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### **Supporting Information**

One-pot Generation of Benzynes from 2-Aminophenylboronates via Rh(II)-Catalyzed N–H Amination/oxidation/elimination Cascade Process

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#### **Experimental Section**

**General.** All melting points were measured on a Yanagimoto micro melting point apparatus. IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-4100 spectrometer and absorbance bands are reported in wavenumber (cm<sup>-1</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-AL 300 (300 MHz) spectrometer or JEOL JNM-ECA 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported relative to internal standard (tetramethylsilane at δ<sub>H</sub> 0.00, CDCl<sub>3</sub> at δ<sub>H</sub> 7.26, DMSO $d_6$  at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  2.50, CD<sub>3</sub>OD at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.49). Data are presented as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant and integration. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-ECA 400 (100 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported relative to internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub> at δ 77.00, CD<sub>3</sub>OD at δ 49.86). Mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS 700 instrument with a direct inlet system. Column chromatography was carried out on Kanto silica gel 60 N (40–50 mesh). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on Merck Kieselgel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates with visualization by ultraviolet, anisaldehyde stain solution or phosphomolybdic acid stain solution. All non-aqueous reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under Ar atmosphere unless otherwise noted. Reagents and solvents were used without purification. 4Å MS (powder) from nacalai tesque was used after drying. Dirhodium(II) complex catalysts, Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> and Rh<sub>2</sub>(HNCOCF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, were prepared according to literatures, <sup>1,2</sup> while Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> is commercially available. TsN=IMes was prepared according to a literature.3 2-Aminophenylboronates **1b**, **1c** and **1e** were synthesized according to the literature.<sup>4,5</sup> Azides **4a** and **4h** were prepared according to the literature.<sup>6,7</sup>

### 1. Procedure for the preparation of 3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)propyl 4-azidobenzoate (4b).

$$N_{3} \xrightarrow{\hspace*{1cm}} CO_{2}H \xrightarrow{\hspace*{1cm}} \begin{array}{c} HO(CH_{2})_{3}OTBS \ (1 \ equiv) \\ EDCI \ (1.2 \ equiv) \\ DMAP \ (1.2 \ equiv) \\ \hline \\ CH_{2}CI_{2} \\ \hline \\ 95\% \end{array} \qquad N_{3} \xrightarrow{\hspace*{1cm}} O - (CH_{2})_{3}OTBS \\ \hline$$

To a solution of 4-azidobenzoic acid (856 mg, 5.30 mmol), propylene glycol mono-TBS ether (1.00 g, 5.30 mmol) and DMAP (770 mg, 6.30 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (53 mL) was added EDCI (1.21 g, 6.30 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring at room temperature for 12 h, the reaction was quenched with 10 % aqueous HCl, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic extract was successively washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 n-hexane/EtOAc) to give 4-azidobenzoate **4b** (1.68 g, 95%) as a light yellow oil: IR (KBr) v 2955, 2123, 1721, 1603, 1275, 1100 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  0.06 (s, 6H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.90 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 1.97 (quintet, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.78 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 4.41 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -5.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.3 (C), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 118.8 (CH), 126.9 (C), 131.3 (CH), 144.6 (C), 165.7 (C=O); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 336.1743, found 336.1745.

#### 2. Procedure for the preparation of 3-(p-methoxybenzyloxy)propyl 4-azidobenzoate (4c).

To a solution of **4b** (503 mg, 1.50 mmol) in THF (4.0 mL) was added TBAF (1 M in THF, 2.00 mL, 2.00 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, water was added to the reaction mixture, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic extract was successively washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 1:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc) to give corresponding alcohol (301 mg, 91%) as a colorless oil: IR (KBr) v 3410, 2960, 2124, 1716, 1603, 1278 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.01 (quintet, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.13 (brs, 1H, OH), 3.77 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 4.48 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.07 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH),

8.03 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 118.8 (CH), 126.6 (C), 131.4 (CH), 144.9 (C), 166.1 (C=O); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 221.0800, found 221.0801.

To a solution of **4b** (301 mg, 1.36 mmol) and PMBOC(=NH)CCl<sub>3</sub> (424  $\mu$ L, 2.04 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) was added La(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (39.9 mg, 0.0680 mmol) at room temperature.<sup>8</sup> After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, the whole mixture was evaporated in vacuo to furnish the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc) to give PMB ether **4c** (368 mg, 79%) as a light yellow oil: IR (KBr) v 2859, 2122, 1717, 1603, 1512, 1275, 1100 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.05 (quintet, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.59 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OPMB), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.42 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.45 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.03 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.25 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  29.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 62.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 66.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 113.7 (CH), 118.7 (CH), 126.8 (C), 129.2 (CH), 130.3 (C), 131.3 (CH), 144.5 (C), 159.1 (C), 165.6, (C=O); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 341.1376, found 341.1374.

# 3. Procedure for the preparation of 2-amino-5-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl)phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (1f).

A solution of methyl phenyldiazoacetate [0.25 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 12.0 mL, pre-dried over 4Å MS (pellets)] was slowly added to a mixture of *N*-Boc-2-aminophenylboronic acid pinacol ester (1a') (1.92 g, 6.00 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuNTf<sub>2</sub> (235 mg, 0.150 mmol, 2.5 mol%), and 4Å MS (powder, 120 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mL) at room temperature.<sup>9</sup> After stirring for 1 h at the same temperature, the whole mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, and the filtrate was evaporated in vacuo to furnish the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 8:1 *n*-hexane/AcOEt) to give C–H insertion product 1f' (386 mg, 28%) as a colorless oil: IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3370, 2978, 1733, 1530, 1352, 1157 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.34 (s, 12H, OC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.51 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 3.72 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.99 (s, 1H, Ar<sub>2</sub>CHCO<sub>2</sub>Me), 7.23-7.30 (m, 5H, Ar<sub>4</sub>H), 7.42 (dd, J = 2.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar<sub>7</sub>H), 7.66 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar<sub>7</sub>H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar<sub>7</sub>H), 8.68 (s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  24.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.3 (CH), 79.8 (C), 84.2 (C), 118.0 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 131.3 (C), 132.8 (CH), 136.3 (CH), 138.9 (C), 144.5

(C), 153.0 (C=O), 173.0 (C=O) (C-B was not detected.); HRMS (EI) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{34}BNO_6$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 467.2479, found 467.2481.

*N*-Boc amine **1f'** (105 mg, 0.225 mmol) was dissolved in TFA-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:3, 2.0 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring for 5 h at the same temperature, the whole mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 3:1 to 2:1 *n*-hexane/AcOEt) to give primary amine **1f** (38.2 mg, 46%) as a colorless oil: IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3286, 3386, 2978, 1736, 1619, 1495, 1432, 1358, 1143 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.32 (s, 12H, OC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.71 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.74 (brs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.93 (s, 1H, Ar<sub>2</sub>CHCO<sub>2</sub>), 6.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.19–7.29 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.53 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 24.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>). 24.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.1 (CH), 83.5 (C), 115.2 (CH), 126.5 (C), 126.9 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 132.8 (CH), 137.0 (CH), 139.5 (C), 153.0 (C), 173.5 (C=O) (C-B was not detected.); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BNO<sub>4</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 367.1955, found 367.1956.

### 4. Procedure for the preparation of 2-amino-4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (1g). $^{10}$

To a solution of 4-methoxycarbonyl-2-nitrophenylboronic acid (900 mg, 4.00 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added pinacol (472 mg, 4.00 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring overnight at the same temperature, the whole mixture was evaporated in vacuo to furnish the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 4:1 n-hexane/AcOEt) to give corresponding pinacol ester (1.03 g, 84%) as a colorless solid:  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.44 (s, 12H, OC(C $H_3$ )<sub>2</sub>), 3.99 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>C $H_3$ ), 6.65 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.79 (s, 1H, ArH).  $^{11}$ 

A solution of pinacol ester (1.02 g, 0.700 mmol) and Pd/C (10%, 102 mg) in MeOH-CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2:1, 10 mL) was stirred under hydrogen at an atmospheric pressure at room temperature for overnight. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a pad of Celite, and the Celite filter cake was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 1:1 n-hexane/AcOEt) to give amine **1g** (464 mg, 50%) as a light yellow solid:  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.35 (s, 12H, OC(C $H_3$ )<sub>2</sub>), 3.88 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>C $H_3$ ), 4.84 (brs, 2H, N $H_2$ ), 7.24 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.66

## 5. Procedure for the preparation of 2-amino-4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxymethyl)phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (1h).

To a solution of **1g** (842 mg, 3.04 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added DIBAL-H (1.0 M in Hex, 10.6 mL, 10.6 mmol) at -40 °C. After stirring for 1.5 h at the same temperature, the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C. After stirring overnight, the reaction was quenched with saturated MeOH (5.0 mL) and saturated aqueous solution of Rochelle salt was successively added. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a pad of Celite, and the Celite filter cake was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The filtrate was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 1:1 *n*-hexane/AcOEt) to give corresponding alcohol (498 mg, 66%) as a colorless oil: IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3385, 2977, 1617, 1434, 1359, 1144, 1056 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.34 (s, 12H, OC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 4.58 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 4.77 (brs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.60 (s, 1H, Ar*H*), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  24.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 65.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 83.5 (C), 112.7 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 137.1 (CH), 145.8 (C), 153.9 (C) (*C*-B was not detected.); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 249.1536, found 249.1540.

To a solution of alcohol (150 mg, 0.600 mmol) and TBAB (116 mg, 0.360 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mL) was added TBSCl (109 mg, 0.720 mmol) at room temperature under Ar atmosphere. After stirring for overnight, the reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 to 8:1 n-hexane/AcOEt) to give corresponding TBS ether (103 mg, 47%, azeotropically dried with toluene after column chromatography) as a colorless solid; mp 87-89 °C; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3390, 2930, 1618, 1434, 1357, 1144, 1090 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  0.08 (s, 6H, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.93 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 1.33 (s, 12H, OC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 4.65 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 4.73 (brs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.59-6.61 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.56 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -5.26 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.4 (C), 24.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 64.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 83.4 (C), 112.0 (CH), 114.6 (CH), 136.7 (CH), 146.5 (C), 153.7 (C) (C-B was not detected.); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>34</sub>BNO<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 364.2474, found 364.2483.

### 6. Typical procedure for the one-pot benzyne generation/cycloaddition with azides: Preparation of 1-(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)-1,2,3-benzotriazol (5aa).<sup>4</sup>

TsN=IMes (83.1 mg, 0.200 mmol) was added to a stirred mixture of 2-aminophenylboronic acid pinacol ester (**1a**) (21.9 mg, 0.100 mmol), methyl 4-azidobenzoate (35.4 mg, 0.200 mmol), Rh<sub>2</sub>(HNCOCF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (1.5 mg, 0.002 mmol, 2 mol %) and 4Å MS (powder, 40 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the whole mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, and the filtrate was evaporated in vacuo to furnish the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 3:1 n-hexane/AcOEt) to give benzotriazol **5aa** (14.6 mg, 58%) as a colorless solid: mp 154–156 °C; IR (KBr) v 1720, 1607, 1290, 1106, 1060, 765 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.99 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  52.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 110.3 (CH), 120.6 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 129.9 (C), 131.4 (CH), 131.9 (C), 140.5 (C), 146.7 (C), 166.0 (C=O); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 253.0851, found 253.0850.

#### 3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)propyl 4-(1H-Benzotriazol-1-yl)benzoate (5ab)

Yield 50% (19.7 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 4:1 n-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); a colorless solid; mp 88–90 °C; IR (KBr) v 2954, 1718, 1274, 1101, 835 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5ab  $_{\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{OTBS}}$  0.08 (s, 6H, SiC $H_3$ ), 0.92 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 2.03 (quintet, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.82 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 4.50 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.62 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.94 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.31 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –5.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.3 (C), 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 110.3 (CH), 120.6 (CH), 122.0 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 130.2 (C), 131.3 (CH), 131.9 (C), 140.5 (C), 146.7 (C), 165.5 (C=O); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 412.2056, found 412.2050.

#### 3-(p-Methoxybenzyloxy)propyl 4-(1H-Benzotriazol-1-yl)benzoate (5ac)

Yield 48%; purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 n-hexane/EtOAc); a colorless oil; IR (KBr) v 2860, 1718, 1607, 1513, 1274, 1100, 1038 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.10 (quintet, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.64 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OPMB), 3.76 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.48 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 4.50 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.27 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.48 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.61 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArI), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArI), 7.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArI), 8.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArI), 8.23 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArI); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  29.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 62.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 66.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 110.3 (CH), 113.8 (CH), 120.6 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 130.1 (C), 130.3 (C), 131.3 (CH), 131.9 (C), 140.5 (C), 146.7 (C), 159.2 (C), 165.4 (C=O); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>417.1689, found 417,1692.

### 1-Phenylmethyl-1,2,3-benzotriazol (5ad)<sup>13</sup>

Yield 56% (11.7 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 3:1 n-hexane/AcOEt); a colorless solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.85 (s, 2H, NC $H_2$ Ph), 7.26-7.43 (m, 8H, ArH), 8.07 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.7 Hz, 1H, ArH).

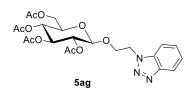
### 1-Trimethylsilylmethyl-1,2,3-benzotriazol (5ae)<sup>14</sup>

Yield 56% (11.6 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 4:1 n-hexane/AcOEt); a colorless solid;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  0.21 (s, 9H, SiC $H_3$ ), 4.04 (s, 2H, NC $H_2$ TMS), 7.35 (ddd, J = 2.4, 6.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.46-7.48 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH).

### 1-Ethoxycarbonylmethyl-1,2,3-benzotriazol (5af)<sup>13</sup>

Yield 61% (12.5 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 n-hexane/AcOEt); a colorless solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.26 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.43 (s, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>), 7.40 (ddd, J = 1.5, 6.3, 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.46-7.56 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.10 (dt, J = 0.9, 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH).

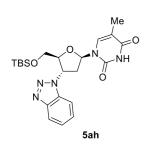
#### 2-(1*H*-Benzotriazol-1-yl)ethyl 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-acetyl-β-<sub>D</sub>-glucopyranoside (5ag)



Yield 58% (28.4 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 1:1 to 1:2 *n*-hexane/EtOAc); a colorless oil;  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -46.8$  (*c* 1.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr) *v* 2956, 1753, 1368, 1229, 1041 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.55 (s, 3H, COC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.96

(s, 3H, COC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 2.01 (s, 3H, COC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 2.10 (s, 3H, COC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 3.64-3.68 (m, 1H, H-5), 4.08-4.11 (m, 2H, C*H*<sub>2</sub>N), 4.22 (dd, J = 4.8, 12.4 Hz, 1H, H-6a), 4.38-4.45 (m, 2H, OC*H*H and H-6b), 4.81-4.93 (m, 3H, OCH*H*, H-1 and H-2), 5.04 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, H-3), 5.09 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, H-4), 7.38 (ddd, J = 1.2, 6.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.50 (ddd, J = 1.2, 6.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*), 8.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar*H*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  20.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 61.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.0 (CH), 68.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.7 (CH), 71.9 (CH), 72.6 (CH), 100.5 (CH), 110.1 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 133.9 (C), 145.7 (C), 169.1 (C=O), 169.3 (C=O), 170.1 (C=O), 170.6 (C=O); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 493.1696, found 493.1696.

#### 3'-(1*H*-Benzotriazol-1-yl)-5'-*O-tert*-butyldimethylsilyl-3'-deoxythymidine (5ah)



Yield 58% (26.4 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 1:2 *n*-hexane/EtOAc); a colorless amorphous; IR (KBr) v 2929, 1696, 1470, 1273, 1126 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 0.11 (s, 3H, SiC $H_3$ ), 0.14 (s, 3H, SiC $H_3$ ), 0.96 (s, 9H, t-Bu), 2.00 (s, 3H, ArC $H_3$ ), 2.72 (ddd, J = 6.0, 8.4, 14.0 Hz, 1H, H-2'a), 3.22 (dt, J = 6.0, 14.0 Hz, 1H, H-2'b), 3.79 (dd, J = 2.0, 11.6 Hz, 1H, H-5'a), 4.07 (dd, J = 2.0,

11.6 Hz, 1H, H-5'b), 4.63-4.64 (m, 1H, H-4'), 5.58 (dt, J = 5.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H, H-3'), 6.57 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H, H-1'), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.53-7.59 (m, 3H, 2×ArH and N-CH=C), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.34 (s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -5.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -5.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.4 (C), 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.9 (CH), 62.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 84.1 (CH), 85.7 (CH), 108.9 (CH), 111.1 (C), 120.4 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 132.7 (C), 135.5 (CH), 146.1 (C), 150.1 (C=O), 163.7 (C=O); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 458.2218, found 458.2224.

### 5-Bromo-1-(4-Methoxycarbonylphenyl)-1,2,3-benzotriazol and 6-Bromo-1-(4-Methoxycarbonylphenyl)-1,2,3-benzotriazol (5ea)

Yield 45% (~1:1 mixture of regioisomers, 14.8 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 6:1 n-hexane/EtOAc); a colorless solid; IR (KBr) v 1722, 1604, 1514, 1438, 1288, 1112, 1063 cm $^{-1}$ ;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400  $^{5}$ ea  $^{6}$ CO $_{2}$ Me MHz, DMSO- $^{6}$ d $_{6}$ ):  $\delta$  3.93 (s, 2×3H, CO $_{2}$ CH $_{3}$ ), 7.71 (dd, J = 1.6, 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar $_{7}$ H), 7.84 (dd, J = 1.6, 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar $_{7}$ H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar $_{7}$ H), 8.08-8.12 (m, 4H, Ar $_{7}$ H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar $_{7}$ H), 8.23-8.26 (m, 4H, Ar $_{7}$ H), 8.32 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar $_{7}$ H), 8.54 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar $_{7}$ H); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 330.9956, found 330.9948.

### Methyl 4-[5-(2-Methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl)-1*H*-benzotriazol-1-yl]benzoate and Methyl 4-[6-(2-Methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl)-1*H*-benzotriazol-1-yl]benzoate (5fa)

Yield 51% (1:0.85 mixture of regioisomers, 19.5 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 n-hexane/EtOAc and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to 10:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O); a colorless solid; IR (KBr) v 1731, 1606, 1516, 1435, 1280, 1162 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.78 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.79 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.98 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.99 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.25 (s, 2×1H, Ar<sub>2</sub>CHCO) 7.32-7.35 (m, 2×5H, ArH), 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH for minor product), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH for major product), 7.74-7.78 (m, 2×1H, ArH), 7.86-7.91 (m, 2×2H, ArH), 8.09-8.11 (m, 2×1H, ArH), 8.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2×2H, ArH); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 401.1376, found 401.1377.

### Methyl 1-(4-Methoxycarbonylphenyl)-1,2,3-benzotriazole-5-carboxylate and Methyl 1-(4-Methoxycarbonylphenyl)-1,2,3-benzotriazole-6-carboxylate (5ga)

Yield 58% (1:0.77 mixture of regioisomers, 17.9 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 3:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to 20:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O); a colorless solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.00-4.01 (s, 2 × 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>Me CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> for major product and s, 2×3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> for minor product), 7.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH for minor product), 7.92-7.96 (m, 2H, ArH for major product and 2H, ArH for minor product), 8.15 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH for major product), 8.22 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH for major product), 8.29-8.35 (m, 2H, ArH for major product and 3H, ArH for minor product), 8.53 (s, 1H, ArH for major product), 8.90 (s, 1H, ArH for minor product); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 311.0906, found 311.0910.

# 5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxymethyl)-1-(4-methoxycarbonylphenyl)-1,2,3-benzotriazol and 6-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxymethyl)-1-(4-Methoxycarbonylphenyl)-1,2,3-benzotriazol (5ha)

Yield 42% (1:0.80 mixture of regioisomers, 16.8 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 6:1 n-hexane/EtOAc); a colorless oil; IR (KBr) v 2953, 1718, 1607, 1515, 1437, 1278, 1103, 851 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 0.14 (s, 6H, SiCH<sub>3</sub> for major product),

0.15 (s, 6H, SiC $H_3$  for minor product), 0.97 (s, 9H, t-Bu for minor product), 0.98 (s, 9H, t-Bu for major product), 3.99 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>C $H_3$  for minor product and 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>C $H_3$  for major product), 4.93 (s, 2H, OC $H_2$ Ar for minor product), 4.94 (s, 2H, OC $H_2$ Ar for major product), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH for major product), 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH for minor product), 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH for minor product), 7.85 (s, 1H, ArH for major product), 7.93-7.96 (m, 2H, ArH for major product and 2H, ArH for minor product), 8.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH for major product), 8.13 (s, 1H, ArH for minor product), 8.28-8.30 (m, 2H, ArH for major product and 2H, ArH for minor product); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si [M]<sup>+</sup> 397.1822, found 397.1826.

### 7. Typical procedure for the one-pot benzyne generation/cycloaddition with furans.

TsN=IMes (83.1 mg, 0.200 mmol) was added to a stirred mixture of 2-aminophenylboronic acid pinacol ester (**1a**) (21.9 mg, 0.100 mmol), furan (0.200 mmol), Rh<sub>2</sub>(HNCOCF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (1.5 mg, 0.002 mmol, 2 mol %) and 4Å MS (powder, 40 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the whole mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, and the filtrate was evaporated in vacuo to furnish the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography to give cycloadduct **6**.

### 1,4-Dimethyl-1,4-dihydro-1,4-epoxynaphthalene (6a)<sup>15</sup>

Me Yield 52% (8.9 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 n-hexane/EtOAc); a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.89 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.77 (s, 2H, CH=CH), 6.97 (dd, J = 3.0, 5.1 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.13 (dd, J = 3.0, 5.1 Hz, 2H, ArH).

### 1-Acetyl-1,4-dihydro-1,4-epoxynaphthalene (6b)<sup>16</sup>

Yield 46% (8.6 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 n-hexane/EtOAc); a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.40 (s, 3H, COC $H_3$ ), 5.80 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, CH-CH=CH), 6.98-7.07 (m, 4H, CH=CH, ArH), 7.24-7.29 (m, 2H, ArH).

#### 4-(Trimethylsilyloxy)naphthalene-1-ol (6c')

Yield 31% (7.3 mg); purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 n-hexane/EtOAc); a colorless oil; IR (KBr) v 3385, 2959, 1595, 1471, 1071 cm $^{-1}$ ;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $_{3}$ ):  $\delta$  6c; ND 0.31 (s, 9H, SiC $_{4}$ 3), 4.95 (brs, 1H, O $_{4}$ 4), 6.91 (dd,  $_{4}$ 5) = 4.0, 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar $_{4}$ 7), 7.49 (ddd,  $_{4}$ 7) = 0.8, 4.0, 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar $_{4}$ 7), 8.07–8.11 (m, 2H, Ar $_{4}$ 7);  $_{4}$ 7 NMR (100 MHz, CDCl $_{3}$ 7):  $\delta$  0.3 (CH $_{3}$ 8), 108.3 (CH), 112.4 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 125.3 (C), 125.6 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 128.5 (C), 145.2 (C), 145.6 (C); HRMS (EI) calcd for C $_{13}$ H $_{16}$ O $_{2}$ Si [M] $_{4}$ 232.0920, found 232.0918.

### 8. Procedure for the preparation of 5-methoxy-2-(2-tosylhydrazineyl)phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (8c).

MeO Bpin 
$$Cbz-N=N-Troc$$
  $TfOH$   $CH_2Cl_2$   $TfOH$   $CH_2Cl_2$   $TfOH$   $TfO$ 

To a solution of **7** (375 mg, 1.60 mmol) and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl benzyl azodicarboxylate  $^{17}$  (652 mg, 1.92 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mL) was added TfOH (14  $\mu$ L, 0.160 mmol) at -78 °C, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. After stirring for 6 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/EtOAc) to give hydrazine **8a** (1:0.32)

mixture of diastereoisomers, 829 mg, 90%,) as a colorless amorphous: IR (KBr) v 3386, 2978, 1735, 1344, 1218, 1048 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.27 (s, 12H, OC(C $H_3$ )<sub>2</sub> for minor isomer), 1.29 (s, 12H, OC(C $H_3$ )<sub>2</sub> for major isomer), 3.78 (s, 3H, OC $H_3$ ), 4.74 (s, 2H, OC $H_2$ Ph for major isomer), 4.85 (s, 2H, OC $H_2$ Ph for minor isomer), 5.11 (s, 2H, OC $H_2$ CCl<sub>3</sub> for minor isomer), 5.15 (s, 2H, OC $H_2$ CCl<sub>3</sub> for major isomer), 7.05 (dd, J = 2.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.16 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32-7.38 (m, 6H, ArH), 8.94 (brs, 1H, NH); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BCl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 572.1055, found 572.1056.

To a solution of **8a** (760 mg, 1.32 mmol) and NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (213 mg, 3.97 mmol) in EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (3:2, 6.7 mL) was added In (powder, 304 mg, 2.65 mmol) at 60 °C. After stirring at the same temperature for 6 h, the whole mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, and the Celite filter cake was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The filtrate was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 3:1 n-hexane/EtOAc) to hydrazine **8b** (315 mg, 60%) as a brown oil: IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3352, 2978, 1732, 1418, 1349, 1214, 1142, 1058 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 60 °C):  $\delta$  1.34 (s, 12H, OCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.74 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.11 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 6.79 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.93 (dd, J = 3.0, 9.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.17 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.26-7.36 (m, 5H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 60 °C):  $\delta$  25.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 68.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 85.4 (C), 114.6 (CH), 120.6 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 128.8 (C), 129.1 (CH), 129.3 (C), 129.42 (C), 129.43 (CH), 154.5 (C=O) (C-B was not detected.); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 398.2013, found 398.2019.

A solution of **8b** (84.4 mg, 0.212 mmol) and Pd/C (9.0 mg) in MeOH (2.2 mL) was stirred under hydrogen at an atmospheric pressure at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a pad of Celite, and the Celite filter cake was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was used witout further purification.

To a solution of the crude product in pyridine (0.50 mL), TsCl (100 mg, 0.530 mmol) was added at 0 °C. After stirring at room temperature for 2 h, the reaction was quenched with water, and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 3:1 to 2:1 n-hexane/EtOAc) to N-tosylhydrazine **8c** (30.8 mg, 35%) as a baige solid: IR (KBr) v 3344, 2978, 1466, 1423, 1308, 1167 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.26 (s, 12H, OC(CH<sub>3</sub>) <sub>2</sub>), 2.41 (s, 3H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.73 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.26 (s, 1H, NH), 6.82 (dd, J = 2.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.0 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.22 (s, 1H, NH), 7.26 (d,

J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 83.9 (C), 114.5 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 135.1 (C), 144.0 (C), 147.1 (C), 153.0 (C) (C-B was not detected.); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup> 418.1734, found 418.1743.

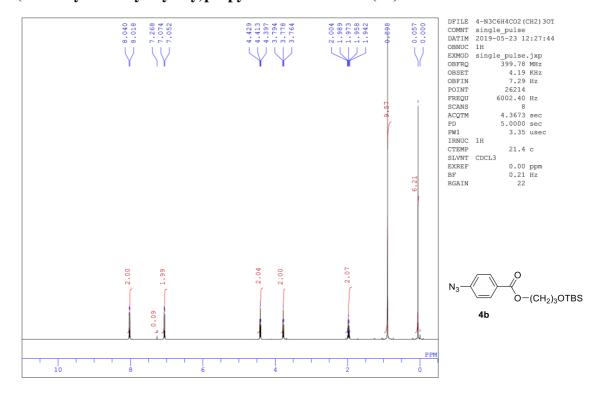
### 9. Procedure for the cycloaddition of N-tosylhydrazine 8c with methyl 4-azidobenzoate (4a).

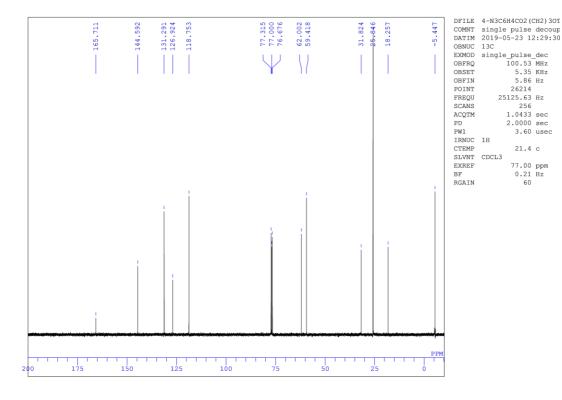
TsN=IMes (30.7 mg, 0.0736 mmol) was added to a stirred mixture of N-tosylhydrazine **8c** (30.8 mg, 0.0736 mmol), methyl 4-azidobenzoate (26.2 mg, 0.148 mmol), Rh<sub>2</sub>(HNCOCF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (1.0 mg, 0.0015 mmol, 2 mol %) and 4Å MS (powder, 40 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the whole mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, and the filtrate was evaporated in vacuo to furnish the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 n-hexane/AcOEt) to give benzotriazol **9** (1:0.87 mixture of regioisomers, 12.3 mg, 59%) as a colorless solid: IR (KBr) v 3422, 2958, 1720, 1607, 1495, 1436, 1280, 1115 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.92 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> for minor isomer), 3.94 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> for major isomer), 3.99 (s, 3H, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> for major isomer), 7.07-7.11 (m, ArH, 1H for major isomer and 1H for minor isomer), 7.26 (dd, J = 2.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH for minor isomer), 7.48 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, ArH for major isomer), 7.68 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH for minor isomer), 7.88-7.93 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.01 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH for minor isomer), 8.27-8.30 (m, 2H, ArH); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 283.0957, found 283.0960.

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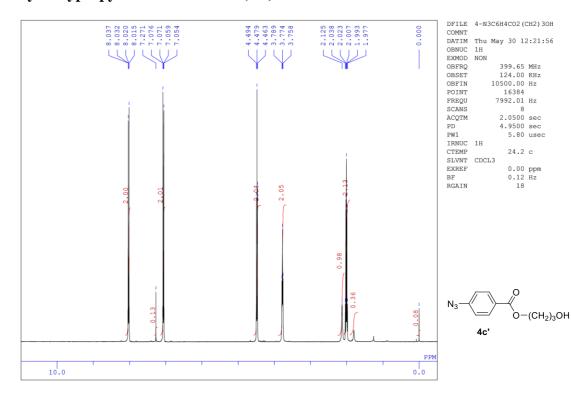
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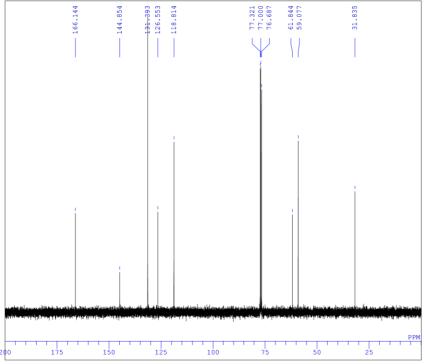
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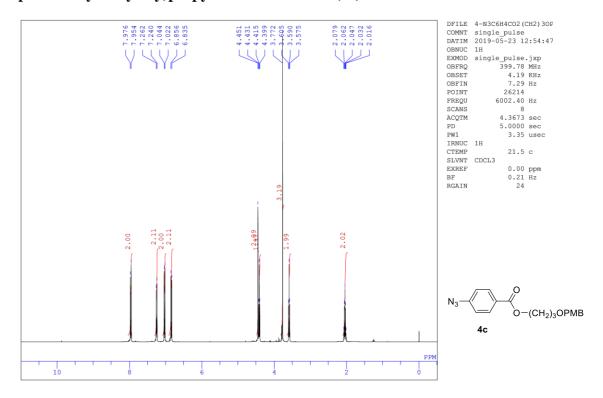
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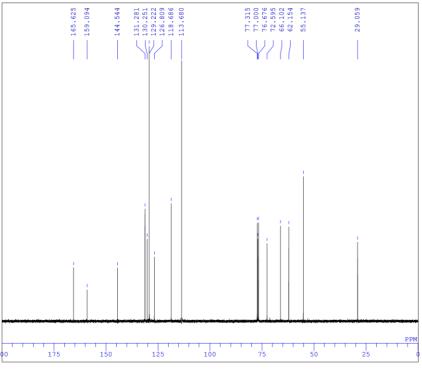




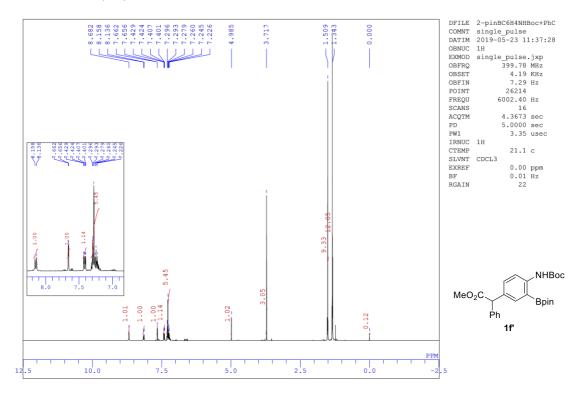
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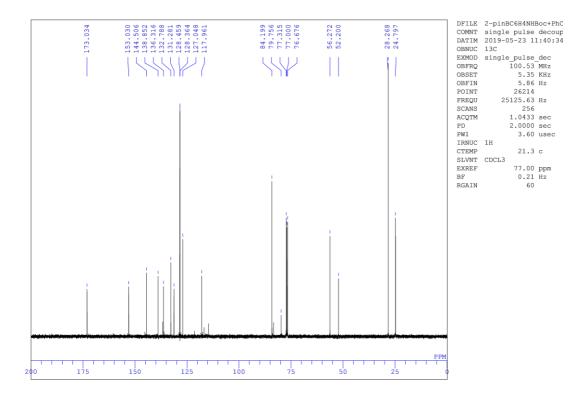
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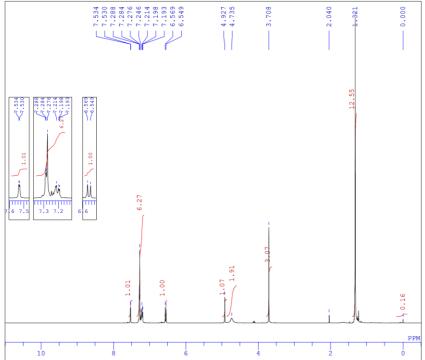


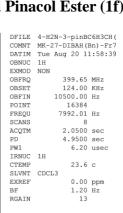
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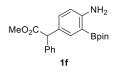


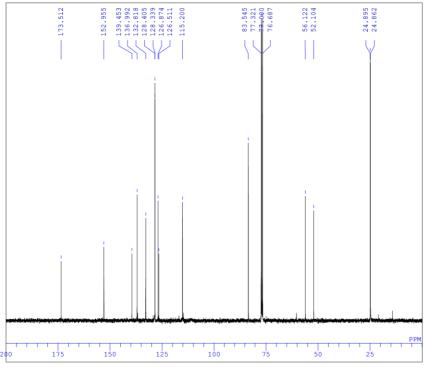


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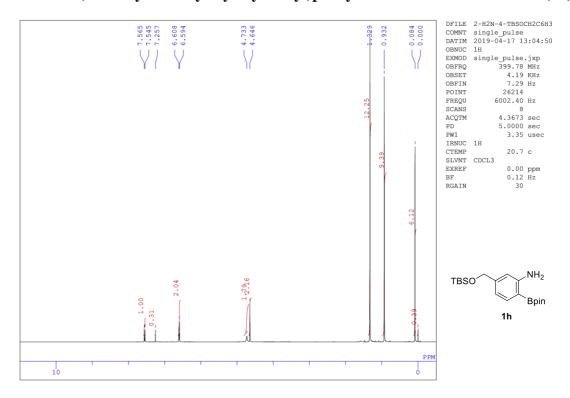


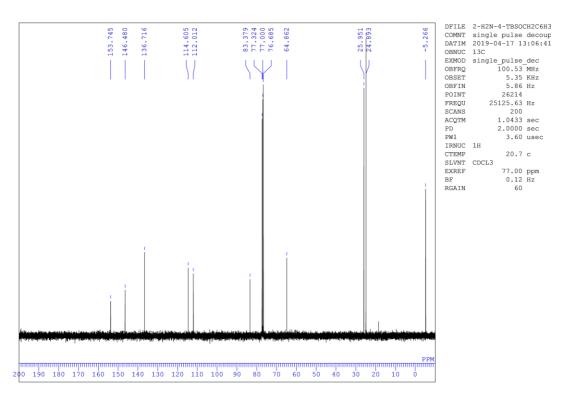


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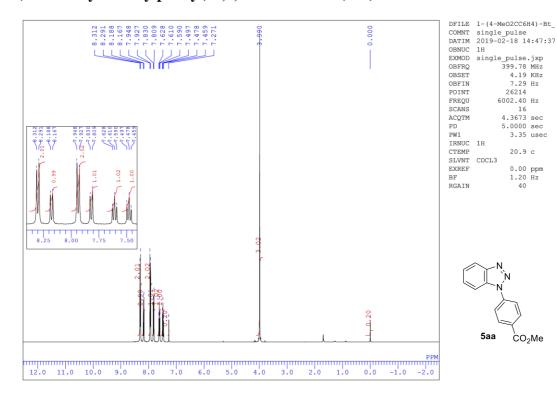
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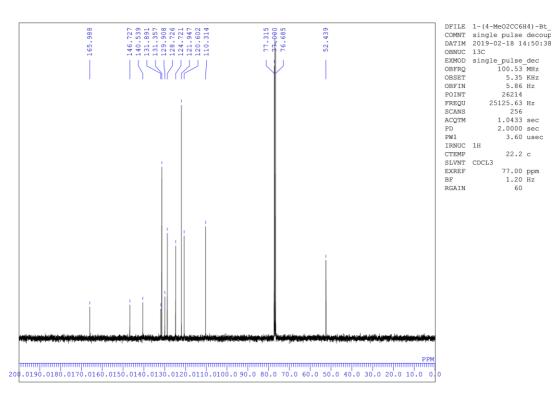
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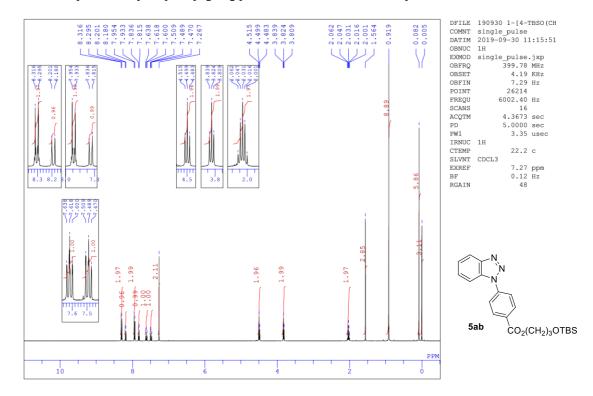


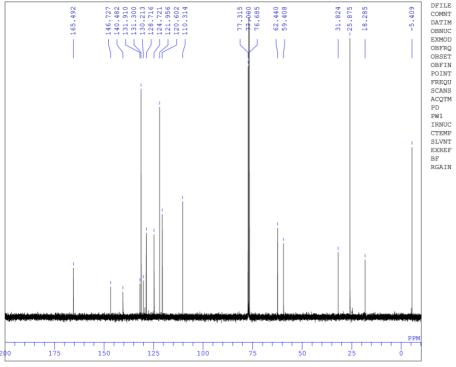
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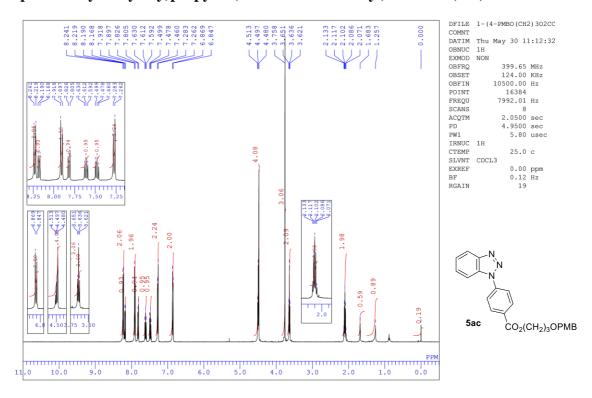


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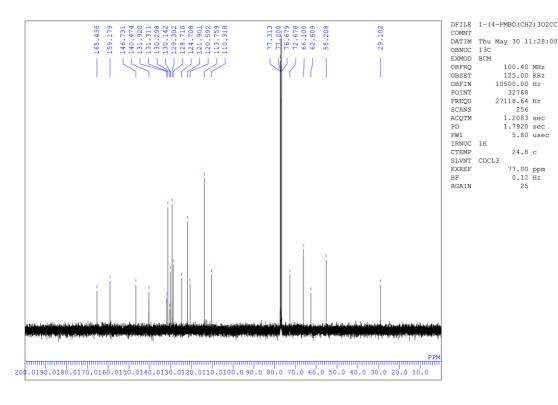
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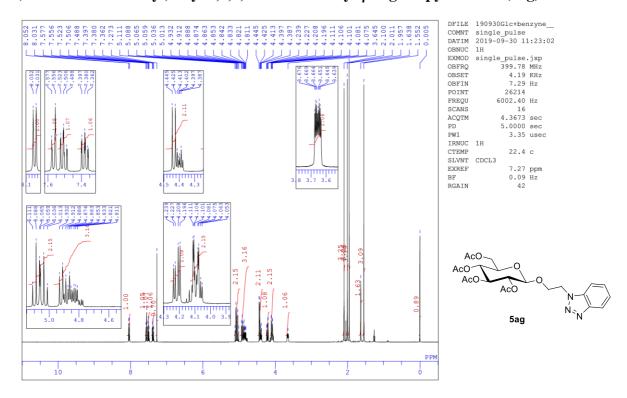
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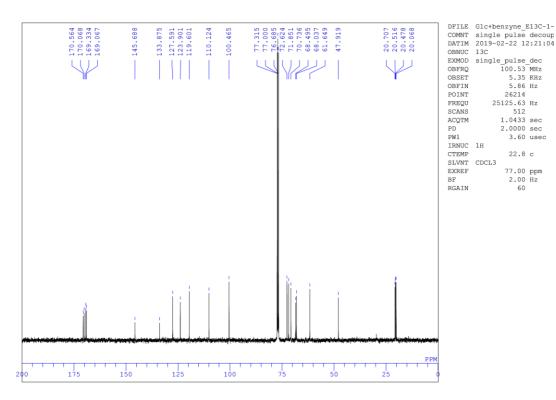
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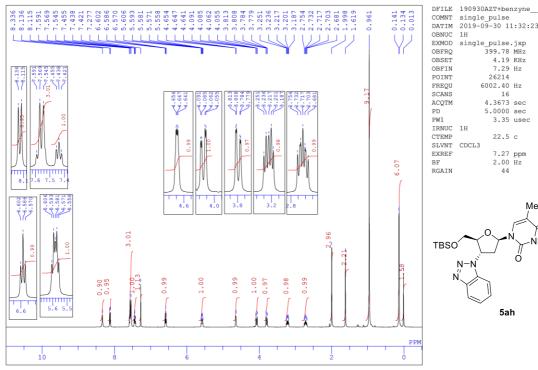


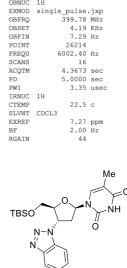
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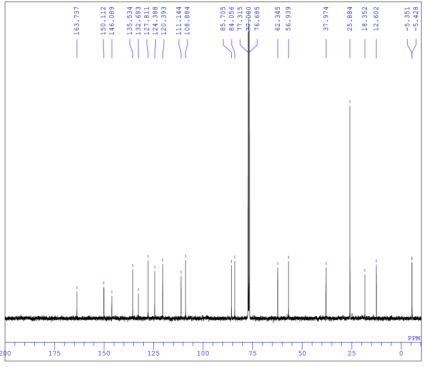




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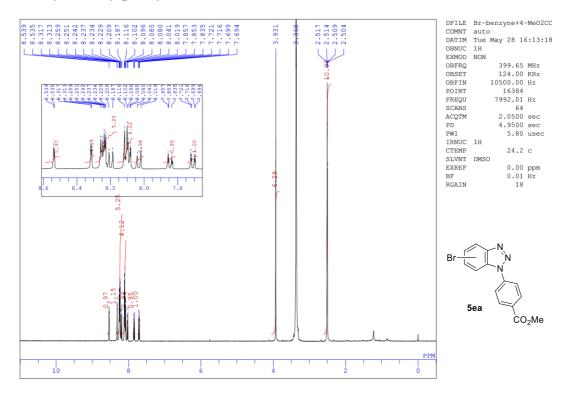
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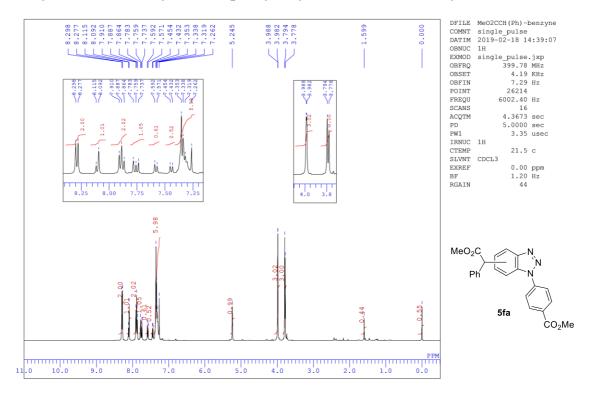


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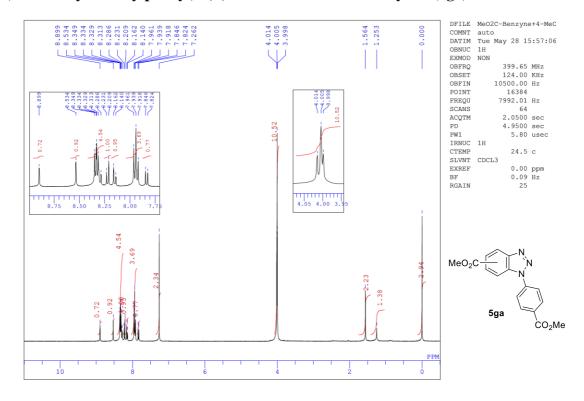
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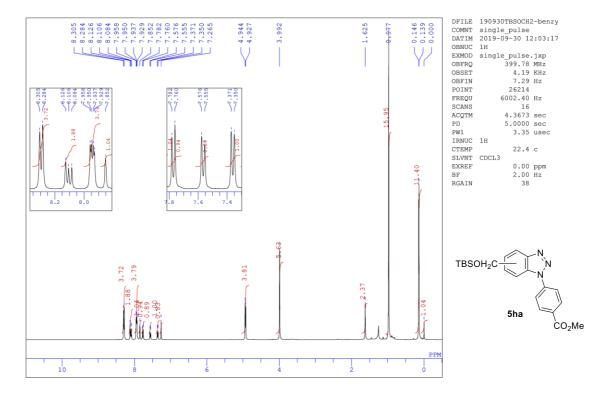
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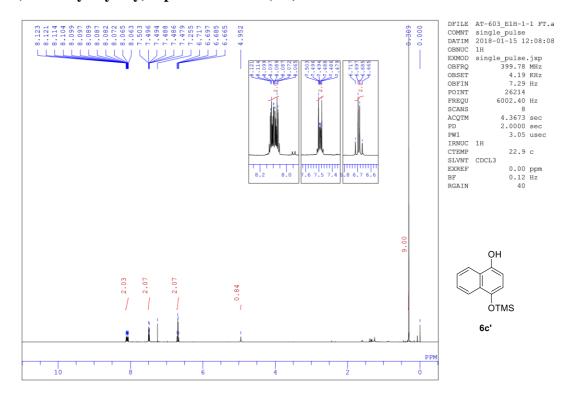
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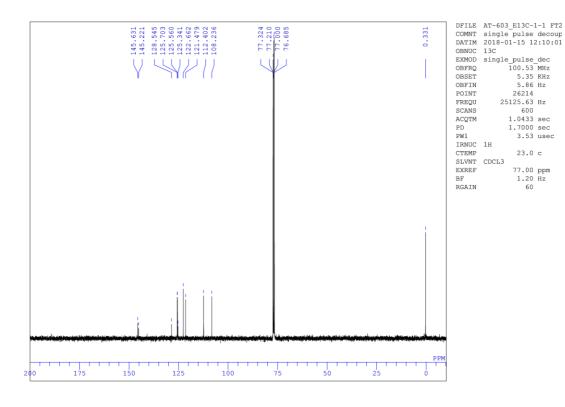


# $5-(tert\text{-Butyldimethylsilyloxymethyl})\text{-}1-(4-\text{methoxycarbonylphenyl})\text{-}1,2,3-\text{benzotriazol}\\ and \\ 6-(tert\text{-Butyldimethylsilyloxymethyl})\text{-}1-(4-\text{Methoxycarbonylphenyl})\text{-}1,2,3-\text{benzotriazol}\\ (5\text{ha})$

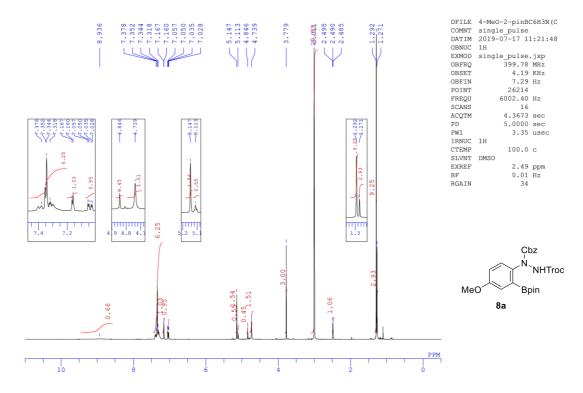


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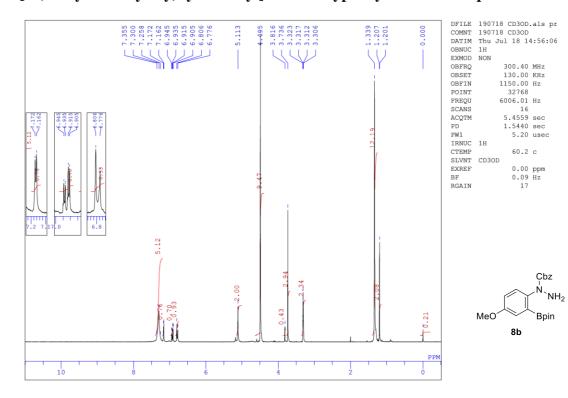


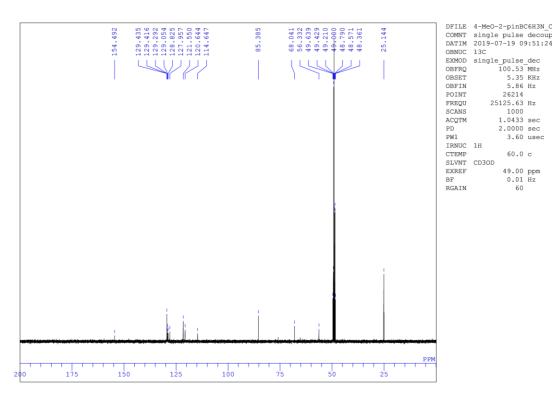


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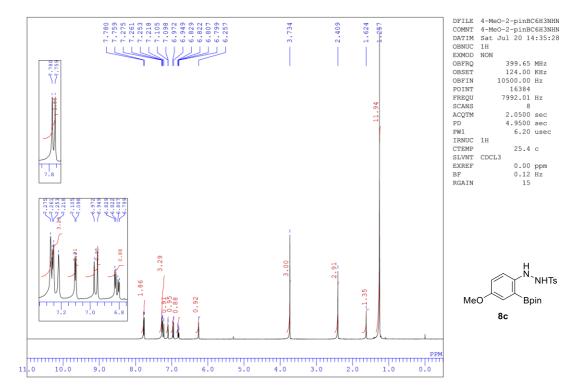


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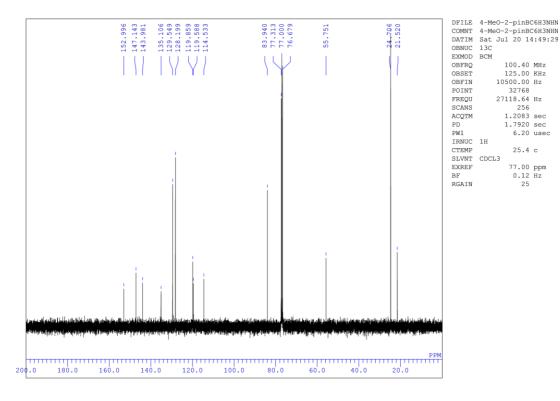
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