

# KO<sup>t</sup>Bu-catalyzed lithiation of PMDTA and the direct functionalization of bridged alkenes under mild conditions

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## 1. General Information

All the commercial reagents were used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Reaction solvents were all obtained from the Solvent Purification System. Glass flasks were dried in oven at 125 °C for at least 3 h before use. All the reactions were carried out under a positive pressure of argon or nitrogen. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a rotary evaporator.

Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 100-200  $\mu\text{m}$ . The solvent system was used as petroleum ether/EA, increasing in polarity to EA. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass backed plates pre-coated with silica (GF254), which were developed using standard visualizing agents.

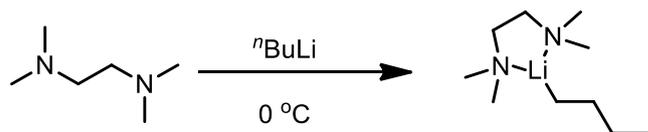
$^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with internally referenced to residual protic  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm) unless stated. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br = broad, m = multiplet, sept = septet), integration, coupling constants ( $J$ ) in Hz.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz (101 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Data are reported in ppm in terms of chemical shifts relative to  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta$  77.0 ppm) unless stated. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) recorded for accurate mass analysis, were performed on a Q-TOF micro spectrometer.

## 2. Experimental Section

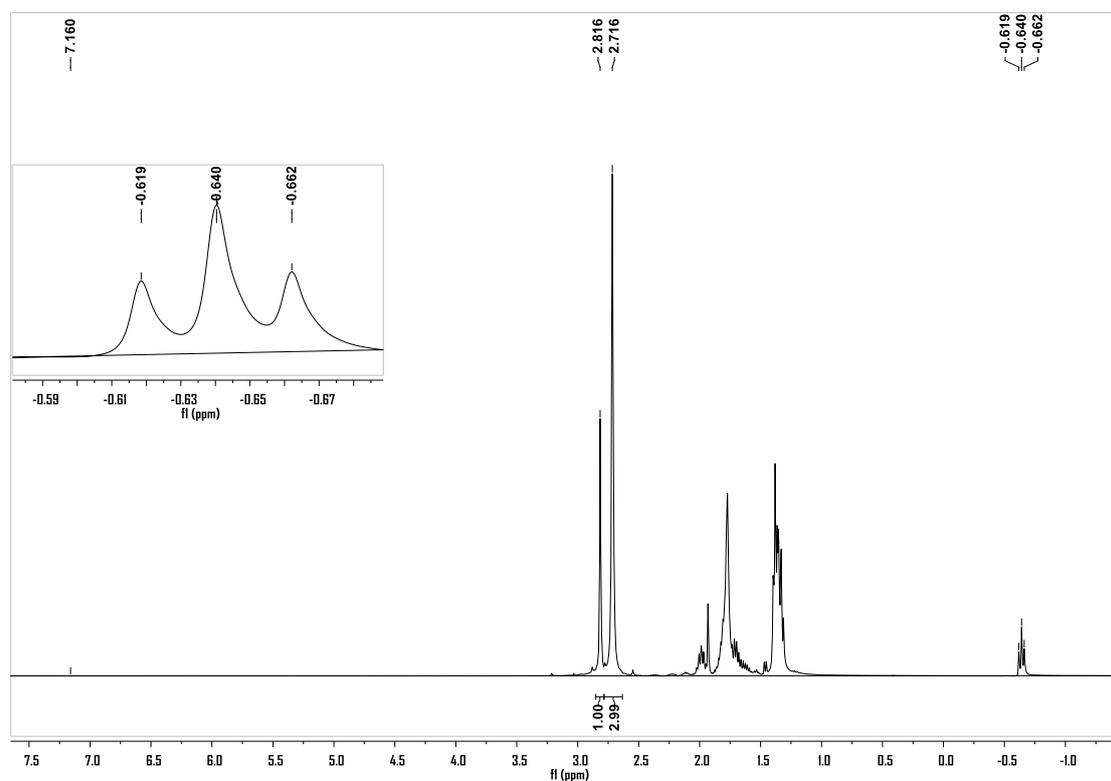
### 2.1 NMR Studies of organolithium reagents

All the NMR samples were prepared in NMR tubes with glass capillary tubes containing  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  and sealed with parafilm in the glovebox. All the NMR spectroscopic data were collected at room temperature.

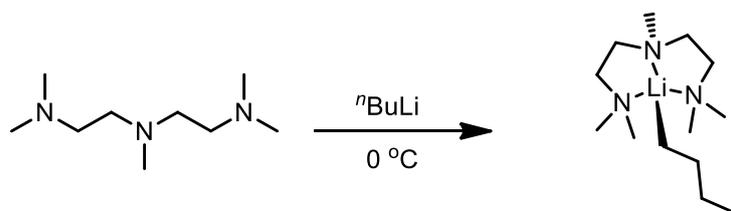
#### 2.1.1 $^1\text{H}$ NMR of $n\text{BuLi}$ + TMEDA



A 10 mL well-dried round-bottomed flask with a solution of TMEDA (116 mg, 1 mmol) in n-hexane (1.0 mL),  $n\text{BuLi}$  ( $c = 2.4 \text{ mol/L}$  in hexanes, 0.625 mL, 1.5 equiv.) was added dropwise at  $0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , stirred for 30 min. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum is shown below.

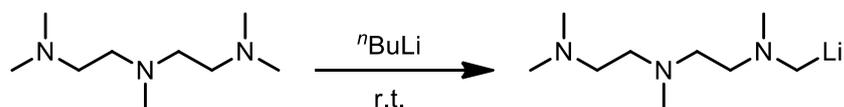
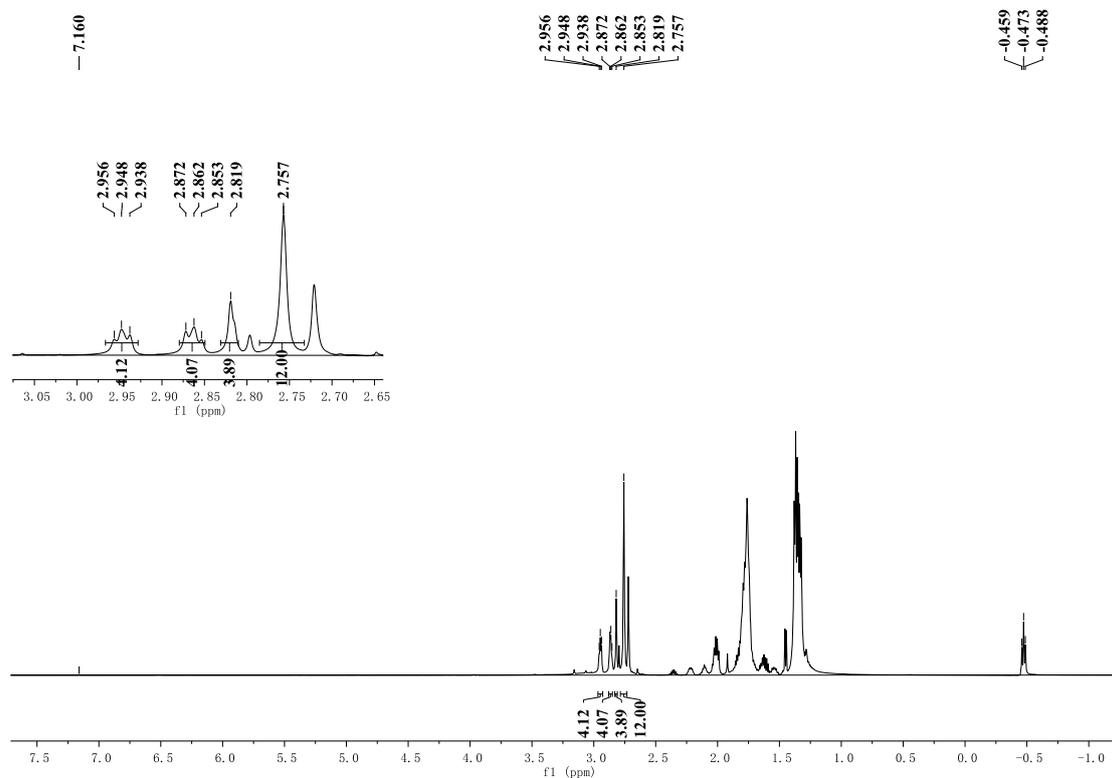


## 21.2 Prepare and NMR Studies of PMDTALi

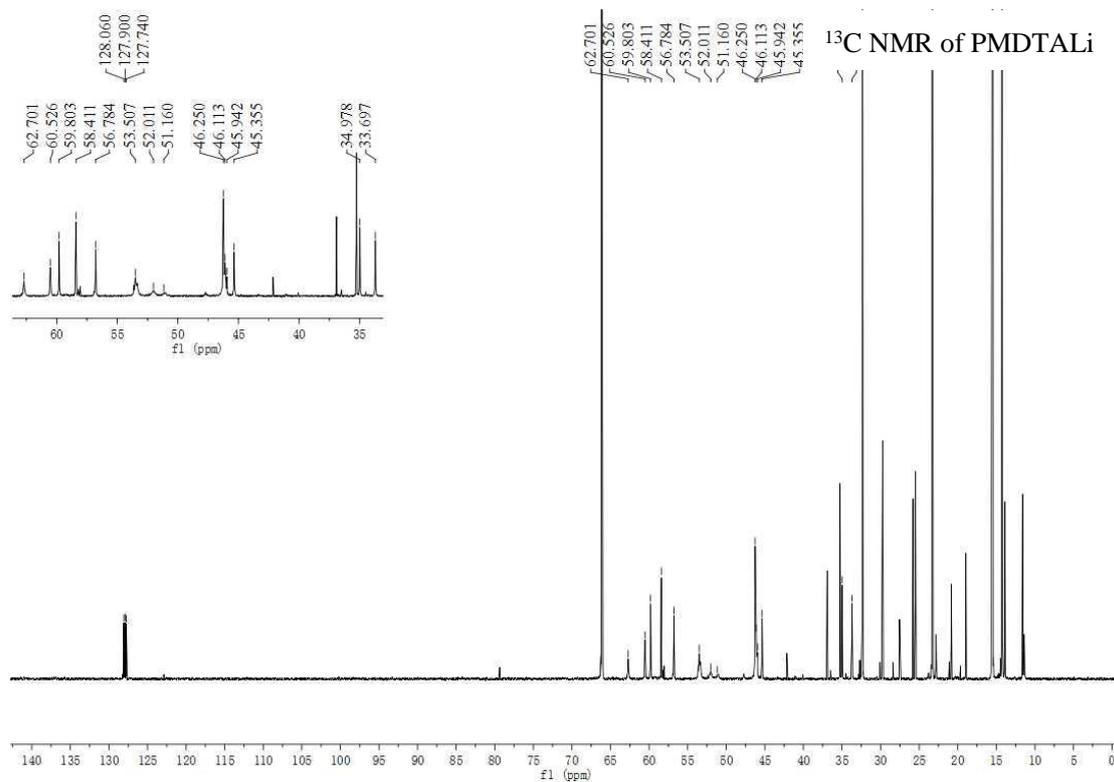
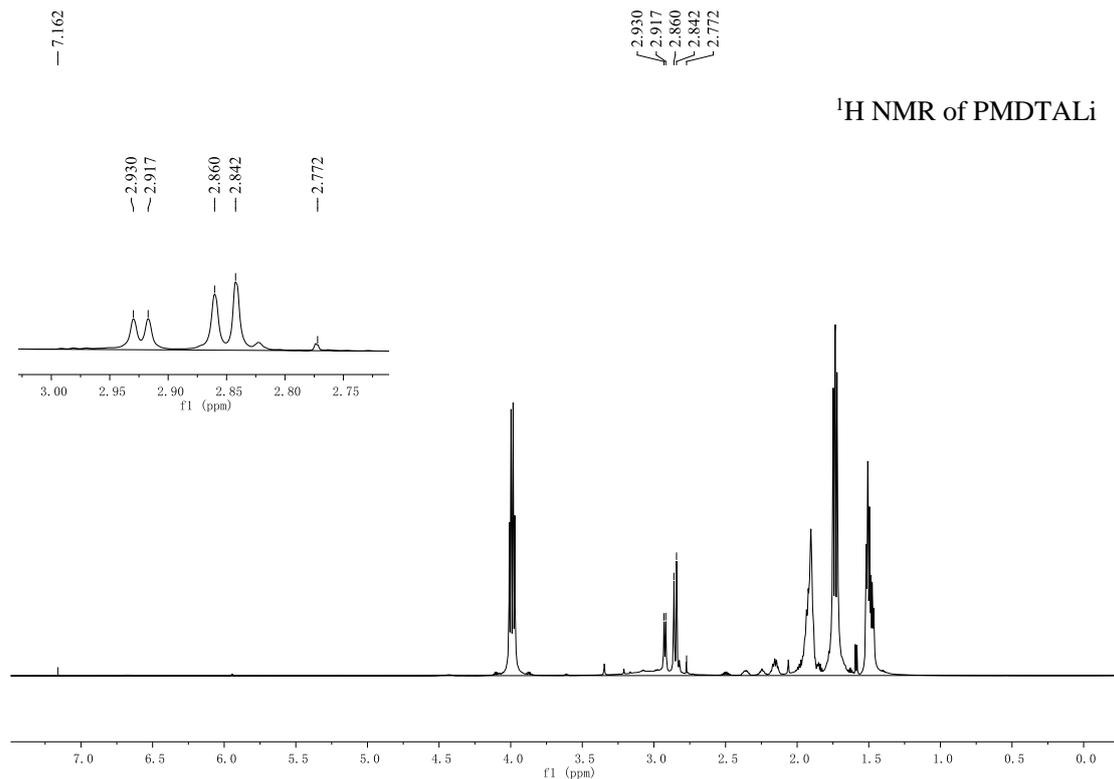


A 10 mL well-dried round-bottomed flask with a solution of PMDTA (173 mg, 1 mmol) in n-hexane (1 mL),  $n\text{BuLi}$  ( $c = 2.4 \text{ mol/L}$  in hexanes, 0.625 mL, 1.5 equiv.) was added dropwise at  $0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  temperature, stirred 1 h at  $0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum is

shown below.

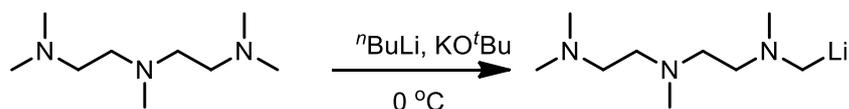
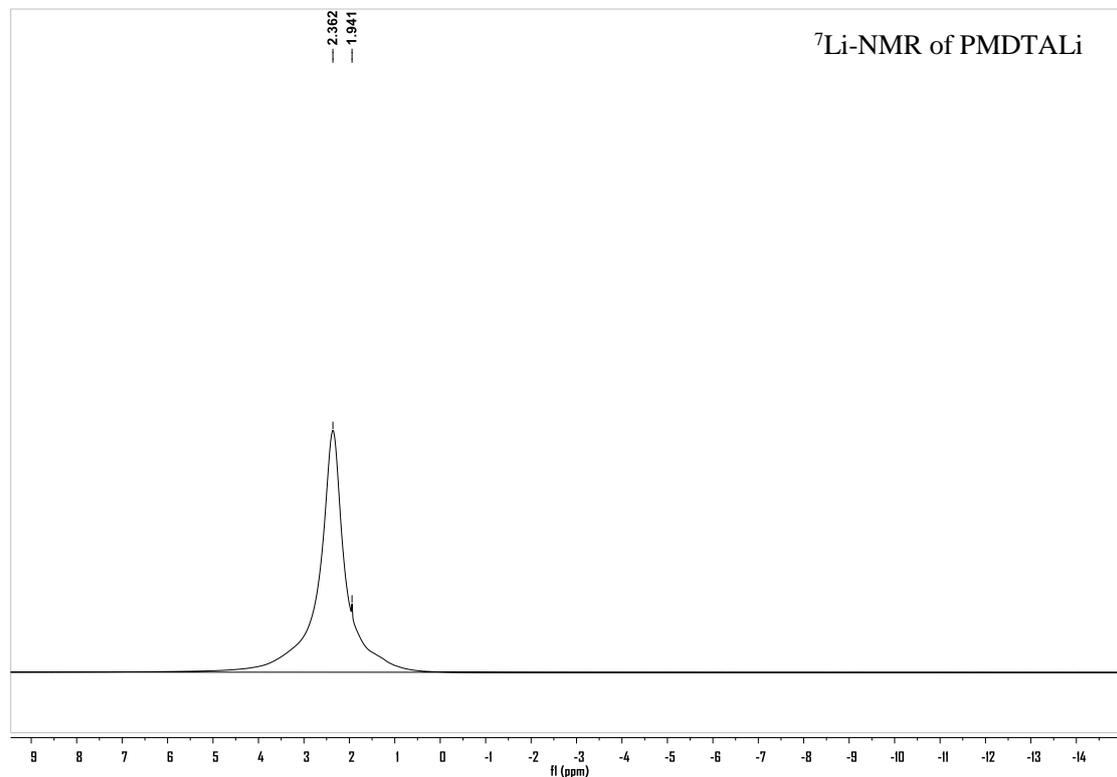


A 10 mL well-dried round-bottomed flask with a solution of PMDTA (173 mg, 1 mmol) in diethyl ether (1 mL),  $n\text{BuLi}$  ( $c = 2.4$  mol/L in hexanes, 0.625 mL, 1.5 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C, stirred 1 h at room temperature, The  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^7\text{Li}$  NMR spectra are shown below.

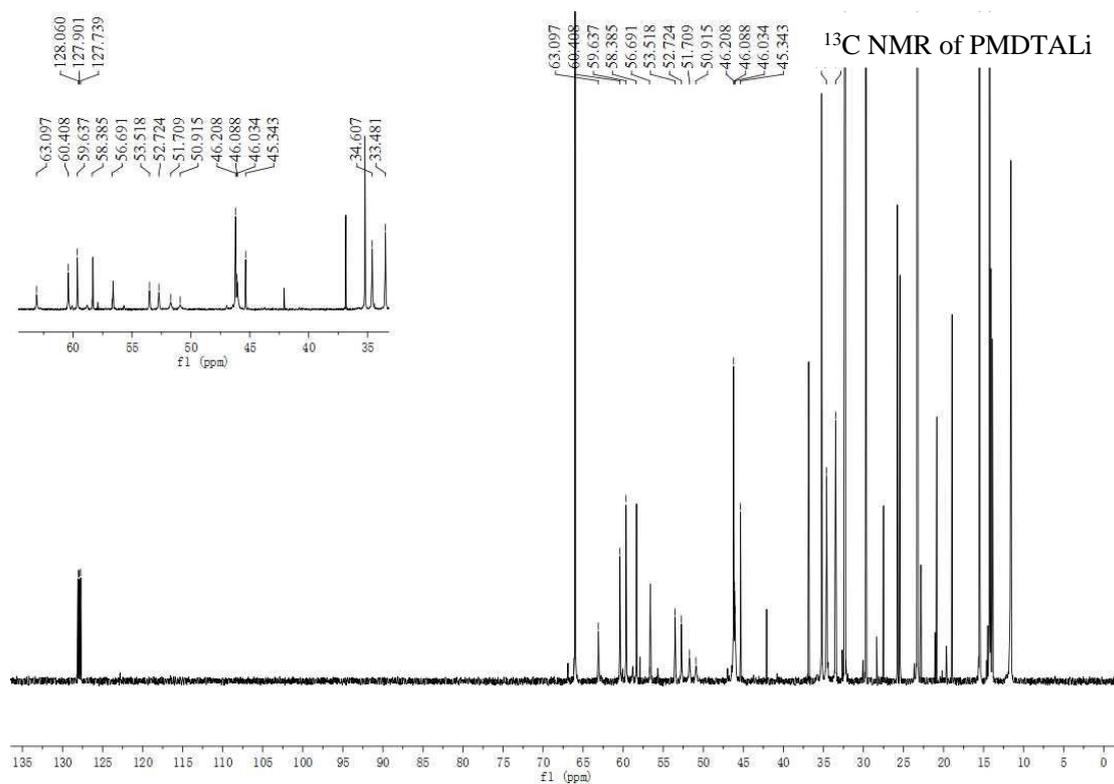
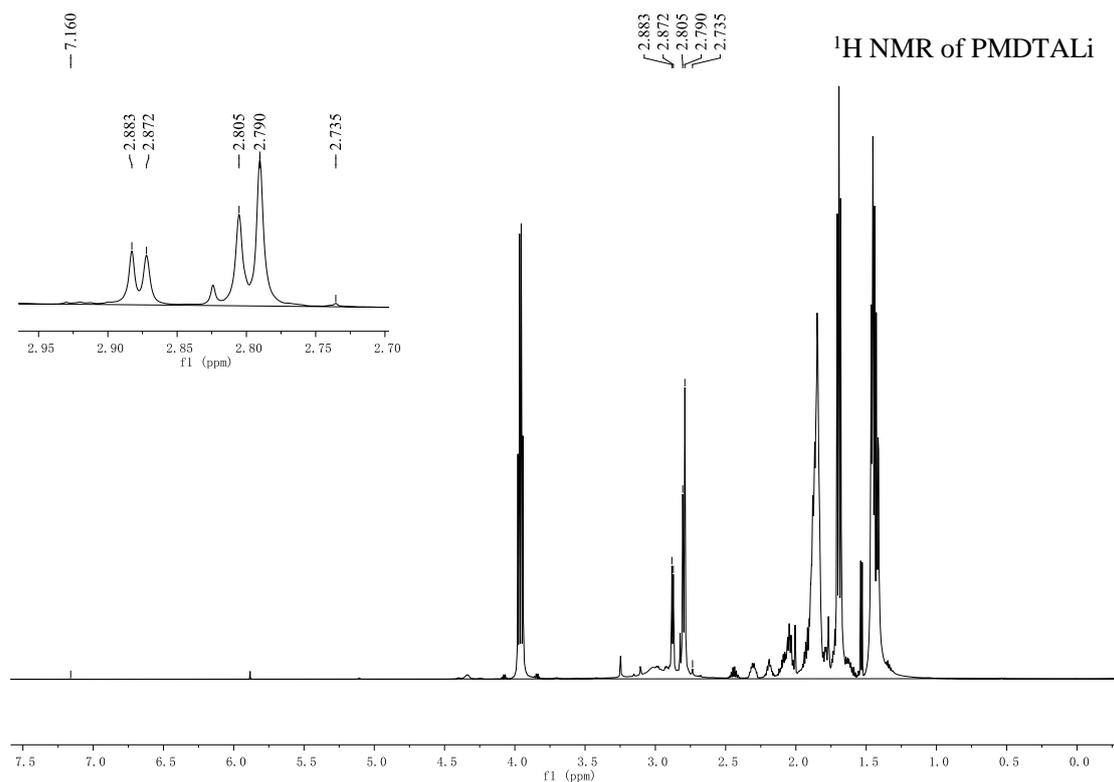


<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 62.70 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, A), 60.53 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, B), 59.80 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, A+B), 58.41 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, B), 56.78 (N(2)Me, A), 53.51 (N(2)Me, B), 52.01 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, A),

51.16 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, B), 46.25 (N(3)Me, A), 46.11 (N(3)Me<sub>2</sub>, B), 45.94 (N(1)Me, B), 45.36 (N(1)Me, A), 34.98 (N(3)Me<sub>2</sub>, A or B), 33.70 (N(3)Me<sub>2</sub>, B or A).

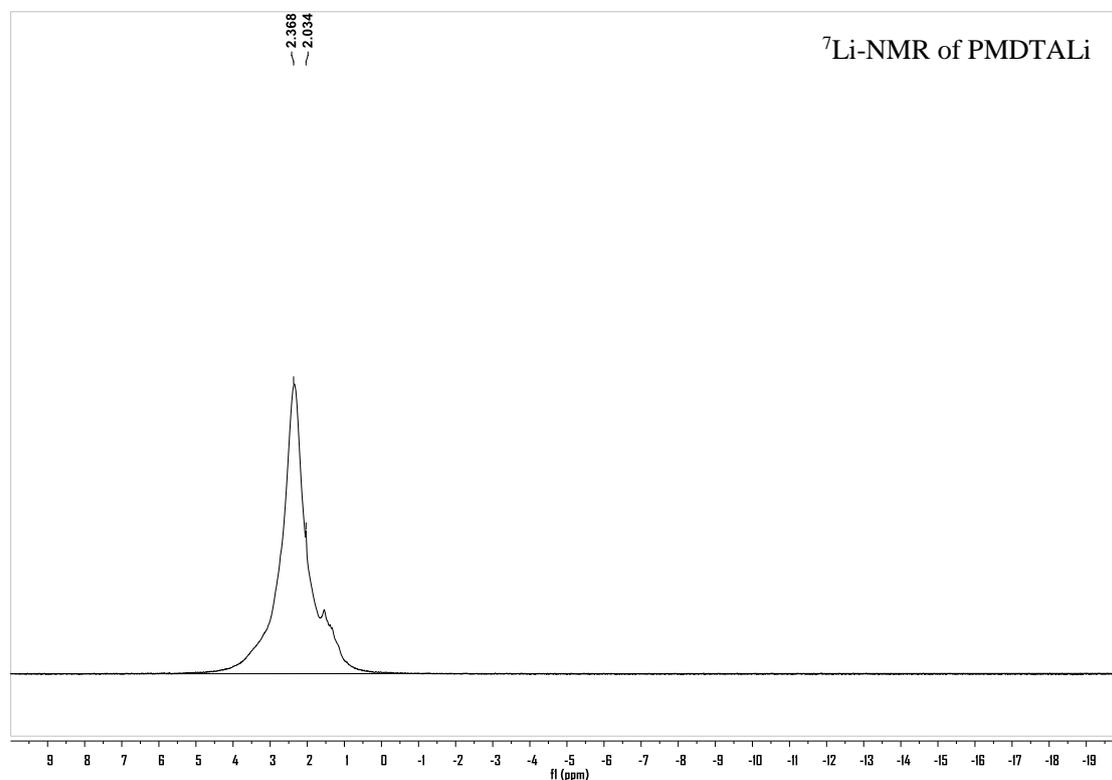


A 10 mL well-dried round-bottomed flask was transferred to the glovebox, to a solution of PMDTA (173 mg, 1 mmol), KO<sup>t</sup>Bu (28 mg, 0.25 equiv.) in diethyl ether (1.0 mL), <sup>n</sup>BuLi (c = 2.4 mol/L in hexanes, 0.625 mL, 1.5 equiv.) was added dropwise and stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>7</sup>Li NMR spectra are shown below.



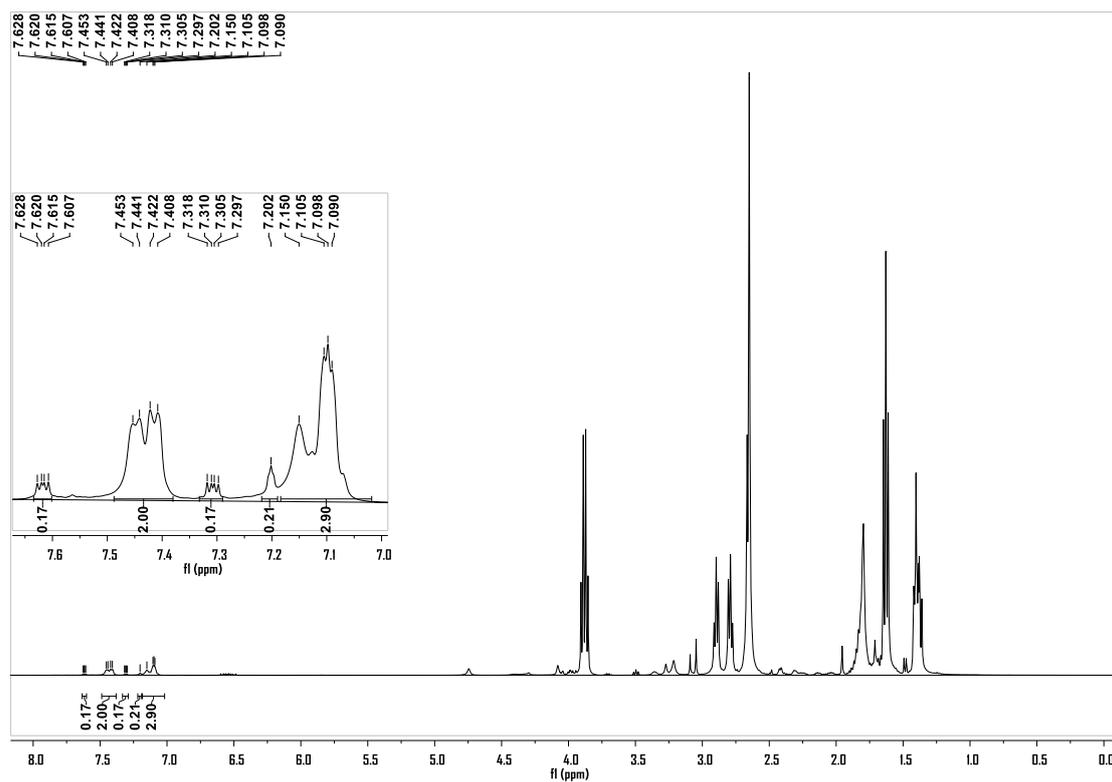
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 63.10 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, A), 60.41 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, B), 59.64 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, A+B), 58.38 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, B), 56.69 (N(2)Me, A), 53.52 (N(2)Me, B), 51.71 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, A),

50.91 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, B), 46.21 (N(3)Me, A), 46.09 (N(3)Me<sub>2</sub>, B), 46.03 (N(1)Me, B), 45.34 (N(1)Me, A), 34.61 (N(3)Me<sub>2</sub>, A or B), 33.48 (N(3)Me<sub>2</sub>, B or A).



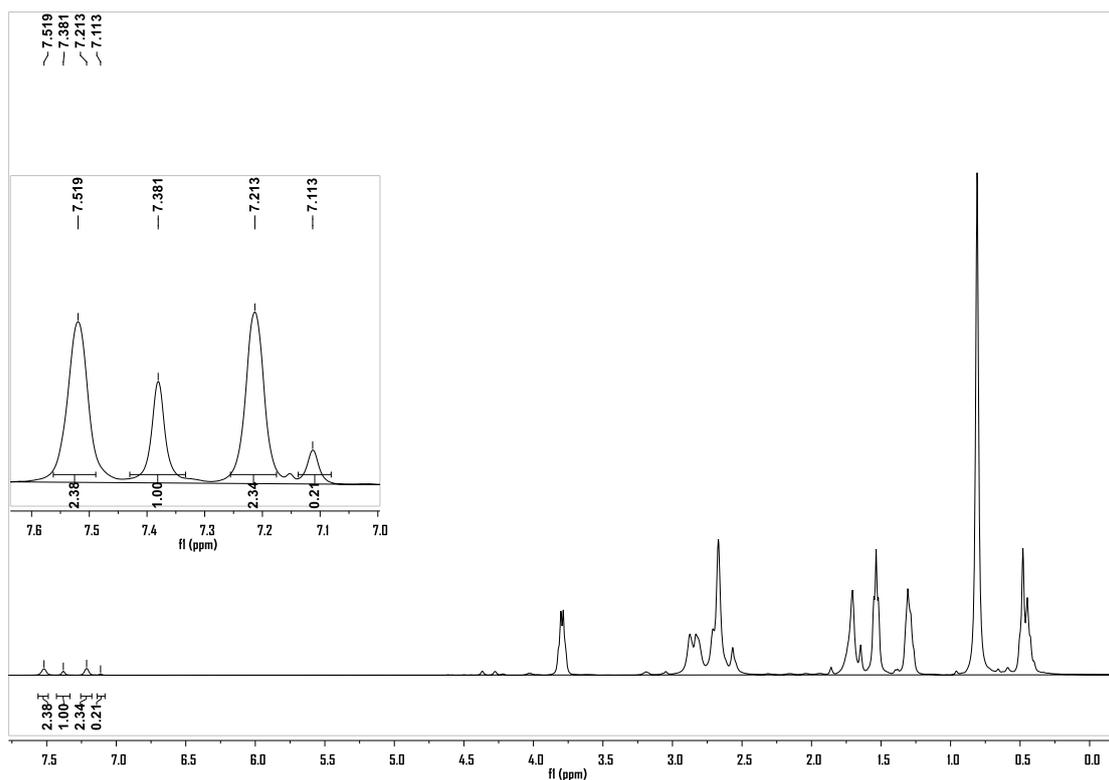
### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of benzonorbornene Li

Add benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) to the flask of which have prepared PMDTALi used the method above, stirred 25 min. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum is shown below.

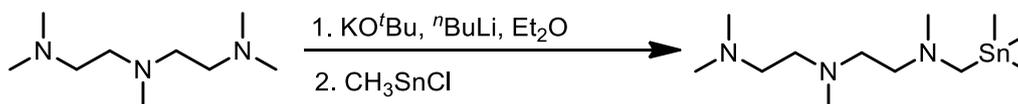


### $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of benzonorbornene-SiMe<sub>3</sub>

Add TMS-Cl (163 mg, 1.5 mmol) to the flask of which have prepared benzonorbornene Li, stirred 10 min. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum is shown below.



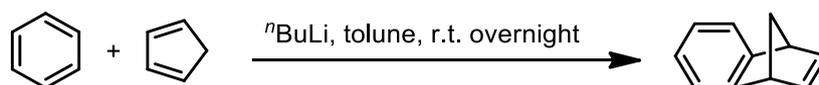
### Preparation of N1-(2-(dimethylamino)ethyl)-N1,N2-dimethyl-N2-((trimethylstannyl)methyl)ethane-1,2-diamine



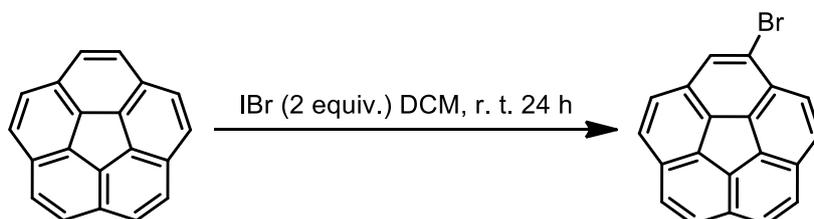
A 10 mL well-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with nitrogen through Schlenk line. To a solution of PMDTA (82 mg, 0.5 mmol) and KO<sup>t</sup>Bu (28 mg, 0.5 equiv.) in diethyl ether, <sup>n</sup>BuLi (c = 2.4 mol/L in hexanes, 0.31 mL, 1.5 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C, add trimethyltin chloride (200 mg, 2 equiv.) after 1 h, the reaction was stirred for 1 h. The crude products were purified by using diatomite (DCM / triethylamine 9:1) to get the crude product (140 mg, 83%), as a yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.60 (s, 2H), 2.53–2.43 (m, 4H), 2.39 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 2.24 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 12H), 0.13 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 58.8, 57.5, 56.4, 56.2, 48.5, 46.8, 45.9, 43.0, -8.4.

## 2.2 Preparation of substrates



A 250 mL well-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with nitrogen through Schlenk line. To a solution of 1,2-dibromobenzene (9.44 g, 40 mmol), freshly distilled cyclopentadiene (2.64 g, 40 mmol) in toluene (40 mL). The flask was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of  $n\text{BuLi}$  ( $c = 2.4$  mol/L in hexanes, 40 mmol) was added dropwise over a period of 30 min. After the resulting white suspension had been stirred at 0 °C for additional 10 min, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. Water (30 mL) was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with petroleum ether (20 mL  $\times$  3) and the combined organic layers were dried with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography to give product, as a colorless oil.<sup>[1]</sup>



I<sub>2</sub> (1.78 g, 2.0 equiv.) was added to the solution of corannulene (1.0 g, 4.3 mmol) in DCM (65 mL) in portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h and poured into saturated aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  (30 mL), extracted with DCM (30 mL  $\times$  3), dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The

residue (1.4 g) was the mixture of corannulene and 1-bromocorannulene (90% purity). The yield of corannulene bromide as 77% according to  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ .<sup>[2]</sup>

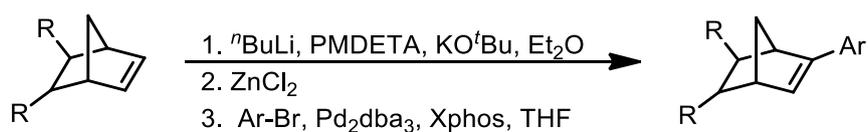
### 2.3 Preparation of Norbornene and norbornadiene derivatives.

#### General Procedure A:



A 10 mL well-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with nitrogen through Schlenk line. To a solution of norbornenes (0.5 mmol),  $\text{KO}^t\text{Bu}$  (11 mg, 0.2 equiv.) and PMDETA (173 mg, 2.0 equiv.) in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ,  $n\text{BuLi}$  ( $c = 2.4 \text{ mol/L}$  in hexanes, 0.42 mL, 2.0 equiv.) was added dropwise at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . After the resulting dark blue suspension had been stirred at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  for additional 1 h, cool down to  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  and add electrophiles or add  $\text{LiBr}$  (109 mg, 2.5 equiv.) which was dissolved in dry THF, and then cool down to  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  and add electrophiles, quenched with saturated aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  after 1 h. The mixture was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  ( $5 \text{ mL} \times 3$ ), dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether / EA) to give the product.

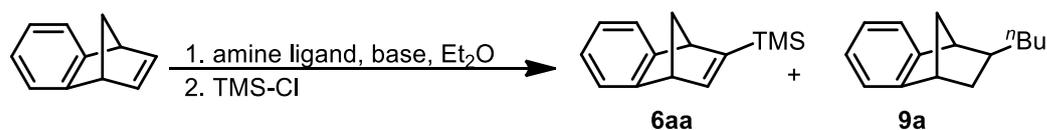
#### General Procedure B:



A 10 mL well-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with nitrogen through Schlenk line. To a solution of norbornene (0.2 mmol), KO<sup>t</sup>Bu (4.5 mg, 0.2 equiv.) and PMDTA (69 mg, 2.0 equiv.) in Et<sub>2</sub>O, <sup>n</sup>BuLi (c = 2.4 mol·L<sup>-1</sup> in hexanes, 0.17 mL, 2.0 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C. After the resulting dark blue suspension had been stirred at 0 °C for additional 1 h, add ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (150 mg, 2.5 equiv.) which was dissolved in dry THF (1.5 mol/L), after 5 min, add all those to another flask which Ar-X (2.5 equiv.), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (4.5 mg, 5 mmol% ), Xphos (9.6 mg, 10 mmol%) were dissolved in THF (0.2 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction was stirred overnight at room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL × 3), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EA) to give the desired product.

## 2.4 Reaction condition screening:

### Optimization of Conditions



Entry	Base	Ligand/Additive	Yield of <b>6aa</b> (%)	Yield of <b>9a</b> (%)
1	<sup>n</sup> BuLi	----	0	0
2	LiTMP	----	0	0
3	<sup>n</sup> BuLi	TMEDA	42	53
4	<sup>t</sup> BuLi	TMEDA	41	59
5	<sup>i</sup> BuLi	----	28	0

6	<sup>t</sup> BuLi	KO <sup>t</sup> Bu	78	0
7	PMEDTLi	----	85	0
8	<sup>t</sup> BuLi/KO <sup>t</sup> Bu	PMDTA	79	0
9	<sup>t</sup> BuLi	PMDTA	74	13
<b><sup>a</sup>10</b>	<b><sup>t</sup>BuLi/KO<sup>t</sup>Bu</b>	<b>PMDTA</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>0</b>

Reaction conditions: Substrate **5a** (0.5 mmol), RLi (1.0 mmol), ligand (1.0 mmol), in Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) for 2 h. <sup>a</sup>KO<sup>t</sup>Bu (0.1 mmol) was used. then quenched with TMSCl.



**6aa**

#### **(1,4-Dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-2-yl)trimethylsilane 6aa**

Following the general procedure A, benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, and quenched with chlorotrimethylsilane (136 mg, 2.5 equiv.), (1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-2-yl) trimethylsilane **6aa** (94 mg, 88%) was isolated as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.24–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96–6.88 (m, 2H), 4.00 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 1H), 2.19 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 0.06 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.5, 154.1, 153.9, 153.2, 126.0, 125.9, 123.3, 123.3, 71.4, 55.2, 53.8, 0.0. HRMS (ESI) [*M* + *H*]<sup>+</sup> calculated for (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>Si) 215.1256, found 215.1253.

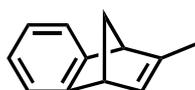


**6ab**

#### **1,4-Dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene 6ab**

Following the general procedure A, benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, and quenched with D<sub>2</sub>O (25 mg, 2.5 equiv.), 1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphtha

-lene **6ab** (66 mg, 93%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.24–7.17 (m, 2H), 6.95–6.89 (m, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 2.31 (dt,  $J = 7.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dt,  $J = 7.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.8, 142.9, 124.2, 121.5, 70.2, 50.3, 50.2. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for ( $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{D}$ ) 144.0924, found 144.0922.



**6ac**

### **2-Methyl-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene 6ac**

Following the general procedure A, benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, and quenched with methyl iodide (177 mg, 2.5 equiv), 2-methyl-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene **6ac** (70 mg, 90%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.24 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.97–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 3.52 (s, 1H), 2.30 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.20 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.7, 152.6, 151.6, 134.7, 124.3, 123.9, 121.2, 120.9, 68.6, 55.0, 50.4, 16.4. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for ( $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}$ ) 157.1017, found 157.1015.



**6ad**

### **(1,4-Dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-2-yl)(phenyl)methanol 6ad**

Following the general procedure A, benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, lithium bromide (96 mg, 2.2 equiv.) which dissolved in THF was added, and quenched with benzaldehyde (133 mg, 2.5 equiv.), (1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaph

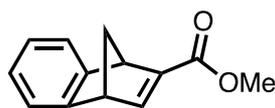
-thalen-2-yl)(phenyl)methanol **6ad** and **6ad'** (76 mg, 61%, dr = 9/1) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) (dr: 9:1)  $\delta$  7.32–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 3H), 6.95–6.85 (m, 2H), 6.82 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.59–6.55 (s, 0.1H), 6.53–6.44 (s, 0.9H), 5.44 (s, 0.9H), 5.33 (s, 0.1H), 3.88 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 0.9H), 3.63 (s, 0.1H), 2.33 (dt,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.19 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 0.1H), 1.85 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 0.9H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.7, 151.5, 151.4, 140.9, 136.6, 128.3, 127.7, 126.7, 124.2, 124.0, 121.7, 121.1, 73.6, 68.9, 50.9, 50.2. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ ) 249.1279, found 249.1280.



**6ae**

### 1-(1,4-Dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-2-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one **6ae**

Following the general procedure A, benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, lithium bromide (96 mg, 2.2 equiv.) which dissolved in THF was added, and quenched with pivaloyl chloride (151 mg, 2.5 equiv.), 1-(1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-2-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one **6ae** (47 mg, 42%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.44 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.98–6.93 (m, 2H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 4.06 (s, 1H), 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.17 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  203.8, 153.6, 150.7, 149.1, 124.9, 124.4, 122.4, 121.9, 67.8, 52.0, 51.5, 43.8, 27.8. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$ ) 227.1436, found 227.1435.



**6af**

### **Methyl 1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene-2-carboxylate 6af**

Following the general procedure A, benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, lithium bromide (96 mg, 2.2 equiv.) which dissolved in THF was added, and quenched with methyl chloroformate (119 mg, 2.5 equiv.), methyl 1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene-2-carboxylate **6af** (63 mg, 63%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.00–6.86 (m, 2H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 4.10–4.01 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.46 (dt,  $J = 7.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 154.3, 150.5, 149.1, 148.7, 124.9, 124.7, 122.4, 122.3, 69.5, 51.6, 51.5, 50.1. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for ( $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$ ) 201.0916, found 201.0915.



**6ag**

### **Tributyl(1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-2-yl)stannane 6ag**

Following the general procedure A, benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, and quenched with chlorotributyltin (407 mg, 2.5 equiv.), tributyl(1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-2-yl)stannane **6ag** (192 mg, 89%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.20–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.10 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.85 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 1H), 2.19 (s, 2H), 1.46–1.38 (m, 6H), 1.26 (m, 6H), 0.86 (m, 15H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.1, 153.5, 151.8, 151.5, 123.9, 123.9, 121.5, 121.2, 69.5, 56.0, 51.9, 29.2, 27.3, 13.7, 9.4. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for ( $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{36}\text{Sn}$ ) 433.1917, found 433.1918.



**6ah**

**(1,4-Dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-2-yl)diphenylphosphine 6ah**

Following the general procedure A, benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, and quenched with chlorodiphenylphosphine (276 mg, 2.5 equiv.), (1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-2-yl)diphenylphosphine **6ah** (139 mg, 85%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42–7.23 (m, 10H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.95–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.88–6.82 (m, 1H), 6.73–6.67 (m, 1H), 3.96 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 2.47 (dt,  $J = 7.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H)  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.9, 150.8, 150.8, 150.5, 133.9, 133.8, 133.7, 133.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 124.4, 124.1, 122.0, 121.2, 68.8, 54.0, 53.9, 51.9, 51.9. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for ( $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{P}$ ) 327.1303, found 327.1303.



**6ai**

**2-Chloro-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene 6ai**

Following the general procedure A, benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, lithium bromide (96 mg, 2.2 equiv.) which dissolved in THF was added, and quenched with 4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (238 mg, 2.5 equiv.), 2-chloro-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene **6ai** (52 mg, 59%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 1H), 2.65 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.30 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  149.9, 149.5, 140.3, 136.3, 125.2, 124.6, 122.1, 121.6, 69.0, 58.4, 51.7. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for ( $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9^{35}\text{Cl}$ ) 177.0471, found 177.0472.



**6aj**

### **2-Bromo-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene 6aj**

Following the general procedure A, benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, lithium bromide (96 mg, 2.2 equiv.) which dissolved in THF was added, and quenched with 1,2-dibromoethane (233 mg, 2.5 equiv.), 2-bromo-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene **6aj** (40 mg, 36%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.33 (dd,  $J = 6, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd,  $J = 6, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.04–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.48 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 1H), 2.57 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.32 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.3, 149.5, 148.4, 135.6, 125.2, 124.6, 122.1, 121.6, 68.8, 56.7, 50.7. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for  $(\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9^{79}\text{Br})$  220.9966, found 220.9969.

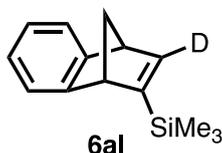


**6ak**

### **2-Iodo-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene 6ak**

Following the general procedure A, benzonorbornene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, lithium bromide (96 mg, 2.2 equiv.) which dissolved in THF was added, and quenched with iodine (316 mg, 2.5 equiv.), 2-iodo-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene **6ak** (63 mg, 47%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32 (d,  $J = 6.5$ , 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 6.5$ , 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 (pd,  $J = 7.5, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 1H), 2.57–2.50 (m, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  149.6, 149.5, 149.2, 125.1, 124.6, 122.1, 121.6, 106.0,

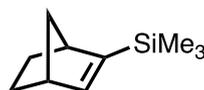
69.2, 61.4, 52.9. HRMS (ESI)  $[M + H]^+$  calculated for  $(C_{11}H_9Br)$  268.9827, found 268.9826.



**((1R,4R)-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methano-3-deuteratednaphthalen-2-yl)trimethylsilane**

**6al**

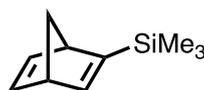
Following the general procedure A, 1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene (71 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, and quenched with chlorotrimethylsilane (136 mg, 2.5 equiv.), norbornene **6al** (36 mg, 86%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.24–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.96–6.88 (m, 2H), 4.00 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 1H), 2.19 (t,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 0.08–0.04 (m, 9H).  $^{13}C$ -NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  157.5, 154.1, 153.9, 153.2, 126.0, 125.9, 123.3, 123.3, 71.4, 55.2, 53.8, 0.0. HRMS (ESI)  $[M + H]^+$  calculated for  $(C_{14}H_{17}SiD)$  216.1319, found 216.1318.



**6ba**

**Bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-en-2-yltrimethylsilane 6ba**

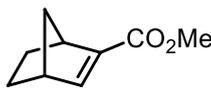
Following the general procedure A, norbornene (47 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, and quenched with chlorotrimethylsilane (136 mg, 2.5 equiv.), bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-en-2-yltrimethylsilane **6ba** (70 mg, 85%) was isolated as a colorless oil; The analytical data for **6ba** are consistently agreed with those have been previously reported in the literature.<sup>[3]</sup>



**6ca**

### **Bicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-dien-2-yltrimethylsilane 6ca**

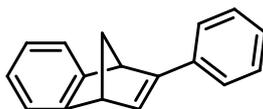
Following the general procedure A, norbornadiene (46 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, and quenched with chlorotrimethylsilane (136 mg, 2.5 equiv.), bicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-dien-2-yltrimethylsilane **6ca** (76 mg, 93%) was isolated as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.96 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 2H), 3.64 (s, 1H), 3.58 (s, 1H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 0.00 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.5, 154.1, 153.9, 153.2, 126.0, 125.9, 123.3, 123.3, 71.4, 55.2, 53.8, -0.3. HRMS (ESI) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calculated for (C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Si) 165.1100, found 165.1103.



**6bb**

### **(1S,4R)-Methyl bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene-2-carboxylate 6bb**

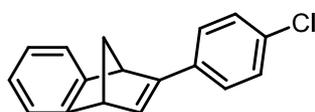
Following the general procedure A, norbornene (47 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, lithium bromide (96 mg, 2.2 equiv.) which dissolved in THF was added, and quenched with methyl chloroformate (119 mg, 2.5 equiv.), (1S,4R)-methylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene-2-carboxylate **6bb** (35 mg, 47%) was isolated as a colorless oil; The analytical data for **6bb** are consistently agreed with those have been previously reported in the literature.<sup>[6]</sup>



**10aa**

### **2-Phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene 10aa**

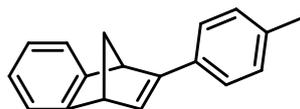
Following the general procedure B, 2-phenyl-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene **10aa** (26 mg, 59%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.49–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd,  $J = 6.0, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.16 (m, 2H), 6.93 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 3.0, 2.5$  Hz, 3H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 4.01 (s, 1H), 2.46 (dt,  $J = 7.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.37 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.8, 151.5, 150.9, 135.9, 135.6, 128.5, 127.2, 124.7, 124.5, 124.3, 121.6, 121.3, 68.0, 51.8, 51.0. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for  $(\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14})$  219.1174, found 219.1175.



**10ab**

### 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene **10ab**

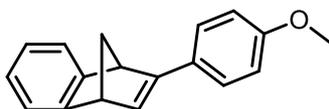
Following the general procedure B, 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene **10ab** (27 mg, 53%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.37–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.24 (dt,  $J = 5.5, 2.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.96–6.92 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 1H), 4.00 (dd,  $J = 2.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dt,  $J = 7.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.36 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.7, 151.3, 150.6, 136.6, 134.1, 132.9, 128.6, 126.0, 124.6, 124.4, 121.5, 121.4, 68.0, 51.8, 51.1. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for  $(\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}^{35}\text{Cl})$  253.1784, found 253.1784.



**10ac**

### 2-(*p*-Tolyl)-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene **10ac**

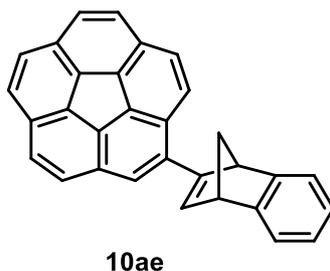
Following the general procedure B, 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene **10ac** (27 mg, 53%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.33 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 2.1$  Hz, 3H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.96–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (s, 1H), 3.98 (dd,  $J = 3.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dt,  $J = 7.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.35 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.6, 151.6, 151.0, 137.1, 134.7, 132.8, 129.2, 124.7, 124.4, 124.2, 121.5, 121.2, 67.9, 51.8, 50.9, 21.2. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}$ ) 233.1330, found 233.1333.



**10ad**

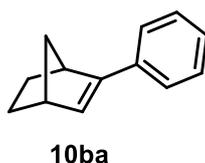
#### **2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene 10ad**

Following the general procedure B, 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene **10ad** (33 mg, 66%) was isolated as a colorless oil;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd,  $J = 5.5, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 1H), 6.96–6.88 (m, 2H), 6.87–6.82 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.44 (dt,  $J = 7.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.0, 155.2, 151.8, 151.0, 133.4, 128.5, 126.0, 124.5, 124.2, 121.5, 121.2, 113.9, 67.8, 55.3, 51.9, 50.9. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ ) 249.1279, found 249.1282.



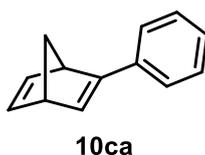
### 1-(1,4-Dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-2-yl)dibenzo[ghi,mno]fluoranthene **10ae**

Following the general procedure B, 1-(1,4-dihydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-2-yl)dibenzo[ghi,mno]fluoranthene **10ae** (16 mg, 20%) was isolated as a yellow solid, Mp 97-100 °C;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.73 (m, 8H), 7.56 (dd,  $J = 5.0, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd,  $J = 5.5, 3.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.07–6.91 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 1H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 2.63 (dt,  $J = 7.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.47 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.3, 151.1, 150.9, 141.5, 136.5, 136.3, 136.0, 135.6, 135.3, 135.1, 130.9, 130.6, 130.5, 128.8, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 127.0, 126.8, 126.8, 124.8, 124.5, 121.9, 121.8, 121.5, 68.2, 54.2, 51.7. HRMS (ESI)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for  $(\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{18})$  390.1487, found 391.1489.



### 2-Phenylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene **10ba**

Following the general procedure B, 2-phenylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene **10ba** (21 mg, 63%) was isolated as a colorless oil; The analytical data for **10ba** are consistently agreed with those have been previously reported in the literature.<sup>[4]</sup>



### 2-Phenylbicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-diene **10ca**

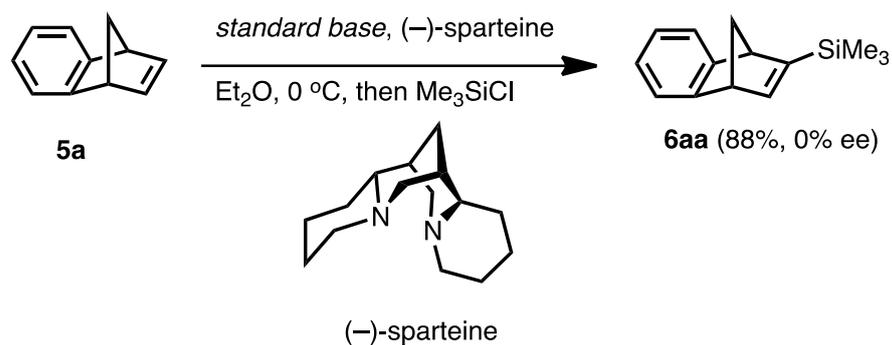
Following the general procedure B, 2-phenylbicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-diene **10ca** (210 mg, 59%) was isolated as a colorless oil; the analytical data for **10ca** are consistently agreed with those have been previously reported in the literature.<sup>[5]</sup>

### Preparation of 2-butyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,4-methanonaphthalene



A 10 mL well-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with nitrogen through Schlenk line. To a solution of benzonorbornene (72 mg, 0.5 mmol) KO<sup>t</sup>Bu (28 mg, 0.5 equiv.) and TMEDA (116 mg, 2 equiv.) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL), <sup>n</sup>BuLi (c = 2.4 mol/L in hexanes, 0.42 mL, 2 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C. After the resulting dark blue suspension had been stirred at 0 °C for additional 1 h, add TMSCl (148 mg, 2.5 equiv.), quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl after 1 h. The mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL x 3), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether) to get the byproduct as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.05–7.01 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 3.02 (s, 1H), 1.78–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.36 (m, 8H), 0.89 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.3, 148.5, 125.3, 125.2, 120.6, 120.2, 48.4, 46.0, 44.0, 40.7, 36.3, 35.3, 30.7, 22.9, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calculated for (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>) 201.1643, found 201.1640.

## Reactions with chiral ligands



A 10 mL well-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with nitrogen through Schlenk line. To a solution of PMDTA (82 mg, 0.5 mmol) and KO<sup>t</sup>Bu (28 mg, 0.5 equiv.) in diethyl ether, <sup>t</sup>BuLi (c = 2.4 mol/L in hexanes, 0.31 mL, 1.5 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C, after 1 h, add the mixture solution of benzonorbornene (35 mg, 0.25 mmol) with sparteine (117 mg, 2 equiv.), add TMSCl after 1 h, and then via HPLC using a Chiralpak AY-RH column (250 mm length) with H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>CN as eluting solvent (50/50) with detection at = 254 nm, retention times: 31 min, 37 min.

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### Spectral Data

