# **Supporting Information**

## PPh<sub>3</sub>-Catalyzed [2+2+2] and [4+2] Annulations: Synthesis of Highly Substituted 1,2-Dihydropyridines (DHPs)

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# I. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained commercially and used without further purification.

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 spectrometer, operating at 400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C, 161 MHz for <sup>31</sup>P. NMR were reported downfield from CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$ : 7.27 ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H NMR. For <sup>13</sup>C NMR, chemical shifts were reported in the scale relative to the solvent of CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$ : 77.0 ppm) used as an internal reference.

**Mass spectroscopy.** Mass spectra were in general recorded on an AMD 402/3 or a HP 5989A mass selective detector.

**Chromatography.** Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (200-300 mesh ASTM).

## **II.** Optimized Conditions for the [2+2+2] annulations

A number of different factors were considered in order to optimize the PPh<sub>3</sub>-catalyzed [2+2+2] annulations of aryl *N*-tosylimines **2a** with 1-arylpropynone **1b**. The results were presented in Table S1.

	O Ph NTs ∥ + ∥ Pr	20 mol% PPh <sub>3</sub>	Ph N Ts	Ph Ph
	1b 2a		4ba	
Entry	PPh <sub>3</sub> (%)	T (°C )	Solvent	4ba Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	20	r. t.	toluene	trace
2	20	r. t.	acetonitrile	20
3	20	80	p-xylene	NR
4	20	r. t. to 80	toluene	42
5	20	80	toluene	53
6	20	80 to reflux	toluene	56
7	20	reflux	toluene	75
8	10	reflux	toluene	$ND^{c}$
9	50	reflux	toluene	16

Table S1: Optimized Conditions for Reaction of 1b and 2a in the presence of PPh<sub>3</sub>.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction Conditions: the solution of **1b** (1.5 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was slowly added to a mixture of **2a** (0.5 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) under 120  $^{0}$ C within 1.5 hours. <sup>*b*</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>*c*</sup> ND = no detected product.

# III. General procedure for [2+2+2] annulations between 1b and 2



General Procedure A: The PPh<sub>3</sub>-Catalyzed Reactions of 1-Arylpropynone 1b and *N*-Tosylimine 2: N-tosylimine 2 (0.5 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 20 mmol%) were added to toluene (10 mL) in a there-neck bottle. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. To this reaction mixture the solution of arylpropynone 1b (1.5 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was slowly added within 1.5 hours. The reaction mixture was monitored by TLC. Once the reaction was finished, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature. The contents were transferred to a round-bottom flask, and volatiles were removed in vacuo. Then the mixture was directly subjected to silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : EtOAc 15:1 to 5:1 gradient) to give the product 4.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 5H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 106.8, 106.2, 95.0, 94.1, 92.3, 92.2, 92.0, 91.9, 91.8, 91.2, 91.0, 90.7, 90.4, 90.2, 90.1, 90.1, 90.0, 90.0, 89.7, 89.7, 89.5, 69.3, 63.2; MS (EI-m/z): 519 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S 519.6102, Found 519.6098.



OMe 4bb (247 mg, 90%)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.56-7.48 (m, 5H), 7.38-7.14 (m, 11H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 195.3, 192.6, 161.8, 148.1, 144.6, 137.4, 137.1, 136.4, 132.7, 132.6, 131.8, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.1, 126.5, 113.6, 55,2, 45.8, 21.6; MS (EI-m/z): 549 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S 549.6362, Found 549.6361.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.58-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.22 (m, 7H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  195.3, 192.7, 148.2, 144.6, 141.3, 137.3, 137.1, 136.3, 136.1, 132.7, 132.5, 131.9, 130.8, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.0, 126.7, 45.7, 21.6, 21.4; MS (EI-m/z): 533 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S 533.6368, Found 533.6365.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.57-7.48 (m, 5H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.17 (m, 6H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  194.9, 192.6, 146.3, 144.8, 137.1, 136.9, 136.9, 136.1, 135.5, 133.8, 133.2, 132.0, 131.8, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 127.0, 45.7, 21.6; MS (EI-m/z): 553 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>S 554.0553, Found 554.0556.



Br **4be** (255 mg, 85%)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.57-7.49 (m, 5H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.30-7.18 (m, 10H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.9, 192.6, 146.3, 144.9, 137.1, 136.8, 136.0, 135.5, 134.3, 133.2, 132.1, 132.0, 131.3, 129.9, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.4, 127.0, 125.4, 45.7, 21.6; MS (EI-m/z): 597 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>S 598,5063, Found 598,5061.

# IV. General Procedure for [4+2] Annulations between 1b-d and 3

1. Synthesis of 3



General Procedure B: *N*-tosylimine 2 (1.0 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (52.4 mg, 20 mmol%) were added to toluene (20 mL) in one-neck bottle. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. To this reaction mixture the solution of alkyl propiolate 1 (1.2 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) was slowly added within 3 hours. Once the addition was finished, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature. Then the mixture was directly subjected to silica gel column chromatography to give the product **3**.

Ph Ph

NTs

 $^{\dot{CO}_2Me}$  **3aa** Prepared according to General Procedure B (Note: the solvent toluene was 10ml + 10ml); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8. 4Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  173.6, 163.3, 144.0, 137.5, 137.0, 135.5, 134.0, 130.5, 129.7, 129.5, 128.7, 127.4, 52.4, 21.4; MS (EI-m/z): 343 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S 343.3969, Found 343.3971.

MeO  $CO_2Me$ **3ab** Prepared according to General Procedure B; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  172.8, 164.6, 163.7, 143.7, 137.9, 137.3, 132.3, 130.2, 129.5, 128.1, 127.4, 114.1, 55.6, 52.6, 21.6; MS (EI-m/z): 373 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S 373.4229, Found 373.4228.



Br **GO**<sub>2</sub>Me **3ae** Prepared according to General Procedure B; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.43(d, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  172.6, 163.3, 144.2, 143.7, 137.2, 136.7, 134.5, 132.0, 131.1, 129.6, 128.3, 127.6, 52.7, 21.6; MS (EI-m/z): 421 (M<sup>+</sup>, Br<sup>79</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub>S 420.9983, Found 420.9980.

MeO **3ed** Prepared according to General Procedure B; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3):  $\delta$  7.85-7.82 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 7H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3):  $\delta$  172.8, 164.6, 163.0, 143.7, 137.9, 137.5, 135.4, 132.2, 130.5, 129.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 114.1, 67.1, 55.6, 21.6; MS (EI-m/z): 449 (M+); HRMS Calcd for C25H23NO5S 449.1297, Found 449.1295.

#### 2. The [4+2] annulations between 1b-d and 3



General Procedure C: The PPh<sub>3</sub>-Catalyzed Reactions of 1-arylpropynones 1b-d and alkyl 2-[Aryl-(tosylimino)methyl] acrylate 3: 3 (0.3 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (15.7 mg, 20

mmol%) were added to toluene (6 mL) in there-neck bottle. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. To this reaction mixture the solution of 1-arylpropynones **1b-d** (0.6 mmol) in toluene (6 mL) was slowly added within one hour. The reaction mixture was monitored by TLC. Once the reaction was finished, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature. The contents were transferred to a round-bottom flask, and volatiles were removed in vacuo. Then the mixture was directly subjected to silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : EtOAc 15:1 to 5:1 gradient) to give the product **5**.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.53-7.38 (m, 10H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.5, 167.1, 150.7, 144.6, 137.3, 135.3, 135.2, 131.9, 130.7, 130.0, 129.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.0, 126.7, 120.3, 51.8, 45.6, 21.5; MS (EI-m/z): 473 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S 473.5402, Found 473.5404.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.4, 167.4, 161.9, 150.6, 144.5, 137.4, 137.3, 135.8, 131.9, 131.8, 129.7, 128.7, 128.2, 127.5, 126.9, 126.2, 119.0, 113.4, 55.3, 51.9, 45.5, 21.5; MS (EI-m/z): 503 (M<sup>+</sup>);

HRMS Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S 503.5662, Found 503.5666.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.56-7.49 (m, 5H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.4, 166.7, 149.4, 144.8, 137.2, 137.1, 134.9, 134.3, 132.0, 131.4, 131.2, 129.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.1, 126.9, 125.3, 120.5, 52.0, 45.5, 21.6; MS (EI-m/z): 551 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub>S 552.4363, Found 552.4361.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 191.1, 167.4, 162.8, 161.8, 150.1, 144.4, 137.4, 134.6, 131.9, 131.1, 129.9, 129.6, 127.5, 127.0, 126.6, 119.1, 113.5, 113.4, 55.4, 55.3, 51.8, 46.0, 21.5; MS (EI-m/z): 533 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>S 533.5922, Found 533.5925.



Br **5de** (102 mg, 60%)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.55 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7,50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 6H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.2, 166.7, 149.1, 144.2, 142.8, 137.1, 134.4, 134.4, 134.3, 131.4, 131.2, 129.8, 129.0, 128.9, 127.4, 126.9, 125.2, 120.6, 52.0, 45.6, 21.6; MS (EI-m/z): 565 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNO<sub>5</sub>S 566.4629, Found 566.4633.



#### Br **5cc** (87mg, 50%)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.53 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 191.0, 166.7, 163.0, 148.9, 144.7, 137.2, 134.3, 133.6, 131.5, 131.2, 131.2, 129.8, 129.6, 127.5, 126.9, 125.2, 120.6, 113.6, 55.5, 52.0, 45.9, 21.6; MS (EI-m/z): 581 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNO<sub>6</sub>S 582.4623, Found 582.4626.



`OMe **5bd** (109 mg, 63%)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  192.5, 166.9, 161.9, 150.8, 144.5, 137.4, 137.3, 135.9, 134.8, 131.9, 131.8, 129.7, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 127.5, 127.0, 126.2, 119.1, 113.5, 66.9, 55.3, 45.5, 21.5; MS (EI-m/z): 579 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS Calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S 579.6622, Found 579.6621.

# V. General Procedure for synthesis of 5ba and 5bd in one-pot way



*N*-tosylimine **2b** (1.0 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (52.5 mg, 20 mmol%) were added to toluene (20 mL) in there-neck bottle. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. To this reaction mixture the solution of alkyl propiolate **1a** (**1e**) (1.2 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) was slowly added within 3.0 hours. Once the addition was finished, additional PPh<sub>3</sub> (52.5 mg, 20 mmol%) in toluene (5 mL) was added to the mixture. And the reaction mixture was heated up to 120 °C. Then, the solution of 1-arylpropynones **1b** (2.0 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was slowly added within 1.5 hours. The reaction mixture was monitored by TLC. The contents were transferred to a round-bottom flask, and volatiles were removed in vacuum. Then the mixture was directly subjected to silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : EtOAc 15:1 to 5:1 gradient) to give the product **5bb (5bd)**.



LiAlD<sub>4</sub> (from Aldrich, >98% D) (1.51 g, 36 mmol) was added to 100 ml of dry THF in an ice bath. Ethyl 4-methoxybenzoate (7.90 g, 44.0 mmol) in 50 ml of THF was slowly added. The mixture was brought to room temperature and heated at refluxed for another 6 hrs. Then 10 ml of 10% aqueous NaOH and 5 ml water was cautiously added to the reaction mixture; the resulting salts were filtered, and filtrate was extracted with  $3 \times 50$  ml portions of ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate solutions were combined, dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was removed under vacuum to obtain a color-less liquid (5.55 g, about 39.6 mmol). The liquid was used without any further purification.

The liquid in 80 ml of  $CH_2Cl_2$  was added to PCC (12.8g, 59.4 mmol) in 120 ml of  $CH_2Cl_2$  in an ice bath. About an hour later, the mixture was brought to room temperature and stirred at room temperature until the starting material was disappeared. The mixture was directly subjected to FCG to offer a colorless liquid (3.79g, 63%).

4-methoxybenzaldehyde-d<sub>1</sub> (3.79g, 27.7 mmol) and TsNH<sub>2</sub> (4.74g, 27.7 mmol) were added to (EtO)<sub>4</sub>Si (11.1 ml, 29.4 mmol). The mixture was heating to 160 °C for 6 hrs under nitrogen atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature. The solvent was removed under vacuum to obtain a white solid. This solid was purified with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate to give compound **2b-D** (5.95 g, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.90 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

# VII. The data of eq 4 and eq 5



**4bb-D** was prepared according to General **Procedure A** (130mg, 47%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.56-7.48 (m, 5H), 7.38-7.16 (m, 11H), 6.86 (s, 0.2H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (s, 1.8H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H).





**3ab-D** was prepared according to General **Procedure B** (75%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.79(s, 0.5H), 5.86 (s, 0.5H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H); MS (m/z): 375 (M + H<sup>+</sup>).





**5bb-D** was prepared according to General **Procedure** C (118mg, 78%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (s, 0.3H), 4.89 (s, 1.7 H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H).



# VIII. NMR Spectra

1. The [2+2+2] annulations products 4













2. The NMR spectra of 3













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**3.** The [4+2] annulations products **5** 

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## IX. Crystal Structure of 4ba

![](_page_33_Figure_2.jpeg)

Chemical formula and formula weight (M)

#### C33H27Cl2NO4S, 604.52

Crystal system

## Triclinic

Unit-cell dimensions (or pm, degrees) and volume, with estimated standard deviations, temperature

a = 6.7166(13) A alpha = 70.430(3) deg.

b = 12.567(3) A beta = 84.280(4) deg.

c = 18.230(4) A gamma = 81.087(4) deg.

Space group symbol

## P-1

No. of formula units in unit cell (Z)

## Z = 2. Calculated density = 1.404 Mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Number of reflections measured and/or number of independent reflections,  $R_{int}$ Final *R* values (and whether quoted for all or observed data)

[I>2sigma(I)] R1 = 0.0855, wR2 = 0.2767

CCDC 739301 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\_request/cif.