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Palladium Precatalysts Containing *meta*-Terarylphosphine Ligands for Expedient Copper-Free Sonogashira Cross-Coupling Reactions

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1. General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased commercially from Strem Chemicals, Sigma-Aldrich, or Alfa Aesar and used as received without further purification. All operations were carried out in an argon atmosphere using glovebox and Schlenk techniques unless otherwise specified. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF), hexanes and toluene were obtained from an argon purged solvent purification system comprised of columns of activated alumina and molecular sieves. Anhydrous N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF), acetonitrile (CH₃CN), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) and 1,4-dioxane were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich as sure-sealed solvents and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on 0.25 mm E. Merck silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV light as the visualizing agent. E. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (200-300 mesh) by elution with appropriate solvents. Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically (¹H NMR) homogeneous materials, unless otherwise stated. Gas chromatography analysis was performed on an Agilent HP-7890 instrument with a flame ionization detector (FID) and an HP-5MS capillary column (30 m, 0.25 mm i.d., 0.25 µm film thicknesses) using helium as the carrier gas. Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry analysis was carried out on an Agilent HP-7890 instrument with an Agilent HP-5975 with triple-axis detector and HP-5MS capillary column using helium carrier gas. NMR spectra were from a Bruker DRX-400, or DRX-600, instrument and calibrated using residual non-deuterated solvent (CDCl₃: $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 7.26 ppm, $\delta_{\rm C}$ = 77.16 ppm; C_6D_6 : $\delta_H = 7.16$ ppm, $\delta_C = 128.06$ ppm) as an internal reference. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum One FT-IR spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent 6210 Series 1969A ESI-TOF (time of flight) mass spectrometer using EI (electron ionization), or ESI (electrospray ionization).

2. Synthesis of Cy*Phine Ligands

Dicyclohexyl(2',4',6'-triisopropyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2-yl)phosphane (Cy*Phine, L1)



Synthesis of **L1** was previously reported and duplicated here for convenience.^[1] To an oven-dried flask fitted with a septum was sequentially added activated Mg (0.29 g, 12.2 mmol, 2.2 equiv.), THF (6 mL), and 3-bromo-2,4,6-triisopropyl-1,1'-biphenyl^[2] (2 g, 5.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The mixture was then heated to

70 °C in an oil bath and stirred for 2 h prior to the dropwise addition of 2-bromochlorobenzene (1.2 g, 6.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) at room temperature, after which the mixture was reheated to 70 °C and stirred for another 2 h. CuCl (27.7 mg, 0.28 mmol, 5 mol%) and PCy₂Cl (1.43 g, 6.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were subsequently added sequentially at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight (16 h). After the reaction was complete, as determined by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy and GC analysis, ethyl acetate was added, and the mixture was washed several times with 28% aq. NH₄OH (50 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give the crude product; recrystallization (MeOH) afforded pure L1 as a white solid (2.6 g, 84%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.39-7.29$ (m, 5 H), 7.30-7.19 (m, 4 H), 7.15 (s, 1 H), 2.61 (sept, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.45 (sept, J = 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.34 (sept, J = 6.9Hz, 1 H), 1.92 (m, 3 H), 1.84–1.50 (m, 10 H), 1.24 (m, 12 H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3 H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.53 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 149.00 (d, J_{CP} = 30.5 Hz), 142.42, 139.92, 139.72 (d, J_{CP} = 5.9 Hz), 135.92 (d, J_{CP} = 18.8 Hz), 135.04, 134.96 (d, J_{CP} = 1.9 Hz), 134.17, 132.93 (d, J_{CP} = 3.2 Hz), 130.96 (d, $J_{CP} = 5.9$ Hz), 129.69 (d, $J_{CP} = 16.0$ Hz), 128.90, 128.72, 126.58 (d, $J_{CP} = 26.4$ Hz), 35.12 (d, $J_{CP} = 15.4$ Hz), 33.25 (d, $J_{CP} = 13.8$ Hz), 31.04 (d, $J_{CP} = 12.0$ Hz), 30.43 (dd, $J_{CP} = 12.0$ Hz), 30.43 (dd, J_{CP} = 12.0 Hz), 30.4 27.1, 14.9 Hz), 29.55 (d, $J_{CP} = 10.9$ Hz), 28.09 (dd, $J_{CP} = 14.6$, 9.5 Hz), 27.65 (d, $J_{CP} = 10.1$ Hz), 26.86 (d, $J_{CP} = 17.5$ Hz), 21.85 (d, $J_{CP} = 6.2$ Hz), 21.31, 20.37 ppm. ³¹P (243 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta =$ -11.78 ppm. Anal. Calcd. for C₃₉H₅₃P: C 84.73, H 9.66; found C 84.50, H 9.33.

Dicyclohexyl(2',4',6'-triisopropyl-4''-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2yl)phosphane (Cy*Phine-CF₃, L2)



Synthesized using the same procedure as **L1** with the exception of starting from 3-bromo-2,4,6-triisopropyl-4'-(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl^[2] (427

mg, 1.0 mmol) to afford the title compound as a white solid (483 mg, 78%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ = 7.71 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (s, 1 H), 7.58–7.47 (m, 4 H), 7.46–7.39 (m, 3 H), 3.21 (p, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.86 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.67 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.15 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 3 H), 2.06–1.77 (m, 16 H), 1.65 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 1.51–1.38 (m, 3 H), 1.33 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.7 Hz, 8 H), 1.24 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 0.95 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, C₆D₆) δ = 148.59 (d, $J_{CP} = 31.3$ Hz), 146.17 , 139.88 (d, $J_{CP} = 6.0$ Hz), 138.27, 136.24 (d, $J_{CP} = 20.9$ Hz), 135.44, 134.14, 132.72 (d, $J_{CP} = 2.8$ Hz), 130.67 (d, $J_{CP} = 5.9$ Hz), 130.07, 129.82, 129.03, 128.66, 126.51, 125.54 (dd, $J_{CP} = 12.6, 3.8$ Hz), 34.33 (d, $J_{CP} = 16.5$ Hz), 34.01 (d, $J_{CP} = 16.1$ Hz), 31.17–30.69 (m), 30.62, 29.99 (d, $J_{CP} = 14.9$ Hz), 29.75 (d, $J_{CP} = 13.4$ Hz), 28.12–26.87 (m), 26.59 (d, $J_{CP} = 9.2$ Hz), 21.57, 20.62, 20.06 ppm. ³¹P NMR (243 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -11.63 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -61.92 ppm. Anal. Calcd. for C₄₀H₅₂F₃P: C 77.39, H 8.44; found C 77.69, H 8.13.

(4''-butyl-2',4',6'-triisopropyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2-yl)dicyclohexylphosphane (Cy*Phine-*n*Bu, L3)



Synthesized using the same procedure as **L1** with the exception of starting from 3-bromo-2,4,6-triisopropyl-4'-(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl^[3] (622 mg, 1.5 mmol) to afford the title compound as a white solid (712 mg, 78%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ = 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.52–

7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.28 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.20 (td, J = 6.0, 2.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.20 (p, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.95 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.81 (p, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.68–2.54 (m, 2 H), 2.08 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.00–1.87 (m, 4 H), 1.81 (m, 2 H), 1.79–1.72 (m, 4 H), 1.62 (dd, J =16.4, 7.3 Hz, 4 H), 1.46–1.19 (m, 25 H), 1.09 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, C₆D₆) $\delta = 149.04$, 148.72, 147.55, 145.93, 142.75, 140.91, 139.07, 138.11 (d, $J_{CP} = 5.9$ Hz), 137.76, 136.99 (d, $J_{CP} = 19.1$ Hz), 132.54–131.84 (m), 131.49 (d, $J_{CP} = 5.8$ Hz), 130.85, 127.15, 126.25, 119.13, 35.37, 34.26 (dd, $J_{CP} = 17.4$, 9.1 Hz), 33.52, 32.61, 31.48 (dd, $J_{CP} = 18.4$, 9.5 Hz), 30.99, 29.56, 29.19 (dd, $J_{CP} = 11.0$, 8.4 Hz), 27.57 (dd, $J_{CP} = 12.1$, 5.7 Hz), 27.29 (dd, $J_{CP} = 7.7$, 5.0 Hz), 26.50, 25.91, 25.44, 24.40 (d, $J_{CP} = 7.3$ Hz), 24.13, 23.45, 23.08, 22.34 ppm. ³¹P NMR (243 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = -11.70$ ppm. Anal. Calcd. for C₄₃H₆₁P: C 84.80, H 10.10; found C 84.76, H 9.69.

3. Synthesis of Precatalysts

PdCl₂(Cy*Phine)₂ (P1)



To an oven-dried flask was added $PdCl_2(CH_3CN)_2$ (520 mg, 2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and anhydrous acetonitrile (20 mL). With rapid stirring, **L1** (1.1 g, 4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added potion-wise. The flask was capped under argon and placed into an 80 °C preheated oil bath for 30 min with vigorously stirring, during which period an orange precipitate formed. The

precipitate was filtered through a sintered glass frit, washed with pentane (3 × 8 mL), and dried under reduced pressure to afford a yellow solid (2.7 g, 85%). *Alternative procedure:* To an ovendried vial was added PdCl₂(COD) (28.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and anhydrous THF (5 mL). With rapid stirring, Cy*Phine (110.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added. The vial was capped under nitrogen and stirred vigorously at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and pentane (10 mL) was added. The yellow solid precipitates out immediately and was filtered through a sintered glass frit, washed with pentane (3 × 5 mL), and dried under reduced pressure to afford a yellow powder (111 mg, 85%). ³¹P NMR (243 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 45.28 ppm. Anal. Calcd. for C₇₈H₁₀₇Cl₂P₂Pd: C 73.02, H 8.33; found C 72.98, H 8.25. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₇₈H₁₀₇Cl₂NaP₂Pd⁺ (M+Na)⁺, 1303.6079, found: 1303.6082. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra displayed very broad resonances, which were unassignable.

PdCl₂(Cy*Phine-CF₃)₂ (P2)



Synthesized according to the same procedure to $PdCl_2(Cy*Phine)_2$ and starting from Cy*Phine-CF₃ (400 mg, 0.66 mmol) as a ligand to afford the complex $PdCl_2(Cy*Phine-CF_3)_2$ (0.37 g, 80%) as a yellow powder. ³¹P NMR (243 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 45.28 ppm. Anal. Calcd. for $C_{80}H_{104}Cl_2F_6P_2Pd$: C 67.22, H 7.39; found C 68.00, H 7.19. HRMS (ESI)

calcd for $C_{80}H_{104}Cl_2F_6NaP_2Pd^+$ (M+Na)⁺, 1439.5827, found: 1439.5851. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra displayed very broad resonances, which were unassignable.

PdCl₂(Cy*Phine-*n*Bu)₂ (P3)



Synthesized according to the same procedure to $PdCl_2(Cy*Phine)_2$ and starting from Cy*Phine-*n*Bu (200 mg, 0.32 mmol) as a ligand to afford the complex $PdCl_2(Cy*Phine-$ *n* $Bu)_2$ (0.18 g, 80%) as a yellow powder. ³¹P NMR (243 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 45.31 ppm. Anal. Calcd. for C₈₆H₁₂₂Cl₂P₂Pd: C 74.04, H 8.81; found C 73.63, H 8.52. HRMS (ESI)

calcd for $C_{86}H_{122}Cl_2NaP_2Pd^+$ (M+Na)⁺, 1415.7331, found: 1415.7316. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra displayed very broad resonances, which were unassignable.

PdCl₂(XPhos)₂ (P4)



Synthesized according to the same procedure to **P1** and starting from XPhos (0.95 g, 2 mmol) as a ligand to afford the complex $PdCl_2(XPhos)_2$ (0.92 g, 81%) as yellow powder. ³¹P NMR (243 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 45.32 ppm. Anal. Calcd. for C₆₆H₉₈Cl₂P₂Pd: C 70.10, H 8.74; found C 69.52, H 8.34. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₆₆H₉₈Cl₂NaP₂Pd⁺ (M+Na)⁺, 1151.5453, found: 1151.5516.

The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra displayed very broad resonances, which were unassignable.

¹H NMR spectrum of ligand Cy*Phine (**L1**)









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³¹P NMR spectrum of ligand Cy*Phine (L1)







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¹⁹F NMR spectrum of ligand Cy*Phine-CF₃ (**L2**)

PC y2 Pr Pr

-61.92



³¹P NMR spectrum of ligand Cy*Phine-CF₃ (**L2**)

PC y₂ Pr

----11.63



¹H NMR spectrum of ligand Cy*Phine-*n*Bu (**L3**)





³¹P NMR spectrum of ligand Cy*Phine-*n*Bu (**L3**)

PCy2 Pr **/Pr** nBu



³¹P NMR spectrum of preformed complex PdCl₂(Cy*Phine)₂ (**P1**)

PdCl₂(Cy*Phine)₂

)0 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 f1 (ppm)

45.28

³¹P NMR spectrum of preformed complex PdCl₂(Cy*Phine-CF₃)₂ (**P2**)

PdCl₂(Cy*Phine-CF₃)₂

-45.29

³¹P NMR spectrum of preformed complex PdCl₂(Cy*Phine-*n*Bu)₂ (**P3**)

PdCl₂(Cy*Phine-nBu)₂

45.31

)0 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 f1 (ppm)

³¹P NMR spectrum of preformed complex PdCl₂(XPhos)₂ (**P4**)

PdCl₂(XPhos)₂

-45.32



4. General Procedures for Copper-Free Sonogashira Reactions

Method I:

To a sealable reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with Pd catalyst (1 mol%), K_3PO_4 (212.4 mg, 1 mmol), the aryl chloride (0.5 mmol), the terminal alkyne (0.6 mmol) and MeCN (1 mL). The tube was then crimp-sealed with a cap fitted with a Teflon-lined septum and heated to 90 °C for 6 h with vigorous stirring. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc and filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* affording the crude product which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

Method II:

To a sealable reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with Pd catalyst (1 mol%), Et₃N (139 μ L, 1 mmol), the aryl chloride (0.5 mmol), the terminal alkyne (0.6 mmol) and THF (1 mL). The tube was then crimp-sealed with a cap fitted with a Teflon-lined septum and heated to 60 °C for 12 h with vigorous stirring. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc and filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* affording the crude product which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

5. Characterization Substrates in Manuscript



4-(methylthio)-2-(phenylethynyl)pyrimidine (3a). Following general Method I, 80 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2-chloro-4-(methylthio)pyrimidine and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (107 mg, 95%) using 1:25 ethyl acetate: hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.50 (s, 1 H), 7.64–7.59 (m, 2 H), 7.45–7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.60 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 173.19, 156.97, 150.89, 132.39, 129.90, 128.52, 121.17, 118.47, 93.80, 86.79, 14.18 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₁N₂S⁺ (M+H)⁺, 227.0565, found: 227.0647.



4-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (3b). Following general Method I, 70 mg (0.5 mmol) of 4-chlorobenzaldehyde and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a yellowish-brown solid (64 mg, 82%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 10.04 (s, 1 H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.61–7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 192.18, 192.17, 136.15, 132.86, 132.54, 130.36, 130.34, 129.73, 129.23, 123.24, 94.21, 89.27 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₁O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 207.0732, found: 207.0832.

HO-C₆H₁₃

4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)phenol (**3c**). Following general Method I, 64.0 mg (0.5 mmol) of 4chlorophenol and 66 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-octyne afforded the title compound as a yellow oil (92.0 mg, 91%) using 5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 5.26 (s, 1 H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.60 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.49–1.40 (m, 2 H), 1.37–1.29 (m, 2 H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 154.98, 133.07, 116.39, 115.30, 88.89, 80.14, 31.40, 28.83, 28.65, 22.61, 19.41, 14.12 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₉O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 203.1358, found: 203.2079.

$H_2N - C_6H_{13}$

4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)aniline (**3d**). Following general Method I, 63.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 4chloroaniline and 66 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-octyne afforded the title compound as a yellow oil (82.4 mg, 82%) using 10:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.51 (s, 2 H), 2.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.60 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.53–1.42 (m, 2 H), 1.33 (t, 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 145.85, 132.72, 114.77, 113.62, 87.93, 80.72, 31.43, 28.95, 28.66, 22.62, 19.46, 14.14 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₂₀N⁺ (M+H)⁺, 202.1517, found: 202.2671.



2-(cyclohex-1-en-1-ylethynyl)-4,6-dimethoxypyrimidine (3e). Following general Method I, 87 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2-chloro-4,6-dimethoxypyrimidine and 64 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-ethynylcyclohex-1-ene afforded the title compound as a pale yellow solid (92 mg, 75%) using 1:25 ethyl acetate:hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.54–6.28 (m, 1 H), 5.97 (s, 1 H), 3.96 (s, 6 H), 2.35–2.02 (m, 4 H), 1.78–1.36 (m, 4 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 171.05, 151.52, 139.01, 119.63, 89.55, 88.72, 85.90, 54.25, 28.60, 25.90, 22.14, 21.33 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₇N₂O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺, 245.1212, found: 245.1287.

2-(cyclohex-1-en-1-ylethynyl)pyrimidine (3f). Following general Method I, 57 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2-chloropyrimidine and 64 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-ethynylcyclohex-1-ene afforded the title compound as a brown oil (80 mg, 87%) using 7:3 hexane:ethyl acetate as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.69 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.18 (s, 1 H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.33–2.05 (m, 4 H), 1.65 (ddd, *J* = 31.1, 4.9, 1.9 Hz, 4 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.18, 153.61, 139.64, 119.57, 119.18, 90.36, 85.76, 28.55, 25.96, 22.10, 21.27 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₂⁺ (M+H)⁺, 185.1000, found: 185.1080.

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2-(phenylethynyl)pyrazine (3g). Following general Method I, 57 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2-chloropyrazine and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a

yellow oil (89 mg, 99%) using 1:5 ethyl acetate: hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.79 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.60 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.67–7.61 (m, 2 H), 7.46–7.36 (m, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 147.76, 144.45, 142.79, 140.41, 132.17, 129.60, 128.53, 121.49, 93.34, 85.80 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₉N₂⁺ (M+H)⁺, 181.0687, found: 181.0769.

4-(pyridin-2-ylethynyl)benzonitrile (3h). Following general Method I, 68.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 4-chlorobenzonitrile and 62 mg (0.6 mmol) of 2-ethynylpyridine afforded the title compound as a pale yellow solid (82 mg, 80%) using 4:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.70–8.61 (m, 1 H), 7.74 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.71–7.63 (m, 4 H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.9, 1.2 Hz, 1 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 150.25, 142.43, 136.57, 132.58, 132.18, 127.59, 127.15, 123.63, 118.43, 112.33, 92.31, 87.28 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₉N₂⁺ (M+H)⁺, 205.0687, found: 205.0754.



1-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl)-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (3i). Following general Method I, 84.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-*tert*-butyl-4-chlorobenzene and 97.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-ethynyl-3,5-dimethoxybenzene afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (135 mg, 92%) using 97:3 hexane:ethyl acetate as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.52 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2 H), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.49 (q, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 6 H), 1.36 (s, 9 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 160.52, 151.64, 131.38, 125.36, 124.80, 120.05, 105.50 (d, *J* = 1152.4 Hz), 89.14, 88.74, 55.43, 34.81, 31.19 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₃O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺, 295.1620, found: 295.1782.

3-methoxy-6-{(4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl}pyridazine (3j). Following general Method II, 74.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 3,6-dichloropyridazine and 122.8 mg (1.2 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (118 mg, 84%) using 5:1 hexane:ethyl acetate as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.64 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.60 (s, 2 H), 7.43–7.37 (m, 6 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 145.82, 132.20, 129.75,

128.86, 128.55, 121.41, 95.49, 85.97 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{20}H_{13}N_2^+$ (M+H)⁺, 281.1000, found: 281.1843.

3-methoxy-6-(pyridin-2-ylethynyl)pyridazine (3k). Following general Method II, 72 mg (0.5 mmol) of 3-chloro-6-methoxypyridazine and 62 mg (0.6 mmol) of 2-ethynlpyridine afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (64 mg, 60%) using 3:2 ethyl acetate:hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.65 (s, 1 H), 7.77–7.68 (m, 1 H), 7.66–7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 6.6, 3.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.03–6.90 (m, 1 H), 4.18 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 163.66, 150.19, 143.02, 142.32, 136.37, 132.67, 127.80, 123.61, 116.61, 90.67, 85.03, 55.18, 55.16 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₀N₃O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 212.0746, found: 212.0828.

4-{(6-methoxypyridazin-3-yl)ethynyl}aniline (3l). Following general Method II, 72 mg (0.5 mmol) of 3-chloro-6-methoxypyridazine and 70.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of 4-ethynylaniline afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (101 mg, 90%) using 65:35 ethyl acetate: hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.48 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.17 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 163.15, 147.56, 144.23, 133.51, 132.20, 116.57, 114.65, 110.96, 93.43, 83.99, 54.99 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₃O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 226.0902, found: 226.0974.

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1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (**3m**). Following general Method I, 84.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-*tert*-butyl-4-chlorobenzene and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a white solid (105 mg, 90%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.41–7.31 (m, 5 H), 1.35 (s, 9 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 151.83, 131.88, 131.63, 128.61, 128.36, 125.65, 123.81, 120.53, 89.83, 89.02, 35.11, 31.50 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉⁺ (M+H)⁺, 235.1409, found: 235.1502.

1-(*tert*-**butyl**)-**4-**{(**4-methoxyphenyl**)**ethynyl**}**benzene** (**3n**). Following general Method I, 84.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-*tert*-butyl-4-chlorobenzene and 73 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (128 mg, 97%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.48 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 8.7 Hz, 4 H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 1.35 (s, 9 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.47, 151.17, 133.00, 131.16, 125.31, 120.55, 115.65, 113.96, 88.65, 88.17, 55.31, 34.77, 31.20 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 265.1514, found: 265.1445.



3-{(1-methyl-1*H***-imidazol-5-yl)ethynyl}pyridine (30)**. Following general Method I, 56.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 3-chloropyridine and 64 mg (0.6 mmol) of 5-ethynyl-1-methyl-1*H*-imidazole afforded the title compound as a white solid (78 mg, 85%) using 1:19 Methanol: Dichloromethane as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.72 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (s, 1 H), 7.39–7.18 (m, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 174.73, 151.81, 148.85, 138.71, 138.09, 135.09, 123.10, 119.75, 92.95, 80.45, 32.12 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₀N₃⁺ (M+H)⁺, 184.0796, found: 184.0866.

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3-methoxy-6-(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)pyridazine (3p). Following general Method I, 72 mg (0.5 mmol) of 3-chloro-6-methoxypyridazine and 65 mg (0.6 mmol) of 2-ethynlthiophene afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (119 mg, 97%) using 3:7 ethyl acetate: hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.62 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.12 (s, 3 H) ppm.¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 163.36, 143.65, 132.29, 130.48, 129.83, 125.76, 120.93, 116.66, 87.43, 85.35, 55.08 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₉N₂O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 217.0357, found: 217.0432.

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1-(*tert***-butyl)-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (3q)**. Following general Method I, 84.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-*tert*-butyl-4-chlorobenzen and 66 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-octyne afforded the title compound as

a yellow oil (88 mg, 95%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.39–7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.34–7.31 (m, 2 H), 2.42 (ddd, *J* = 7.1, 4.2, 1.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.67–1.57 (m, 2 H), 1.52–1.44 (m, 2 H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 4 H), 1.33 (s, 9 H), 1.03–0.87 (m, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 151.31, 131.98, 125.91, 121.87, 90.43, 81.30, 35.42, 32.17, 31.97, 29.59, 29.38, 23.36, 20.21, 14.85 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₂₇⁺ (M+H)⁺, 243.2035, found: 243.3124.

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4-(3-hydroxyprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (3r). Following general Method I, 68.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 4-chlorobenzonitrile and 35 mg (0.6 mmol) of propargol alcohol afforded the title compound as a yellow oil (50 mg, 52%) using 4:1 petroleum ether: ethyl acetate as the column eluent. When another molar equivalent of Cy*Phine (with respect to the P1) was added, 83% yield was obtained. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.63–7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.54–7.49 (m, 2 H), 4.52 (s, 2 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 132.33, 132.19, 127.62, 118.50, 112.08, 91.76, 84.22, 51.68 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₈NO⁺ (M+H)⁺, 158.0528, found: 158.1032.

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¹³C NMR spectrum of 3-methoxy-6-{(4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl}pyridazine (**3j**) $\swarrow = \swarrow = \swarrow$































6. Extended Substrate Scope^{*a*}



^{*a*} Reaction conditions: 1 mol% PdCl₂(Cy*Phine)₂, 0.5 mmol aryl chloride **1**, 0.6 mmol alkyne **2**, 1 mmol K₃PO₄, 1 mL CH₃CN, 90 °C, 6 h. ^{*b*}1 mmol NEt₃, 1 mL THF, 60 °C, 12 h. Isolated yield of an average of two runs.



1-methoxy-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3a'). Following general Method I, 71.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 4-chloroanisole and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a brown solid (83.2 mg, 80%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.40–7.27 (m, 3 H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 160.17, 133.61, 132.00, 129.84, 128.86, 128.48, 124.15, 115.94, 89.93, 88.63, 55.85 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 209.0888, found: 209.0979.



1-methoxy-3-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3b'). Following general Method I, 71.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 3-chloroanisole and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (83.2 mg, 80%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.62–7.55 (m, 2 H), 7.40–7.37 (m, 3 H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.94 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.7, 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.34, 131.67, 129.47, 128.41, 128.37, 124.25, 124.21, 123.17, 116.30, 114.99, 89.34, 89.24, 55.32 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 209.0888, found: 209.0982.



1-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3c'). Following general Method I, 71.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2-chloroanisole and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (93 mg, 89%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.60 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.40–7.34 (m, 4 H), 7.01–6.90 (m, 2 H), 3.95 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.89, 133.61, 131.69, 129.81, 128.78, 128.39, 128.27, 128.15, 126.33, 123.53, 120.50, 112.38, 110.65, 93.45, 85.71, 55.86 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 209.0888, found: 209.0954.



1-methyl-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3d'). Following general Method I, 63 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-chloro-4-methylbenzene and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a white solid (87.4 mg, 91%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.58–7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 3 H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.39, 131.56, 131.51, 129.13, 128.32, 128.08, 123.49, 120.20, 89.57, 88.73, 21.53 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃⁺ (M+H)⁺, 193.0939, found: 193.1028.



1-methyl-3-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3e'). Following general Method I, 63 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-chloro-3-methylbenzene and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a colourless oil (90 mg, 94%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.63–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.35 (m, 5 H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 138.05, 132.24, 131.64, 129.22, 128.74, 128.47, 128.38, 128.29, 128.22, 123.43, 123.12, 89.65, 89.11, 21.28 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃⁺ (M+H)⁺, 193.0939, found: 139.1034.



1-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3f'). Following general Method I, 63 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-chloro-2-methylbenzene and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a colourless oil (90 mg, 94%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.64–7.59 (m, 2 H), 7.57 (s, 1 H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.59 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 140.22, 131.89, 131.56, 129.52, 128.40, 128.36, 128.22, 125.64, 123.61, 123.07, 93.41, 88.41, 20.81 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃⁺ (M+H)⁺, 193.0939, found: 193.1012.



4-(phenylethynyl)benzonitrile (3g'). Following general Method I, 68.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 4-chlorobenzonitrile and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (91 mg, 90%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.58–7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 132.08, 132.06, 131.80, 129.14, 128.51, 128.26, 122.23, 118.55, 111.48, 93.79, 87.72 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N⁺ (M+H)⁺, 204.0735, found: 204.0801.



1-(4-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3h'). Following general Method I, 77 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethan-1-one and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (104 mg, 95%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.98–7.93 (m, 2 H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.40–7.34 (m, 3 H), 2.62 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 197.30, 136.18, 131.75, 131.70, 128.82, 128.46, 128.28, 128.19, 122.65, 92.73, 88.63, 26.63 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₃O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 221.0888, found: 221.0907.



1,3-dimethyl-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3i'). Following general Method I, 70 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2-chloro-1,3-dimethylbenzene and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a colourless oil (83 mg, 81%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.59 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.43–7.31 (m, 3 H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 1 H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.57 (s, 6 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 140.28, 131.41, 128.38, 128.11, 127.78, 126.71, 123.85, 122.98, 97.85, 87.14, 21.15 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₅⁺ (M+H)⁺, 207.1096, found: 207.1166.

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2-(phenylethynyl)thiophene (3j'). Following general Method I, 58.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2-chlorothiophene and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a

brown oil (82 mg, 89%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.58–7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 3.0 Hz, 3 H), 7.34–7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.04 (ddd, *J* = 5.0, 3.2, 1.9 Hz, 1 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 131.89, 131.42, 128.42, 128.38, 127.25, 127.10, 123.33, 122.93, 93.03, 82.61 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₉S⁺ (M+H)⁺, 185.0347, found: 185.0421.

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3-(phenylethynyl)pyridine (**3k'**). Following general Method I, 56.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 3chloropyridine and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a brown oil (79 mg, 88%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.79 (s, 1 H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.61–7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.42–7.37 (m, 3 H), 7.30 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.21, 148.50, 138.47, 128.82, 128.46, 123.06, 122.51, 92.68, 85.92 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₀N⁺ (M+H)⁺, 180.0735, found: 180.0817.

4,6-dimethoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)pyrimidine (3l'). Following general Method I, 87 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2-chloro-4,6-dimethoxypyrimidine and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene afforded the title compound as a pale yellow solid (107 mg, 95%) using 1:25 ethyl acetate: hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.72–7.65 (m, 2 H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 3 H), 6.04 (s, 1 H), 4.01 (s, 6 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 171.14, 151.21, 132.59, 129.51, 128.35, 121.49, 90.04, 88.11, 86.51, 54.42 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₂O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺, 241.0899, found: 241.0981.

4,6-dimethoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)pyrimidine (3m'). Following general Method I, 87 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2-chloro-4,6-dimethoxypyrimidine and 61.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of phenylacetylene

afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (91 mg, 83%) using 2:1 ethyl acetate: hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.99 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.83(s, 1 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (m, 3 H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 138.74, 137.75, 134.57, 132.12, 129.70, 128.53, 125.21, 121.21, 120.61, 117.04, 92.43, 84.79 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₃⁺ (M+H)⁺, 220.0796, found: 220.0834.



1-{(4-(*tert***-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl}-2-methylbenzene (3n')**. Following general Method I, 84.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-*tert*-butyl-4-chlorobenzene and 70 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-ethynyl-2-methylbenzene afforded the title compound as a white solid (105 mg, 84%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.54–7.49 (m, 3 H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 2 H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 4.9, 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.55 (s, 3 H), 1.37 (s, 9 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 151.46, 140.13, 131.77, 131.24, 129.43, 128.12, 125.55, 125.36, 123.25, 120.54, 93.51, 87.68, 34.80, 31.21, 20.78 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁⁺ (M+H)⁺, 249.1565, found: 249.1654.



1-{(4-(*tert***-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl}-2-methylbenzene (30')**. Following general Method I, 84.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-*tert*-butyl-4-chlorobenzene and 77 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-ethynyl-4-methylbenzene afforded the title compound as a brown solid (112 mg, 90%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 1.35 (s, 9 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 151.31, 138.15, 131.45, 131.25, 129.06, 125.31, 120.43, 120.42, 88.86, 88.83, 34.77, 31.19, 21.50 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁⁺ (M+H)⁺, 249.1565, found: 249.1642.

1-(*tert***-butyl)-4-{(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylethynyl)benzene (3p')**. Following general Method I, 84.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-*tert*-butyl-4-chlorobenzene and 102 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-ethynyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene afforded the title compound as a white solid (136 mg, 90%) using 10:1

hexanes: ethyl acetate as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.63 (q, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4 H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.36 (s, 9 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.22, 131.75, 131.49, 128.06, 127.37, 126.76, 125.47, 125.25, 125.22, 92.00, 87.39, 34.87, 31.26 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₈F₃⁺ (M+H)⁺, 303.1282, found: 303.1367.

3-methoxy-6-{(4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl}pyridazine (3q'). Following general Method I 72 mg (0.5 mmol) of 3-chloro-6-methoxypyridazine and 79.2 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (114 mg, 95%) using 2:1 hexane:ethyl acetate as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.00–6.94 (m, 1 H), 6.93–6.86 (m, 2 H), 4.17 (s, 3 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 163.28, 160.33, 143.93, 133.59, 132.29, 116.68, 114.11, 113.86, 92.48, 84.59, 55.36, 55.08 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₂O₂⁺ (M+H)⁺, 241.0899, found: 241.0974.

1-methoxy-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (3r'). Following general Method I, 71.3 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-chloro-4-methoxybenzene and 66 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-octyne afforded the title compound as a brown oil (108.7 mg, 99%) using 99:1 hexanes:diethyl ether as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.62 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.54–1.43 (m, 2 H), 1.40–1.21 (m, 6 H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.94, 132.85, 116.25, 113.77, 88.80, 80.25, 55.20, 31.44, 28.89, 28.68, 22.64, 19.44, 14.13 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₂₁O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 217.1514, found: 217.1631.

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2-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)thiophene (3s'). Following general Method I, 58.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2chlorothiophene and 66 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-octyne afforded the title compound as a yellow oil (86.4 mg, 90%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.19 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.68–1.56 (m, 2 H), 1.51–1.44 (m, 2 H), 1.39–1.26 (m, 2 H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3 H)ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 130.88, 126.77, 125.84, 124.24, 94.60, 73.65, 31.39, 28.60–28.52 (m), 22.61, 19.72, 14.13 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₇S⁺ (M+H)⁺, 193.0973, found: 193.1123.

2-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)pyrimidine (**3t'**). Following general Method I, 57 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2chloropyrimidine and 66 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-octyne afforded the title compound as a yellow oil (83.0 mg, 88%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.62 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (s, 1 H), 2.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.58 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.39 (dtd, *J* = 9.9, 7.4, 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.27–1.15 (m, 2 H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.74 (m), 153.20, 119.41, 90.75, 79.86, 31.26, 28.62, 27.96, 22.45, 19.19, 14.02 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₇N₂⁺ (M+H)⁺, 189.1313, found: 189.1390.

3-methoxy-6-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)pyridazine (3u'). Following general Method I, 72.2 mg (0.5 mmol) of 3-chloro-6-methoxypyridazine and 66 mg (0.6 mmol) of 1-octyne afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (99 mg, 91%) using 9:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.34 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.08 (s, 3H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.59 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.46–1.37 (m, 2 H), 1.32–1.21 (m, 4 H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 163.18, 143.98, 132.28, 116.54, 94.09, 54.89, 31.29, 28.57, 28.16, 22.50, 19.37, 14.04 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₉N₂O⁺ (M+H)⁺, 219.1419, found: 219.1502.

2-{(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl}thiophene (3v'). Following general Method I, 84.5 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-tert-butyl-4-chlorobenzen and 65 mg (0.6 mmol) of 2-ethynylthiophene afforded the title compound as a brown oil (114 mg, 95%) using hexanes as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.52 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.35 (s, 9 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR

(151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 151.49, 131.25, 129.93, 128.32, 125.36, 125.27, 122.53, 120.16, 89.00, 83.81, 34.80, 31.19 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₇S⁺ (M+H)⁺, 241.0973, found: 241.1123.

2-(pyridin-2-ylethynyl)pyrimidine (3w'). Following general Method I, 57 mg (0.5 mmol) of 2chloropyrimidine and 62 mg (0.6 mmol) of 2-ethynlpyridine afforded the title compound as a brown solid (33 mg, 36%) using 100:1 dichloromethane: methanol as the column eluent. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.79 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 8.71–8.67 (m, 1 H), 7.75 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.70–7.65 (m, 1 H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.9, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.30, 152.90, 150.29, 142.01, 135.17, 128.12, 123.81, 120.13, 86.79, 86.00 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₈N₃⁺ (M+H)⁺, 182.0640, found: 182.0705.










¹³C NMR spectrum of **1-methoxy-3-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3b')**







¹³C NMR spectrum of **1-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3c')**















¹³C NMR spectrum of **1-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3f')**







¹³C NMR spectrum of **4-(phenylethynyl)benzonitrile (3g')**.





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¹³C NMR spectrum of **1,3-dimethyl-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3i')**.





¹³C NMR spectrum of **2-(phenylethynyl)thiophene (3j')**





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¹³C NMR spectrum of **3-(phenylethynyl)pyridine (3k')**.





¹³C NMR spectrum of **4,6-dimethoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)pyrimidine (3l')**.



¹H NMR spectrum of **4,6-dimethoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)pyrimidine (3m')**.



¹³C NMR spectrum of **4,6-dimethoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)pyrimidine (3m')**.







¹H NMR spectrum of 1-{(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl}-2-methylbenzene (3n')

¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-{(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl}-2-methylbenzene (3n')





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¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-{(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl}-2-methylbenzene (3o').



¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(tert-butyl)-4-{(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylethynyl)benzene (3p')









¹H NMR spectrum of **1-methoxy-4-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (3r')**.



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¹H NMR spectrum of **2-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)thiophene (3s')**.


¹³C NMR spectrum of **2-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)thiophene (3s')**.



¹H NMR spectrum of **2-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)pyrimidine (3t')**







¹H NMR spectrum of **3-methoxy-6-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)pyridazine (3u')**



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¹³C NMR spectrum of 2-{(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl}thiophene (3v')







