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## *Supporting Information*

# **KOAc-promoted alkynylation of $\alpha$ -C–H bonds of ethers with alkynyl bromides under transition-metal-free conditions**

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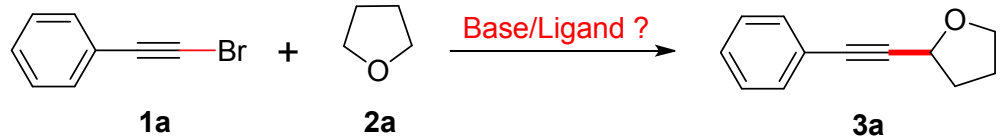
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## 1. Effect of base/ligand on the model reaction (TS1)

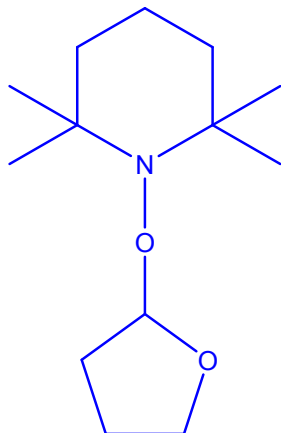
**Table S1** Effect of base/ligand on the model reaction.<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Base	Ligand	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	KO <sup>t</sup> Bu	L-Proline	34
2	KO <sup>t</sup> Bu	TMEDA	NR
3	KO <sup>t</sup> Bu	1,10-Phen	NR
4	KO <sup>t</sup> Bu	Bipy	29
5	KO <sup>t</sup> Bu	8-HQ	NR
6	KO <sup>t</sup> Bu	Dppf	NR
7	NaO <sup>t</sup> Bu	L-Proline	11
8	NaO <sup>t</sup> Bu	TMEDA	NR
9	NaO <sup>t</sup> Bu	1,10-Phen	NR
10	NaO <sup>t</sup> Bu	Bipy	NR
11	NaO <sup>t</sup> Bu	8-HQ	NR
12	NaO <sup>t</sup> Bu	Dppf	NR
13	LiO <sup>t</sup> Bu	L-Proline	18
14	LiO <sup>t</sup> Bu	TMEDA	NR
15	LiO <sup>t</sup> Bu	1,10-Phen	NR
16	LiO <sup>t</sup> Bu	Bipy	NR
17	LiO <sup>t</sup> Bu	8-HQ	NR
18	LiO <sup>t</sup> Bu	Dppf	NR

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.30 mmol), **2a** (2.0 mL, excess), base (0.60 mmol), ligand (0.15 mmol) at 150 °C for 12 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. TMEDA = *N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine. 1,10-Phen = 1,10-phenanthroline. Bipy = 2,2'-bipyridine. 8-HQ = 8-hydroxyquinoline. Dppf = 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene.

## 2. GC-MS of the TEMPO with tetrahydrofuran and phenylethynyl bromide under the standard reaction conditions



Chemical Formula:  $C_{13}H_{25}NO_2$

$[M+H]^+ = C_{13}H_{26}NO_2$

Exact Mass: 228.20

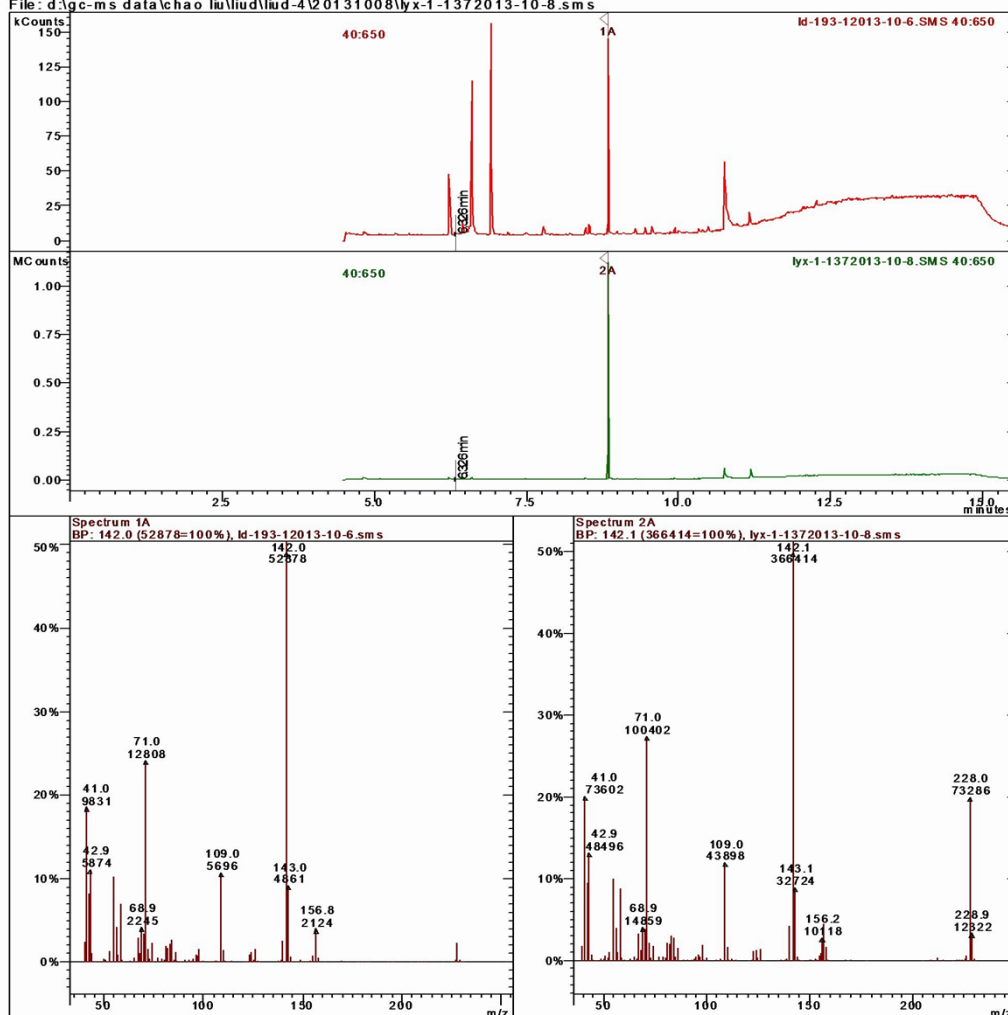
Molecular Weight: 228.35

m/z: 228.20 (100.0%), 229.20 (14.4%), 230.20 (1.4%)

Elemental Analysis: C, 68.38; H, 11.48; N, 6.13; O, 14.01

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### 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the products

