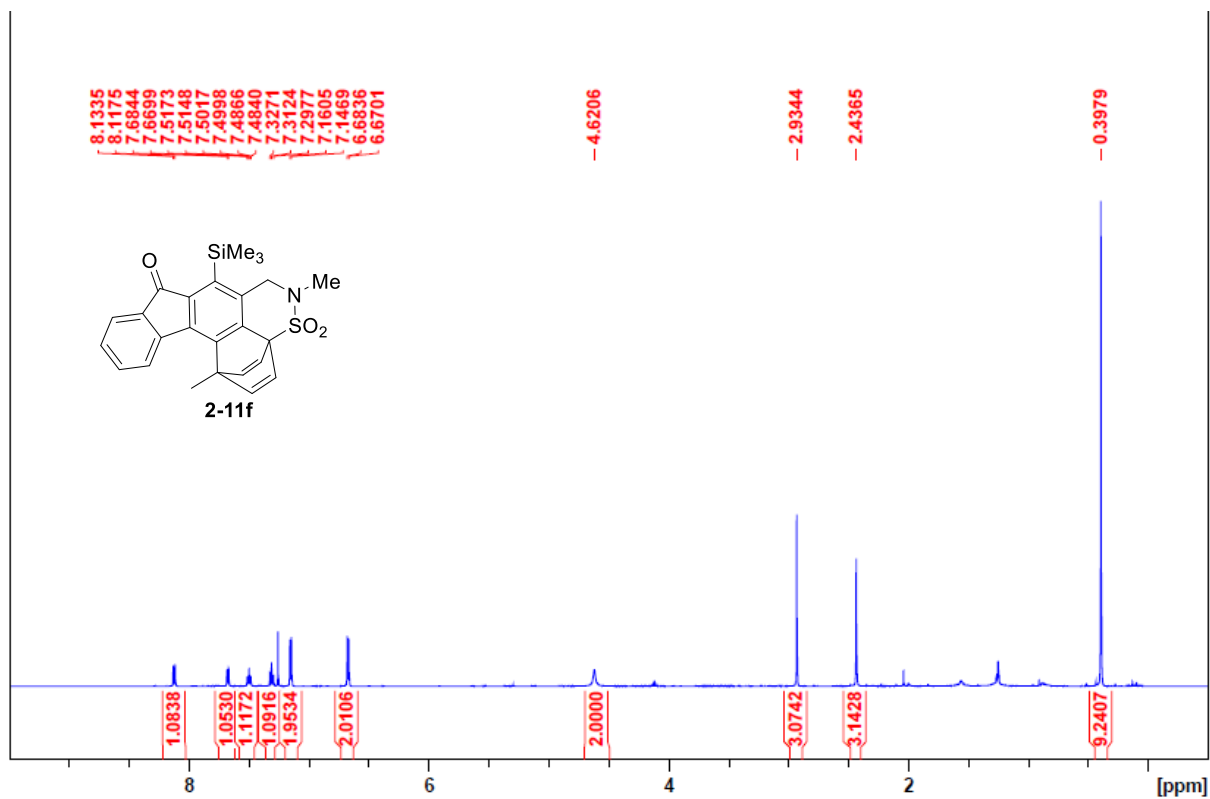




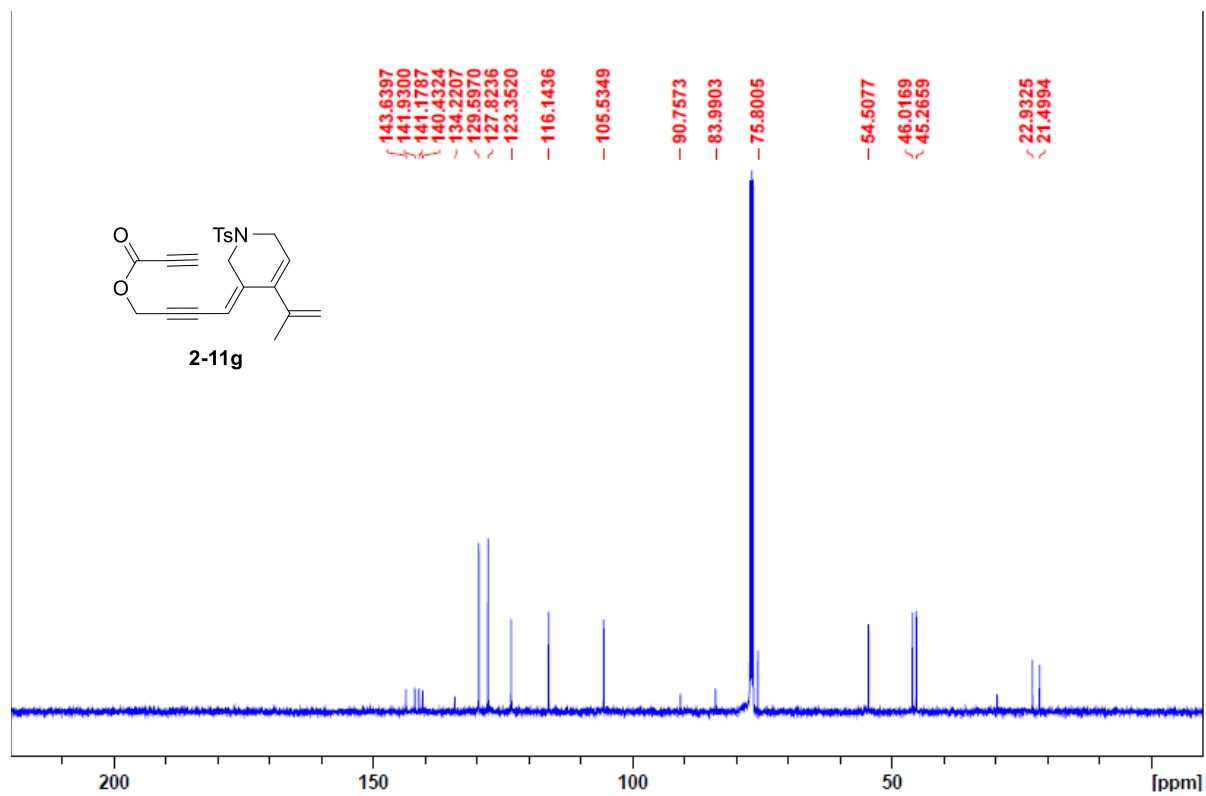
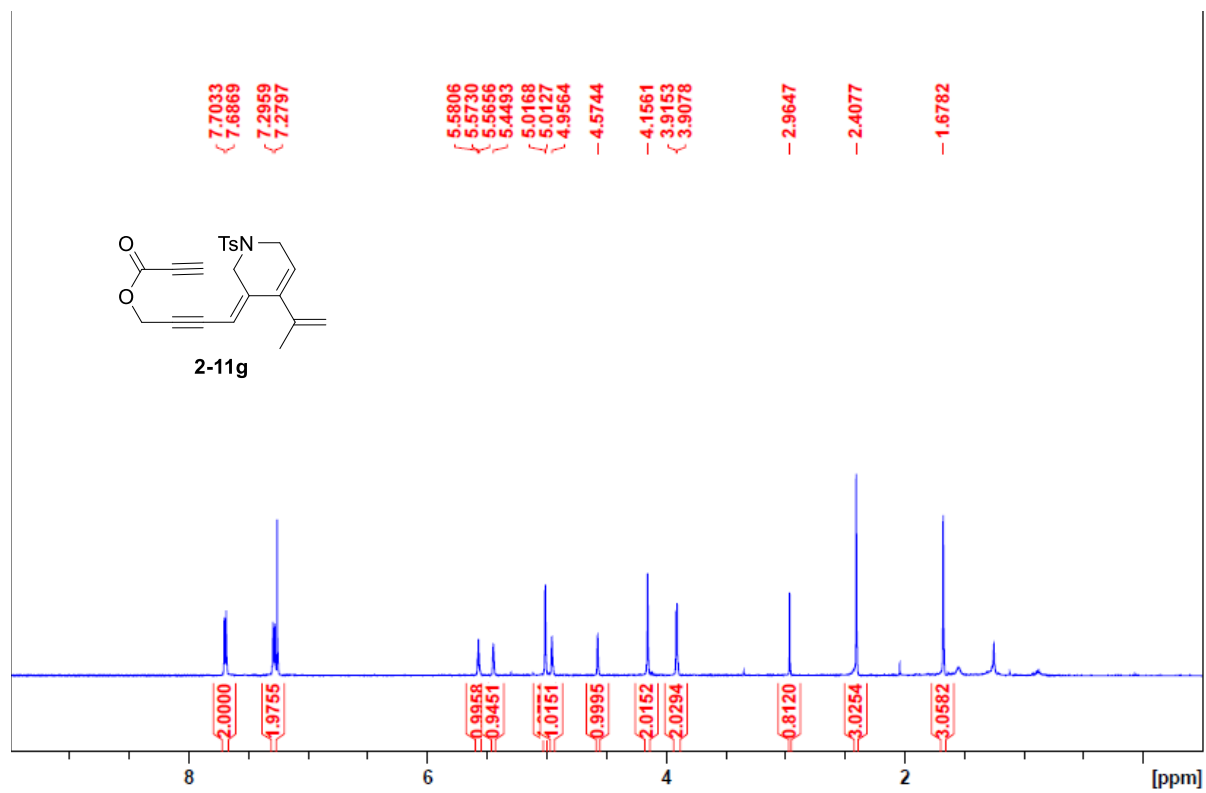


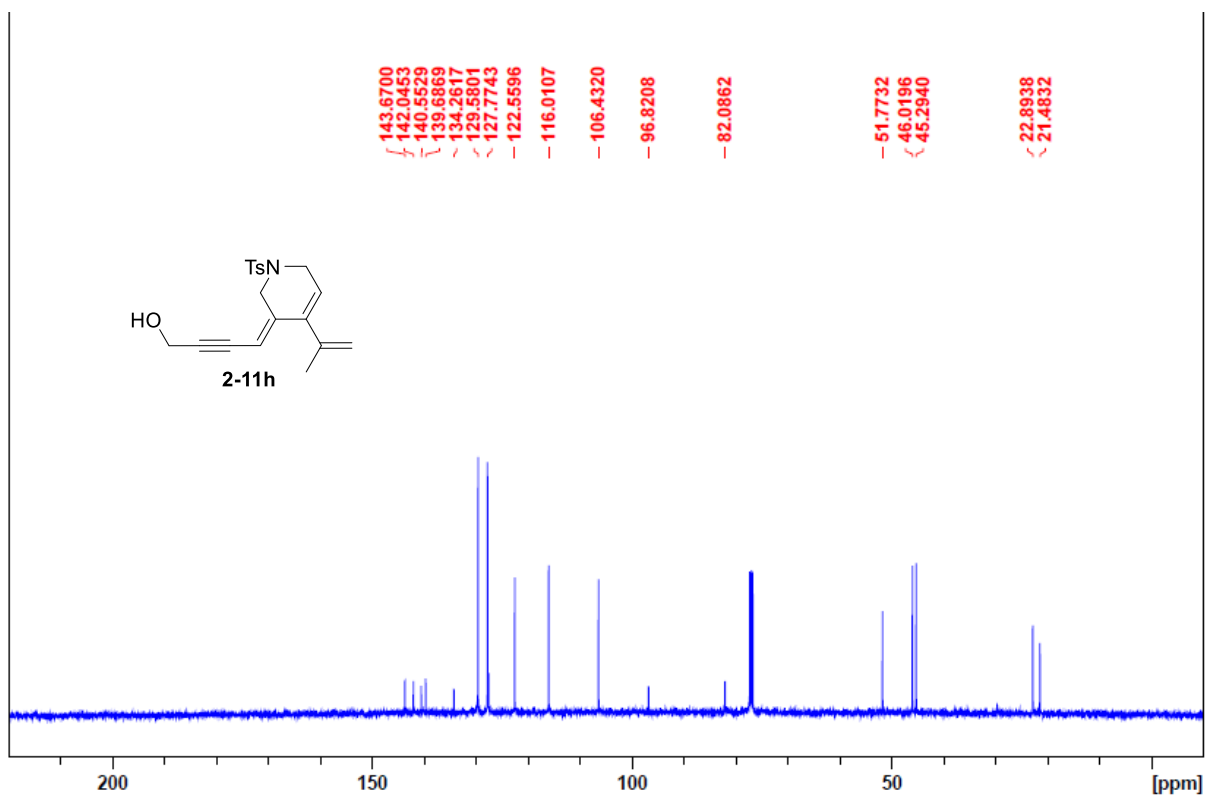
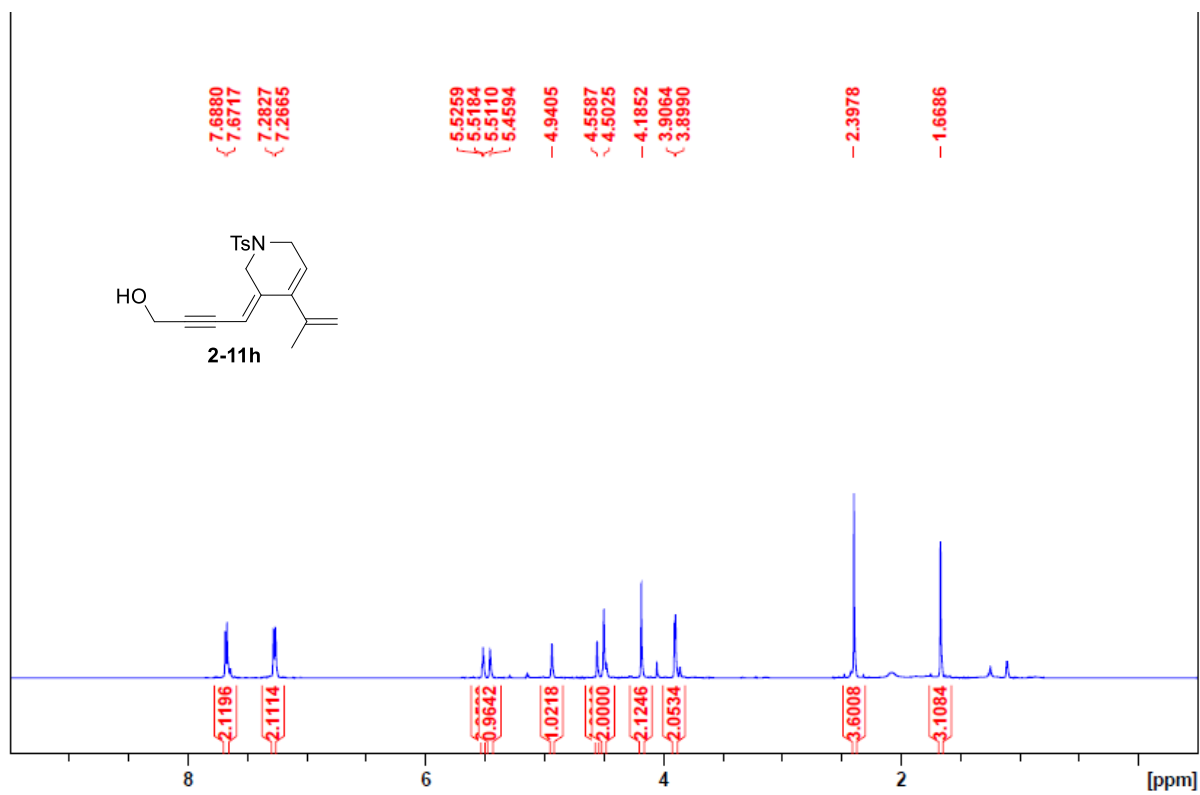


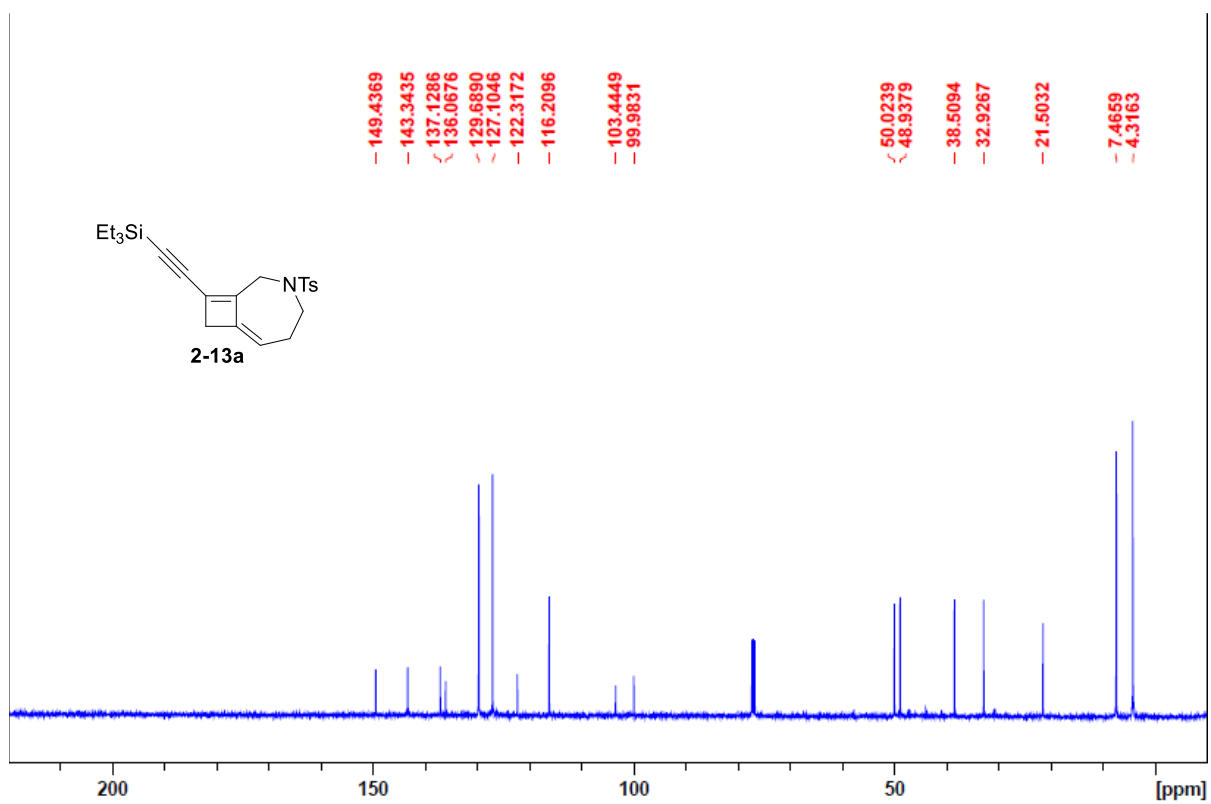
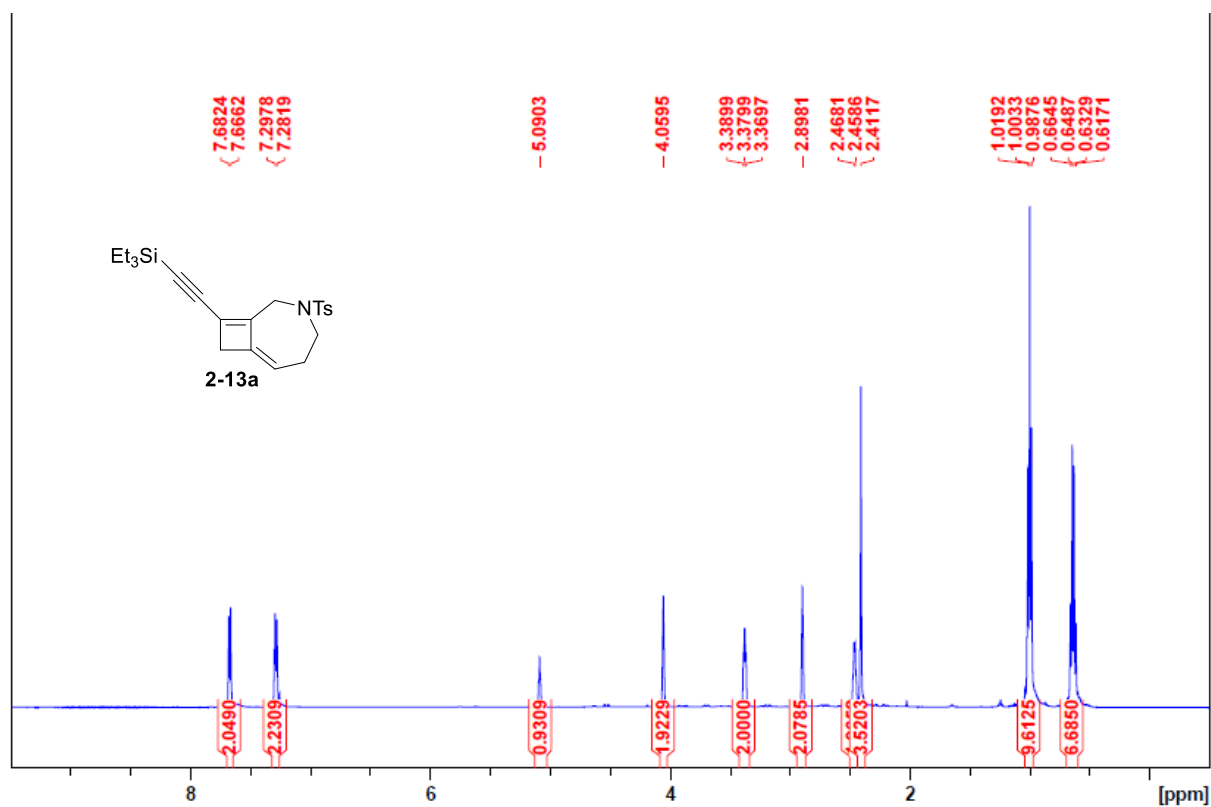


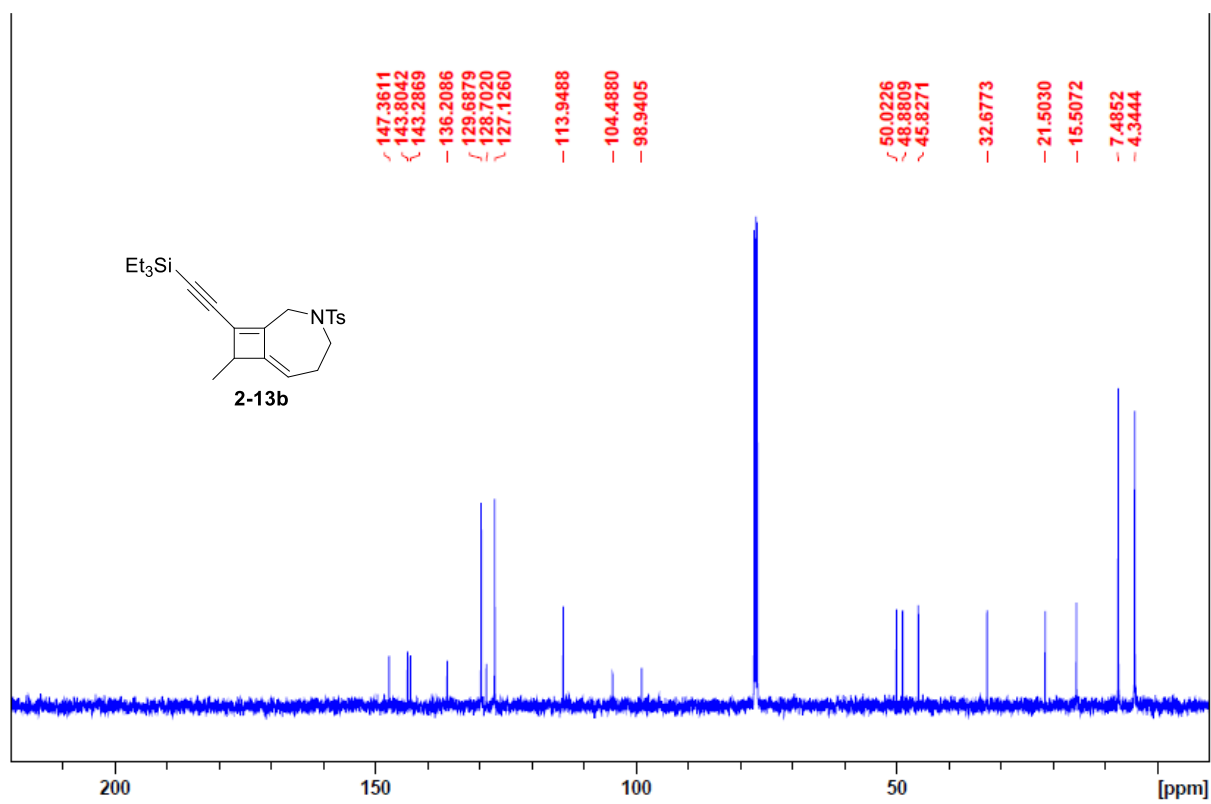
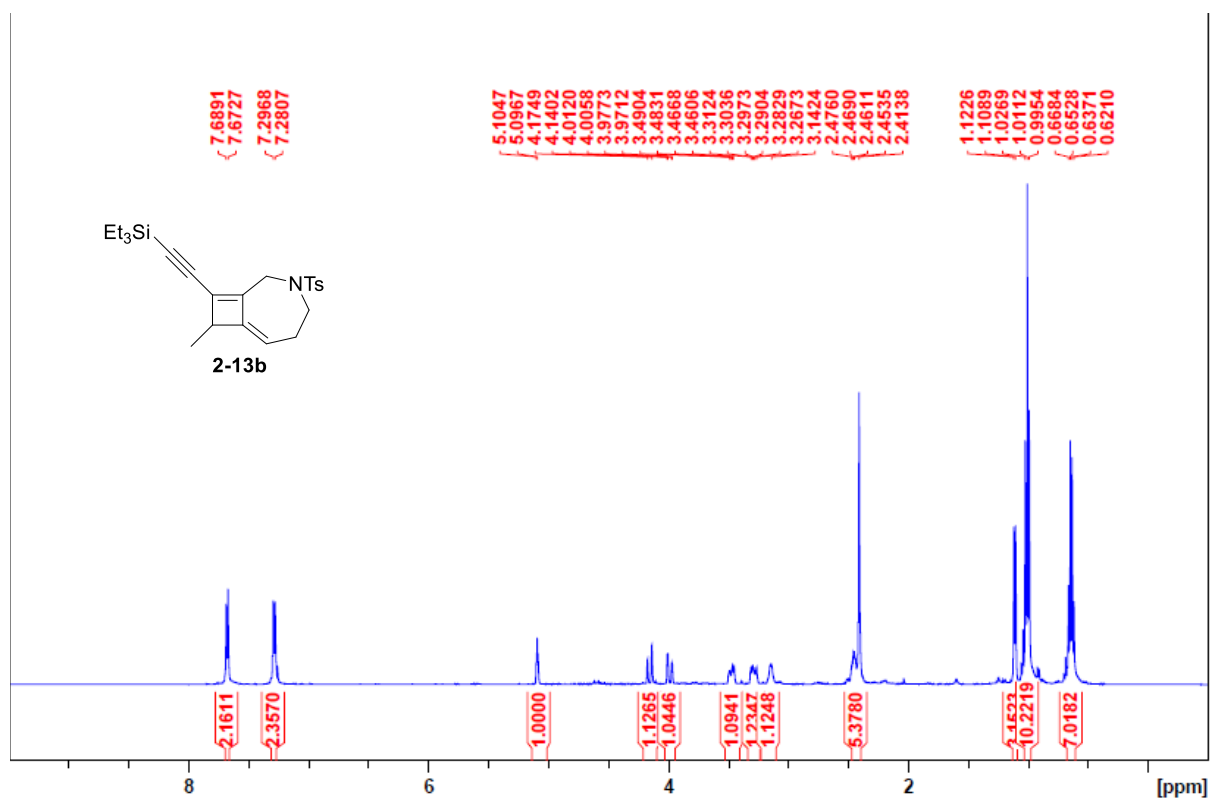


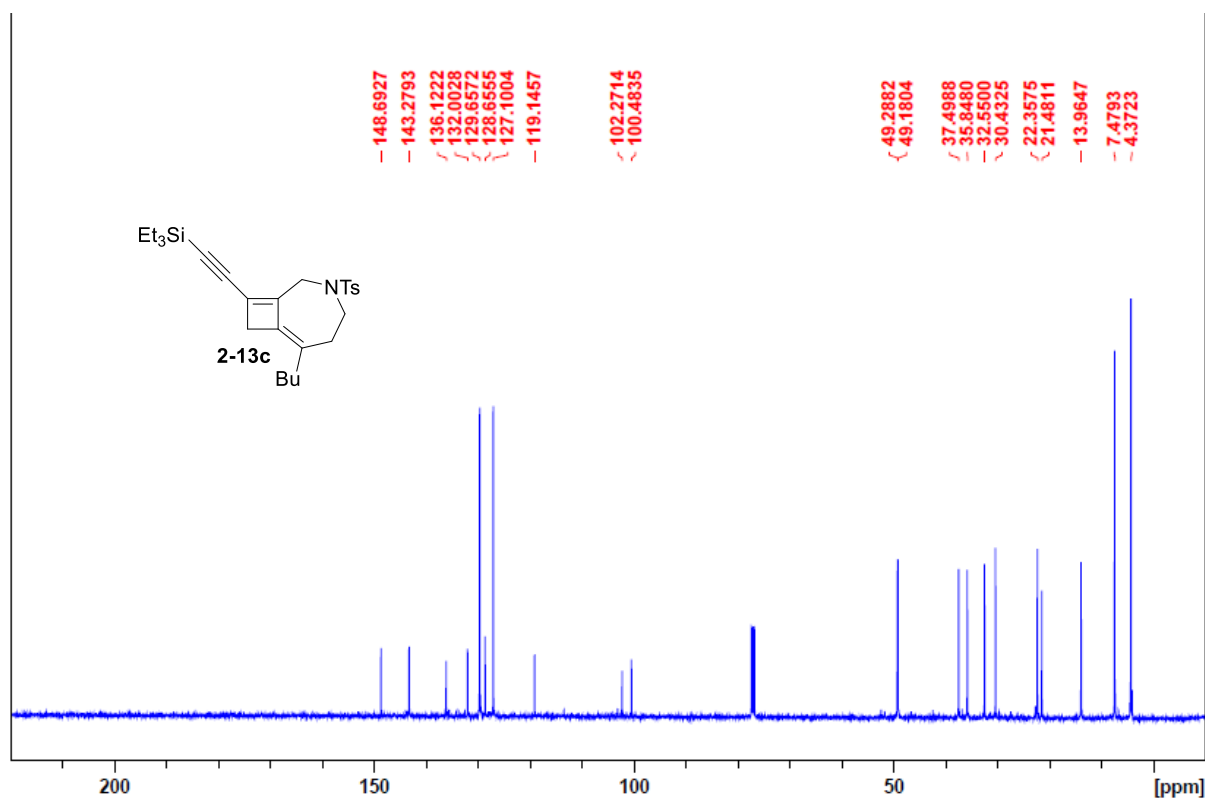
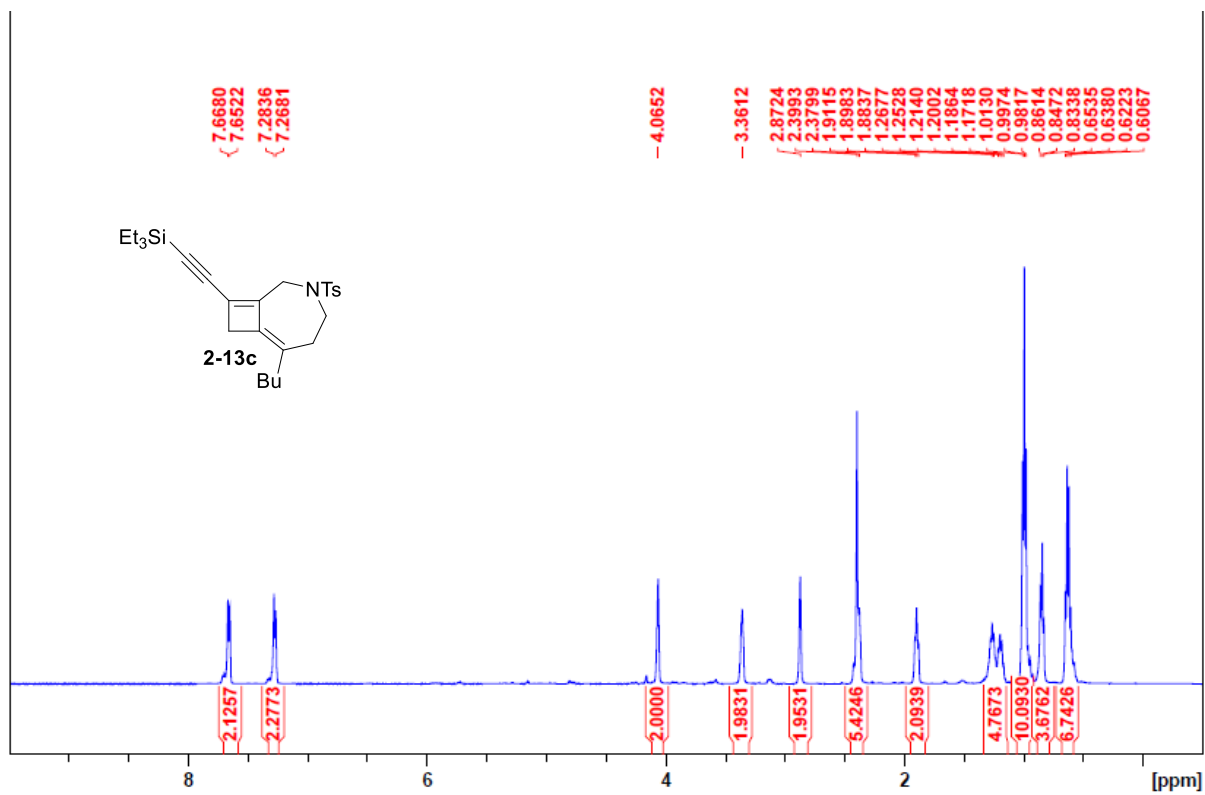


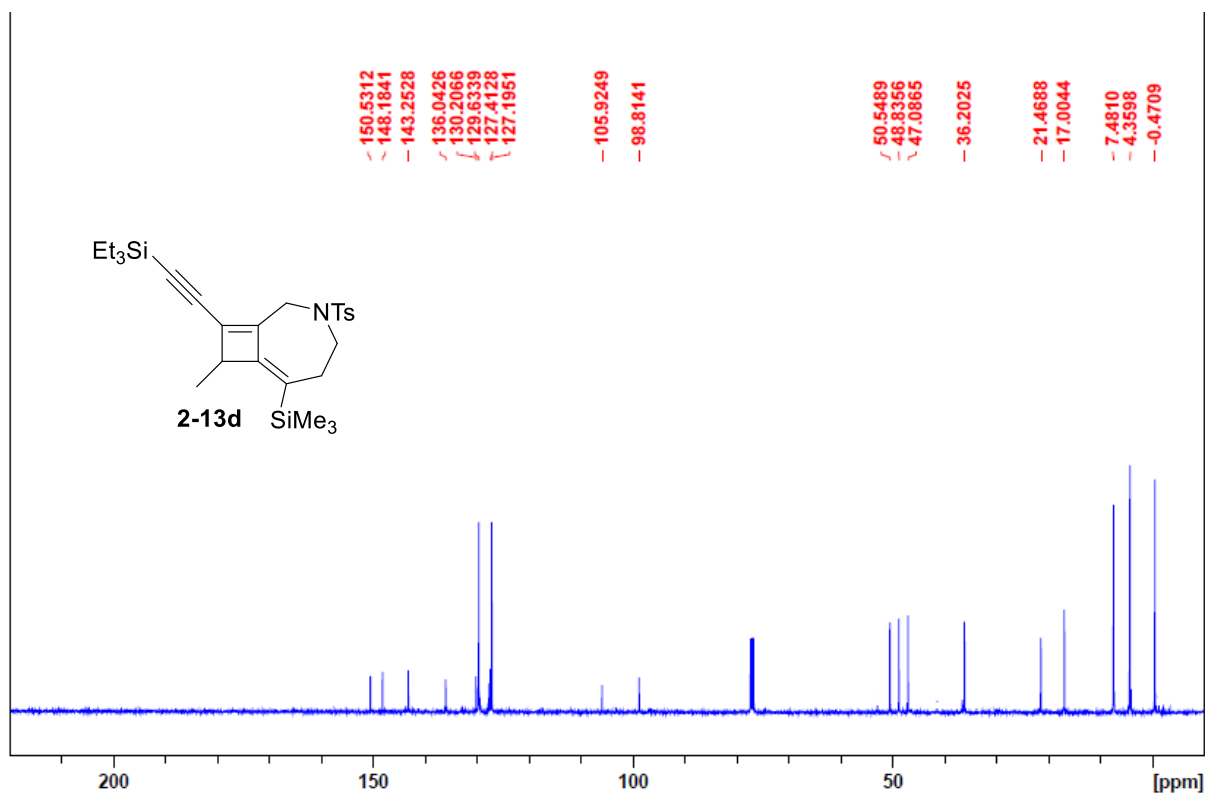
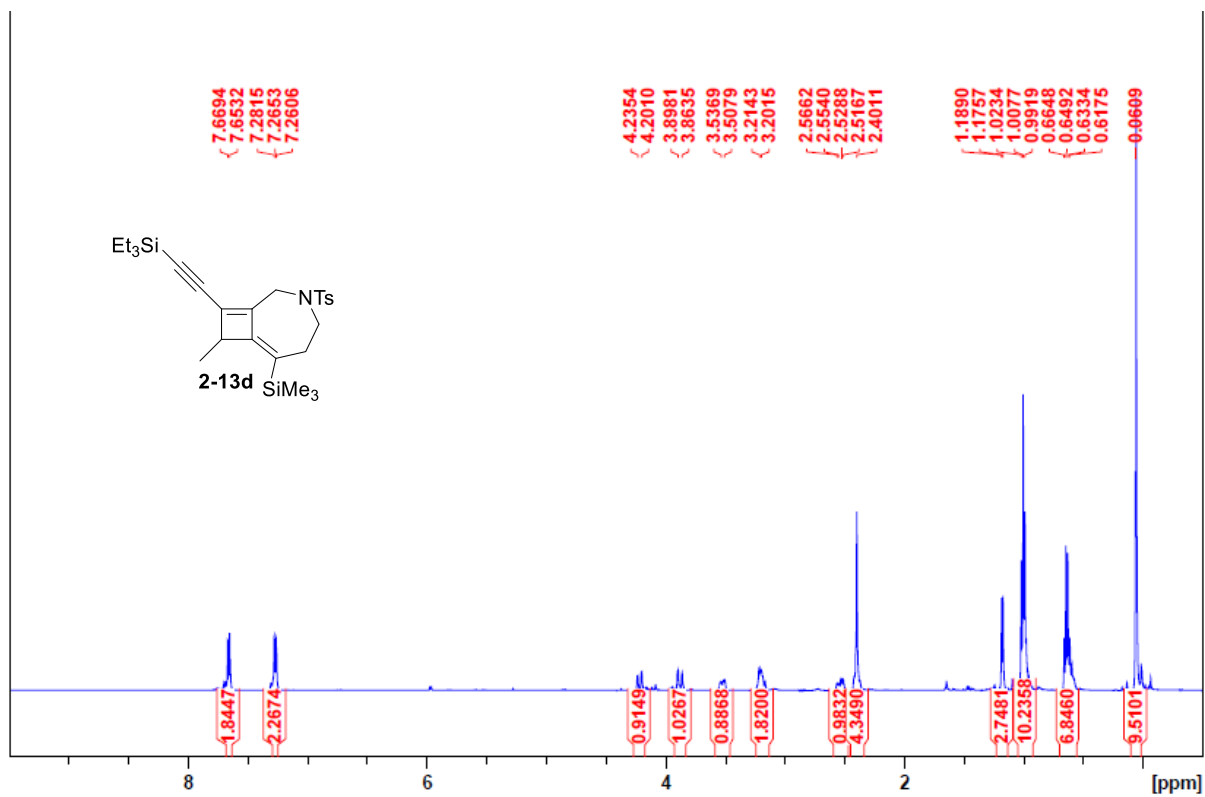


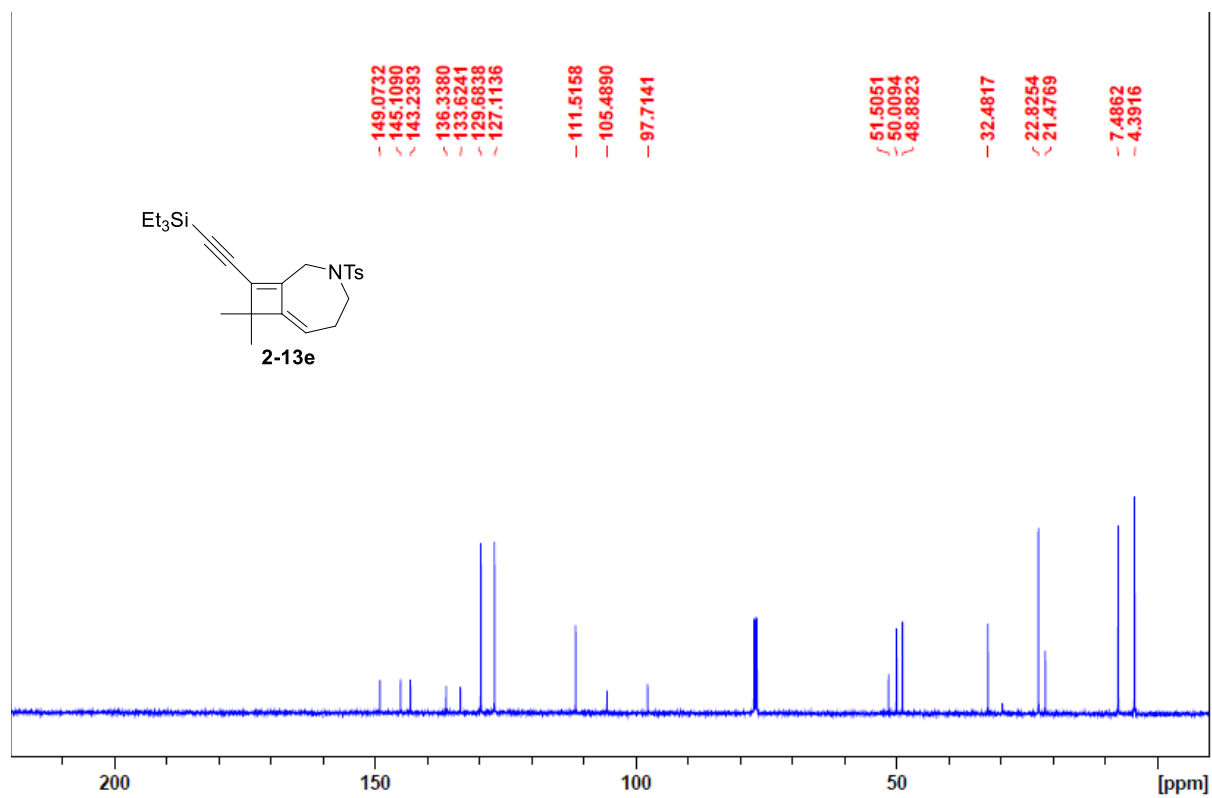
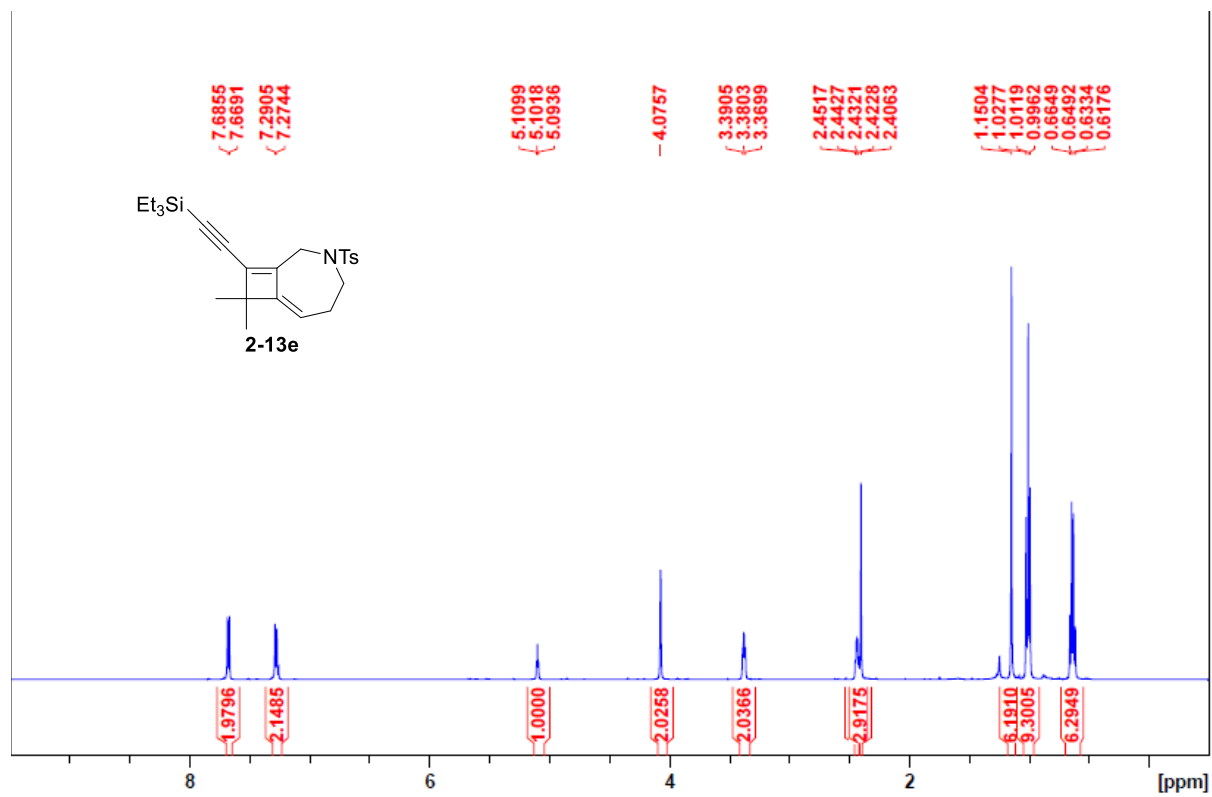


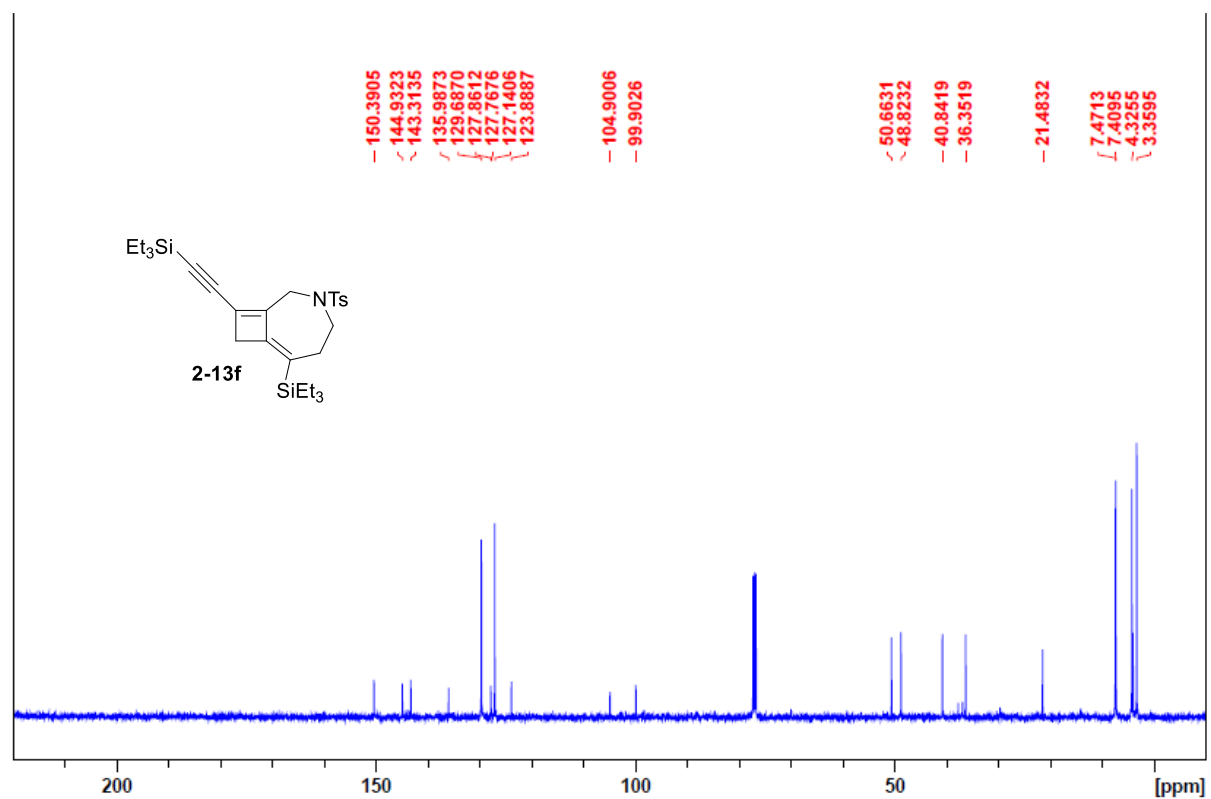
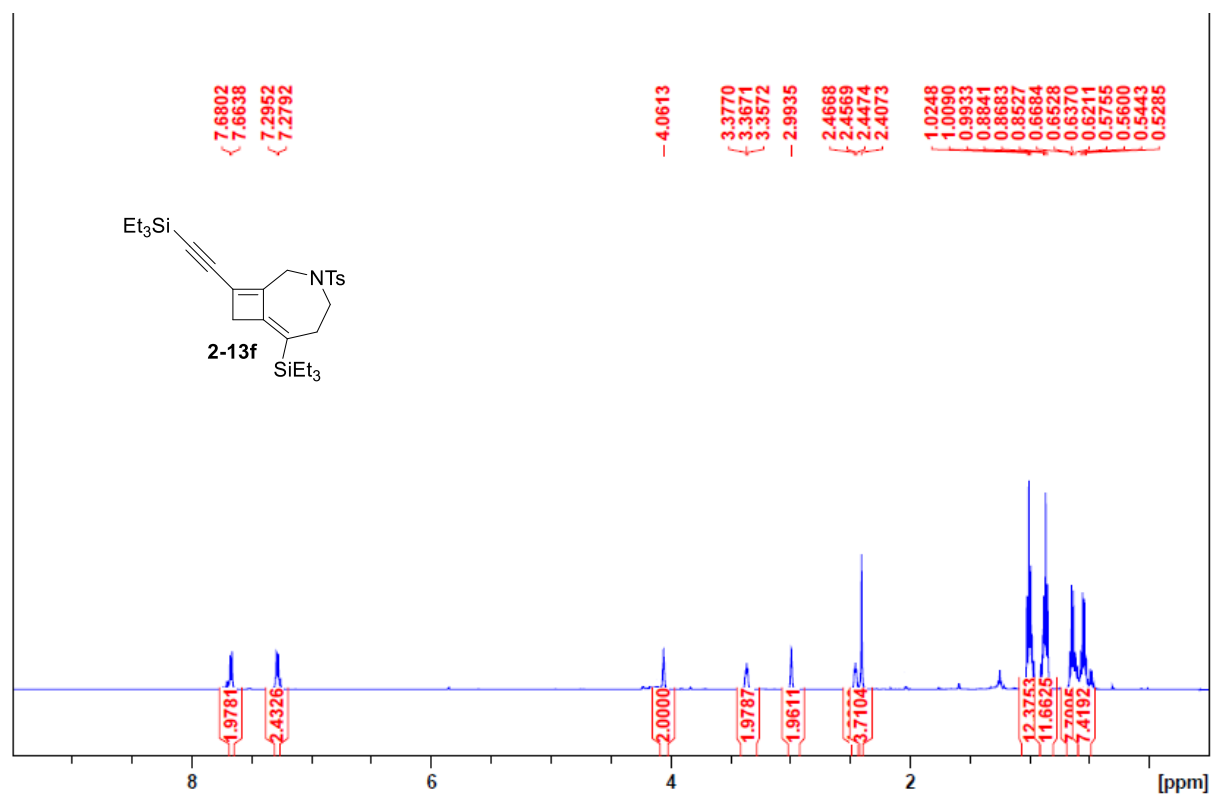






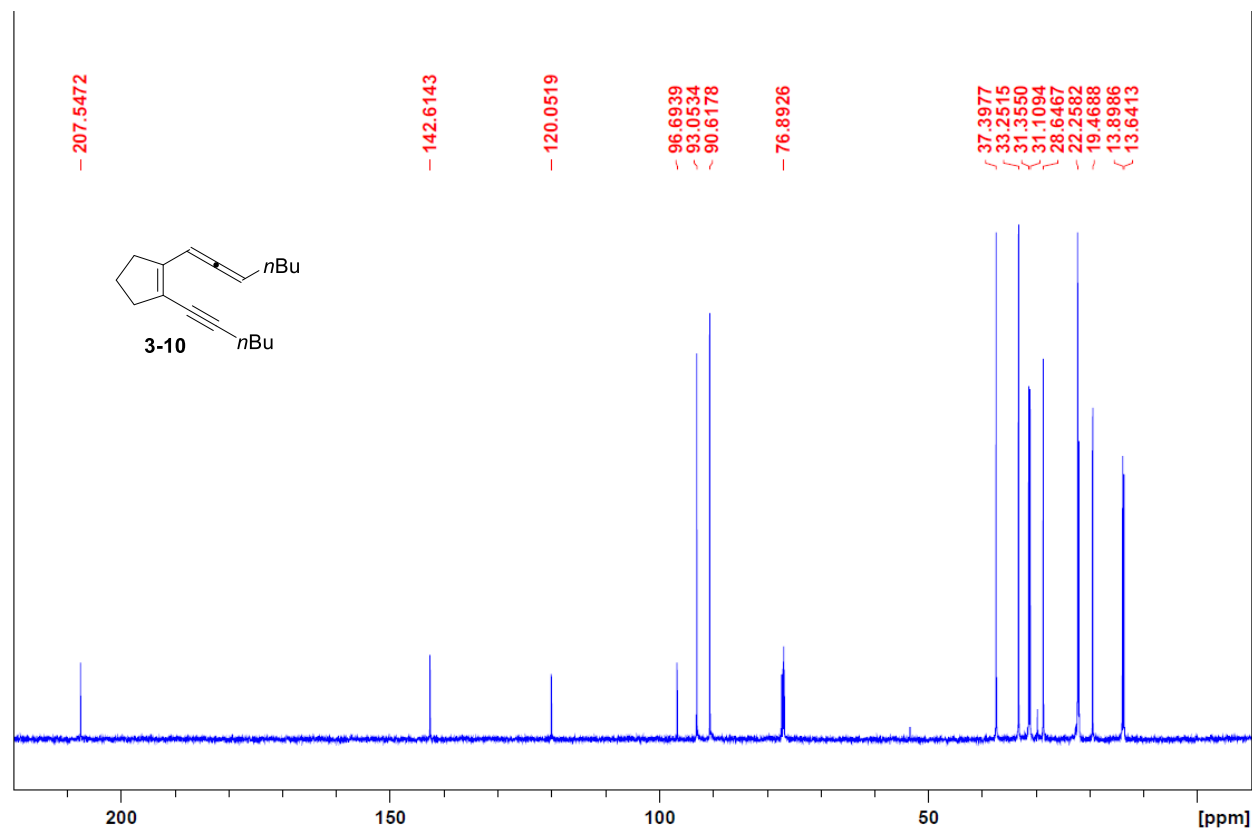
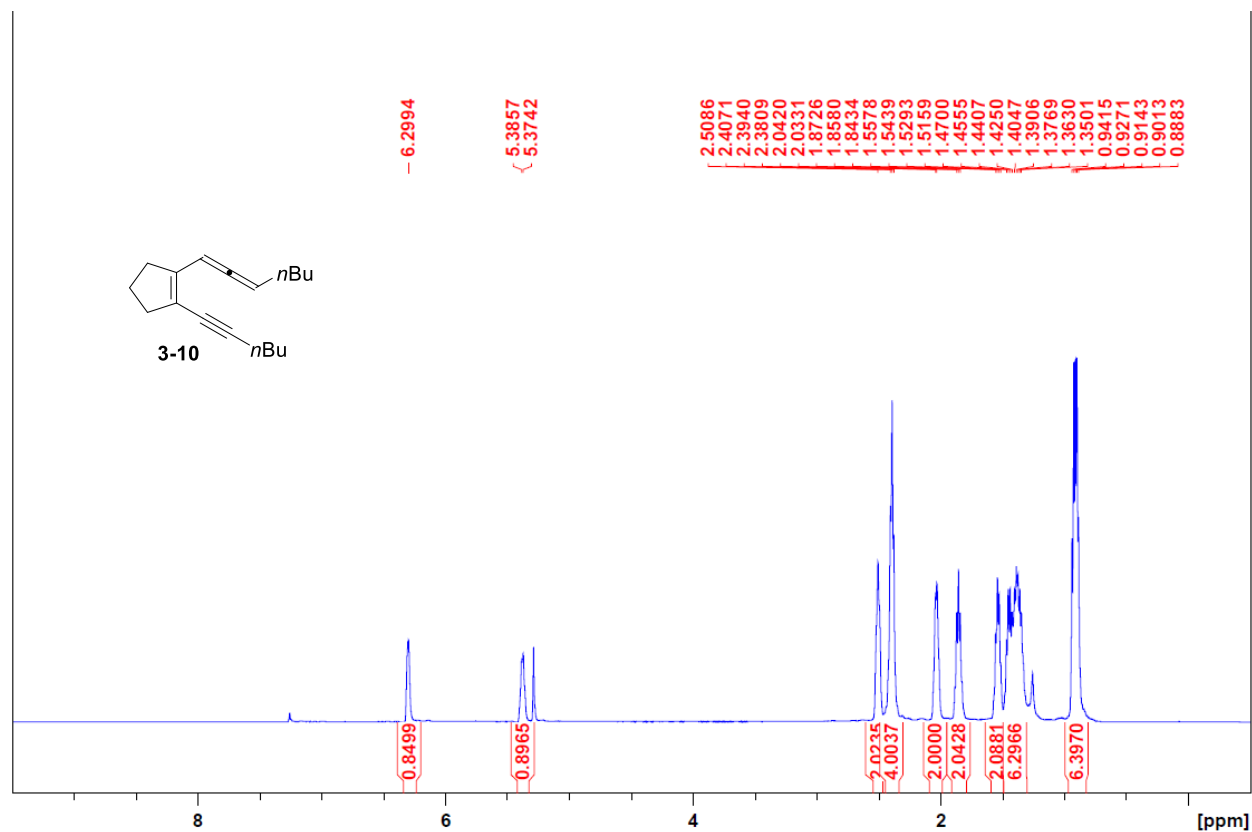


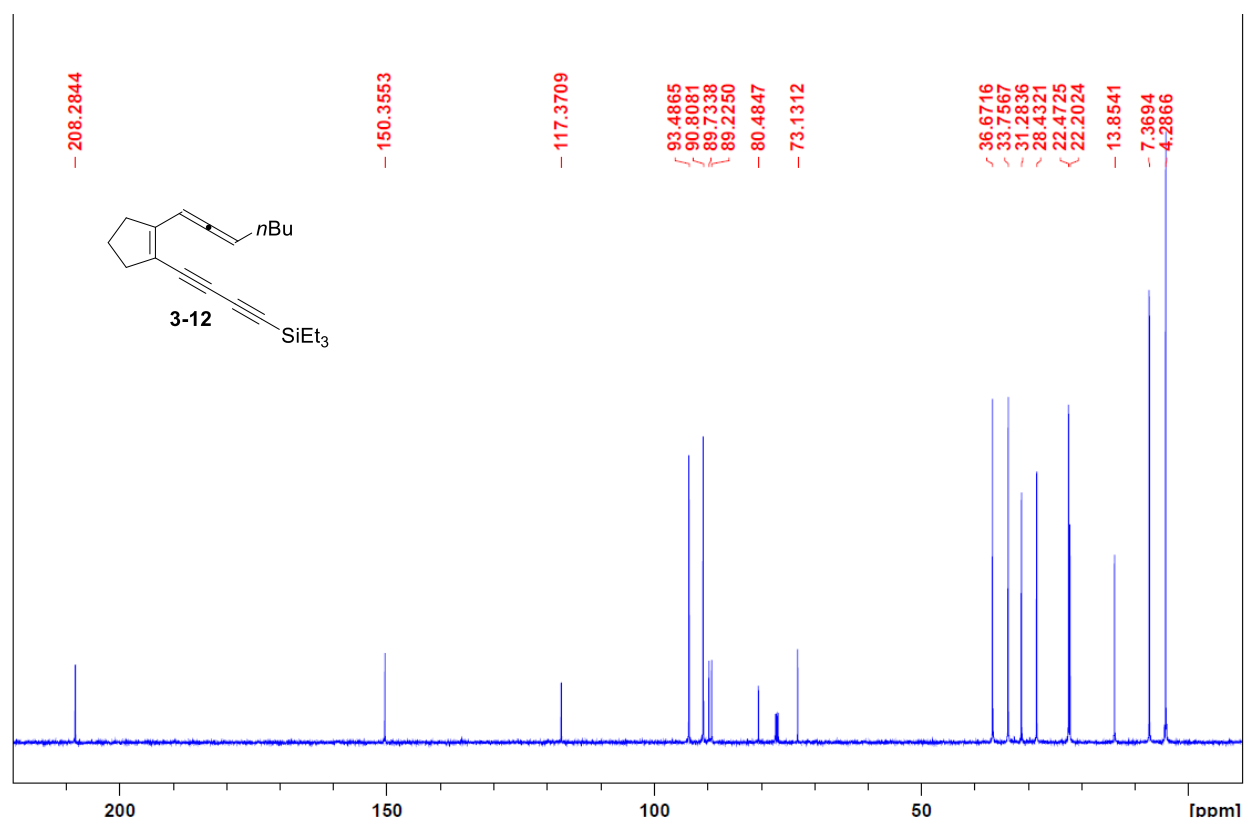
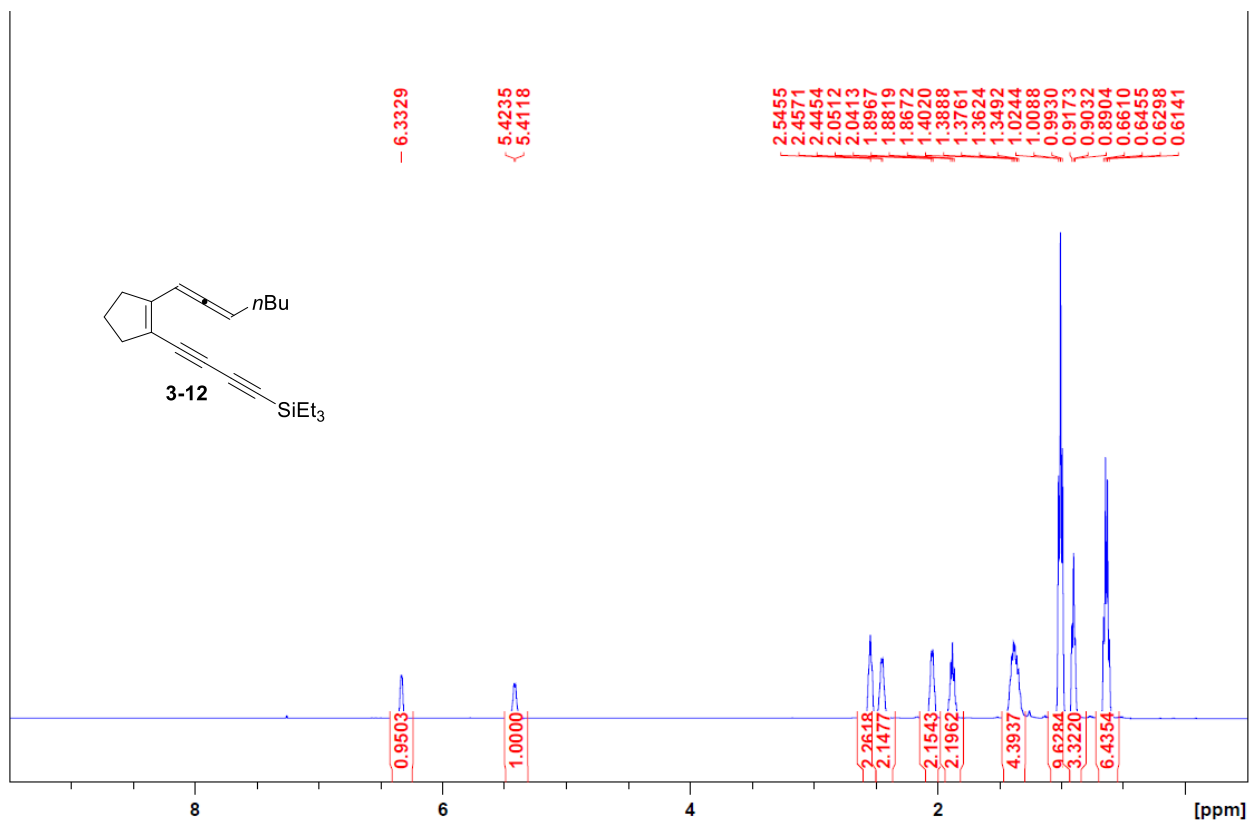


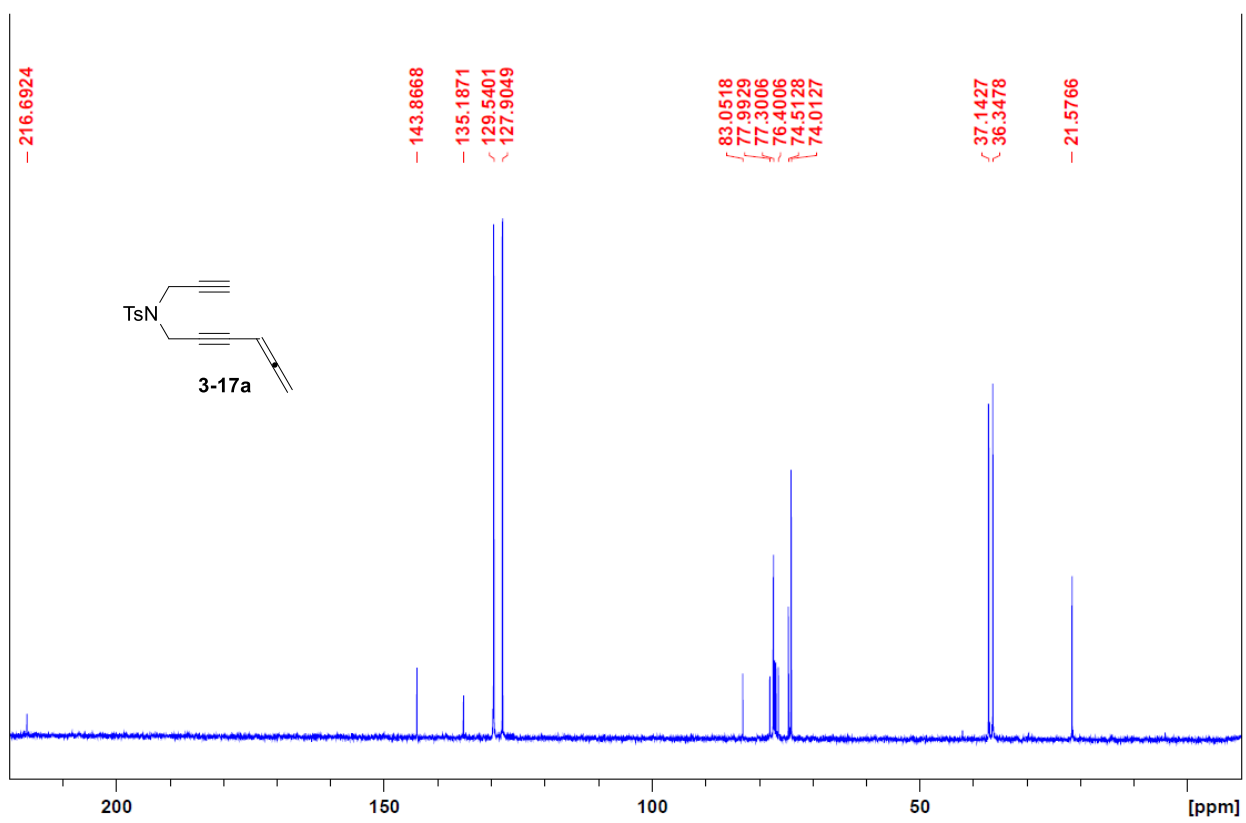
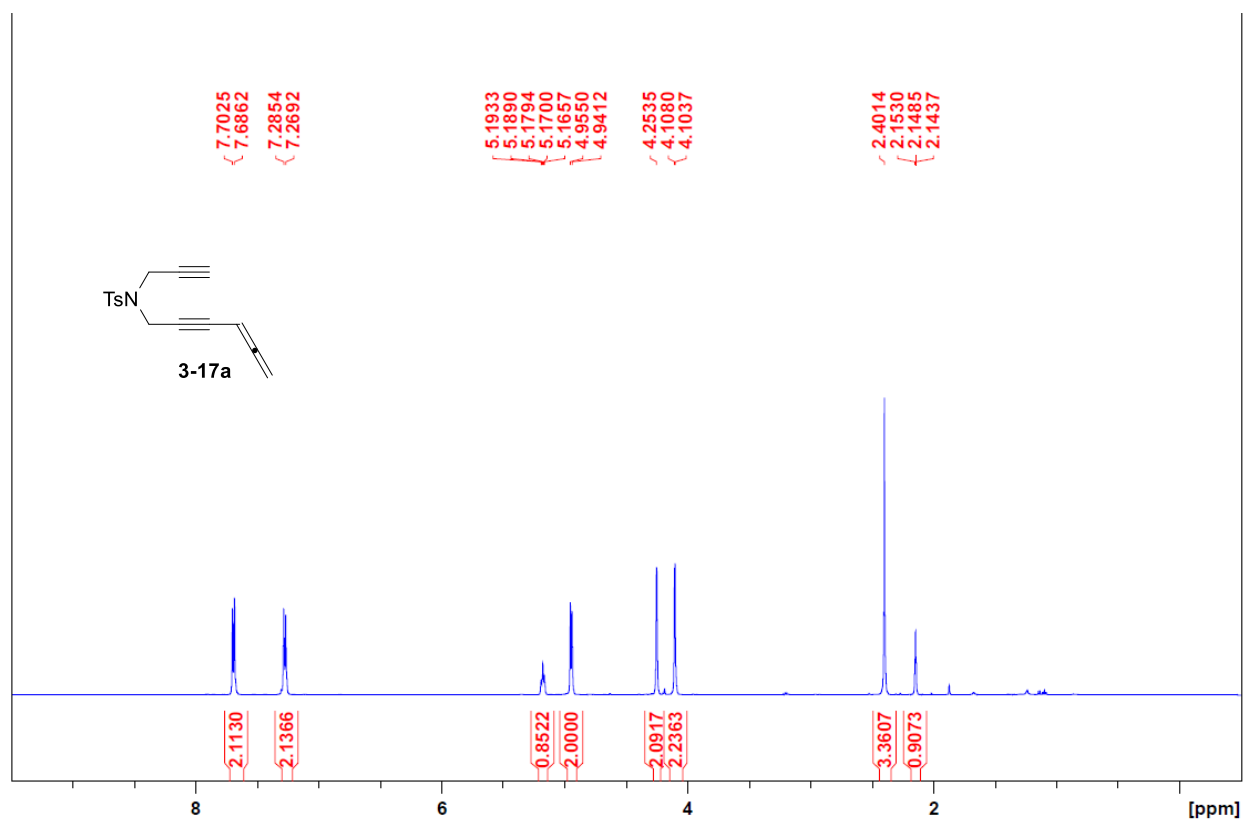


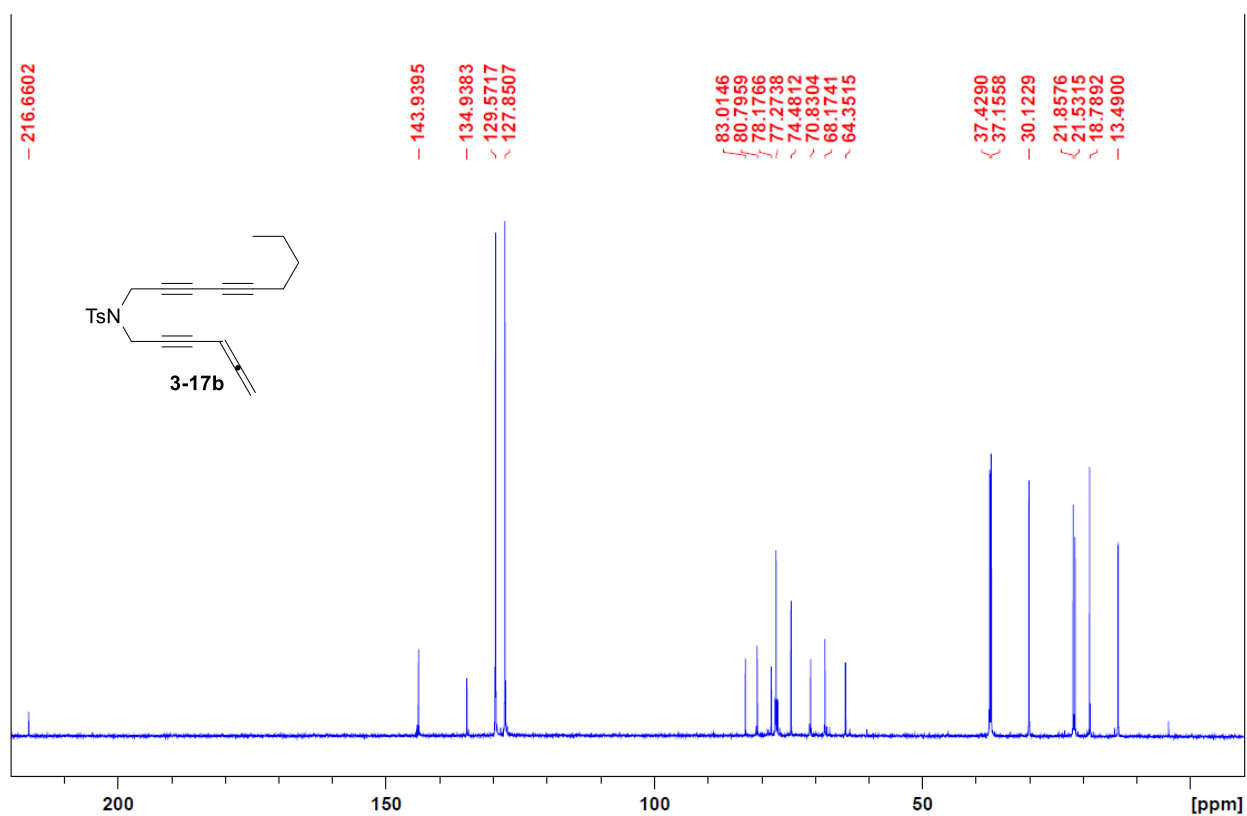
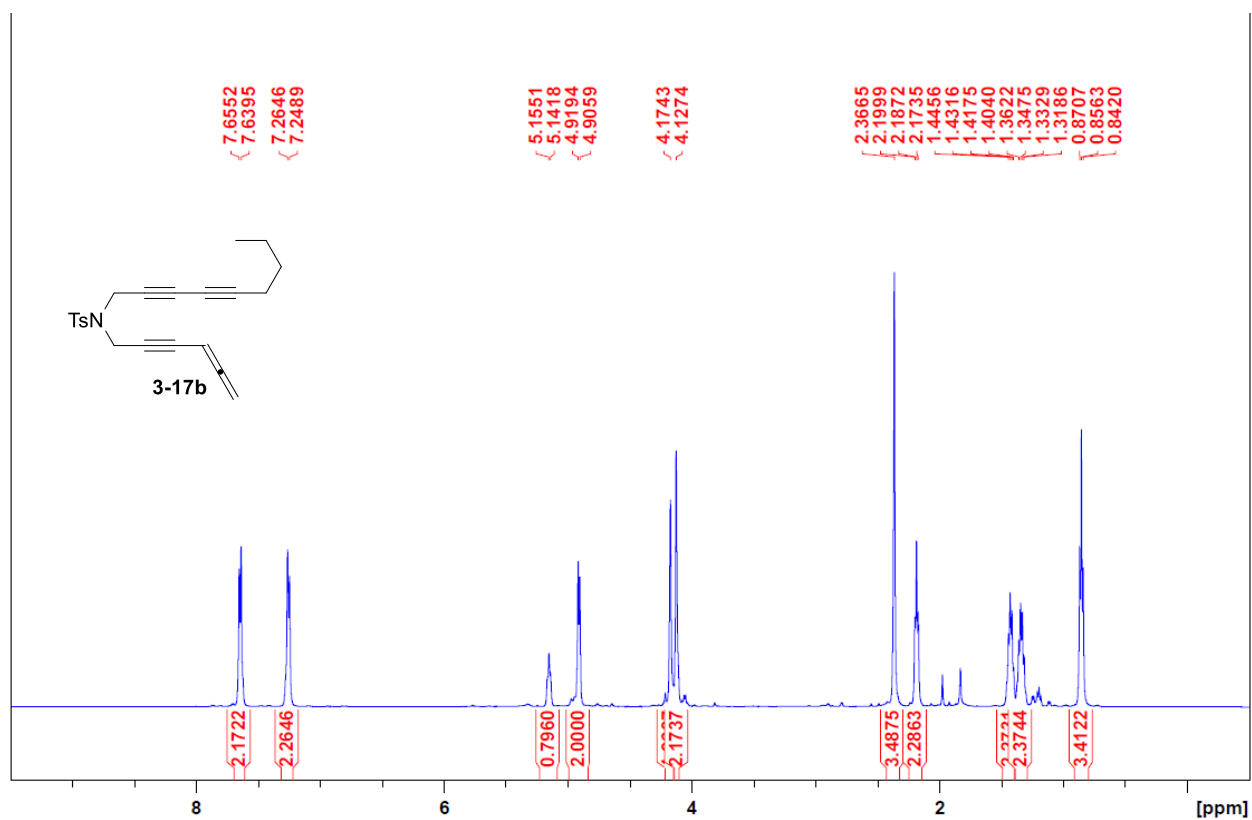


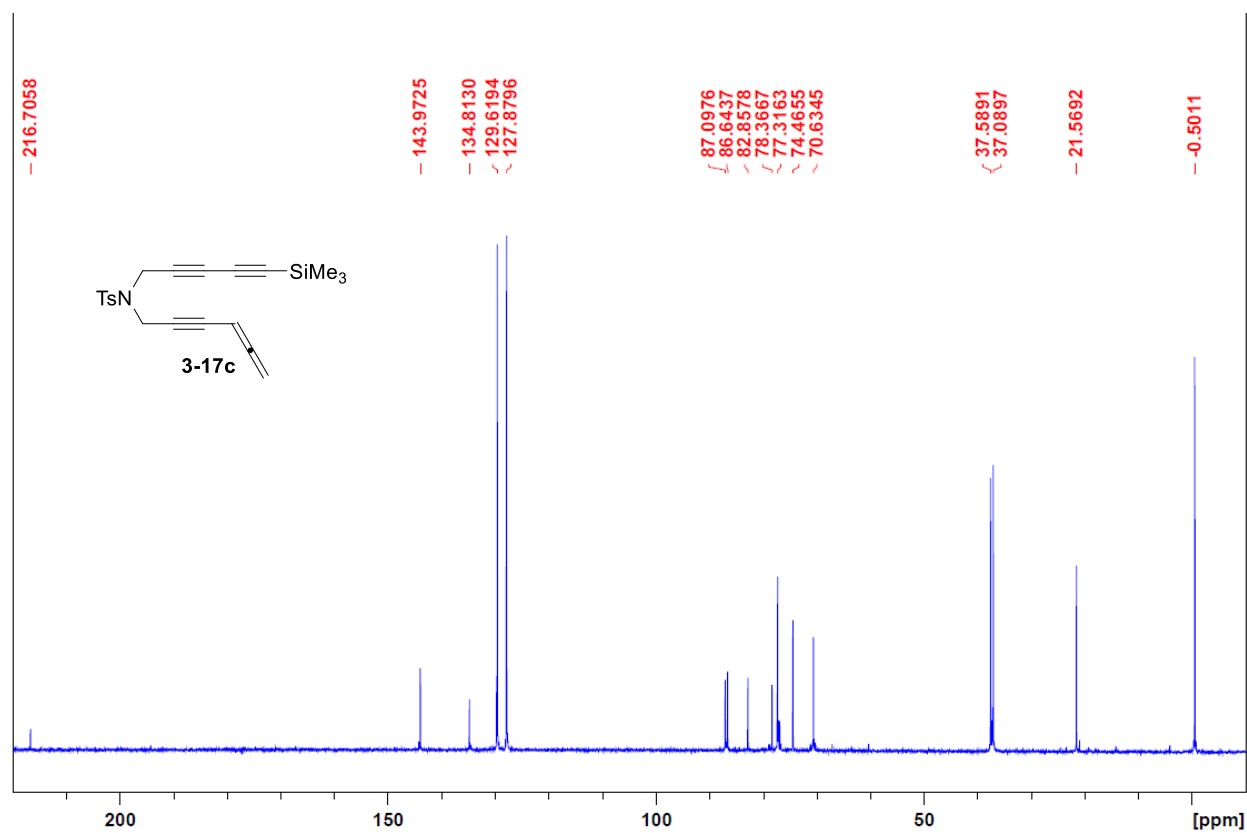
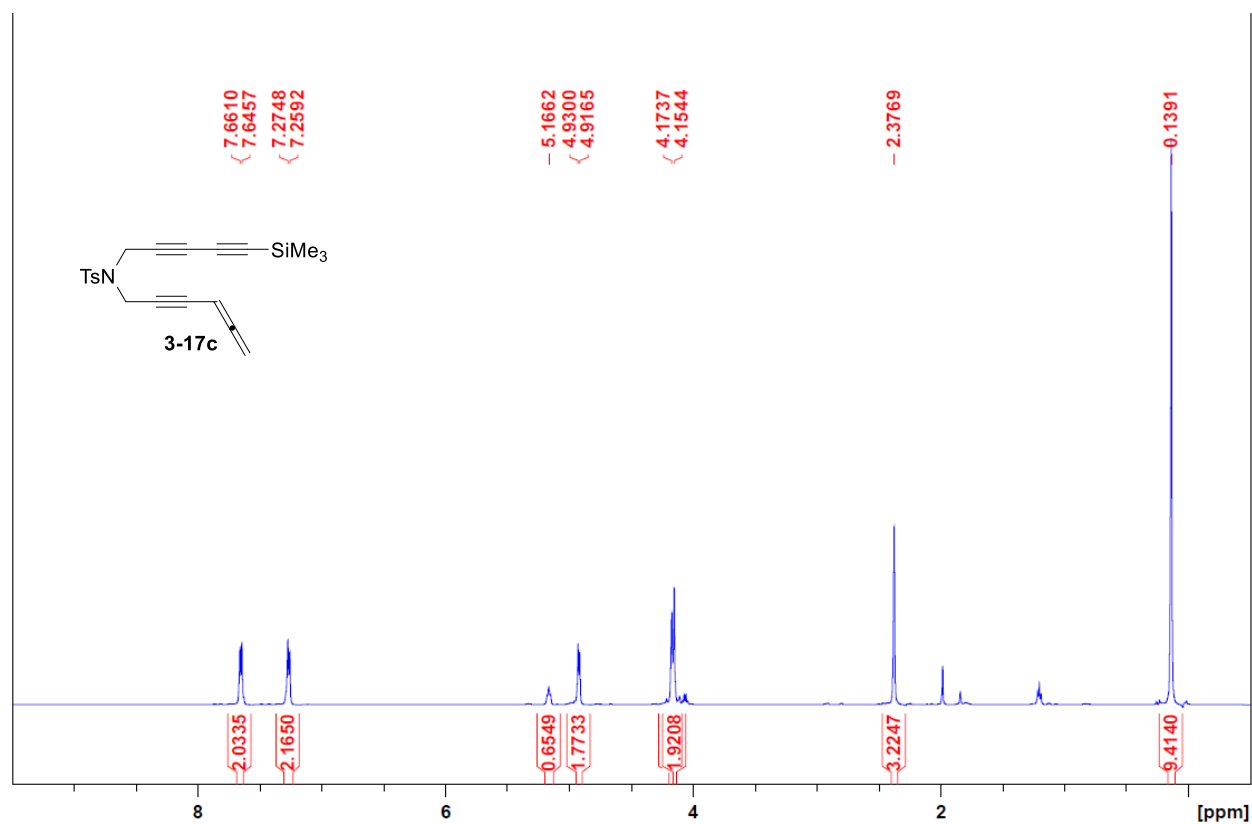
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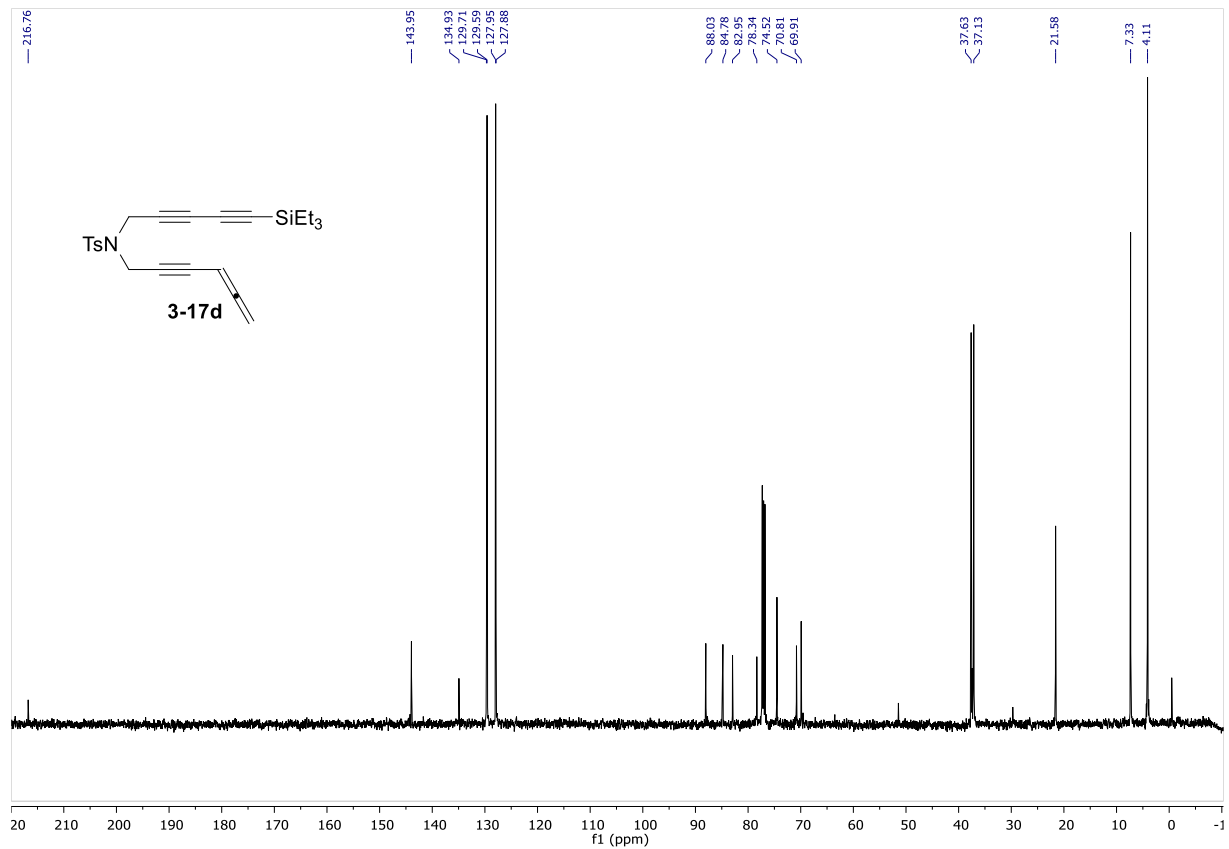
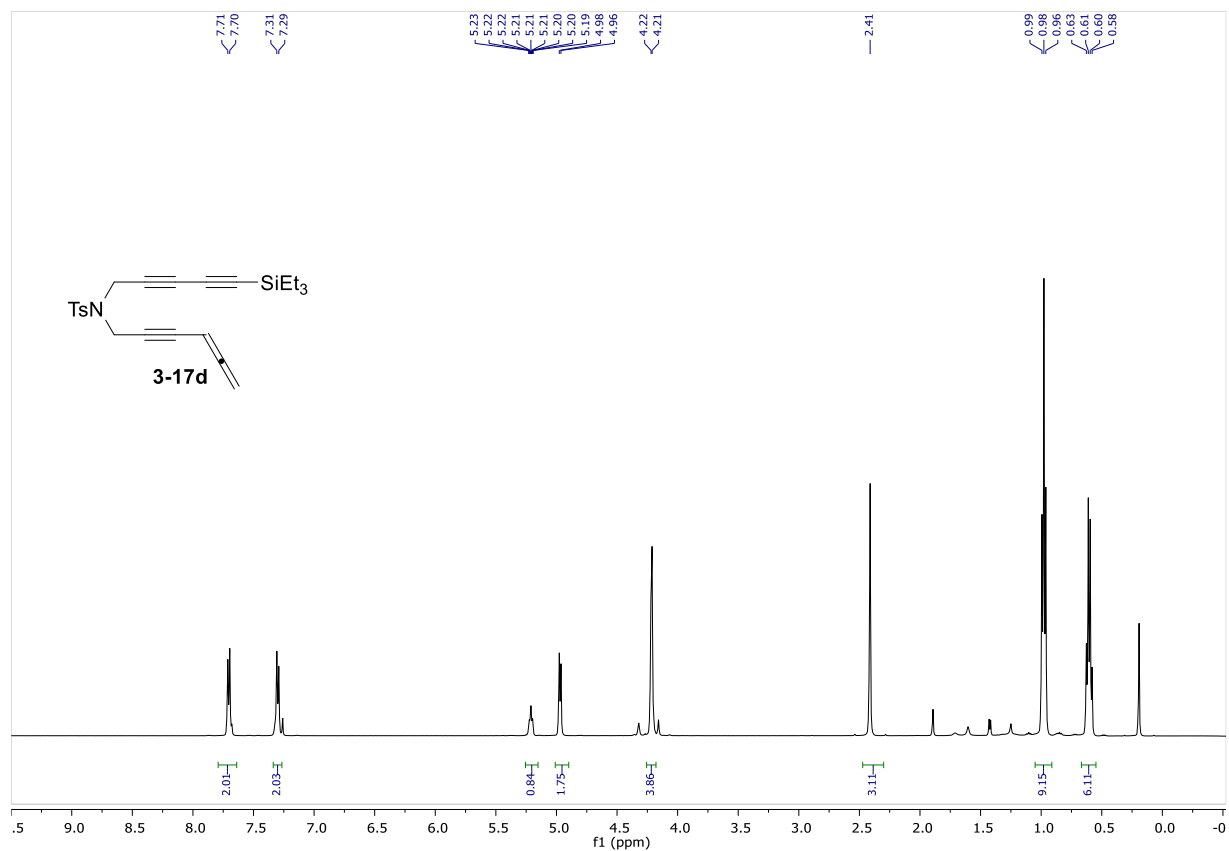






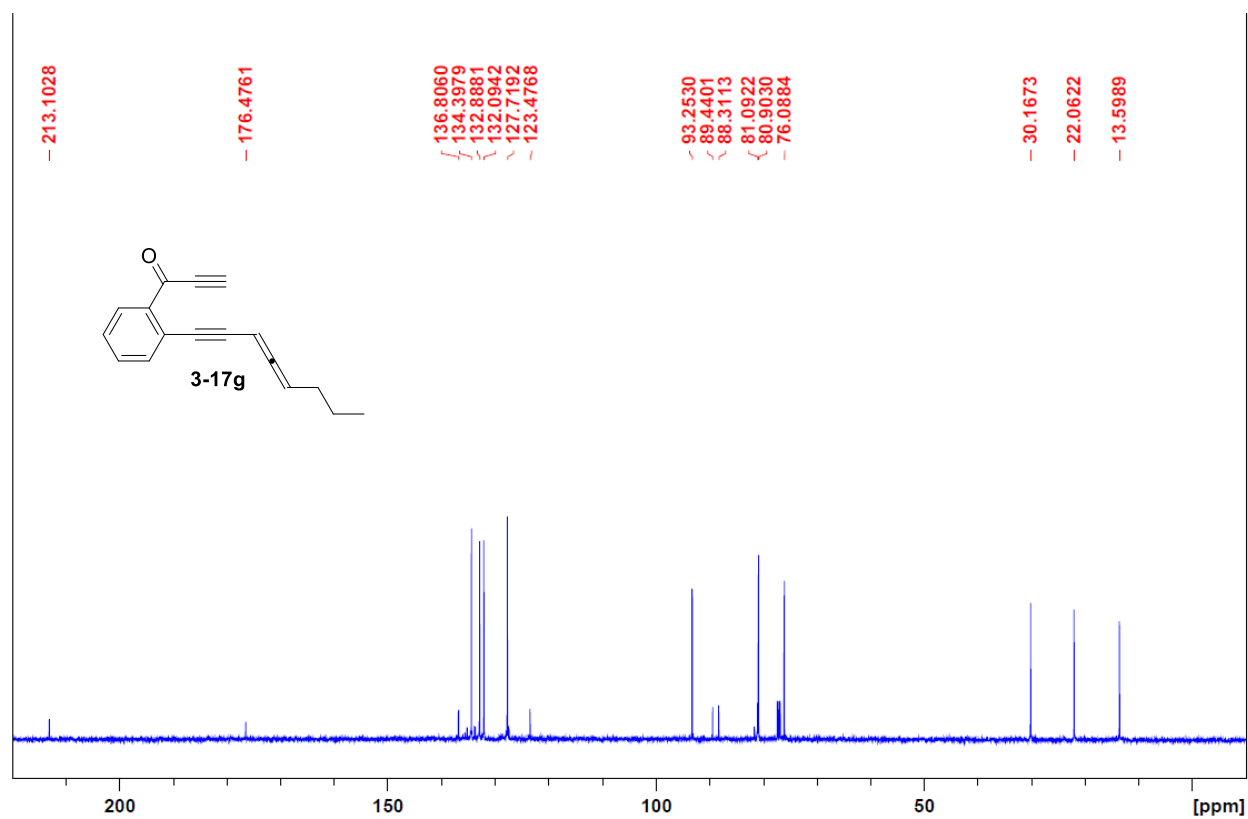
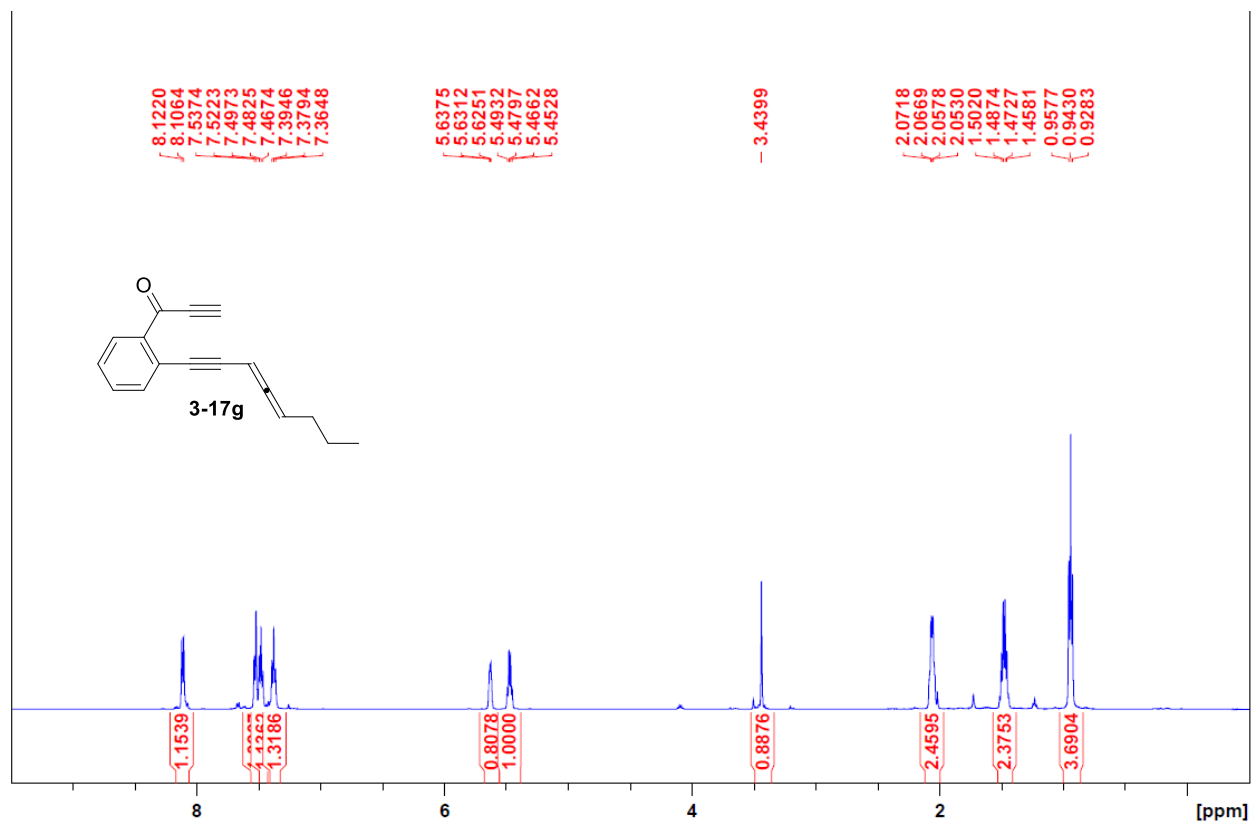




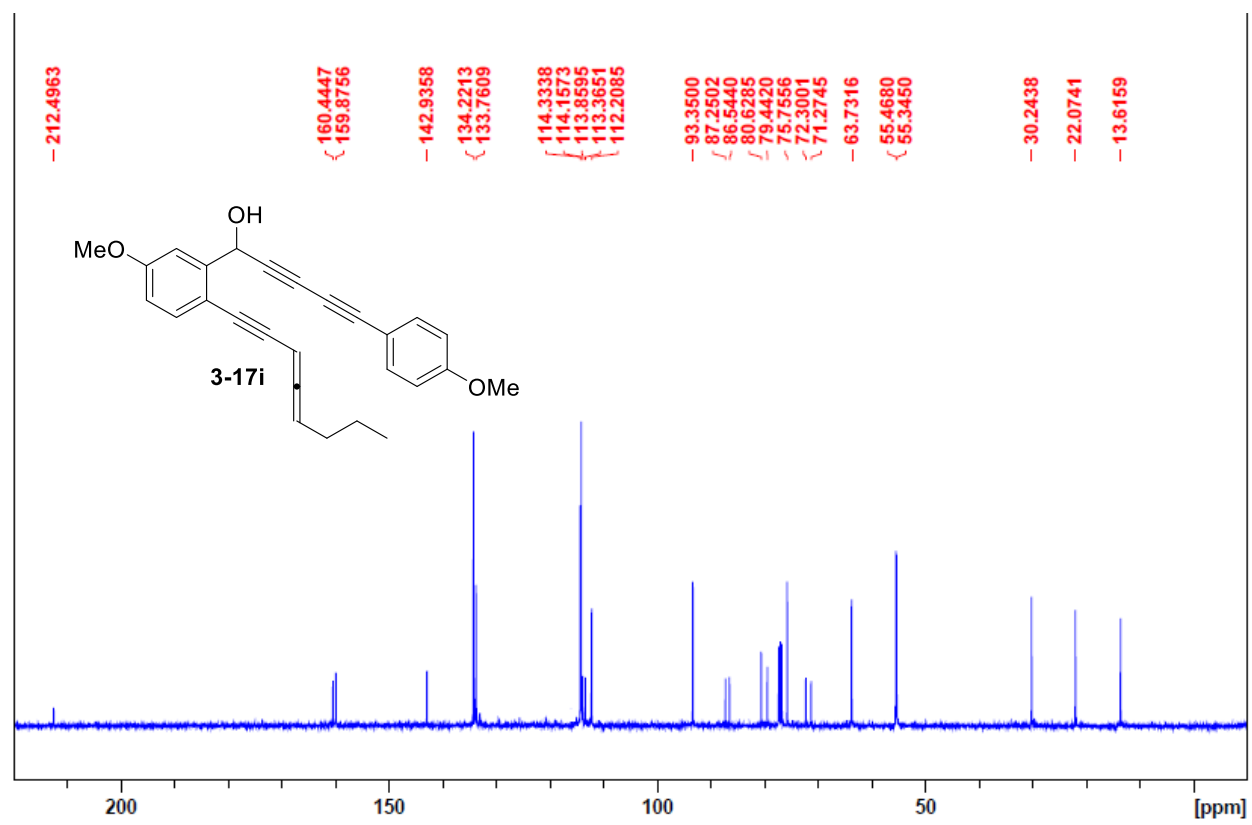
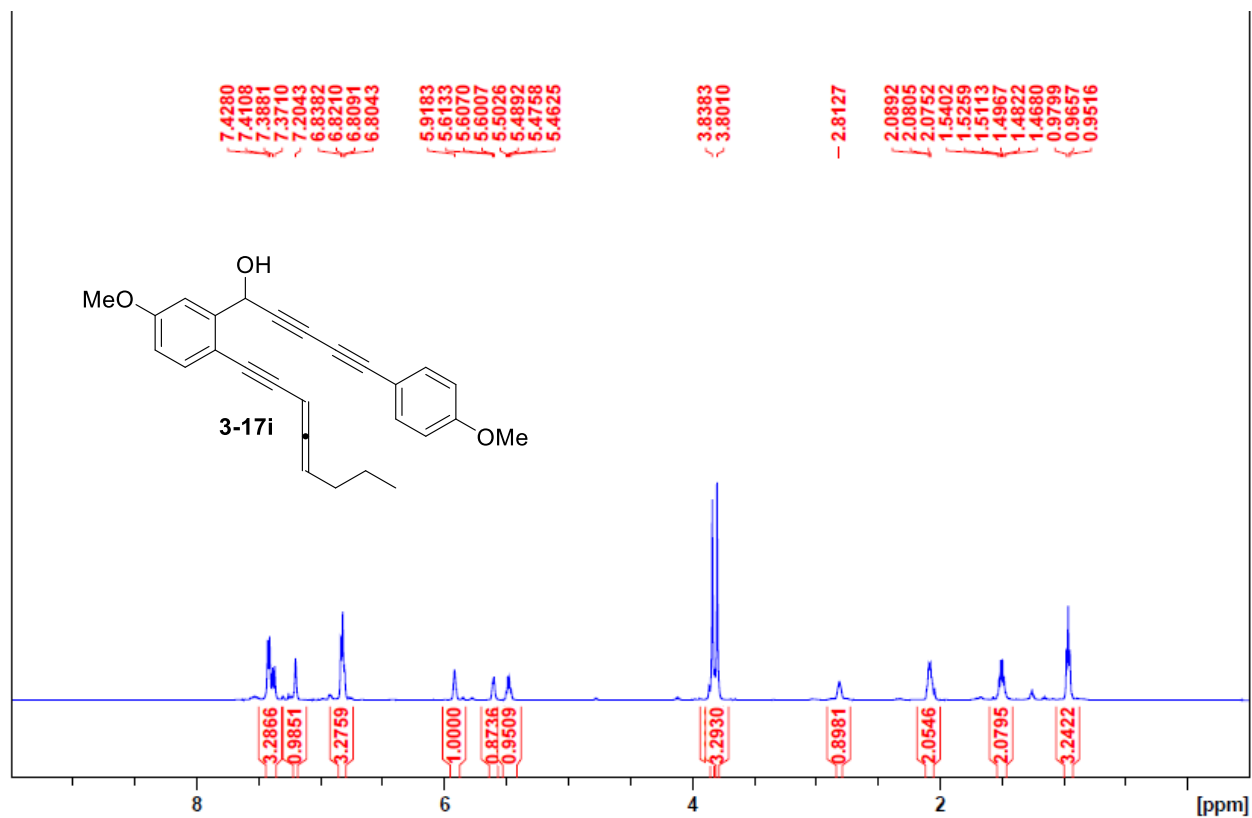




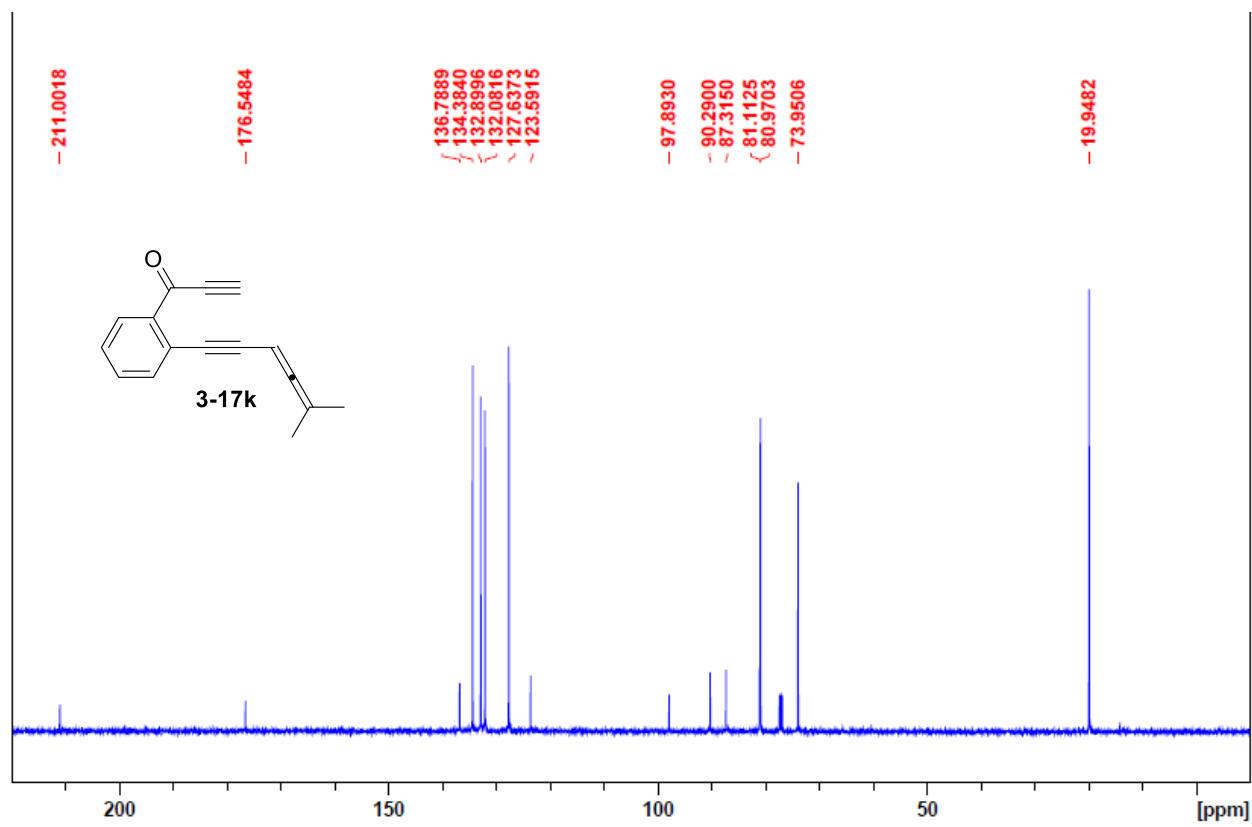
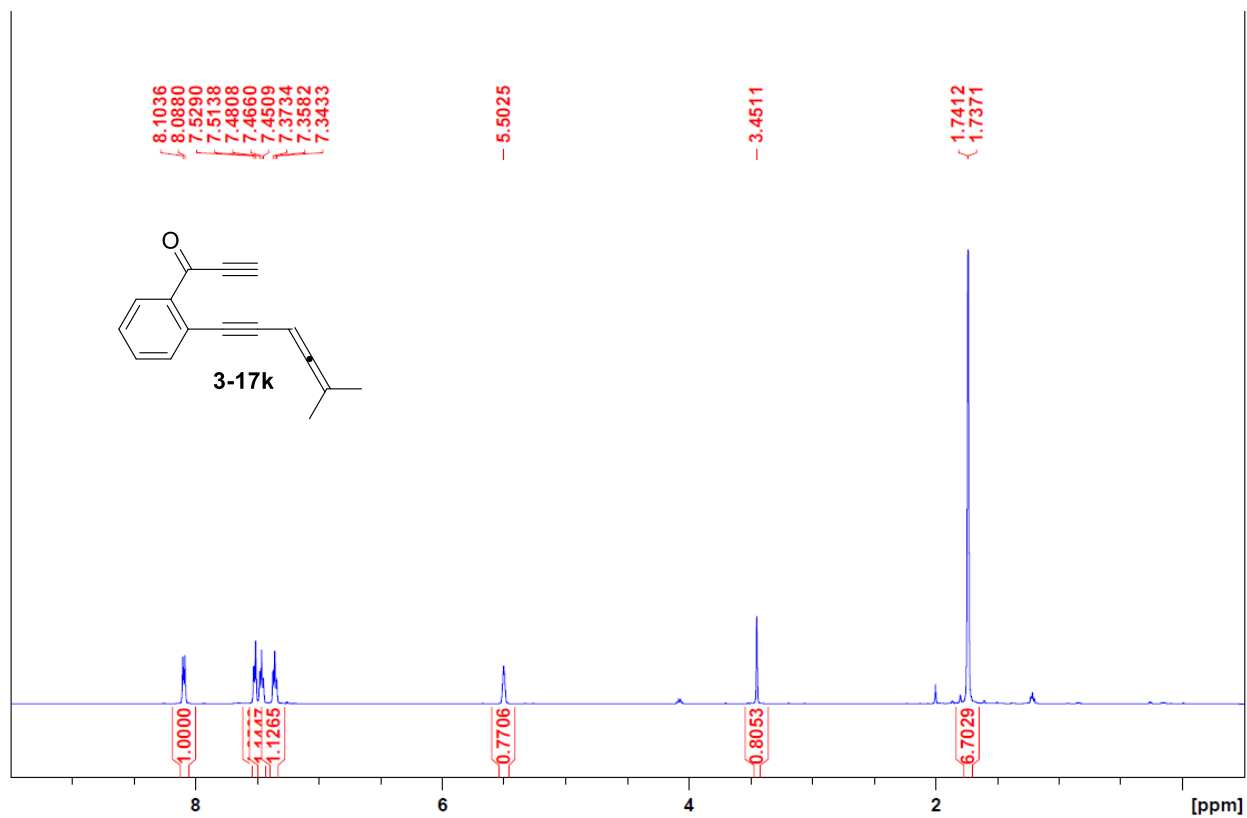


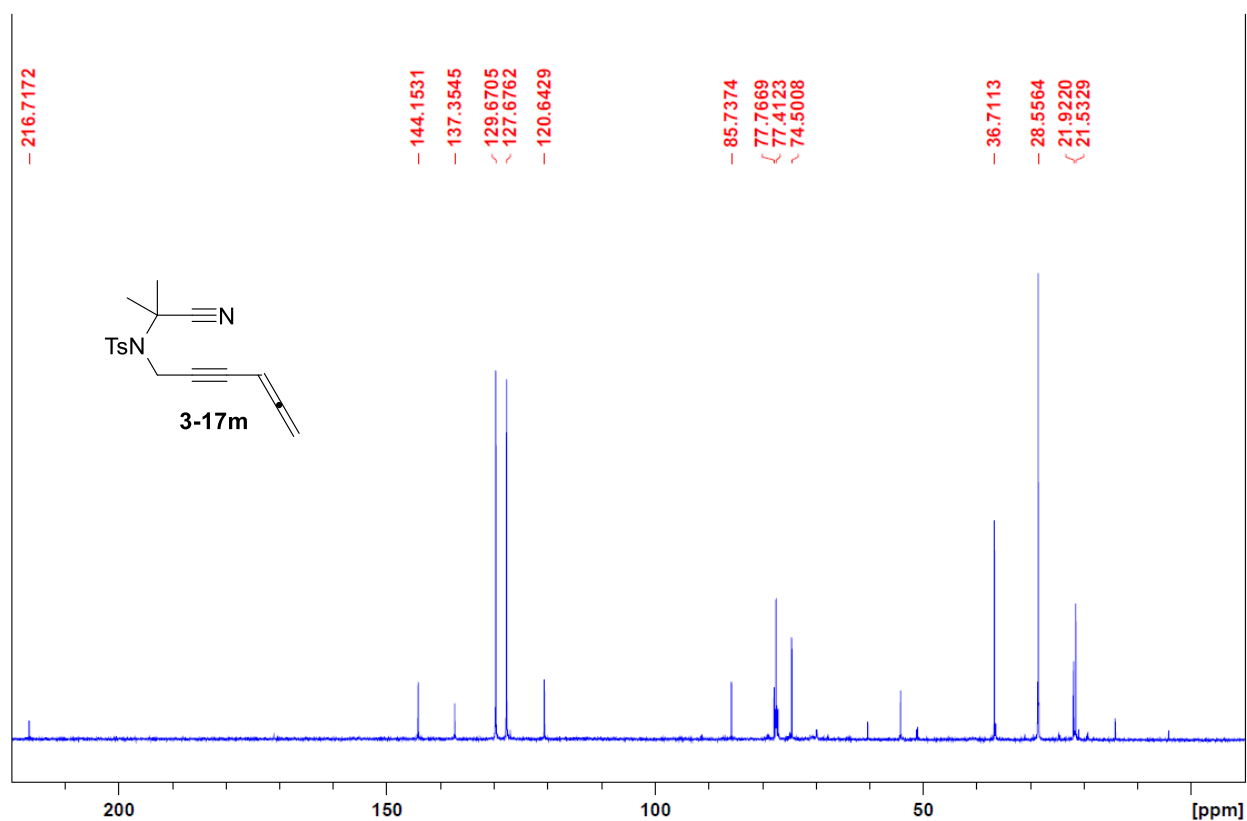
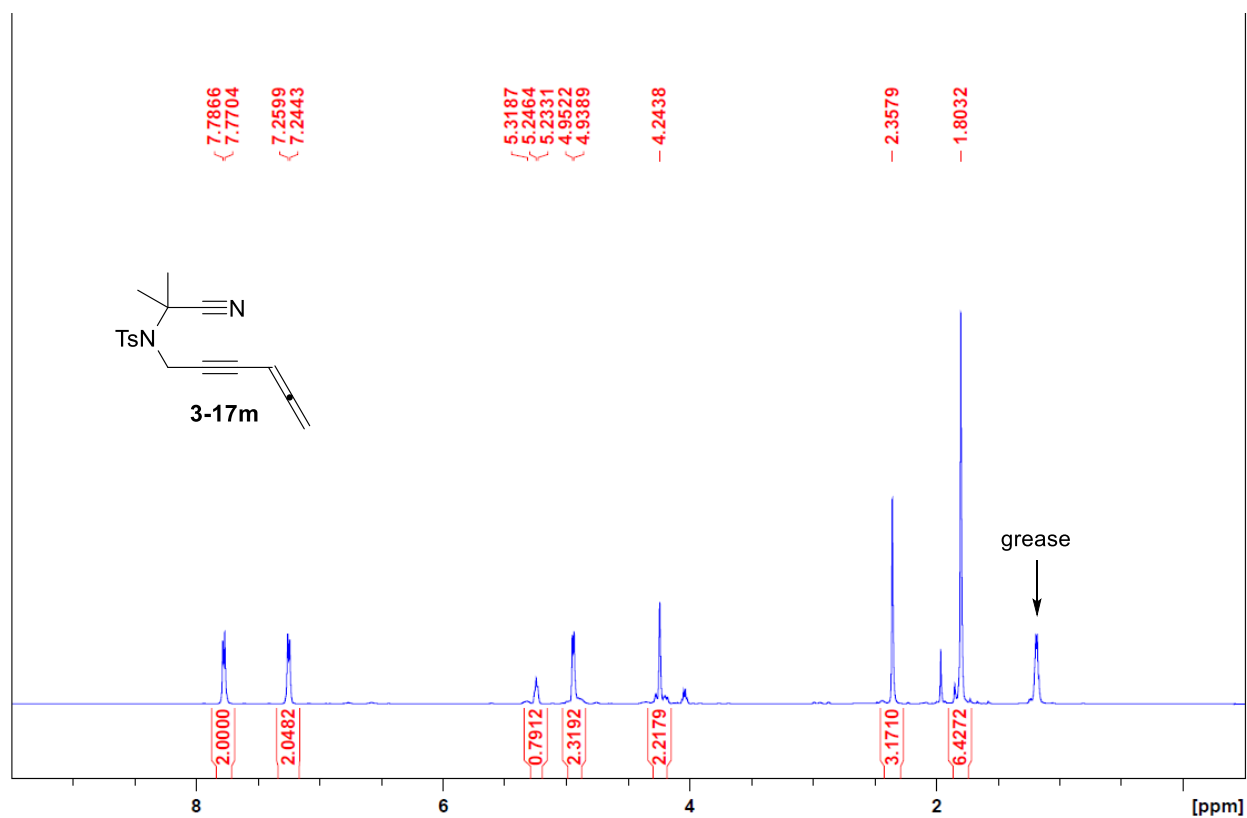


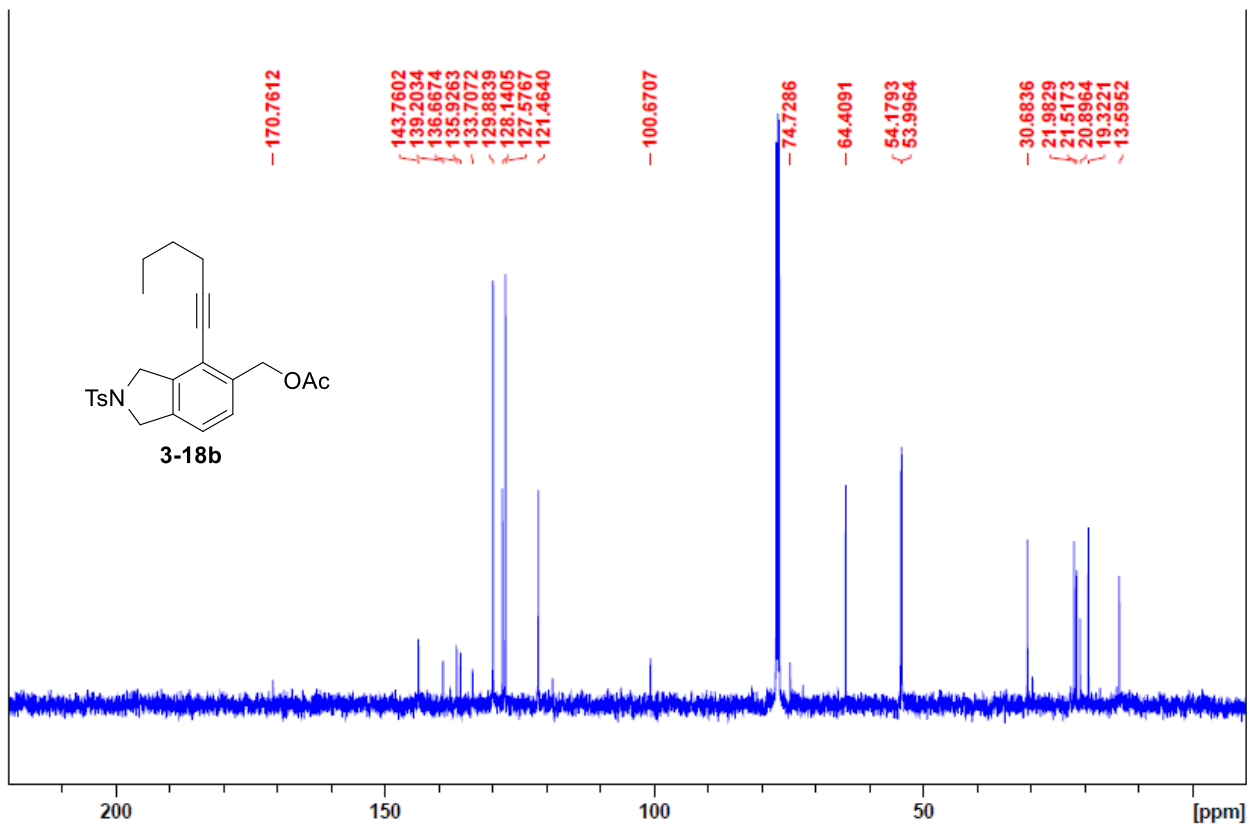
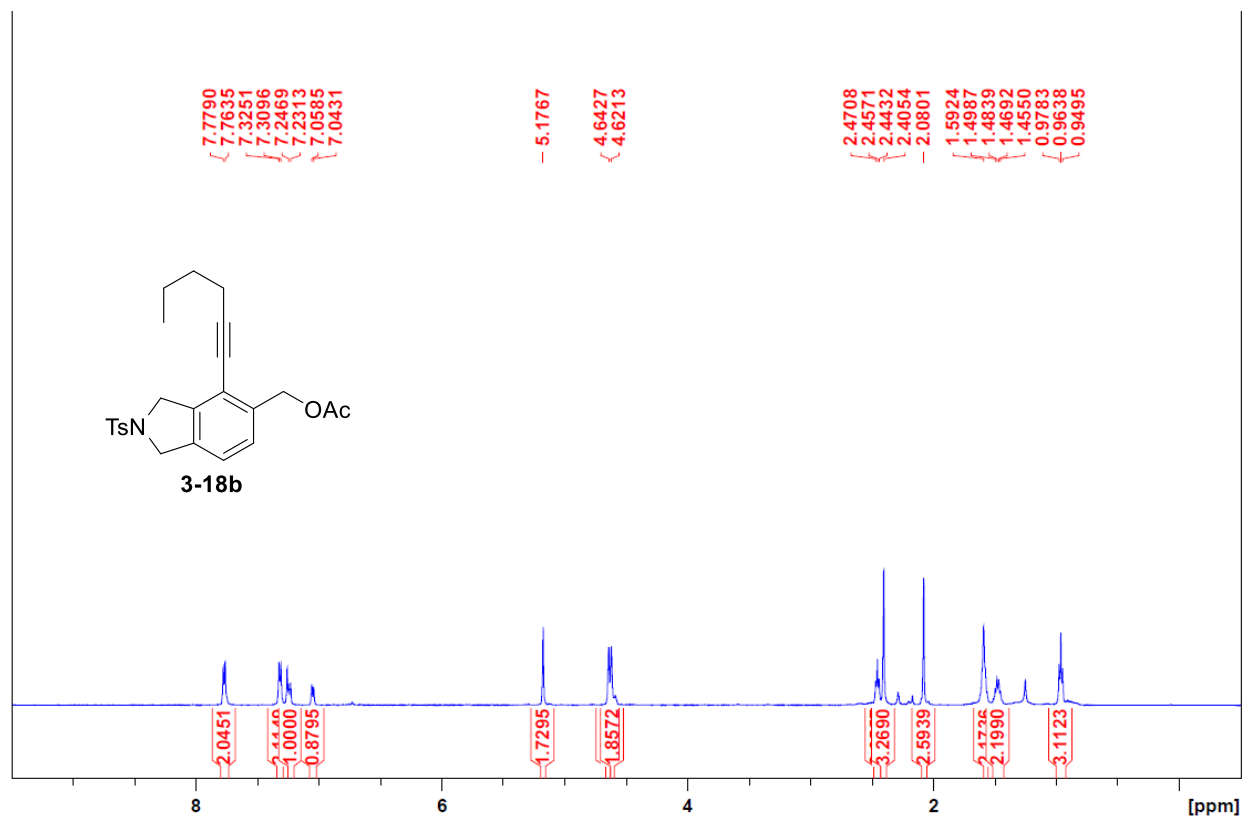


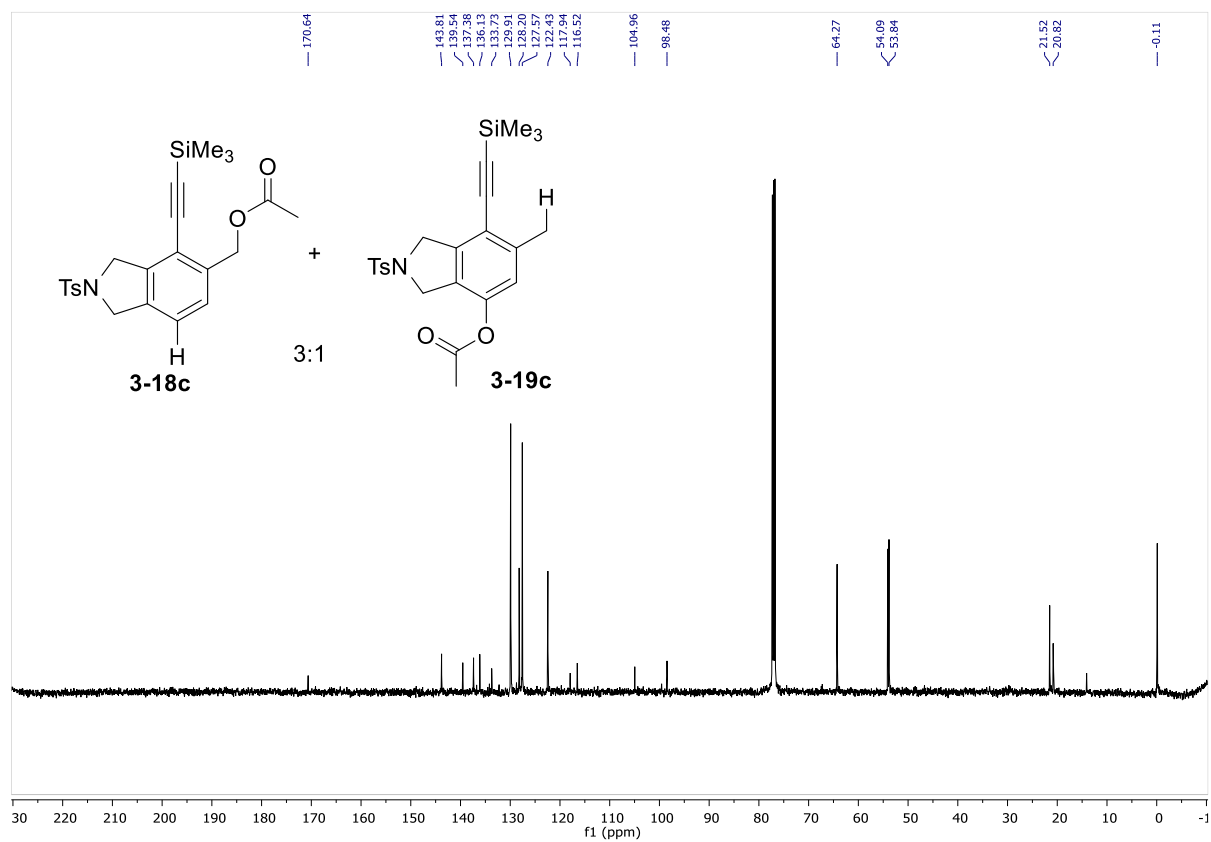
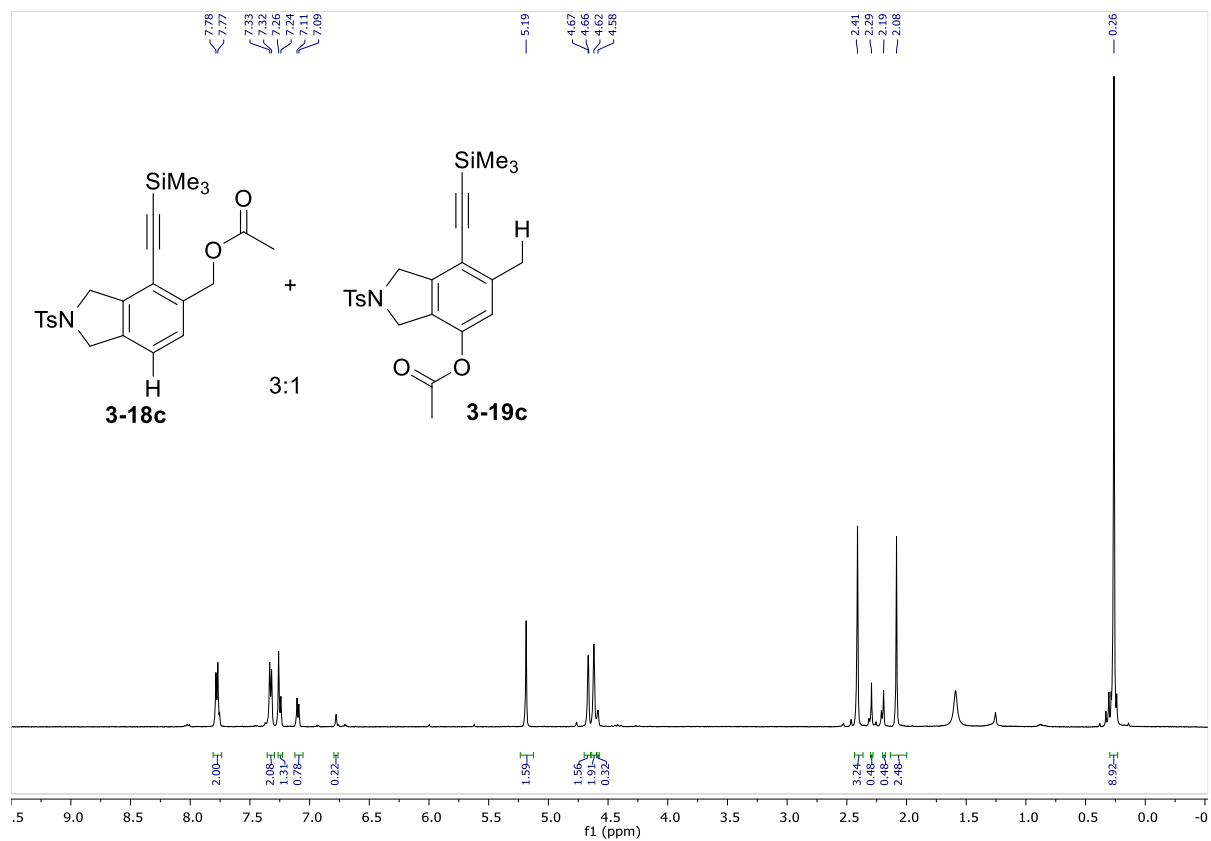




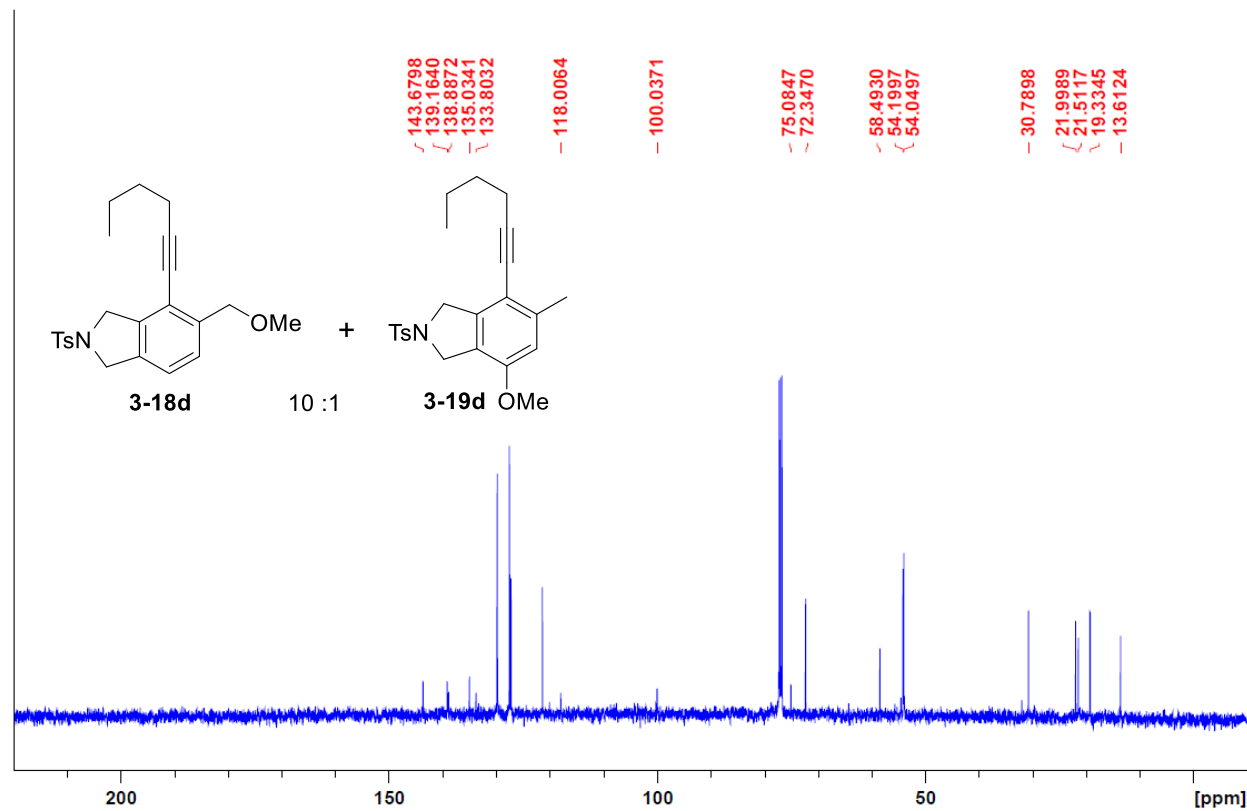
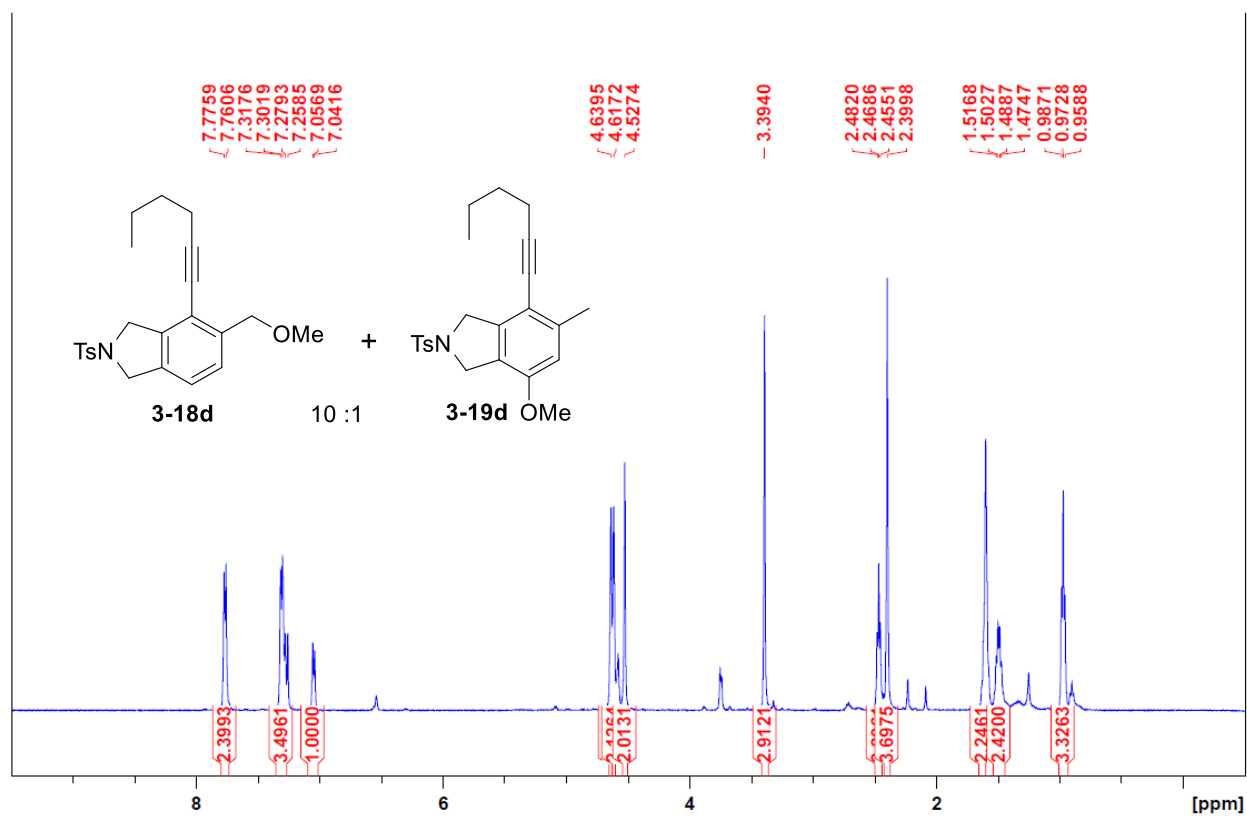


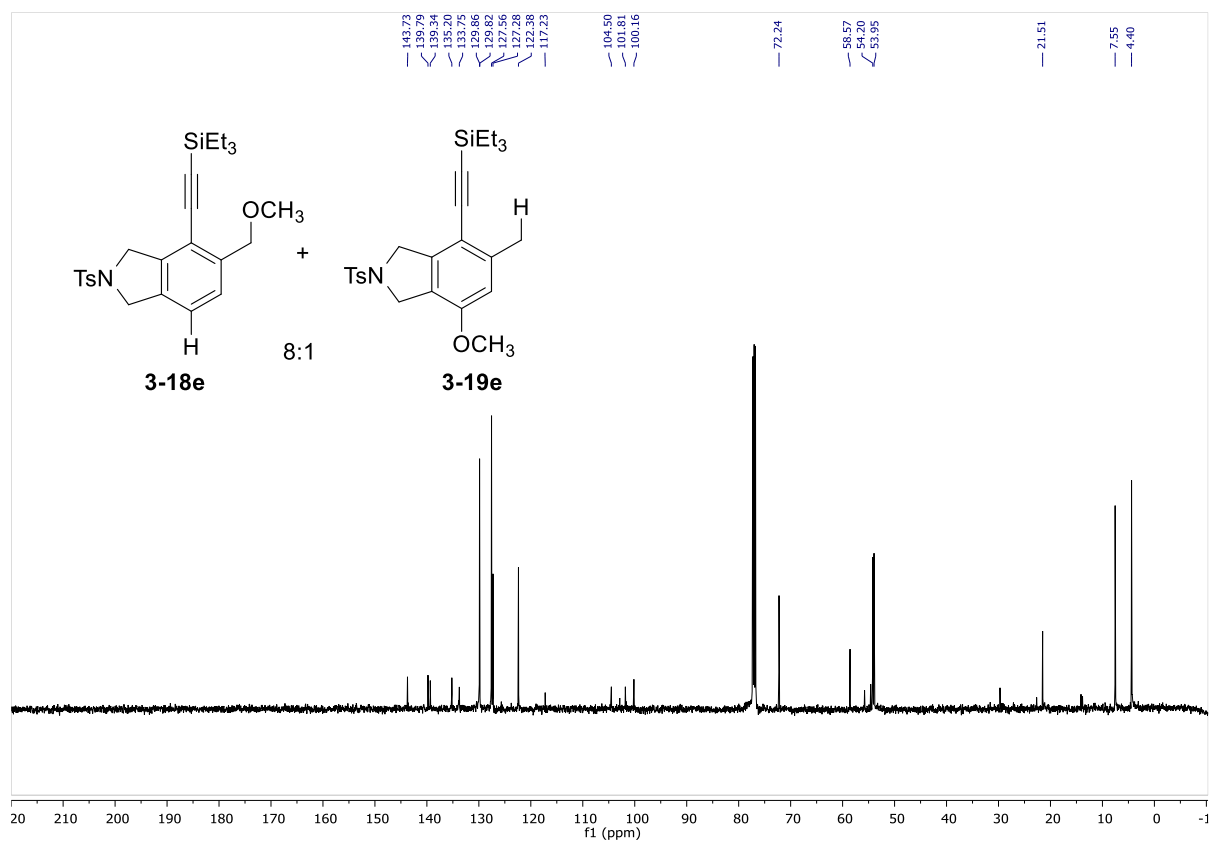
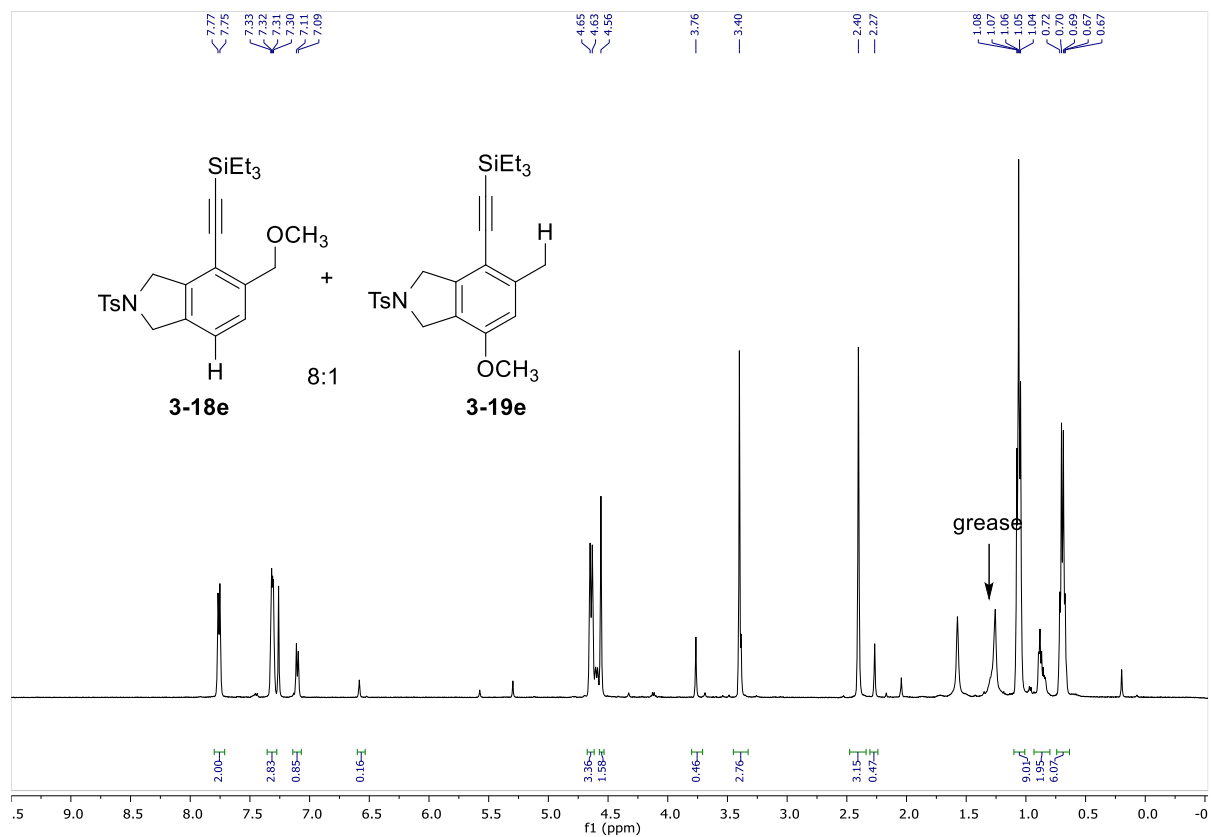


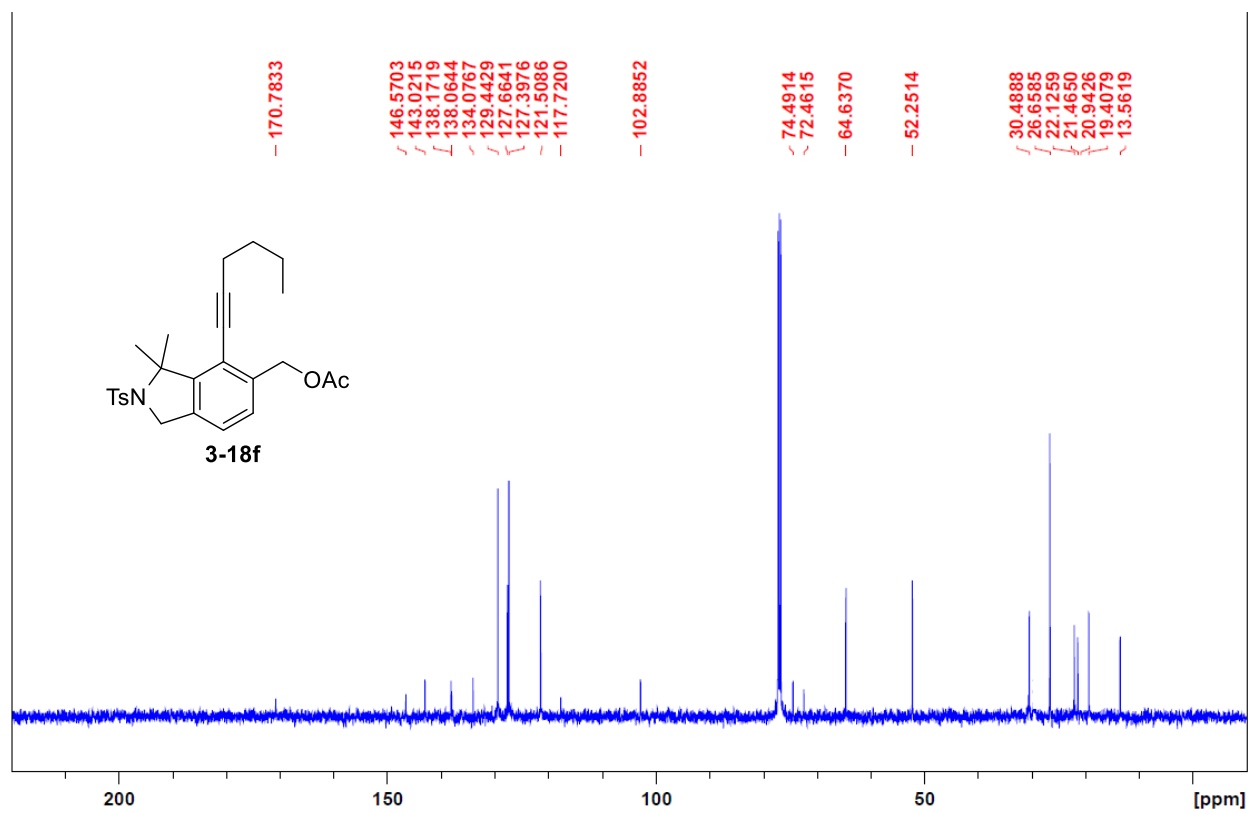
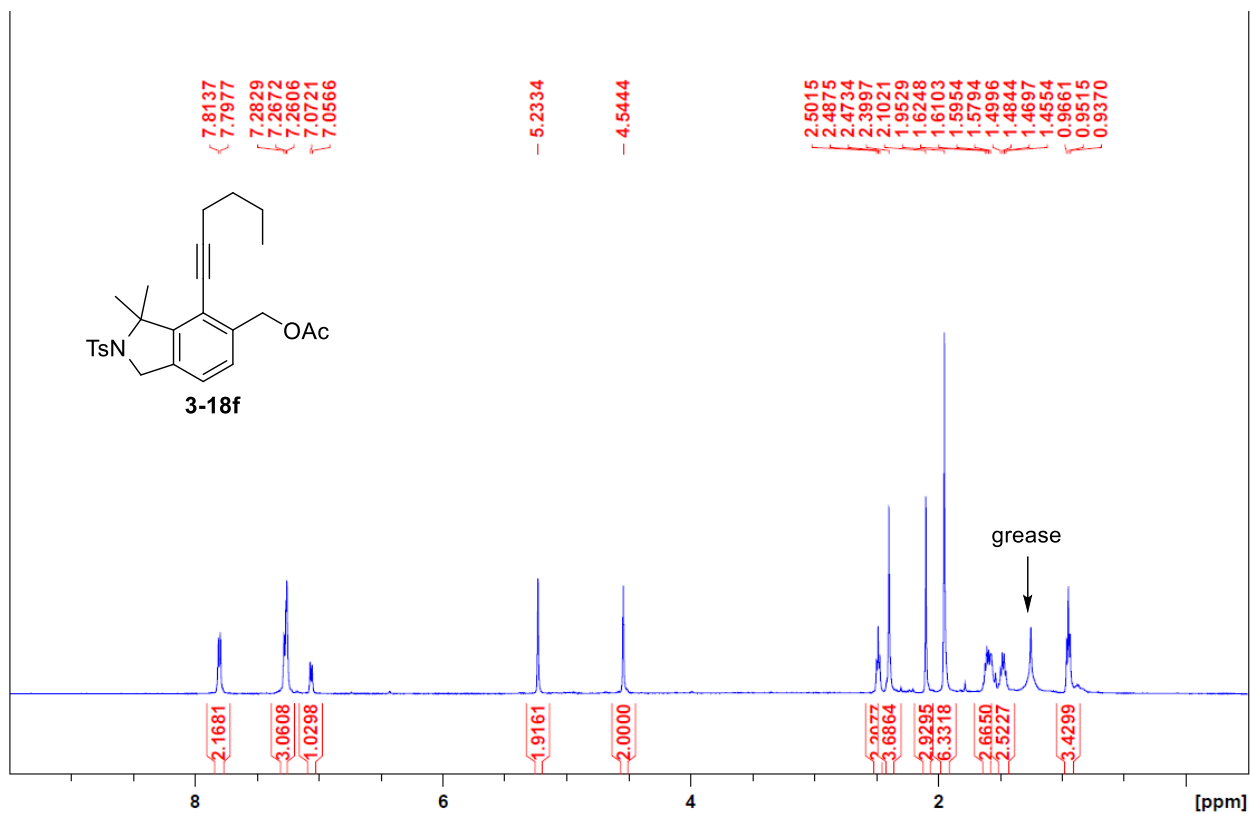


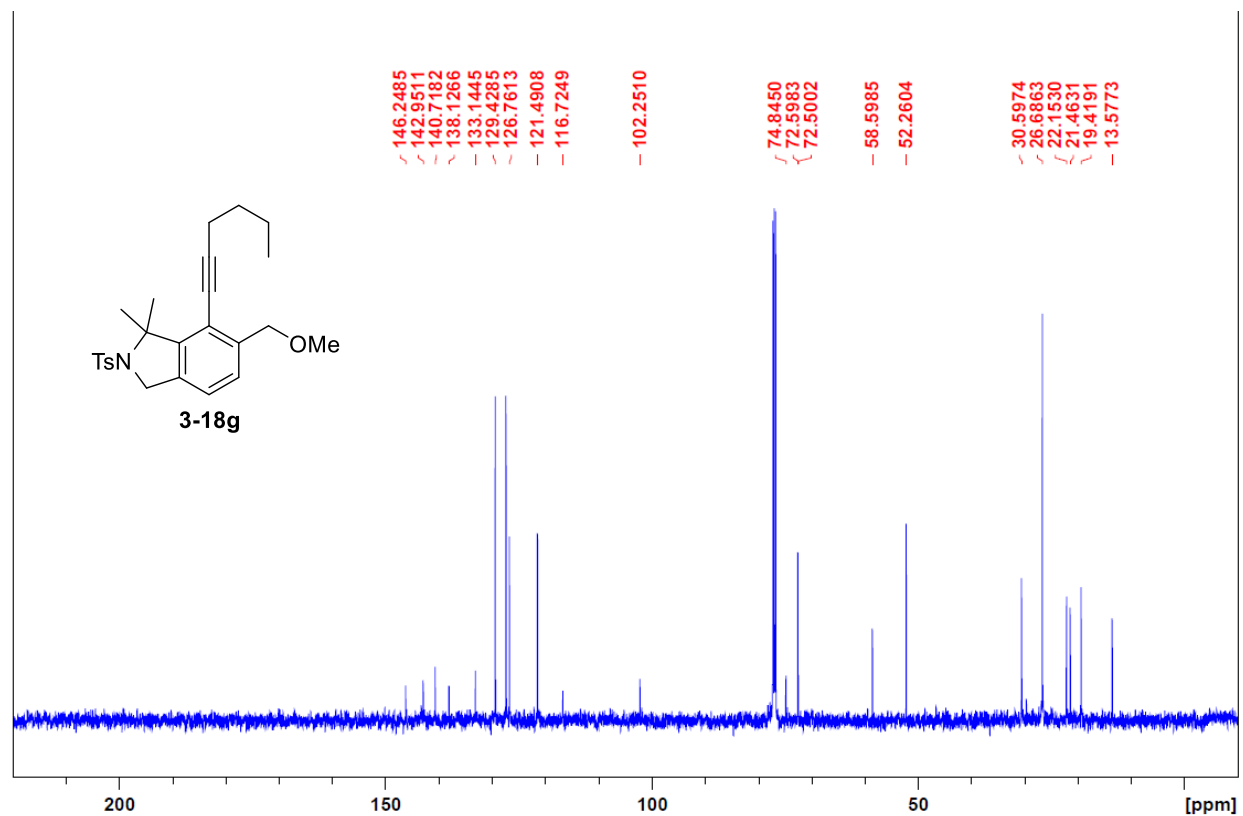
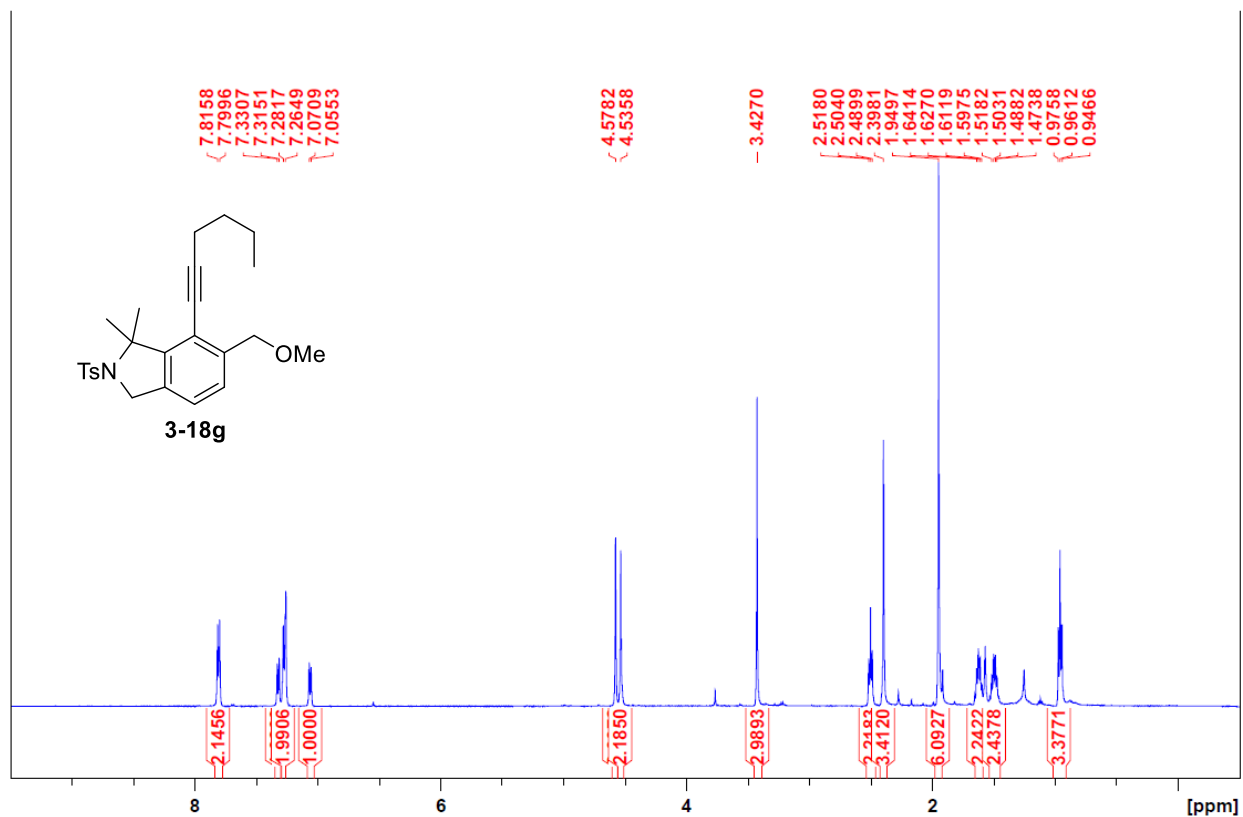


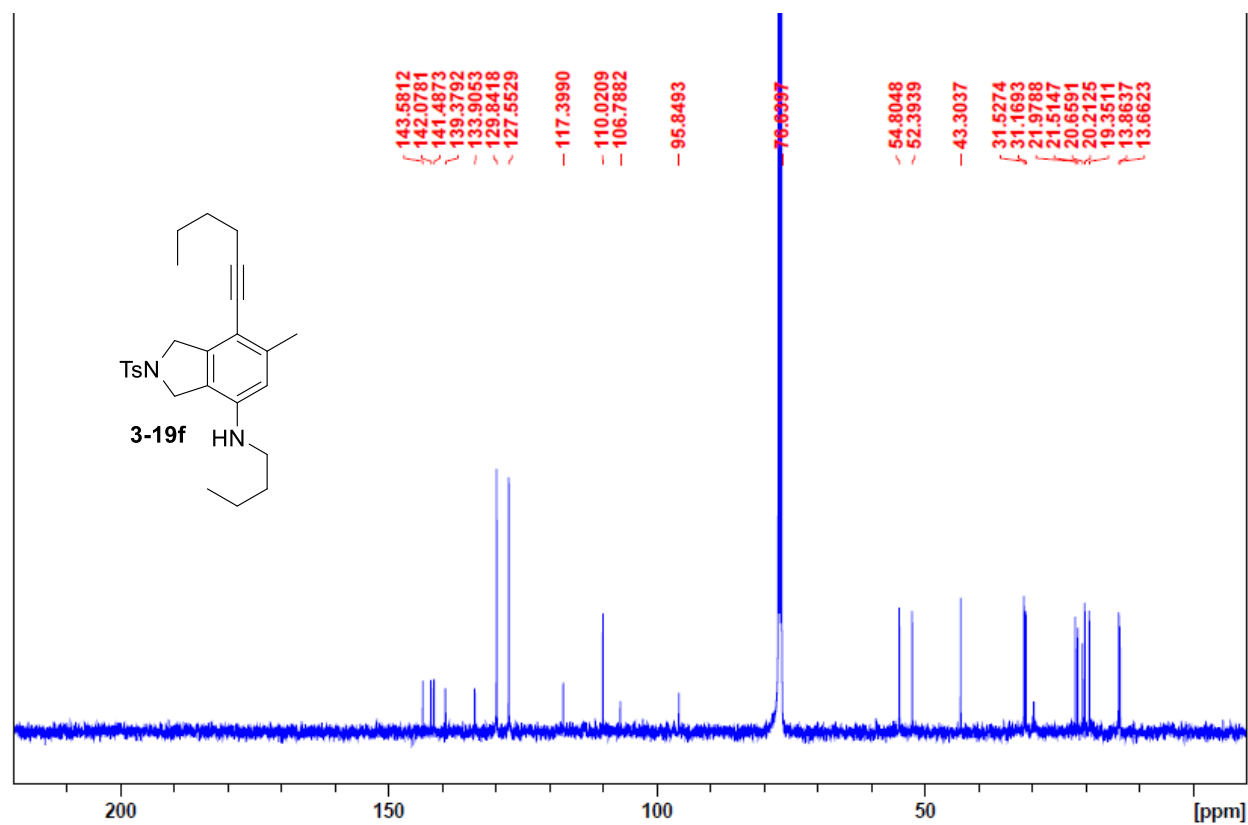
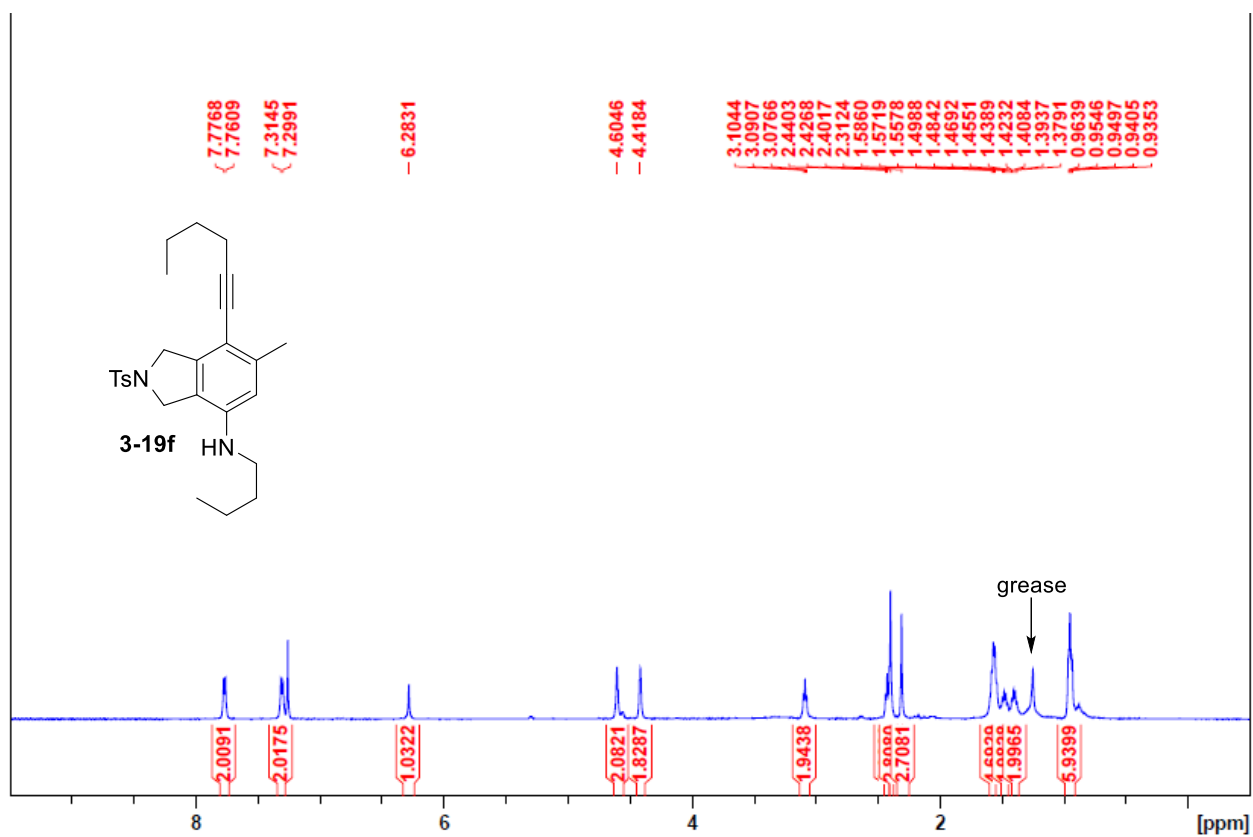


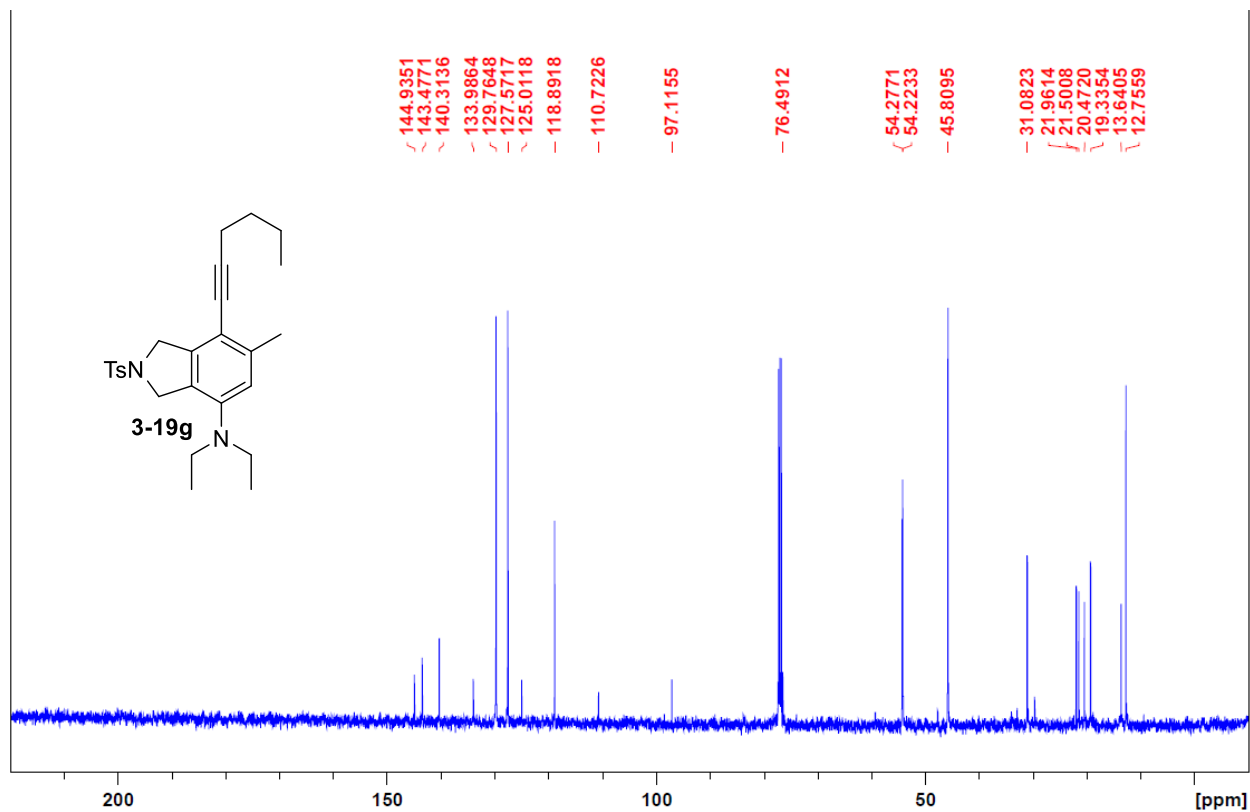
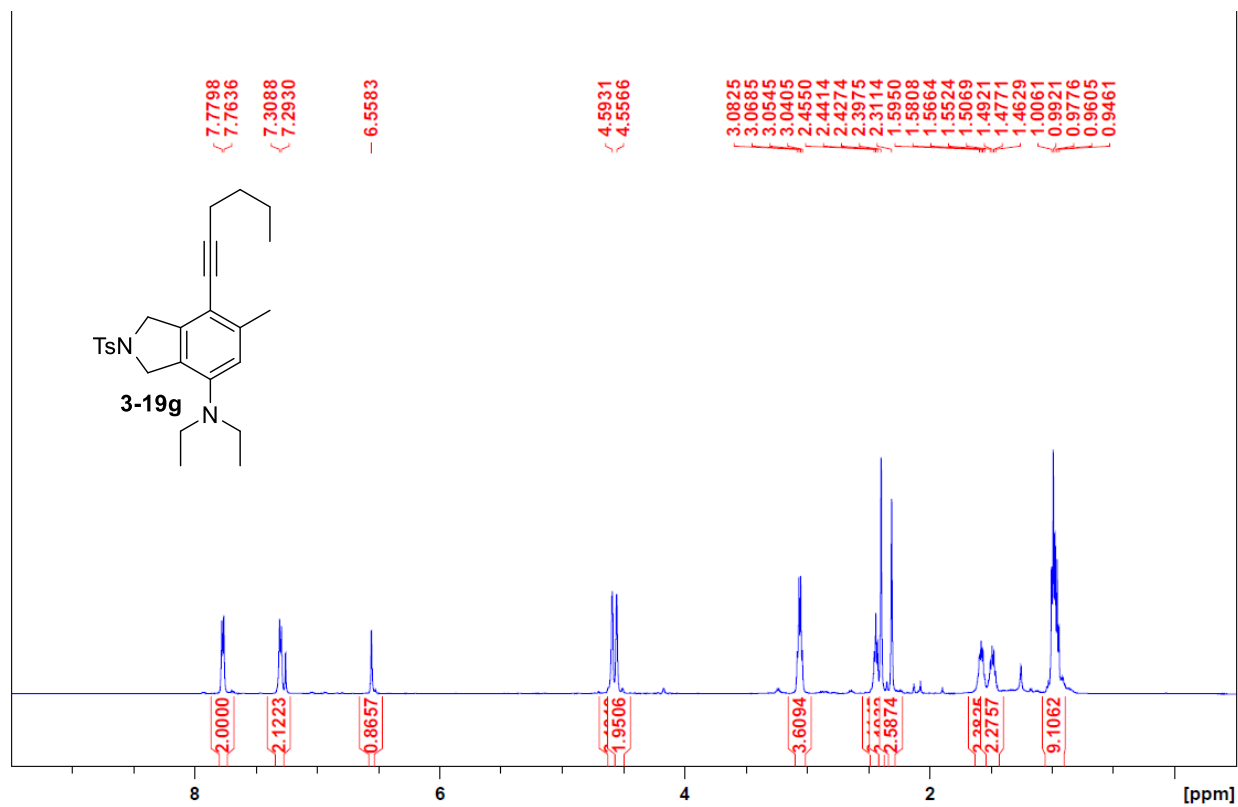


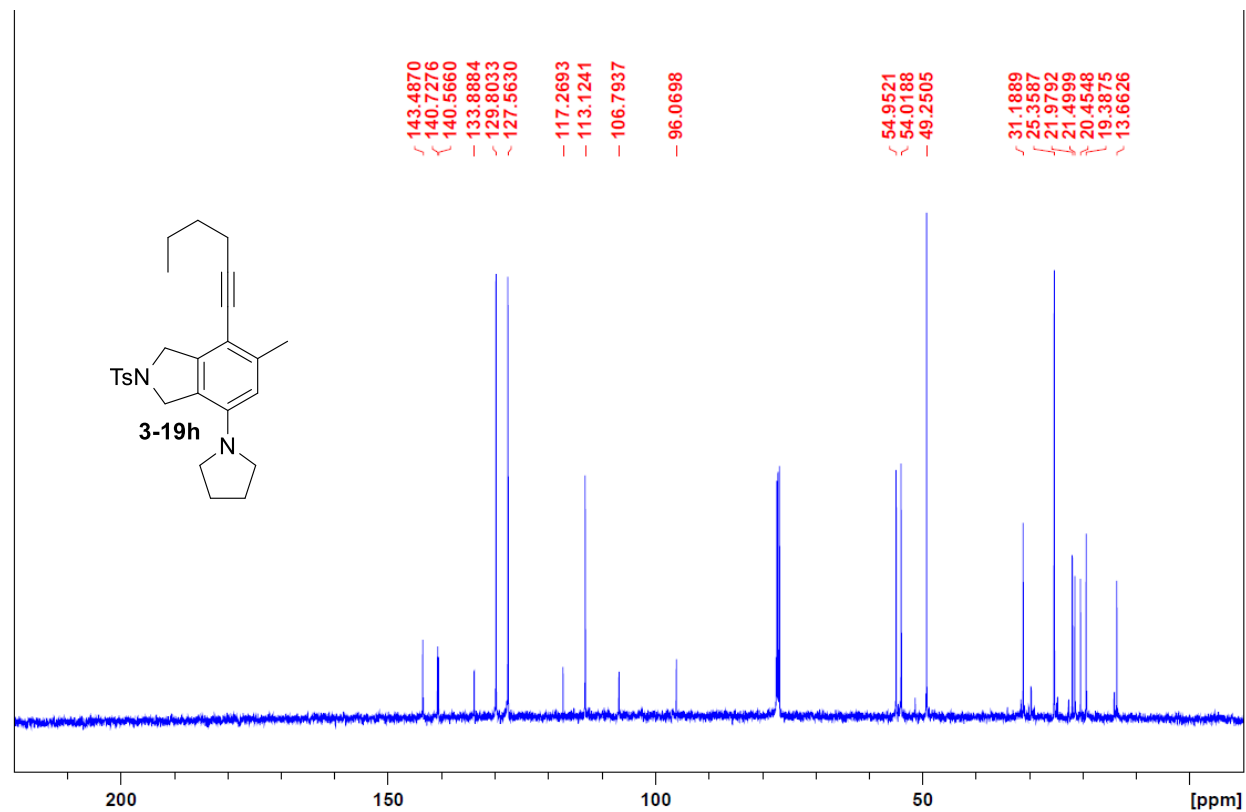
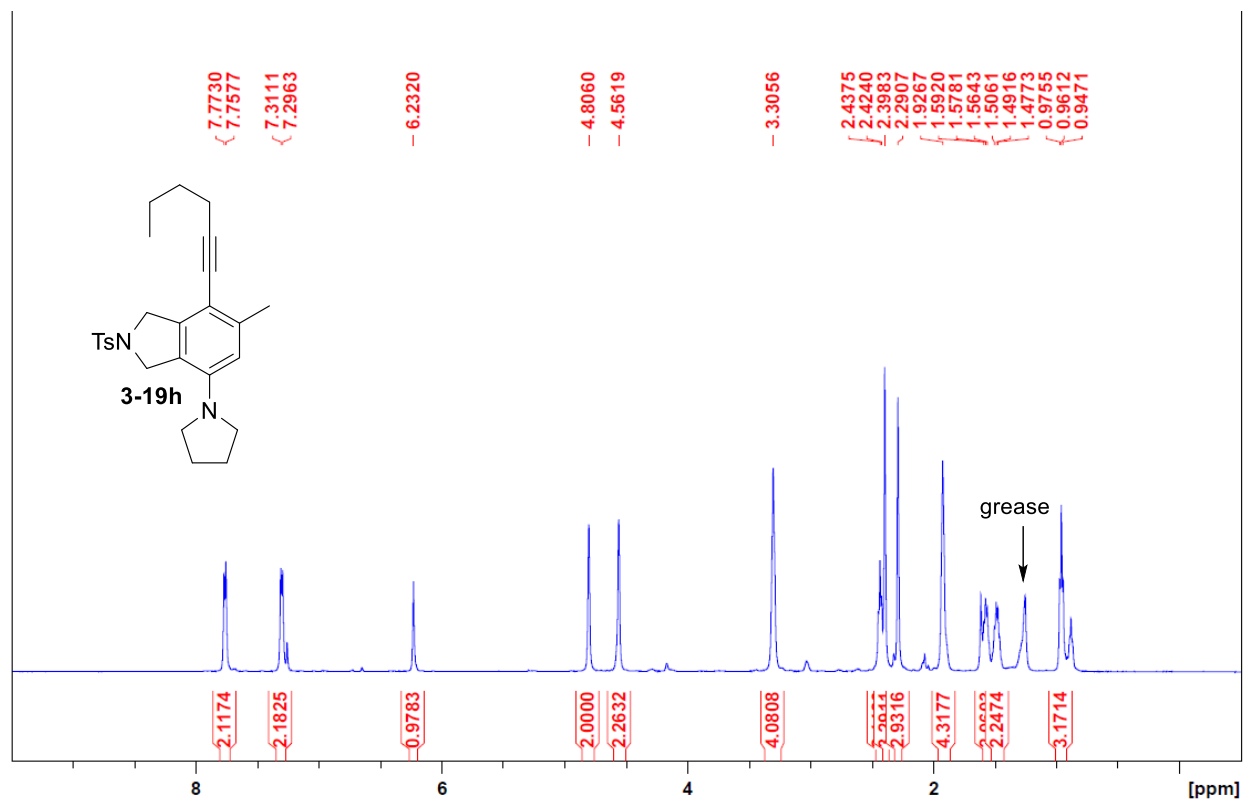


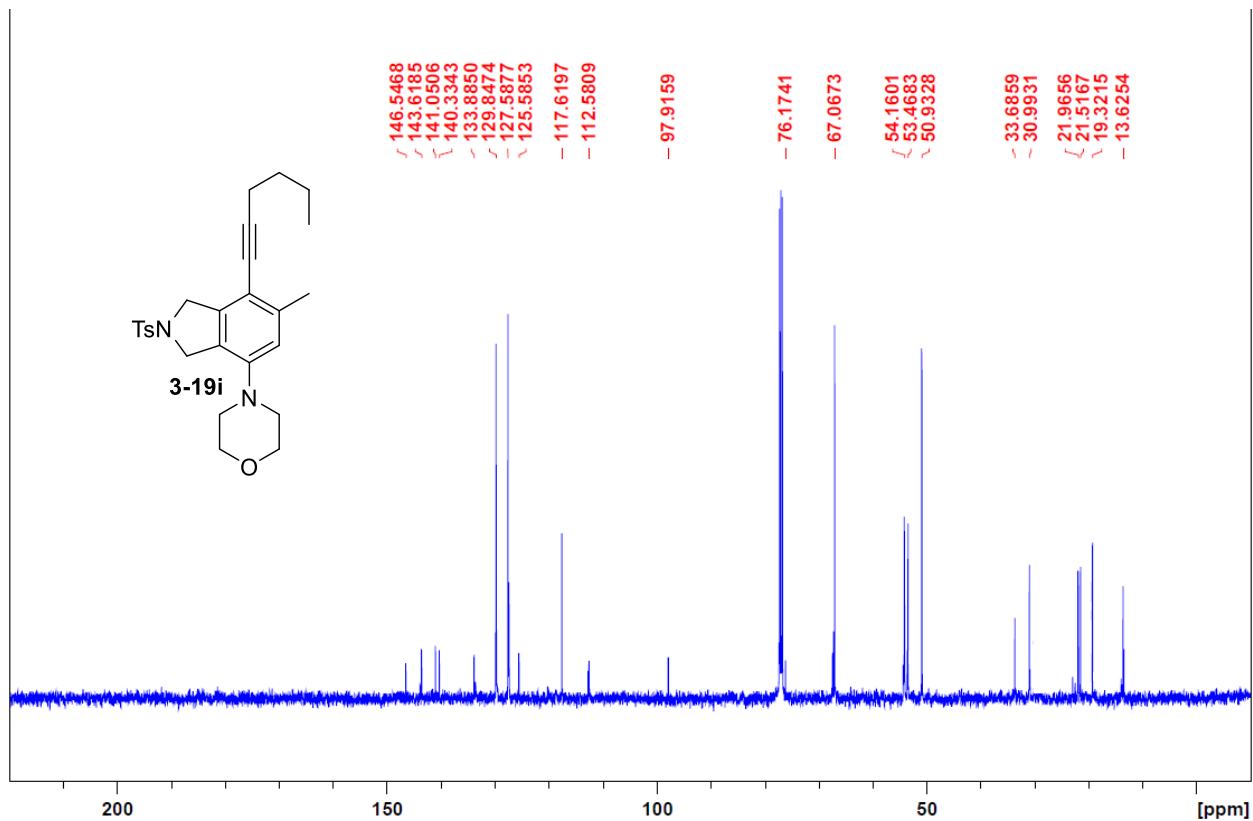
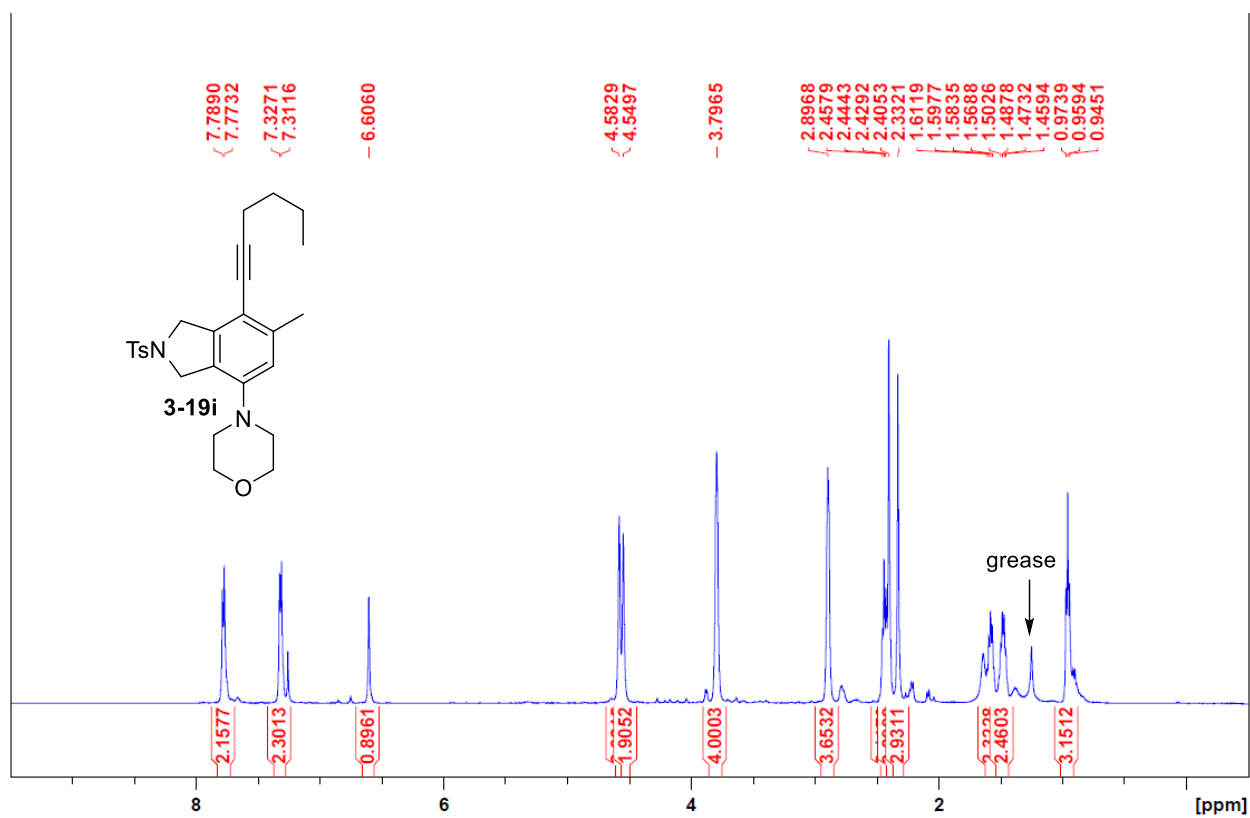




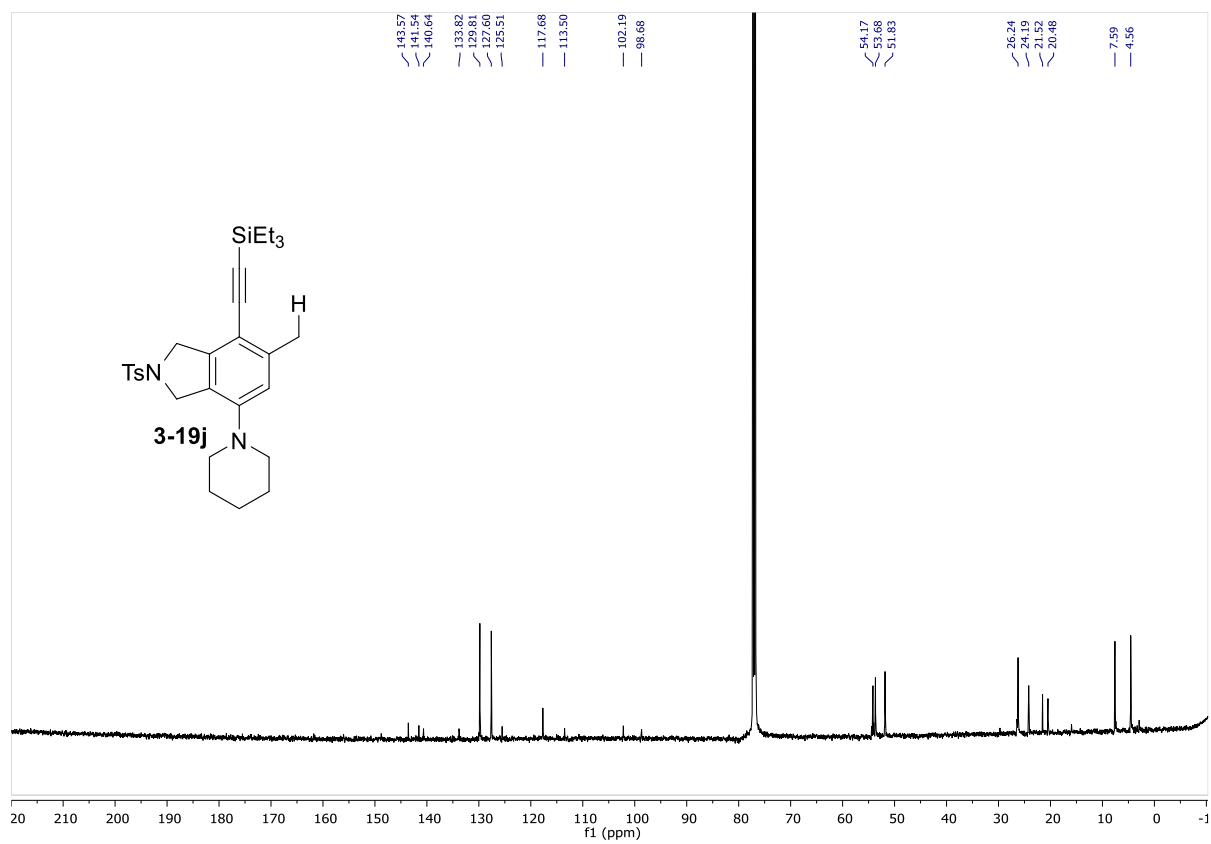
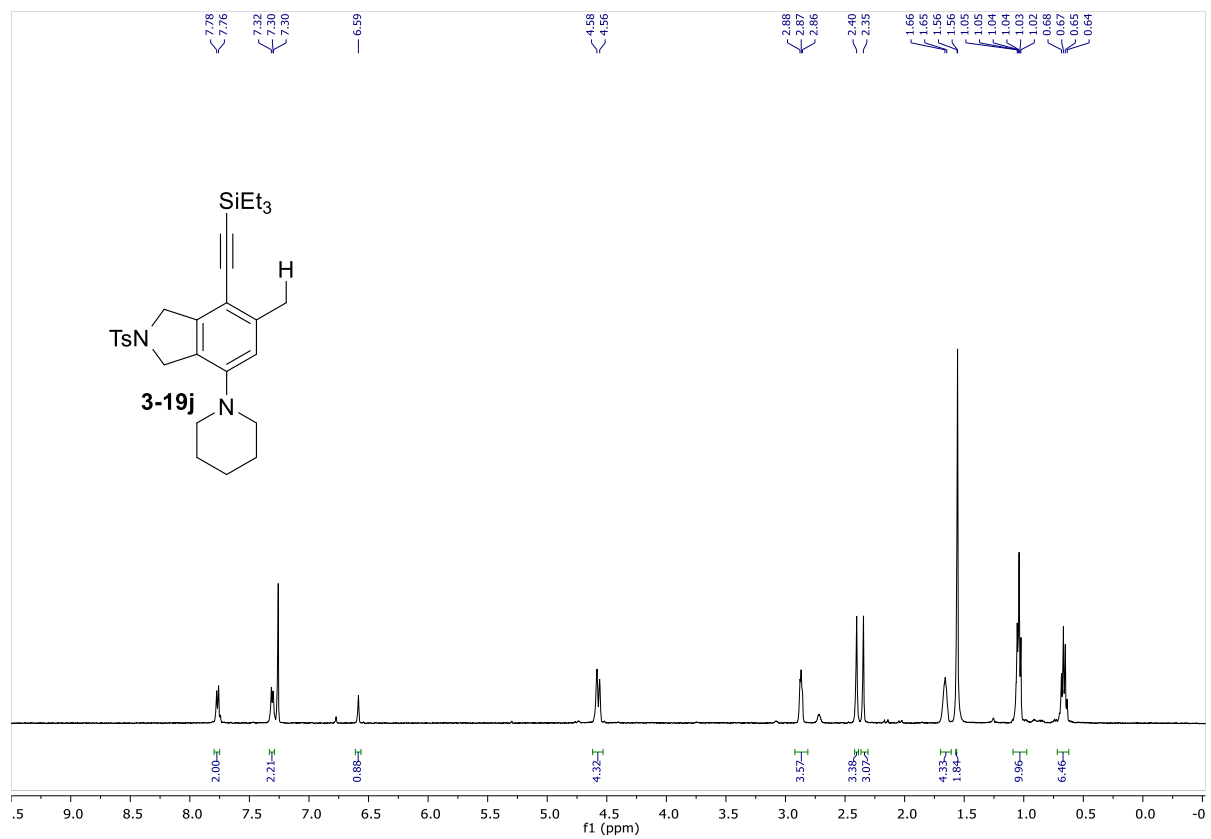


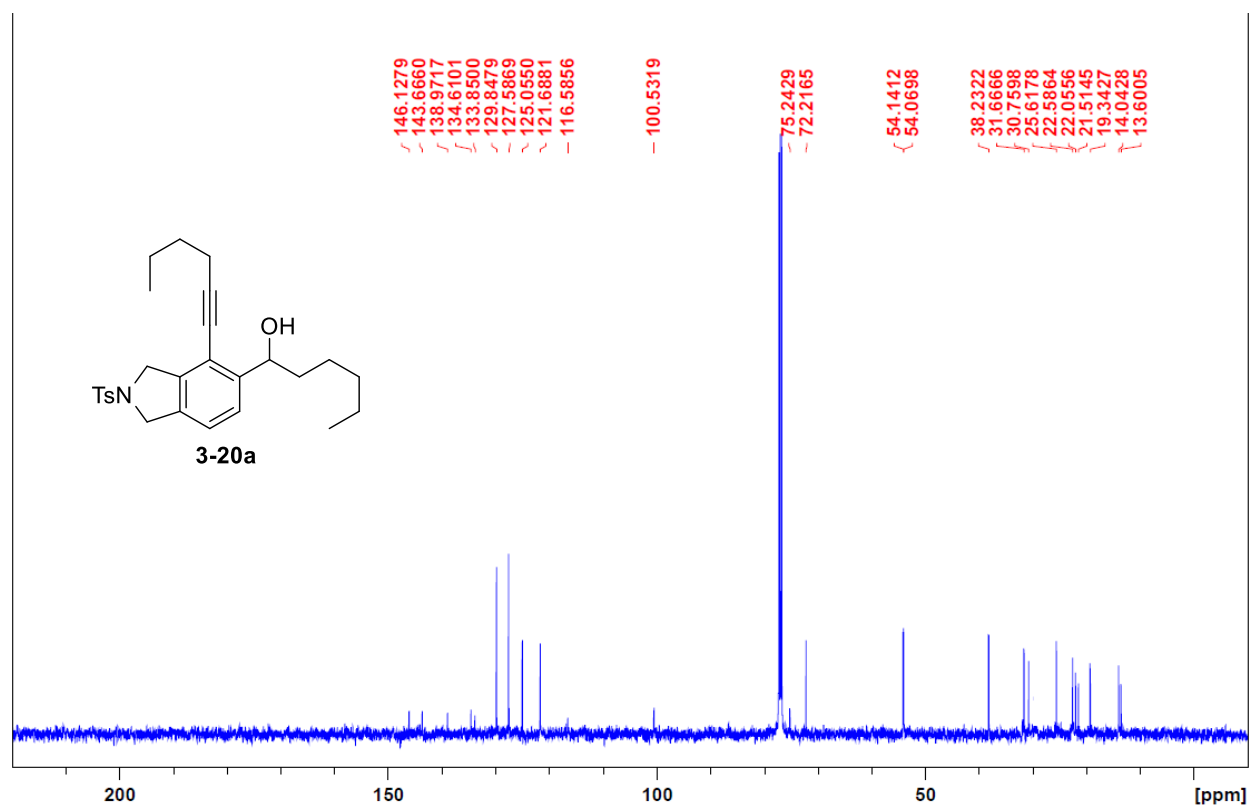
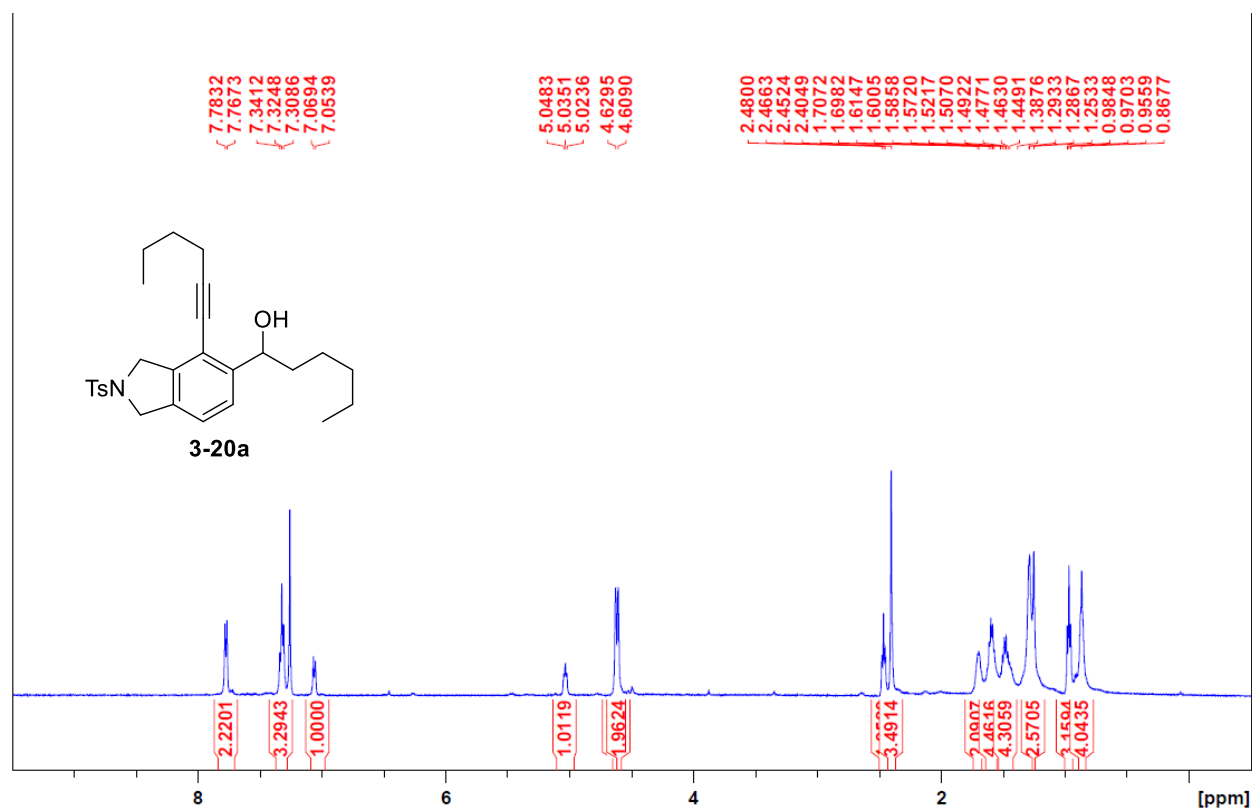


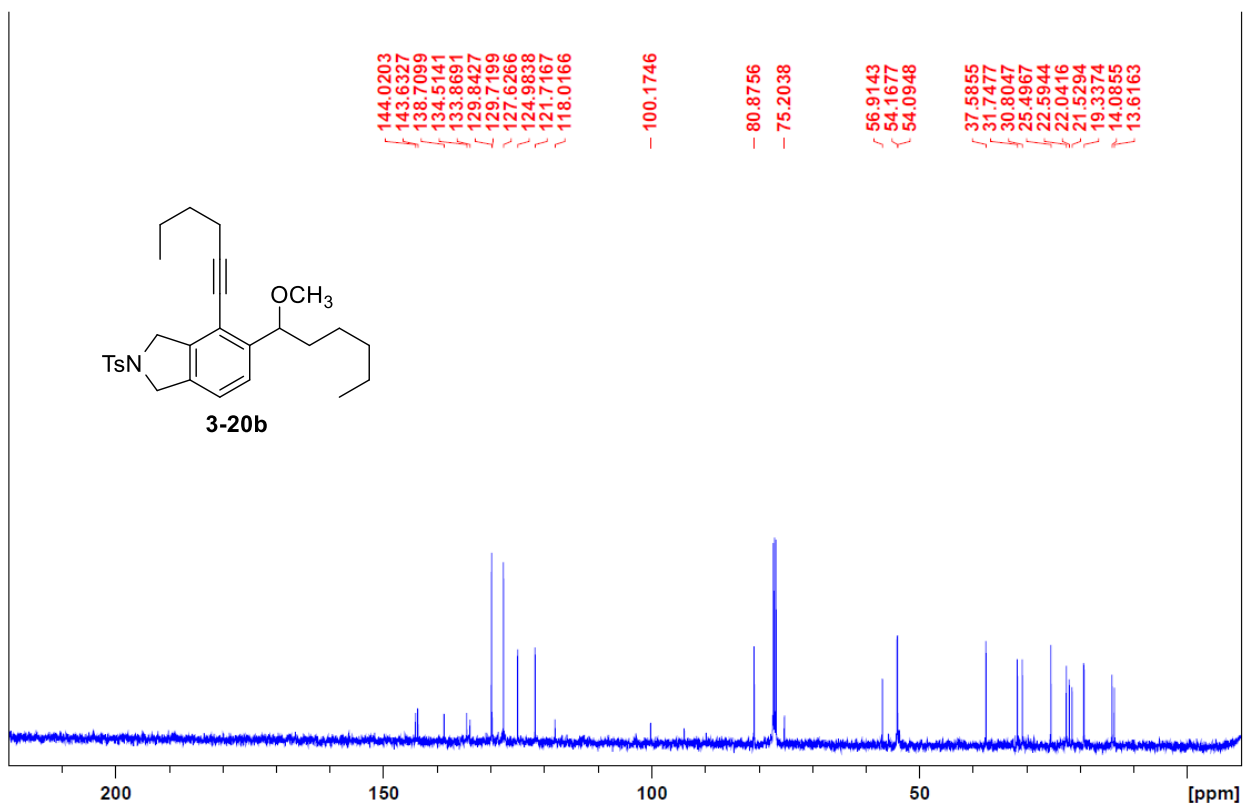
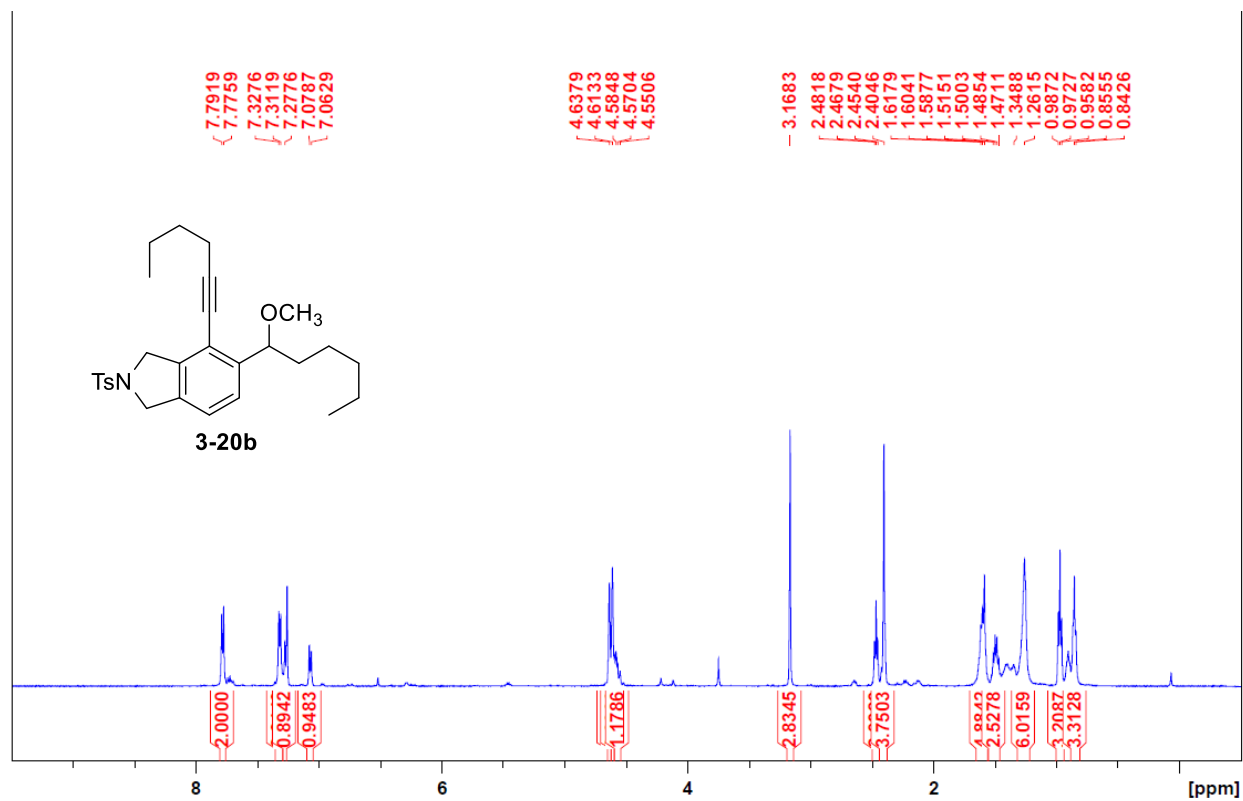


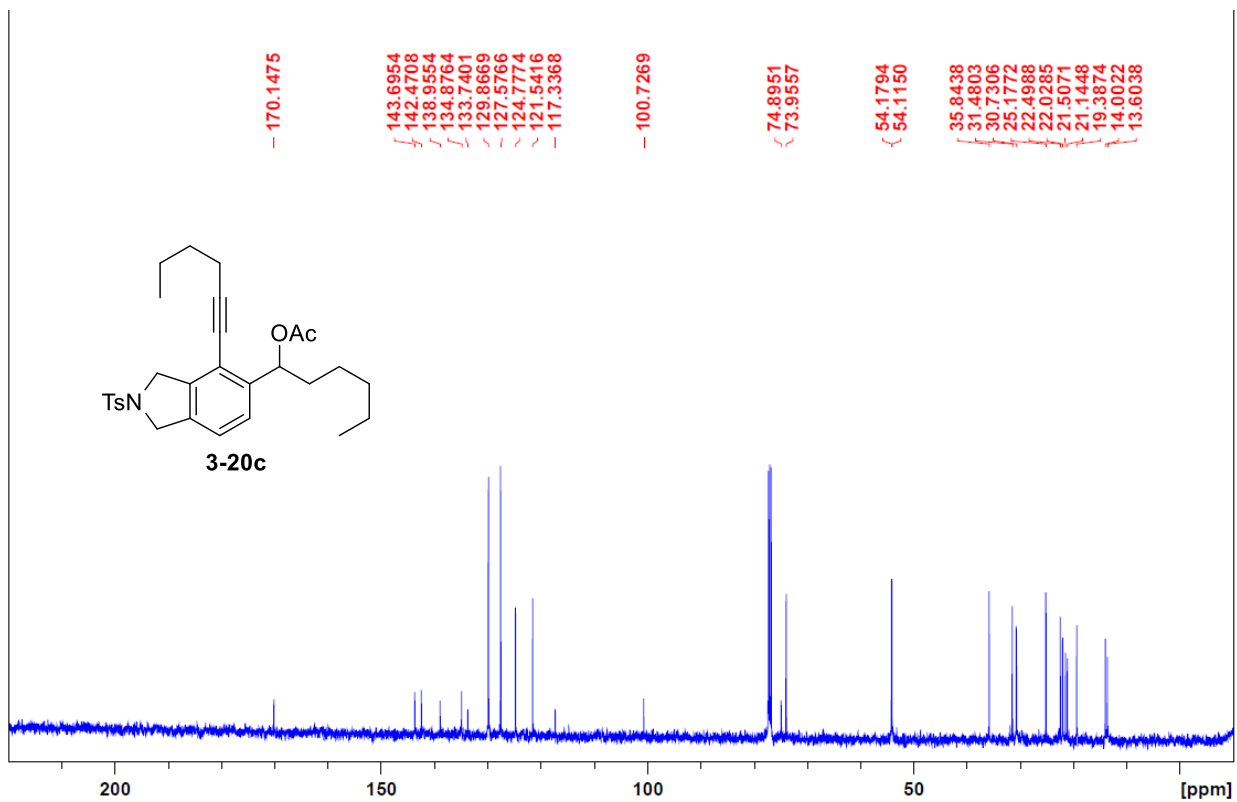
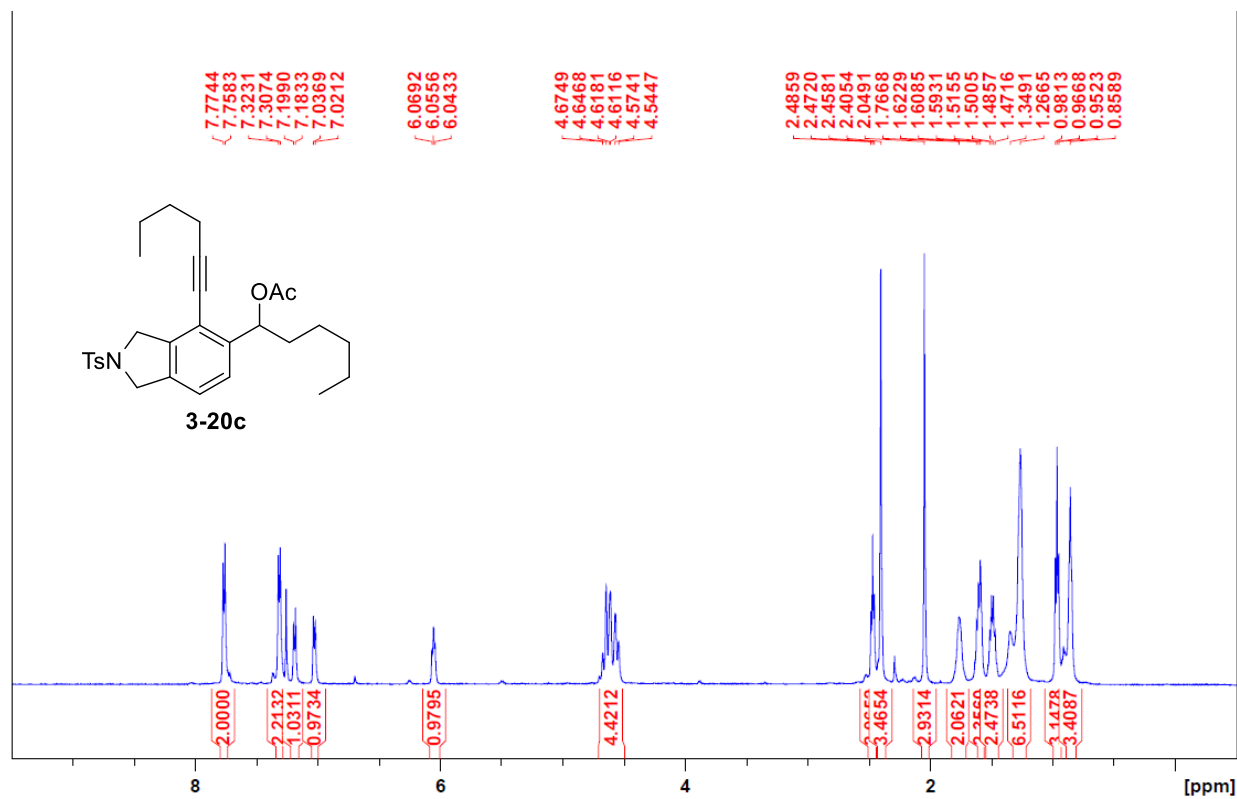


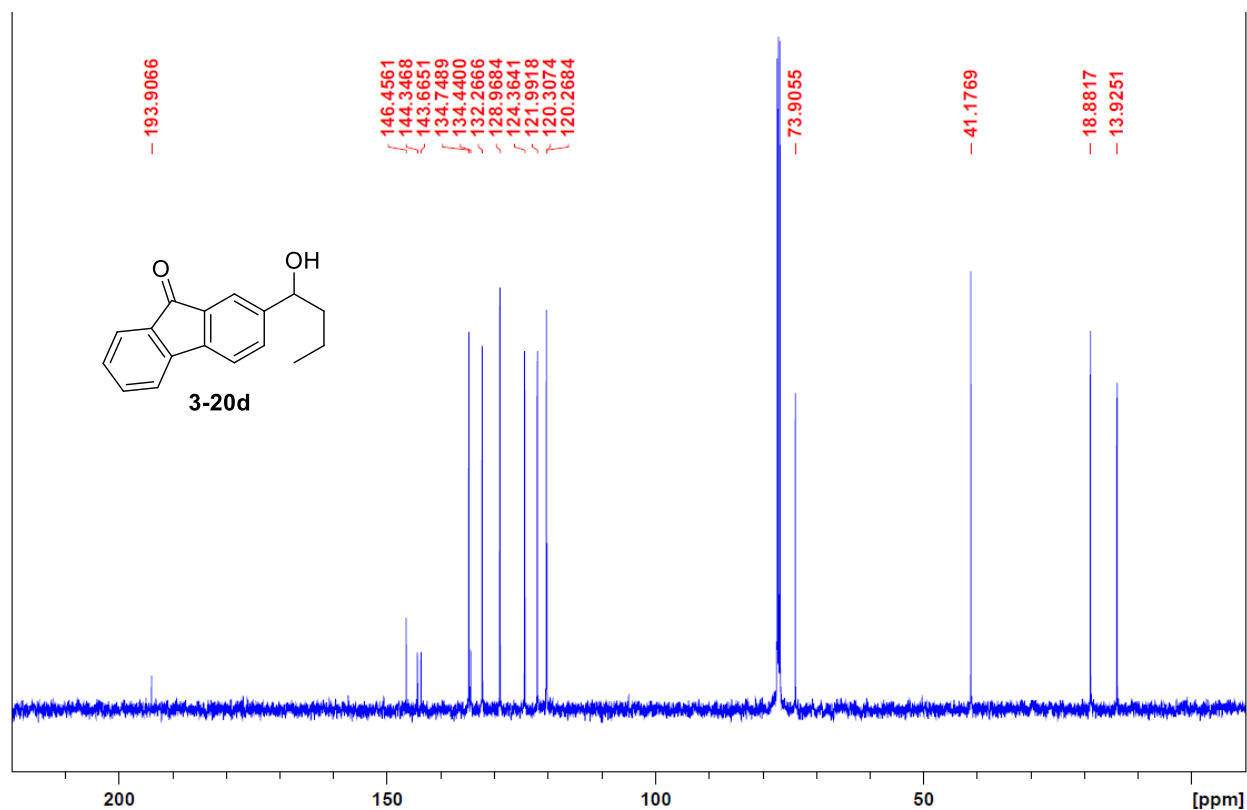
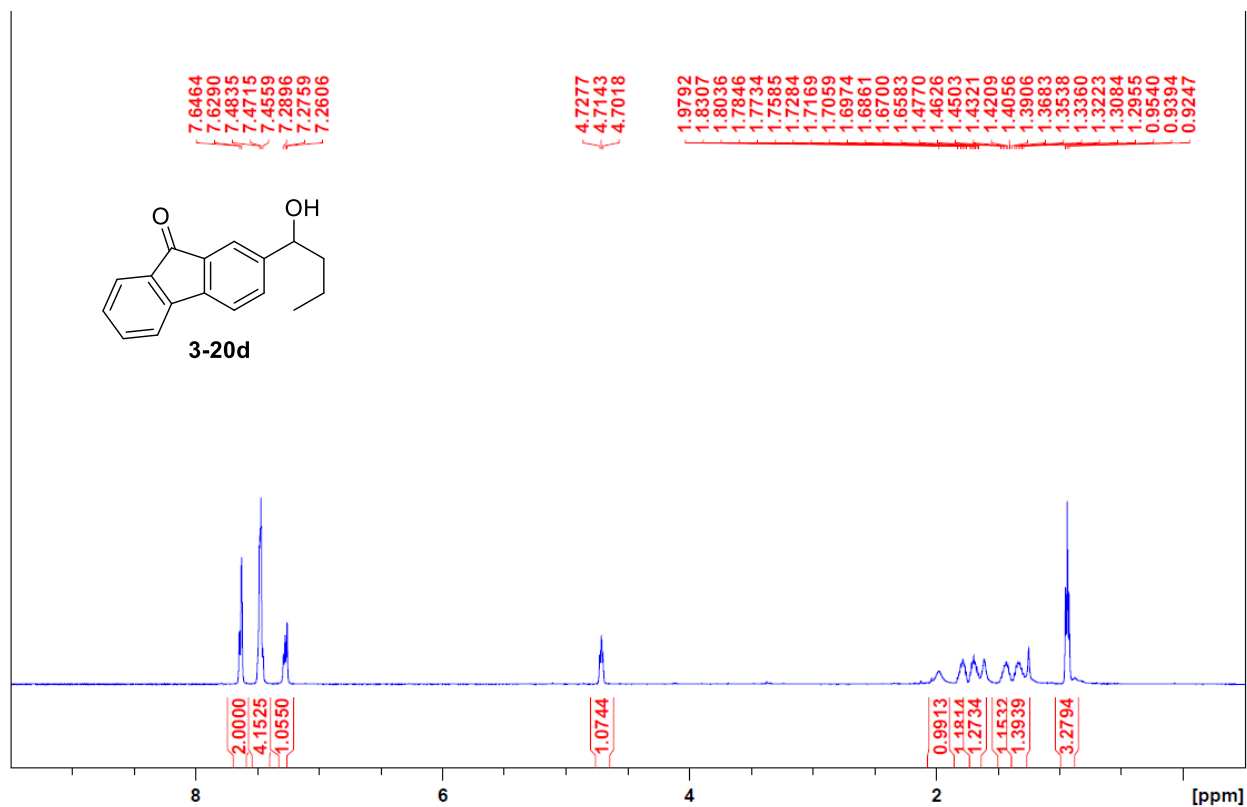


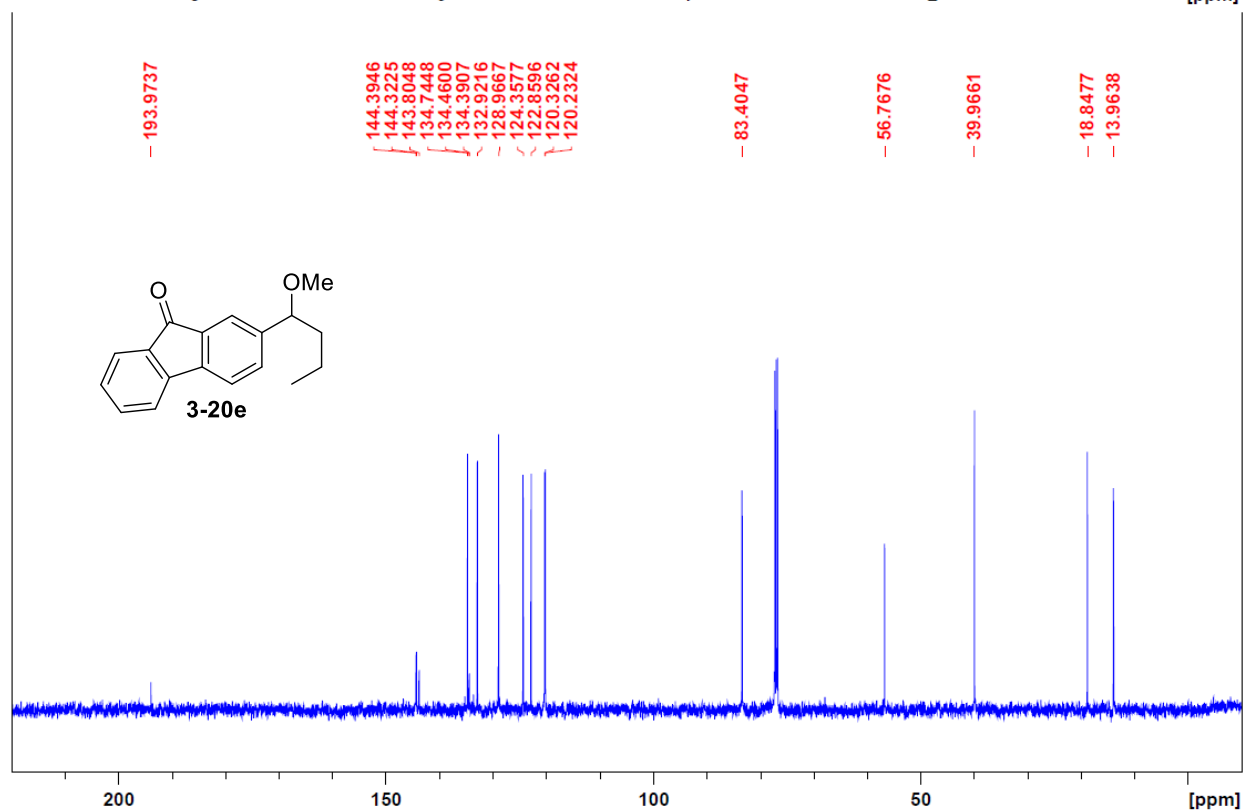
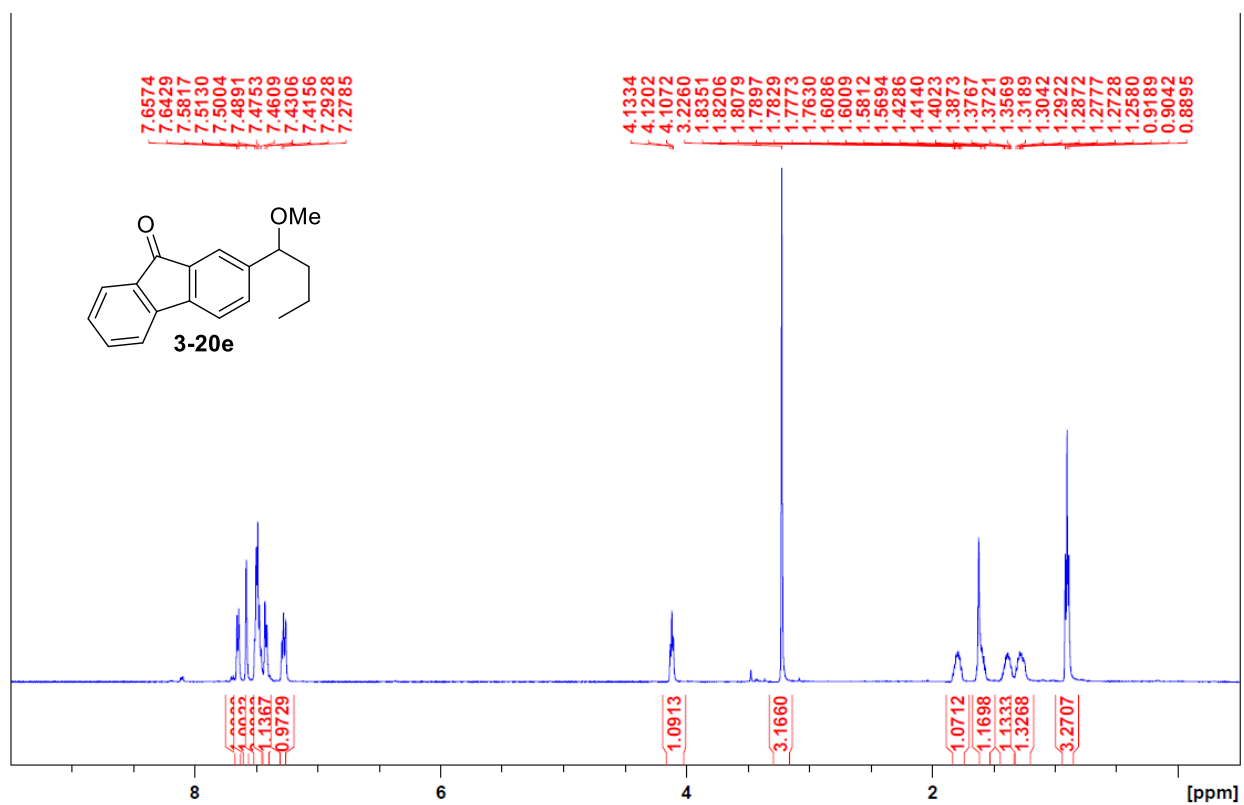


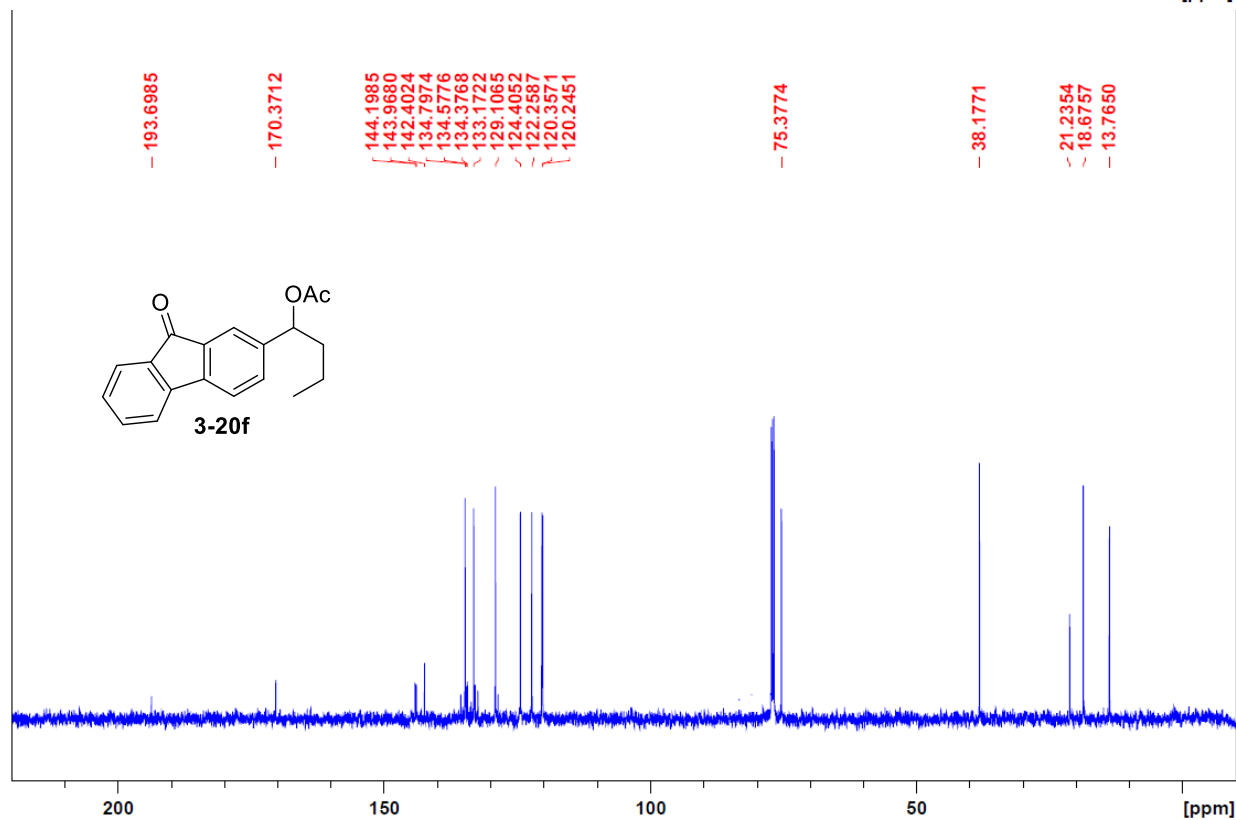
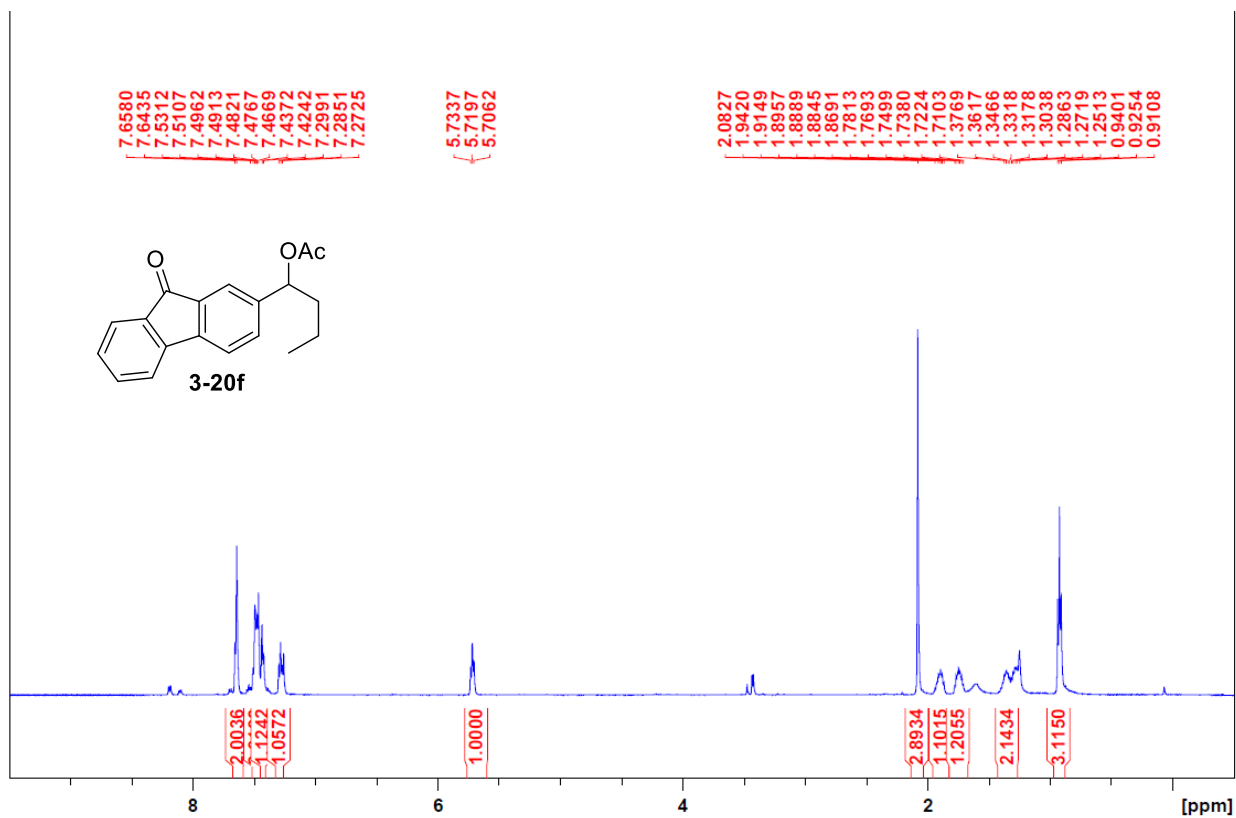


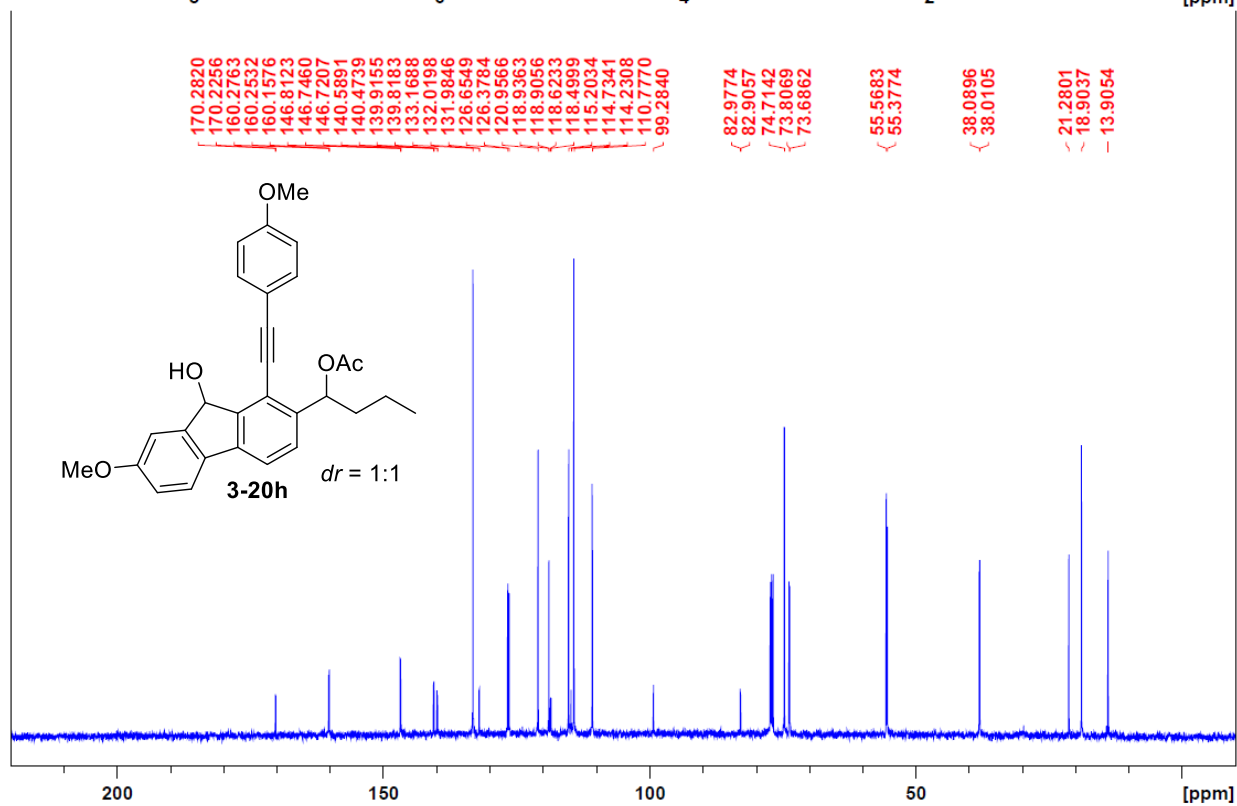
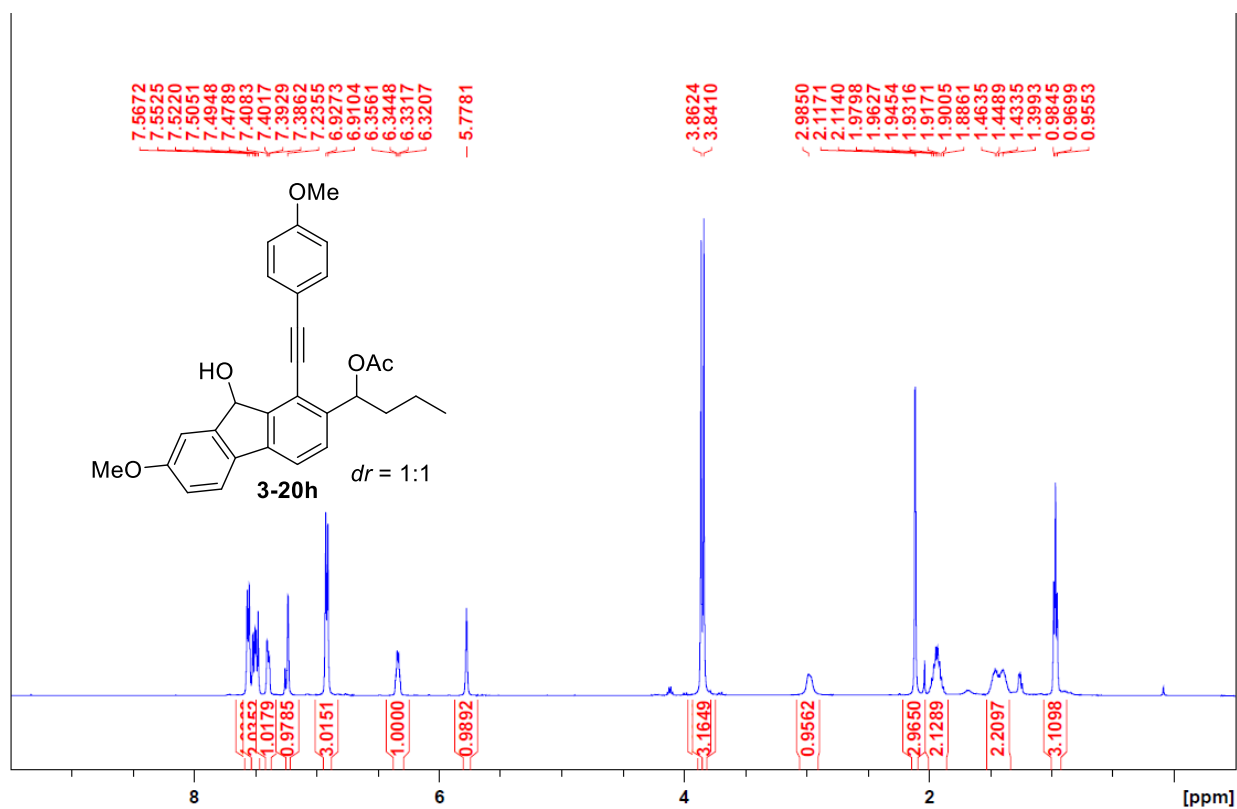




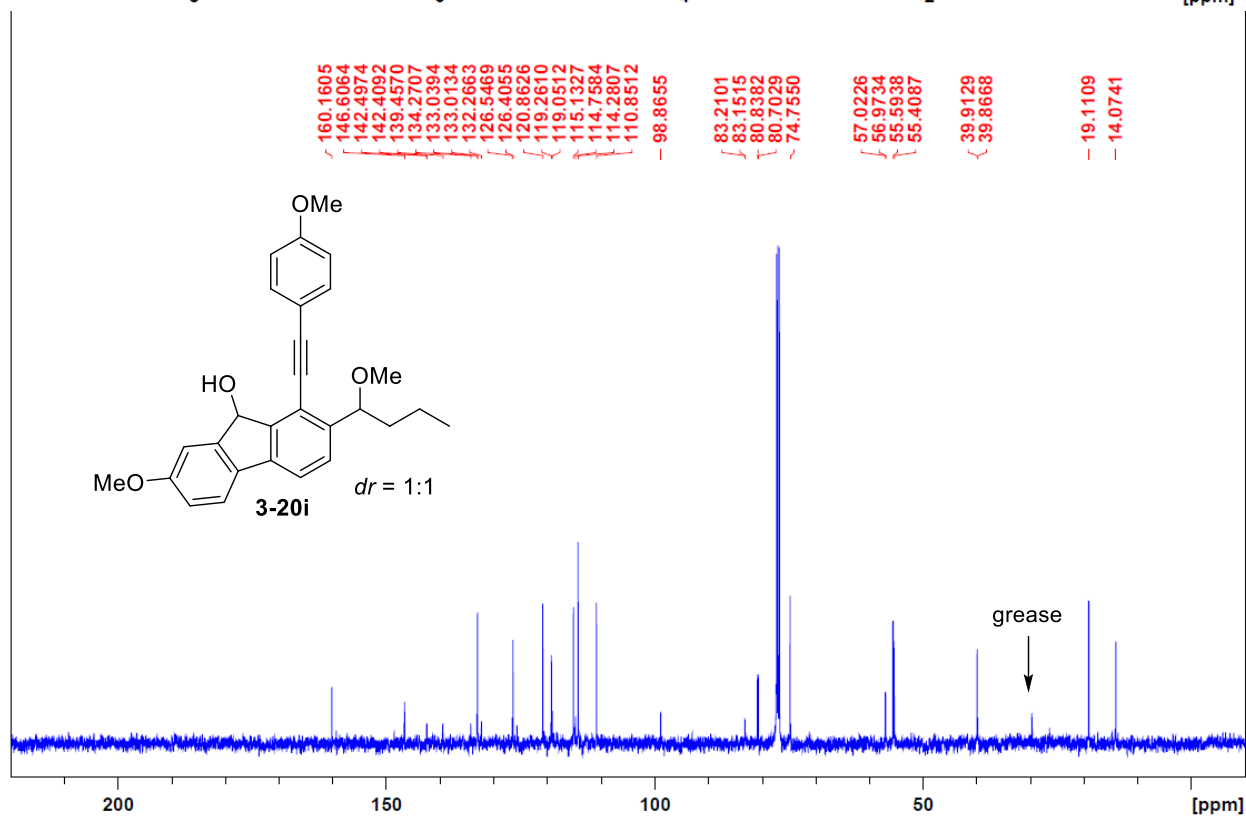
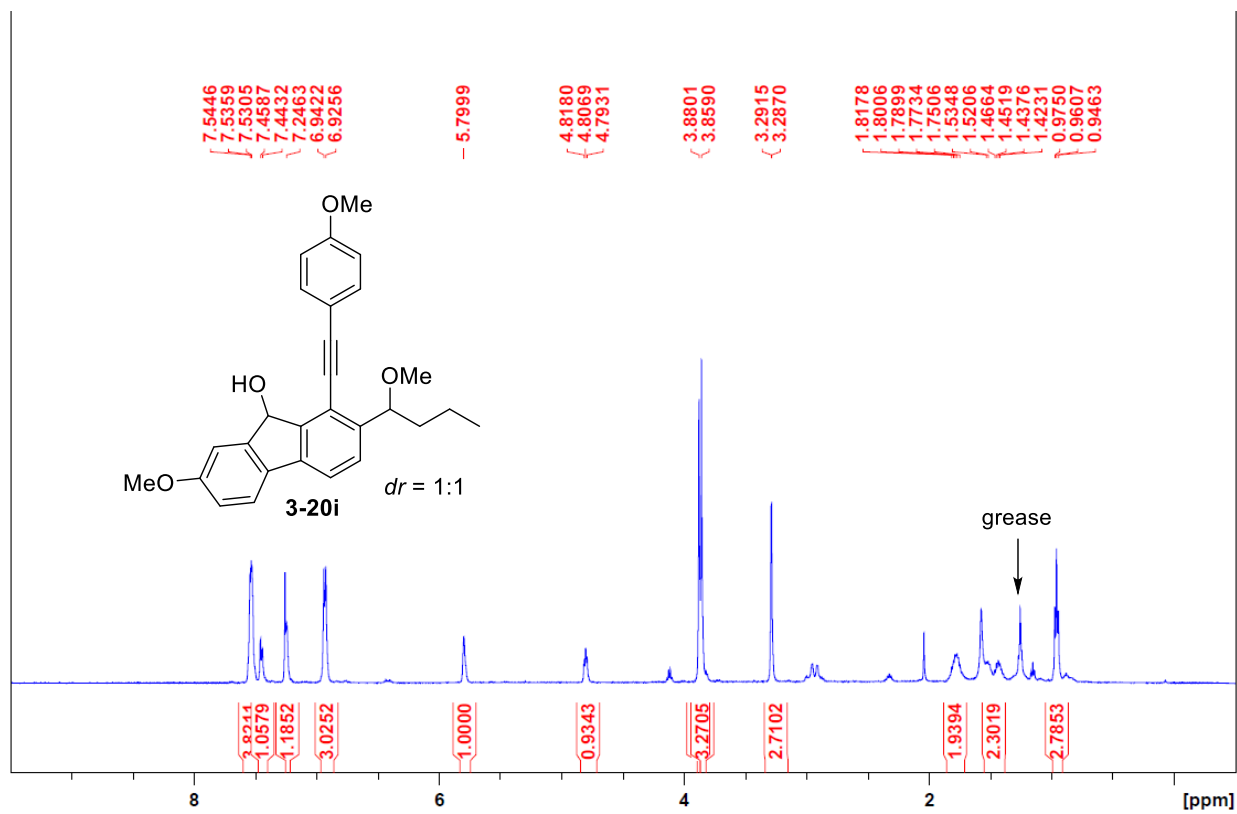


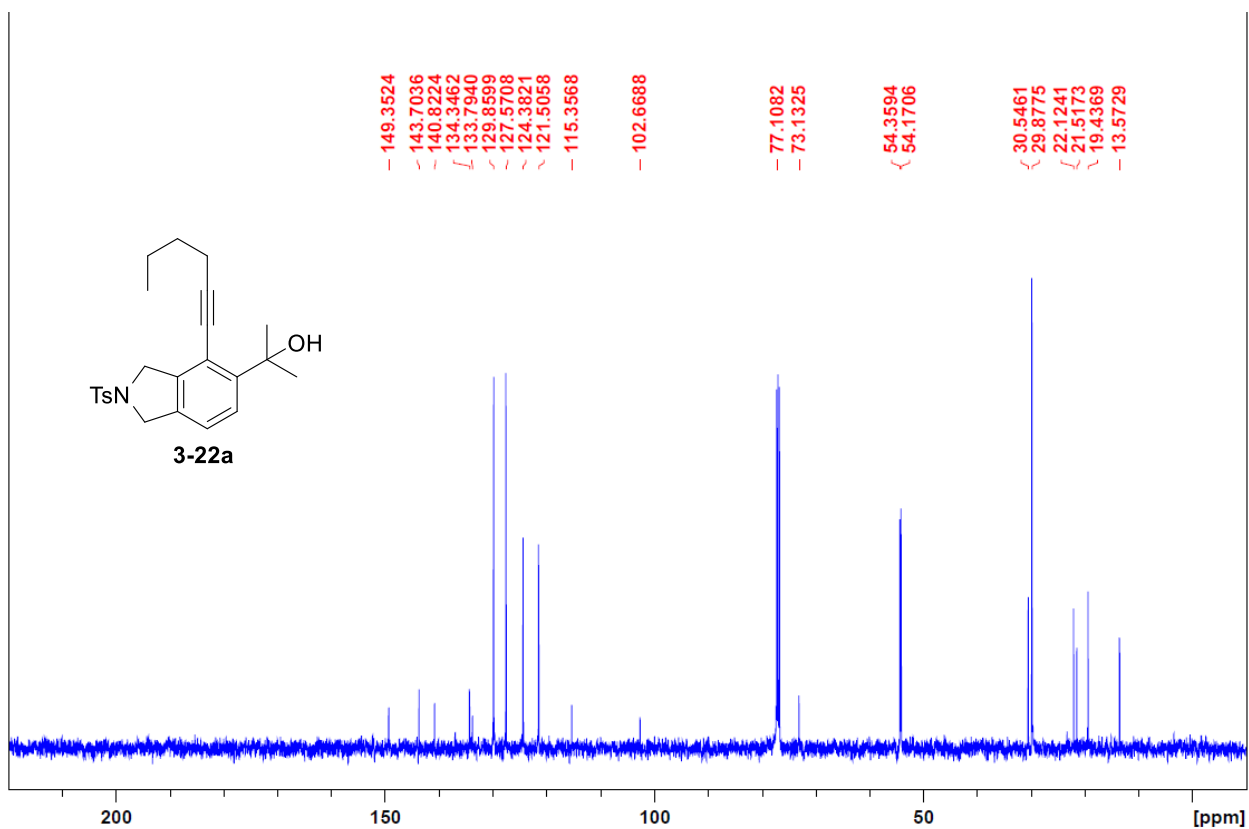
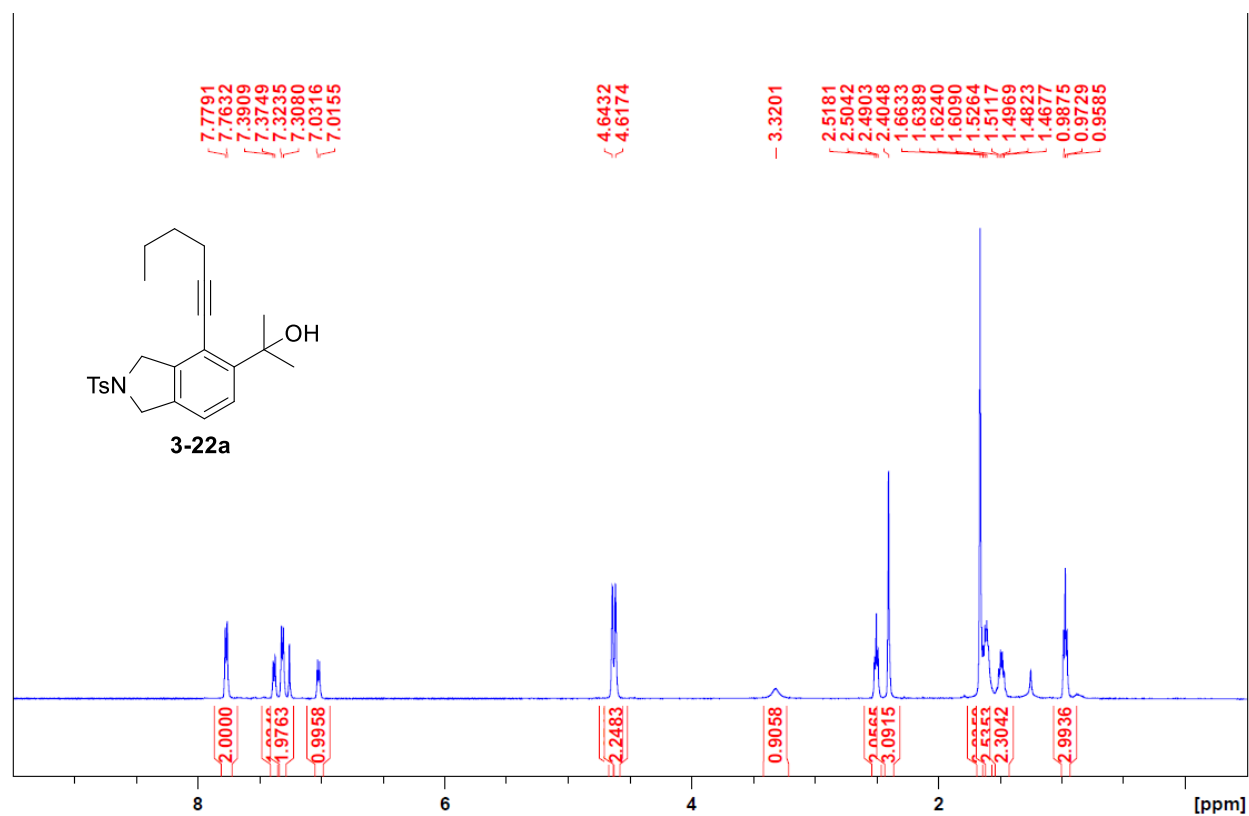


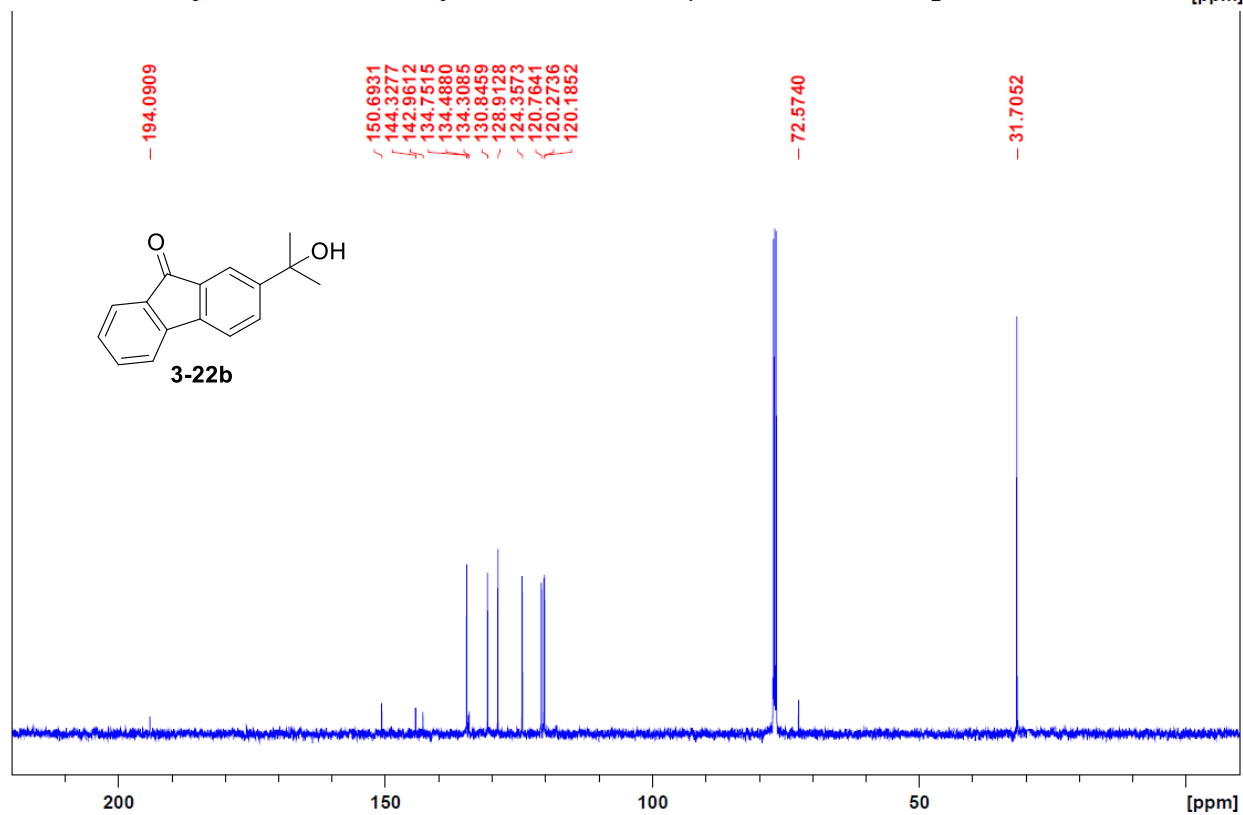
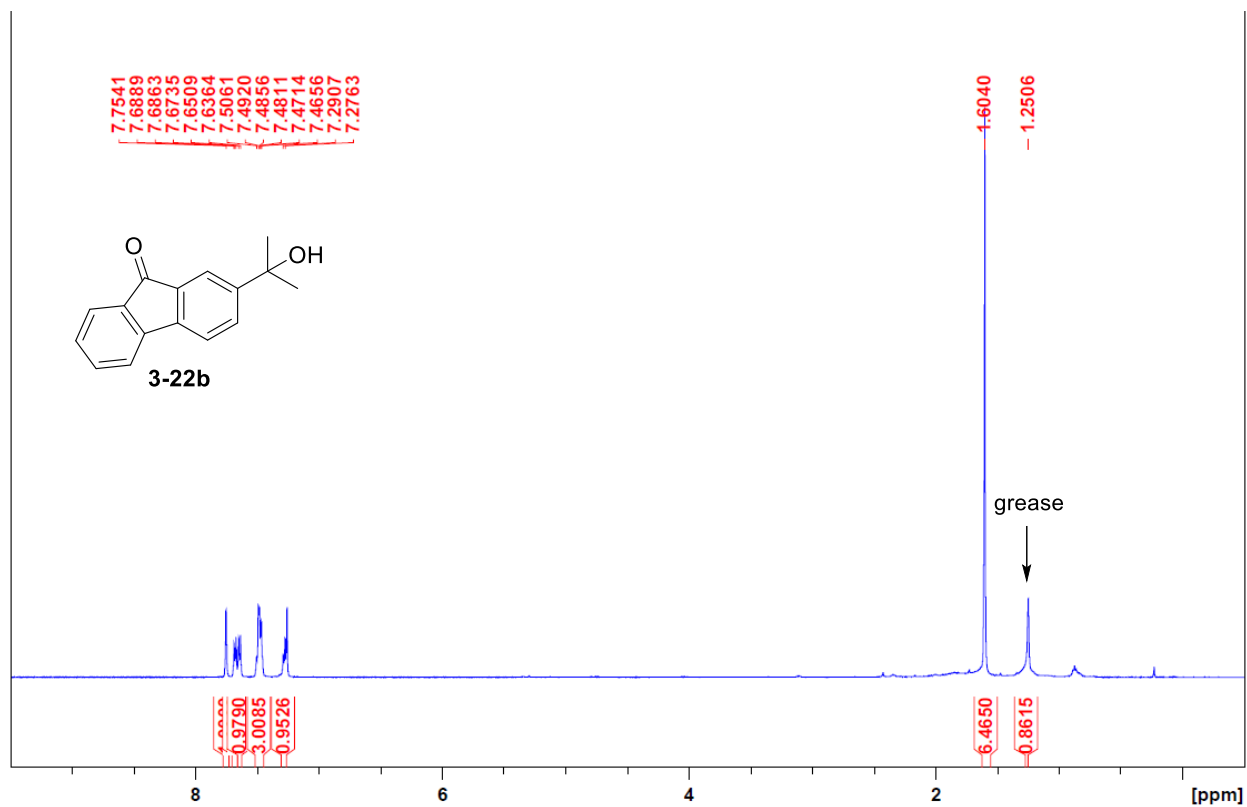


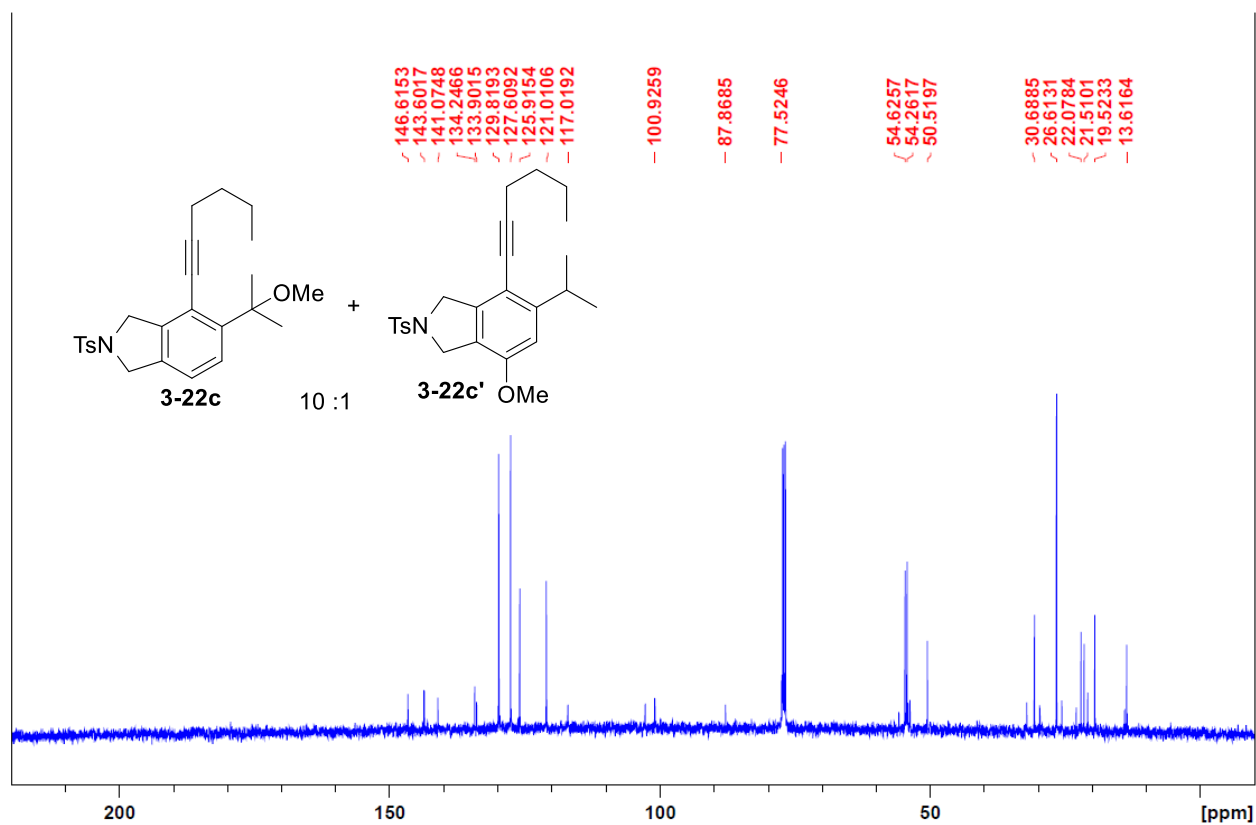
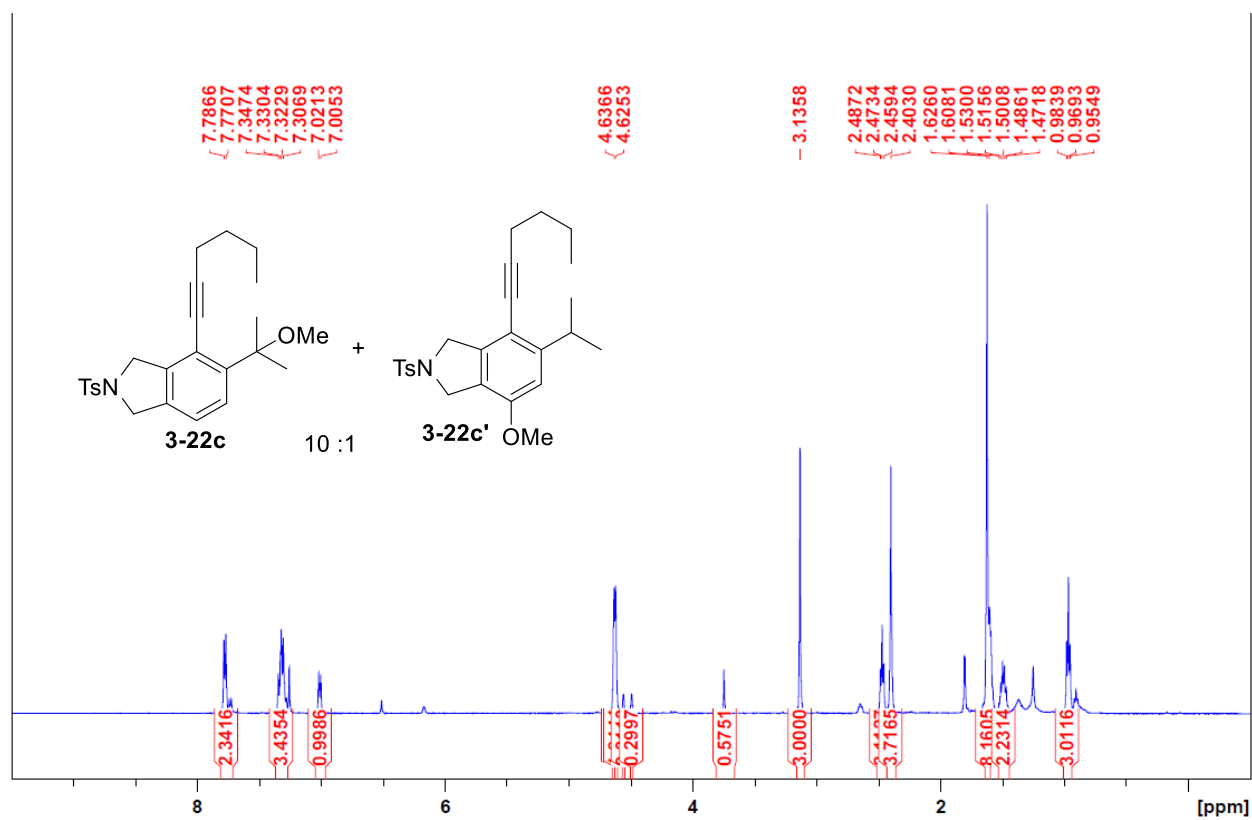


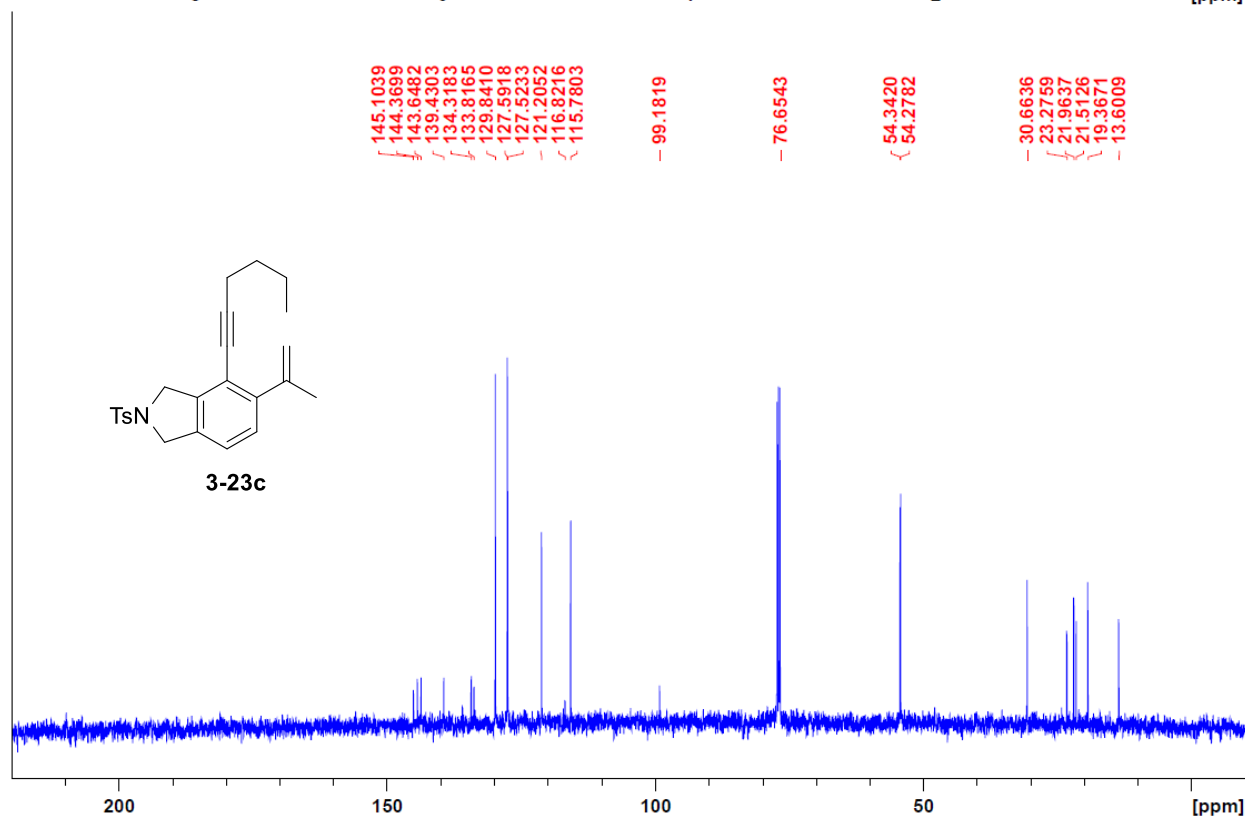
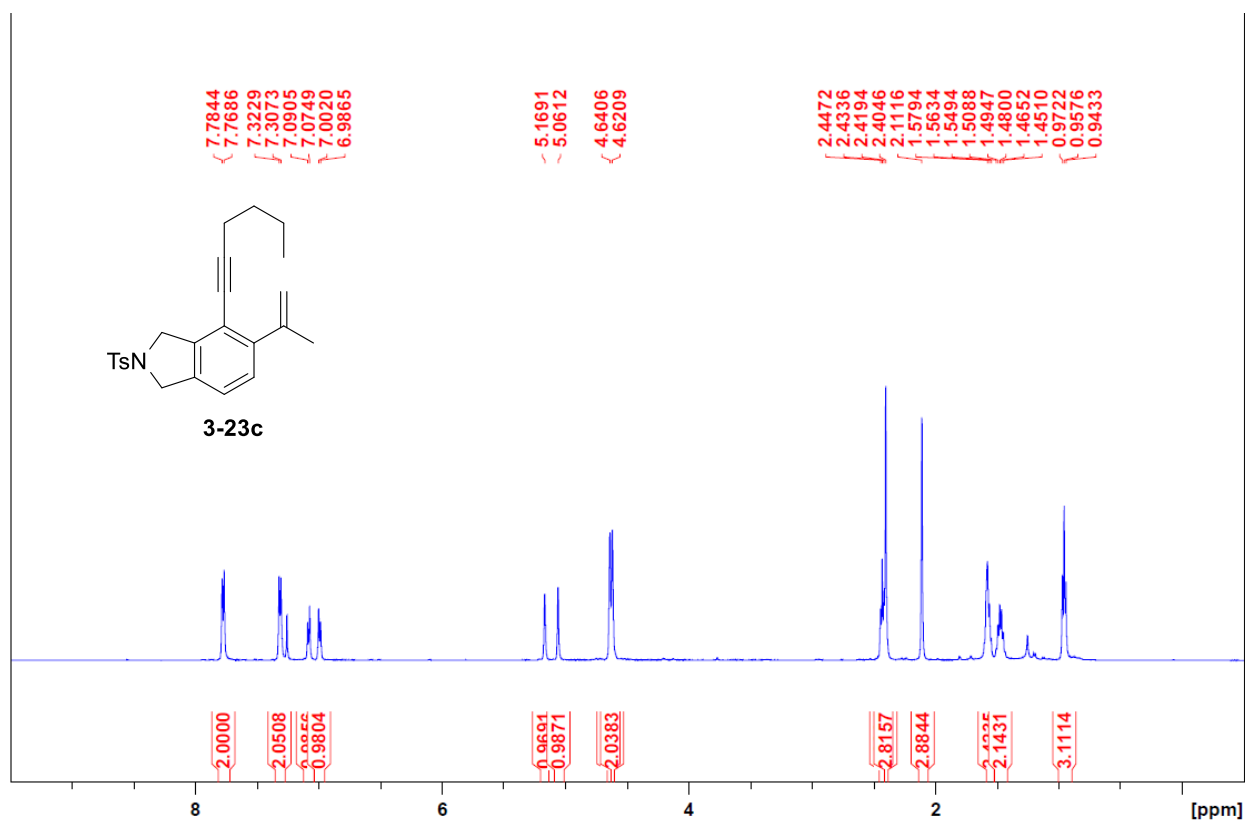


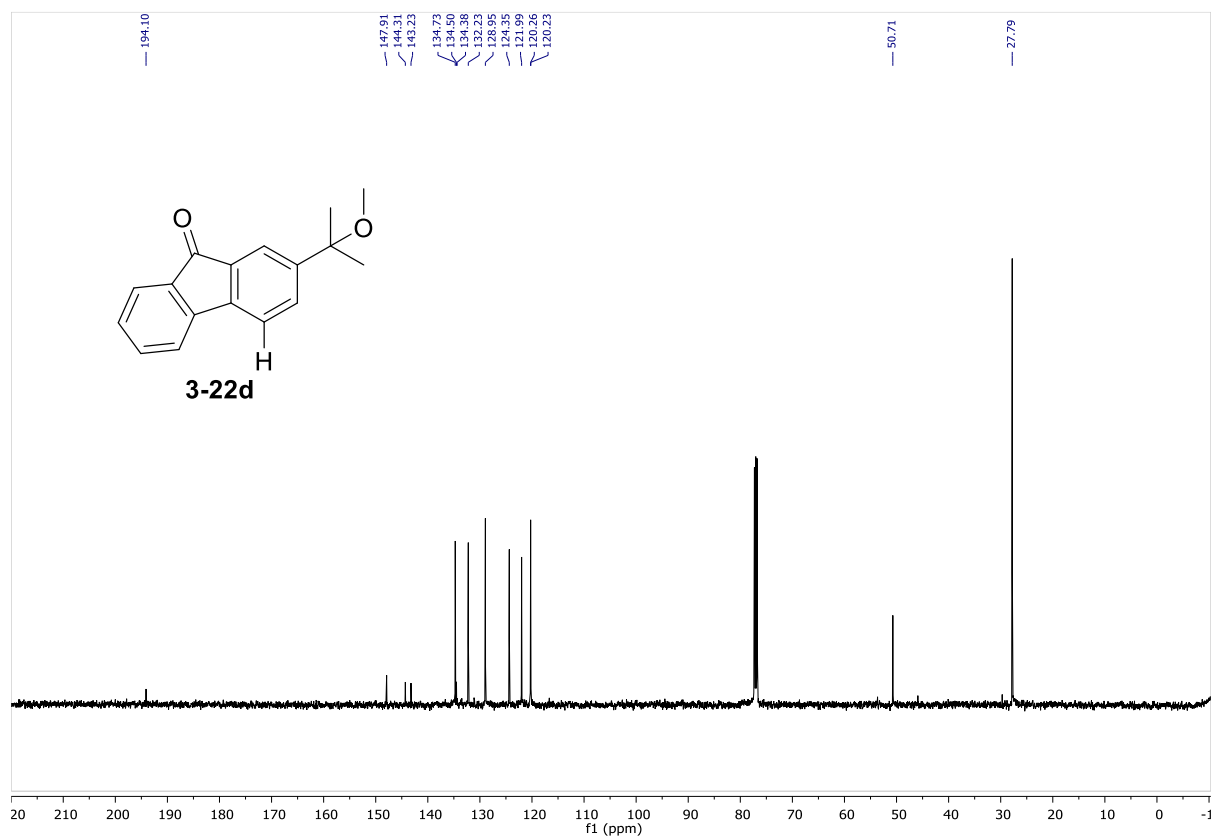
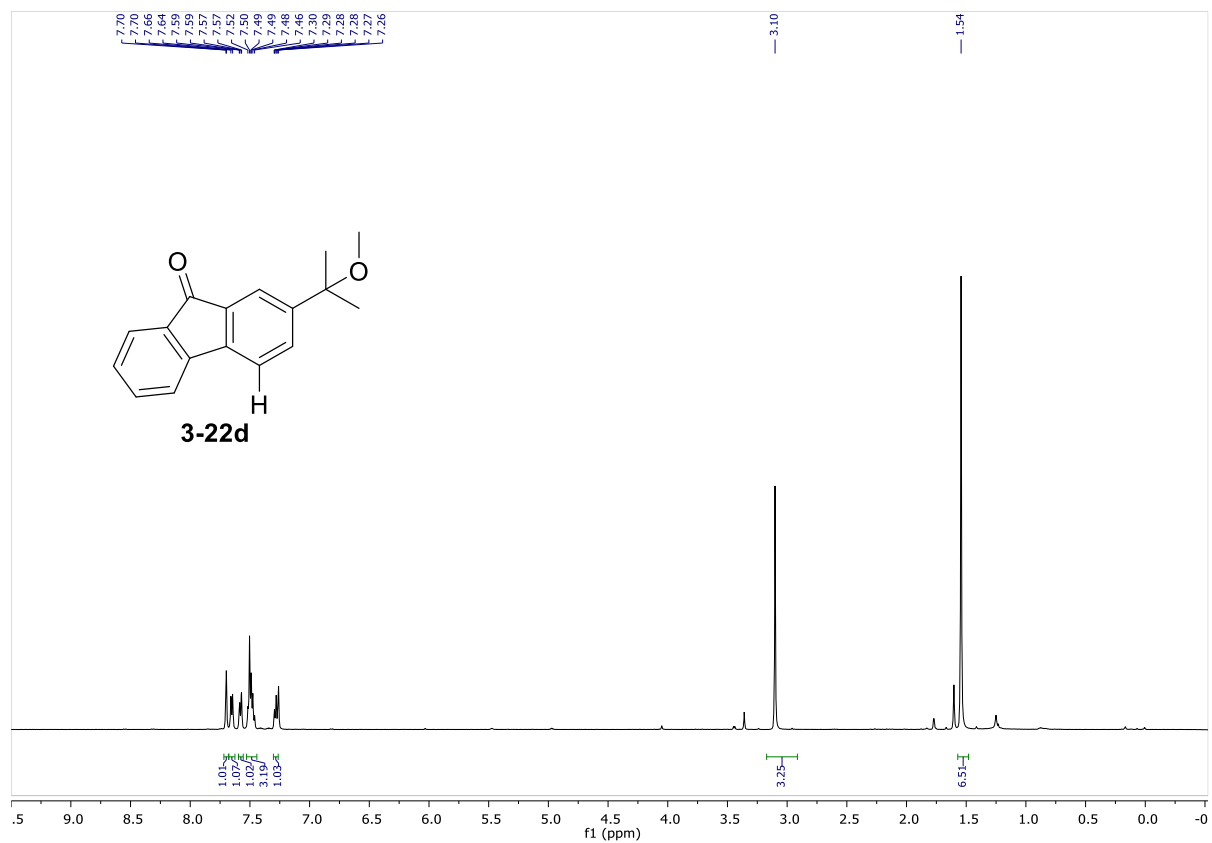


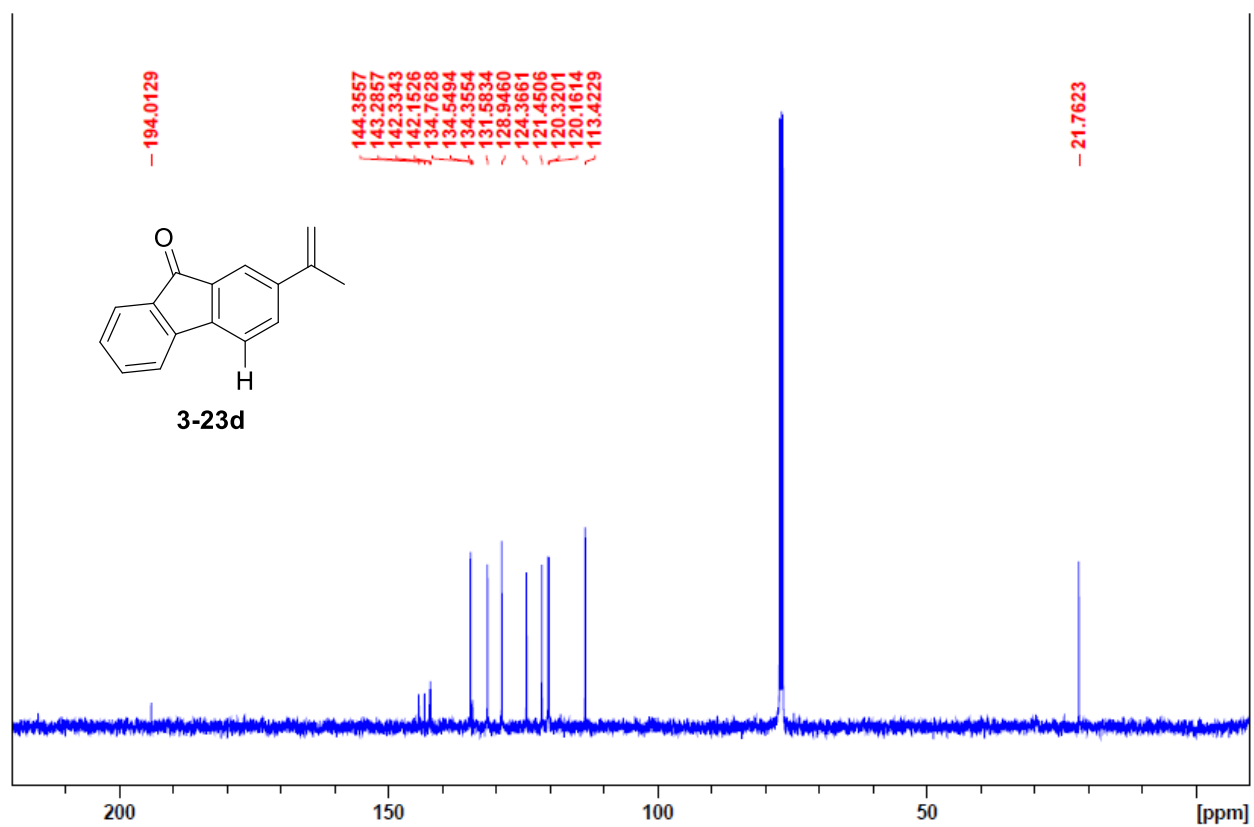
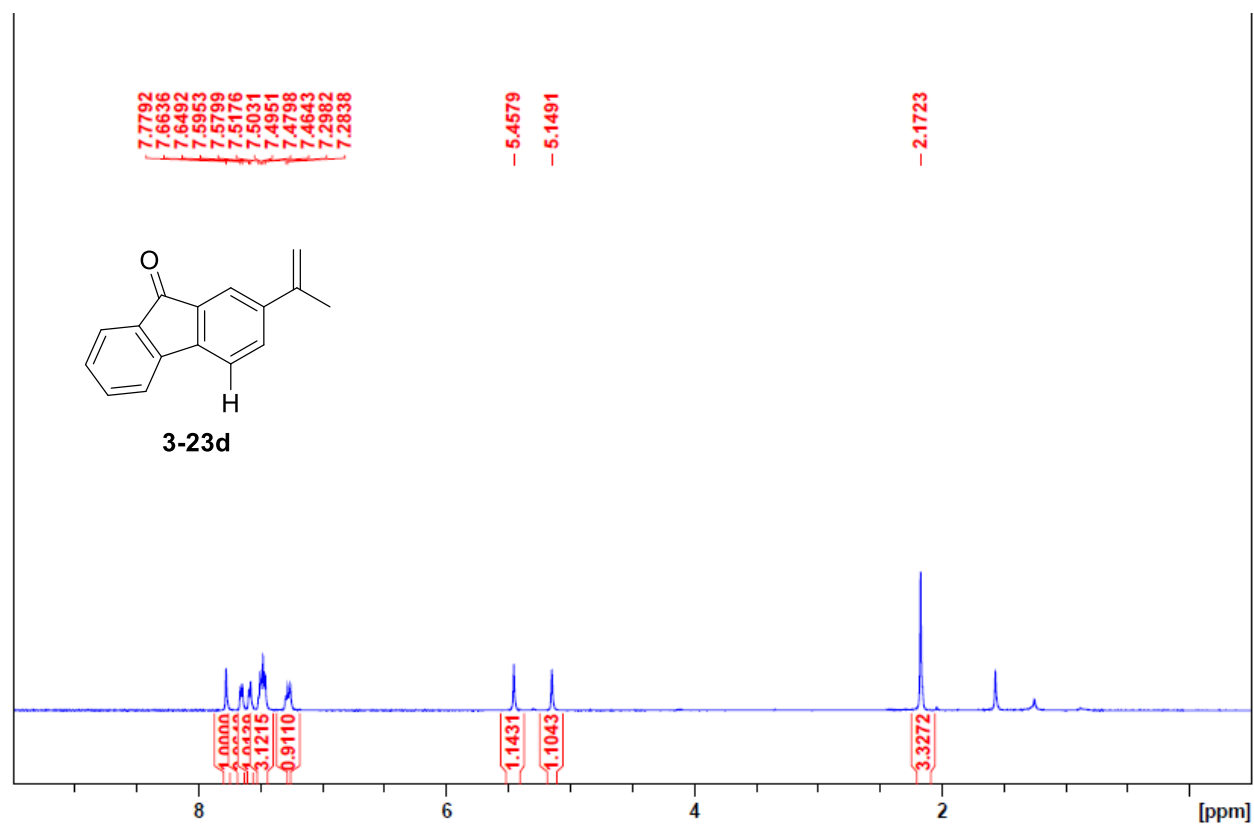


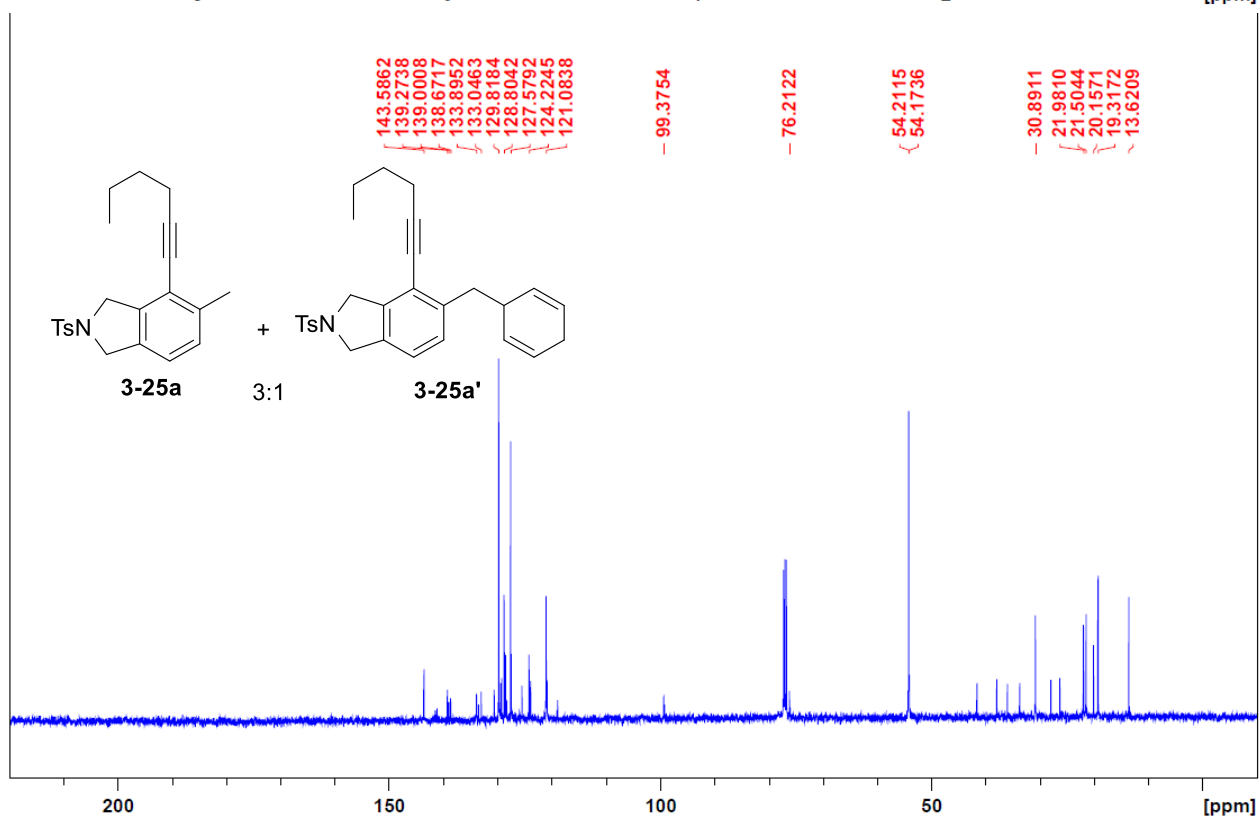
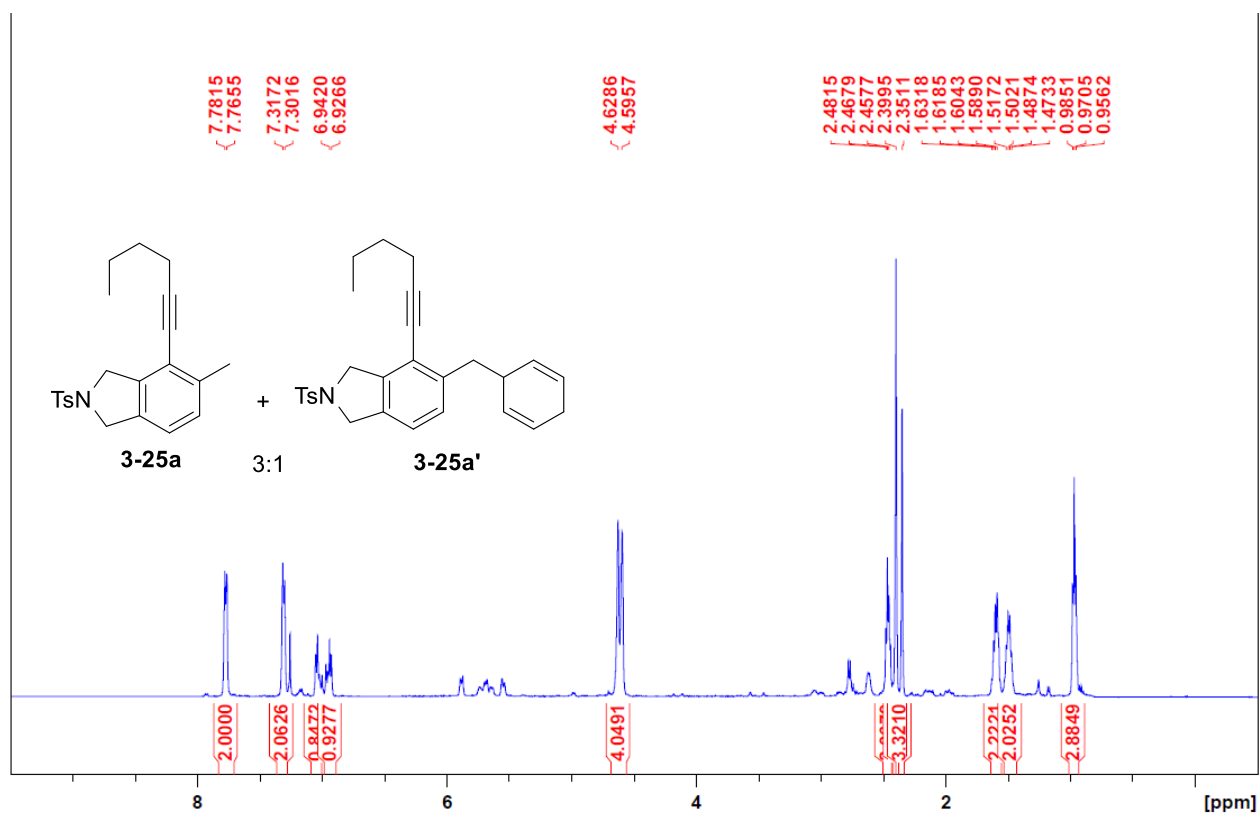




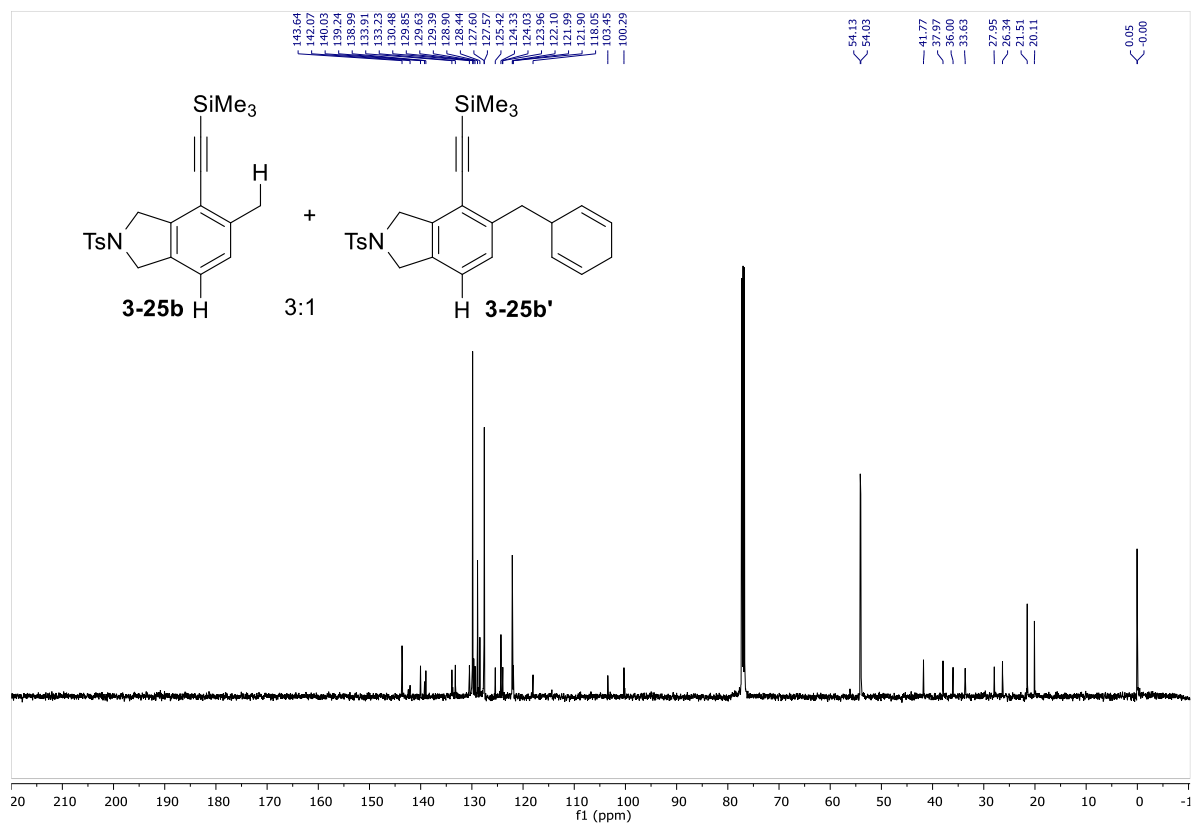
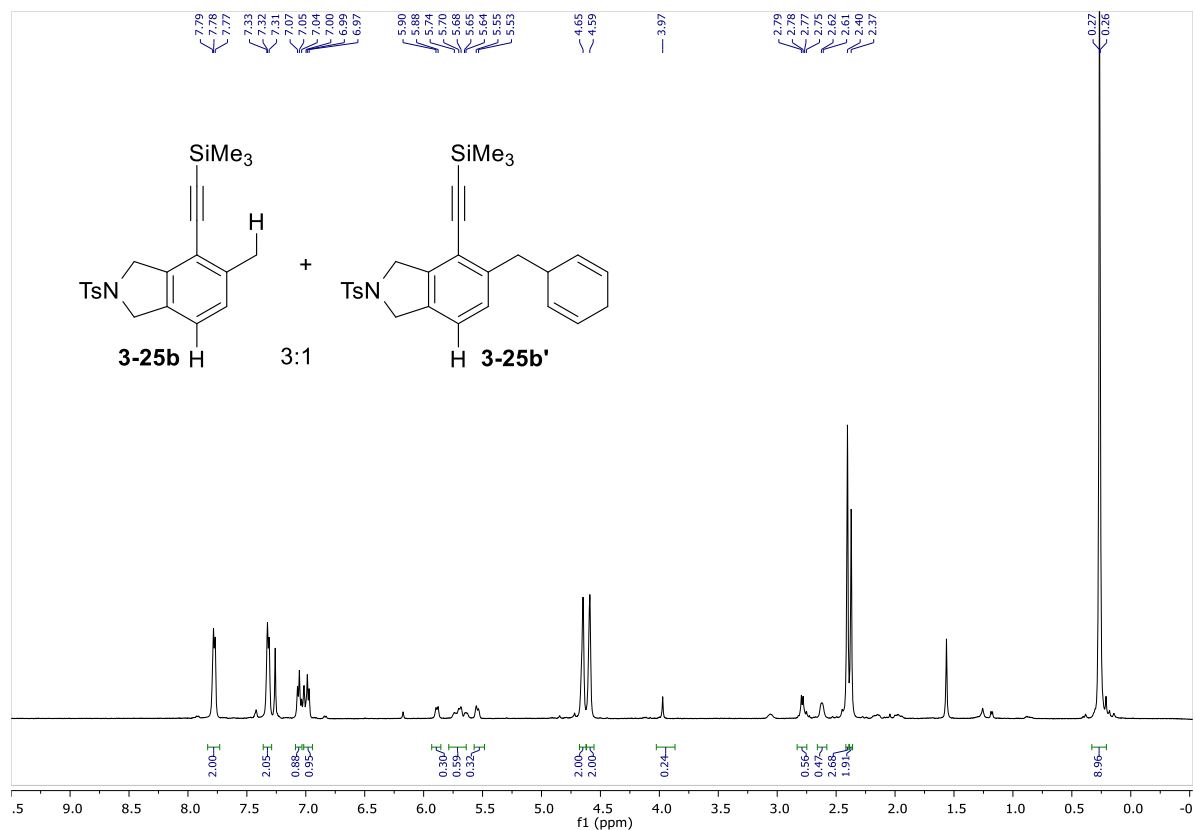


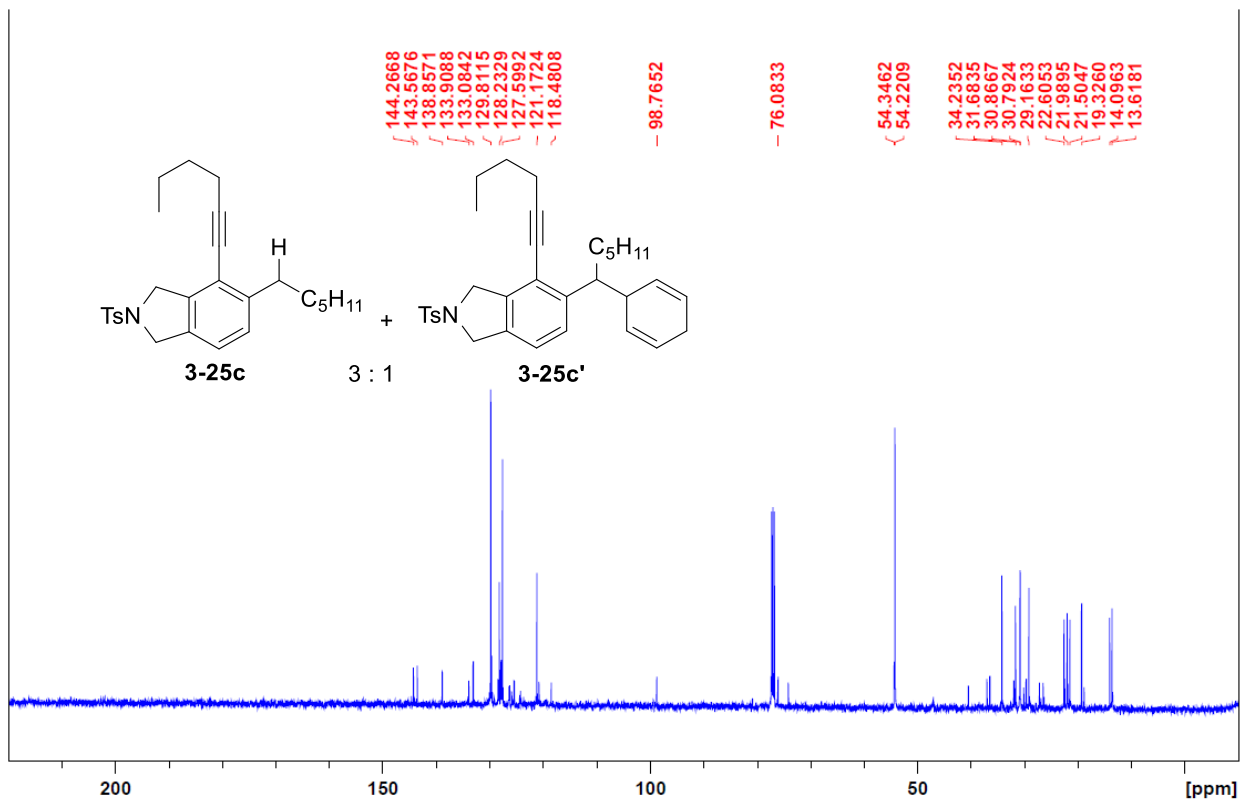
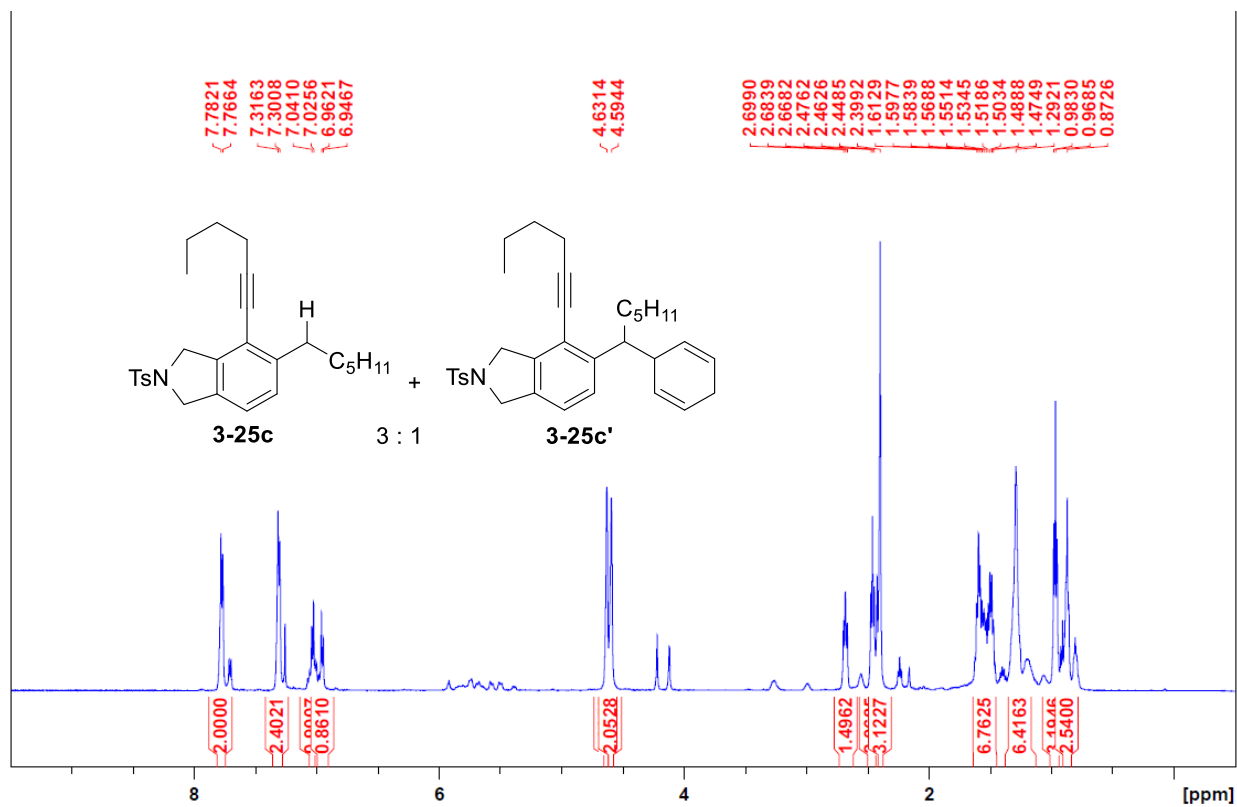


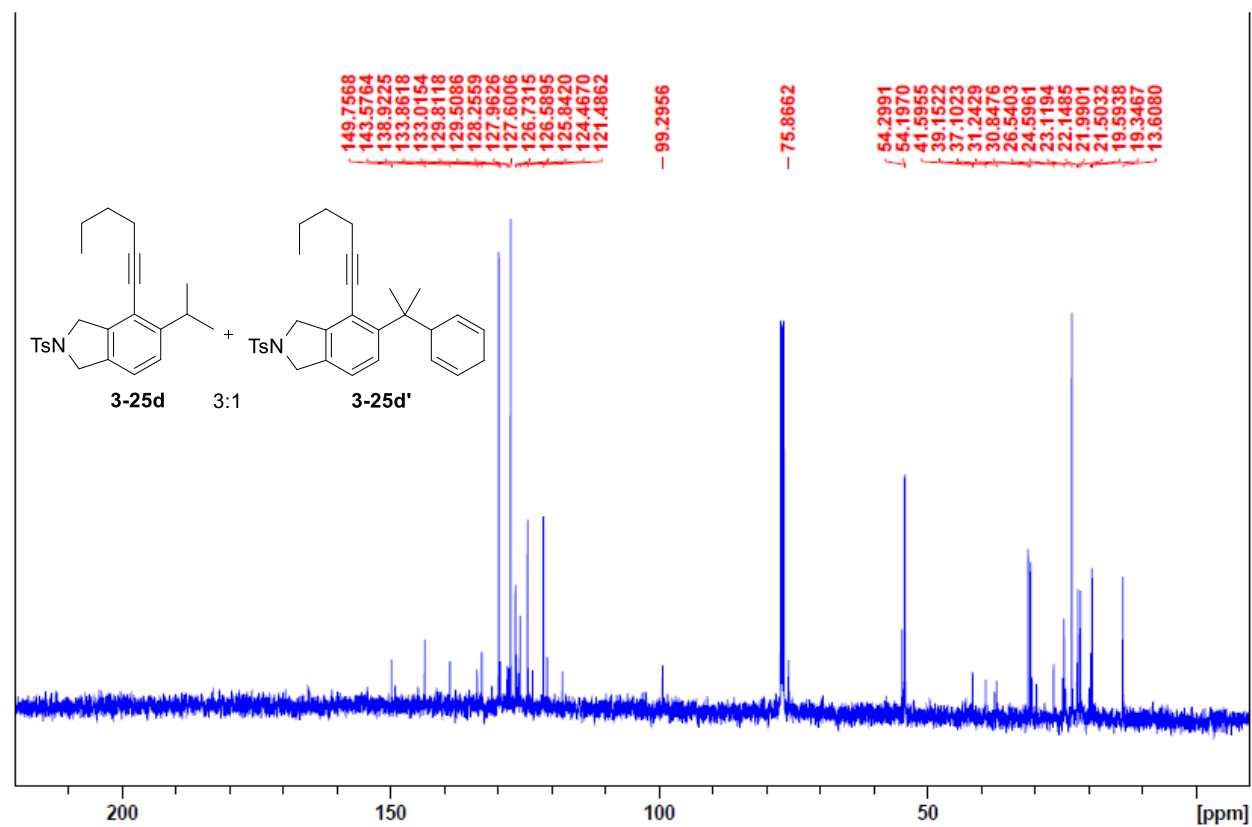
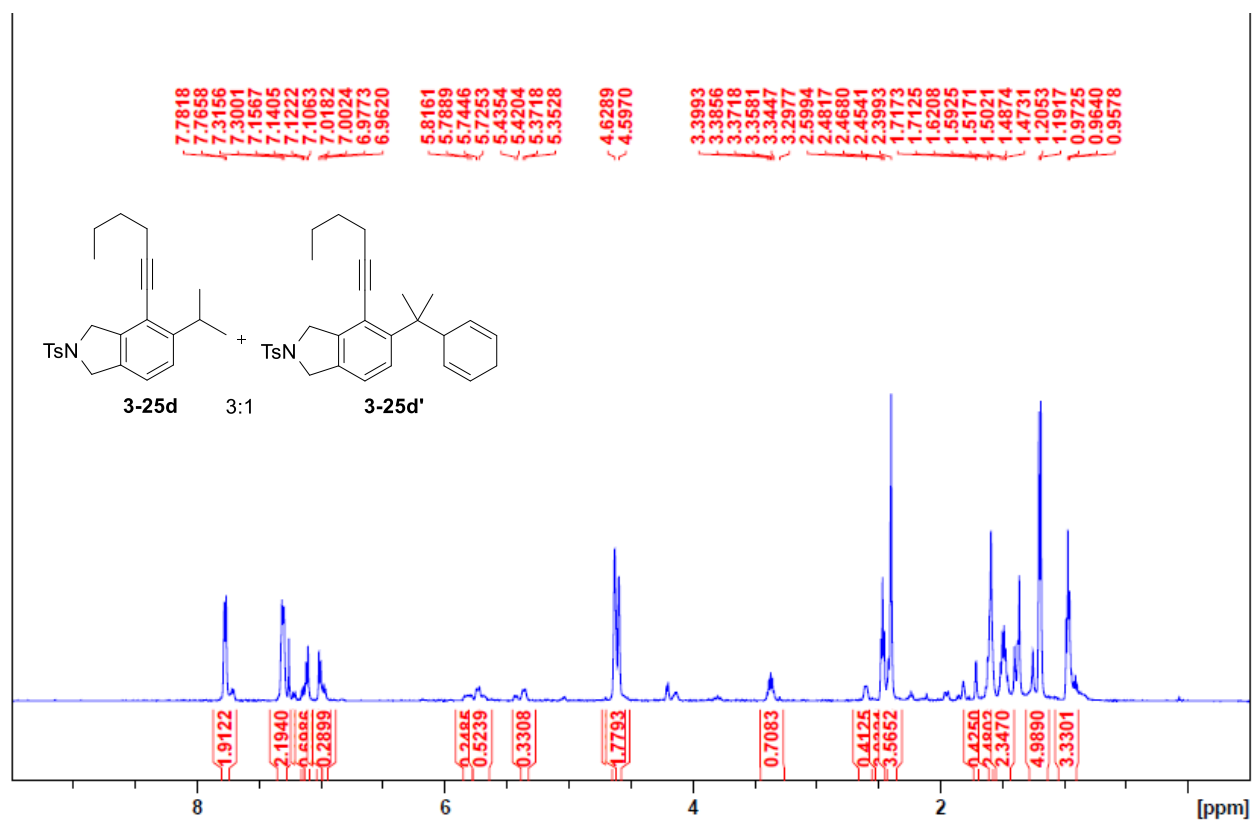




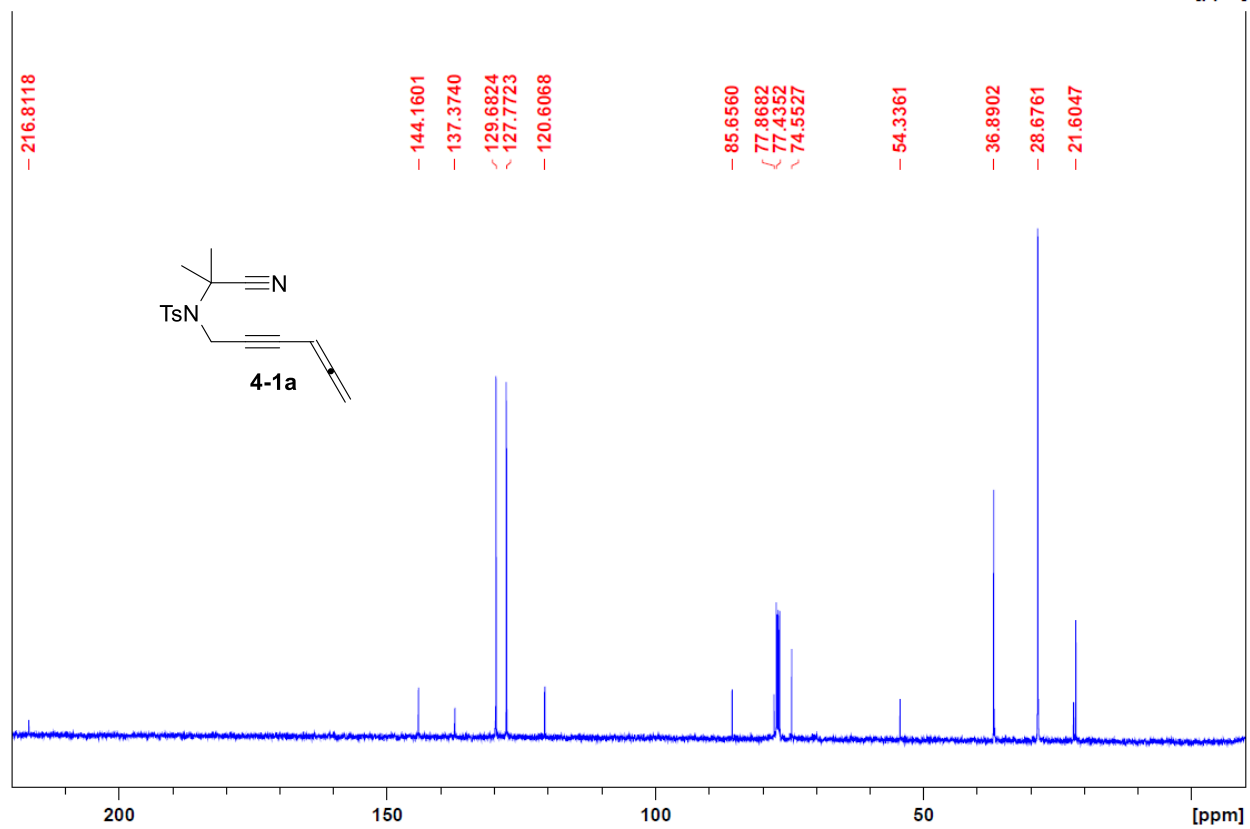
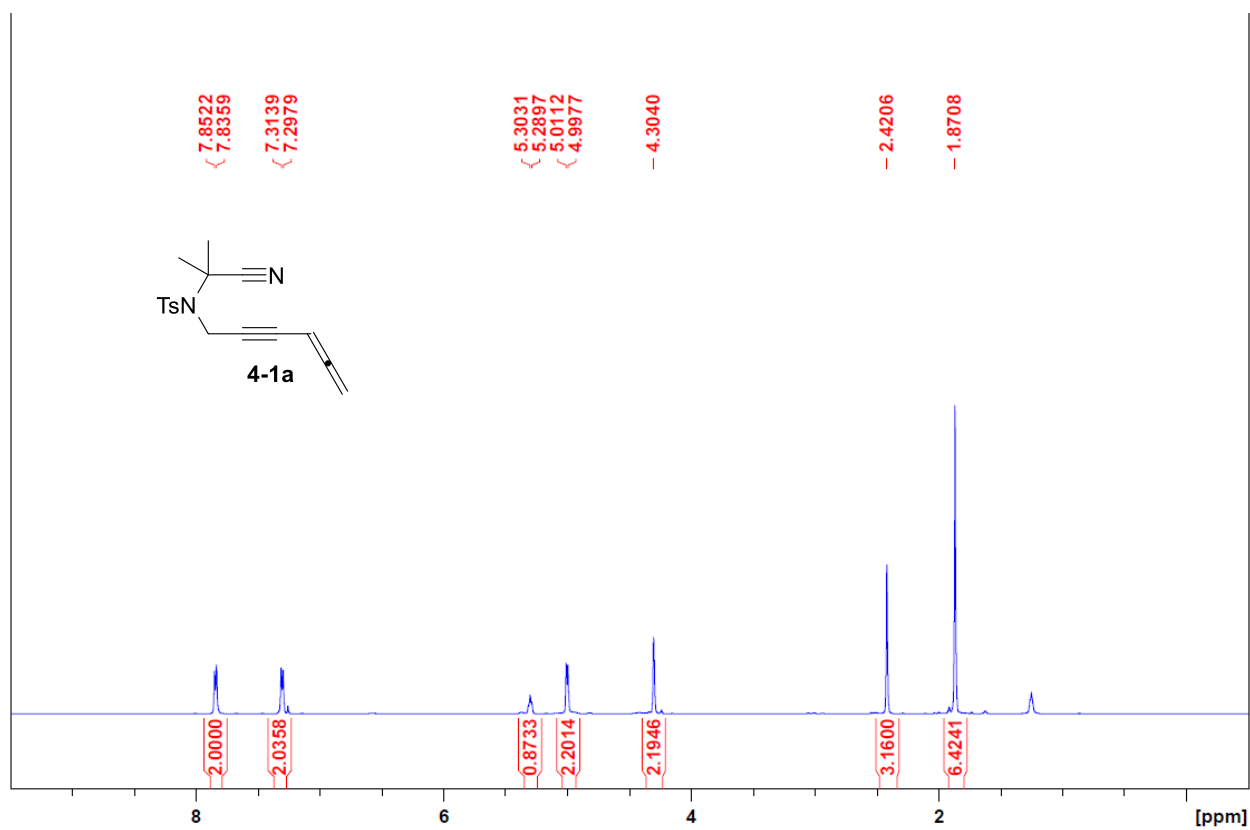


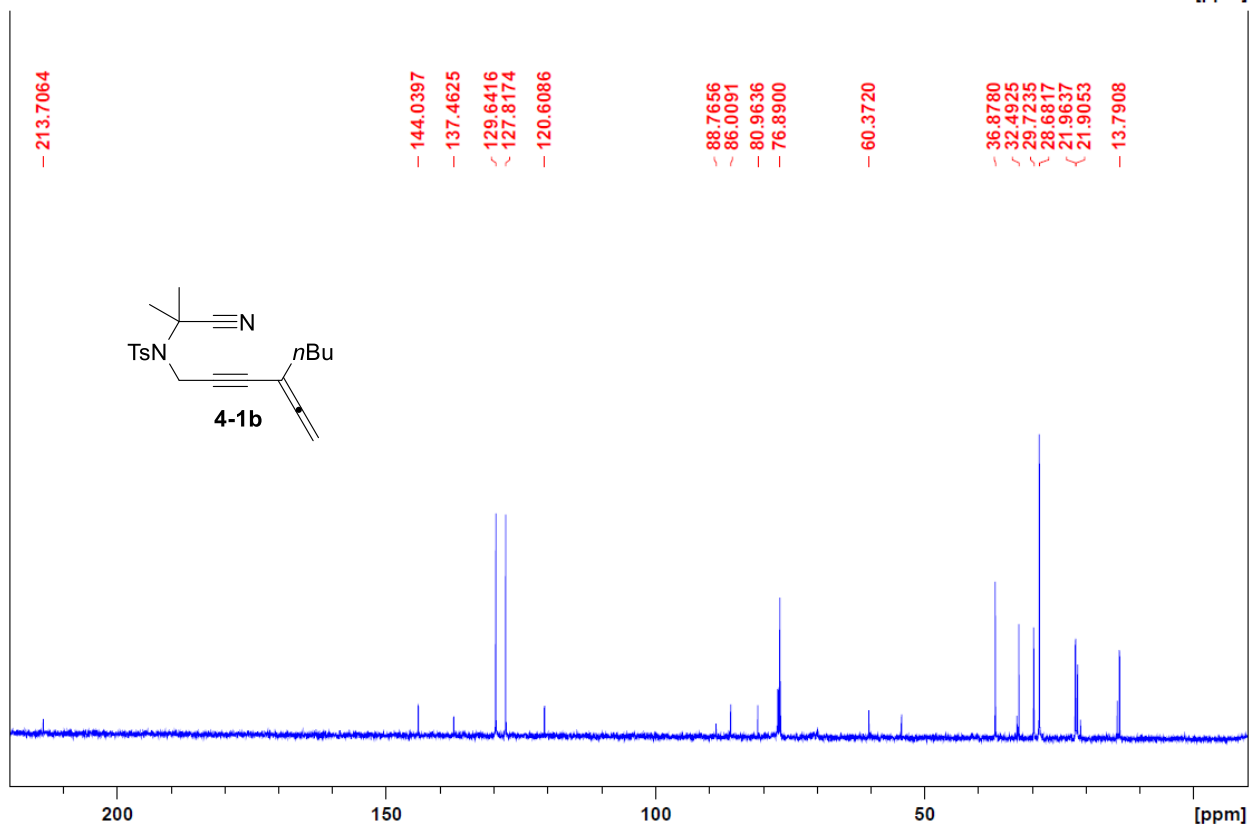
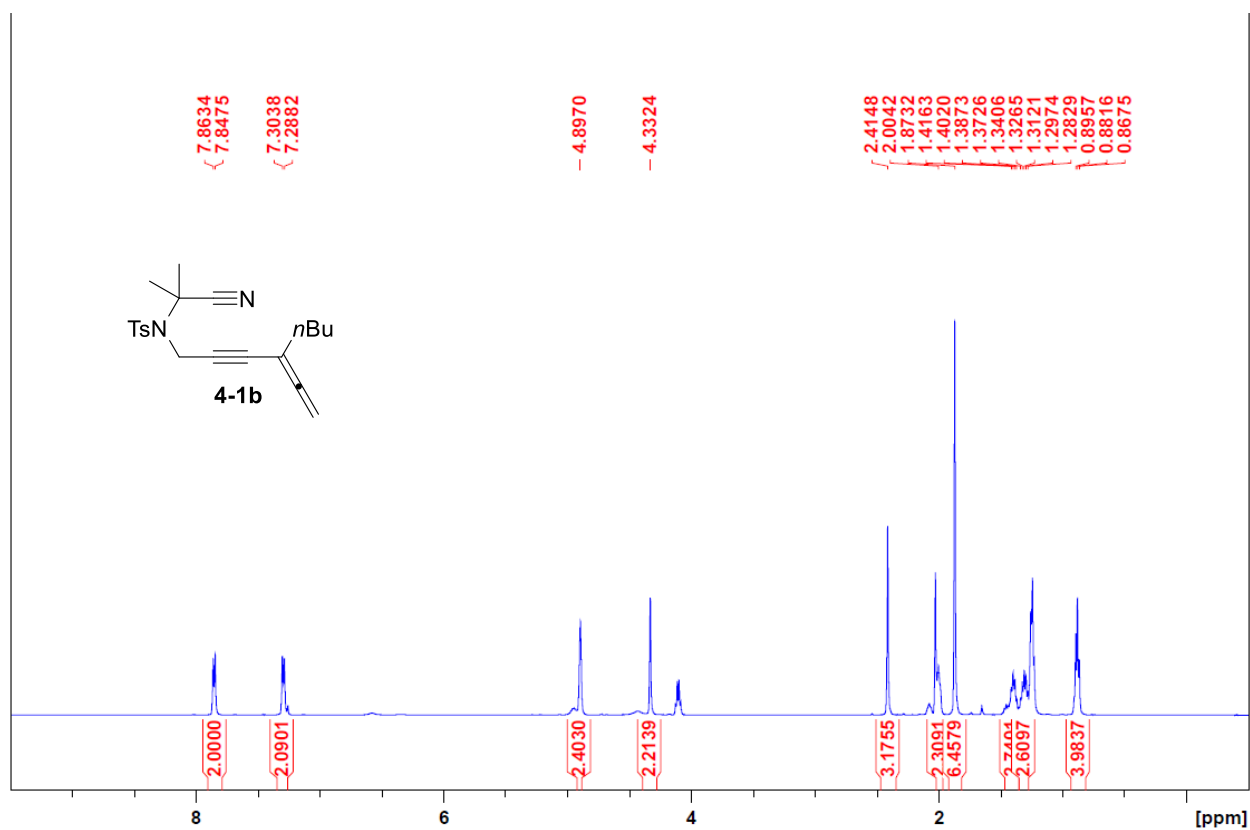


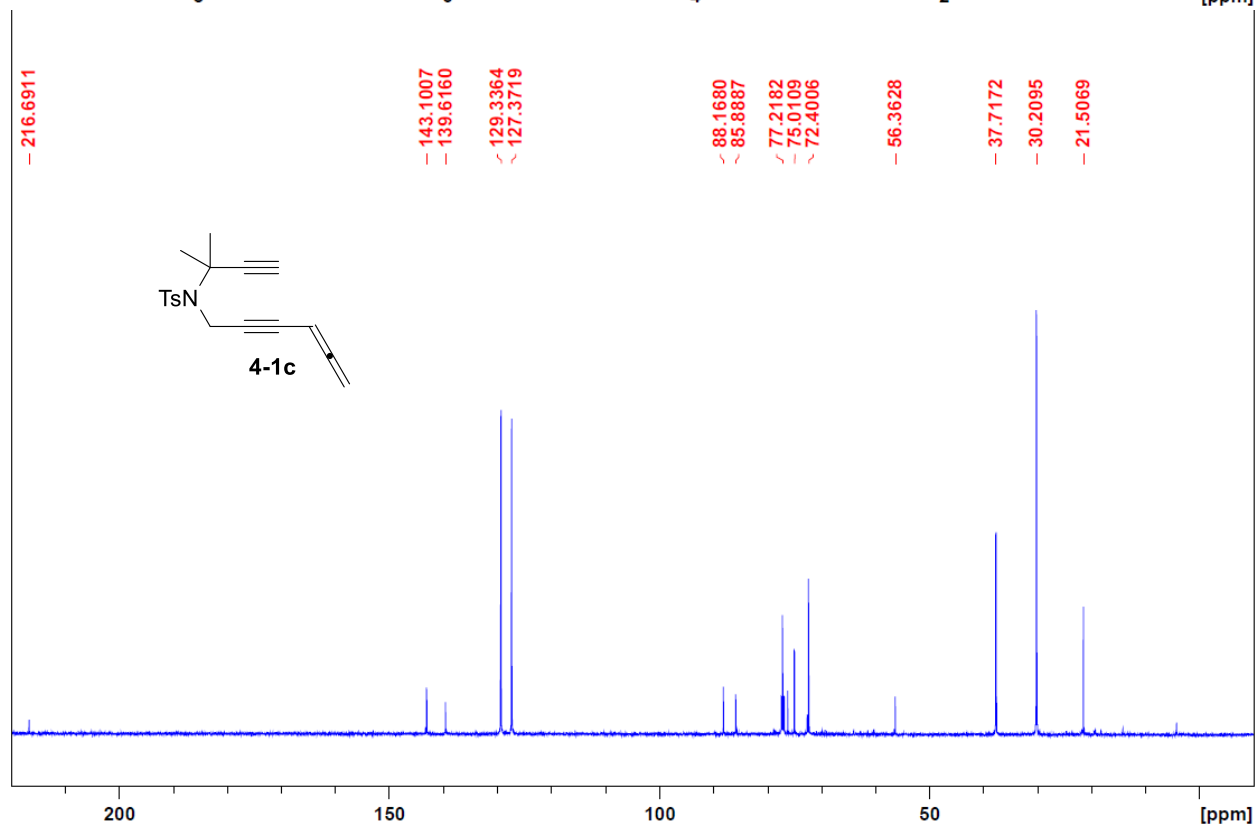
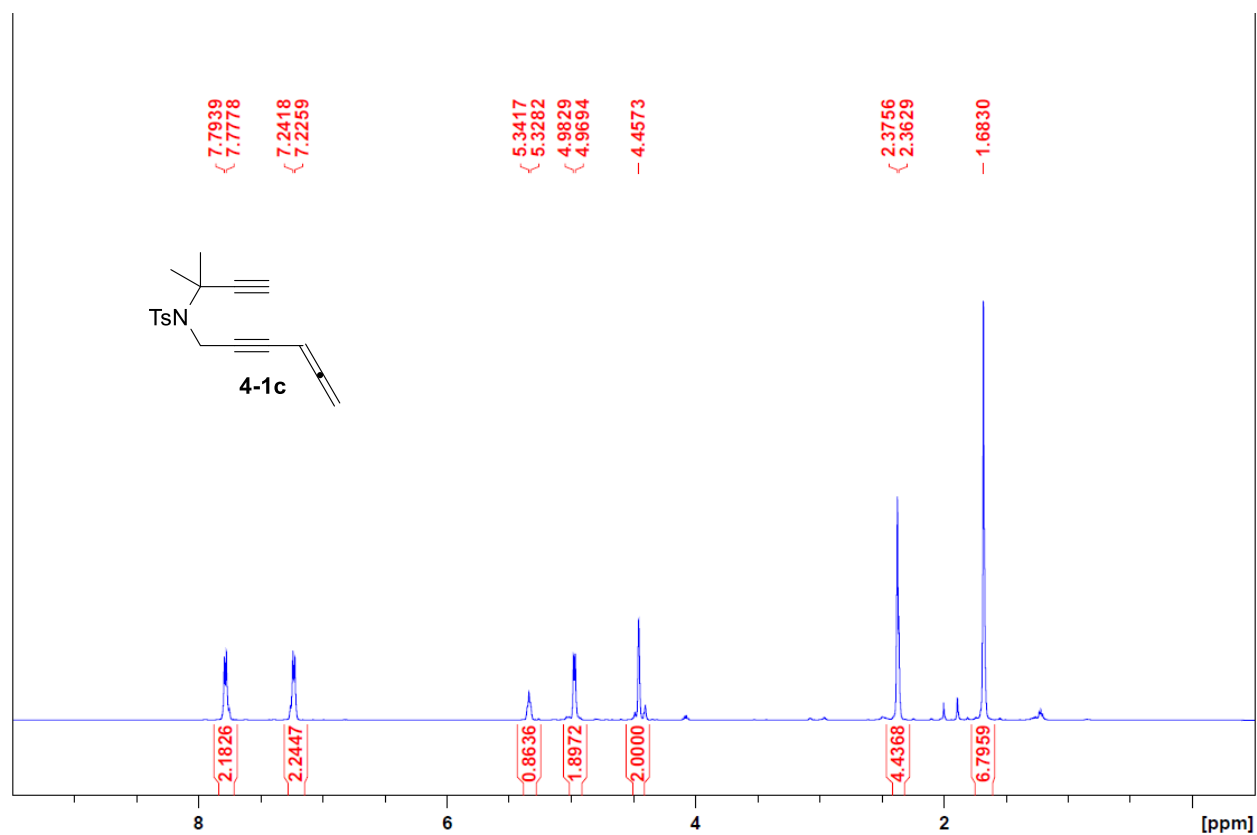


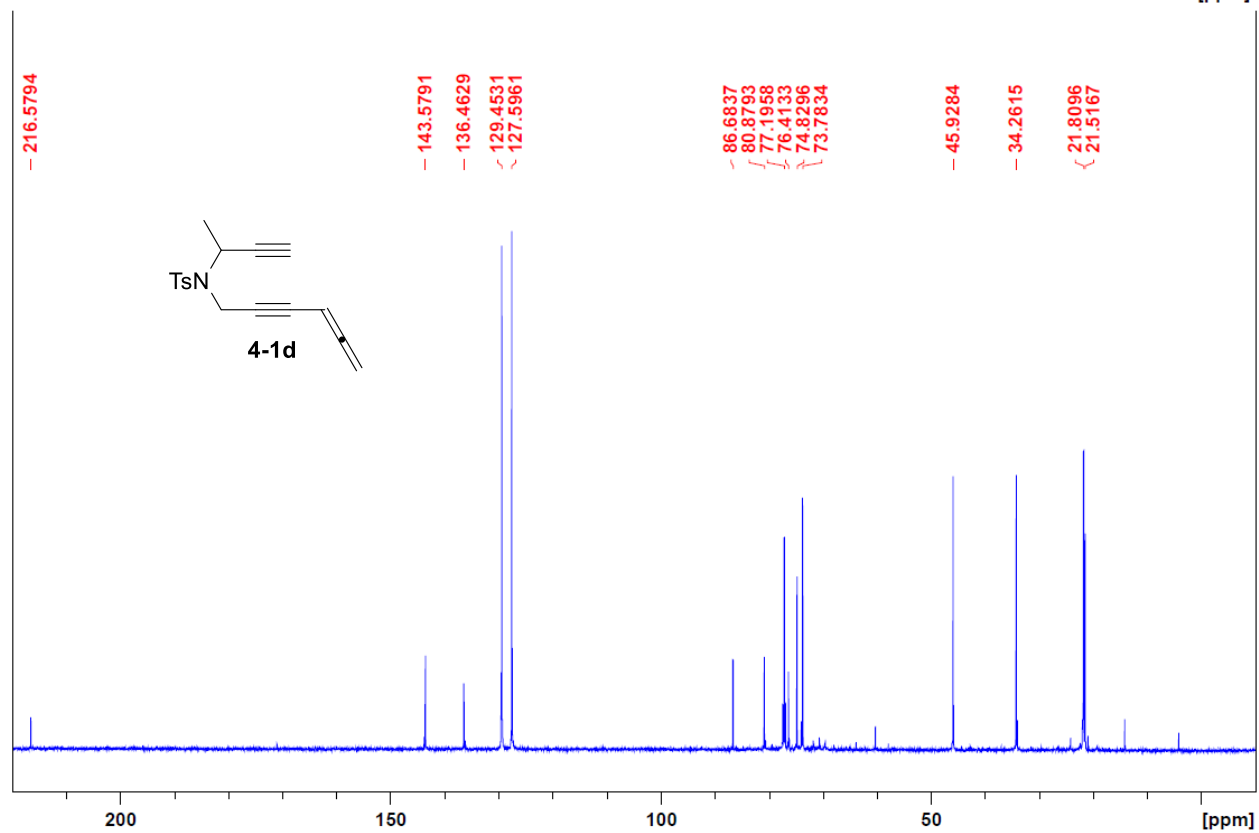
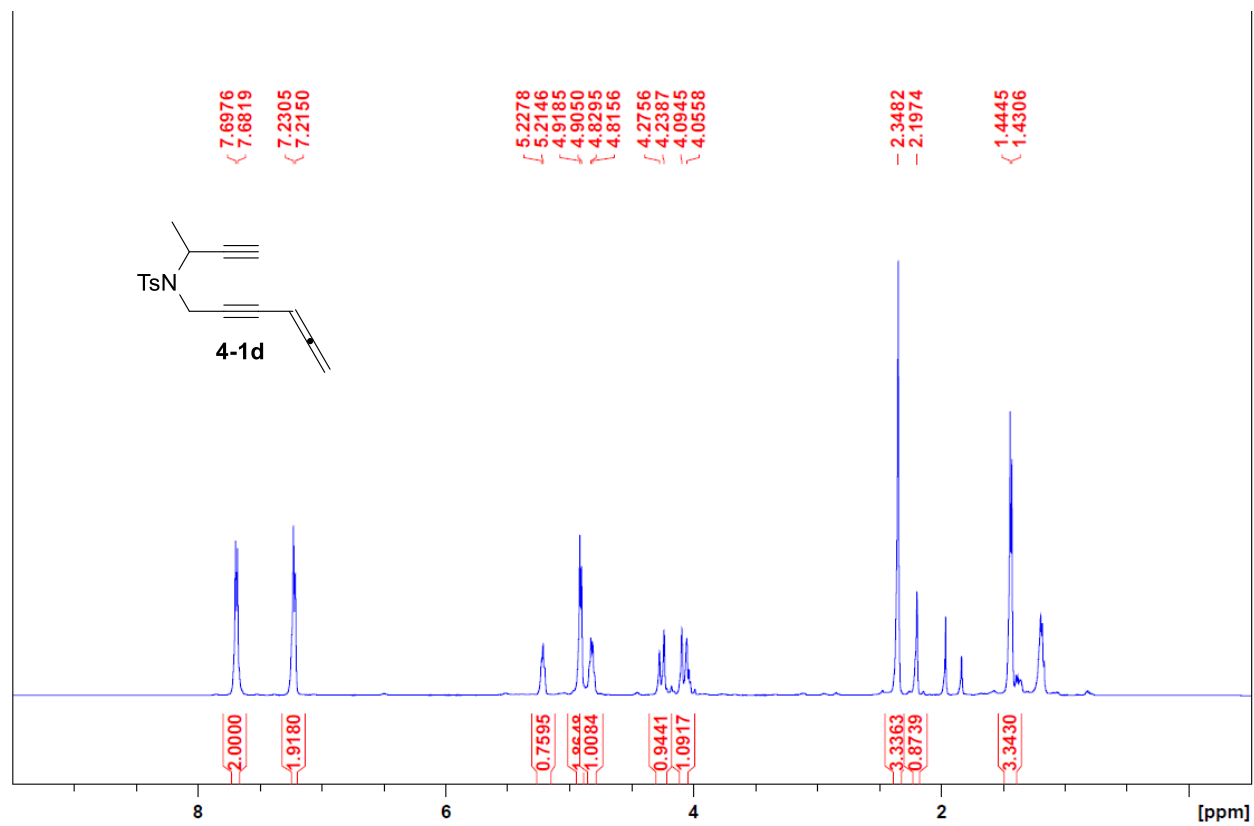


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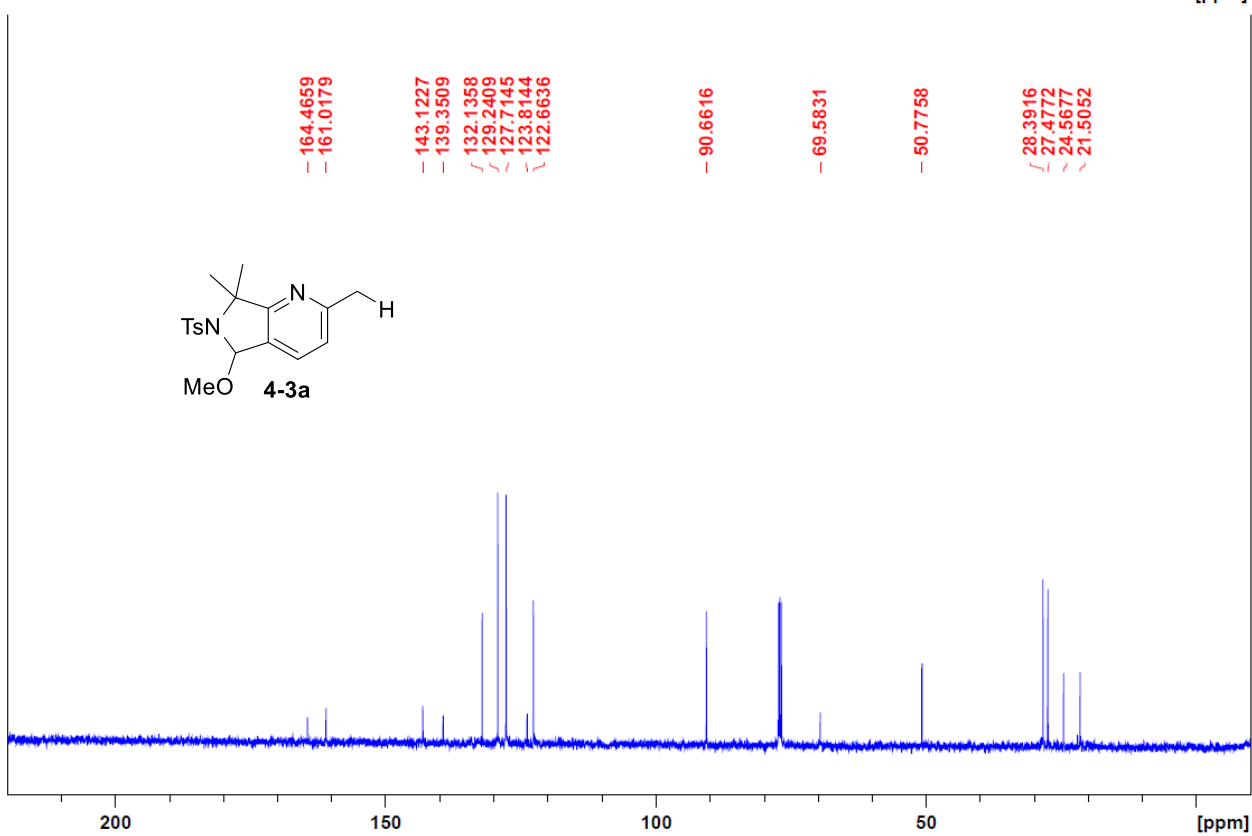
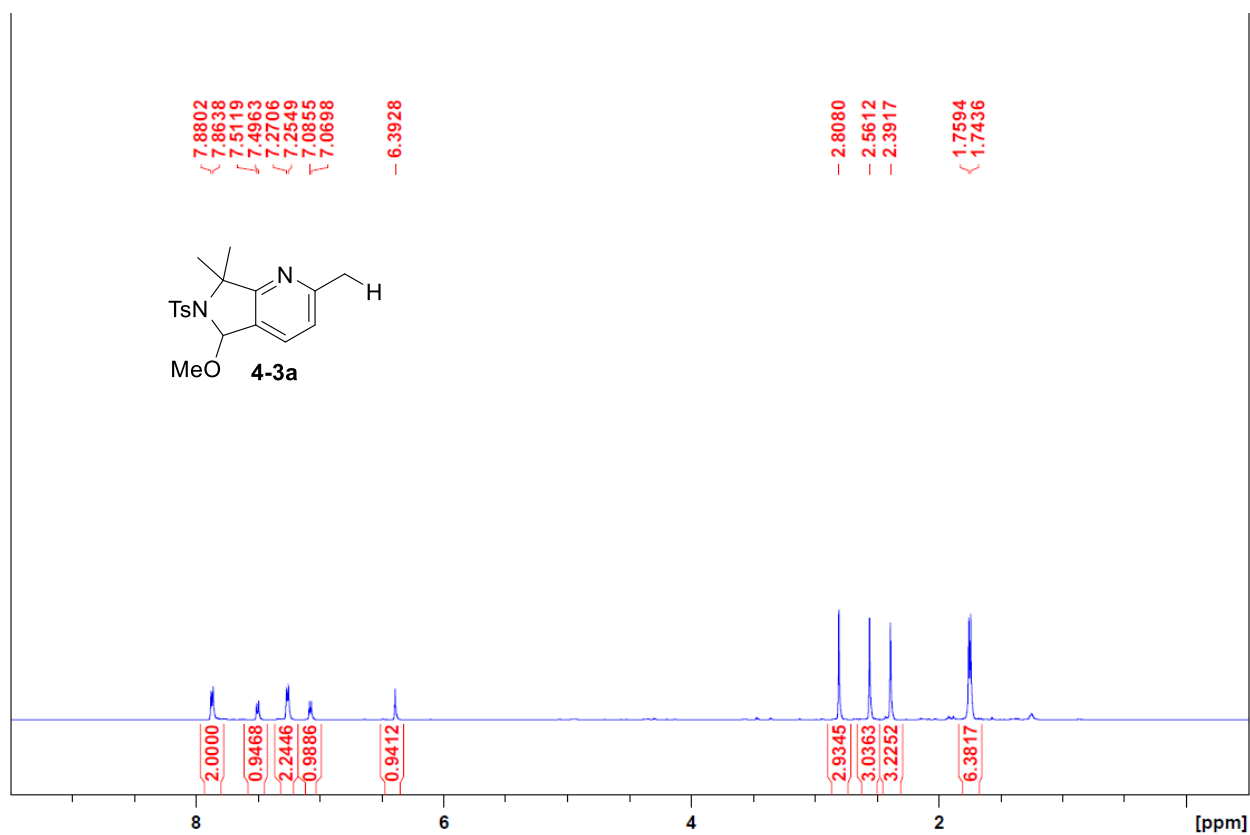


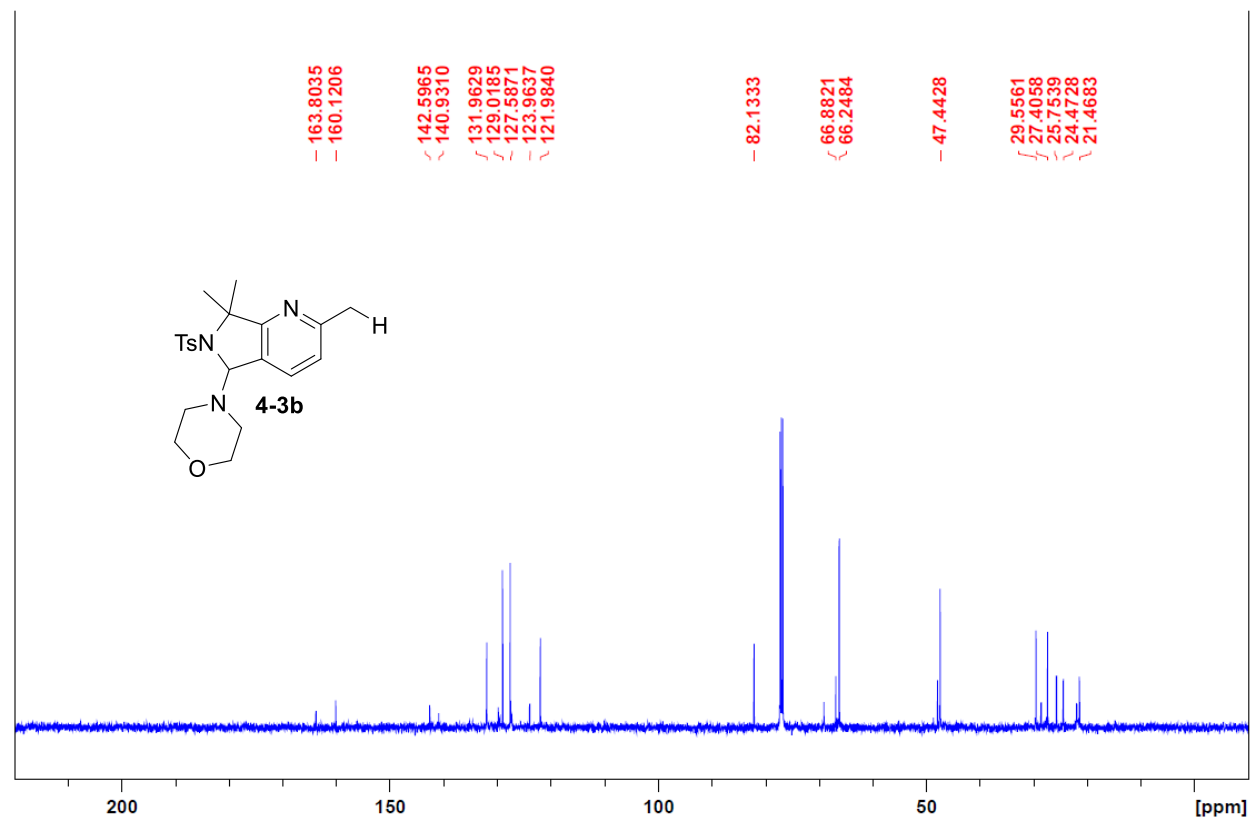
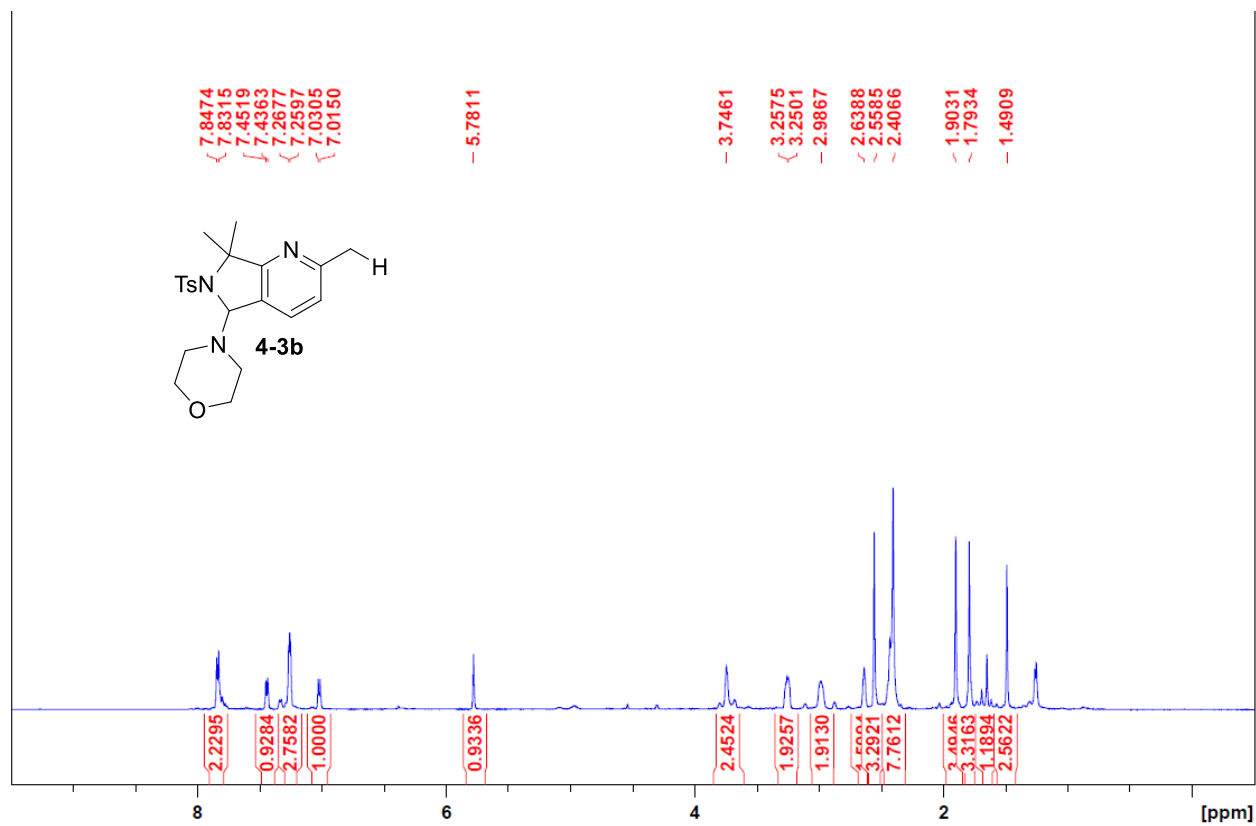


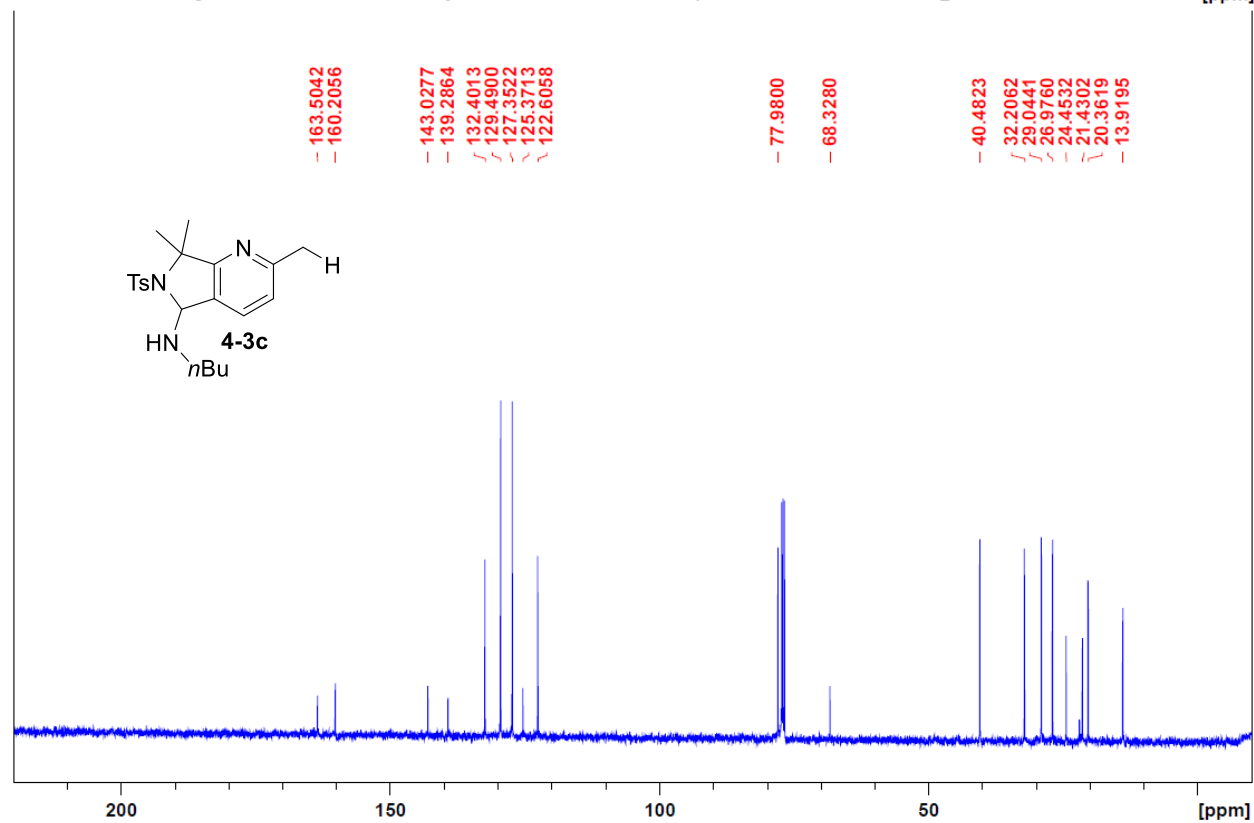
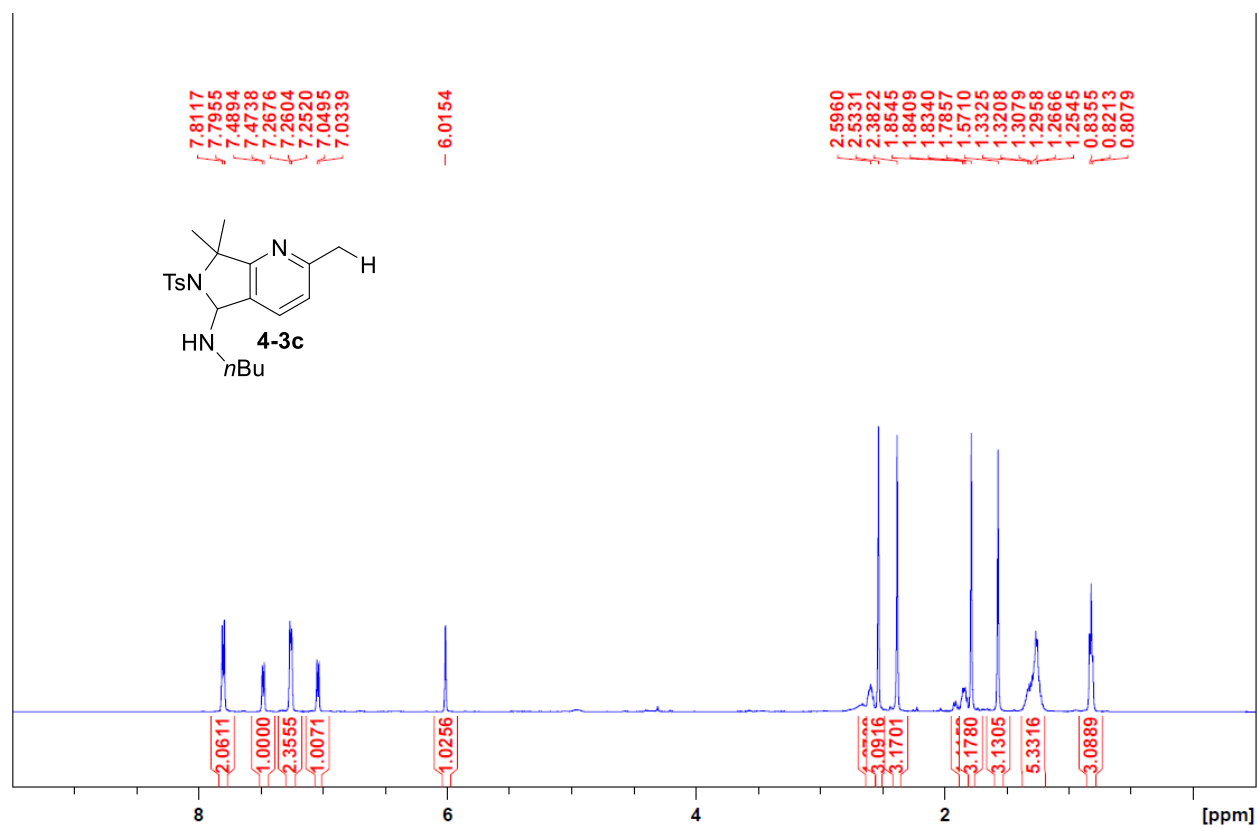


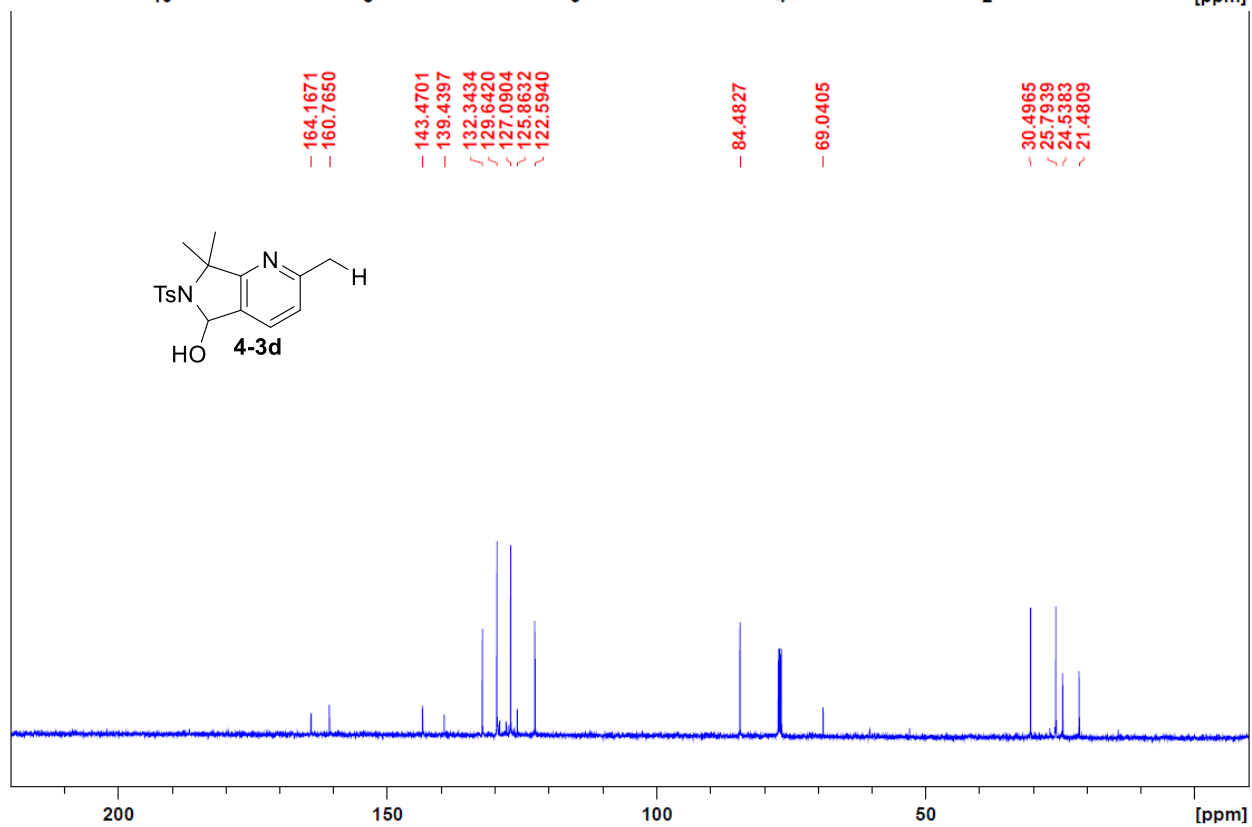
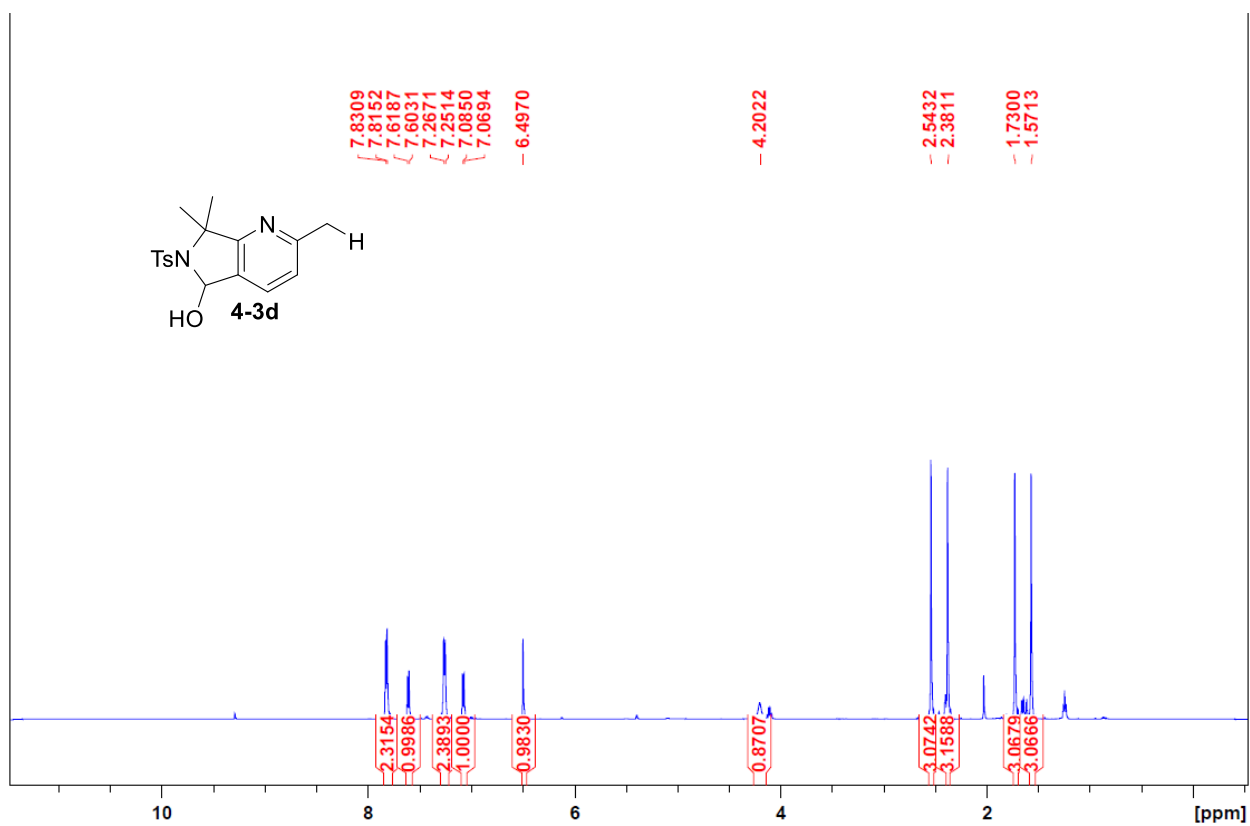


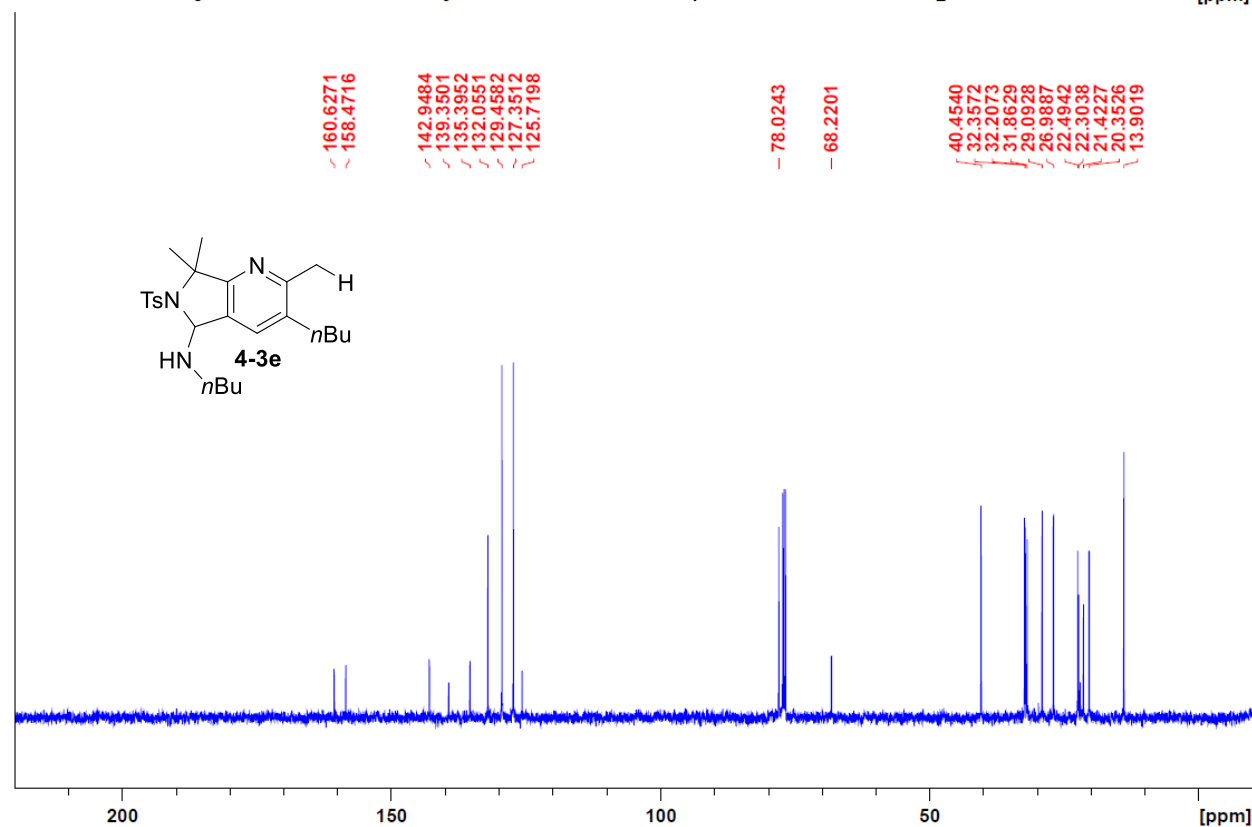
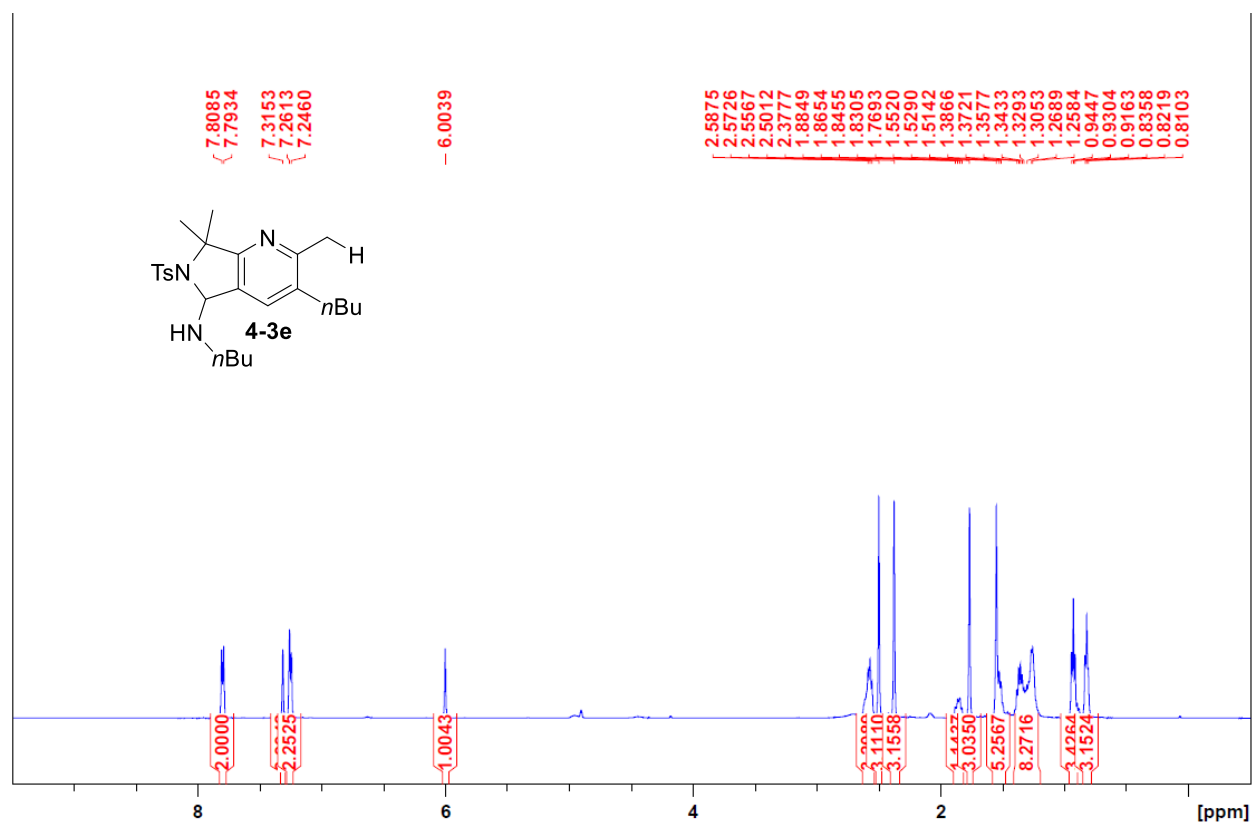


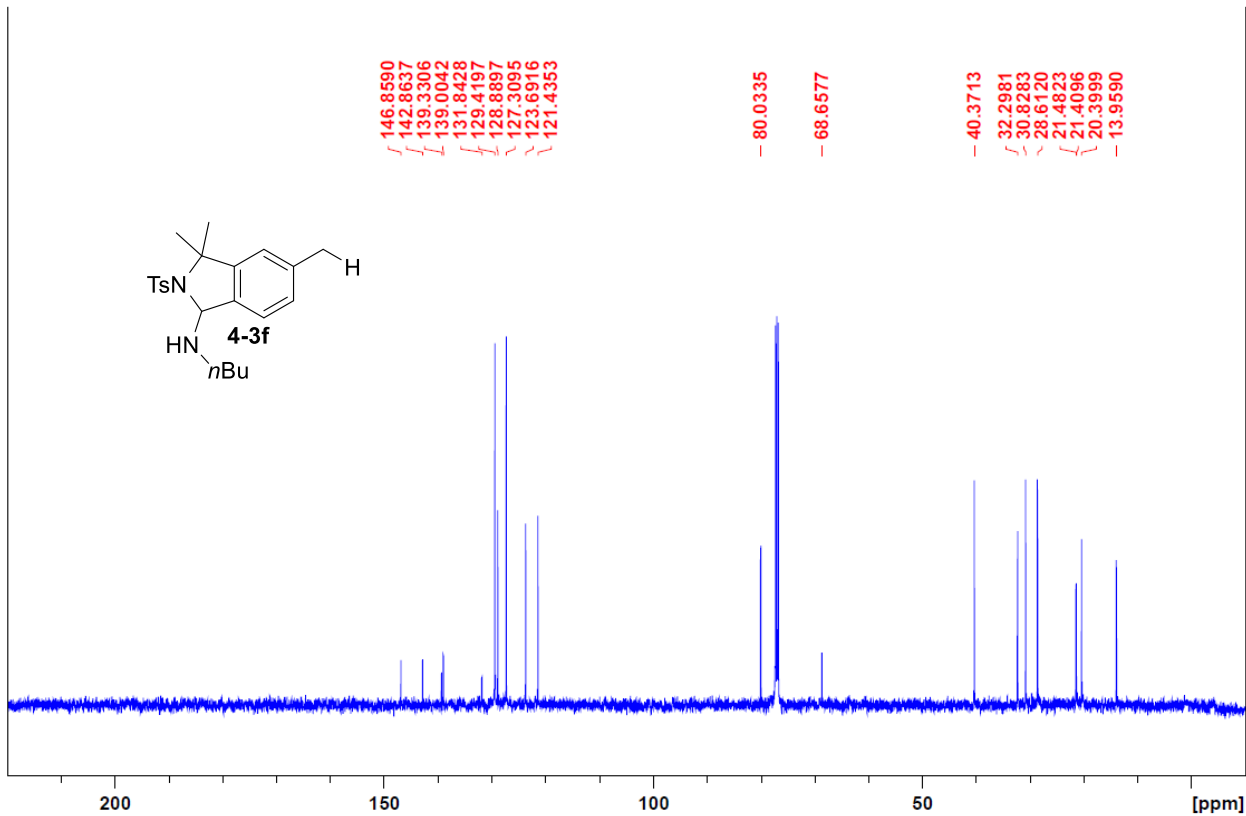
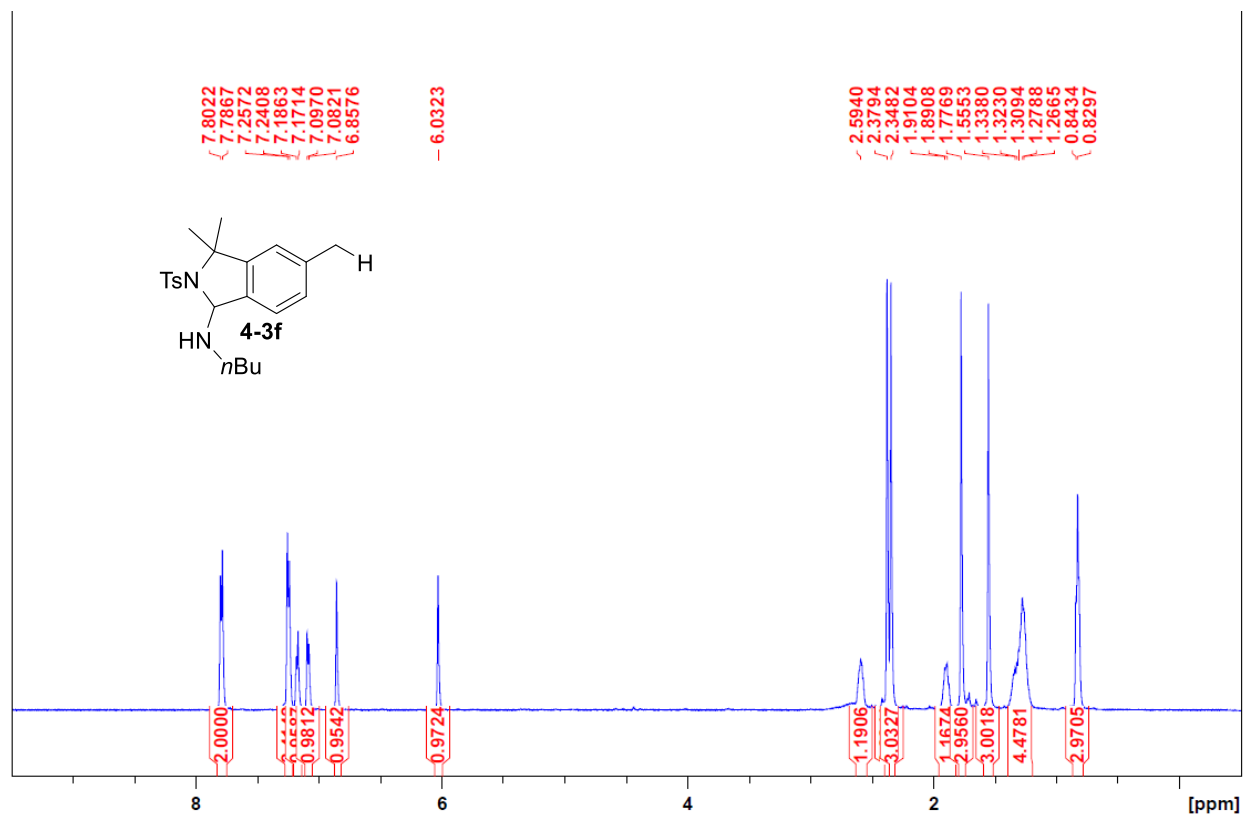


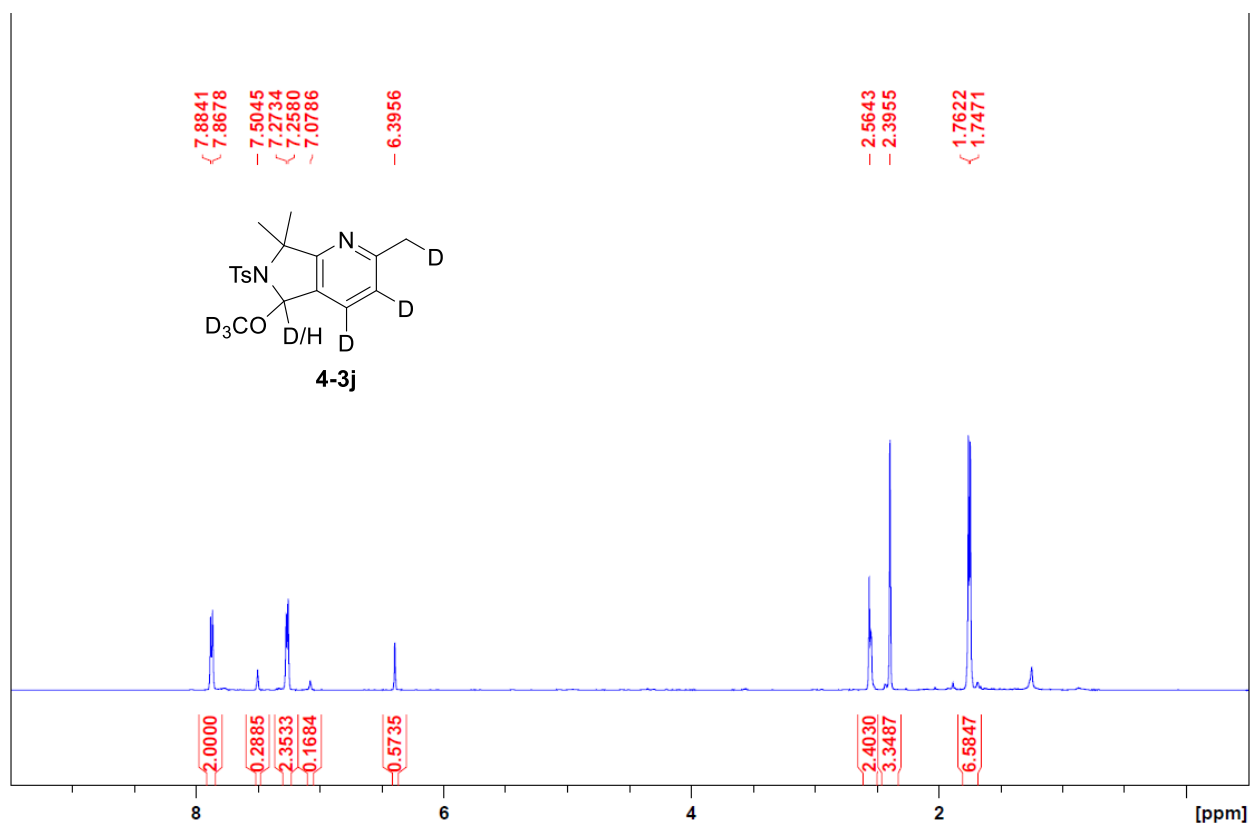


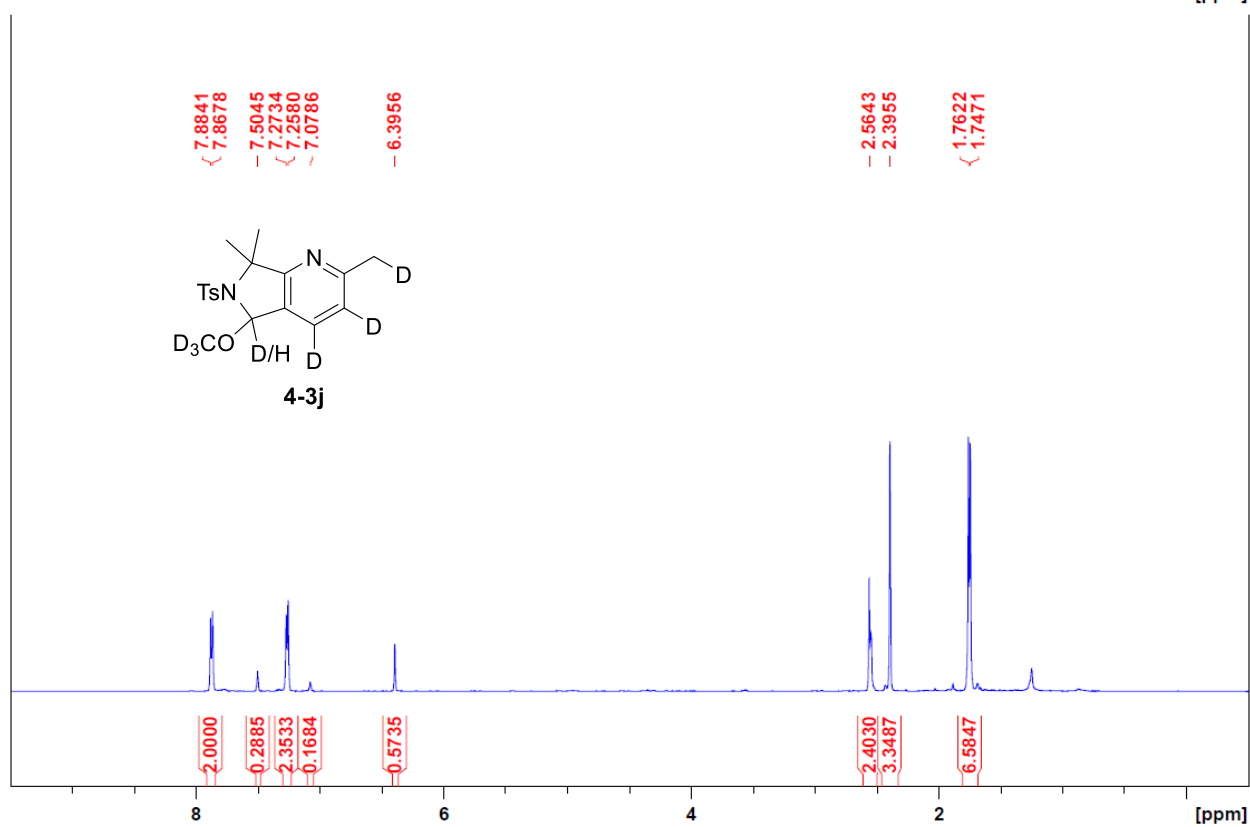
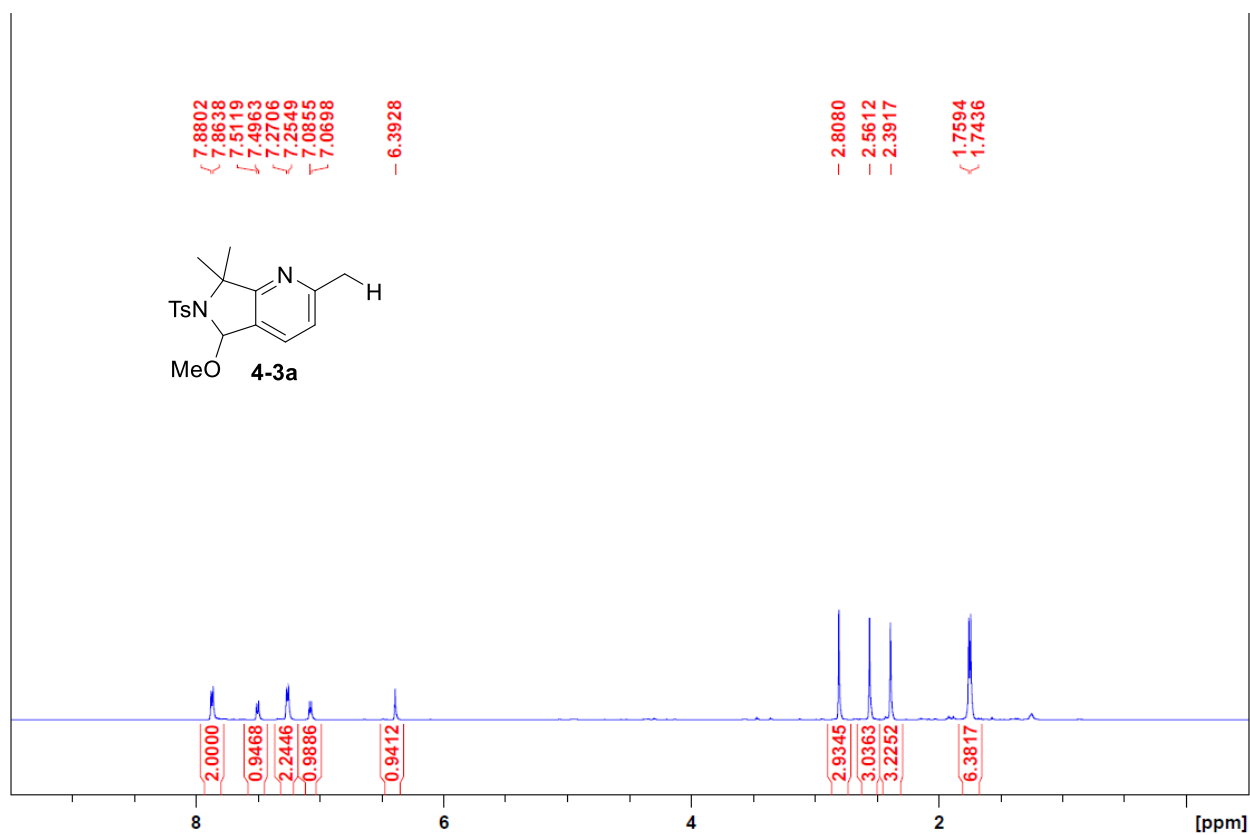






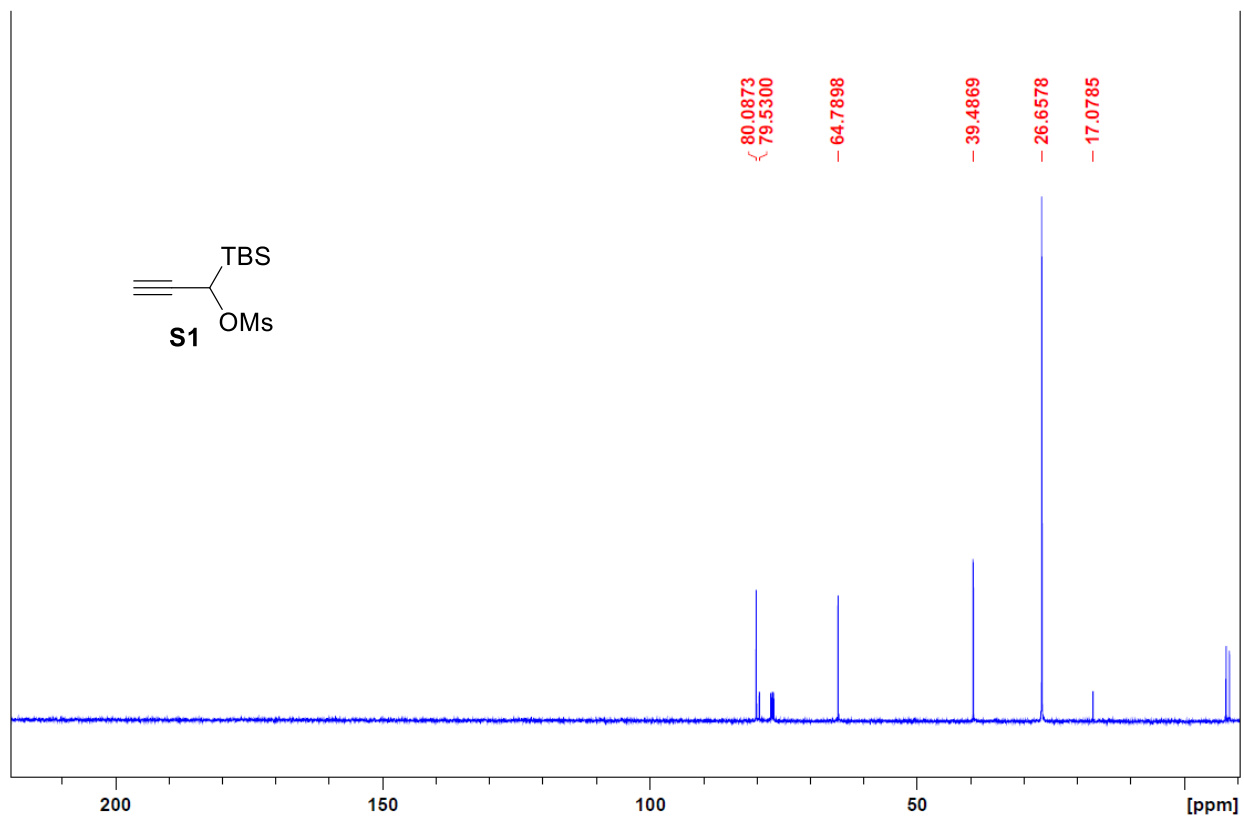
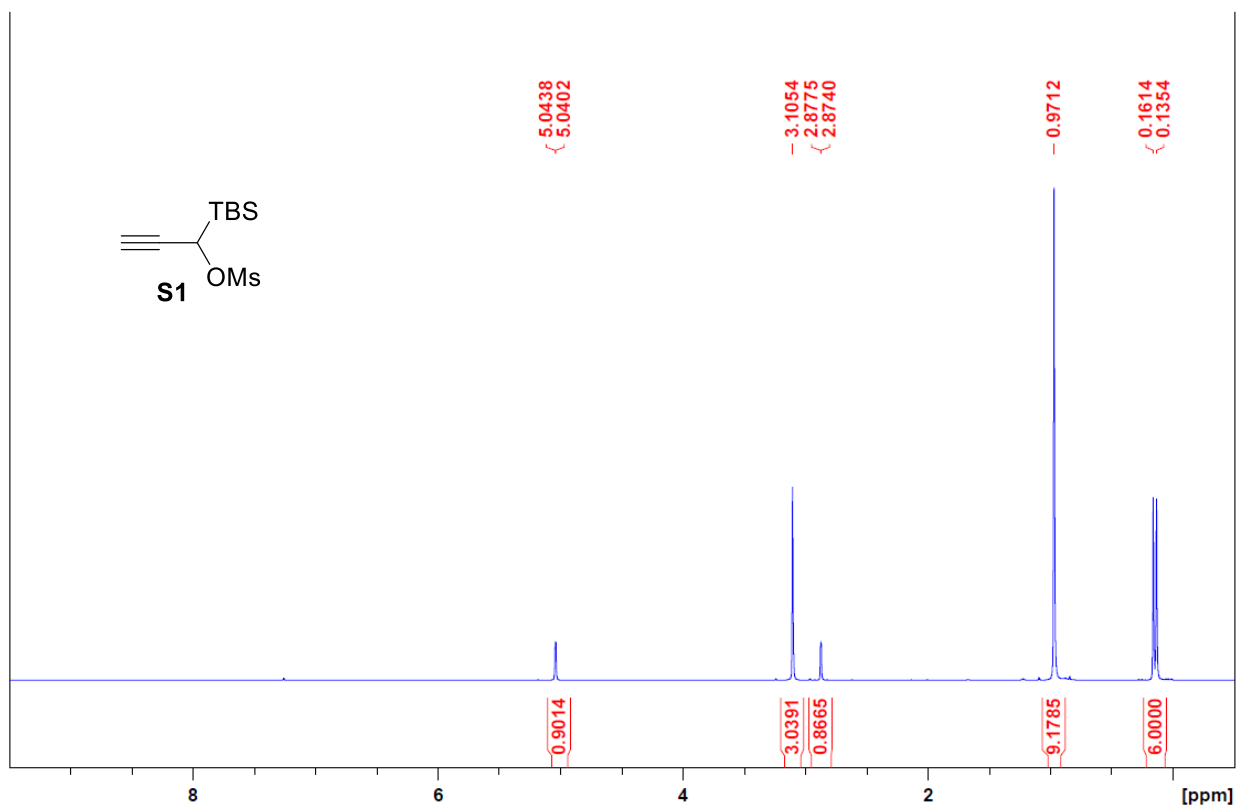


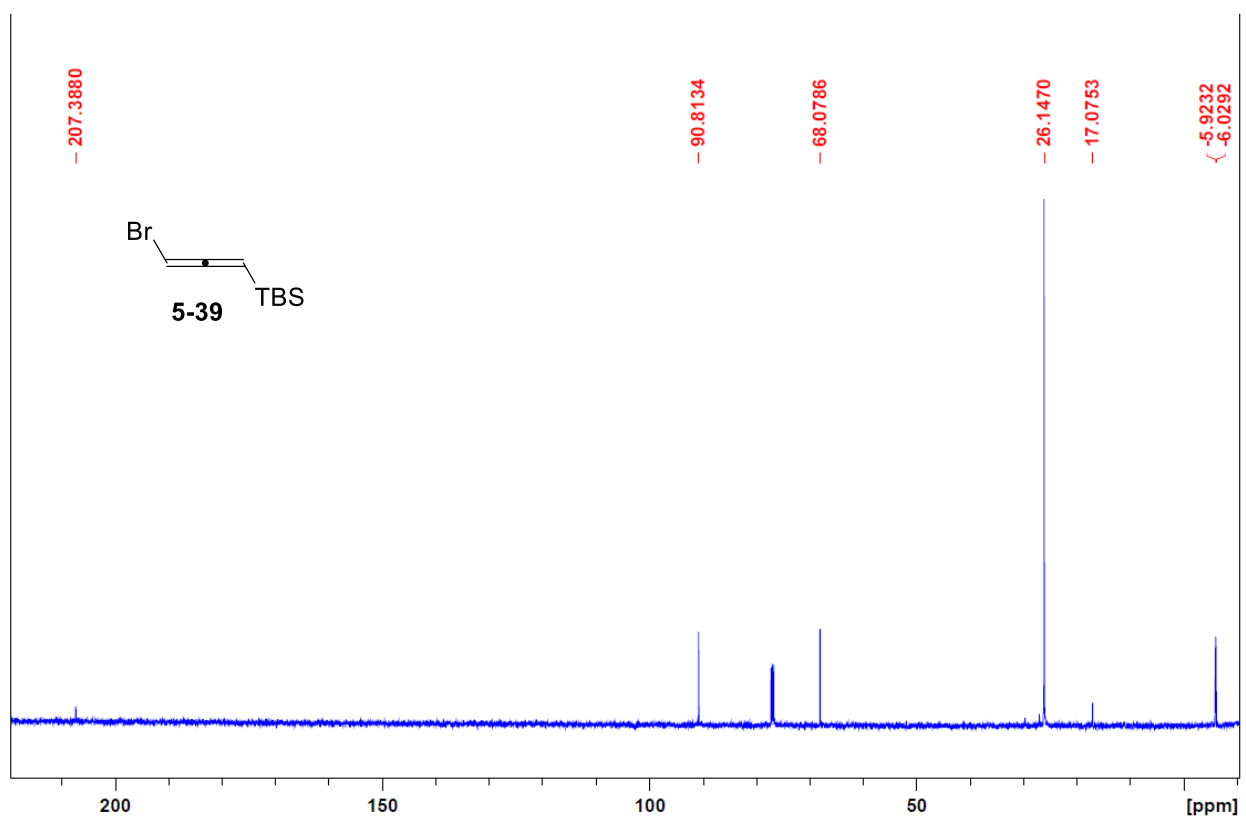
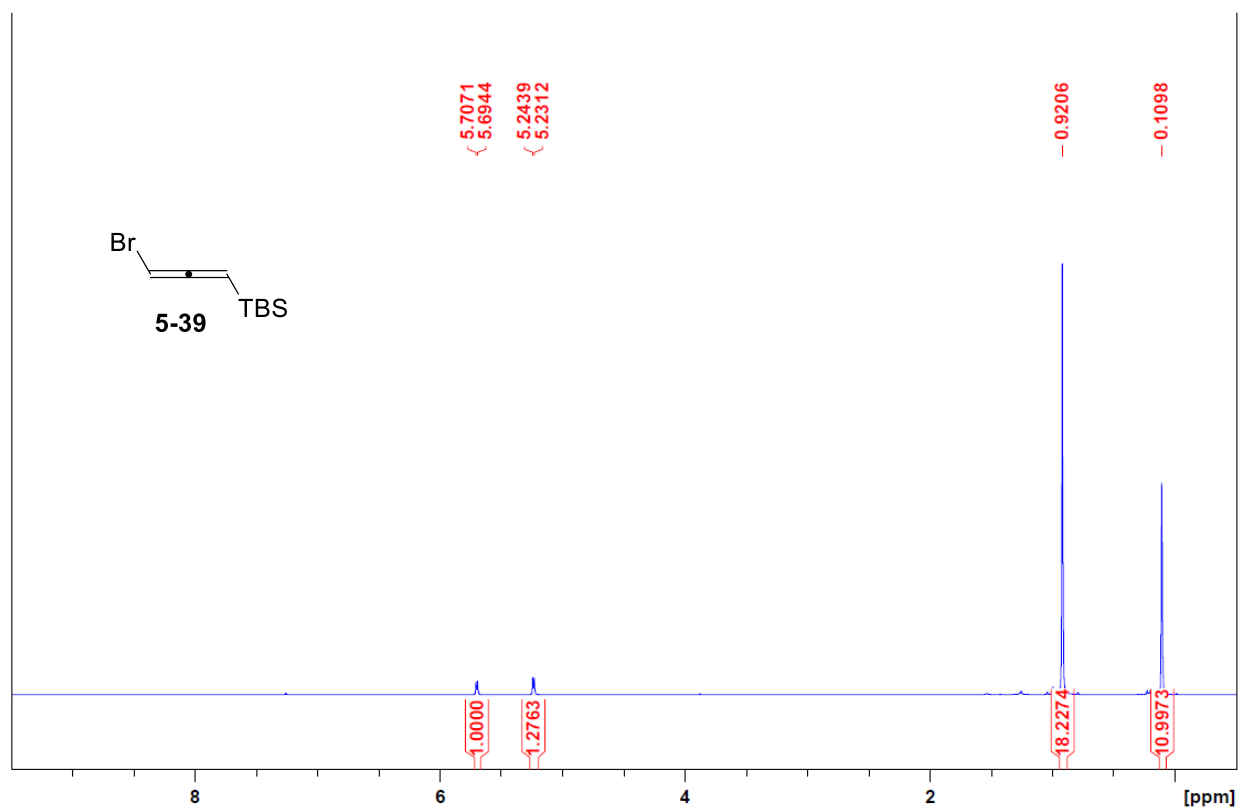


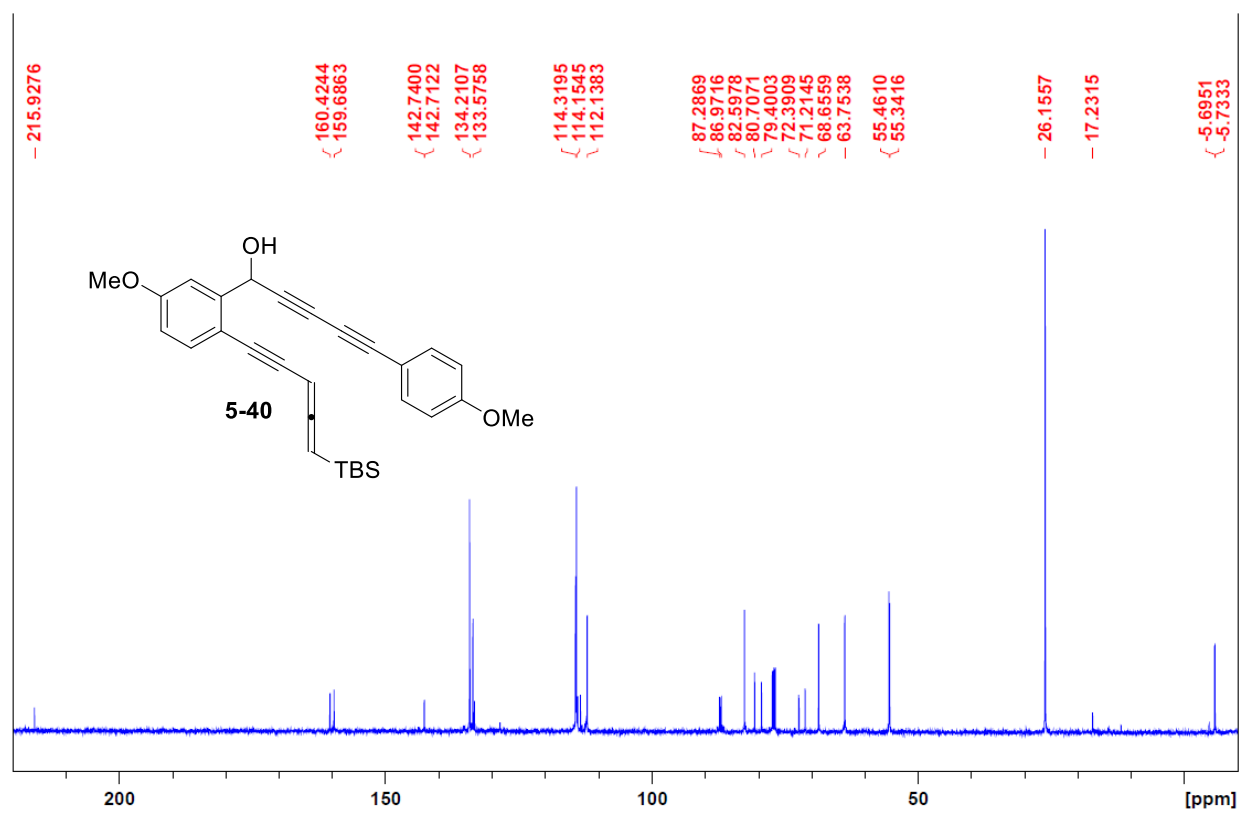
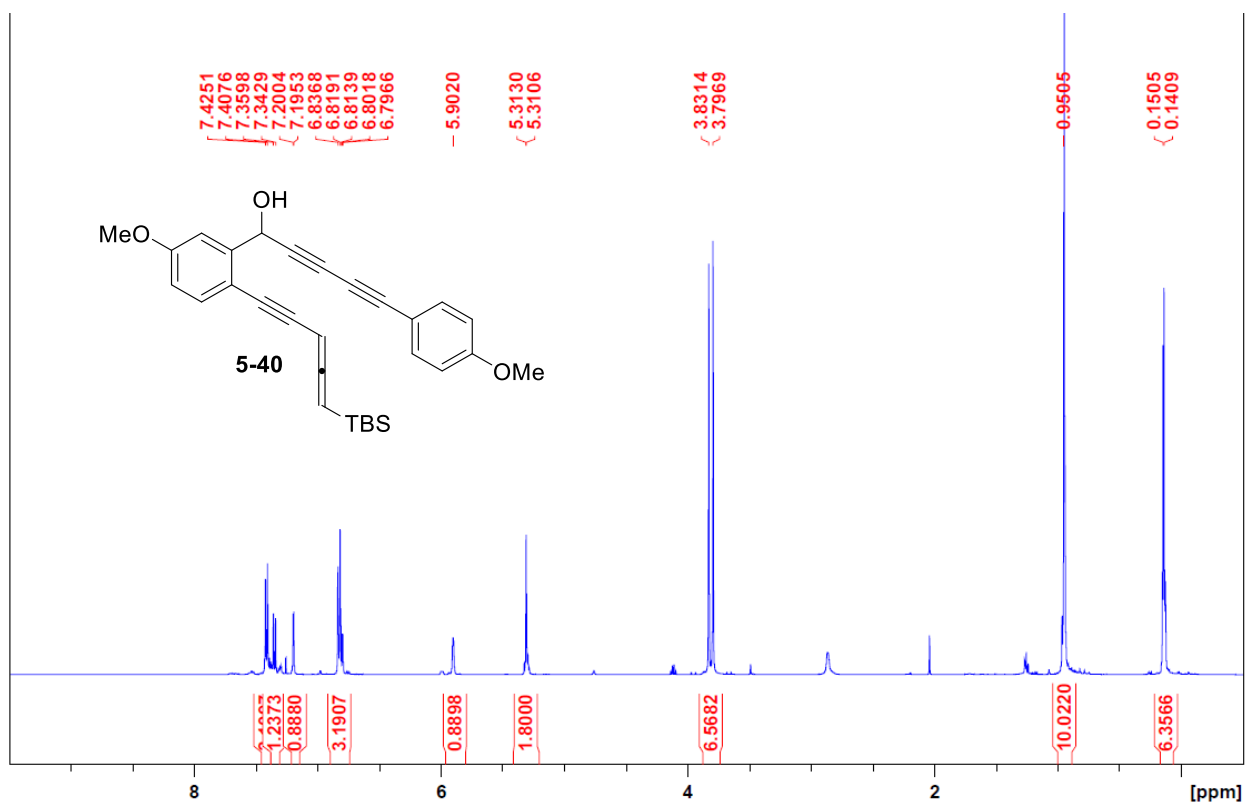


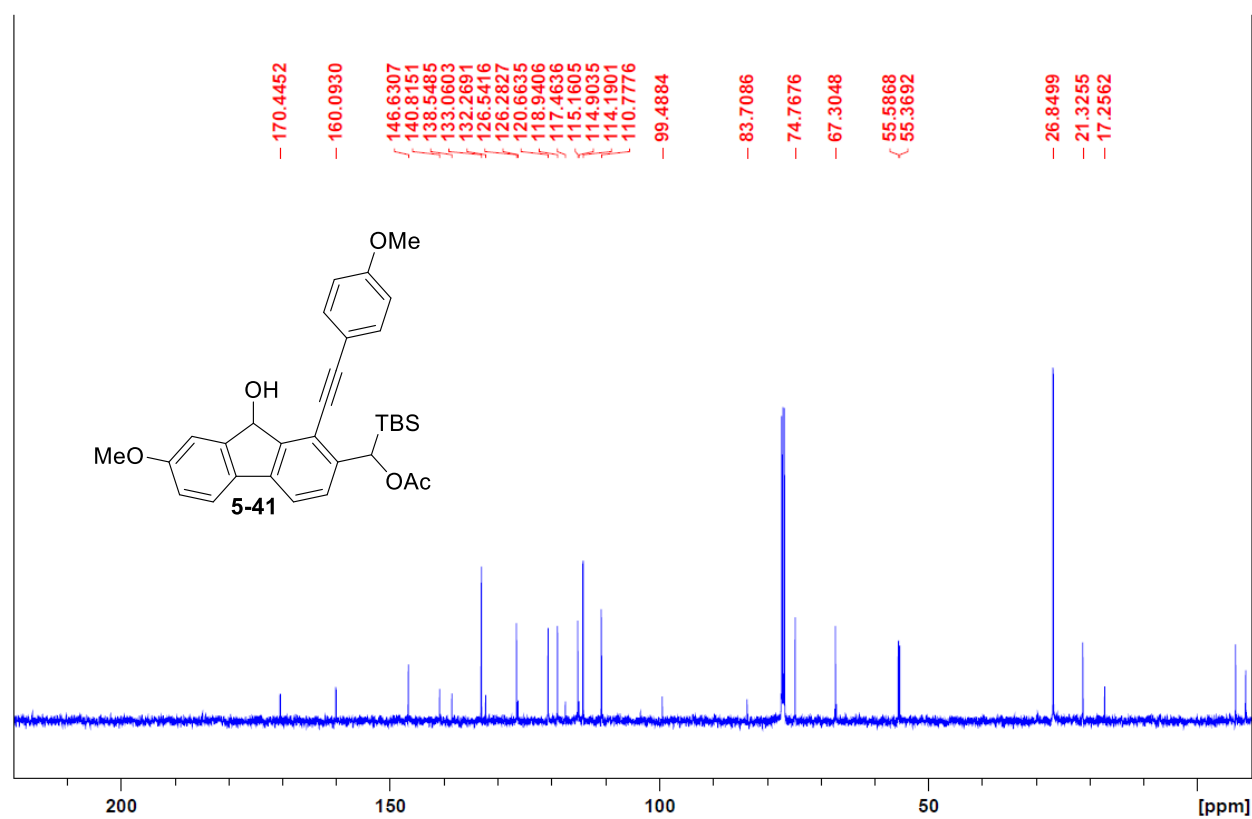
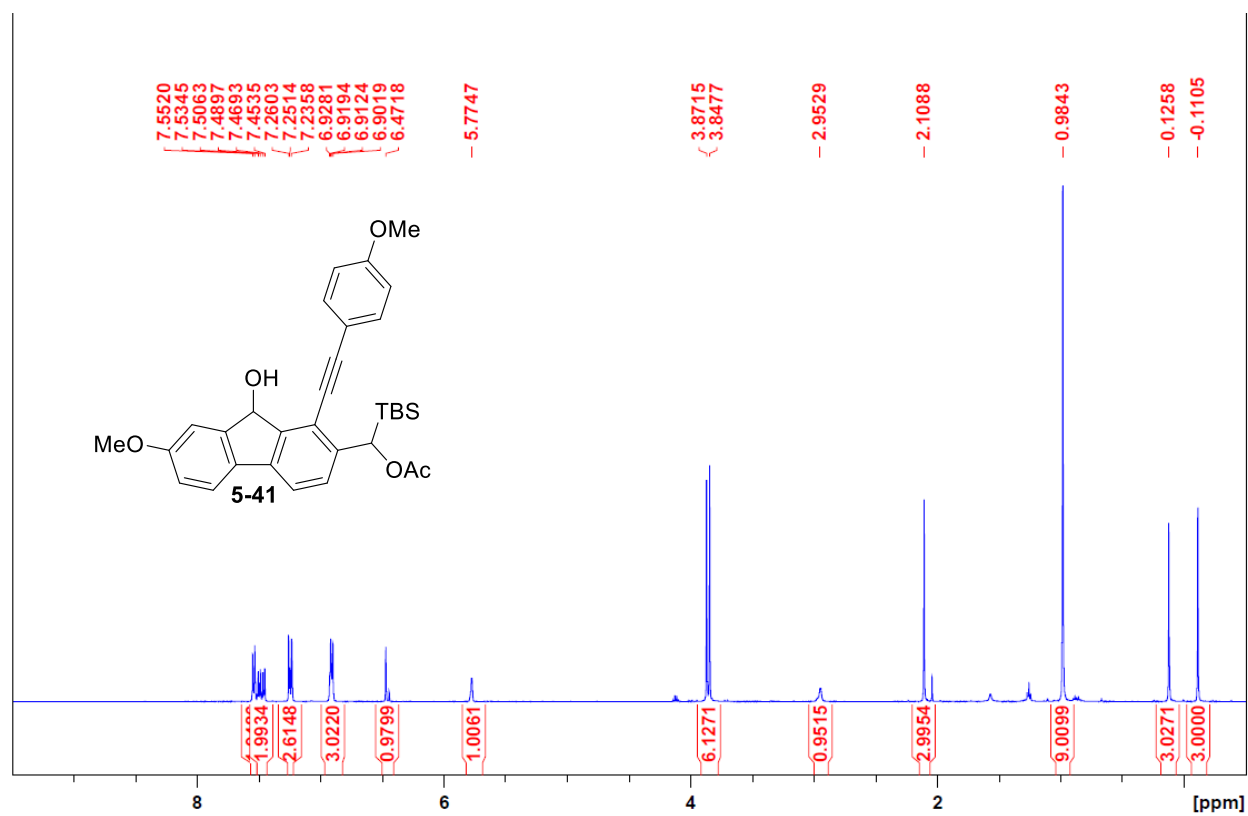


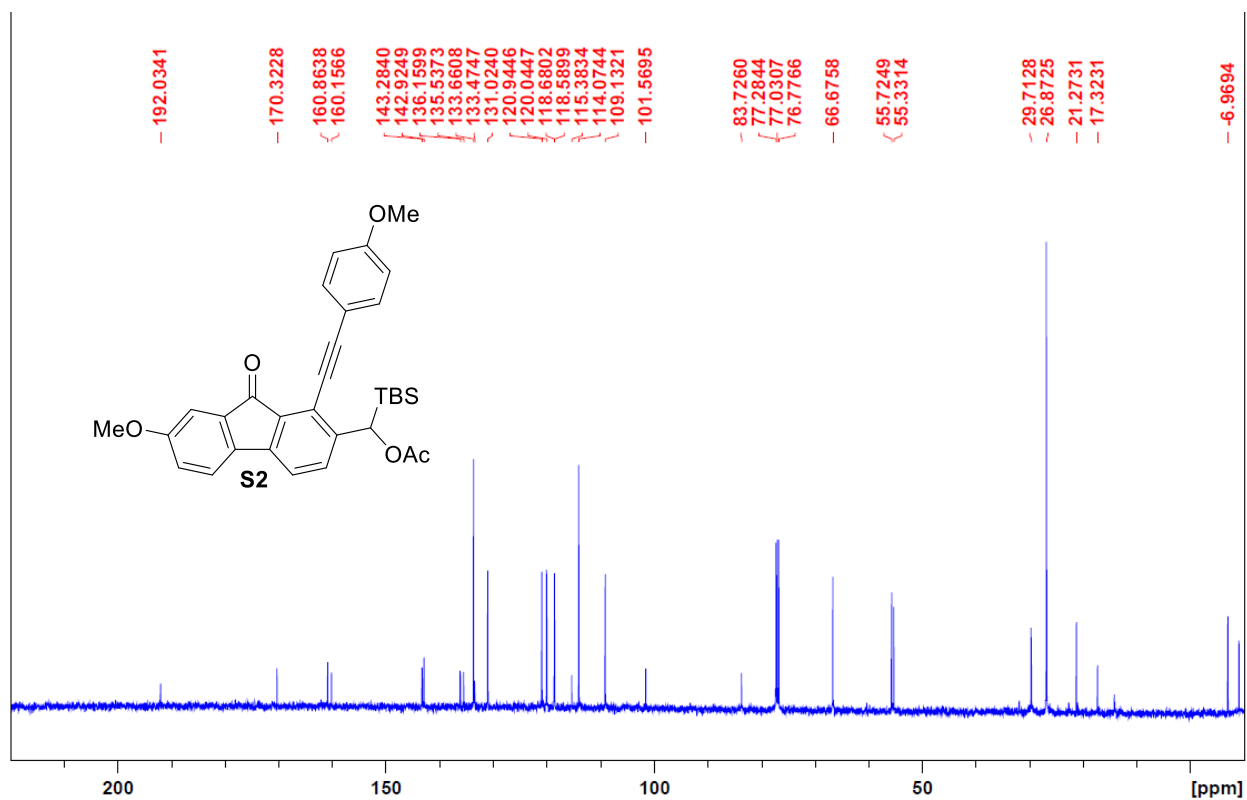
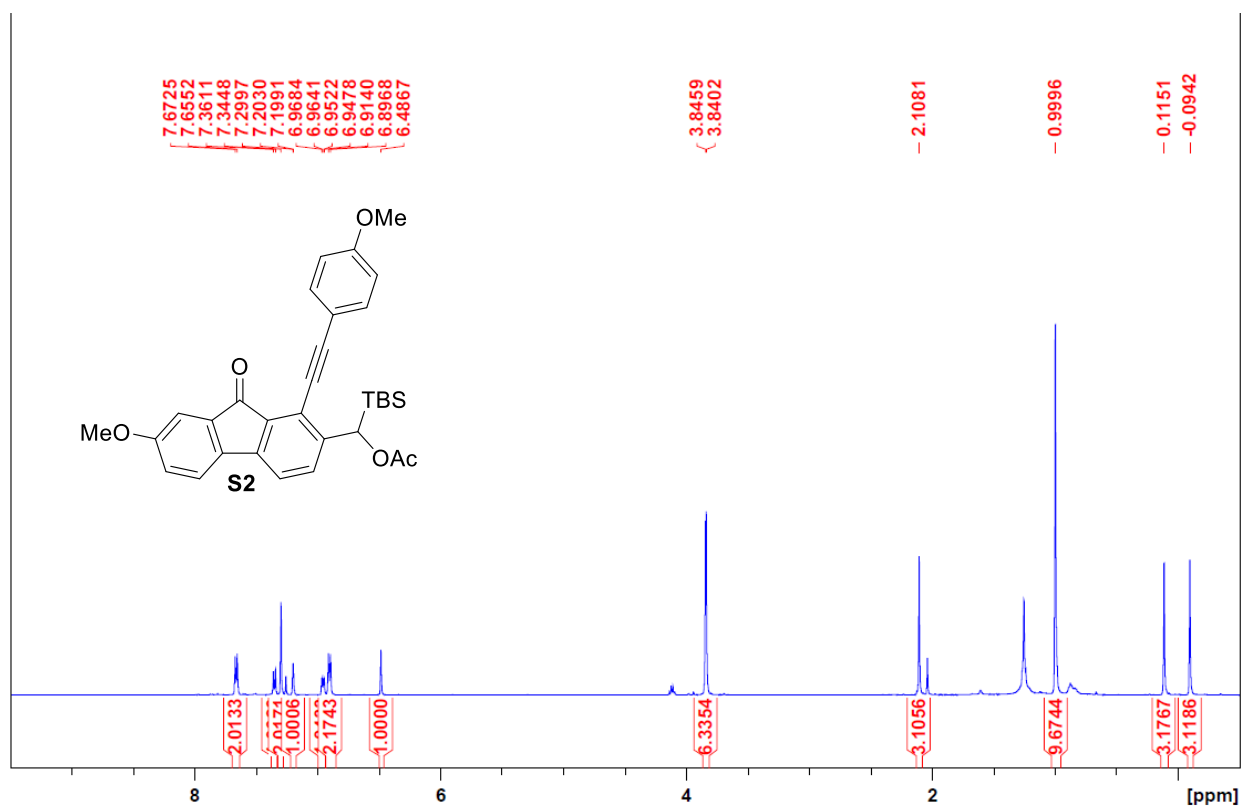
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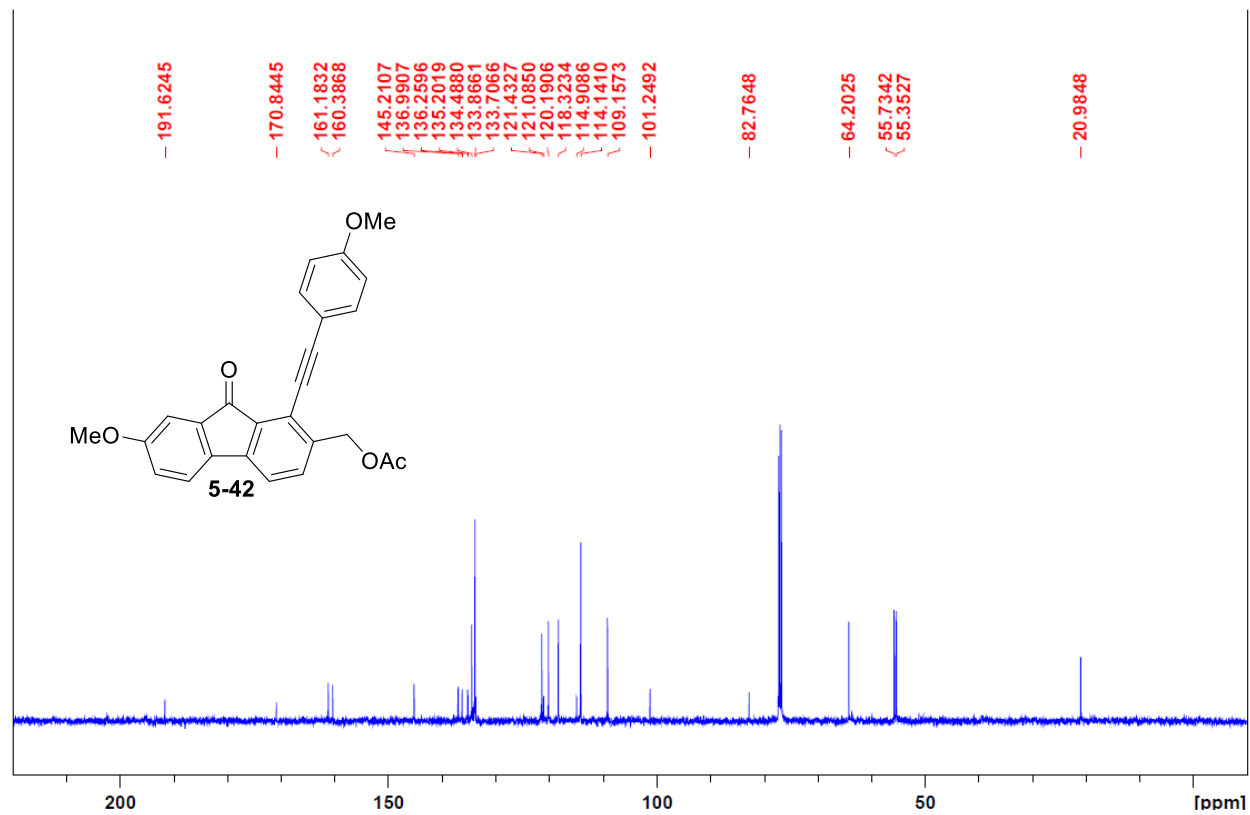
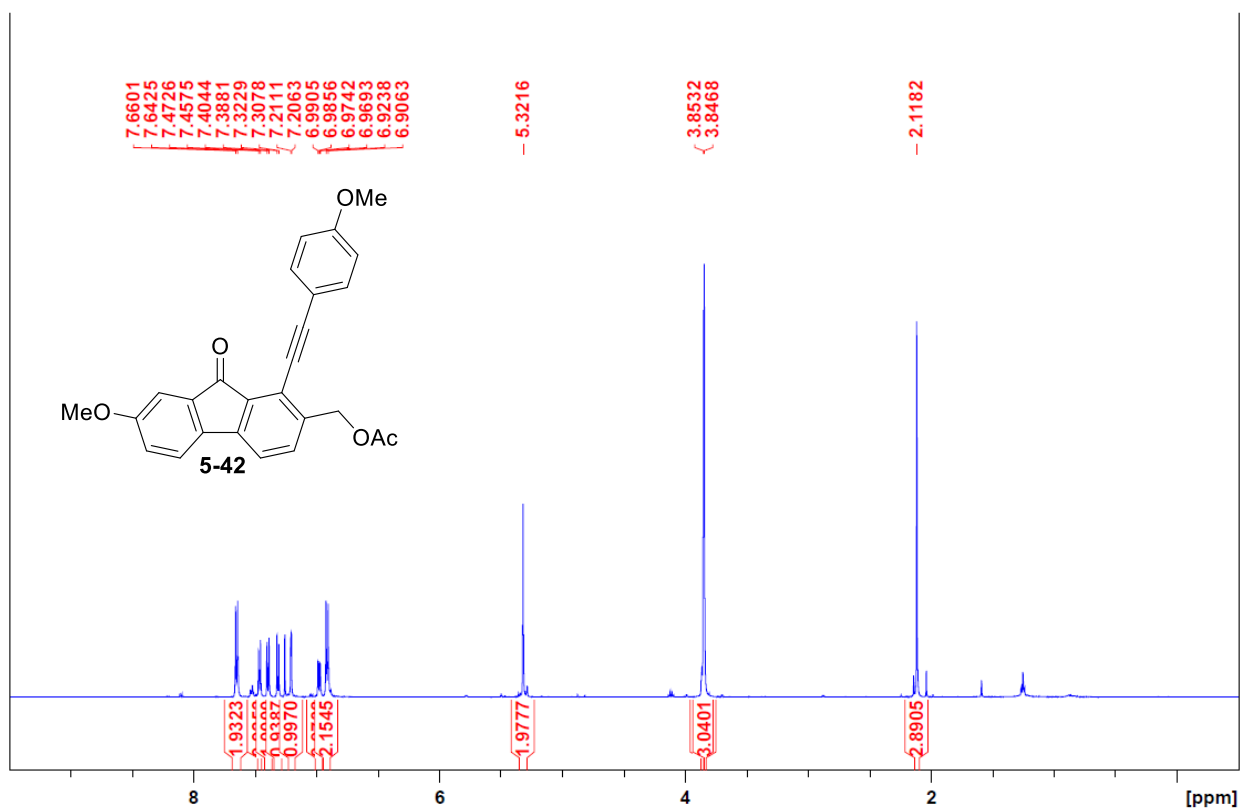


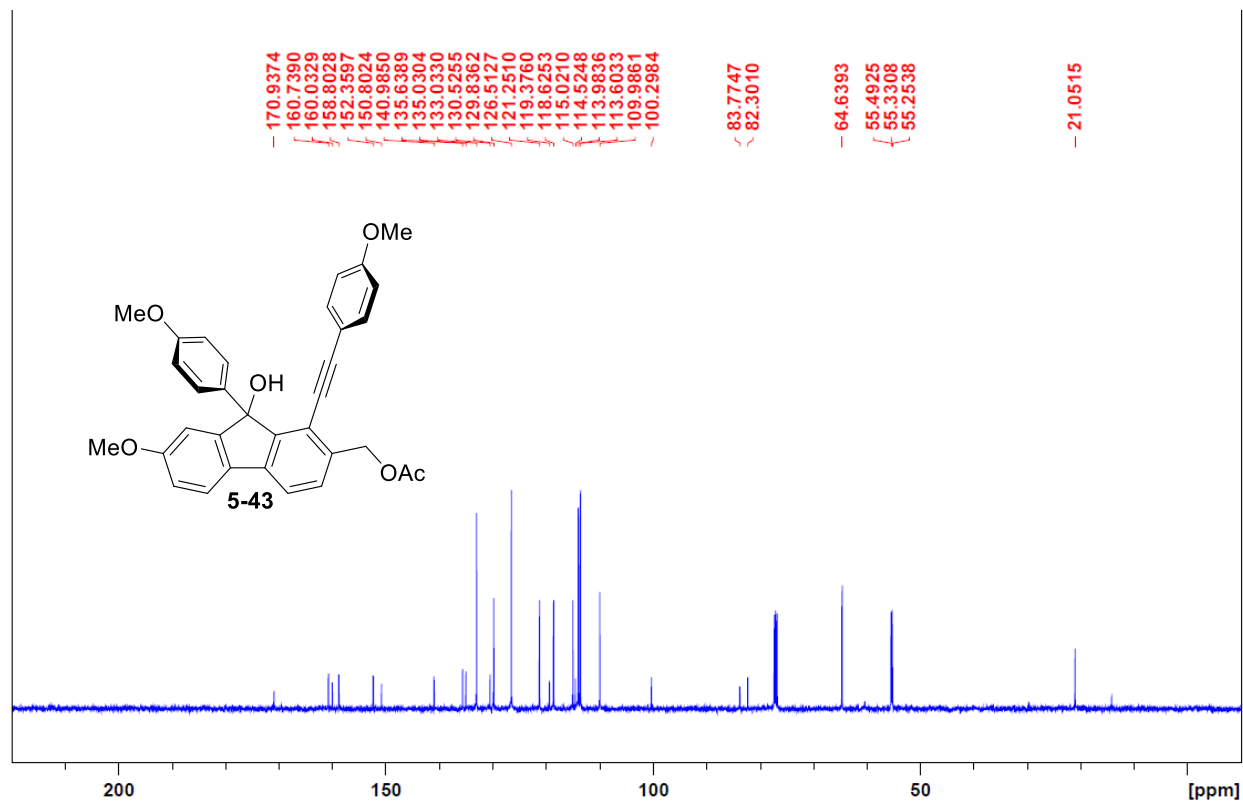
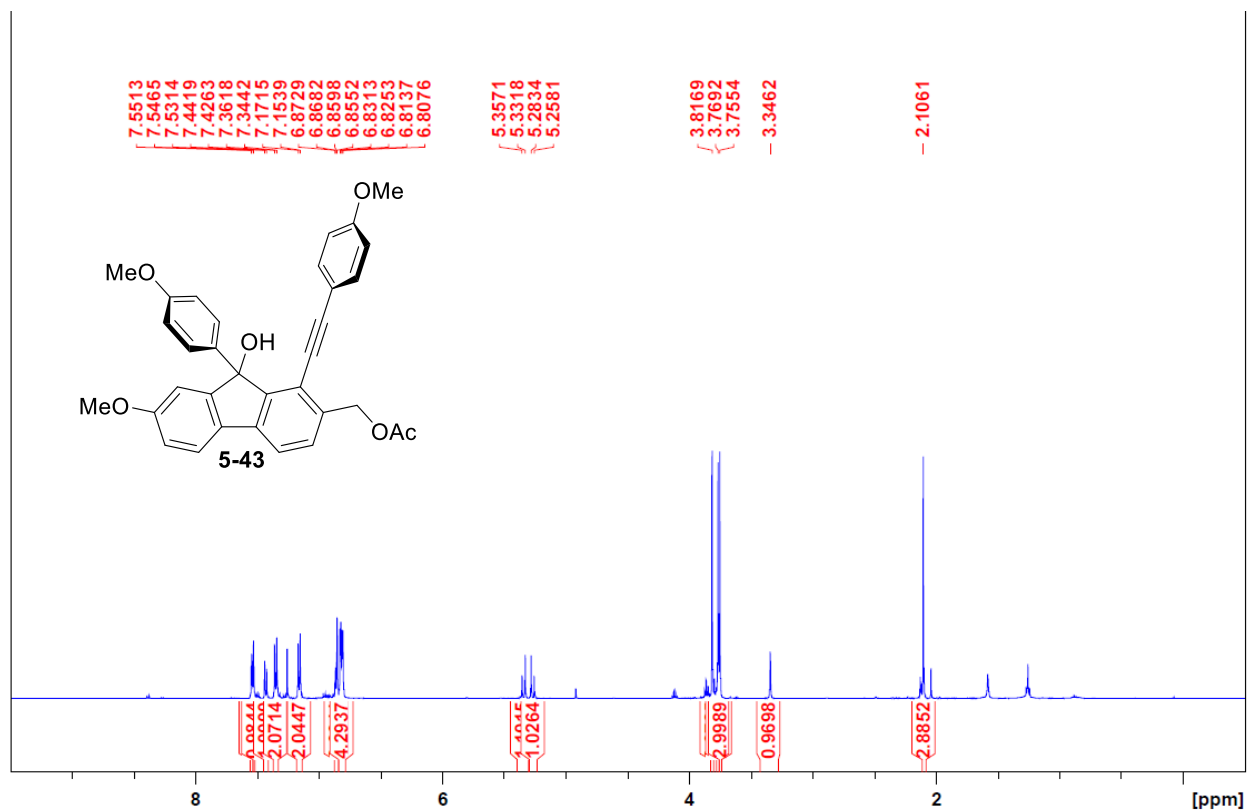




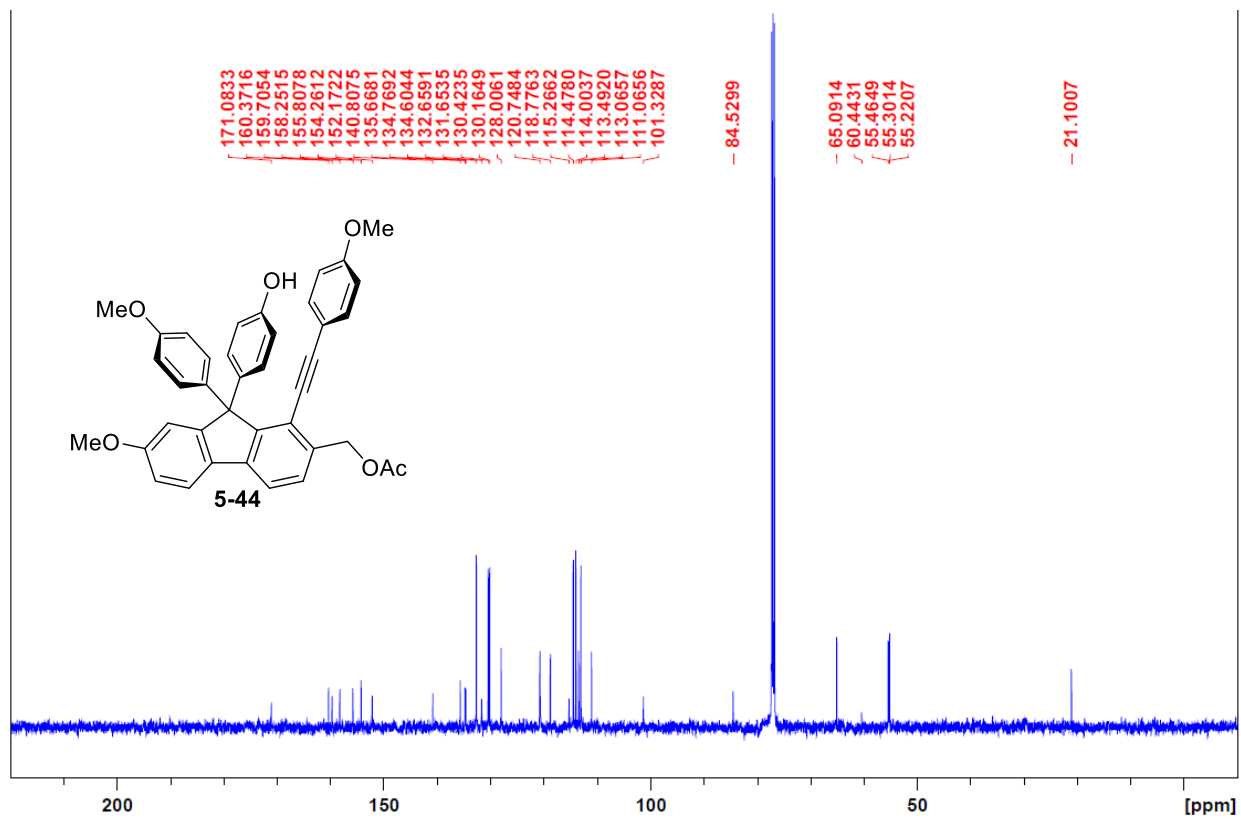
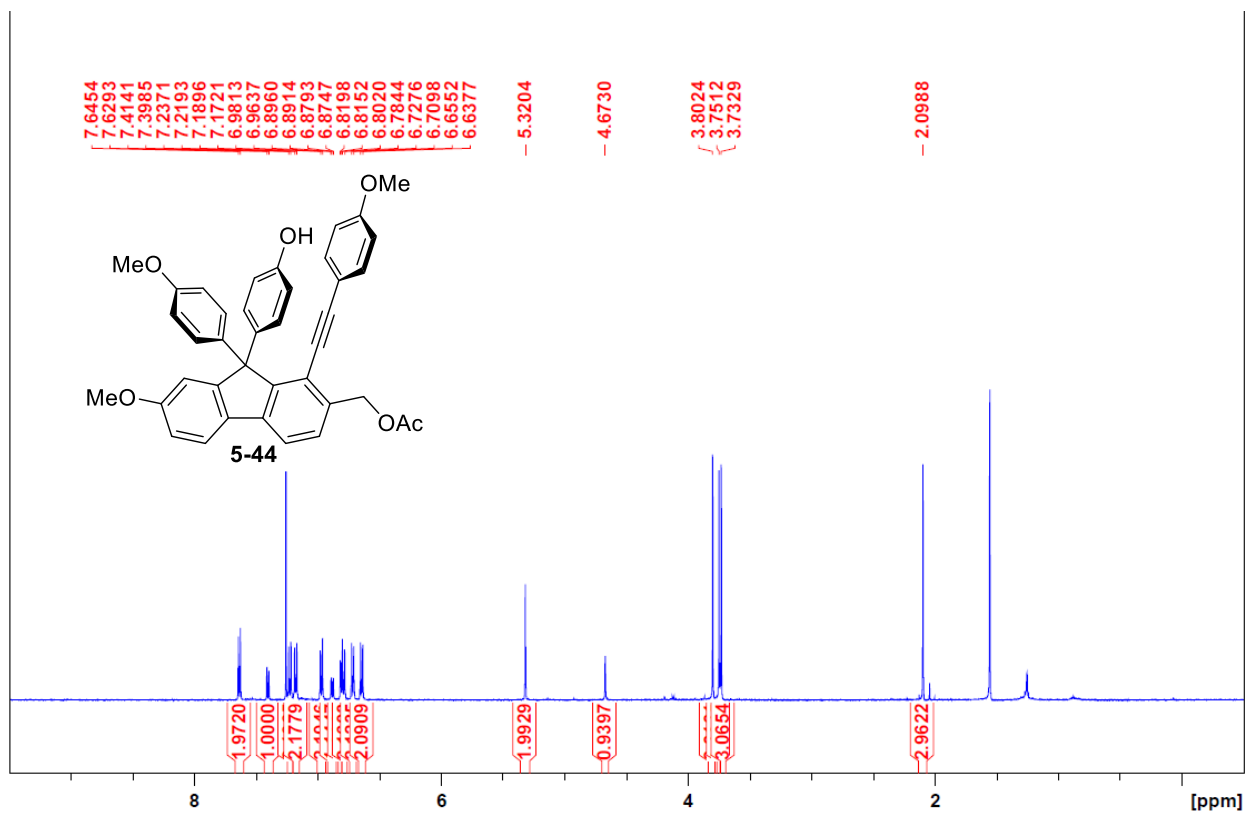


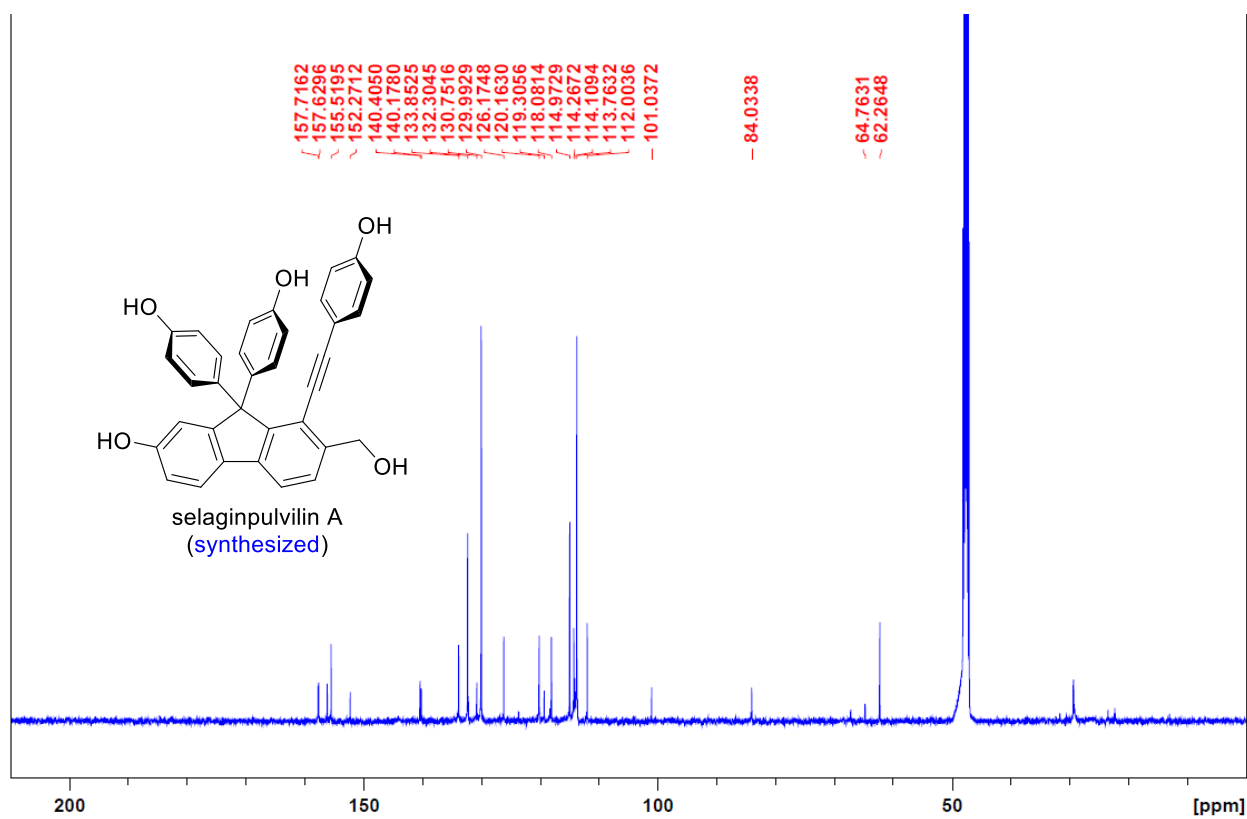
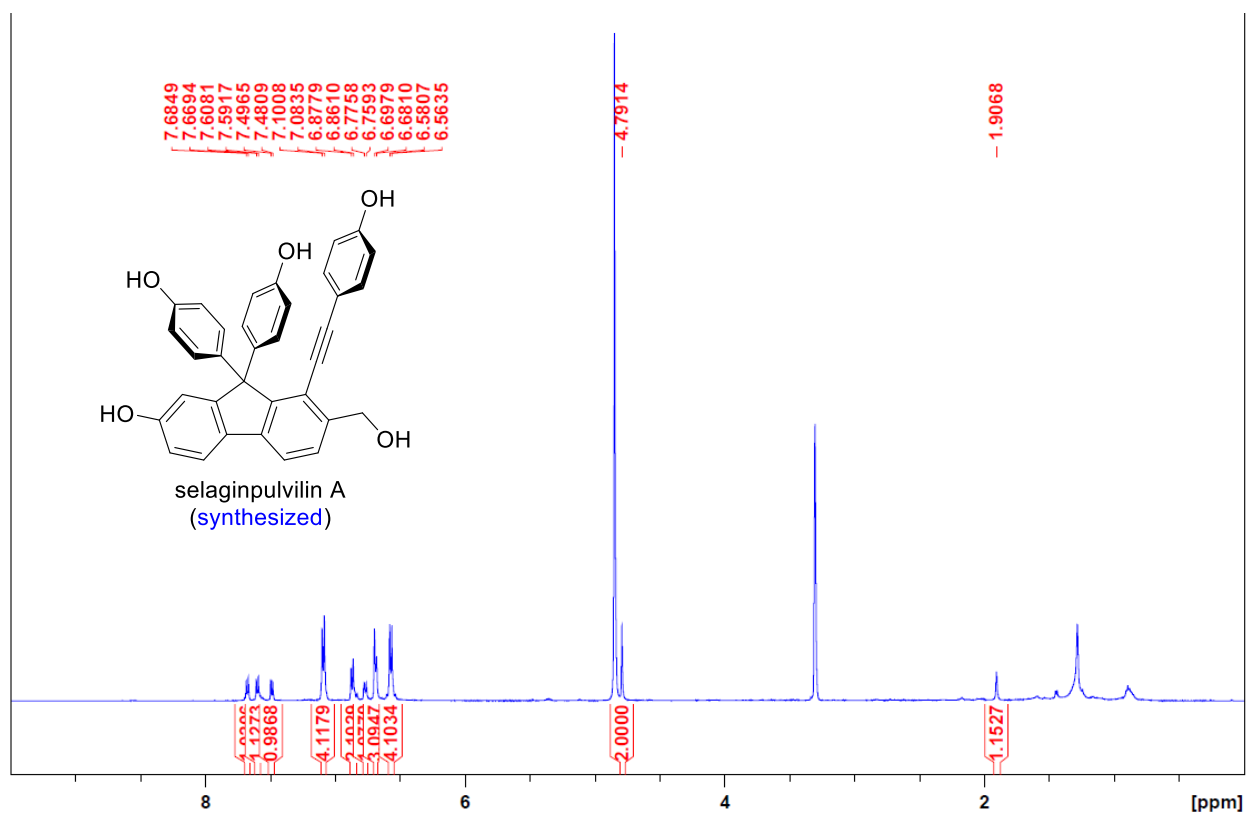


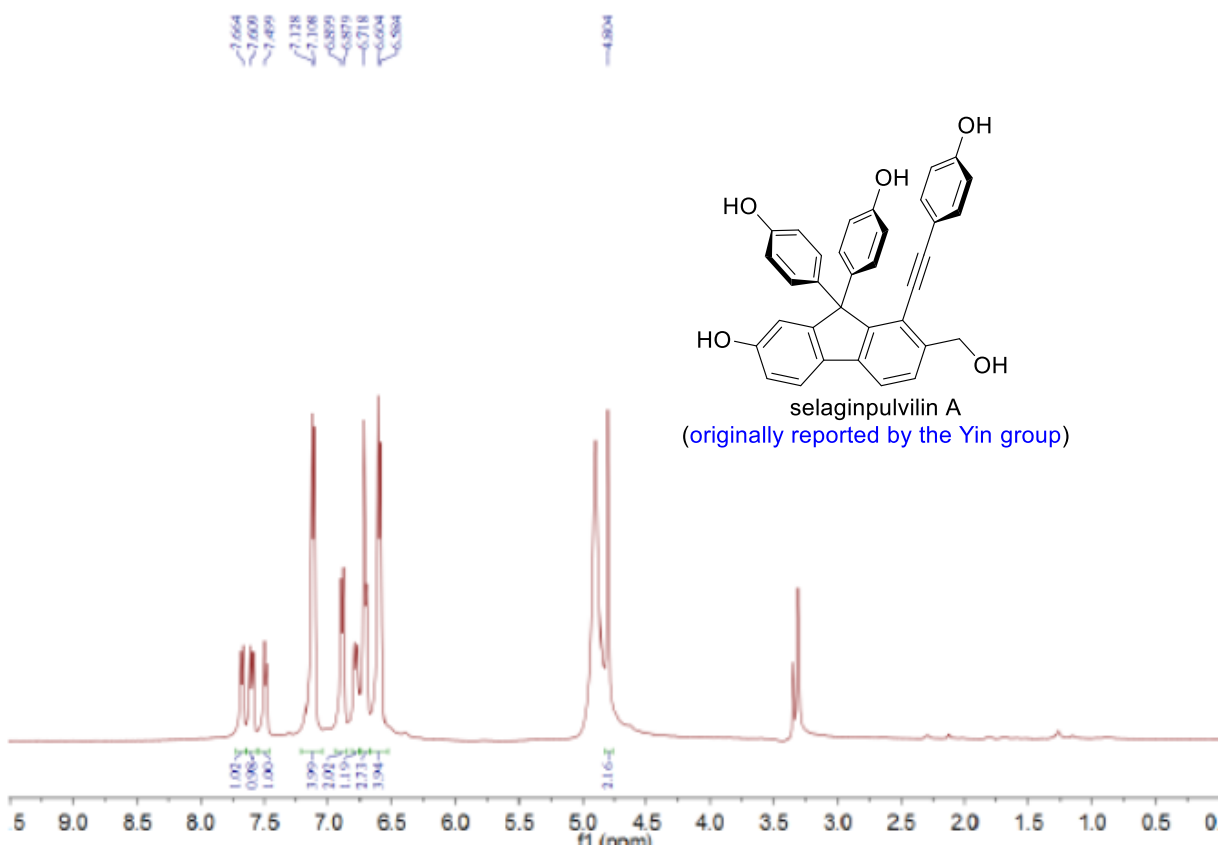
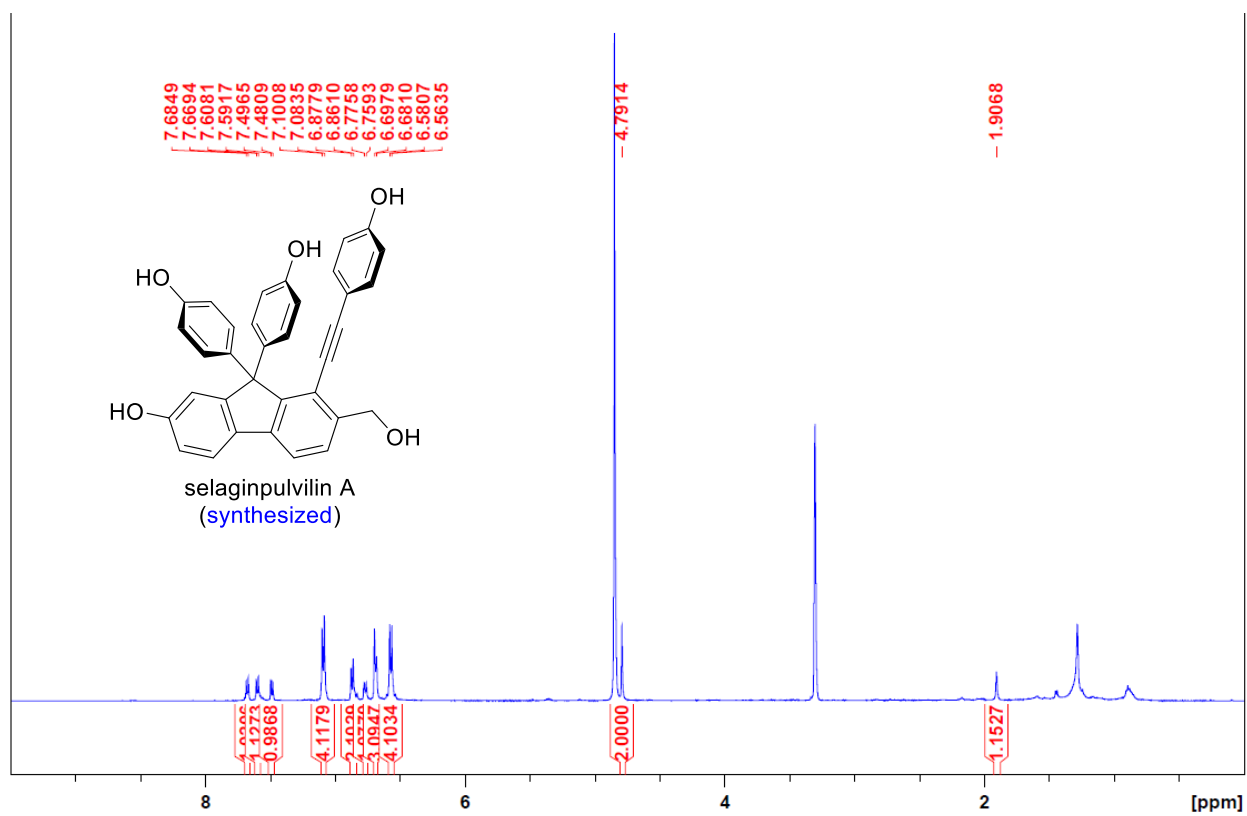


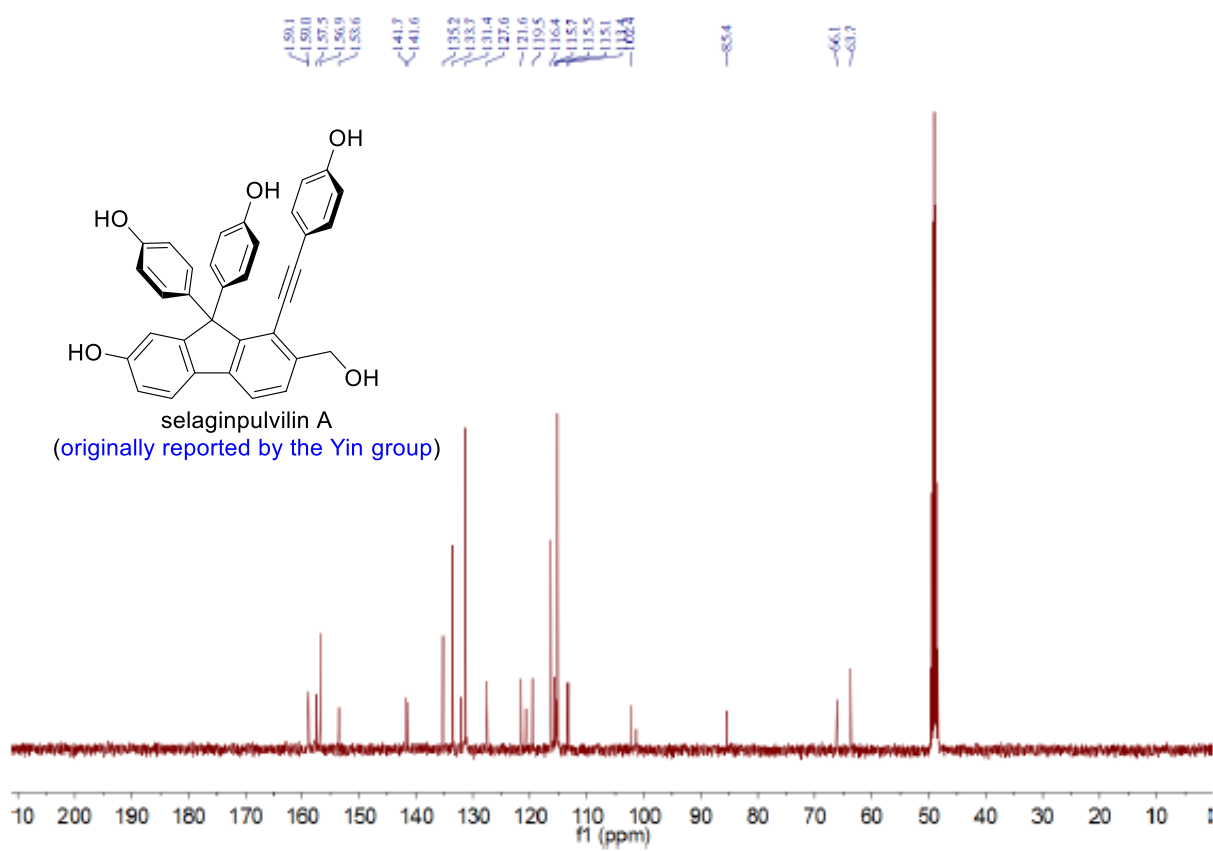
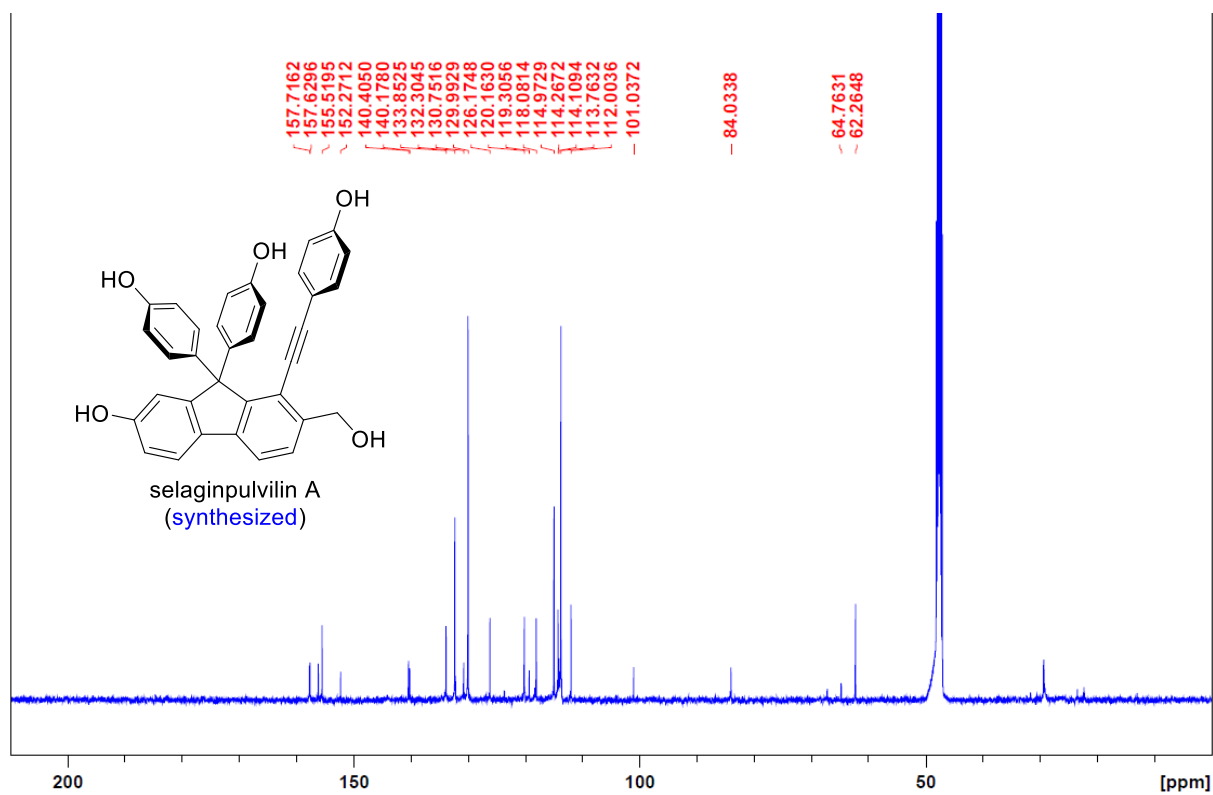












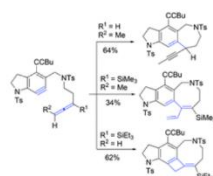
## Selectivity between an Alder-ene reaction and a [2 + 2] cycloaddition in the intramolecular reactions of allene-tethered arynes†

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### Abstract

Substituent-dependent reactivity and selectivity in the intramolecular reactions of arynes tethered with an allene are described. With a 1,3-disubstituted allene moiety, an Alder-ene reaction of an allenic C–H bond is preferred over a [2 + 2] cycloaddition, whereas a [2 + 2] cycloaddition of the terminal  $\pi$ -bond of the allene is preferred with a 1,1-disubstituted allene. With a 1,1,3-trisubstituted allene-tethered aryne, an Alder-ene reaction with an allylic C–H bond is preferred over a [2 + 2] cycloaddition.



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