## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# Ferromagnetic α-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs: A potential catalyst in Sonogashira Hagihara cross coupling and Hetero-Diels-Alder reactions

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**Table S1:** Comparison of catalytic activity of  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs for Sonogashira cross coupling reaction over other catalytic system reported in the literature.

Seri al	Publication	Catalyst used	Use of Noble	Use of CuI	Use of Amine	Solvent	Nano catalysis	Recycling	Reaction time	Temp. required	Isolated Yield
No.			metal							(in °C)	(Product, %)
1	Present manuscript	α-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	No	No	No	Ethylene glycol (green solvent)	Yes	Yes (13 times)	13 h	80	84
2	Green Chem., 2015, <b>17</b> , 1893- 1898	Pd-CS, Pd-CS- Glu and Pd-CS- SH, K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Yes	No	No	EtOH/Wa ter	Yes	Yes (6 times)	6 h	65	98
3	Green Chem., 2015, <b>17</b> , 1071- 1076	Pd/C, DABCO	Yes	No	Yes	γ- Valerolac tone	No	No	4 h	60-100	99
4	Green Chem., 2014, <b>16</b> , 2515- 2522	PEG-2000, PdCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Yes	No	Yes	Water, Et <sub>3</sub> N	No	No	24 h	25	95
5	<i>Chem. Commun.,</i> 2015, <b>51</b> , 10871- 10874	L <sub>4</sub> –Pd	Yes	No	Yes	DMF	No	Yes (5 times)	1.5 h	90	97
6	<i>Chem. Eur. J.</i> , 2014, <b>20</b> , 1-13	PEGylated g- Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -Pd NPs	Yes	No	Yes	THF	Yes	Yes	24 h	65	86
7	Org. Lett., 2014, 16, 3724-3727	(N-heterocyclic carbene)-Cu and (N-heterocyclic carbene)-Pd complexes	Yes	Yes	No	DMSO	No	No	24 h	120	94
8	J. Mater. Chem. A, 2014, <b>2</b> , 484-491	$\begin{array}{c} Pd-PPh_2-\\ MCM-\\ 41@SiO_2@Fe_3\\ O_4(Very\\ complicated) \end{array}$	Yes (Pd)	No	No	Water	No	Yes	4 h	70	95
9	<i>Org. Lett.</i> , 2013, <b>15</b> , 65-67	Pd-Cu dual Reactor	Yes	Yes	No	DMF	No	No	-	120	95
10	Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2013, <b>52</b> , 11554-11559	Pd(0) nanoparticle, KOAc	Yes (Pd)	No	Yes	NMP (toxic)	Yes	No	24 h	160	83
11	Green Chem., 2013, <b>15</b> , 2349- 2355	Pd catalyst, K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Yes (Pd)	No	No	EtOH/Ch lorobenze ne (flammab le)	No	Yes	18 h	60	88
12	Green Chem., 2013, <b>15</b> , 2132- 2042	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @- SiO <sub>2</sub> @PPh <sub>2</sub> @P d(0), NaOH (Very complicated)	Yes (Pd)	No	No	Water	No	Yes	15 min-4 h	80	91
13	<i>Chem. Eur. J.,</i> 2013, <b>19</b> , 14024- 14029	5% Pd-Au/C, K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	Yes (Pd, Au)	No	No	<i>i</i> PrOH/ H <sub>2</sub> O	No	No	20 h	80	73

14	Adv. Synth. Catal., 2011, <b>353</b> , 125-	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	No	No	No	Ethylene glycol	Yes	Yes	35h	125	92
	132										
15	Chem. Commun.,	Pd@meso-SiO <sub>2</sub>	Yes	No	No	EtOH	No	Yes	30 h	80	55
	2010, <b>46</b> , 6524-	(Very	(Pd)								
	6526	complicated)									
16	Angew. Chem. Int.	Au(I), K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	Yes	No	No	O-Xylene	No	No	24 h	130	54
	Ed. 2007, <b>46</b> ,		(Au)								
	1536-1538										
17	Langmuir, 2010,	Au-Ag-Pd	Yes	No	No	DMF-	No	No	2 h	120	94
	14, 12225-12229	trimetallic	(Pd, Au,			H <sub>2</sub> O					
		nanoparticles	Ag)								
18	Org. Lett., 2,	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ,	Yes	No	No	THF	No	No	8 h	60	60
	2000, 2935-2938	Ag <sub>2</sub> O	(Pd, Ag)								

Sr. No.	Publication	Catalyst Used	Use of noble metal	Cost of catalyst	Use of Nano catalyst	Amount of Catalyst used	Use of activated diene/die nophile	Solvent	Additives	Tem p. (°C)	Time	Yield %	Recycl ability
1	Present manuscript	α-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> NPs	No	Very cheap	Yes	1 mol %	No	<i>p</i> -xylene (90%)/Neat condition (68%)	No	60	10h	Upto 90%	Yes
2	<i>Org. Lett.</i> , 2015, <b>17</b> , 3506-3509	LiClO <sub>4</sub>	No	Costly	No	1 equiv.	Yes	DCE/MeCN	Yes	80	2h	94	No
3	<i>Org. Lett.</i> , 2015, <b>17</b> , 3536-3539	CuI in 4Å MS	No	Costly and Sensitive	No	10 mol%	Yes	THF/t-BuOH (1:1)	Yes (Et <sub>4</sub> NI, Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> )	25	1-48	90	No
4	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2014, <b>136</b> , 17714–177 17	PCN-223 porphyrinic ZrMOF	Yes	Costly	No	1 mol%	No	Toluene	AgBF <sub>4</sub>	80	12 h	99	Yes
5	Chem. Commun., 2014, <b>50</b> , 14187- 14190	Calcium BINOL- derived phosphates	No	Yes	No	2.5 mol%	Yes	DCM	HCI	Rt	12h	94%	No
6	<i>Org. Lett.</i> , 2014, <b>16</b> , 3564-3567	Cu(I)OTF <sub>2</sub> L	No	-	No	10 mol%	Yes	Toluene	Base	0°C	Upto 24h	→ 90%	No
7	<i>Org. Lett.,</i> 2013, <b>15</b> , 9-12	Rh(cod) <sub>2</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	Yes	costly	No	5 mol %	No	DCM	Acid	80°C	Upto 24h	Upto 90 %	No
8	J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2012, <b>134</b> , 5512-5515	Iron(III) porphyrin catalyst	No		No		No	Benzene- upto 90%/ Neat condition- trace yield	No	80°C	12h	Upto 90%	
9	J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2009, <b>131</b> , 12882- 12883	Chiral phosphoric acid	No	Yes	No	2-100 mol%	Yes	Toluene	-	RT	24 h	Upto 95 %	
10	<i>Org.</i> <i>Lett.,2008,</i> <b>10</b> , 13-16	1-Np- TADDOL	No	-	No	20 mol%	Yes	Toluene/DCM	Acid chloride	-78°C	15 min		No
11	<i>Org. Lett.,</i> 2004, <b>6</b> , 13- 16	Ti(OiPr) <sub>4</sub>	No	costly	No	5 mol %	Yes	Toluene	TFA	0°C	72 h	Upto 92%	No
12	<i>Org. Lett.</i> , 2003, <b>5</b> , 7- 10	Diethyl Zinc	No	-	No	10 mol%	Yes	Toluene	Acid	-20°C	30 h	Upto 99 %	No

**Table S2:** Comparison of catalytic activity of  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs for hetero-Diels–Alder reaction over other catalytic system reported in literature.

Sr. No.	Points	Present Manuscript	Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2008,
	of Comparison		47, 4862-4865
	on Reaction Conditions		
1.	Reactivity towards	Both for aryl iodides	Only for aryl Iodides
	Substrates	and bromides	
2.	Recyclability of catalyst	Yes (13 times)	No
3.	Mechanistic Study	Yes	No
4.	Base	$K_2CO_3$ (mild,	$Cs_2CO_3$ (Strong,
		Cheap)	Costly)
5.	Time	13-24 h	72 h
6.	Solvent	Ethylene Glycol	Toluene
		(green solvent)	
7.	Catalyst Loading	Low catalyst loading	High catalyst loading
		(0.5 mol %)	(15 mol %)

**Table S3**: Comparison table between the present catalytic system and previously reported system for Sonogashira coupling reactions (*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2008, **47**, 4862-4865).



**Figure S1**: UV-vis. spectroscopic spectra of derivative 1 (5  $\mu$ M) in H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH (7:3, v/v) upon the addition Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions (0-25 equiv.).



**Figure S2:** Fluorescence spectra of derivative 1 (5  $\mu$ M) after the addition of equal aliquots of *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (a oxidizing agent) in H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH (7:3, v/v) mixture.



**Figure S3:** Fluorescence spectra of derivative 1 (5  $\mu$ M) showing the variation on addition of Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions (0-25 equiv.) in H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH (7:3, v/v) mixture.



**Figure S4:** UV-vis Spectra showing the formation of Fe (0) Nps bands after keeping the solution of derivative **1** and Fe<sup>3+</sup> ion (0-25 equiv.) in H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH (3:7, v/v) mixture under inert atmosphere for 10 min and followed by oxidation resulting in the *in situ* formation of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles



**Figure S5**: UV-vis Spectra of derivative **1** on addition of *tert*- butyl hydroperoxide (0-25 equiv.) in H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH (3:7, v/v) mixture followed by the addition of Fe<sup>3+</sup> ion (0-25 equiv.).



Scheme 1: Oxidation of derivative 1 by using t BuOOH to yield N-oxide derivative.



**Figure S6:** Overlay of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of derivative **1** and oxidized species of derivative **1** showing the upfield shifting of all protons.



Figure S7: FT-IR spectrum of oxidized deivative 1 showed stretching band at around 1340  $cm^{-1}$  corresponding to N<sup>+</sup>-O<sup>-</sup> stretching frequency.



**Figure S8:** ESI-MS mass spectrum of residue obtained showed a parent ion peak, m/z = 1043 due to oxidized species of derivative **1**.



**Figure S9: (A)** TEM (Scale bar 20 nm) and (**B**) DLS analysis of compound **1** (5  $\mu$ M) showing the size of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles at temperature 70°C in the range of 60-80 nm.



**Figure S10:** (A) TEM (Scale bar 50 nm) and (B) DLS analysis of compound 1 (5  $\mu$ M) showing the size of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles in the presence of sodium hydroxide (pH=12) in the range of 50-60 nm.



**Figure S11**: UV-vis. spectra by varying  $Fe^{3+}$  ions to ligand ratio a) 2:1, b) 1:1, c) 1:2.





**Figure S12**: A) TEM images of spherical  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs prepared by literature reported method (*J. Mater. Chem. A*, 2013, **1**, 830) B) DLS analysis showing the size of  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs 4-6 nm.



**Figure S13**: Raman spectrum of spherical  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs prepared by literature reported method (*J. Mater. Chem. A*, 2013, **1**, 830); [Refrence 1: *CrystEngComm.*, 2014, **16**, 10618].



Figure S14: (a-b) XRD diffraction pattern of spherical  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs prepared by commercial reported method.



Figure S15: UV-vis. Spectra recorded during the reaction of 1a and 2a in the presence of in situ generated Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs in ethylene glycol.



Figure S16: UV-vis spectra of reaction between 1a and 2a showing the completion of reaction to give product 4a catalysed by  $Fe_2 O_3$  NPs when the catalyst loading was 0.005 mol.



**Figure S17:** (a) Kinetic profile showing the formation of product with time when the catalyst loading is 0.005 mol; (b) calibration curve. Reactions were monitored by UV-vis. Spectroscopy.

Multiple R= 0.995  $R^2 = 0.991$ Slope = 0.150 Rate = (2.303×0.150)/3600 = 0.959×10<sup>-4</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup>



**Figure S18:** (a) Kinetic profile showing the formation of product with time when the catalyst loading is 0.004 mol, (b) calibration curve. Reactions were monitored by UV-vis. Spectroscopy.

Multiple R= 0.996  $R^2 = 0.992$ Slope = 0.128 Rate = (2.303×0.128)/3600 = 0.818×10<sup>-4</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup>



**Figure S19:** (a) Kinetic profile showing the formation of product with time when the catalyst loading is 0.0035 mol, (b) calibration curve. Reactions were monitored by UV-vis. Spectroscopy.





**Figure S20:** (a) Kinetic profile showing the formation of product with time when the catalyst loading is 0.0025 mol, (b) calibration curve. Reactions were monitored by UV-vis. spectroscopy.

Multiple R= 0.9901  $R^2 = 0.981$ Slope = 0.093 Rate = (2.303×0.093)/3600 = 0.59×10<sup>-4</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup>



**Figure S21:** (a) Kinetic profile showing the formation of product with time when the catalyst loading is 0.0015 mol, (b) calibration curve. Reactions were monitored by UV-vis. Spectroscopy.

Multiple R= 0.988  

$$R^2 = 0.977$$
  
Slope = 0.064  
Rate = (2.303×0.064)/3600 = 0.409×10<sup>-4</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup>

#### (a) Sonogashira cross coupling reaction



### (a) Hetero-Diels-Alder reaction



**Figure S22:**  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles (a) for Sonogashira cross coupling reaction i) dispersed in the reaction mixture, ii) adsorbed on a magnetic stirring bar, iii) an external magnet attracted stirring bar and  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles; (b) for Hetero-Diels-Alder reaction i) dispersed in the reaction mixture, ii) adsorbed on a magnetic stirring bar, iii) an external magnet attracted stirring bar and  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles; (b) for Hetero-Diels-Alder reaction i) dispersed in the reaction mixture, ii) adsorbed on a magnetic stirring bar, iii) an external magnet attracted stirring bar and  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles.



**Figure S23:** XRD of *in situ* generated rod like  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs separated after 13 cycles recycling.



**Figure S24:** TEM image of *in situ* generated rod like  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs separated after 13 cycles.

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			ISF						
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			ISF 1.0000						
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		0.5022	0.4981		0.5016		21-08-2015	12:50:48	
			ISF 1.0000						
STANDARD 3		15.000 Readings		1.0	0.0066	0.6595	0.0044		
		0.6563	0.6552	2	0.6671		21-08-2015	12:51:16	
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		0.0098	0.0096		0.0101		21-08-2015	12:57:40	1
			ISF 1.0000						

**Figure S25:** Atomic Absorption Studies (AAS) of the residual liquid left after the magnetic separation of catalyst and found that only 0.166 mg/lit = 0.166 ppm of iron leached into the solution.



**Figure S26:** IR spectra of (a) *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde; (b) separated reaction mixture containing *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde and  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs.



Fig. S27A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 4a:

Fig. S27B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 4a:





Fig. S28A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 4b & 4c:

Fig. S28B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 4b & 4c:





Fig. S29A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 4d:

Fig. S29B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 4d:





5.0 4.5 f1 (ppm)

4.0

3.5

3.0

2.5

2.0

1.5

1.0

0.5

0.0

Fig. S30A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, ppm) of compound 4e:

Fig. S30B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, ppm) of compound 4e:

5.5

6.0

9.0

8.5

8.0

7.0

6.5







Fig. S31B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, ppm) of compound 4f:





Fig. S32B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 4g:





Fig. S33A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 4h:

Fig. S33B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 4h:





Fig. S34B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, ppm) of compound 4i:





Fig. S35B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, ppm) of compound 4j:





Fig. S36A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, ppm) of compound 4k:

Fig. S36B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, ppm) of compound 4k:





Fig. S37A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 41:

Fig. S37B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 41:





Fig. S38A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 4m:







Fig. S39A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 6:

Fig. S39B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 6:



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Fig. S40A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 8:

Fig. S40B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 8:





Fig. S41A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 14a:

Fig. S41B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 14a:



Fig. S42A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 14b:

![](_page_39_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. S42B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 14b:

![](_page_39_Figure_3.jpeg)

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Fig. S43A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 14c:

![](_page_40_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. S43B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 14c:

![](_page_40_Figure_3.jpeg)

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![](_page_41_Figure_0.jpeg)

Fig. S44 A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, ppm) of compound 14d:

Fig. S44B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 14d:

![](_page_41_Figure_3.jpeg)

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Fig. S45A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 14e:

![](_page_42_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. S45B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 14e:

![](_page_42_Figure_3.jpeg)

Fig. S46A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 14f:

![](_page_43_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. S46B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 14f:

![](_page_43_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. S47B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 14g:

![](_page_44_Figure_3.jpeg)

Fig. S48A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm) of compound 14h:

![](_page_45_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. S48B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 14h:

![](_page_45_Figure_3.jpeg)

Fig. S49A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, ppm) of compound 14i:

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. S49B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 14i:

![](_page_46_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### Fig. S50A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, ppm) of compound 14j:

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. S50B: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm) of compound 14j:

![](_page_47_Figure_3.jpeg)

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Fig. S51: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, ppm) of compound 15:

![](_page_48_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. S52A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, ppm) of compound 16:

![](_page_48_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_49_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_49_Figure_1.jpeg)