

## Supporting Information

# N-heterocyclic silylene stabilized monocordinated copper(I)-arene cationic complexes and their application in Click chemistry

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## S1. Experimental Details:

All experiments were carried out under an atmosphere of dry argon or in vaccuo using standard Schlenk technique and in a dinitrogen filled MBRAUN MB 150-G1 glovebox. The solvents used were purified by MBRAUN solvent purification system MB SPS-800. All the chemicals purchased from Aldrich were used without further purification.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{29}\text{Si}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded with Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer, using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent with an external standard ( $\text{SiMe}_4$  for  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{29}\text{Si}$  and  $\text{CHF}_3$  for  $^{19}\text{F}$ ). Concentrated solution of the samples in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  were sealed off in a NMR tube for measurement. Mass spectra were recorded using AB Sciex, 4800 plus MALDI TOF/TOF.

## Synthesis of 2:

$\text{AgSbF}_6$  (0.171g, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in DCM and added to the solution of **1** (0.295g, 0.25 mmol) in toluene. It was stirred for overnight at room temperature.  $\text{AgBr}$  was precipitated out from the reaction mixture was filtered off and the volume was reduced to 15 mL and kept it at 0°C. The colorless, block shaped crystals suitable for x-ray analysis was observed after one day. Yield: 0.252g (61%). Mp: 134-139 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K):  $\delta$  0.29 (s, 9H,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 0.41 (s, 9H,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 1.19 (s, 18H,  $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 2.51 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_{3,\text{toluene}}$ ), 7.32-7.38 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.46-7.53 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.55-7.60 (m, 3H, Ph), 7.66-7.70 (m, 1H, Ph) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100.613 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  4.56 ( $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 5.93 ( $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 21.62 ( $\text{CH}_{3,\text{toluene}}$ ), 31.70 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 54.93 ( $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 121.33, 121.62, 125.20, 125.41, 127.30, 127.48, 128.05, 128.12, 128.18, 129.16, 129.76, 131.21 (Ph-C), 170.01 (NCN) ppm.  $^{29}\text{Si}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (79.495 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  7.52 ( $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 6.72 ( $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 2.28 ( $\text{SiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ ) ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (376.49 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298):  $\delta$  -162.88 ppm. MALDI:  $m/z$   $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{52}\text{CuN}_3\text{Si}_3]^+$ : 482.20 [M-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>]. Anal Calcd: C, 42.15; H, 6.34; N, 5.09. Found: C, 42.24; H, 6.44; N, 5.27.

### Synthesis of 3:

AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (0.171g, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in DCM and added to the solution of **1** (0.295g, 0.25 mmol) in *m*-xylene. It was stirred overnight at room temperature. The solution was filtered to separate AgBr, concentrated to 10 mL and kept it at 0°C overnight to afford colorless crystals of **3**. Yield: 0.280g (67%). Mp: 108-113 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K): δ 0.29 (*s*, 9H, SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.47 (*s*, 9H, SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 1.25 (*s*, 18H, CMe<sub>3</sub>), 2.28 (*s*, 6H, CH<sub>3,m-xylene</sub>), 6.94-7.02 (*m*, 2H, Ph), 7.37-7.53 (*m*, 7H, Ph) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100.613 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ 3.83 (SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 5.22 (SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 20.33 (Me<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 30.86 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 53.80 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 125.58, 126.55, 127.23, 127.51, 127.71, 127.89, 128.16, 128.95, 129.23, 129.99, 130.35 (Ph-C), 167.68 (NCN) ppm. <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (79.495 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ 7.49 (SiMe<sub>3</sub>) (marched two SiMe<sub>3</sub> peak to give a broad peak), 2.80 (SiN(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376.49 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298): δ -178.35 (br) ppm. MALDI: *m/z* [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>54</sub>CuN<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 482.25 [M-Me<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>]. Anal Calcd: C, 42.88; H, 6.48; N, 5.00. Found: C, 42.92; H, 6.62; N, 4.93.

### Synthesis of 5:

AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (0.171g, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in DCM and added to the solution of **4** (0.266g, 0.5 mmol) in toluene. Immediately AgBr was precipitated out. After overnight stirring, AgBr was separated out from the reaction mixture by filtration and reduced the volume to 15 mL and kept it at 0°C. Colorless block shaped crystals suitable for X-ray analysis was observed after one day. Yield: 0.295g (74%). Mp: more than 200°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K): δ 1.23-1.26 (*m*, 24H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.05 (*s*, 3H, CH<sub>3,toluene</sub>), 2.40-2.50 (*m*, 4H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 6.74-6.81 (*m*, 1H, Ph), 6.87-7.01 (*m*, 1H, Ph), 7.08-7.18 (*m*, 1H, Ph), 7.27 (*s*, 1H, Ph), 7.35-7.37 (*s*, 5H, Ph) 7.55-7.59 (*m*, 2H, Ph) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100.613 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ 21.07, 23.99, 24.59, 28.72, 124.20, 124.45, 131.12, 133.83, 137.91, 145.40 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376.49 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298): δ -183.43

(br) ppm. MALDI:  $m/z$  [C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>47</sub>CuN<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 451.02 [M-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>]. Anal Calcd: C, 52.87; H, 5.96; N, 3.52. Found: C, 52.72; H, 5.80; N, 3.57.

### Synthesis of 6:

AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (0.171g, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in DCM and added to the solution of **4** (0.266g, 0.5 mmol) in *m*-xylene. Immediately AgBr was precipitated out. After overnight stirring, AgBr was separated out from the reaction mixture by filtration and reduced the volume to 10 mL and kept it at 0°C. Colorless block shaped crystals suitable for X-ray analysis was observed after one day. Yield: 0.315g (78%). Mp: 170°C (decomposed). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K):  $\delta$  1.20-1.22 (*m*, 24H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.02 (*s*, 6H, CH<sub>3,m-xylene</sub>), 2.25-2.41 (*m*, 4H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 6.74-6.76 (*m*, 2H, Ph), 6.86-6.90 (*m*, 1H, Ph), 6.94 (*s*, 1H, Ph), 7.37 (*s*, 4H, *J*= 7.8Hz, Ph) 7.60 (*t*, 2H, *J*= 7.8Hz, Ph) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100.613 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$  21.04, 24.07, 24.38, 28.65, 124.37, 124.44, 131.13, 134.03, 137.93, 145.43 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376.49 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298):  $\delta$  -160.86 (br) ppm. MALDI:  $m/z$  [C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>49</sub>CuN<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 451.35 [M-Me<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>]. Anal Calcd: C, 53.44; H, 6.10; N, 3.46. Found: C, 53.42; H, 6.14; N, 3.57.

### Synthesis of 7:

Acetonitrile (0.05 mL) was added into the solution of **2** (0.413g, 0.5 mmol) in 20 mL DCM. After overnight stirring, the reaction mixture was dried completely and crystallized in DCM/pentane mixture and kept it at 0°C. Colorless block shaped crystals suitable for X-ray analysis was observed after one day. Yield: 0.270g (47%). MP: 110°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K):  $\delta$  0.32 (*s*, 6H, SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.34 (*s*, 6H, SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.37 (*s*, 6H, SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.45 (*s*, 6H, SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.47 (*s*, 6H, SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 0.55 (*s*, 6H, SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 1.24 (*s*, 12H, CMe<sub>3</sub>), 1.26 (*s*, 12H, CMe<sub>3</sub>), 1.30 (*s*, 12H, CMe<sub>3</sub>), 2.21 (acetonitrile), 7.17-7.19 (*m*, 1H, Ph), 7.36-7.39 (*m*, 1H, Ph), 7.44-7.47 (*m*, 1H, Ph), 7.52-7.63 (*m*, 7H, Ph) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100.613 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$  4.54, 4.69, 4.85, 5.69, 5.87, 5.92, 6.25, 31.66,

31.84, 31.88, 54.74, 54.81, 55.10, 116.88, 116.93, 125.28, 126.57, 127.64, 127.70, 127.83, 127.97, 128.21, 128.28, 128.48, 128.77, 129.03, 130.26, 130.53, 130.81, 131.02, 131.37 ppm.  $^{29}\text{Si}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (79.495 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  10.22 ( $\text{SiMe}_3$ ) (br), 7.09 ( $\text{SiMe}_3$ ) (br), 5.53 ( $\text{SiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ ), 4.11 ( $\text{SiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ ) ppm. Anal Calcd: C, 44.29; H, 7.26; N, 7.38. Found: C, 44.32; H, 7.21; N, 7.46.

### Synthesis of 8:

IPr carbene (0.194g, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in toluene and added to the solution of **2** (0.413g, 0.5 mmol) in toluene. After overnight stirring, the reaction mixture was filtered and dried completely. Futher the reaction mixture was crystallized in DCM/pentane mixture and kept it at 0°C. Cololess block shaped crystals suitable for X-ray analysis was observed after one day. Yield: 0.320g (58%). Mp: 185°C (decomposed).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K):  $\delta$  0.03 (s, 9H,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 0.21 (s, 9H,  $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 0.90 (s, 18H,  $\text{CMe}_3$ ), 1.22 (d,  $J= 6.8, 12\text{H}$ ,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 1.35 (d,  $J= 6.8, 12\text{H}$ ,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 2.65-2.76 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 6.90-6.97 (m, 1H, Ph), 7.25-7.26 (m, 1H, Ph), 7.32-7.35 (m, 5H, Ph), 7.43-7.59 (m, 6H, Ph) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100.613 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  4.81, 5.41, 24.53, 24.64, 28.82, 31.52, 54.19, 124.48, 124.94, 127.90, 128.29, 128.62, 129.99, 131.03, 131.30, 134.98, 145.38, 169.88 ppm.  $^{29}\text{Si}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (79.495 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  4.24 ( $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 3.97 ( $\text{SiMe}_3$ ), 3.60 ( $\text{SiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ ) ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (376.49 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298):  $\delta$  -179.02 (br) ppm. MALDI:  $m/z$  [C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>77</sub>CuN<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 871.60 [M]<sup>+</sup>. Anal Calcd: C, 52.05; H, 7.01; N, 6.32. Found: C, 52.24; H, 7.17; N, 6.39.

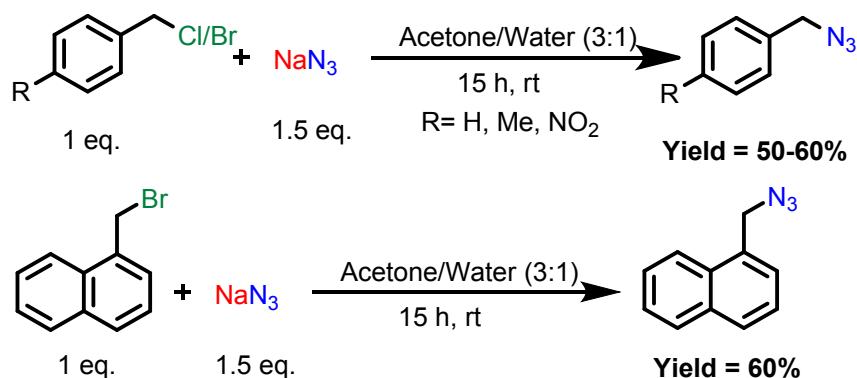
### Synthesis of 9:

Acetonitrile (0.05 mL)was added into the solution of **5** (0.397g, 0.5 mmol) in 20 mL DCM. After overnight stirring, the reaction mixture was dried completely and crystallized in DCM/pentane mixture and kept it at 0°C. Cololess triangle shaped crystals suitable for X-ray analysis was

observed after one day. Yield: 0.260g (67%). Mp: 121°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K):  $\delta$  1.26 (dd,  $J= 6.8, 3.6$ , 2H,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 2.07 ( $s$ , 6H,  $\text{CH}_3, \text{acetonitrile}$ ), 2.46-2.57 ( $m$ , 4H,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), 7.16-7.21 ( $m$ , 2H,  $\text{CH}_{\text{Imidazole}}$ ), 7.36 ( $d$ , 4H,  $J= 7.8$  Hz, Ph), 7.57 ( $t$ ,  $J= 7.8$ Hz, 2H, Ph) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100.613 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  21.46, 23.91, 24.69, 28.72, 123.78, 124.31, 125.29, 128.22, 129.03, 130.83, 137.87, 145.60 ppm.  $^{19}\text{F}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (376.49 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298):  $\delta$  179.39 (br) ppm. MALDI:  $m/z$   $[\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{42}\text{CuN}_4]^+$ : 533.29 [M] $^+$ . Anal Calcd: C, 48.36; H, 5.50; N, 7.28. Found: C, 48.42; H, 5.34; N, 7.19.

### Catalytic Reactions:

#### Synthesis of Azides:



**Scheme S1.** Schematic representation of the azides synthesis.

**General reaction procedure for triazole synthesis:** Catalyst (0.5 mol%) was taken in a catalysis tube inside the glove box and 2 mL dry toluene was added into this. Azide (0.2 mmol) and terminal acetylene substituted compound (0.2 mmol) were added into the catalysis tube and the reaction mixture was stirred at 25°C for 5 hours. After 5 hours, the solvent was evaporated by using rota and solid product was obtained.

**Table S1.** Optimization of reaction conditions for CuAAC reaction using catalyst **2**.<sup>a</sup>

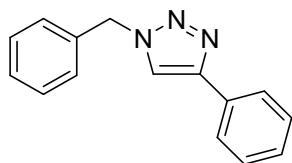
	Catalyst (mol %)	Solvent	Temp.	Time	Conversion Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1.	1	THF	25	10	93
2.	0.5	THF	25	10	92
3.	1	Toluene	25	10	>98
4.	0.5	Toluene	25	10	98
<b>5.</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>Toluene</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>98</b>
6.	0.5	Toluene	25	3	82
7.	0.5	Toluene	25	1	60
8.	0.5	Toluene	50	3	>99
9.	0.5	Toluene	50	1	80

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions for CuAAC reaction: benzyl azide (0.2 mmol), phenyl acetylene (0.2 mmol), solvent (2 mL), catalyst **2**, <sup>b</sup><sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy was used to determine the conversion yield of the products.

**NMR spectroscopic data of the catalysis products:**

**I<sup>2</sup>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 5.58 (s, 2H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H).

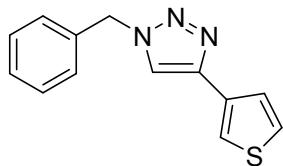
**I<sup>5</sup>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 5.55 (s, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.75 (s, 1H).



**1-benzyl-4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole**

**II<sup>2</sup>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 5.55 (s, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.65-7.64 (m, 1H).

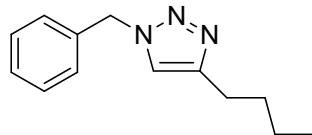
**II<sup>5</sup>.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  5.54 (*s*, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (*m*, 2H), 7.35-7.33 (*m*, 1H), 7.39-7.36 (*m*, 4H), 7.59-7.58 (*m*, 2H).



### 1-benzyl-4-(thiophen-3-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole

**III<sup>2</sup>.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.93-0.89 (*t*, 3H), 1.40-1.31 (*m*, 2H), 1.66-1.58 (*m*, 2H), 2.68 (*t*, 2H), 5.49 (*s*, 2H), 7.18 (*s*, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (*m*, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (*m*, 3H).

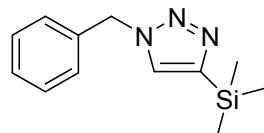
**III<sup>5</sup>.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.90 (*t*, 3H), 1.39-1.30 (*m*, 2H), 1.65-1.57 (*m*, 2H), 2.67 (*t*, 2H), 5.48 (*s*, 2H), 7.18 (*s*, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (*m*, 2H), 7.38-7.31 (*m*, 3H).



### 1-benzyl-4-butyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole

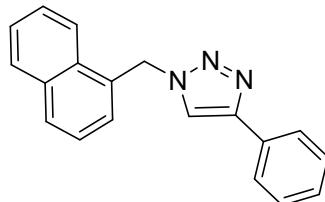
**IV<sup>2</sup>.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.29 (*s*, 9H), 5.55 (*s*, 2H), 7.33-7.33 (*m*, 1H), 7.39-7.36 (*m*, 4H), 7.42 (*s*, 1H).

**IV<sup>5</sup>.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.21 (*s*, 9H), 5.53 (*s*, 2H), 7.39-7.33 (*m*, 5H), 7.59 (*s*, 1H).



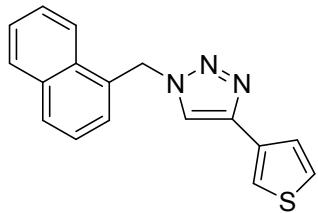
### 1-benzyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole

**V<sup>2</sup>.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.01 (*s*, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (*m*, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (*m*, 2H), 7.56-7.47 (*m*, 5H), 7.77-7.75 (*m*, 2H), 7.94-7.91 (*m*, 2H), 8.04-8.02 (*m*, 1H).



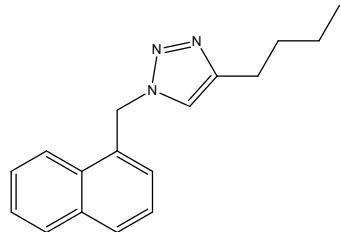
### 1-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole

**VI<sup>2</sup>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 5.97 (s, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.58-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.88 (m, 2H), 8.00-7.98 (m, 1H).



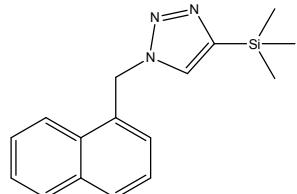
### 1-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-4-(thiophen-3-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole

**VII<sup>2</sup>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 5.94 (s, 2H), 7.39-7.61 (m, 5H), 7.87-7.92 (m, 2H), 8.03-8.06 (d, 1H).



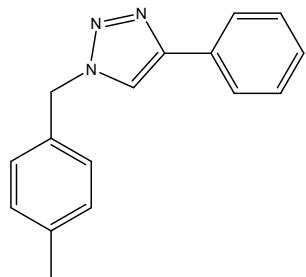
### 4-butyl-1-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole

**VIII<sup>2</sup>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 6.01 (s, 2H), 7.40-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.92 (m, 2H), 8.03-8.06 (d, 1H).



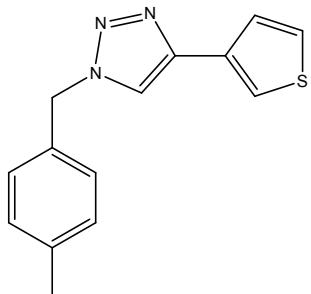
### 1-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole

**IX<sup>2</sup>.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.78-7.80 (d, 2H).



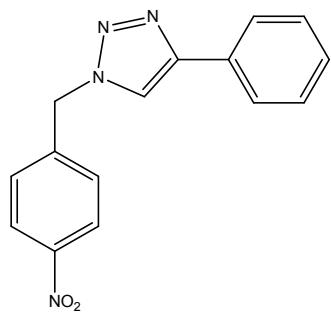
### 1-(4-methylbenzyl)-4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole

**X<sup>2</sup>.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.35 (*s*, 3H), 5.51 (*s*, 2H), 7.17-7.21 (*m*, 4H), 7.33-7.35 (*m*, 1H), 7.40-7.41 (*m*, 1H), 7.54 (*s*, 1H), 7.63-7.64 (*d*, 1H).



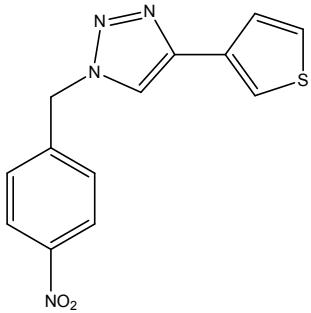
**1-(4-methylbenzyl)-4-(thiophen-3-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole**

**XI<sup>2</sup>.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.69 (*s*, 2H), 7.38-7.44 (*m*, 2H), 7.47-7.49 (*d*, 1H), 7.54-7.56 (*d*, 1H), 7.79-7.81 (*d*, 2H), 8.19-8.23 (*m*, 4H).

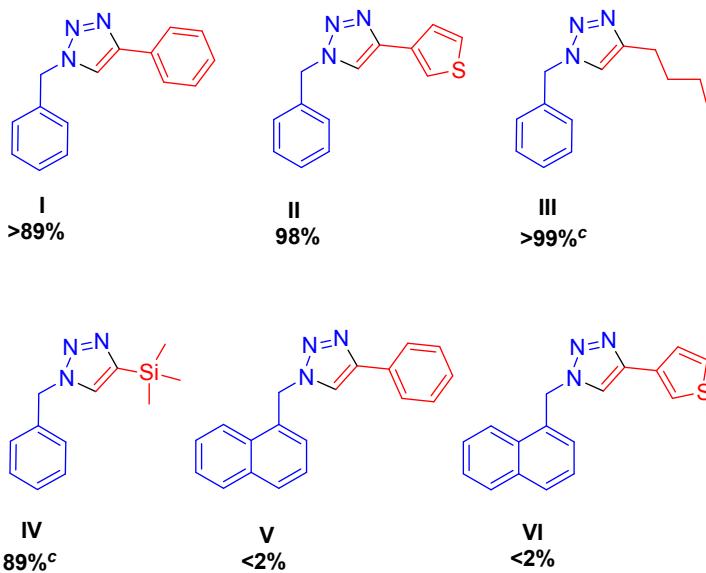


**1-(4-nitrobenzyl)-4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole**

**XII<sup>2</sup>.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.68 (*s*, 2H), 7.22-7.44 (*m*, 1H), 7.48-7.50 (*d*, 1H), 7.55-7.57 (*d*, 1H), 7.67-7.69 (*m*, 1H), 8.19-8.24 (*m*, 4H),



**1-(4-nitrobenzyl)-4-(thiophen-3-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole**



**Scheme S2.** Substrate scope for triazole synthesis using catalyst **5**.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction condition:azide (0.2 mmol), alkyne (0.2 mmol), toluene(2 mL) as solvent at room temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy was used to determine the conversion yield of the product;  
<sup>c</sup>heat the reaction at 50°C.

## S2. Crystal Data and Structure Refinements for **2**, **3**, **5**, **6**, **8** and **9**:

Crystal data for **3**, **4**, **5**, **6**, **8** and **9** were collected on a Bruker Smart Apex Duo diffractometer at 100 K using Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). The absorption correction was done using multi-scan method (SADABS). The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods against F<sup>2</sup> (SHELXL-2014/6). Crystallographic data file (including structure factors) for the **2**, **3**, **5**, **6**, **8** and **9** have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. 1896663 (**2**), 1896664 (**3**), 1896665(**5**), 1886948(**6**), 1896666(**8**), 1896670(**9**)

**Table S2.**

	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>Chemical formula</b>	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>49</sub> CuF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>3</sub> SbSi <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>51</sub> CuF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>3</sub> SbSi <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>44</sub> CuF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Sb
<b>Formula weight</b>	811.26	825.29	780.00
<b>Temperature</b>	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
<b>Wavelength</b>	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
<b>Crystal system</b>	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic
<b>Space group</b>	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	Pn	Cc
<b>Unit cell dimentions</b>	a=11.762(6) Å	a=9.226(7) Å	a=24.087(2) Å
	b=14.725(7) Å	b=11.541(9) Å	b=9.1915(9) Å
	c=21.300(9)Å	c=18.052(14) Å	c=19.165(3) Å
	α=90°	α=90°	α=90°
	β=90°	β=98.414(18)°	β=124.966(2)°
	γ=90°	γ=90°	γ=90°
<b>Volume</b>	3689(3) Å <sup>3</sup>	1901(2) Å <sup>3</sup>	3477.2(7) Å <sup>3</sup>
<b>Z</b>	4	2	4
<b>Density (calculated)</b>	1.461 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.442 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.490 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Absorption coefficient</b>	1.458 mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.416 mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.446 mm <sup>-1</sup>
<b>F(000)</b>	1656	844	1584
<b>Theta range for data collection</b>	2.22 to 25.25°	2.23 to 24.00°	2.20 to 25.25°
<b>Reflections collected</b>	81475	39863	43896
<b>Independent reflections</b>	6657[R(int)=0.0983]	5967[R(int)=0.2784]	6285[R(int)=0.1028]
<b>Coverage of independent reflections</b>	99.9%	99.9%	100%

<b>Data/ restraints/ parameters</b>	6657/ 24/ 392	5967/ 98/ 403	6285/ 8/ 406
<b>Goodness-of-fit on F2</b>	1.049	1.012	1.003
<b><math>\Delta/\sigma</math> max</b>	0.001	0.023	0.004
<b>Final R indices</b>	5034 data; [I>2σ(I)] R1= 0.0442, wR2= 0.0931	2797 data; [I>2σ(I)] R1= 0.0841, wR2= 0.1605	4635 data; [I>2σ(I)] R1= 0.0449, wR2= 0.0735
	all data, R1= 0.0748, wR2= 0.1065	all data, R1= 0.2138, wR2= 0.2103	all data, R1= 0.0840, wR2= 0.0860
<b>Largest diff. peak and hole</b>	0.567 and -0.420 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	0.959 and -0.528 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	0.724 and -0.446 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>
<b>R. M. S deviation from mean</b>	0.073 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	0.111 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	0.085 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>

	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Chemical formula</b>	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>46</sub> CuF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Sb	C <sub>49</sub> H <sub>79</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> CuF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>5</sub> SbSi <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>50</sub> CuF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Sb
<b>Formula weight</b>	794.03	1192.63	862.11
<b>Temperature</b>	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
<b>Wavelength</b>	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
<b>Crystal system</b>	orthorhombic	monoclinic	orthorhombic
<b>Space group</b>	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>	<i>Pnma</i>
<b>Unit cell dimentions</b>	a=18.355(3) Å	a= 21.510(7) Å	a=13.623(5) Å
	b=18.334(3) Å	b= 12.624(4) Å	b=14.768(5) Å
	c=42.496(6) Å	c= 21.590(7) Å	c=20.118(7) Å
	α= 90°	α=90°	α=90°
	β=90°	β= 96.299(9)°	β=90°
	γ=90°	γ=90°	γ=90°

<b>Volume</b>	14301(4) Å <sup>3</sup>	5827(3) Å <sup>3</sup>	4047(2) Å <sup>3</sup>
<b>Z</b>	18	4	4
<b>Density (calculated)</b>	1.660 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.359 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.415 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Absorption coefficient</b>	1.583 mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.037 mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.251 mm <sup>-1</sup>
<b>F(000)</b>	7272	2472	1760
<b>Theta range for data collection</b>	2.22 to 25.25	2.15 to 25.25°	2.27 to 25.24°
<b>Reflections collected</b>	177708	109049	139751
<b>Independent reflections</b>	12935 [R(int)= 0.1740 ]	10536 [R(int)= 0.0648]	3812 [R(int)= 0.1906]
<b>Coverage of independent reflections</b>	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%
<b>Data/ restraints/ parameters</b>	12935/ 0/ 831	10536/ 0/ 624	3812/ 0/ 250
<b>Goodness-of-fit on F2</b>	1.039	1.047	1.001
<b>Δ/ σ max</b>	0.002	0.058	0.001
<b>Final R indices</b>	7894 data; [I>2σ(I)] R1= 0.0479, wR2= 0.0681	8198 data; [I>2σ(I)] R1= 0.0531, wR2= 0.1267	2659 data; [I>2σ(I)] R1= 0.0394, wR2= 0.0588
	all data, R1= 0.1107, wR2= 0.0848	all data, R1= 0.0745, wR2= 0.1449	all data, R1= 0.0787, wR2= 0.0712
<b>Largest diff. peak and hole</b>	0.941 and -0.950 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	1.180 and -1.616 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	0.751 and -0.651 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>
<b>R. M. S deviation from mean</b>	0.100 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	0.138 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	0.092 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>

### S3. Hapticity Deduction of hapticities in 2, 3, 5 and 6.

The assignment of hapticity number for the complexes having low hapticities ( $\eta^1$ -  $\eta^3$ ), has always been a complicated task as the difference between M-C bond distances are very less. Therefore,

we used a method proposed by alvarez and coworkers to deduce the hapticity of the metal-arene complexes given in *Organometallics*, 2014, **33**, 6660-6668.

**Table S3.** Deduction of hapticities in **2**, **3**, **5** and **6**.

	M-C <sup>a</sup>			$\rho_1^b$	$\rho_2^c$	$\eta^d$
	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$			
<b>2</b>	2.23, 2.33, 2.43			1.044	1.089	3
<b>3</b>	2.16, 2.19, 2.57			1.013	1.189	2
<b>5</b>	2.06, 2.31, 2.32			1.121	1.126	3
<b>6</b>	2.19, 2.22, 2.42			1.013	1.105	2

<sup>a</sup> M (=Cu),  $d_1 < d_2 < d_3$ , <sup>b</sup> $\rho I = d_2/d_1$ , <sup>c</sup> $\rho 2 = d_3/d_1$ , if  $\rho_1 \approx \rho_2 \gg 1$  then  $\eta^1$ , if  $\rho_2 > \rho_1 \approx 1$  then  $\eta^2$ , and if  $\rho_1 \approx \rho_2 \approx 1$  then  $\eta^3$

#### S4. Computational Methodology

All the geometry optimizations were performed with Gaussian 09 program<sup>1</sup> using BP86<sup>2</sup>/def2-SVP basis set.<sup>3</sup> Meta-GGA exchange correlation functional M06<sup>4</sup> with def2-TZVPP basis set<sup>3</sup> was used for the single point calculations on the optimized geometries and the energies were corrected by adding the zero point energies from the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory. The optimization of **2**, **3**, and **5** using metaGGA functional M06<sup>4</sup> and GGA functional with D3BJ dispersion correction by Grimme (BP86-D3-BJ)<sup>5</sup> also leads to the  $\eta^2$ -coordination of the arene ring. The optimization of **6** using metaGGA functional M06<sup>4</sup> leads to  $\eta^3$ -coordination and GGA functional with D3BJ dispersion correction by Grimme (BP86-D3-BJ)<sup>5</sup> leads to the  $\eta^2$ -coordination of the arene ring. Natural Bond Order (NBO)<sup>6</sup> analysis was done at the same level of theory. The nature of Si/C–Cu as well as Cu–arene bonds were studied using EDA-NOCV method at the BP86/TZ2P level of theory using ADF 2014.01 program.<sup>7</sup> Scalar relativistic effects were incorporated using Zeroth Order Regular Approximation (ZORA).<sup>8</sup> The core electrons were treated by the frozencore approximations. Energy Decomposition Analysis (EDA)<sup>9</sup> gives the

instantaneous interaction energy ( $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ ) between two fragents in the frozen geometry of the compound. The interaction energy can be divided into three parts:

$$\Delta E_{\text{int}} = \Delta E_{\text{elstat}} + \Delta E_{\text{Pauli}} + \Delta E_{\text{orb}}$$

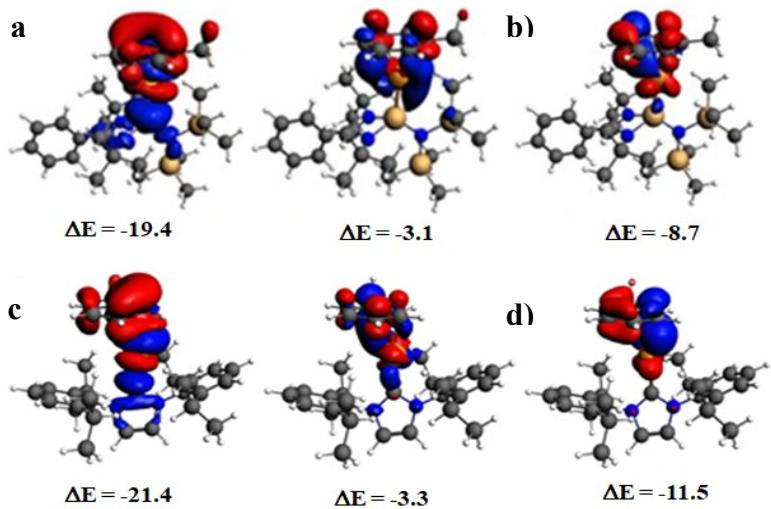
$\Delta E_{\text{elstat}}$  gives the electrostatic interaction energy between the frozen charge densities of the two fragents.  $\Delta E_{\text{Pauli}}$  is the result of repulsive interaction between two fragents, which are caused by the electrons of same spin.  $\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$  is the lowering in energy due to the overlap of orbitals of the two fragents. Sum of  $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$  and  $\Delta E_{\text{prep}}$  (energy necessary to promote the fragents from their ground state geometry to the geometry in the compound) gives  $-D_e$  (dissociation energy).

$$-D_e = \Delta E_{\text{int}} + \Delta E_{\text{prep}}$$

In the EDA-NOCV analysis method,  $\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$  term is decomposed into the contributions from different natural orbitals of chemical valence (NOCV).<sup>10</sup> It provides the energy contributions for each specific orbital interaction between the fragents to the total bond energy.

**Table S4.** Charges by natural population analysis (M06/def2-TZVPP//BP86/def2-SVP) on atoms and groups of atoms in the optimized geometry of complexes **2** and **3** ( $L^1L^2\text{SiCu}(L)^+$ ) as well as **5** and **6** ( $\text{NHCCu}(L)^+$ ), where  $L^1 = \text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ ,  $L^2 = (\text{Ph})\text{C}(\text{Nt-Bu})_2$ , NHC = *N*-heterocyclic carbene with (i-Pr)<sub>2</sub>Ph substituent on each N and L = Tol ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5(\text{CH}_3)$ ) and m-Xyl (1,3  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ).

$L^1L^2\text{SiCu}(L)^+$	L <sup>1</sup>	L <sup>2</sup>	Si	Cu	L
<b>2</b>	-0.53	-0.36	1.43	0.27	0.18
<b>3</b>	-0.53	-0.35	1.43	0.29	0.16
$\text{NHCCu}(L)^+$	NHC	C7	Cu	L	--
<b>5</b>	0.33	0.10	0.52	0.16	--
<b>6</b>	0.32	0.10	0.51	0.17	--



**Figure S1:** Plot of deformation density (BP86/TZ2P) for a) the donation of  $\pi$ -electrons from toluene to the vacant sp-hybrid orbital on Cu (Toluene $\rightarrow$ Cu) in complex **2**, b) the donation from the filled d-orbital of Cu to  $\pi^{*}$ -MO of toluene in complex **2**, c) the donation of  $\pi$ -electrons from toluene to the vacant sp-hybrid orbital on Cu (Toluene $\rightarrow$ Cu) in complex **5** and d) the donation from the d-orbital of Cu to  $\pi^{*}$ -MO of toluene in complex **5**. The direction of charge flow is from red to blue. The isosurface value for the plot is 0.0003. The associated energy ( $\Delta E$ ) is given in kcal/mol.

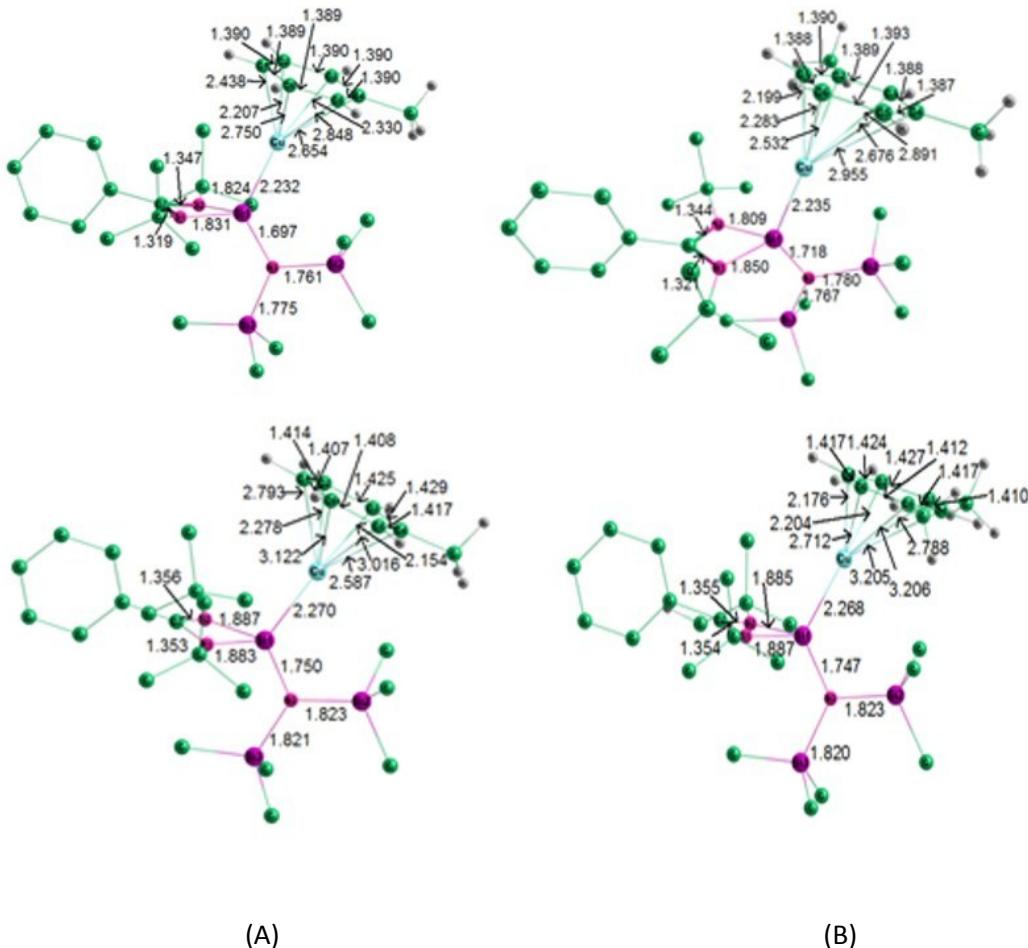
**Table S5.** EDA-NOCV results (BP86/TZ2P) for the interaction of (a) **L<sup>1</sup>L<sup>2</sup>Si** fragment with **Cu(Xyl)<sup>+</sup>** in **3** (**L<sup>1</sup>L<sup>2</sup>SiCu(Xyl)<sup>+</sup>**) and (b) **L<sup>1</sup>L<sup>2</sup>SiCu<sup>+</sup>** fragment with **Xylin 3** (**L<sup>1</sup>L<sup>2</sup>SiCu(Xyl)<sup>+</sup>**) and (c) **NHC** fragment with **Cu(Xyl)<sup>+</sup>** in **6** (**NHCCu(m-Xyl)<sup>+</sup>**) and (d) **NHCCu<sup>+</sup>** fragment with **Tol** in **6** (**NHCCu(m-Xyl)<sup>+</sup>**), where **L<sup>1</sup>** = N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and **L<sup>2</sup>** = (Ph)C(Nt-Bu)<sub>2</sub>, **m-Xyl** = 1,3 C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and **NHC** = N-heterocyclic carbene with (i-Pr)<sub>2</sub>Ph substituent on each N. Energies are in kcal/mol.

	(a) <b>L<sup>1</sup>L<sup>2</sup>Si&amp;Cu(Xyl)<sup>+</sup></b>	(b) <b>L<sup>1</sup>L<sup>2</sup>SiCu<sup>+</sup>&amp;(Xyl)</b>	(c) <b>NHC&amp;Cu(Xyl)<sup>+</sup></b>	(d) <b>NHCCu<sup>+</sup>&amp;(Xyl)</b>
$\Delta E_{\text{int}}$	-92.9	-29.1	-93.0	-37.6
$\Delta E_{\text{Pauli}}$	103.2	77.0	110.3	73.3
$\Delta E_{\text{elstat}}^a$	-127.5 (65.0%)	-59.9 (56.5%)	-141.1 (69.4%)	-60.5 (54.6%)
$\Delta E_{\text{orb}}^a$	-68.6 (35.0%)	-46.2 (43.5%)	-62.2 (30.6%)	-50.4 (45.4%)
$\Delta E_{\text{m-Xyl} \rightarrow \text{Cu}}^b$	--	-22.7 (49.1%)	--	-25.2 (50.0%)
$\Delta E_{\text{Cu} \rightarrow \text{m-Xyl}}^b$	--	-10.4 (32.3%)	--	-9.2 (27.6%)

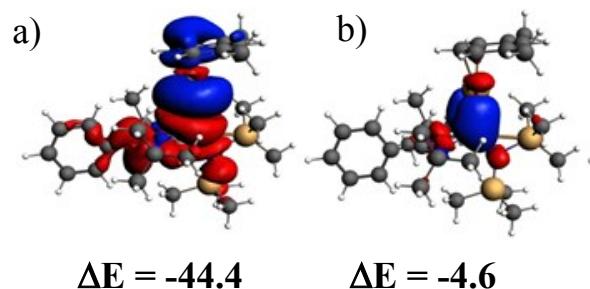
$\Delta E_{\text{Si/NHC} \rightarrow \text{Cu}}^b$	-44.4 (64.7%)	--	-28.5 (45.8%)	--
$\Delta E_{\text{Cu} \rightarrow \text{Si/NHC}}^b$	-4.6 (6.7%)	--	-9.5 (15.3%)	--
$\Delta E_{\text{rest}}^{b,c}$	-19.6	-13.1	-24.2	-16.0
$\Delta E_{\text{prep}}^d$	7.6	3.5	4.8	4.7
$-\mathbf{D}_e^d$	85.3	25.6	-88.2	-32.9

<sup>a</sup>Values in parentheses give the percentage contribution to the total attractive interactions,  $\Delta E_{\text{orb}} + \Delta E_{\text{elstat}}$ . <sup>b</sup>Values in parentheses give the percentage contribution to the orbital interactions,  $\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$ . <sup>c</sup> $\Delta E_{\text{rest}} = \Delta E_{\text{orb}} - (\Delta E_{M \rightarrow L} + \Delta E_{L \rightarrow M})$ .

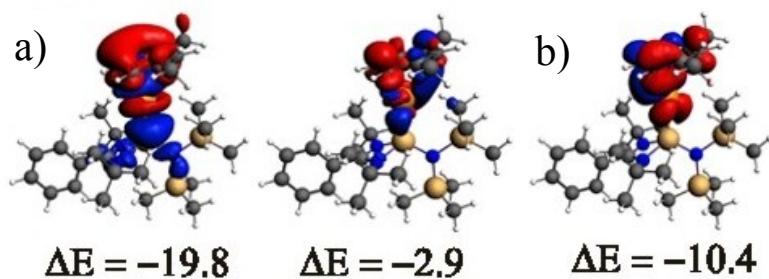
<sup>d</sup> $\Delta E_{\text{prep}}$  and  $D_e$  represent the preparatory and dissociation energy respectively.



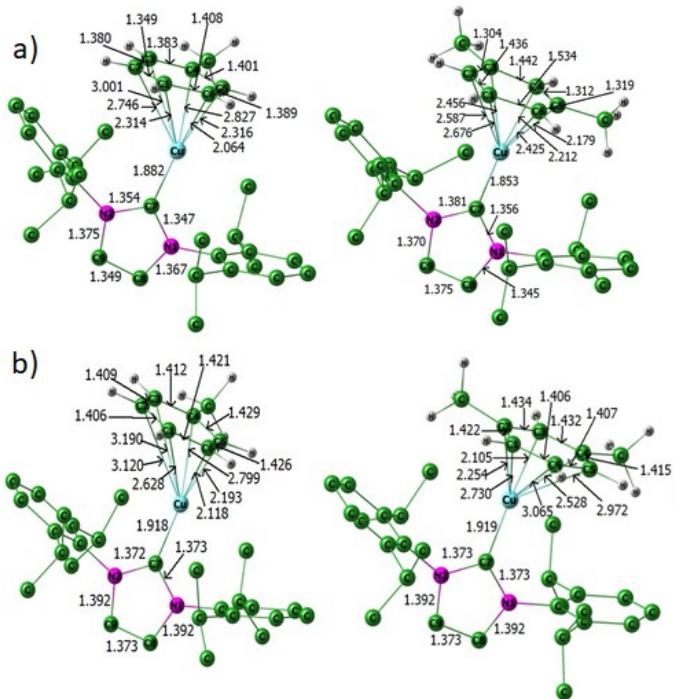
**Figure S2.** a) Experimental and b) optimized (BP86/def2-SVP) geometry of **2**( $\text{L}^1\text{L}^2\text{SiCu}(\text{Tol})^+$ ) and **3**( $\text{L}^1\text{L}^2\text{SiCu}(\text{m-Xyl})^+$ ), where  $\text{L}^1 = \text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{L}^2 = (\text{Ph})\text{C}(\text{N}t\text{-Bu})_2$ , Tol =  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5(\text{CH}_3)$ , m-Xyl = 1,3  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{CH}_3)_2$ .



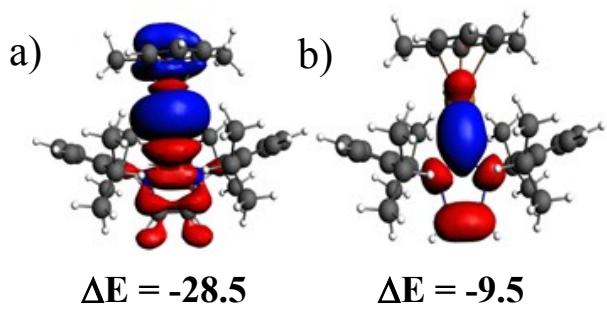
**Figure S3.** Plot of deformation density (BP86/TZ2P) for the interaction of a) donation of lone pair on silylene to Cu ( $\text{Si} \rightarrow \text{Cu}$ ) in **3** and b) back donation from Cu to silylene in **3**. The direction of charge flow is from red to blue. The isosurface value for the plot is 0.0003. The associated energy ( $\Delta E$ ) is given in kcal/mol.



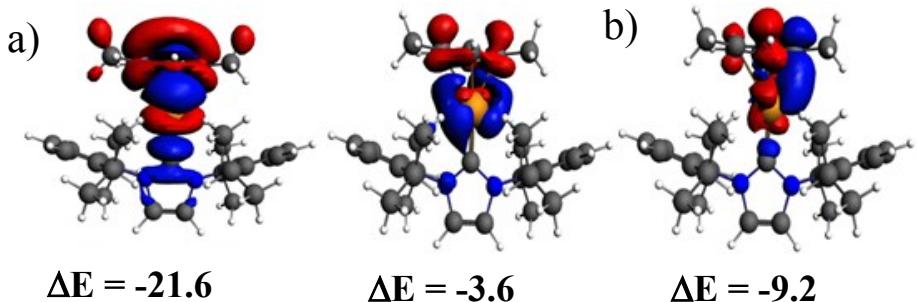
**Figure S4.** Plots of deformation density (BP86/TZ2P) for a)donation from xylene ring to Cu ( $\text{Xyl} \rightarrow \text{Cu}$ ) in **3** and b) donation from Cu to xylene in **3**. The direction of charge flow is from red to blue. The isosurface value for the plot is 0.0003. The associated energy ( $\Delta E$ ) is given in kcal/mol.



**Figure S5.** a) Experimental geometry as well as b) optimized (BP86/Def2-SVP) geometry of 5 ( $\text{NHCCu}(\text{Tol})^+$ ), 6 ( $\text{NHCCu}(\text{m-Xyl})^+$ ), where NHC = N-heterocyclic carbene with (i-Pr)<sub>2</sub>Ph substituent on each N, Tol = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>), m-Xyl = 1,3 C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. H atoms on NHC are hidden for clarity.

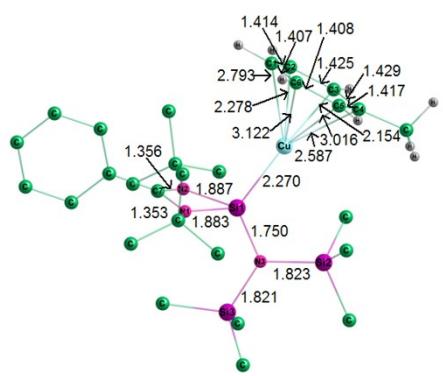


**Figure S6.** Plots of deformation density (BP86/TZ2P) for the interaction of a) donation of lone pair on NHC to Cu (NHC→Cu) in 6 and b) back donation from Cu to NHC in 6. The direction of charge flow is from red to blue. The isosurface value for the plot is 0.0003. The associated energy ( $\Delta E$ ) is given in kcal/mol.



**Figure S7.** Plots of deformation density (BP86/TZ2P) for the interactiona) donation of xylene ring to Cu (Xylene $\rightarrow$ Cu) in 6 and b) donation from Cu to Xylene in 6. The direction of charge flow is from red to blue. The isosurface value for the plot is 0.0003. The associated energy ( $\Delta E$ ) is given in kcal/mol.

**Table S6.** Optimized geometry (BP86/def2-SVP), Cartesian coordinates, electronic energy  $E^{\text{el}}_{\text{M06}}$  (M06/def2-TZVPP//BP86/def2-SVP), zero-point energy  $\text{ZPE}_{\text{BP86}}$  (BP86/def2-SVP) and total energy  $E = (E^{\text{el}}_{\text{M06}} + \text{ZPE}_{\text{BP86}})$  of **2** ( $\text{L}^1\text{L}^2\text{SiCu}(\text{Tol})^+$ ), **3** ( $\text{L}^1\text{L}^2\text{SiCu(m-Xyl)}^+$ ), **5** ( $\text{NHCCu}(\text{Tol})^+$ ) and **6** ( $\text{NHCCu}(\text{m-Xyl})^+$ ) where  $\text{L}^1 = \text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{L}^2 = (\text{Ph})\text{C}(\text{Nt-Bu})_2$ , Tol =  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5(\text{CH}_3)$ , m-Xyl = 1,3  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{CH}_3)_2$  using Gaussian09 program package. The energies are given in a.u.



L<sup>1</sup>L<sup>2</sup>SiCu(Tol)<sup>+</sup>

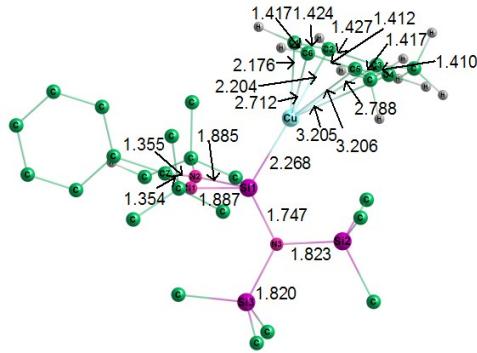
$$E_{M06}^{\text{el}} = -3769.271366$$

$$ZPE_{BP86} = 0.692187$$

$$E(E^{el}_{M06} + ZPE_{BP86}) = -3768.579179$$

C	-2.974274000	-2.903213000	-1.182685000
H	-3.416854000	-2.536777000	-2.123827000
C	-1.713264000	-3.565917000	-1.207536000
H	-1.174750000	-3.675988000	-2.161930000
C	-1.202192000	-4.161003000	-0.030694000
H	-0.240554000	-4.695360000	-0.058013000
C	-1.942605000	-4.084552000	1.162818000
H	-1.556809000	-4.555375000	2.080247000
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H	-3.745196000	-3.357920000	2.136813000
C	-3.726378000	-2.817893000	0.028932000
Cu	-1.595921000	-1.425820000	-0.437121000
Si	-0.264071000	0.370462000	-0.046010000
Si	-0.032063000	3.533563000	0.191681000
Si	-2.781685000	1.979445000	0.040044000
N	1.312285000	0.255161000	-1.075944000
N	1.206186000	0.038330000	1.082464000
C	1.363574000	-0.293684000	2.525458000
C	1.586104000	0.096722000	-2.533550000

C	3.422944000	-0.645948000	0.034599000	H	-5.203425000	-1.390775000	-0.703893000
C	2.811010000	0.933488000	-2.962138000	H	-5.371718000	-1.809462000	1.037496000
H	2.668773000	2.005212000	-2.715750000	C	-3.373214000	1.243908000	-1.608292000
H	2.951648000	0.854440000	-4.059242000	H	-3.004068000	0.202517000	-1.744411000
H	3.742025000	0.579688000	-2.478452000	H	-3.008608000	1.840414000	-2.470668000
N	-0.959458000	1.970509000	0.084527000	H	-4.482993000	1.222425000	-1.654801000
C	5.014845000	-2.498000000	0.073999000	C	-3.547001000	3.702334000	0.185987000
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C	1.252582000	-1.822010000	2.730704000				
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C	0.196667000	0.403437000	3.254213000				
H	-0.783478000	0.048885000	2.871939000				
H	0.241321000	1.503294000	3.125946000				
H	0.236158000	0.179837000	4.338720000				
C	-0.535097000	4.513215000	1.732371000				
H	-0.446516000	3.897648000	2.652092000				
H	-1.563683000	4.919615000	1.690280000				
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C	-5.105581000	-2.206699000	0.038758000				
H	-5.861643000	-2.979601000	-0.221249000				



### L<sup>1</sup>L<sup>2</sup>SiCu(m-Xyl)<sup>+</sup>

$$E^{\text{el}}_{\text{M06}} = -3808.5719326$$

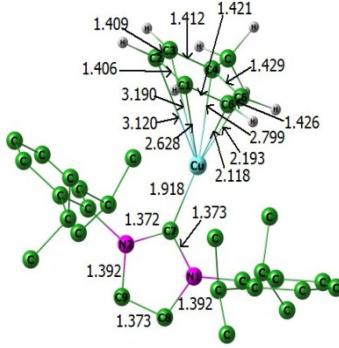
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$$E (E^{\text{el}}_{\text{M06}} + \text{ZPE}_{\text{BP86}}) = -3807.8537116$$

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C	-3.099107000	1.529208000	1.410962000
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Cu	-1.555391000	-1.171978000	-0.417539000
Si	-0.009469000	0.450748000	-0.069888000
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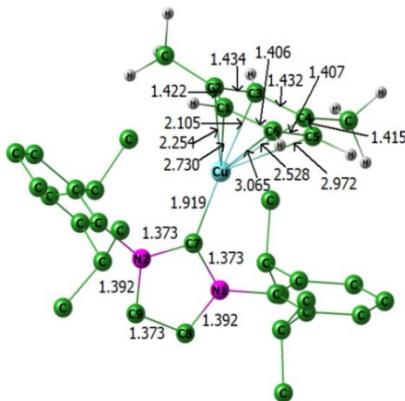
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$$\text{ZPE}_{\text{BP86}} = 0.67888$$

$$E(E^{el}_{M06} + ZPE_{BP86}) = -3070.700209$$

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6	2.235456000	0.582166000	-1.107432000				
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6	2.886123000	-2.036209000	-3.546850000	1	5.083870000	2.083203000	-0.090601000
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1	-2.784896000	-3.613467000	-0.087585000	6	-4.410986000	-1.189451000	-0.675869000



### NHCCu(Xyl)<sup>+</sup>

$$E^{\text{el}}_{\text{M06}} = -3110.68268$$

$$ZPE_{\text{BP86}} = 0.705869$$

$$E (E^{\text{el}}_{\text{M06}} + ZPE_{\text{BP86}}) = -3109.976811$$

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6	-1.590661000	1.102805000	3.303304000	1	2.834191000	-3.502189000	0.885192000
1	-2.583812000	1.577346000	3.341220000	1	1.417146000	-4.196932000	0.031622000
6	-3.159570000	-3.447922000	-2.293247000	1	1.296525000	-2.573549000	0.791556000
1	-4.107883000	-3.793682000	-1.831775000	6	-2.742812000	-1.163199000	3.260517000
1	-2.572760000	-4.354310000	-2.548497000	1	-3.239669000	-1.077047000	4.250528000
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6	-3.043156000	1.285085000	-0.941863000	6	-2.347846000	2.631836000	-1.147896000
6	5.158359000	-0.082240000	-0.050937000	1	-1.262463000	2.435723000	-1.279004000
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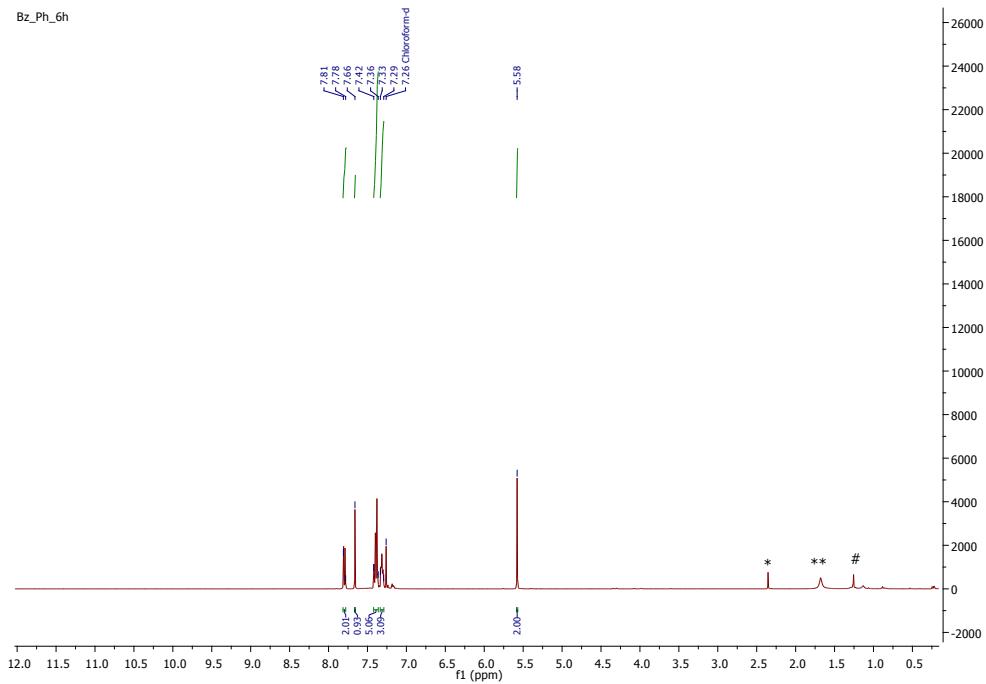
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**S5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the catalysis products:**

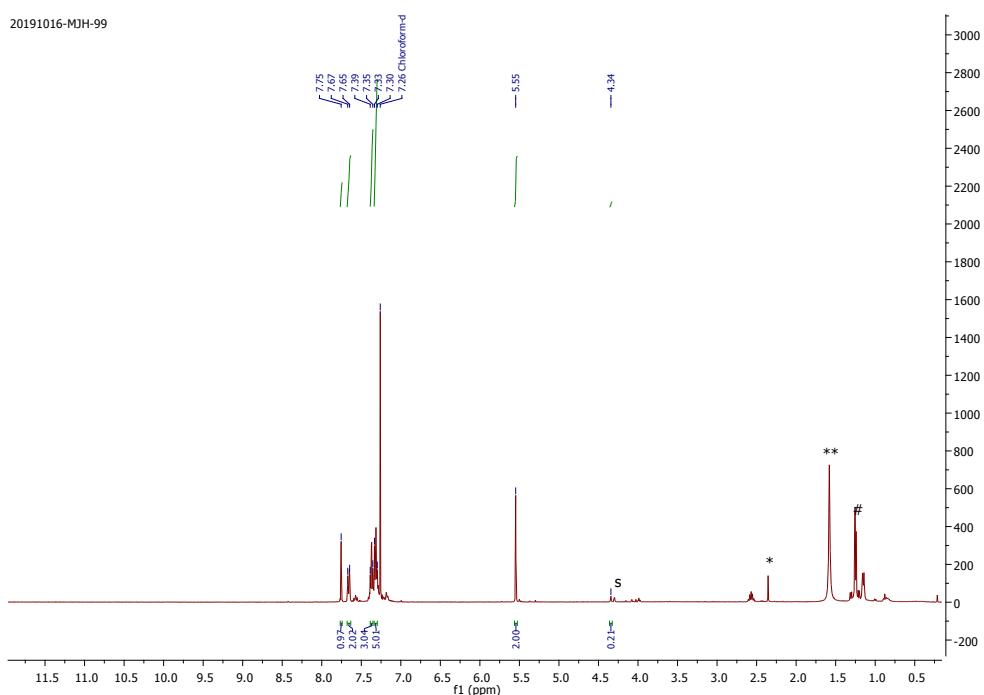
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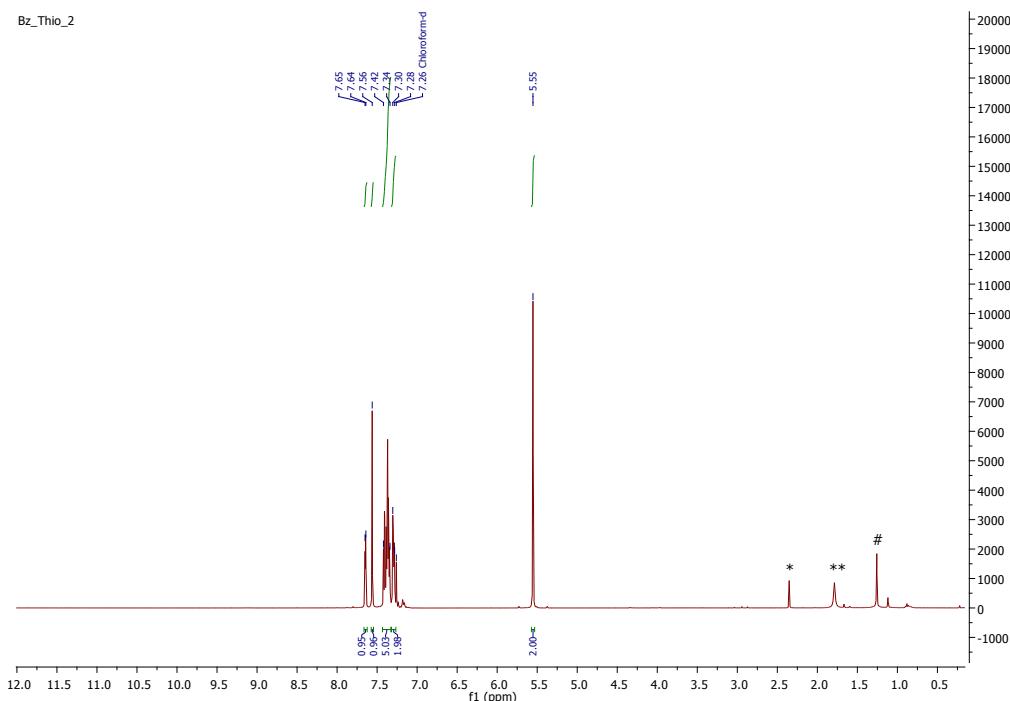
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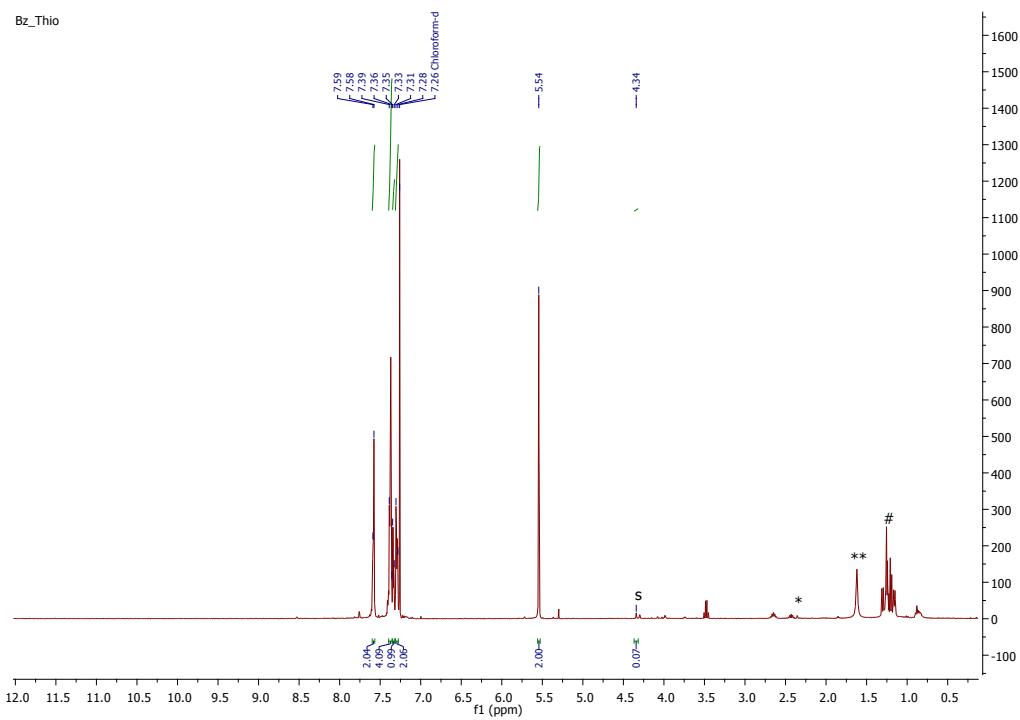
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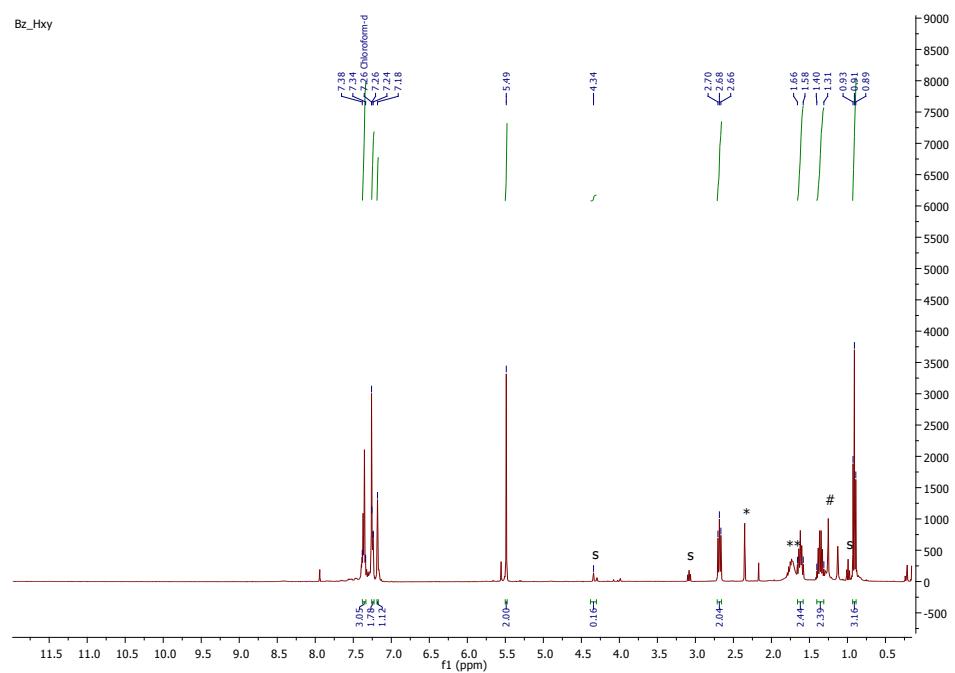
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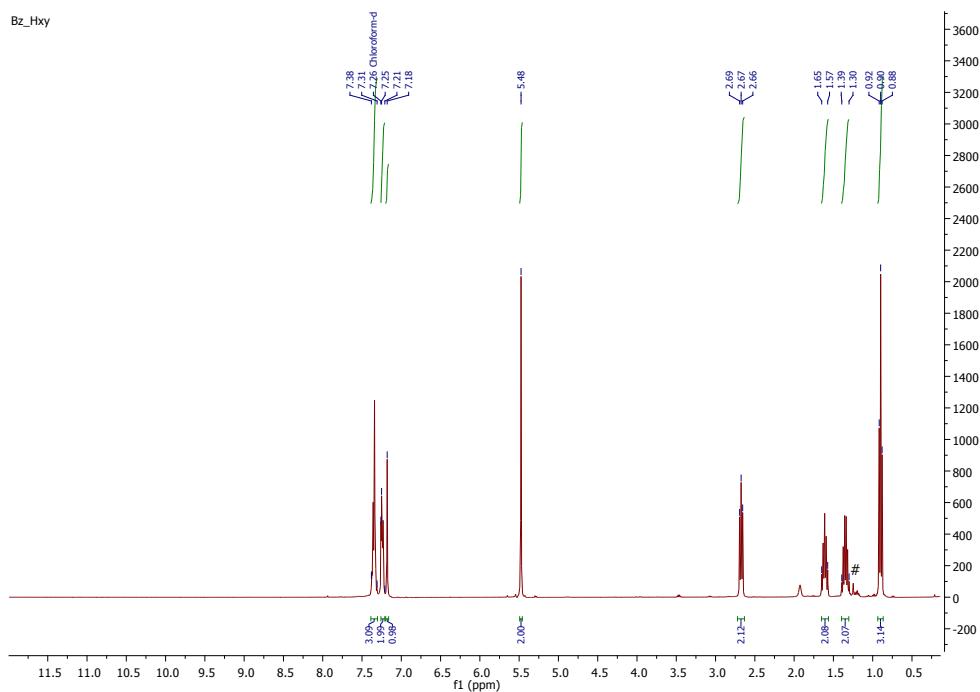
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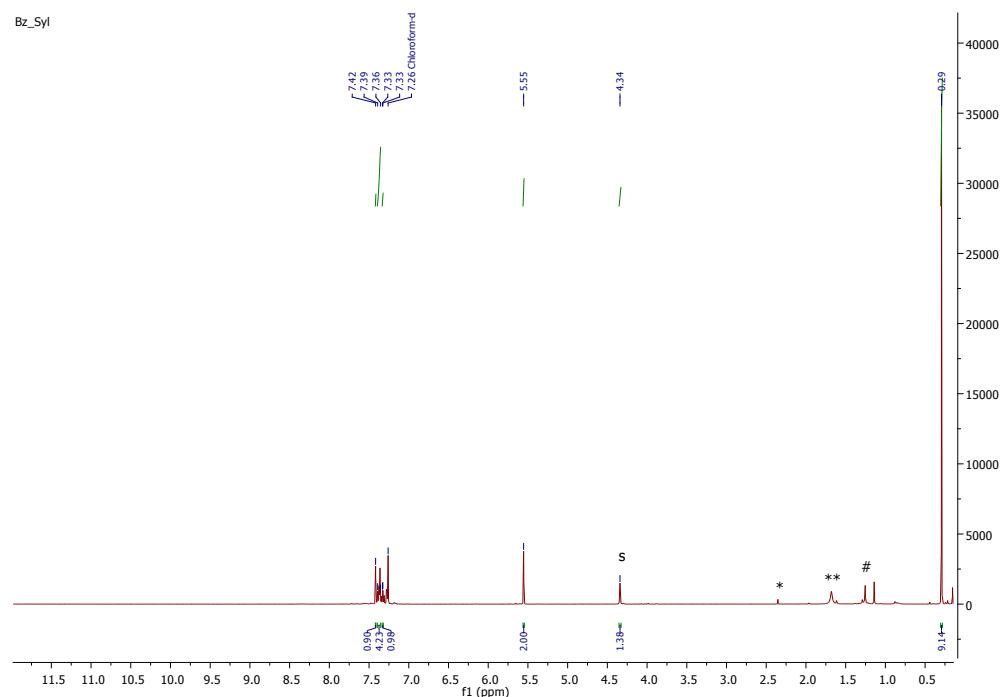
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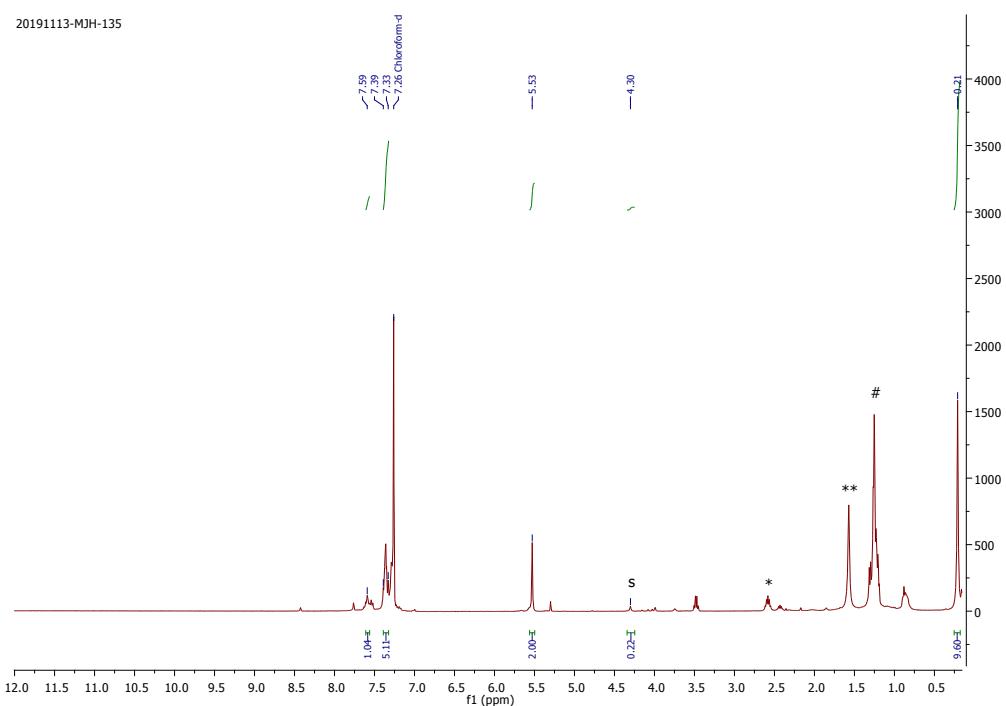
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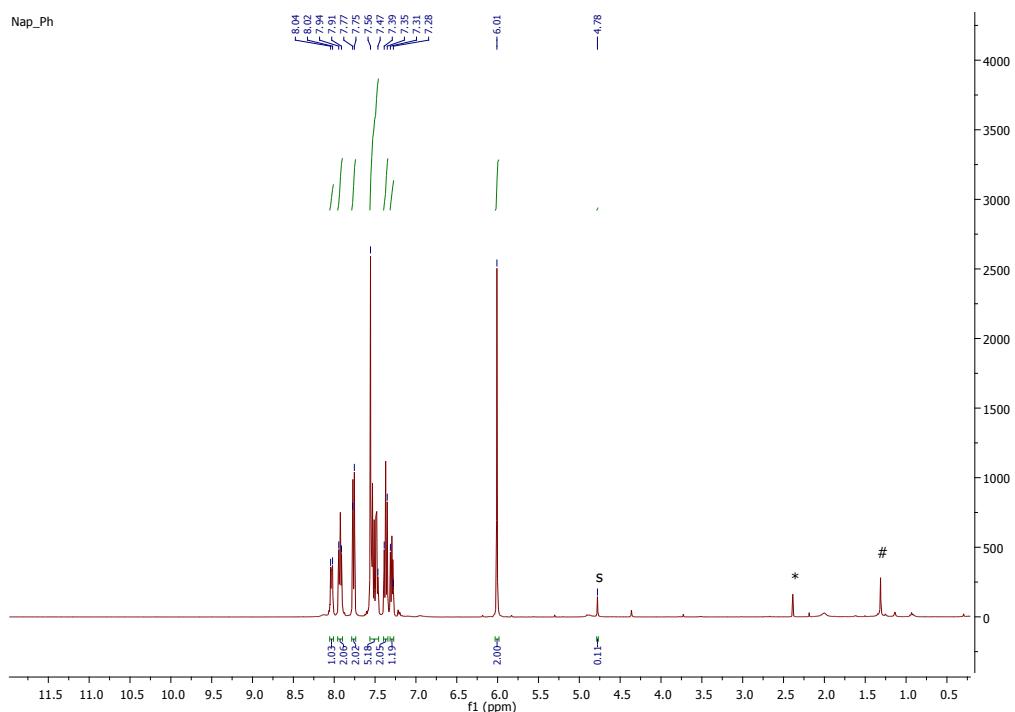
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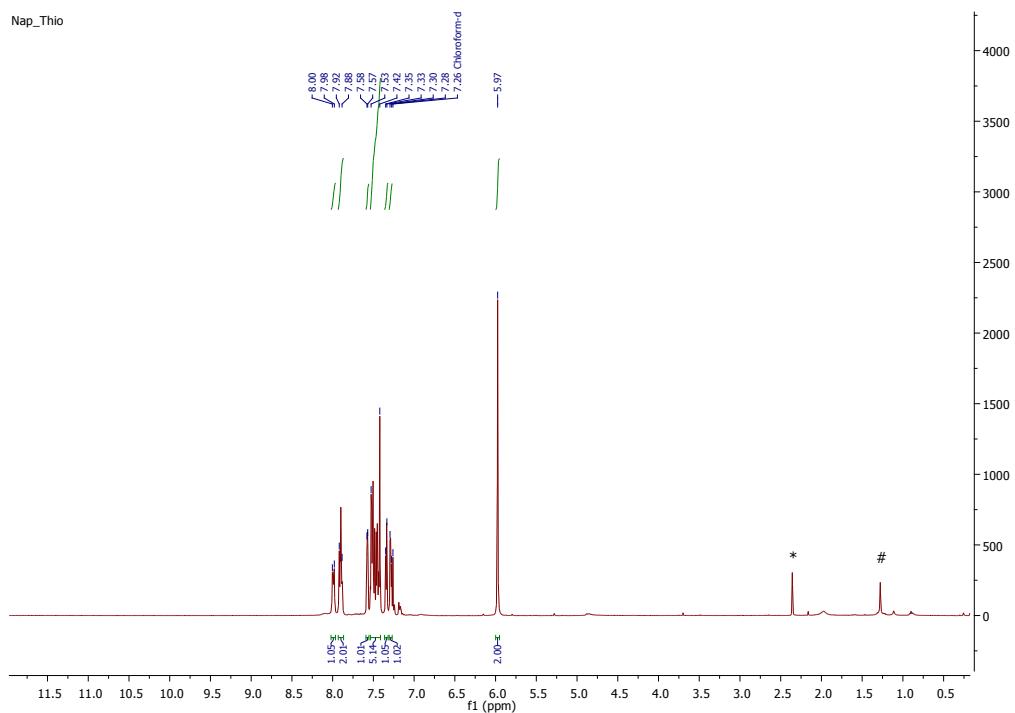
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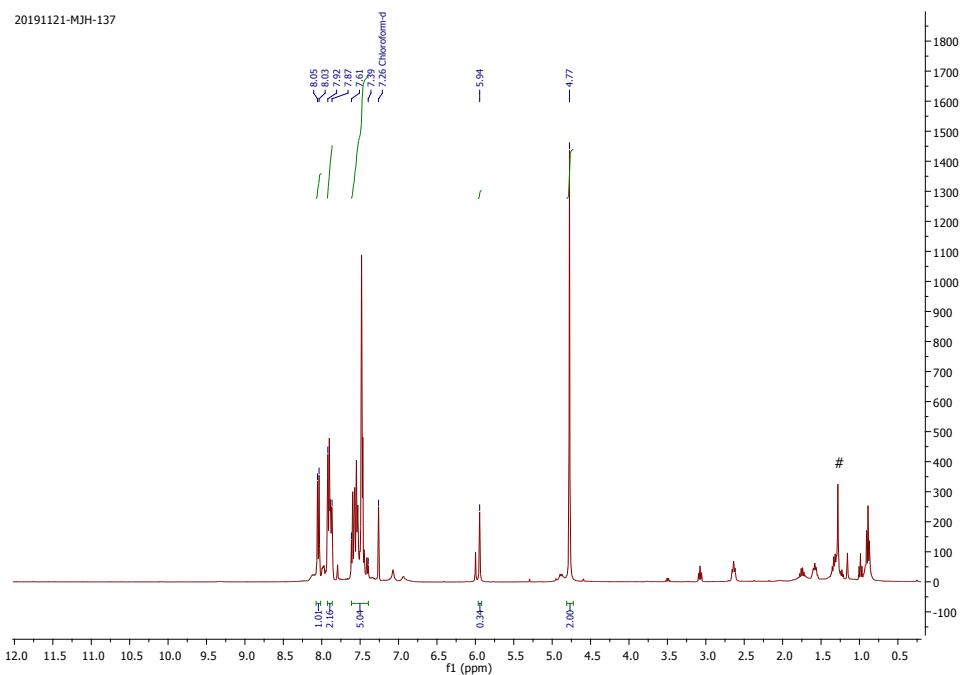
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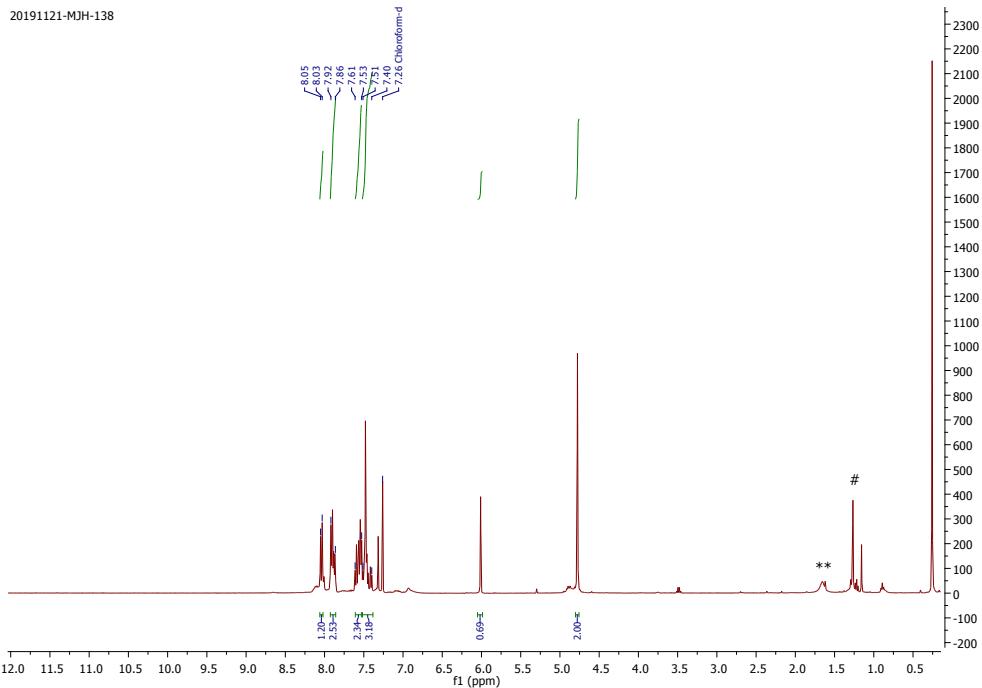
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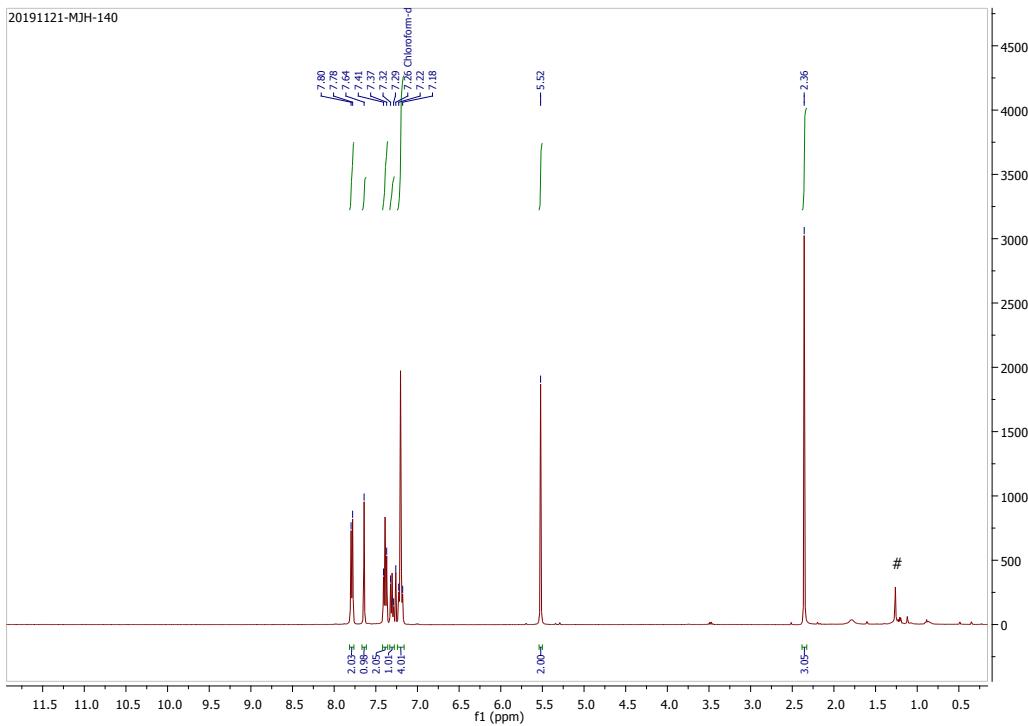
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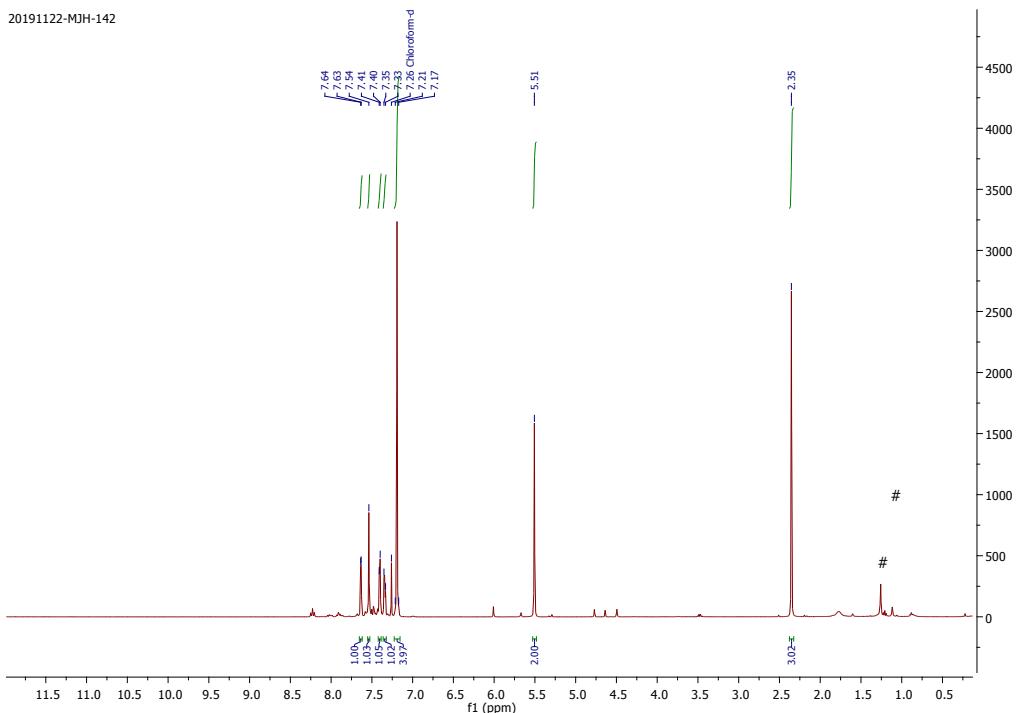
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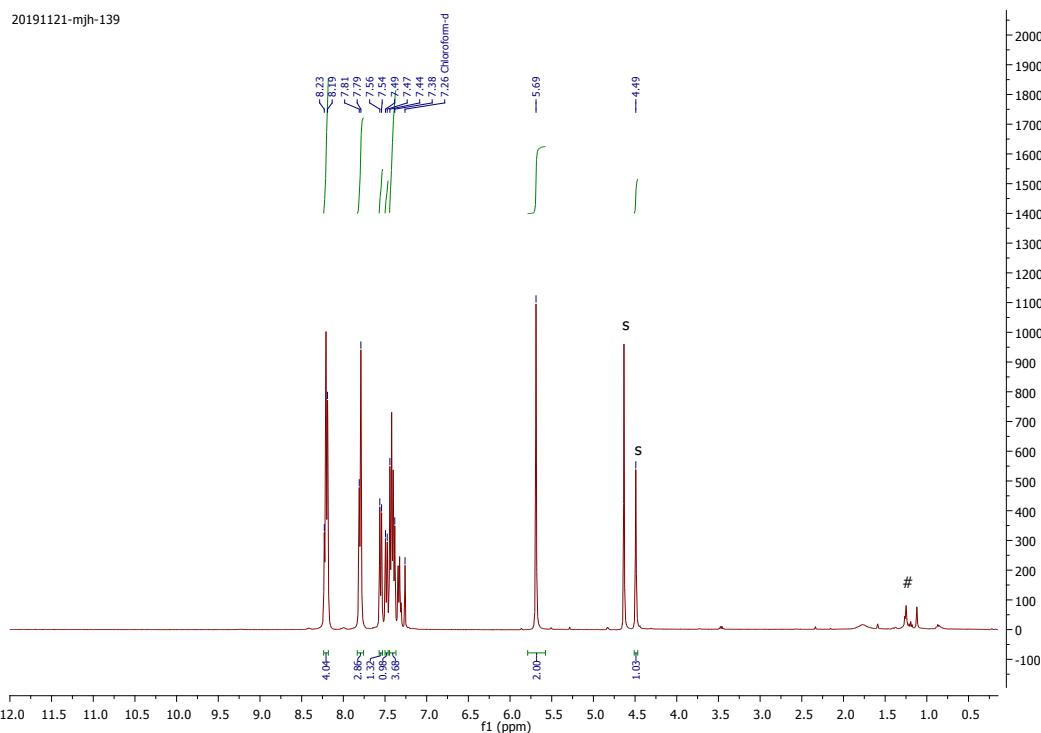
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# = Grease peak, s = Starting material peak.



**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400.31 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound XII<sup>2</sup>.**

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