

Sonogashira reactions of alkyl halides catalyzed by NHC [CNN] pincer nickel(II) complexes

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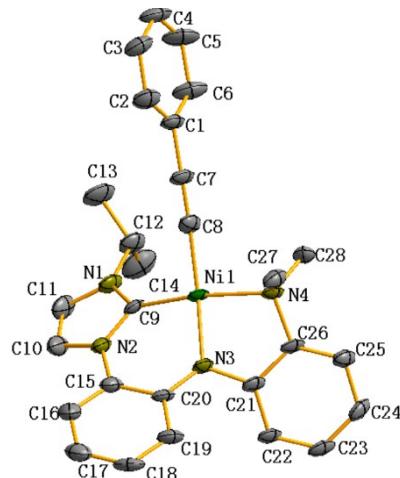
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SI. X-ray crystallographic data of complex 9



Complex **9**. Red crystals, $C_{28}H_{28}N_4Ni = 479.25 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$, monoclinic, $P2(1)/c$, $a = 11.193(1)$, $b = 8.695(1)$, $c = 24.486(1) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 94.64(1)^\circ$, $V = 2375.4(1) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, Calculated density = 1.340 g/cm^3 , Reflections collected = 13102, Reflections unique = 4133, $R(\text{int}) = 0.1210$, $R_1(I > 2\sigma(I)) = 0.0833$, $wR_2(I > 2\sigma(I)) = 0.2237$, $R_1(\text{all data}) = 0.0950$, $wR_2(\text{all data}) = 0.2359$. Selected distances [\AA] and angles [deg]: $\text{Ni1-N3 } 1.875(3)$, $\text{Ni1-N4 } 2.003(3)$, $\text{Ni1-C8 } 1.852(3)$, $\text{Ni1-C9 } 1.853(3)$, $\text{C7-C8 } 1.224(5)$; $\text{N4-Ni1-N3 } 84.91(11)$, $\text{C8-Ni1-N4 } 94.65(13)$, $\text{C9-Ni1-N3 } 89.84(13)$, $\text{C8-Ni1-C9 } 92.96(14)$, $\text{C8-Ni1-N3 } 167.47(16)$, $\text{C9-Ni1-N4 } 168.48(14)$, $\text{C7-C8-Ni1 } 173.8(4)$.

SII. IR, ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of pincer complex 9

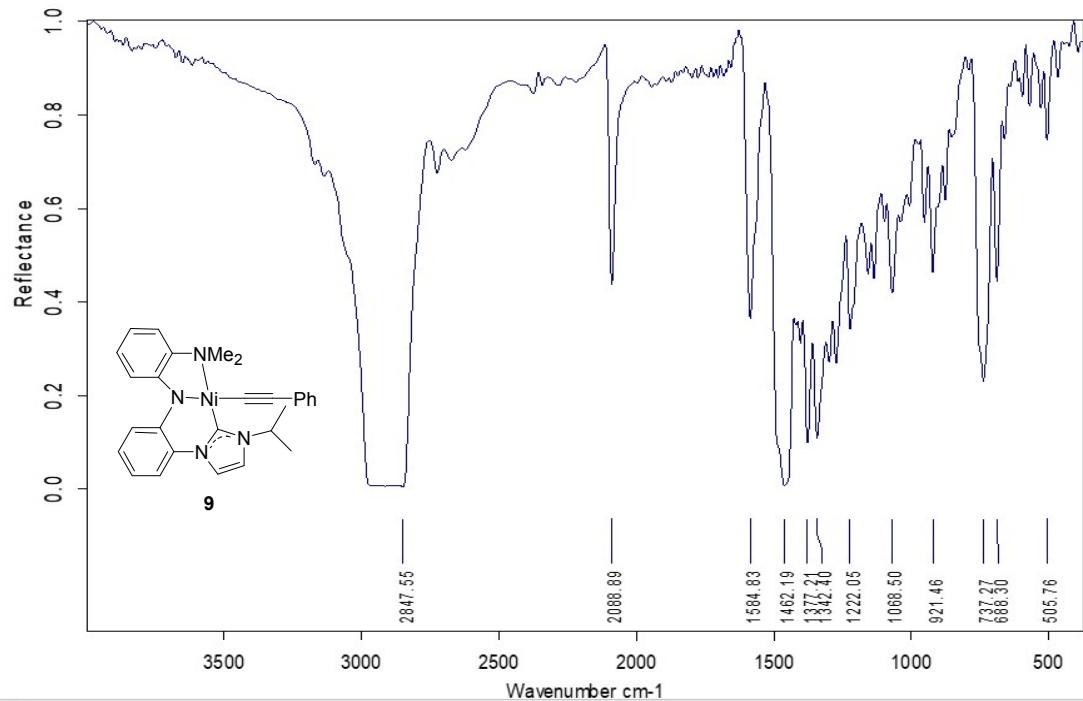


Figure S1. IR spectrum of complex 9

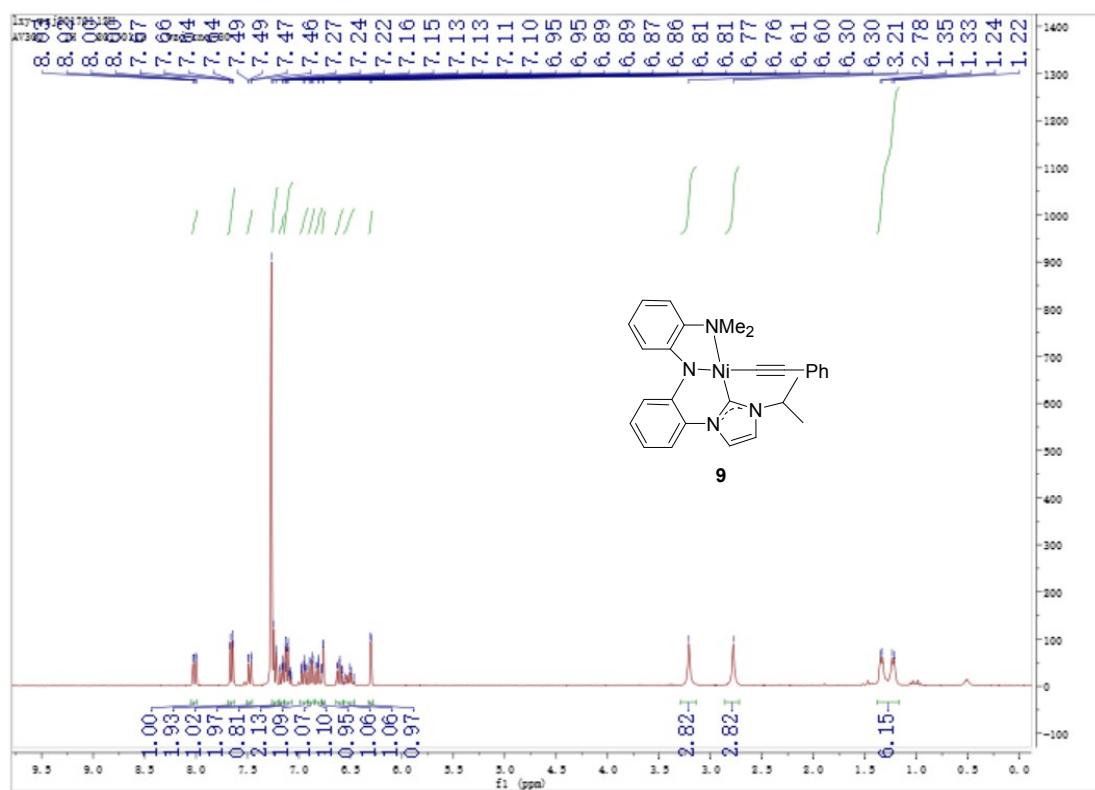


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **9** (C_6D_6)

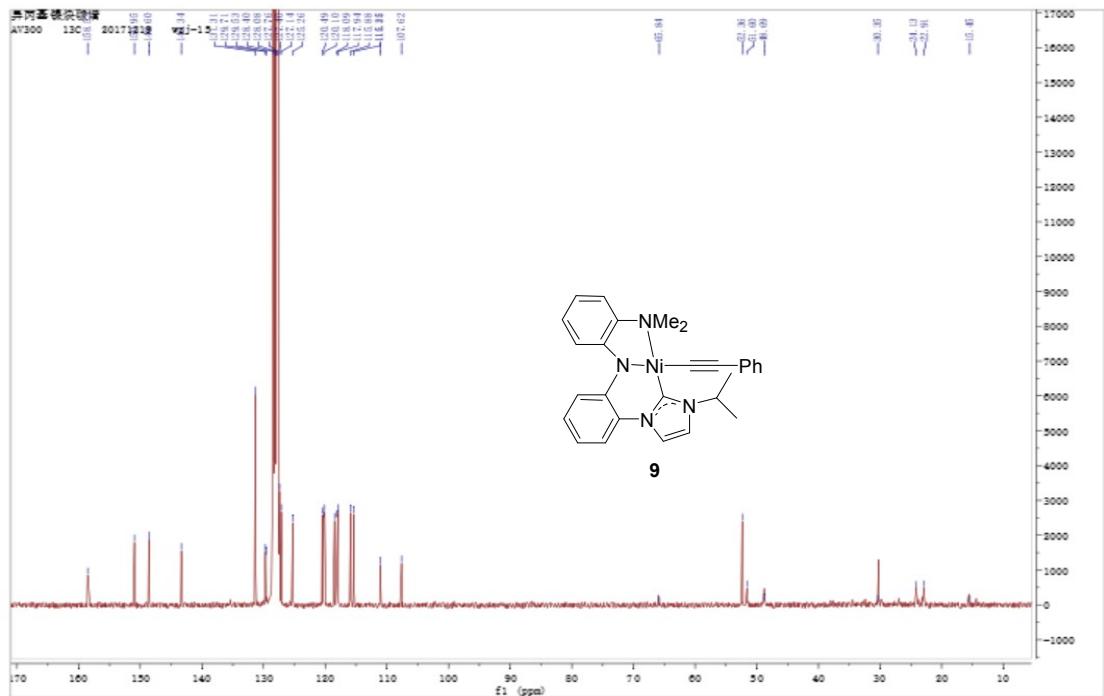


Figure S3. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of complex **9** (C_6D_6)

Note: The peaks at 15.4 and 66.0 ppm belong to Et₂O.

SIII. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra of the catalytic products

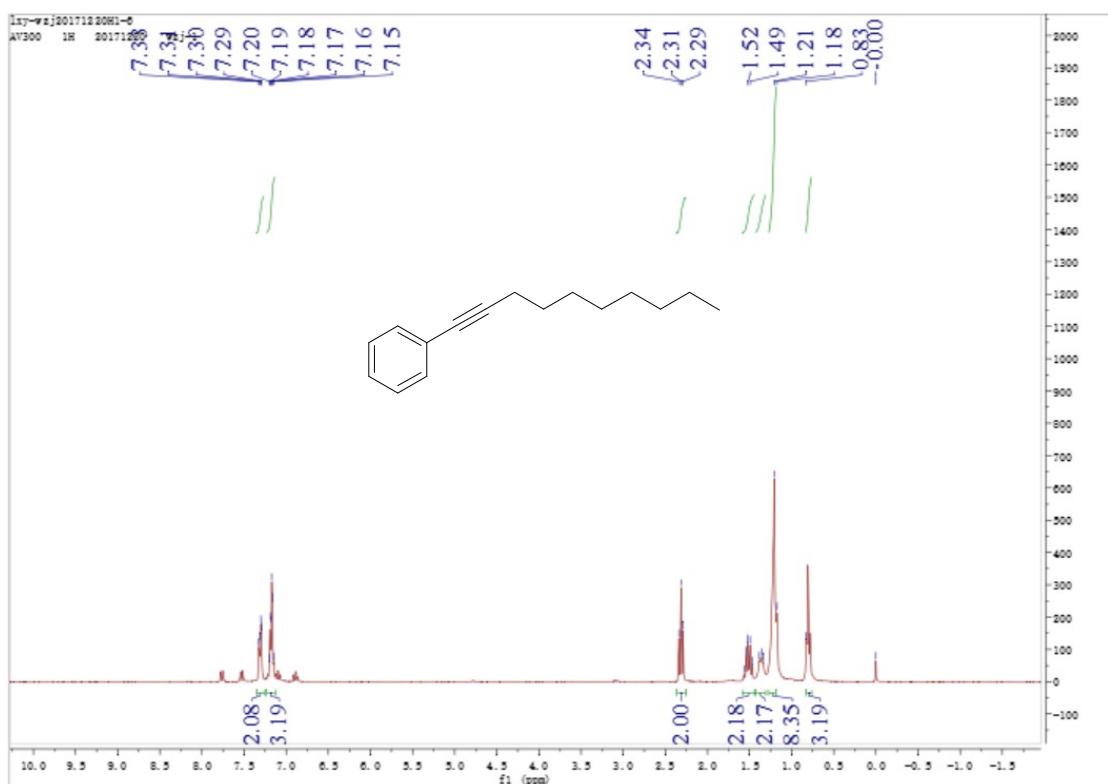
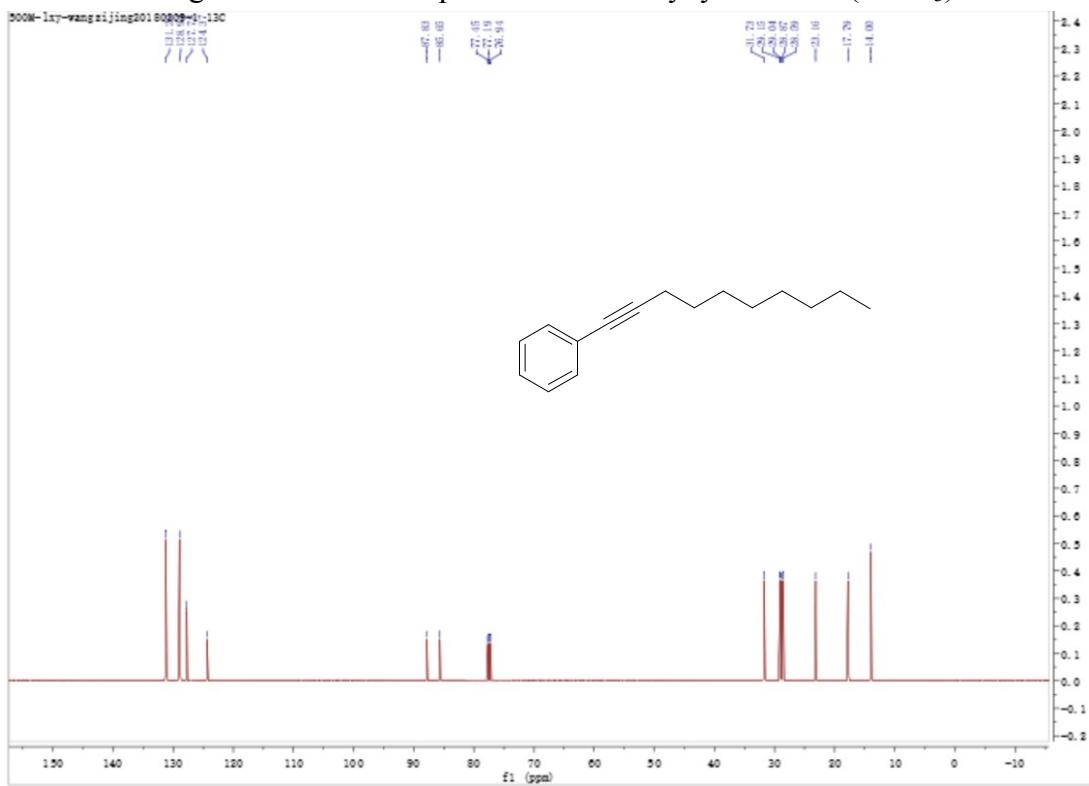


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectrum of dec-1-ynyl-benzene (CDCl_3)



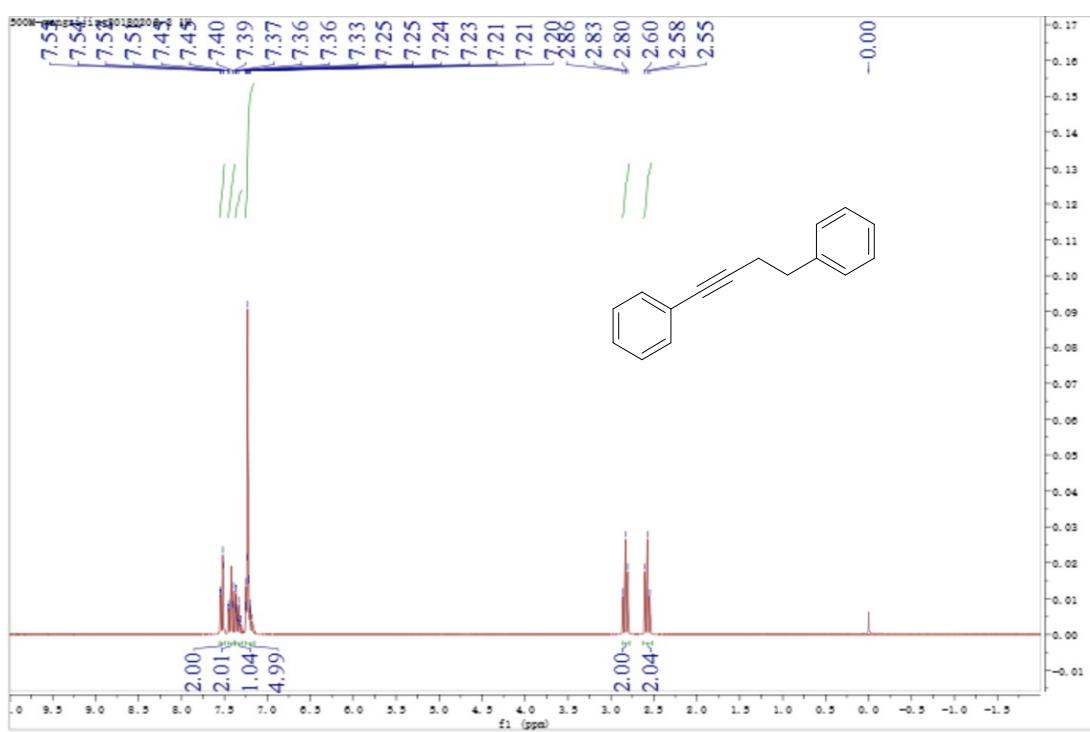


Figure S6. ^1H NMR spectrum of but-1-yne-1,4-diyldibenzene (CDCl_3)

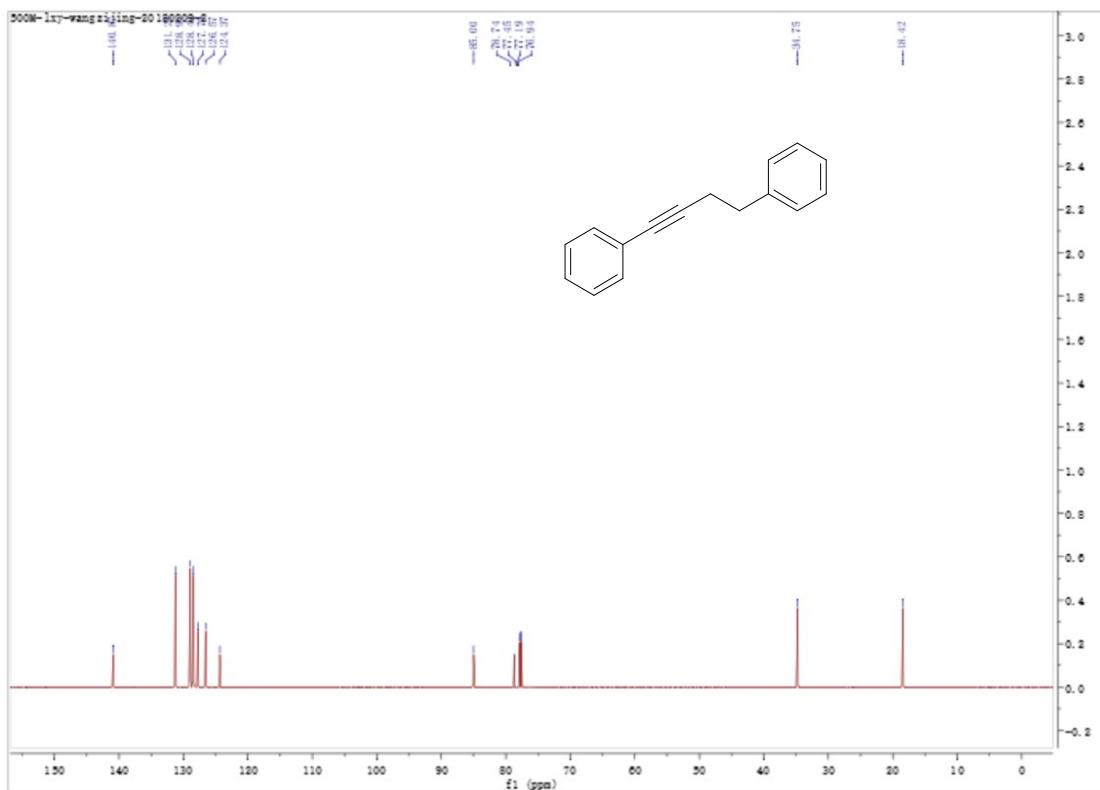


Figure S7. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of but-1-yne-1,4-diyldibenzene (CDCl_3)

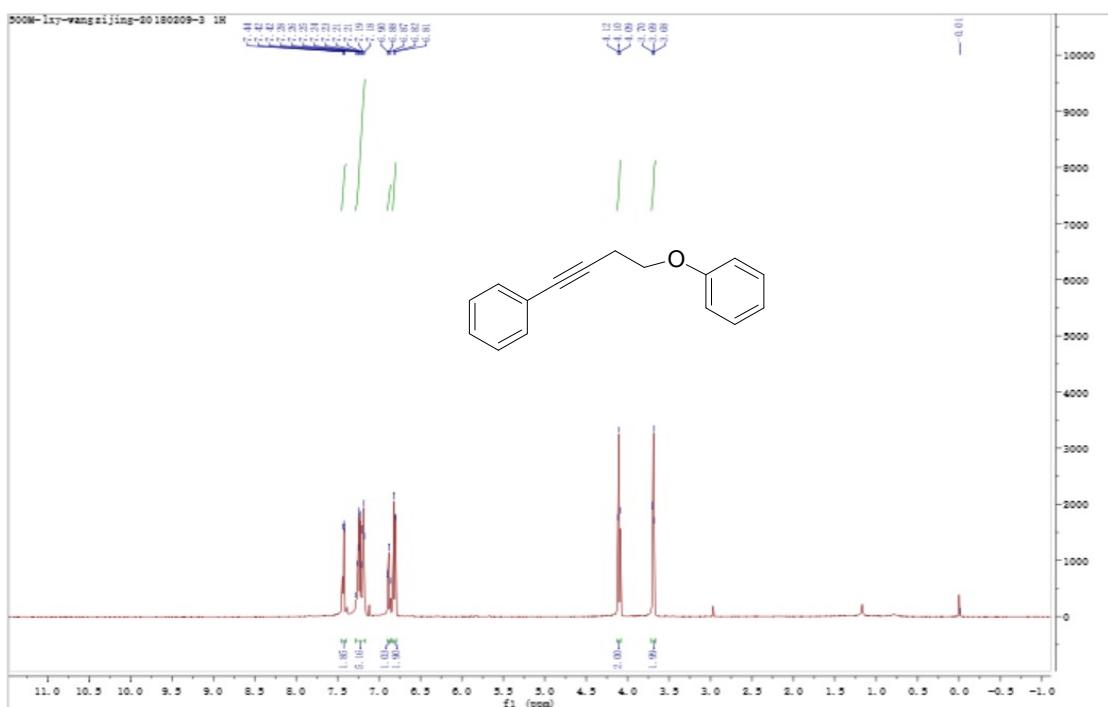


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectrum of (4-phenoxybut-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (CDCl_3)

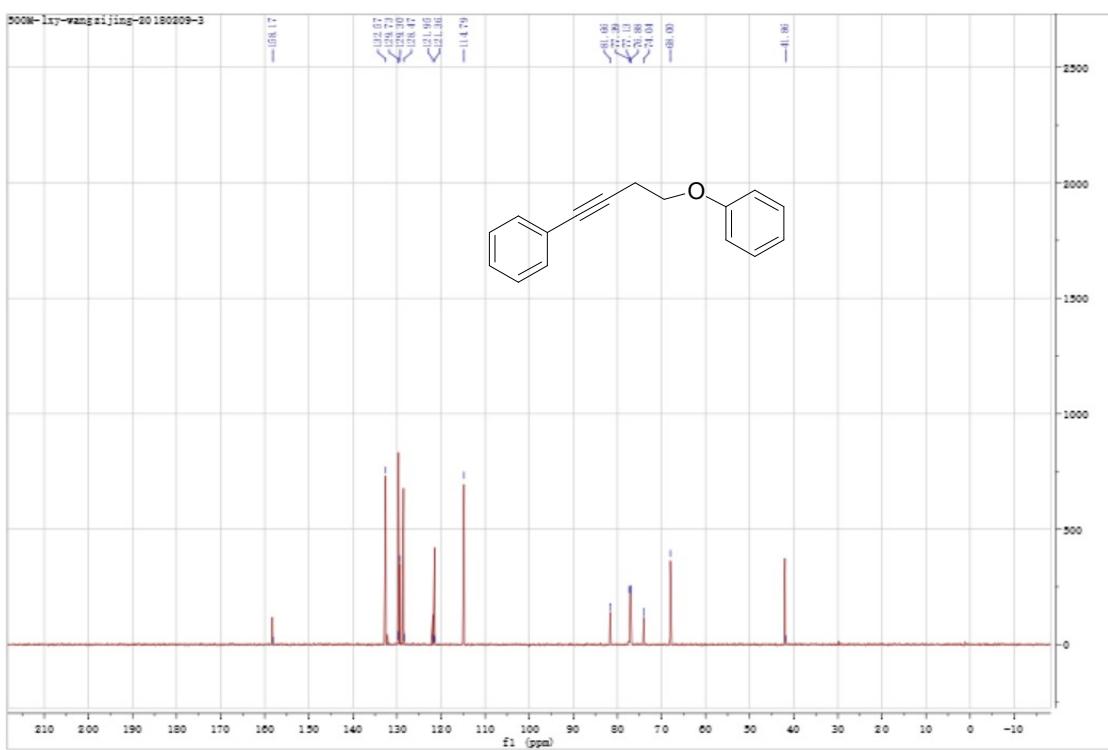


Figure S9. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of (4-phenoxybut-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (CDCl_3)

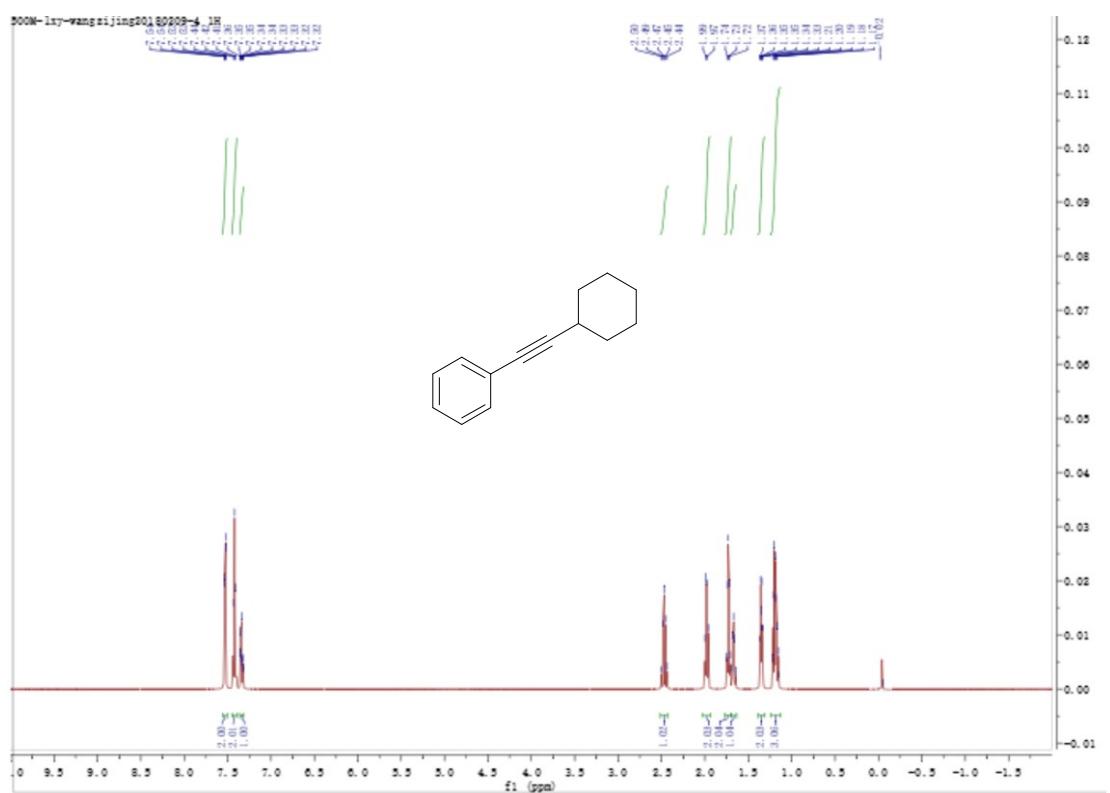


Figure S10. ^1H NMR spectrum of cyclohexylethylnyl-benzene (CDCl_3)

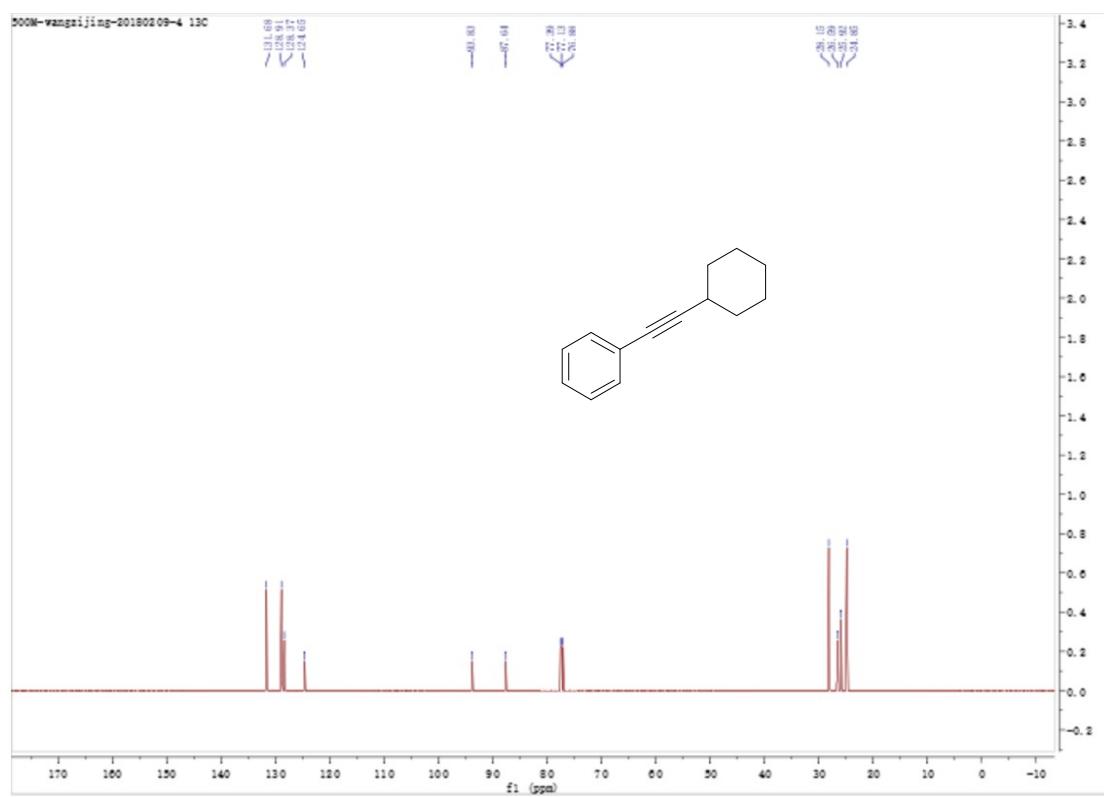


Figure S11. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of cyclohexylethynyl-benzene (CDCl_3)

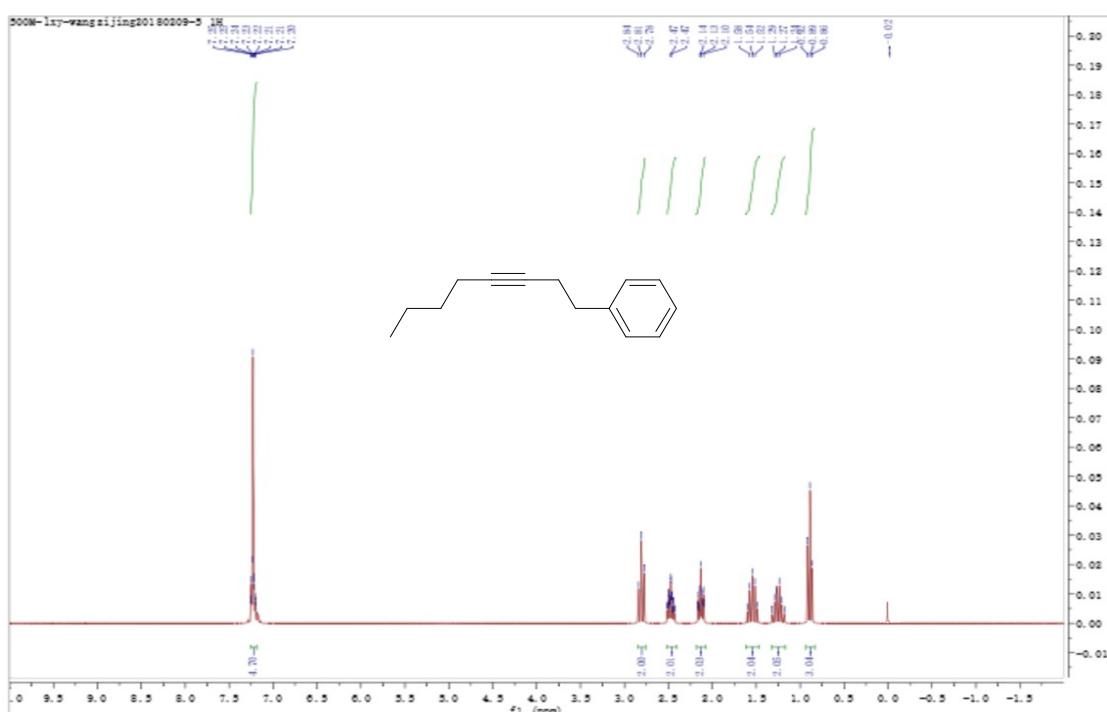


Figure S12. ^1H NMR spectrum of oct-3-ynyl-benzene (CDCl_3)

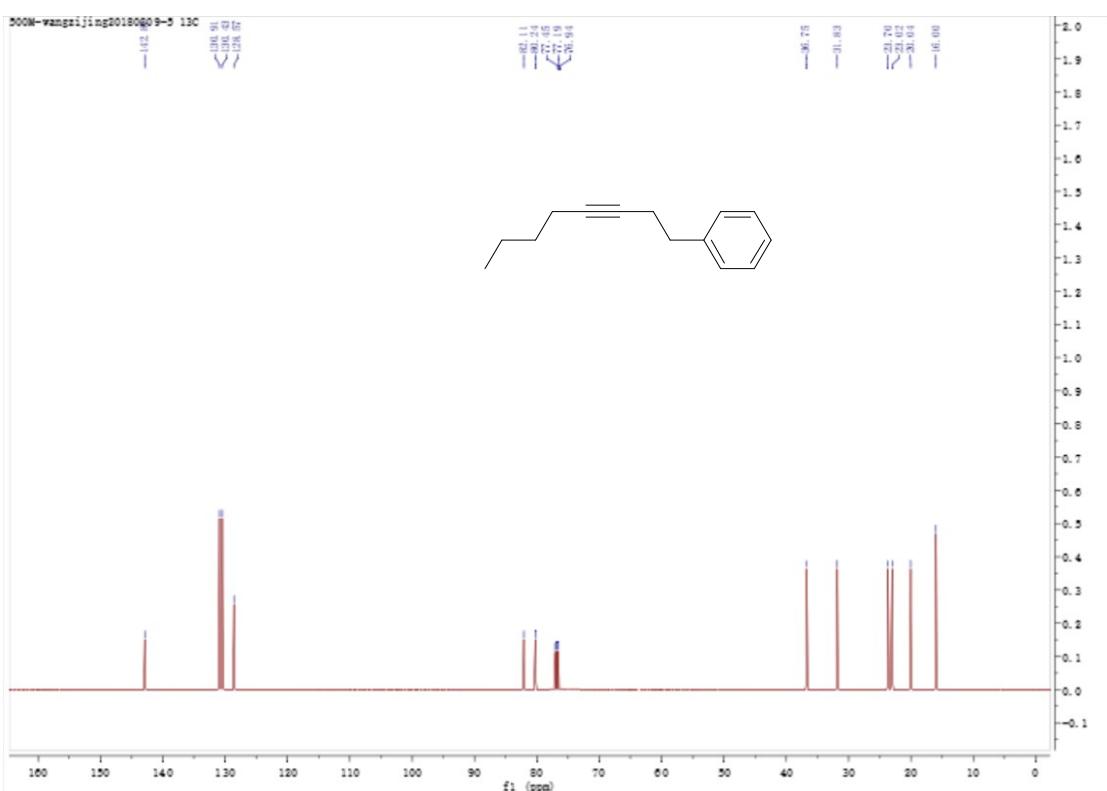


Figure S13. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of oct-3-ynyl-benzene (CDCl_3)

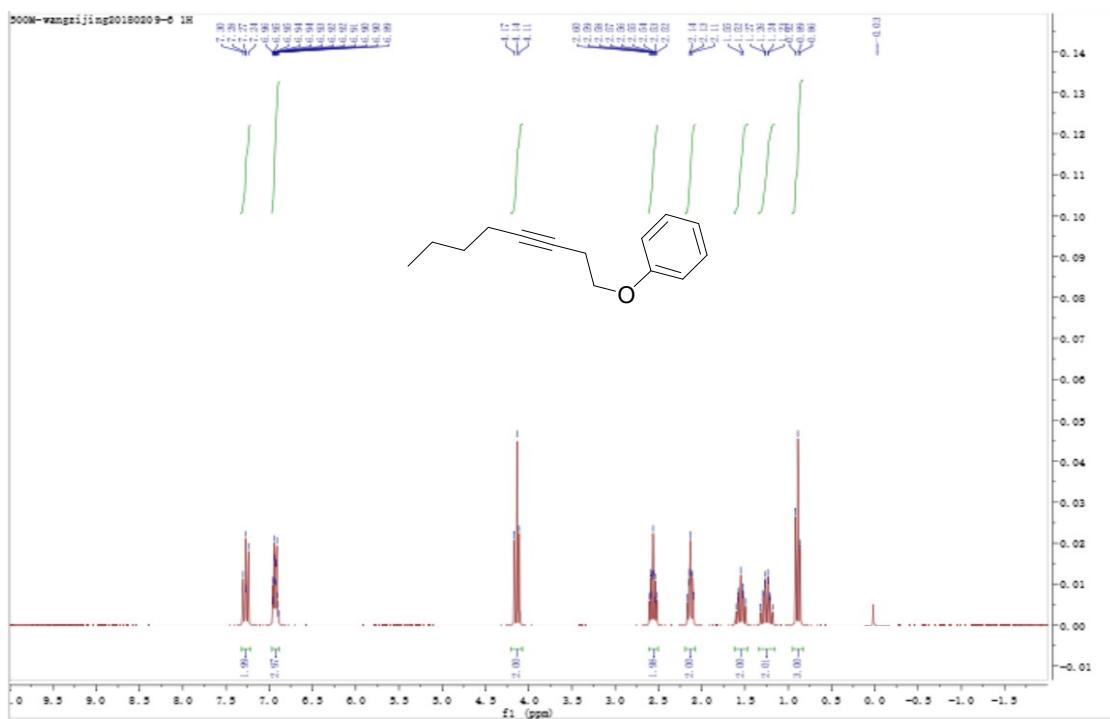


Figure S14. ^1H NMR spectrum of oct-3-ynyloxy-benzene (CDCl_3)

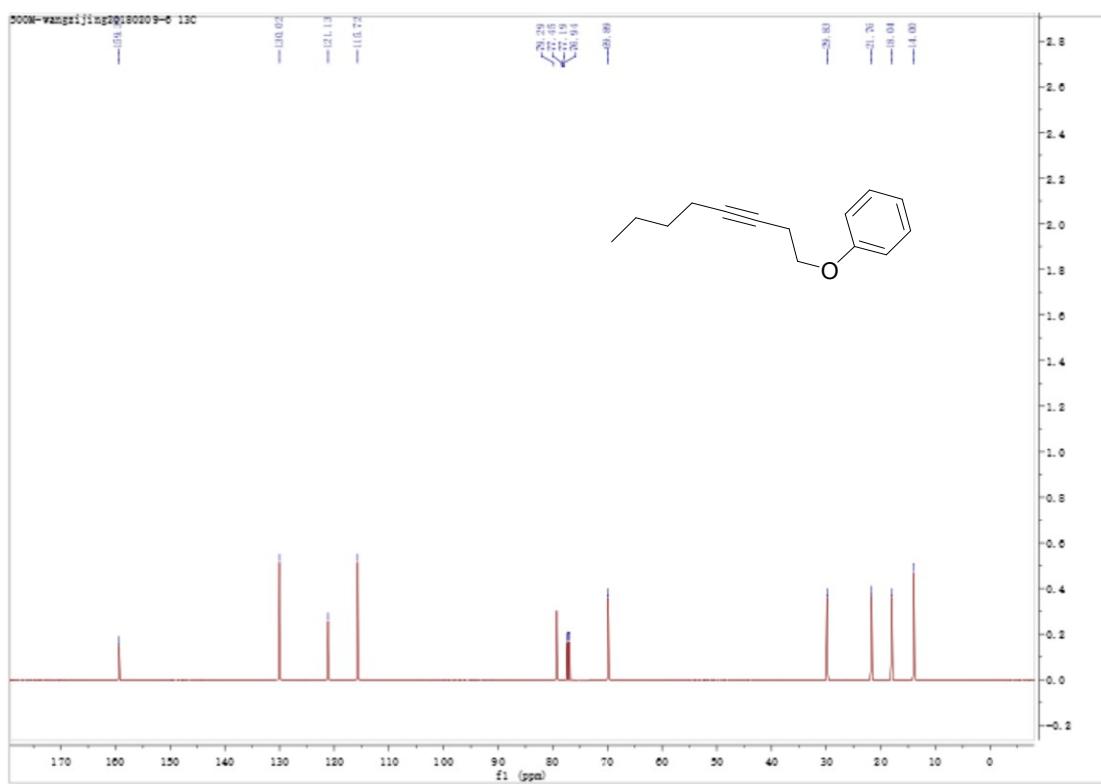


Figure S15. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of oct-3-yloxy-benzene (CDCl_3)



Figure S16. ^1H NMR spectrum of 2-dec-1-ynyl-pyridine (CDCl_3)

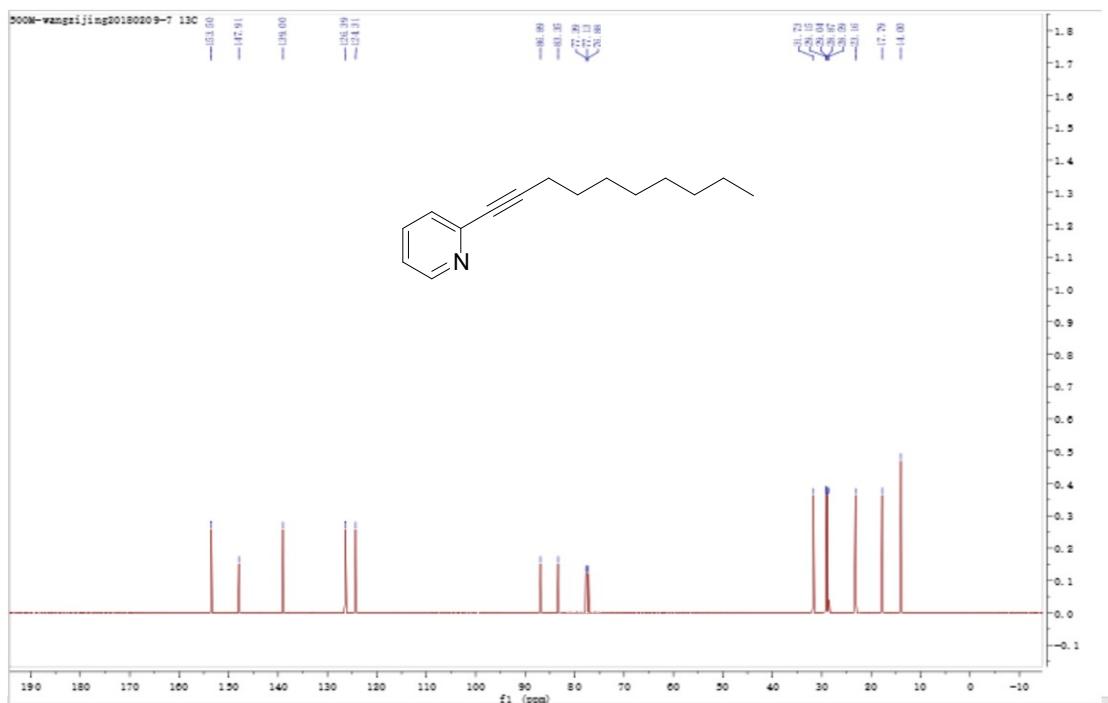


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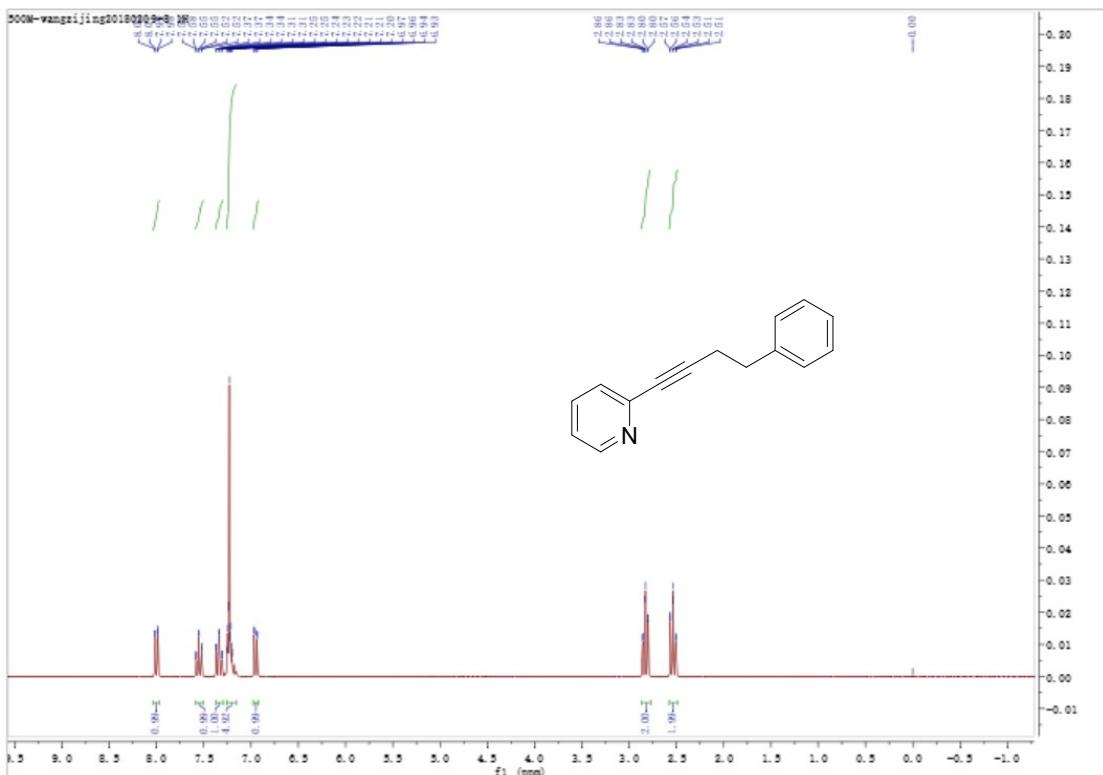


Figure S18. ^1H NMR spectrum of 2-(4-phenyl-but-1-ynyl)-pyridine (CDCl_3)

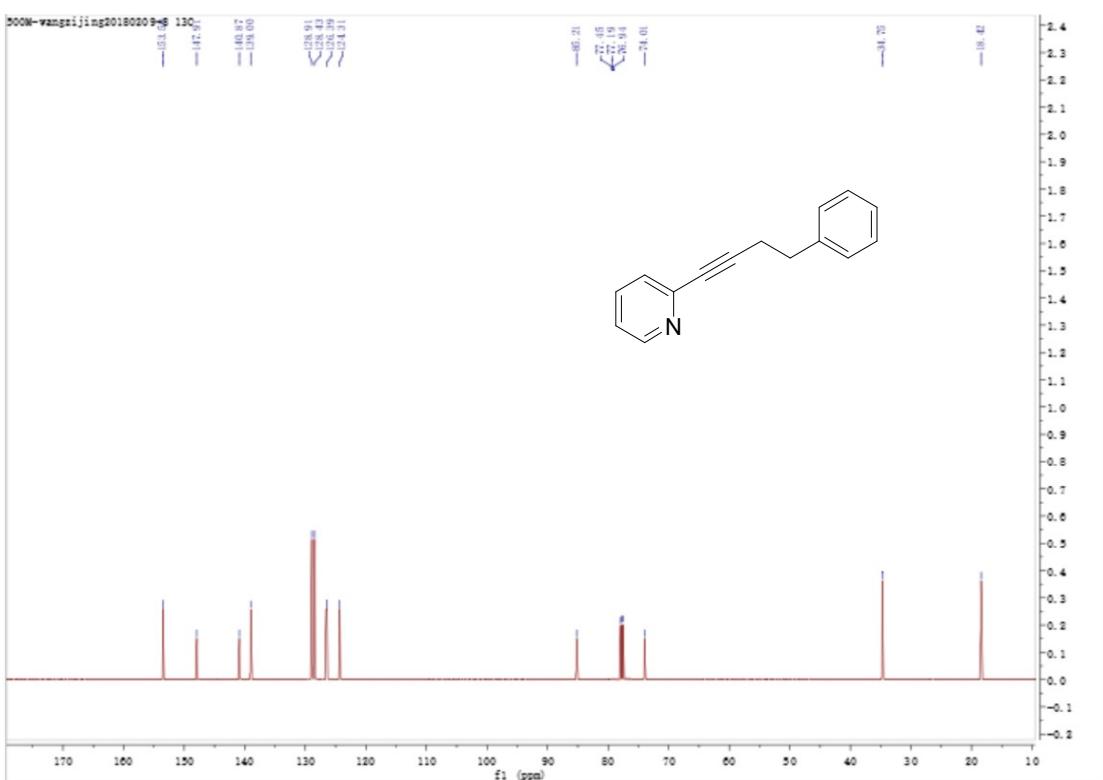


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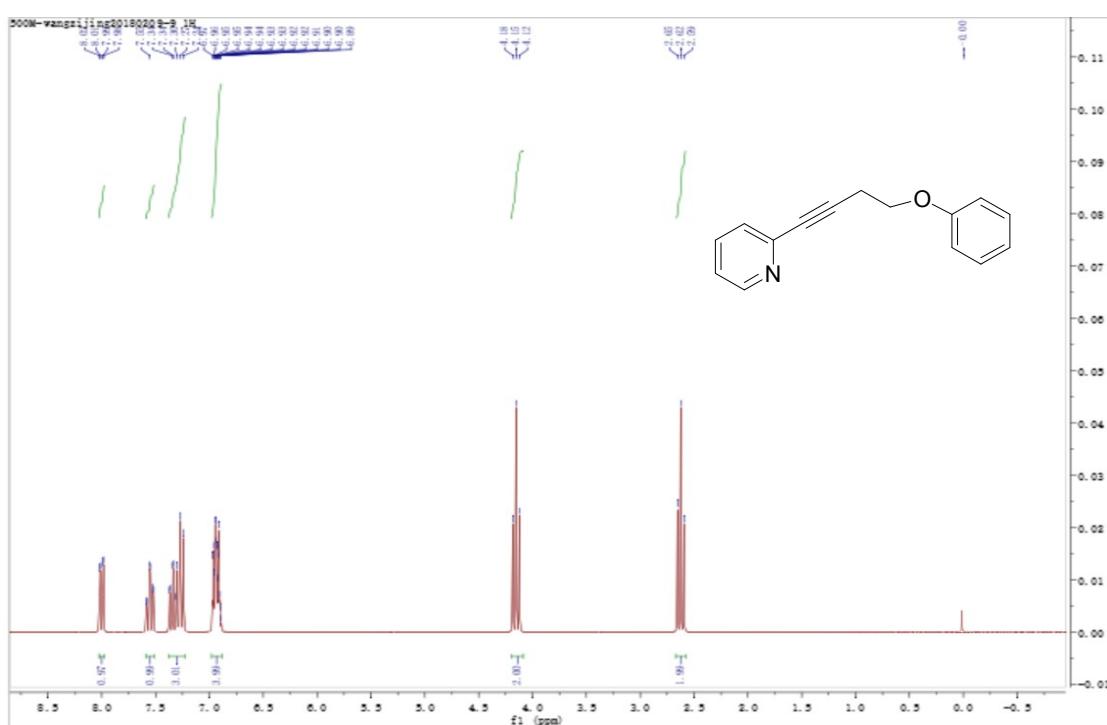


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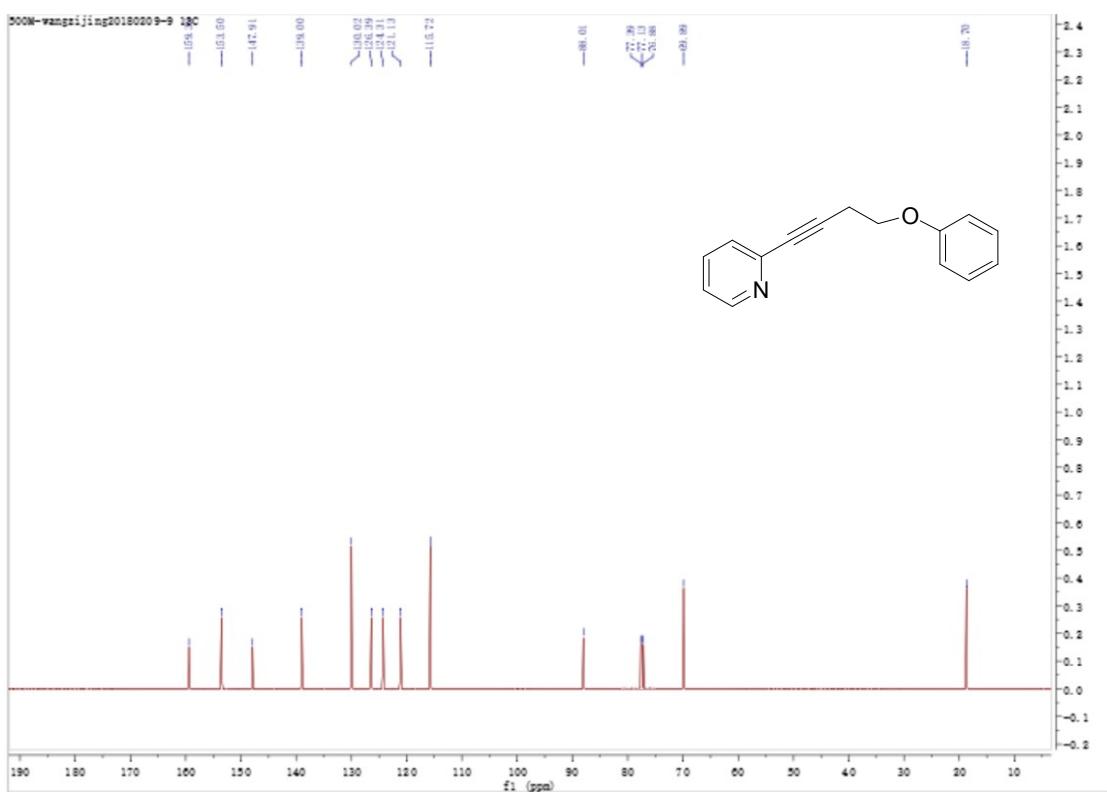


Figure S21. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 2-(4-phenoxy-but-1-ynyl)-pyridine (CDCl_3)

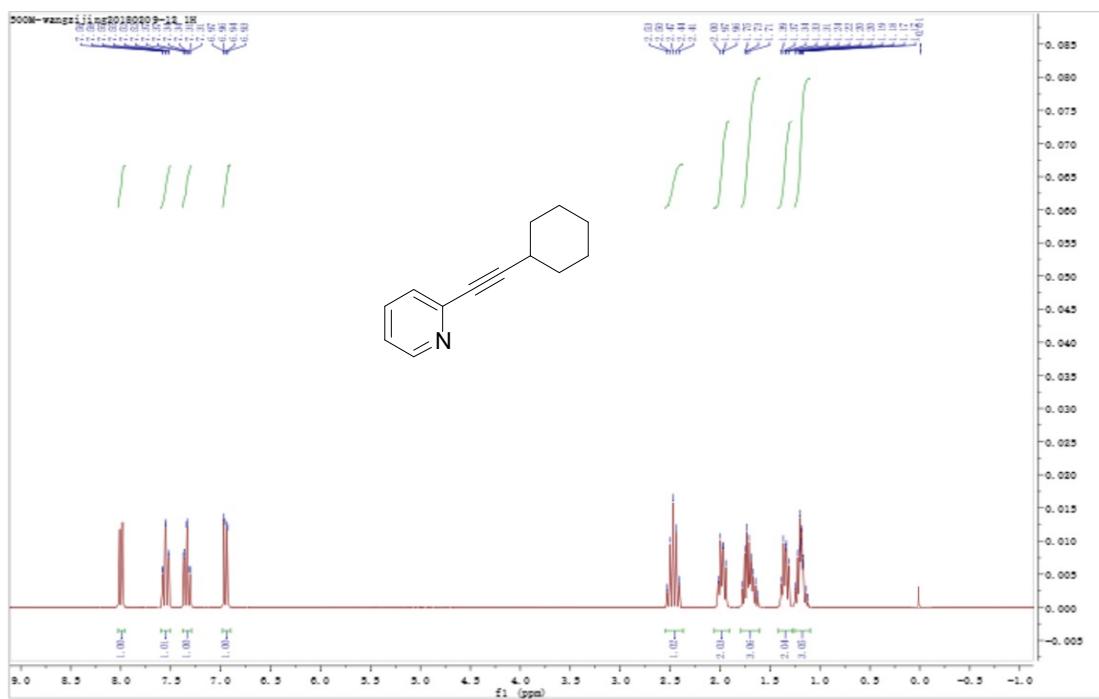


Figure S22. ^1H NMR spectrum of 2-cyclohexylethynyl-pyridine (CDCl_3)



Figure S23. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 2-cyclohexylethynyl-pyridine (CDCl_3)

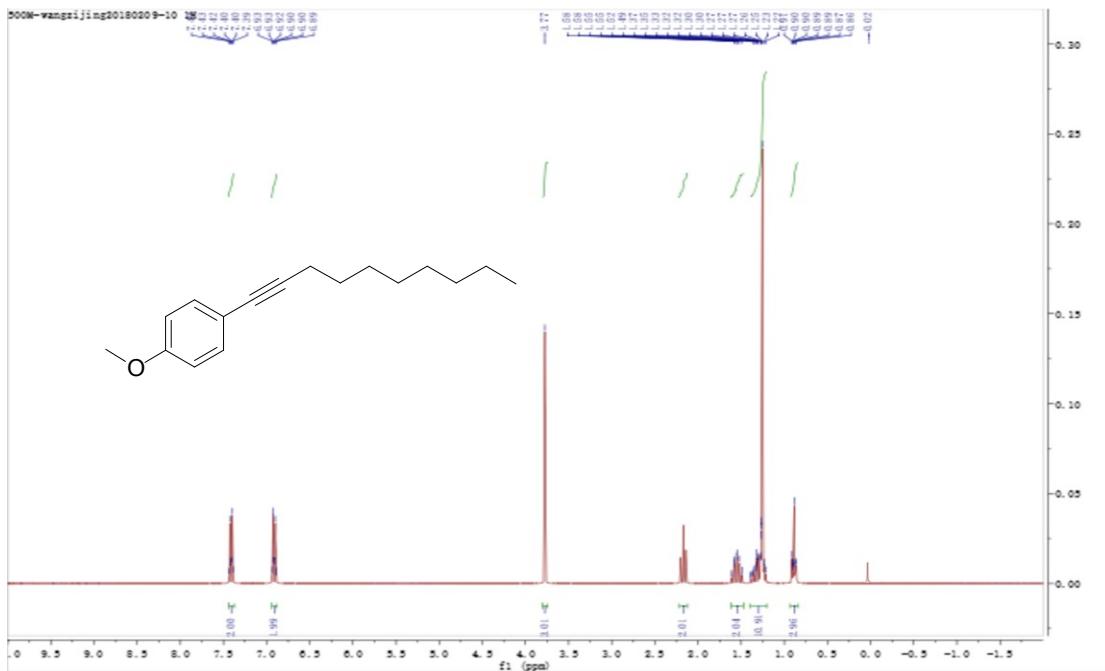


Figure S24. ^1H NMR spectrum of 1-dec-1-ynyl-4-methoxy-benzene (CDCl_3)

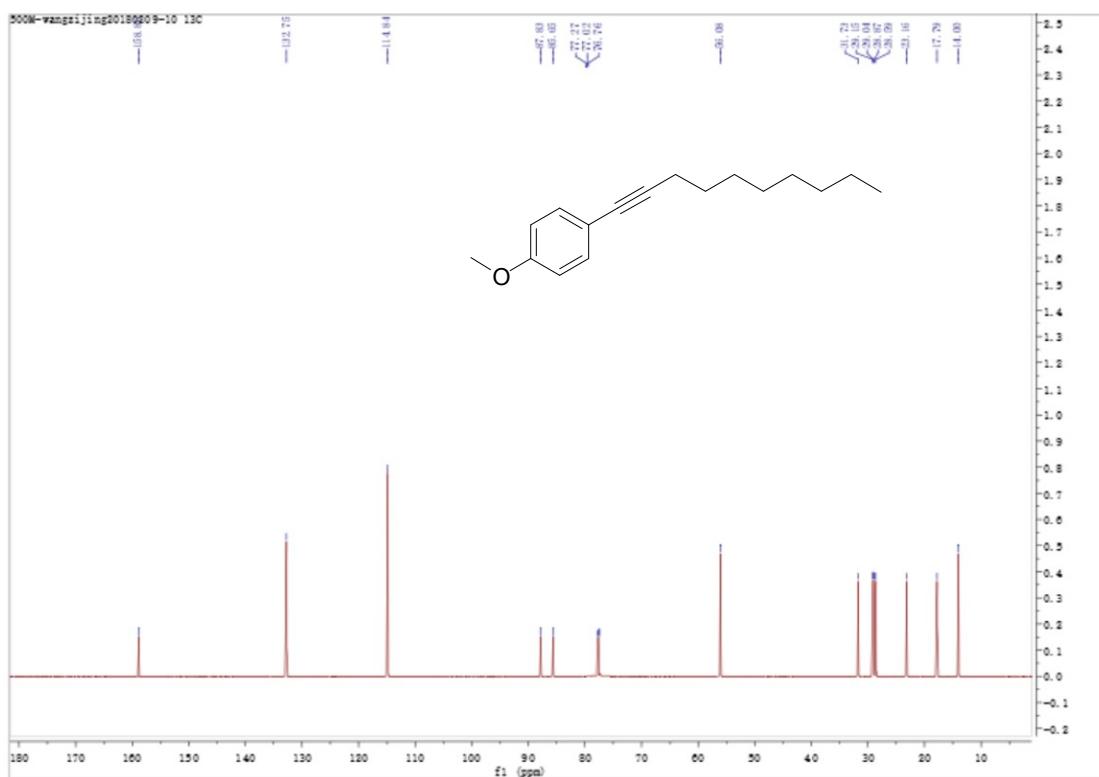


Figure S25. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 1-dec-1-ynyl-4-methoxy-benzene (CDCl_3)

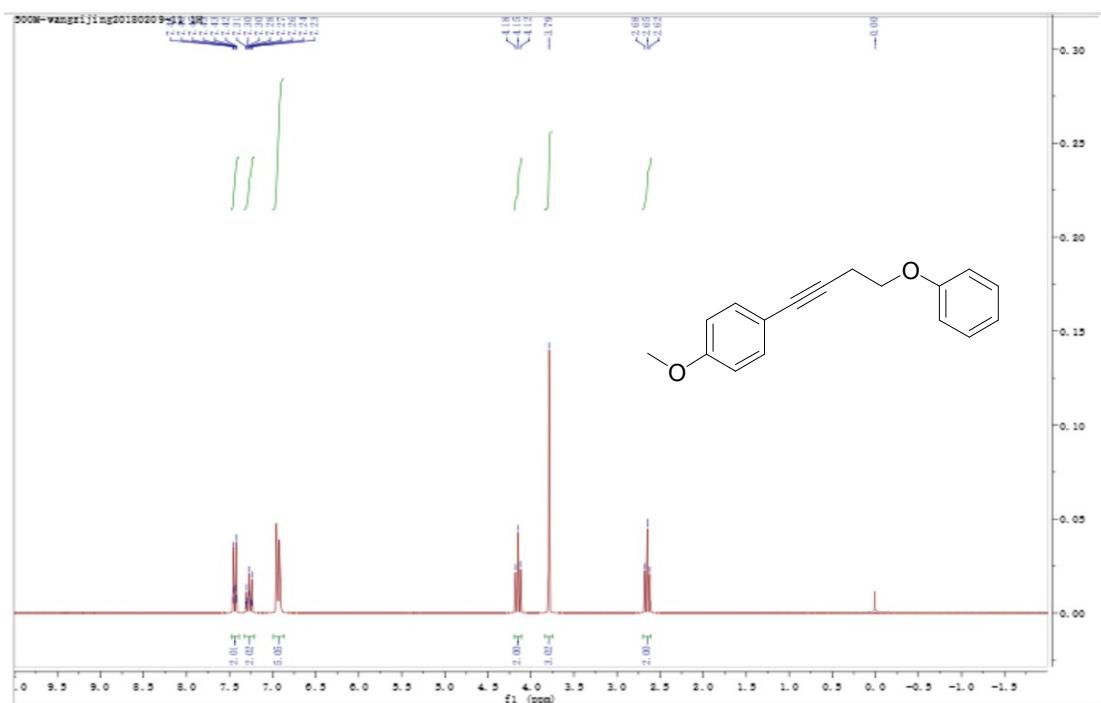


Figure S26. ^1H NMR spectrum of 1-methoxy-4-(4-phenoxy-but-1-ynyl)-benzene (CDCl_3)

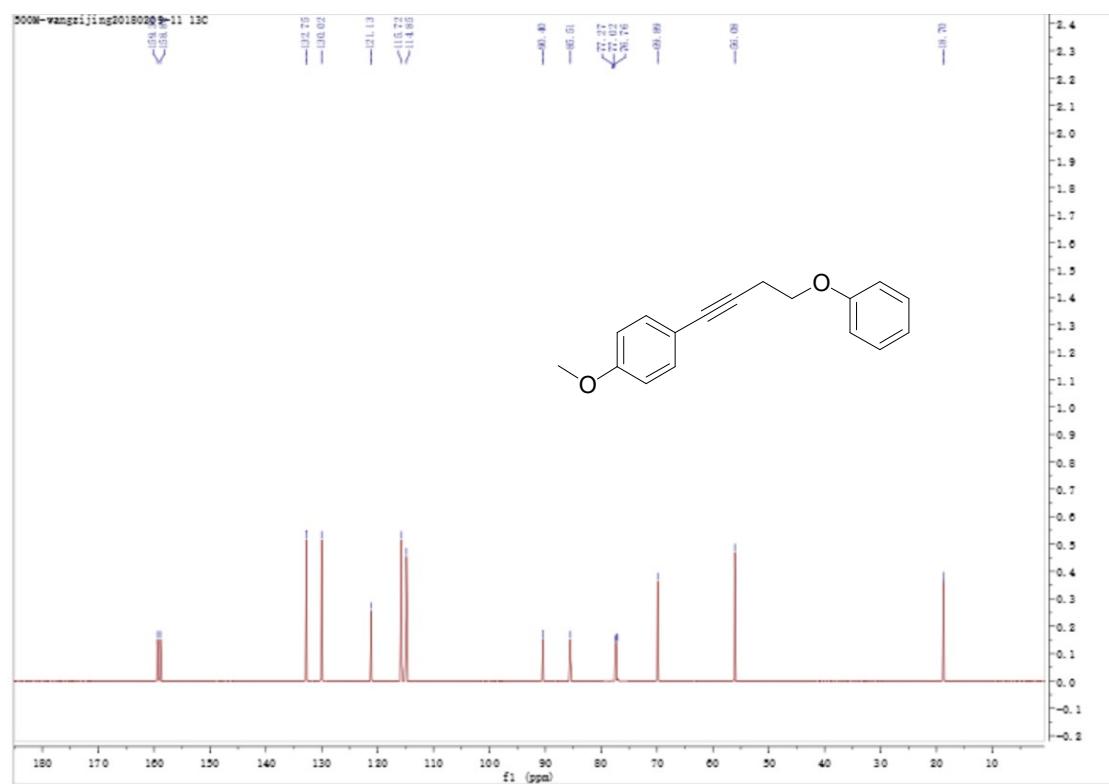


Figure S27. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 1-methoxy-4-(4-phenoxy-but-1-ynyl)-benzene (CDCl_3)

SIV. IR spectrum of phenylethyynyl copper

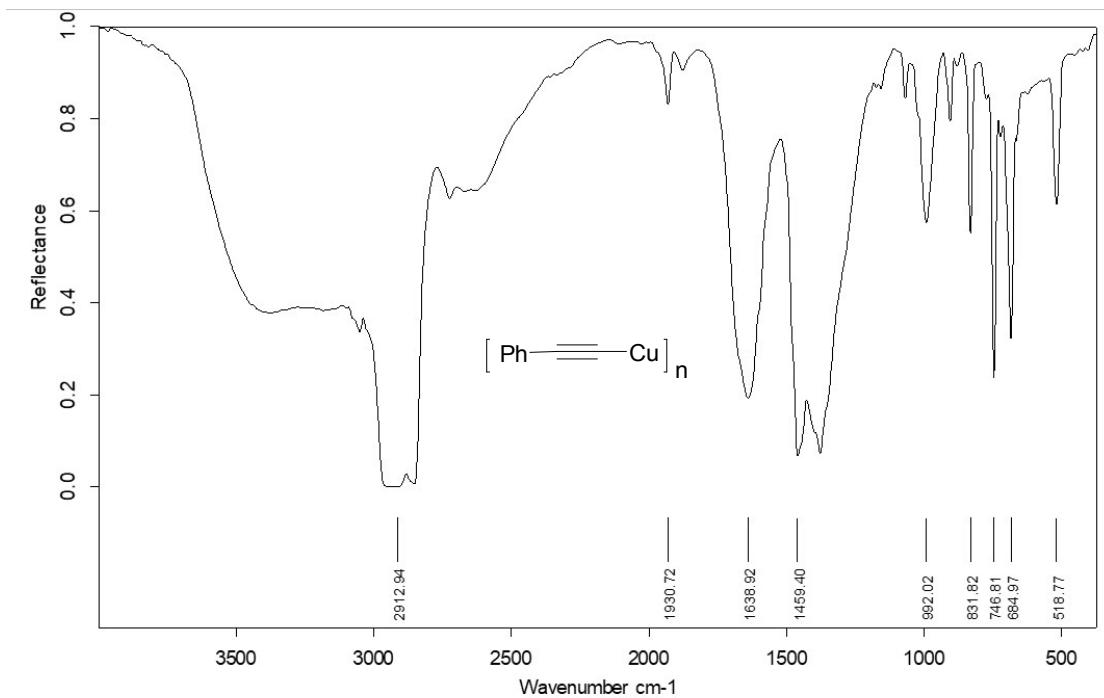
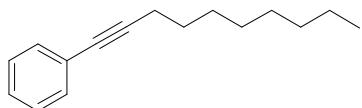
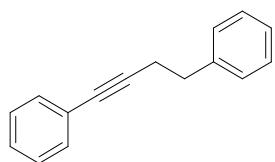


Figure S28. IR spectrum of phenylethyynyl copper

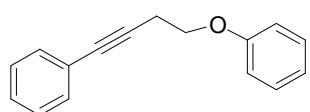
SV. Analytical data of the catalytic products



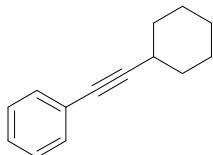
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.59 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.21 (m, 8H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 131.25, 128.94, 127.75, 124.37, 87.83, 85.65, 31.73, 29.15, 29.04, 28.87, 28.59, 23.16, 17.79, 14.00.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 27.8, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.87, 131.25, 128.94, 128.91, 128.43, 127.75, 126.57, 124.37, 85.00, 78.71, 34.75, 18.42.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.17, 132.57, 129.73, 129.30, 128.47, 121.95, 121.36, 114.79, 81.66, 74.04, 68.00, 41.86.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 2.47 (p, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (p, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (p, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (dp, *J* = 16.8, 5.6 Hz, 3H).
¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 131.68, 128.91, 128.37, 124.65, 93.83, 87.64, 28.15, 26.59, 25.92, 24.85.

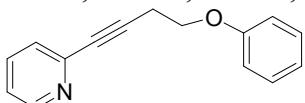
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51 – 2.41 (m, 2H), 2.13 (tt, *J* = 14.2, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 1.62 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 3H).
¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.87, 130.91, 130.43, 128.57, 82.11, 80.24, 36.75, 31.83, 23.70, 23.02, 20.04, 16.00.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 13.5 Hz, 2H), 6.97 – 6.88 (m, 3H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (tt, *J* = 14.7, 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.19 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.55 (ddd, *J* = 26.8, 15.2, 11.6 Hz, 2H), 1.34 – 1.16 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 3H).
¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.39, 130.02, 121.13, 115.72, 79.28, 69.89, 29.83, 21.76, 18.04, 14.00.

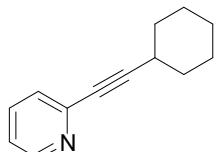
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, *J* = 15.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td, *J* = 14.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (t, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 2H), 1.62 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.20 (m, 1H), 0.93 – 0.84 (m, 3H).
¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.50, 147.91, 139.00, 126.39, 124.31, 86.89, 83.35, 31.73, 29.15, 29.04, 28.87, 28.59, 23.16, 17.79, 14.00.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, *J* = 15.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td, *J* = 14.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (td, *J* = 14.7, 1.5

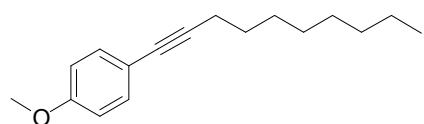
Hz, 2H), 2.54 (td, J = 14.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.50, 147.91, 140.87, 139.00, 128.91, 128.43, 126.39, 124.31, 85.21, 74.01, 34.75, 18.42.



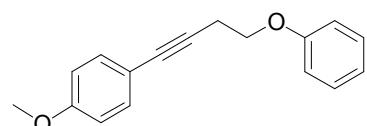
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (dd, J = 14.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, J = 15.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (ddd, J = 35.2, 22.7, 8.9 Hz, 3H), 6.93 (dddd, J = 14.5, 9.8, 6.3, 3.2 Hz, 4H), 4.15 (t, J = 15.0 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, J = 15.0 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.39, 153.50, 147.91, 139.00, 130.02, 126.39, 124.31, 121.13, 115.72, 88.01, 69.89, 18.70.



^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (dd, J = 14.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, J = 14.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td, J = 14.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 14.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (p, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.60 (m, 3H), 1.41 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.26 – 1.10 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.48, 147.85, 138.55, 126.70, 123.11, 90.40, 89.05, 28.15, 26.59, 25.92, 24.85.



^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.17 (t, J = 15.5 Hz, 2H), 1.62 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.20 (m, 11H), 0.93 – 0.84 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.86, 132.75, 114.84, 87.83, 85.65, 56.08, 31.73, 29.15, 29.04, 28.87, 28.59, 23.16, 17.79, 14.00.



^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.87 (m, 5H), 4.15 (t, J = 14.2 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.65 (t, J = 14.2 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.39, 158.86, 132.75, 130.02, 121.13, 115.72, 114.85, 90.40, 85.51, 69.89, 56.08, 18.70.

SVI. ESI-MS data of reactions

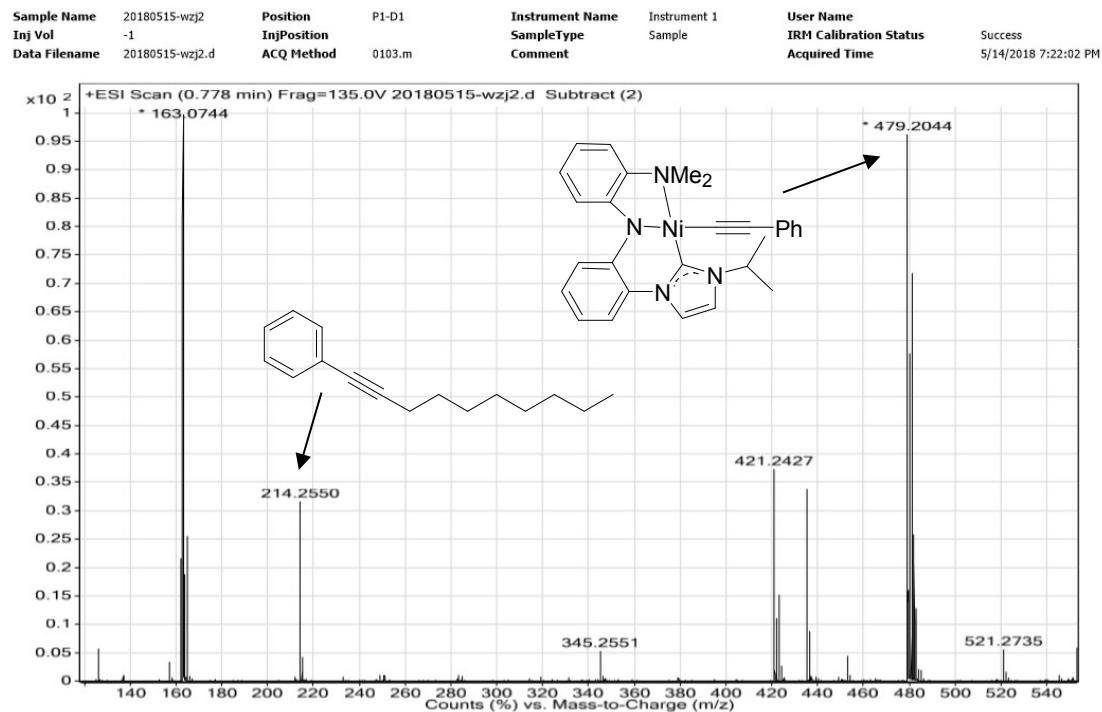


Figure S29. ESI-MS of Eq. (2)

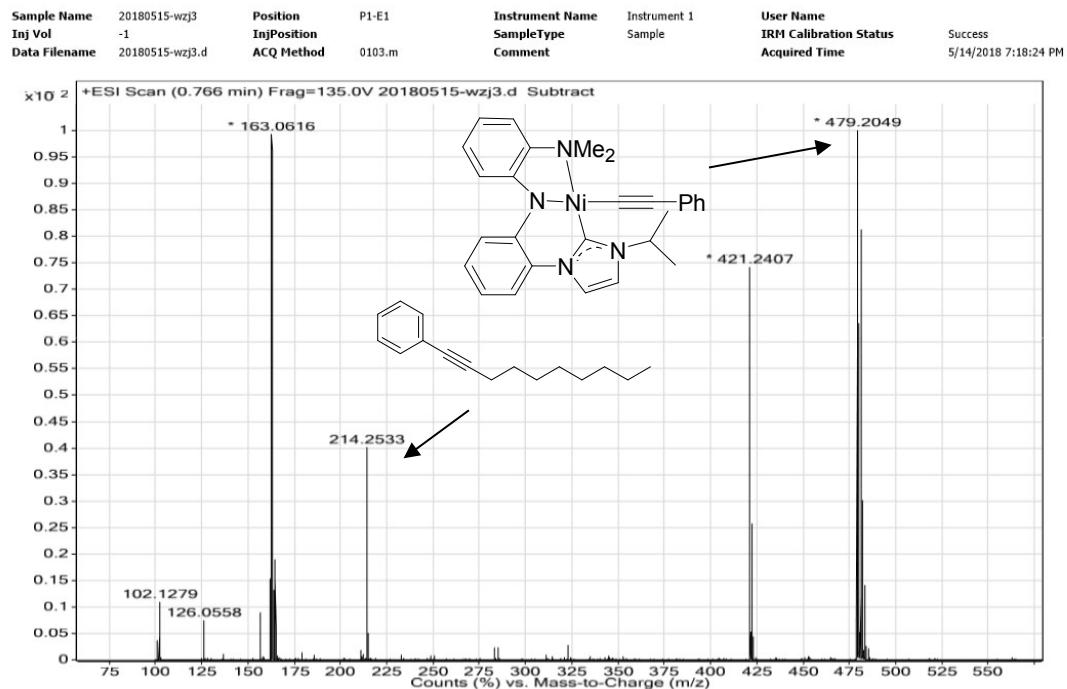


Figure S30. ESI-MS of Eq. (3)

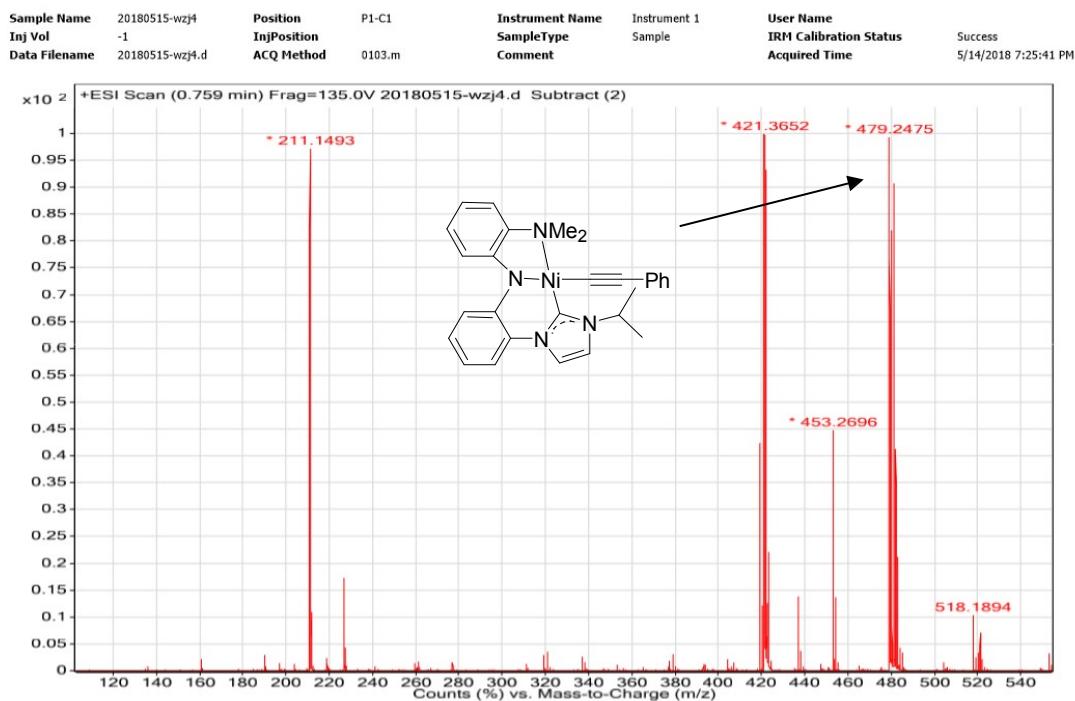
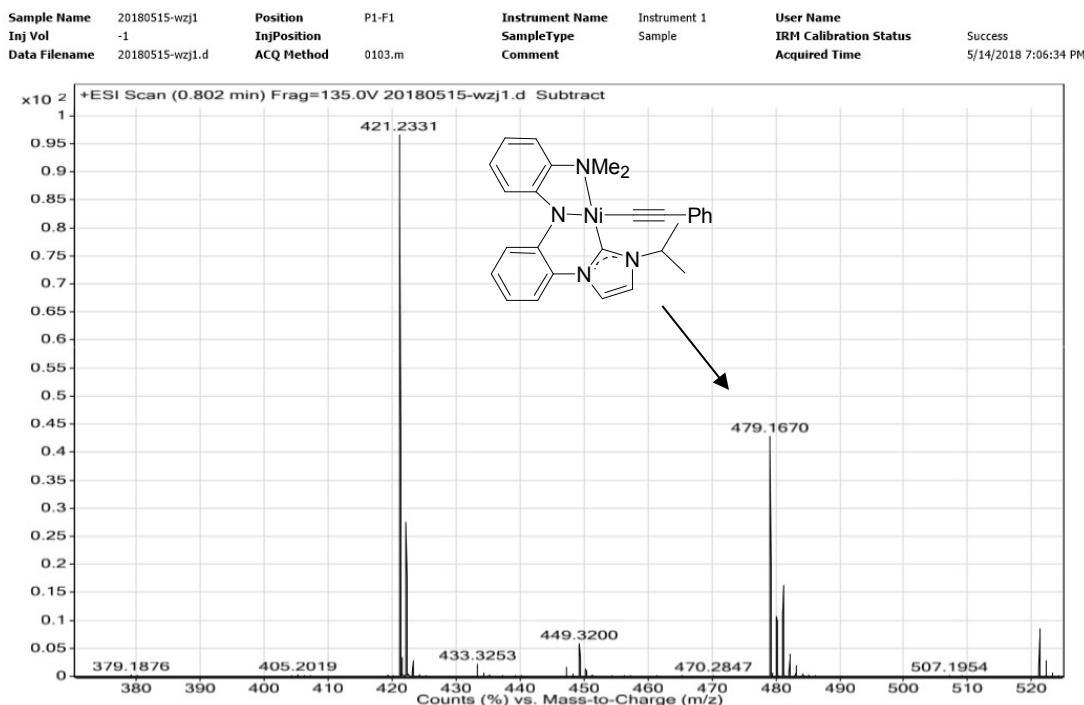


Figure S31. ESI-MS of Eq. (4)



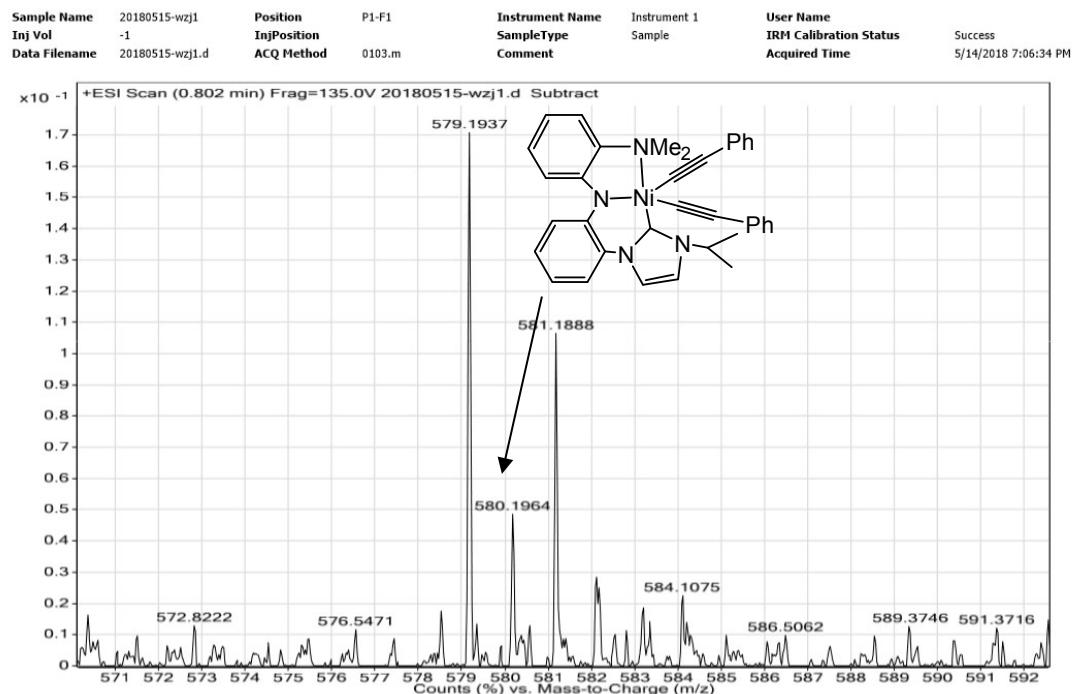
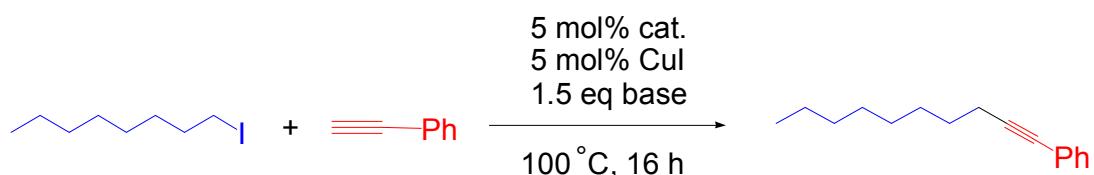


Figure S32. ESI-MS of Eq. (6)

SVII Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions with 7/8 as catalysts



Entry	Cat.	Base	Solvent	Yield (%)
1	7/8	Cs_2CO_3	toluene	20/7
2	7/8	Cs_2CO_3	DMSO	86/69
3	7/8	Cs_2CO_3	DMF	48/30
4	7/8	NaO^tBu	DMSO	0/0
5	7/8	K_2CO_3	DMSO	15/32
6	7/8	Et_3N	DMSO	88/72