

Supplementary Material (ESI)

**α -Functionalization of Non-activated Aliphatic Amines:
Ruthenium-catalyzed Alkynylations and Alkylations**
- Supplementary Information -

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Experimental Section

General Remarks: All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere. Chemicals were purchased from Aldrich, Fluka, Acros and Strem and unless otherwise noted were used without further purification. Amines were distilled under argon. All compounds were characterized by ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, MS, and HRMS. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV 300 and AV 400 spectrometer. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts are reported relative to the centre of a solvent resonance (CDCl_3 : 7.25 (^1H), 77.0 (^{13}C)). EI mass spectra were recorded on a Nicolet Magna 550. GC was performed on a Hewlett-Packard HP 6890 chromatograph with HP-5 column.

General procedure for the alkynylation reaction

In an ACE-pressure tube under an argon atmosphere the Shvo catalyst (0.01 mmol) and silylacetylene (1 mmol) were dissolved in the corresponding amine (1 mL). The pressure tube was fitted with a Teflon cap and heated at 150 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuum, and the product was isolated by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (20:1). The compounds **10**, **13** were isolated by fractional vacuum distillation. GC yields were determined after the calibration, decane was the internal standard.

***N,N*-Dibutyl-1-(trimethylsilyl)hex-1-yn-3-amine (1)**

Isolated yield: 65%; ^1H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 0.14 (s, 9 H; $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 0.89 (m, 9 H; 3x CH_3), 1.20-1.57 (m, 12 H; 6x CH_2), 2.25-2.50 (m, 4 H; $\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2$), 3.40 (t, $^3J(\text{H},\text{H})$ = 7.4

Hz, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = 0.3 (Si(CH₃)₃), 13.8 (CH₃), 14.1 (2xCH₃), 19.8 (CH₂CH₃), 20.7 (2xCH₂CH₃), 30.7 (2xCH₂), 36.2 (CH₂CH), 51.0 (N(CH₂)₂), 53.8 (CH), 88.0 (C≡), 106.0 (SiC≡) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), *m/z* (%): 281 (0.6) [M⁺], 280 (0.8) [M⁺ – H], 266 (11), 240 (24), 239 (90), 238 (100) [M⁺ – Pr], 182 (9), 109 (10), 97 (19), 86 (26), 73 (44) [Me₃Si⁺]; **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₁₇H₃₄NSi: 280.2455, found 280.2457 [M⁺ – H].

N,N-Diethyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-amine (2)

Isolated yield: 50%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.13 (s, 9 H; Si(CH₃)₃), 1.05 (t, ³J (H,H) = 7.0 Hz, 2xCH₃), 1.28 (d, ³J (H,H) = 7.2 Hz, CHCH₃), 2.33-2.69 (m, 4 H; N(CH₂)₂), 3.65 (q, ³J (H,H) = 7.2 Hz, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = 0.17 (Si(CH₃)₃), 13.6 (2xCH₃), 19.9 (CH₃), 44.5 (N(CH₂)₂), 48.4 (CH), 87.8 (C≡), 106.1 (SiC≡) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), *m/z* (%): 197 (2) [M⁺], 196 (1) [M⁺ – H], 183 (15), 182 (100) [M⁺ – Me], 97 (13), 83 (8), 73 (4), 72 (5); **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₁₁H₂₃NSi: 197.1594, found 197.1590 [M⁺].

N,N-Diethyl-4-(triethylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-amine (3)

Isolated yield: 50%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.53 (q, ³J (H,H) = 7.7 Hz, 6 H; Si(CH₂)₃), 0.92 (t, ³J (H,H) = 7.7 Hz, 9 H; Si(CH₂CH₃)₃), 1.28 (d, ³J (H,H) = 7.1 Hz, CHCH₃), 2.32-2.64 (m, 4 H; N(CH₂)₂), 3.63 (q, ³J (H,H) = 7.1 Hz, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = 4.6 (Si(CH₂)₃), 7.4 (Si(CH₂CH₃)₃), 13.6 (2xCH₃), 20.3 (CH₃), 44.6 (N(CH₂)₂), 48.5 (CH), 85.1 (C≡), 106.2 (SiC≡) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), *m/z* (%): 239 (3) [M⁺], 238 (1) [M⁺ – H], 225 (37), 224 (100) [M⁺ – Me], 111 (10), 100 (10), 83 (13), 72 (8); **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₁₄H₂₉NSi: 239.2064, found 239.2061 [M⁺].

N,N-Dibutyl-1-(triethylsilyl)hex-1-yn-3-amine (4)

Isolated yield: 31%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.49 (q, ³J (H,H) = 8.0 Hz, 6 H; Si(CH₂)₃), 0.85 (m, 9 H; 3xCH₃), 0.89 (t, ³J (H,H) = 8.0 Hz, 9 H; Si(CH₂CH₃)₃), 1.18-1.50 (m, 12 H; 6xCH₂), 2.25-2.45 (m, 4 H; N(CH₂)₂), 3.37 (t, ³J (H,H) = 7.4 Hz, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = 3.6 (Si(CH₂)₃), 6.5 (Si(CH₂CH₃)₃), 12.9 (CH₃), 13.1 (2xCH₃), 18.9 (CH₂CH₃), 19.7 (2xCH₂CH₃), 29.7 (2xCH₂), 35.4 (CH₂CH), 50.2 (N(CH₂)₂), 53.0 (CH), 84.0 (C≡), 106.0 (SiC≡) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), *m/z* (%): 323 (0.3) [M⁺], 280 (0.7) [M⁺ – H], 294 (8) [M⁺ – Et], 281 (100) [M⁺ – Pr + H], 280 (83) [M⁺ – Pr], 184

(12), 139 (22), 125 (12), 111 (28), 86 (26); **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₃₉H₄₀NSi: 322.2922, found 322.2924 [M⁺ – H].

N,N-Dibutyl-1-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)hex-1-yn-3-amine (5)

Isolated yield: 22%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.07 (s, 6 H; Si(CH₃)₂), 0.79-0.92 (m, 18 H; 6xCH₃), 1.16-1.48 (m, 12 H; 6xCH₂), 2.20-2.46 (m, 4 H; N(CH₂)₂), 3.41 (t, ³J (H,H) = 7.2 Hz, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = - 4.3 (Si(CH₃)₂), 13.9 (CH₃), 14.1 (2xCH₃), 16.5 (CMe₃), 19.9 (CH₂CH₃), 20.7 (2xCH₂CH₃), 26.13 (C(CH₃)), 30.7 (2xCH₂), 36.4 (CH₂CH), 51.3 (N(CH₂)₂), 53.9 (CH), 86.0 (C≡), 106.5 (SiC≡) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), m/z (%): 323 (0.6) [M⁺], 322 (1) [M⁺ – H], 282 (34), 281 (100) [M⁺ – Pr + H], 280 (78) [M⁺ – Pr], 184 (9), 139 (13), 128 (11), 109 (32), 97 (14), 86 (24), 83 (19), 73 (33); **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₂₀H₄₀NSi: 322.2924, found 322.2922 [M⁺ – H].

N,N-Dibutyl-1-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)hex-1-yn-3-amine (6)

Isolated yield: 24%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.31 (s, 6 H; Si(CH₃)₂), 0.81-0.87 (m, 9 H; 3xCH₃), 1.18-1.51 (m, 12 H; 6xCH₂), 2.28-2.42 (m, 4 H; N(CH₂)₂), 3.34 (t, ³J (H,H) = 7.2 Hz, 1 H; CH), 7.35-7.58 (m, 5H, Ph) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = - 0.4 (Si(CH₃)₂), 13.8 (CH₃), 14.1 (2xCH₃), 19.8 (CH₂CH₃), 20.7 (2xCH₂CH₃), 30.7 (2xCH₂), 36.2 (CH₂CH), 51.2 (N(CH₂)₂), 54.0 (CH), 85.9 (C≡), 108.1 (SiC≡), Arom.: 127.7 (2xCH), 129.2 (CH), 133.7 (2xCH), 137.7 (C) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), m/z (%): 343 (0.1) [M⁺], 342 (0.3) [M⁺ – H], 302 (29), 301 (100) [M⁺ – Pr + H], 300 (58) [M⁺ – Pr], 159 (60), 145 (28), 135 (22), 105 (12), 86 (25); **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₂₂H₃₆NSi: 342.2611, found 342.2613 [M⁺ – H].

N,N-Dihexyl-1-(trimethylsilyl)oct-1-yn-3-amine (7)

Isolated yield: 70%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.17 (s, 9 H; Si(CH₃)₃), 0.87 (m, 9 H; 3xCH₃), 1.25-1.57 (m, 24 H; 12xCH₂), 2.24-2.49 (m, 4 H; N(CH₂)₂), 3.38 (t, ³J (H,H) = 7.3 Hz, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = 0.3 (Si(CH₃)₃), 14.0 (CH₃), 14.1 (2xCH₃), 22.6 (CH₂CH₃), 22.7 (2xCH₂CH₃), 26.3 (CH₂), 27.2 (2xCH₂), 28.4 (2xCH₂), 31.5 (CH₂), 31.9 (2xCH₂), 33.9 (CH₂CH), 51.3 (N(CH₂)₂), 54.1 (CH), 88.0 (C≡), 106.1 (SiC≡) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), m/z (%): 365 (0.5) [M⁺], 364 (1) [M⁺ – H], 350 (7) [M⁺ – Me], 296 (23), 295 (88), 294 (100) [M⁺ – PentyI], 224 (7), 114 (9), 73 (28) [Me₃Si⁺]; **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₂₃H₄₆NSi: 364.3394, found 364.3390 [M⁺ – H].

N,N-Dioctyl-1-(trimethylsilyl)dec-1-yn-3-amine (8)

Isolated yield: 62%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.14 (s, 9 H; Si(CH₃)₃), 0.73 (m, 9 H; 3xCH₃), 1.12-1.41 (m, 36 H; 18xCH₂), 2.14-2.28 (m, 4 H; N(CH₂)₂), 3.38 (t, ³J (H,H) = 7.4 Hz, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = 0.3 (Si(CH₃)₃), 13.8 (3xCH₃), 22.4 (3xCH₂CH₃), 26.3 (CH₂), 27.2 (2xCH₂), 29.0 (2xCH₂), 29.1 (2xCH₂), 29.3 (2xCH₂), 31.5 (CH₂), 31.6 (2xCH₂), 33.6 (CH₂CH), 51.0 (N(CH₂)₂), 53.8 (CH), 87.7 (C≡), 105.8 (SiC≡) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), *m/z* (%): 449 (0.8) [M⁺], 448 (1.4) [M⁺ – H], 434 (5), 352 (28), 351 (100), 350 (95) [M⁺ – Heptyl], 73 (27) [Me₃Si⁺]; **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₂₉H₅₈NSi: 448.4333, found 448.4332 [M⁺ – H].

1-Methyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)pyrrolidine (9)

Isolated yield: 30%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.14 (s, 9 H; Si(CH₃)₃), 1.71 (m, 2 H; 4-CH₂), 1.87 (m, 2 H; 3-CH₂), 2.30 (m, 2 H; 5-CH₂), 2.38 (s, 3 H; NCH₃), 3.04 (t, ³J (H,H) = 7.3 Hz, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = 0.4 (Si(CH₃)₃), 22.3 (4-CH₂), 32.2 (3-CH₂), 39.7 (NCH₃), 54.8 (5-CH₂), 57.1 (CH), 88.1 (C≡), 105.6 (SiC≡) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), *m/z* (%): 181 (45) [M⁺], 180 (98) [M⁺ – H], 166 (56) [M⁺ – Me], 153 (31), 152 (14), 138 (74), 108 (100) [M⁺ – SiMe₃], 97 (12), 94 (30), 84 (26), 73 (24) [Me₃Si⁺]; **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₁₀H₁₈NSi: 180.1203, found 180.1204 [M⁺ – H].

1-Methyl-2-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl)pyrrolidine (10)

Isolated yield: 25%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.02 (s, 9 H; Si(CH₃)₃), 0.23-0.32 (m, 2H; SiCH₂), 1.28 (m, 2 H; CH₂), 1.42-1.70 (m, 4 H; 3,4-CH₂), 2.28-2.37 (m, 2 H; 5-CH₂), 2.38 (s, 3 H; NCH₃), 2.53 (m, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = 0.2 (Si(CH₃)₃), 21.6 (SiCH₂), 24.1 (4-CH₂), 25.4 (CH₂), 30.2 (3-CH₂), 40.5 (NCH₃), 57.2 (5-CH₂), 70.2 (CH) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), *m/z* (%): 185 (1) [M⁺], 184 (1) [M⁺ – H], 170 (15) [M⁺ – Me], 85 (16), 84 (100) [Het], 73 (12) [Me₃Si⁺]; **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₁₀H₂₂NSi: 184.1516, found 184.1514 [M⁺ – H].

1-Ethyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)piperidine (11)

Isolated yield: 30%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.15 (s, 9 H; Si(CH₃)₃), 1.05 (t, ³J (H,H) = 7.2 Hz, 3 H; CH₃), 1.29-1.62 (m, 6 H; 3xCH₂), 2.24-2.43 (m, 4 H; N(CH₂)₂), 3.60 (t, ³J (H,H) = 5.2 Hz, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = 0.22 (Si(CH₃)₃), 11.8 (CH₃), 20.4 (4-CH₂), 25.4 (5-CH₂), 31.0 (3-CH₂), 48.4 (CH₂CH₃), 49.5 (6-CH₂), 51.5 (CH), 90.2 (C≡), 103.3 (SiC≡) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), *m/z* (%): 209 (17) [M⁺], 208 (17) [M⁺ –

H], 195 (18), 194 (100) [M⁺ – Me], 180 (45), 151 (12), 136 (26), 112 (10), 108 (13), 83 (13), 73 (28) [Me₃Si⁺]; **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₁₂H₂₂NSi: 208.1516, found 208.1511 [M⁺ – H].

1-Methyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)piperidine (12)

Isolated yield: 57%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.14 (s, 9 H; Si(CH₃)₃), 1.46-1.77 (m, 6 H; 3xCH₂), 2.28 (s, 3 H; NCH₃), 2.28-2.90 (m, 2 H; NCH₂), 3.27 (t, ³J (H,H) = 5.2 Hz, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = 2.0 (Si(CH₃)₃), 20.7 (4-CH₂), 25.6 (5-CH₂), 31.6 (3-CH₂), 44.2 (NCH₃), 54.7 (6-CH₂), 65.6 (CH), 83.2 (C≡), 97.5 (SiC≡) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), m/z (%): 195 (44) [M⁺], 194 (66) [M⁺ – H], 181 (17), 180 (100) [M⁺ – Me], 167 (22), 166 (88), 153 (23), 152 (29), 138 (53), 124 (28), 122 (90), 109 (22), 108 (18), 98 (21), 97 (20), 94 (30), 83 (24), 73 (30) [Me₃Si⁺]; **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₁₁H₂₀NSi: 194.1359, found 194.1355 [M⁺ – H].

1-Methyl-2-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl)piperidine (13)

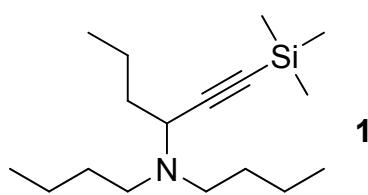
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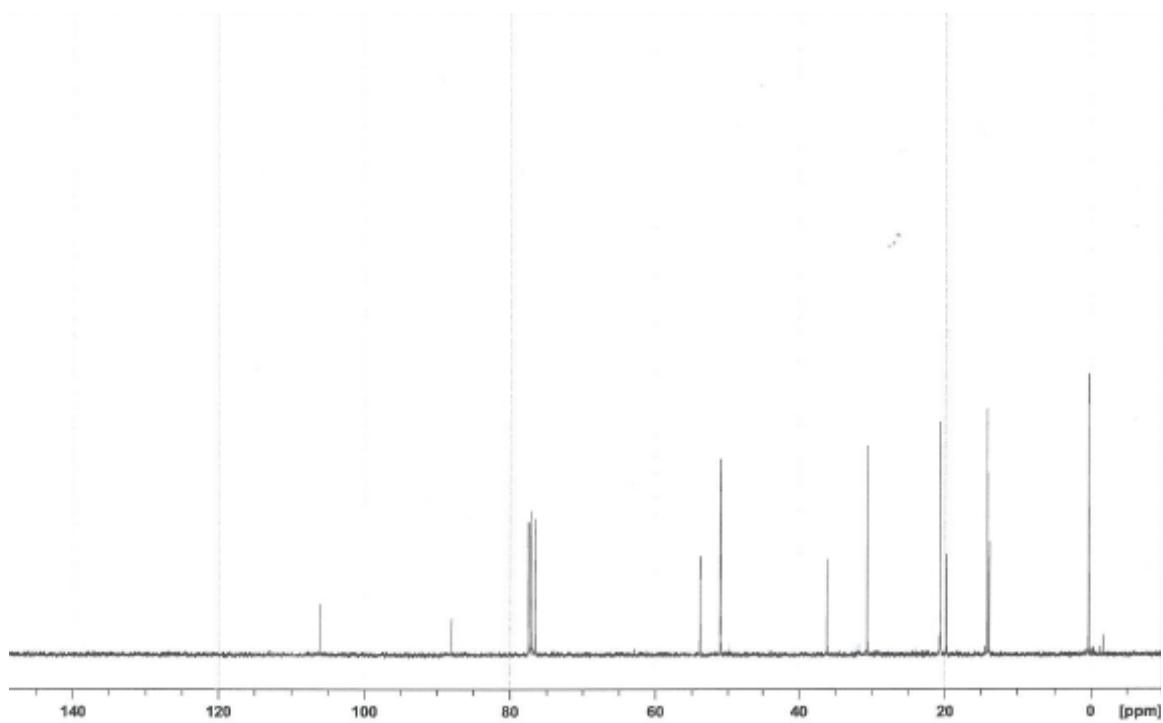
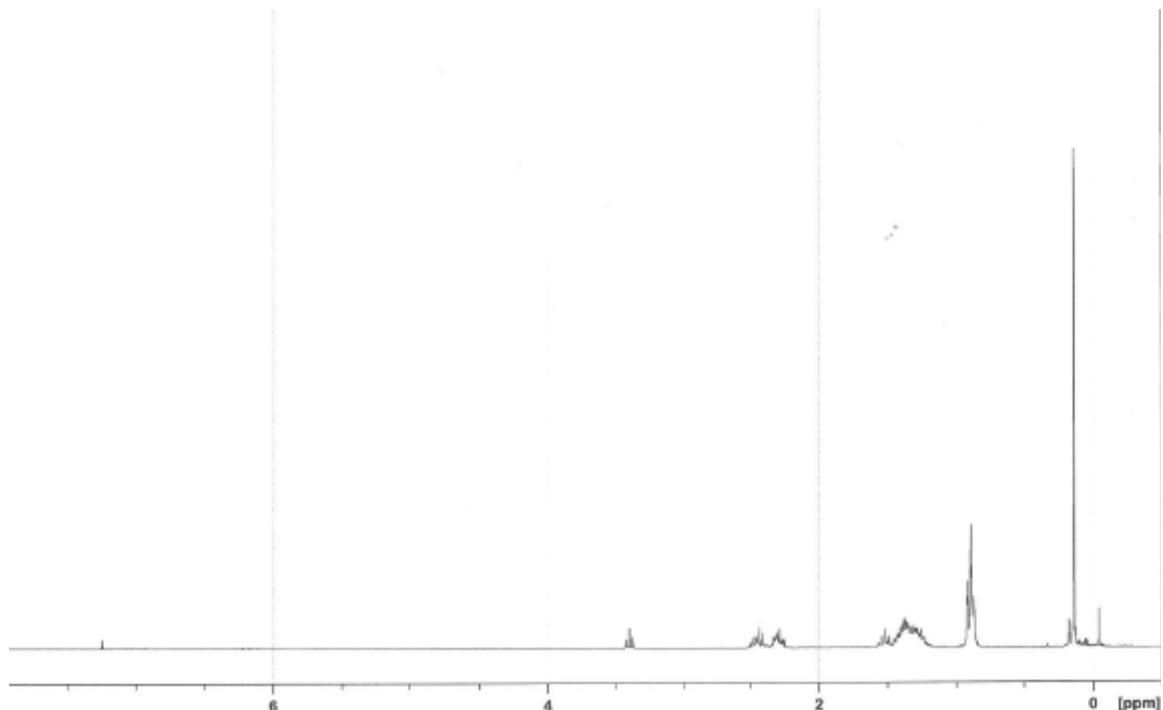
Isolated yield: 20%; **¹H NMR** (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.11 (s, 9 H; Si(CH₃)₃), 2.23 (s, 3H; NCH₃), 2.37 (s, 3H; NCH₃), 2.49-2.83 (m, 6 H; 3xCH₂), 3.34 (m, 1 H; CH) ppm; **¹³C NMR** (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ = 2.1 (Si(CH₃)₃), 43.5 (1-NCH₃), 45.7 (4-NCH₃), 54.8 (6-CH₂), 55.0 (5-CH₂), 59.5 (3-CH₂), 64.1 (CH), 89.2 (C≡), 103.7 (SiC≡) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), m/z (%): 210 (100) [M⁺], 195 (38) [M⁺ – Me], 166 (11), 152 (13), 138 (17), 137 (29), 124 (13), 109 (19), 108 (12), 97 (11), 94 (10), 83 (12), 73 (13), [Me₃Si⁺]; **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for C₁₁H₂₂N₂Si: 210.1547, found 210.1540 [M⁺].

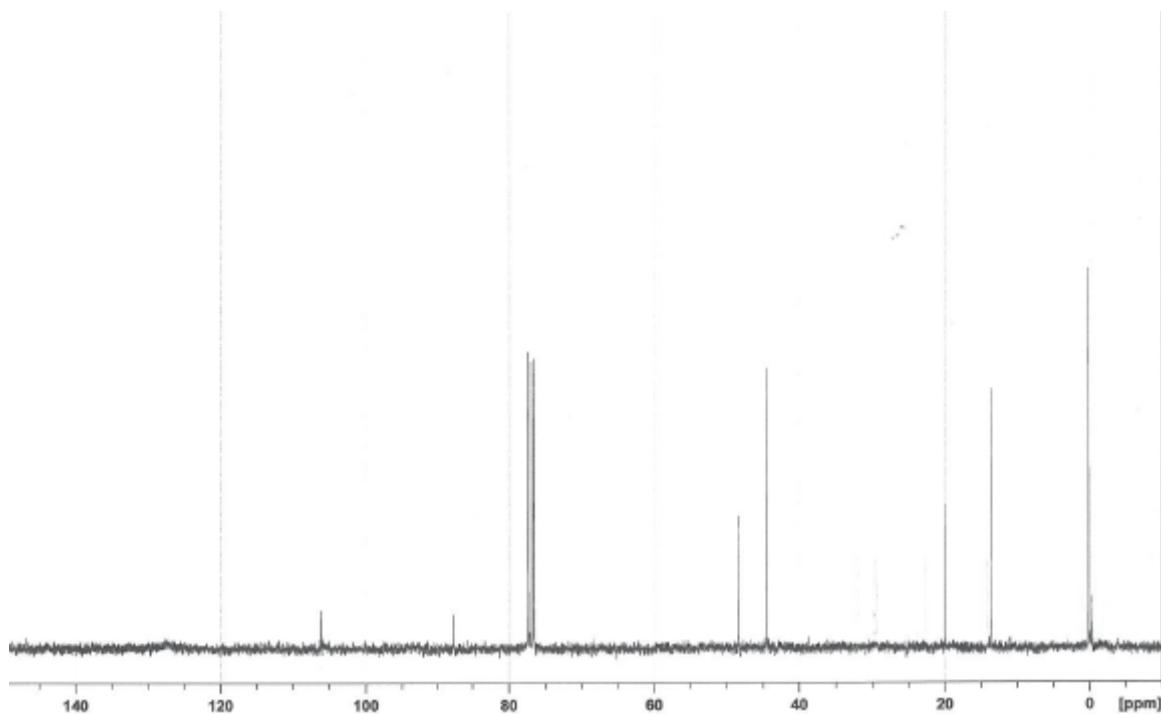
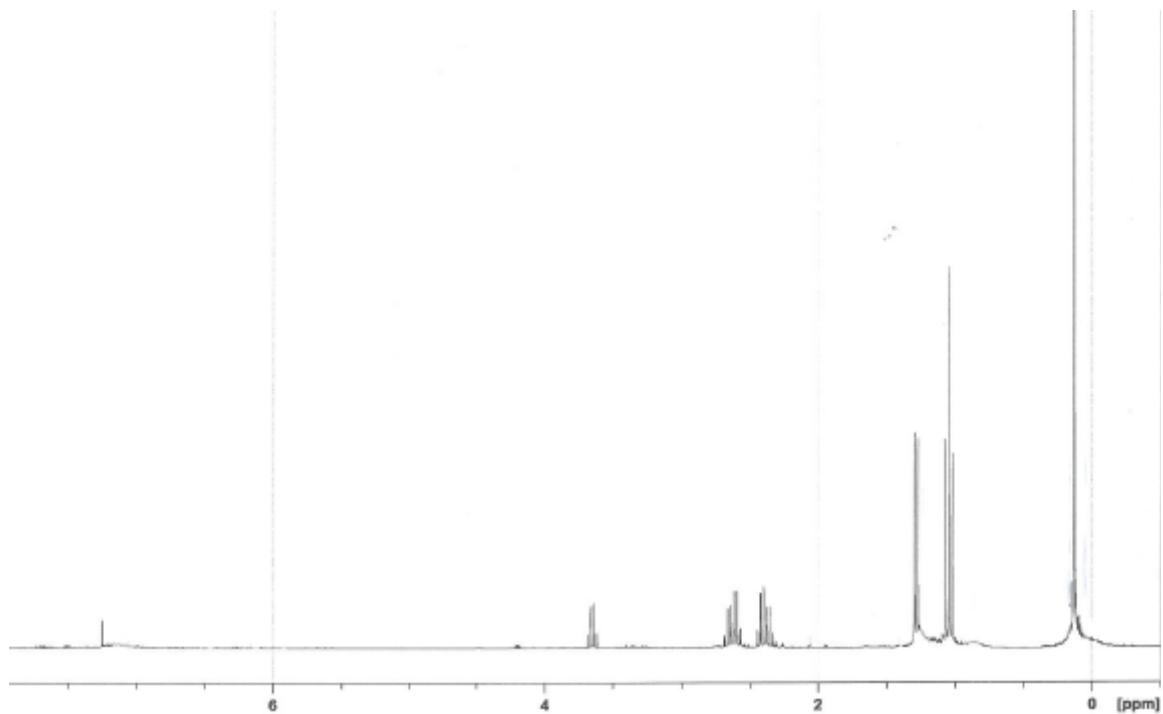
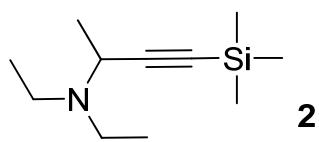
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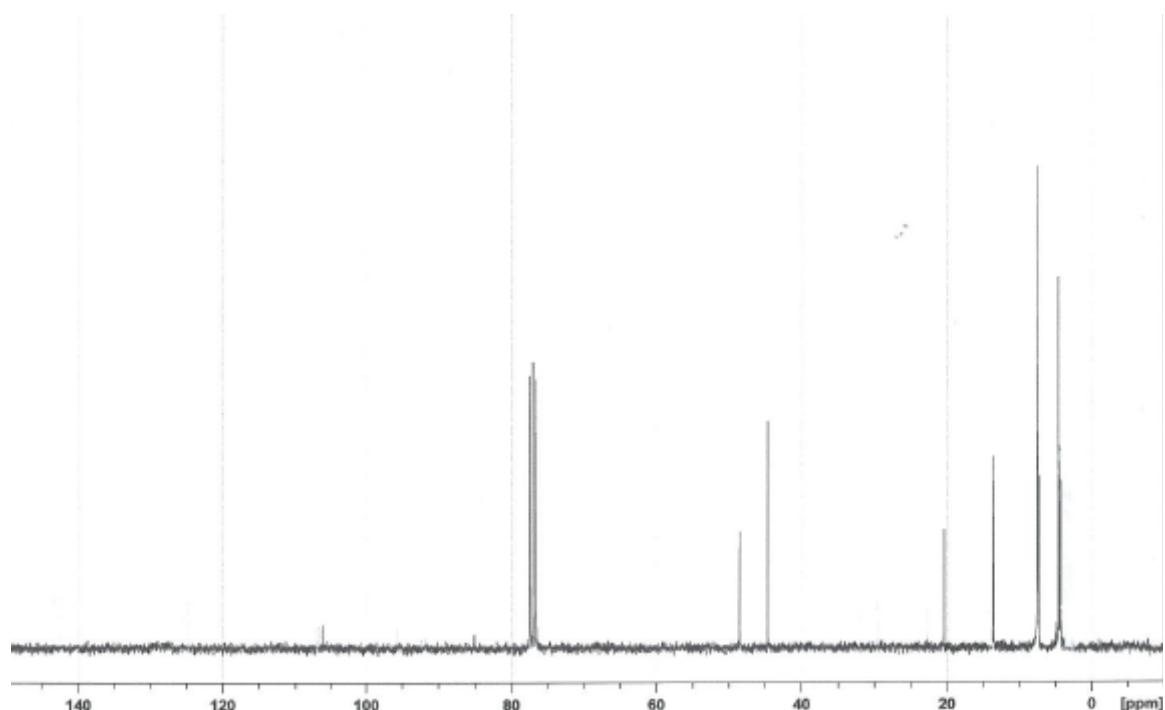
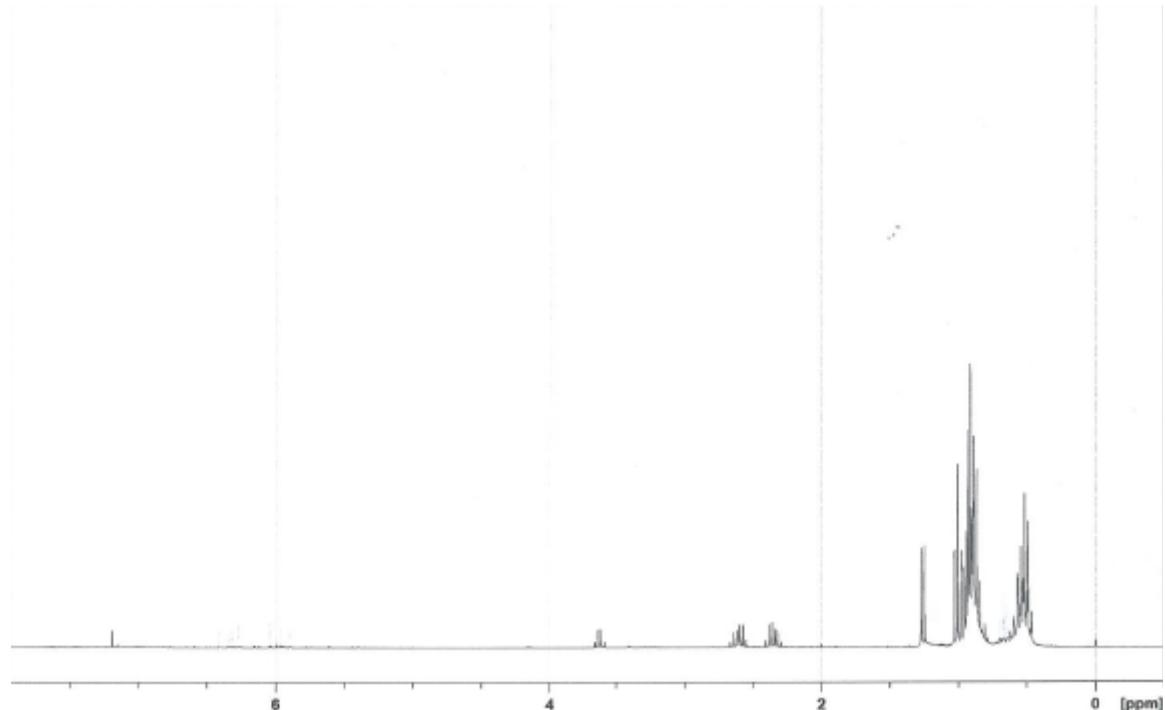
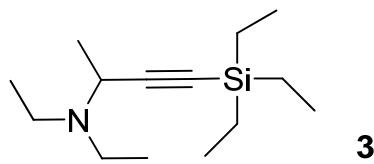
Isolated yield: 32%; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (300.1 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 0.02 (s, 9 H; $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 0.36-0.61 (m, 2H; SiCH_2), 1.31-1.64 (m, 2 H; CH_2), 2.00-2.21 (m, 2 H; 3- CH_2), 2.28 (s, 6H; 2x CH_3), 2.31-2.53 (m, 4 H; 5- CH_2 , 6- CH_2), 2.72 (m, 1 H; CH) ppm; **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ = 1.3 ($\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 13.3 (SiCH_2), 26.8 (CH_2), 44.2 (1-N CH_3), 48.1 (4-N CH_3), 57.1 (6- CH_2), 57.9 (5- CH_2), 61.5 (3- CH_2), 66.1 (CH) ppm; **MS** (EI, 70 eV), m/z (%): 214 (3) [M^+], 199 (12) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{Me}$], 156 (12), 113 (100) [Het], 98 (10), 73 (13) [Me_3Si^+]; **HRMS** (EI, 70 eV): calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{Si}$: 213.1781, found 213.1779 [$\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$].

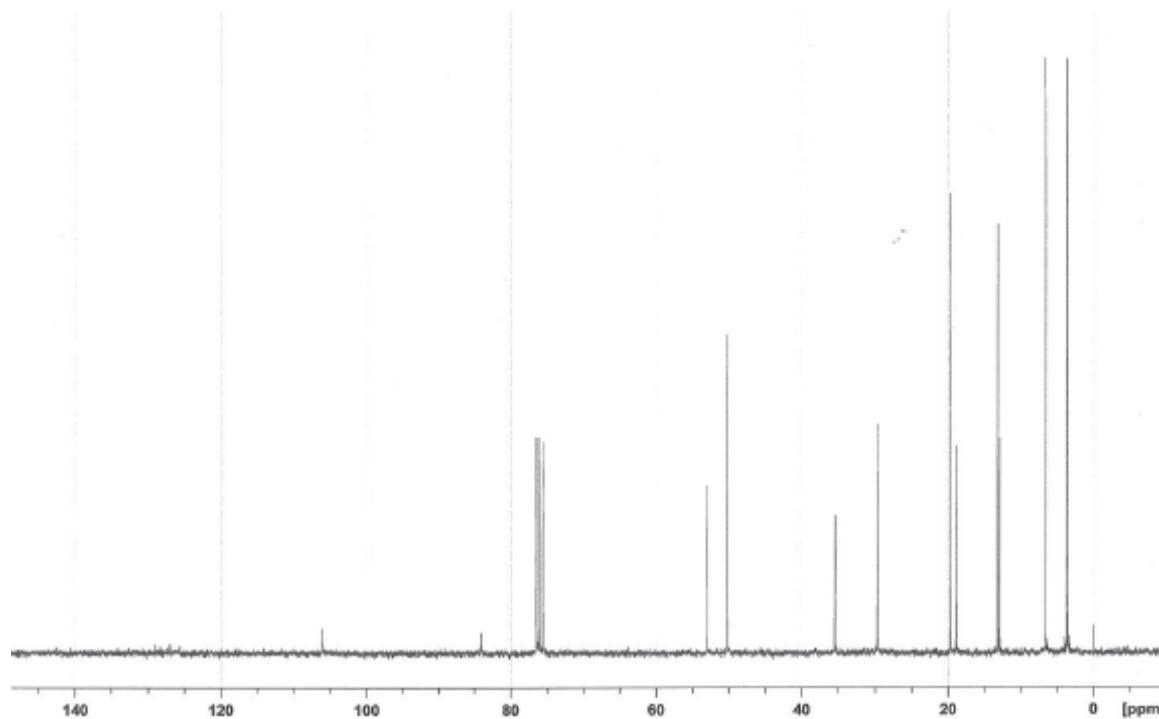
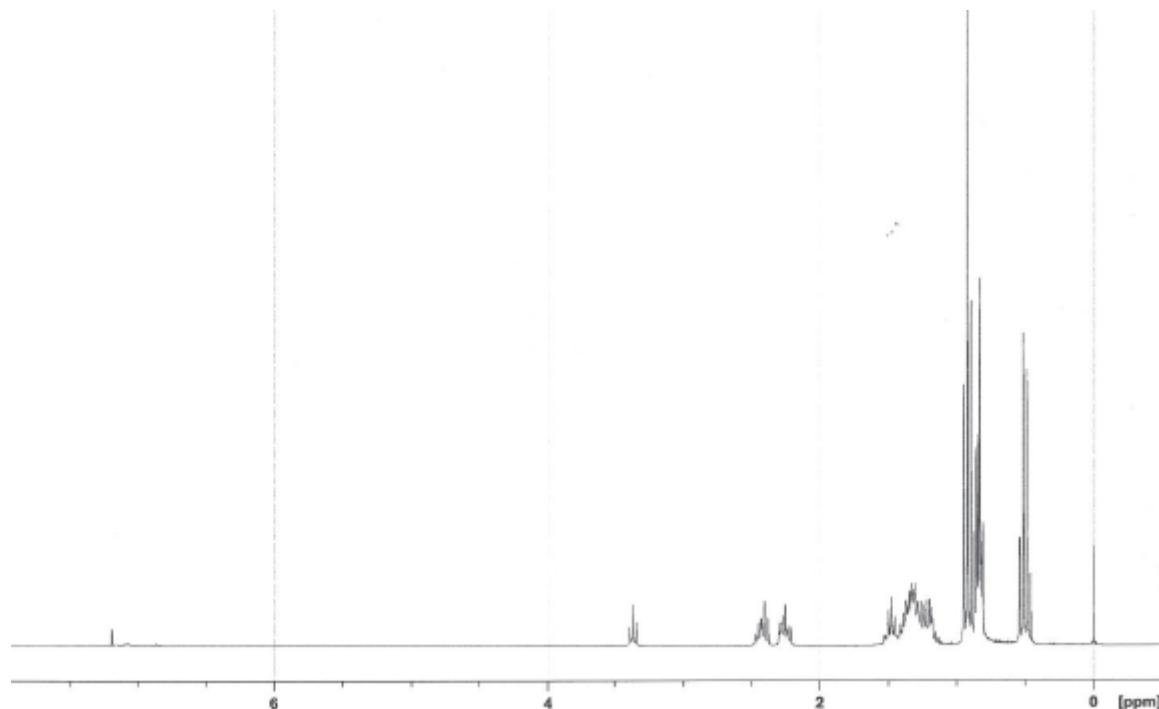
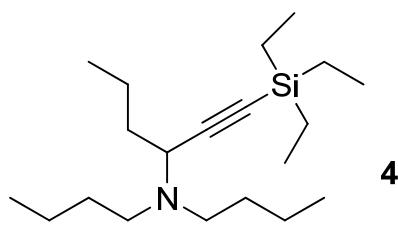


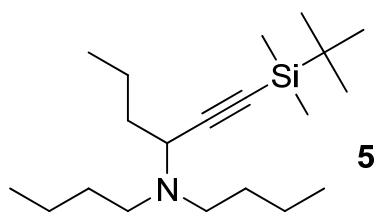
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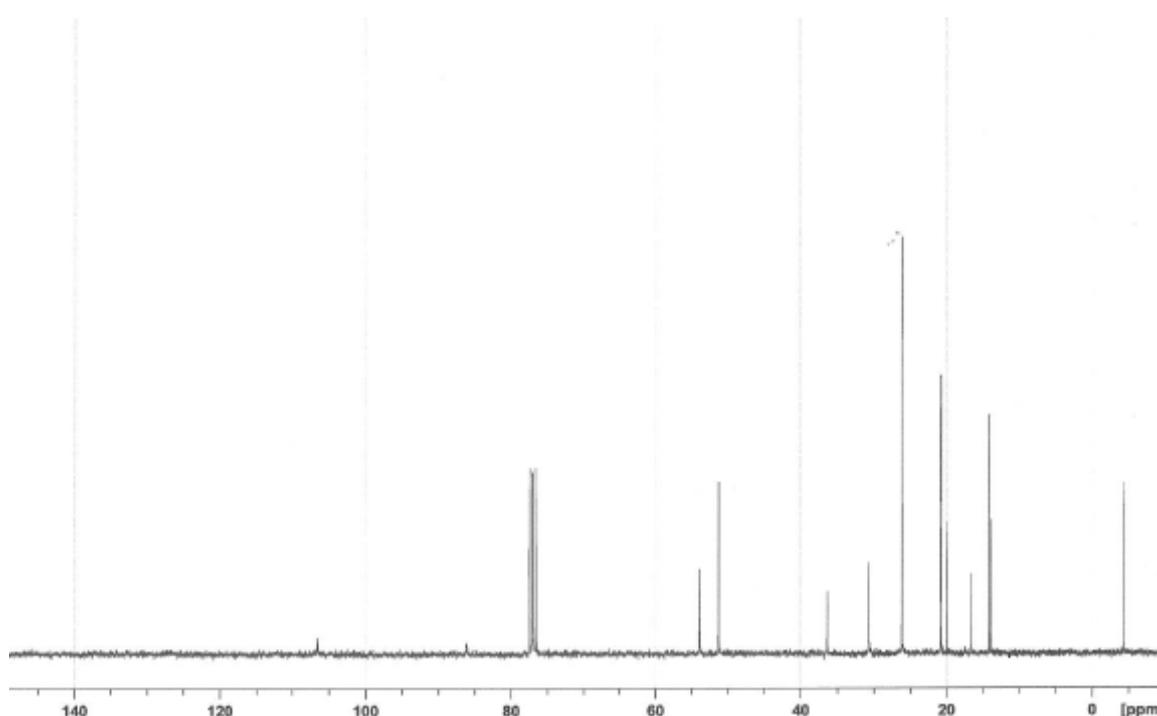
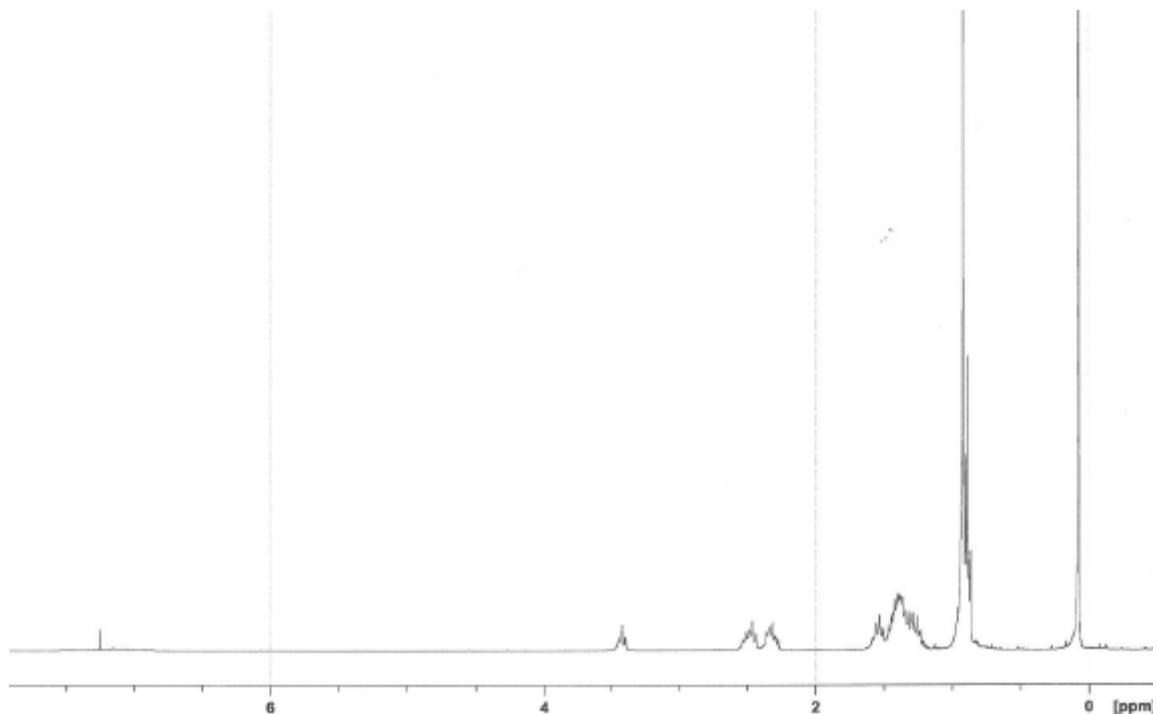


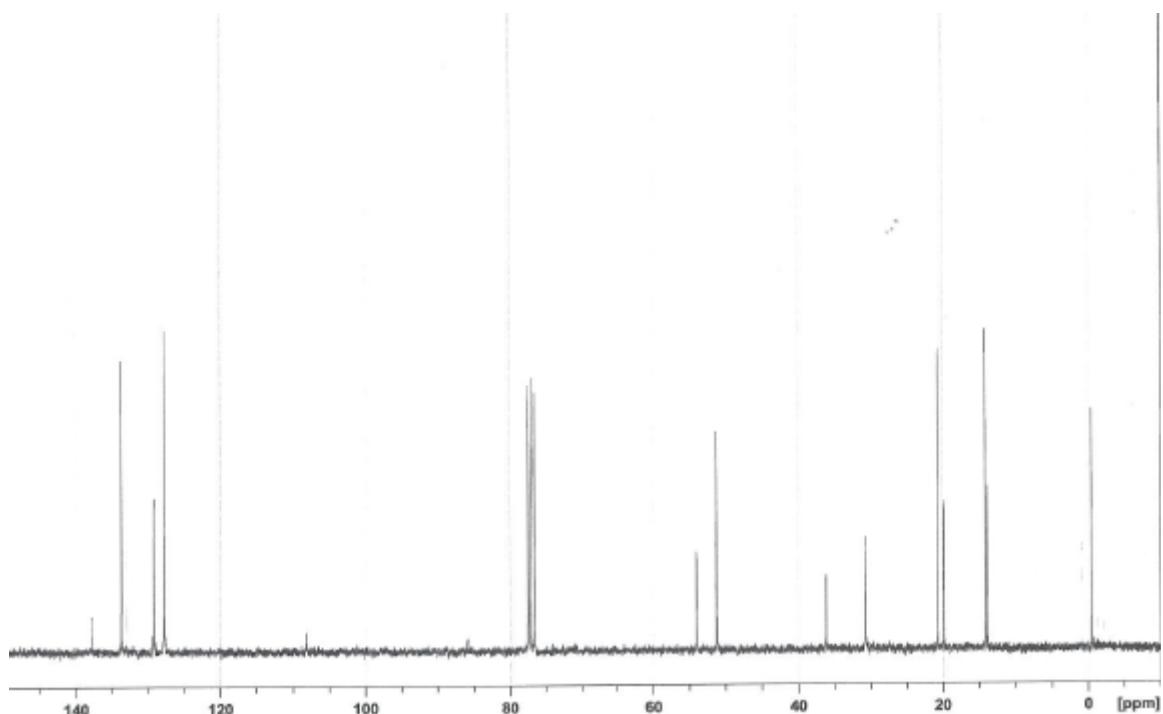
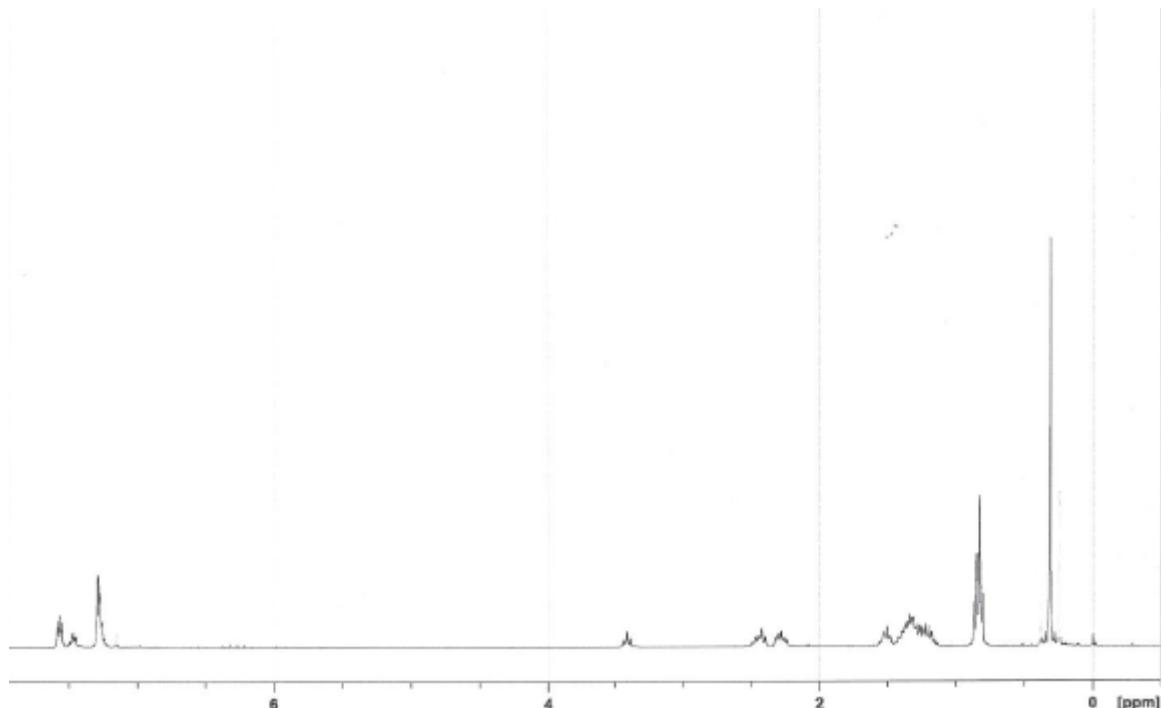
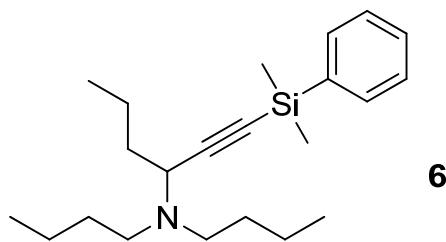


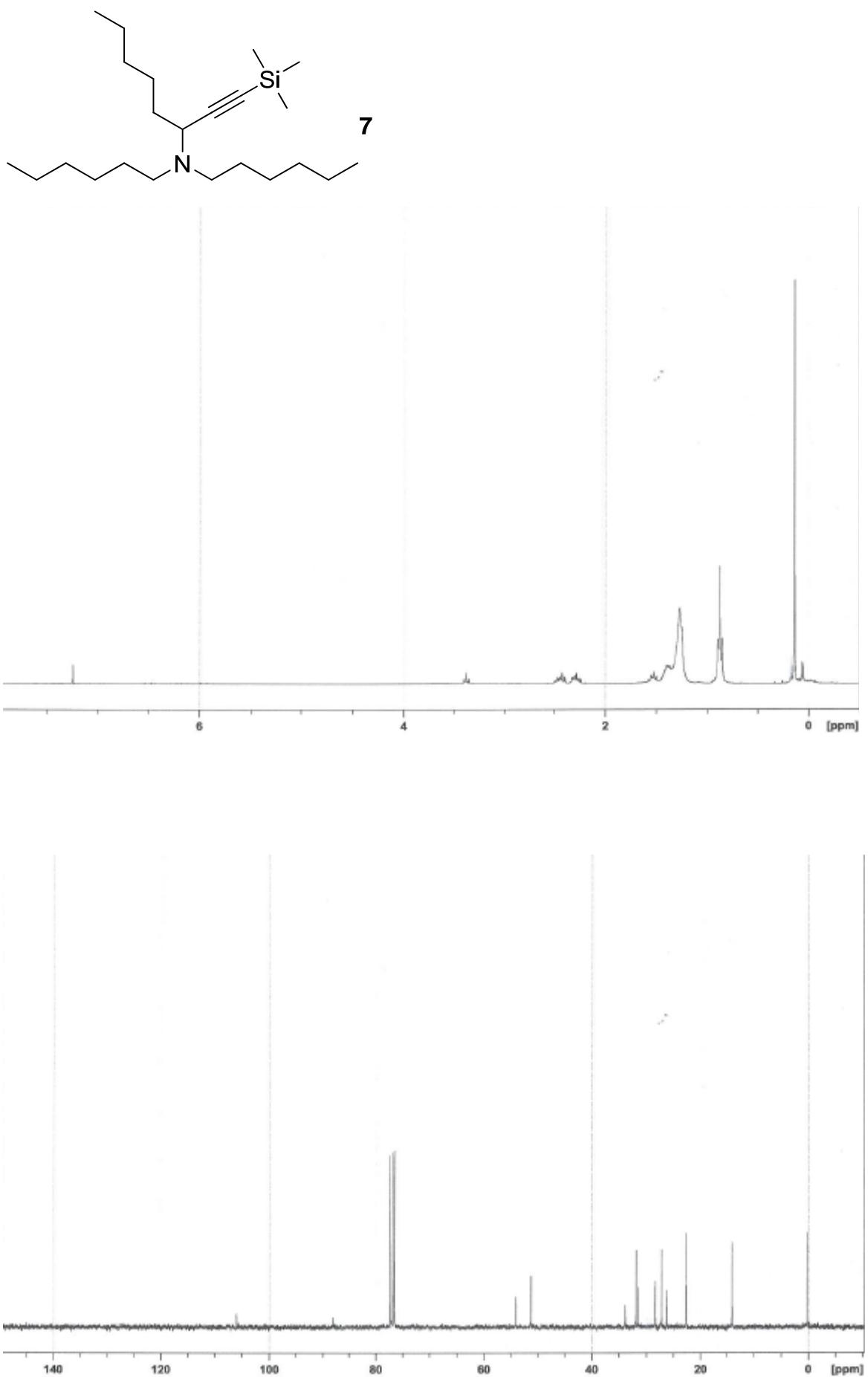


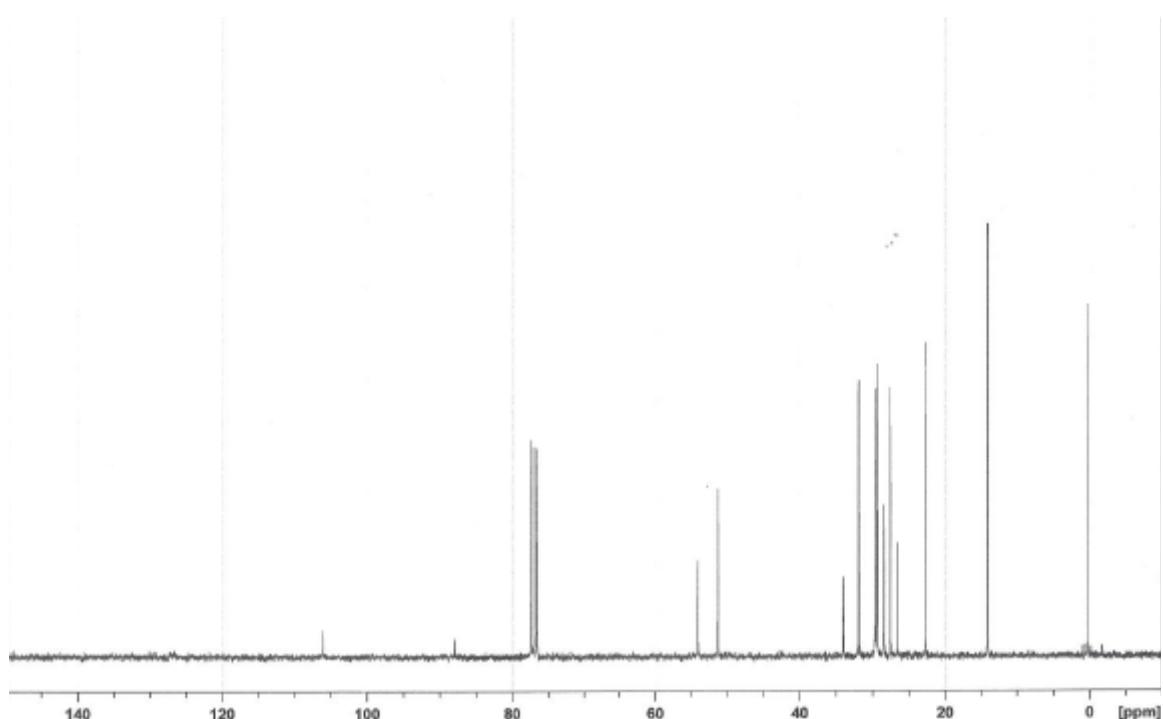
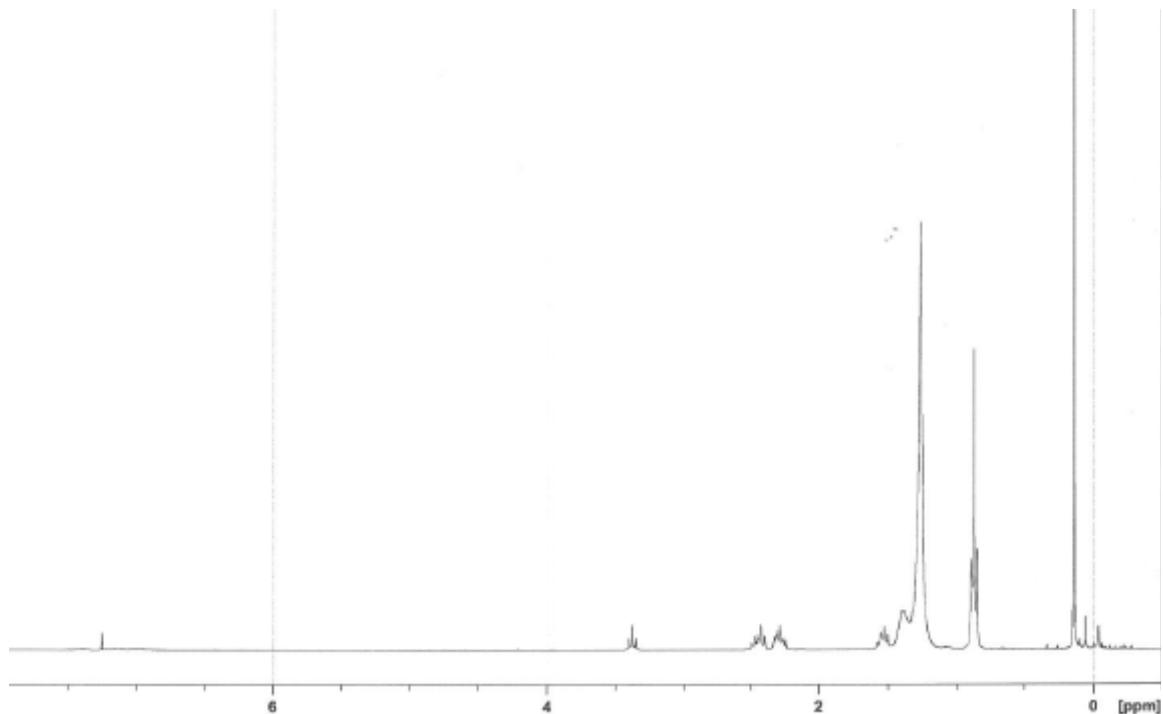
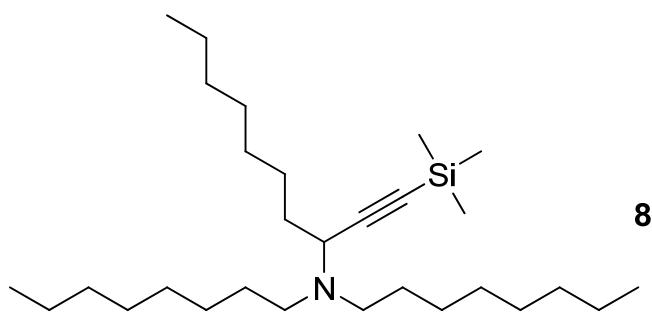


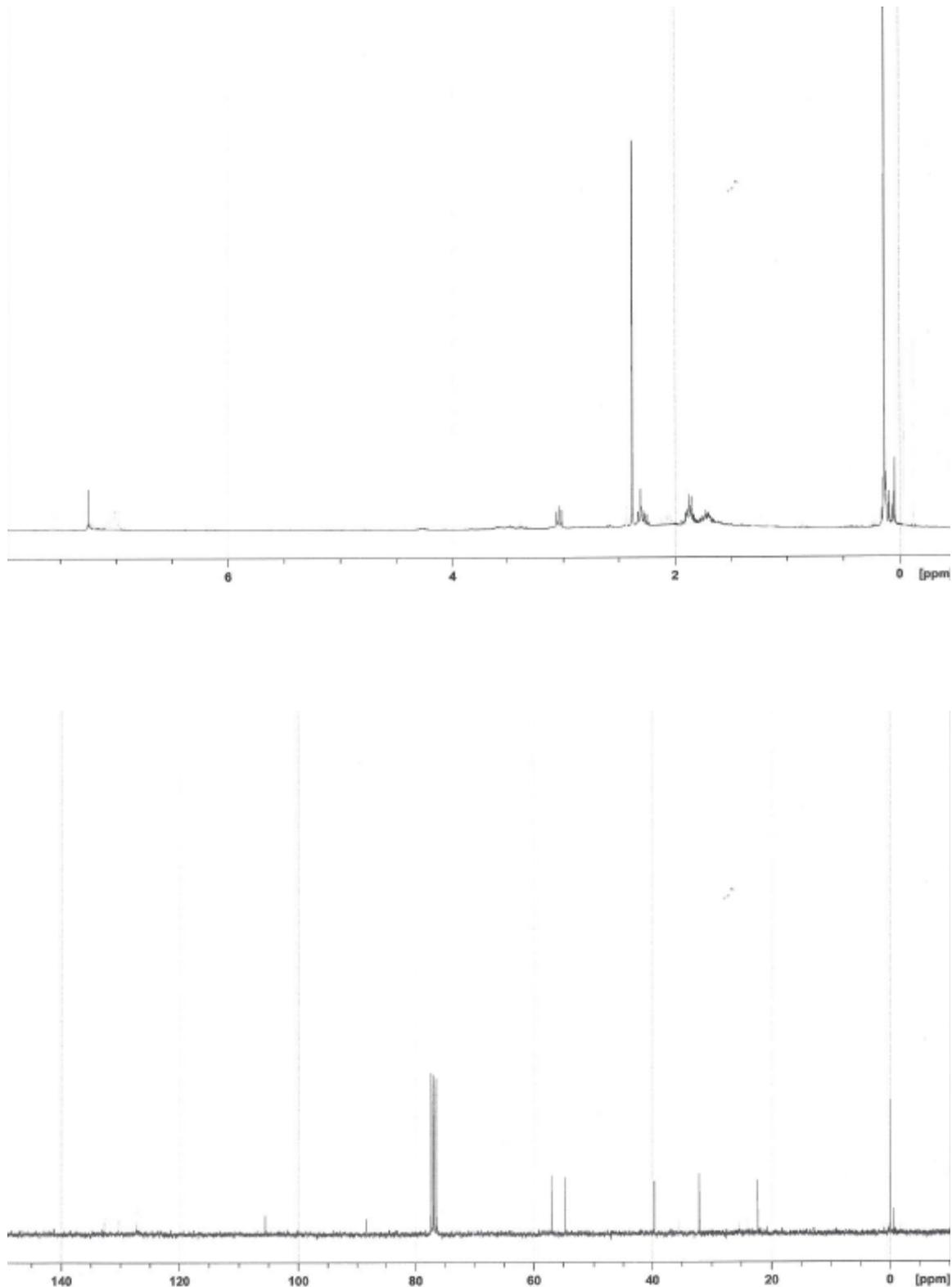
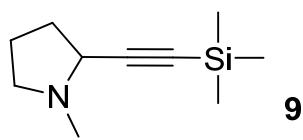
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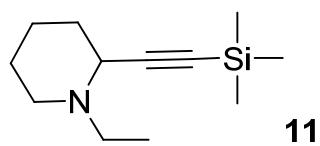












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