Palladium Catalyzed Bicyclization of 1,8-Diiodonaphthalene and Tertiary

Propargylic Alcohols to Phenalenones and Their Applications as

Fluorescent Chemosensor for Fluoride Anion

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#### General:

Melting points were recorded on a BÜCHI 535. NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AVANCE DMX500 spectrometer operating at 500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and 125 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C-NMR in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. All electron impact mass spectra were recorded on Agilent 5973N MSD instrument and all high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Waters Micromass GCT instrument. UV-vis absorption spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-2450 spectrophotometer. Fluorescence spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu RF-5301PC spectrofluorophotometer. Flash column chromatography was performed employing 300-400 mesh silica gel. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel HSGF254.

Triethylamine, diisopropylamine, N,N-diisopropylethylamine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane, ethyl acetate, hexane, 1,8-dibromonaphthalene, tetrabutylammonium fluoride(1M in THF, contain 5%H<sub>2</sub>O) (acros), tetrabutylammonium chloride (acros), tetrabutylammonium bromide (acros), tetrabutylammonium hydroxide(1M in H<sub>2</sub>O) 2-methylbut-3-yn-2-ol (2a) (acros), 3-methylpent-1-yn-3-ol (acros), (**2b**) (acros), 1-ethynylcyclohexanol (2f) (acros), prop-2-yn-1-ol (2k), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (acros), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (acros) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (acros) were used as received. 1,8-Diiodonaphthalene (1), 3-methylhex-1-yn-3-ol (2c), 3-ethylpent-1-yn-3-ol (2d), 1-ethynylcyclopentanol (2e), 3,5-dimethylhex-1-yn-3-ol (2g), hex-1-yn-3-ol (2h), non-1-yn-3-ol (2i), 1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (2j) were synthesized employing published procedures.<sup>1,2</sup>

1. 1-hydroxy-8,8-dimethyl-7H-phenaleno[1,2-c]furan-7,10(8H)-dione (3a):



(a) General Procedure for Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CuI-catalyzed bicyclization of 1,8-diiodonaphthalene (1) and 2-methylbut-3-yn-2-ol (2a): To a solution of 1 (380 mg, 1 mmol) and 2a (336 mg, 4 mmol) in Et<sub>3</sub>N (40 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) were added at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture is purged with nitrogen for 10 min. Then water (10  $\mu$ L) and air (5 mL) was mixed in by syringe and the sealed flask was heated at 80 °C for about 10 h. After complete consumption of starting material as tracked by TLC, Et<sub>3</sub>N was removed under redeuced pressure and the residue was dissolved with ether, washed with water, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the filtrate was distilled under reduced pressure and the residue was purified via flash chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/hexane = 1:2). **3a** (179 mg, 64%) was obtained.

(b) Under the reaction conditions claimed above, **5a** (336 mg, 1 mmol) and **2a** (168 mg, 2 mmol) in 20 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N also afforded **3a** (190 mg) in yield of 68%.

#### 3a:

orange solid, m.p. 232.8-234.4 °C. Crystal structure of **3a**:



<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S1):  $\delta$  13.28 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d, J = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 9.10 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd,  $J_1 = J_2 = 7.60$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 9.10 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S2):  $\delta$  25.2, 91.2, 104.5, 122.5, 125.4, 128.7, 130.2, 130.6, 131.9, 132.5, 137.1, 137.6, 152.7, 163.2, 175.5, 178.9;

EIMS: *m/z* 280 (M<sup>+</sup>, 41.24), 237 (100);

HRMS: cacld. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 280.0685; found, 280.0695.

#### 2. 8-ethyl-1-hydroxy-8-methyl-7H-phenaleno[1,2-c]furan-7,10(8H)-dione (3b):



(a) The reaction of **1** (380 mg, 1 mmol), **2b** (392 mg, 4 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 40 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N afforded **3b** (182 mg) in yield of 62%.

(**b**) The reaction of **5a** (336 mg, 1 mmol), **2b** (196 mg, 2 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 20 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N also afforded **3b** (191 mg) in yield of 65%.

# 3b:

orange solid, m.p. 165.8-167.2 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S3):  $\delta$  13.33 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, *J* = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (q, *J* = 7.40 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.40 Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S4): δ 8.2, 24.0, 30.5, 94.0, 104.5, 122.6, 125.4, 128.8, 130.3, 130.5, 132.1, 133.4, 137.1, 137.6, 151.6, 163.2, 175.8, 178.9;

EIMS: *m*/*z* 294 (M<sup>+</sup>, 47.36), 266 (100);

HRMS: cacld. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 294.0892; found, 294.0887.

# 3. 1-hydroxy-8-methyl-8-propyl-7H-phenaleno[1,2-c]furan-7,10(8H)-dione (3c):



(a) The reaction of **1** (380 mg, 1 mmol), **2c** (448 mg, 4 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 40 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N afforded **3c** (179 mg) in yield of 58%.

(b) The reaction of **5a** (336 mg, 1 mmol), **2c** (224 mg, 2 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 20 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N also afforded **3c** (191 mg) in yield of 62%.

3c:

orange solid, m.p. 109.5-110.8 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S5):  $\delta$  13.32 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d, *J* = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 2.27-2.20 (m, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.36-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.14-1.08 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.50 Hz, 1H);

1.85 (S, 3H), 1.30-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.14-1.08 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.30 HZ, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S6): δ 14.1, 17.3, 24.2, 39.4, 93.7, 104.5, 122.5, 125.4, 128.7, 130.2, 130.3, 132.0, 133.1, 137.1, 137.6, 151.8, 163.2, 175.7, 178.9;

EIMS: *m/z* 308 (M<sup>+</sup>, 12.94), 266 (100);

HRMS: cacld. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 308.1049; found, 308.1053.

4. 8,8-diethyl-1-hydroxy-7H-phenaleno[1,2-c]furan-7,10(8H)-dione (3d):



(a) The reaction of **1** (380 mg, 1 mmol), **2d** (448 mg, 4 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 40 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N afforded **3d** (138 mg) in yield of 45%.

(b) The reaction of **5a** (336 mg, 1 mmol), **2d** (224 mg, 2 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 20 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N also afforded **3d** (132 mg) in yield of 43%.

# 3d:

orange solid, m.p. 105.8-107.3 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S7):  $\delta$  13.36 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 8.00 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.00 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 9.50 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd,  $J_1 = J_2 = 8.00$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 9.50 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.27(m, 2H), 0.78 (t, J = 8.50 Hz, 6H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S8): δ 8.0, 29.6, 97.1, 104.6, 122.6, 125.4, 128.8, 130.2, 130.3, 132.1, 133.6, 137.1, 137.6, 150.0, 163.1, 176.0, 178.8;

EIMS: *m/z* 308 (M<sup>+</sup>, 46.29), 280 (100);

HRMS: cacld. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 308.1049; found, 308.1046.

5. 8,8-cyclopentyl-1-hydroxy-7H-phenaleno[1,2-c]furan-7,10(8H)-dione (3e):



(a) The reaction of **1** (380 mg, 1 mmol), **2e** (440 mg, 4 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 40 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N afforded **3e** (180 mg) in yield of 59%.

(b) The reaction of **5a** (336 mg, 1 mmol), **2e** (220 mg, 2 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 20 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N also afforded **3e** (187 mg) in yield of 61%.

# 3e:

yellow solid, m.p. 166.0-167.1 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S9):  $\delta$  13.34 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, *J* = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 2.72-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.10 (m, 4H), 2.00-1.95 (m, 2H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S10): δ 25.4, 39.9, 101.2, 104.6, 122.5, 125.4, 128.7, 130.2, 130.4, 131.9, 133.1, 137.1, 137.5, 149.9, 163.1, 175.6, 179.1;

EIMS: *m/z* 306 (M<sup>+</sup>, 43.06), 265 (100);

HRMS: cacld. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 306.0892; found, 306.0898.

# 6. 8,8-cyclohexyl-1-hydroxy-7H-phenaleno[1,2-c]furan-7,10(8H)-dione (3f):



(a) The reaction of 1 (380 mg, 1 mmol), 2f (496 mg, 4 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in

40 ml of  $Et_3N$  afforded **3f** (192 mg) in yield of 60%.

(b) The reaction of **5a** (336 mg, 1 mmol), **2f** (248 mg, 2 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 20 ml of Et<sub>3</sub>N also afforded **3f** (192 mg) in yield of 60%.

# **3f** :

orange solid, m.p. 242.5-243.8 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S11):  $\delta$  13.40 (s, 1H), 8.73 (d, *J* = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 2.61-2.54 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.72 (m, 5H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.46 (m, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S12): δ 22.3, 24.5, 33.6, 93.1, 104.6, 122.6, 125.3, 128.7, 130.1, 130.7, 132.0, 132.6, 137.0, 137.5, 152.8, 163.2, 175.8, 179.0;

EIMS: *m/z* 320 (M<sup>+</sup>,56.32), 265 (100);

HRMS: cacld. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 320.1049; found, 320.1049.

#### 7. 1-hydroxy-8-isobutyl-8-methyl-7H-phenaleno[1,2-c]furan-7,10(8H)-dione (3g):



(a) The reaction of **1** (380 mg, 1 mmol), **2g** (504 mg, 4 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 40 ml of Et<sub>3</sub>N afforded **3g** (174 mg) in yield of 54%.

(b) The reaction of **5a** (336 mg, 1 mmol), **2g** (252 mg, 2 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air(5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 20 ml of Et<sub>3</sub>N also afforded **3g** (182 mg) in yield of 55%.

#### 3g:

orange solid, m.p. 274.5-275.8 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S13):  $\delta$  13.36 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 7.60 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd,  $J_1 = J_2 = 7.60$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 9.00 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd,  $J_1 = J_2 = 5.75$  Hz, 2H), 2.16 (dd,  $J_1 = J_2 = 6.60$  Hz, 2H), 1.84(s, 3H), 1.60 (m, 1H), 0.93 (d, J = 7.15 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, J = 7.15 Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S14): δ 24.0, 23.4, 24., 24.8, 45.6, 93.8, 104.5, 122.5, 125.3, 128.7, 130.2, 130.4, 132.1, 133.0, 137.1, 137.6, 152.2, 163.2, 175.8, 179.0;

EIMS: *m*/*z* 322 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2.06), 266 (100);

HRMS: cacld. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 322.1205; found, 322.1206.

#### 8. 1-(8-iodonaphthalen-1-yl)hex-1-yn-3-ol (5h):



The reaction of **1** (380 mg, 1 mmol), **2h** (392 mg, 4 mmol), water (10 $\mu$ L), air (5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 40 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N afforded **5h** (262 mg) in yield of 75%.

**5h:** colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S15):  $\delta$  8.27 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.32$  Hz and  $J_2 = 1.20$  Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.40 (dd,  $J_1 = J_2 = 7.67$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd,  $J_1 = J_2 = 7.72$  Hz, 1H), 4.72 (t, J = 6.58, 1H), 1.99 (br, 1H), 1.91-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.45 Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S16): δ 14.1, 18.8, 39.4, 63.8, 84.6, 93.1, 101.8, 122.3, 125.6, 127.3, 130.4, 130.7, 132.1, 135.0, 136.4, 142.9;

EIMS: *m/z* 350 (M<sup>+</sup>, 11.82), 152 (100);

HRMS: cacld. for  $C_{16}H_{15}OI [M^+]$ , 350.0168; found, 350.0166.

#### 9. 1-(8-iodonaphthalen-1-yl)non-1-yn-3-ol (5i):



The reaction of **1** (380 mg, 1 mmol), **2i** (560 mg, 4 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air (5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 40 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N afforded **5i** (290 mg) in yield of 74%.

5i: colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S17):  $\delta$  8.25 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.32$  Hz and  $J_2 = 1.00$  Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.74 (m, 3H), 7.37 (dd,  $J_1 = J_2 = 7.67$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd,  $J_1 = J_2 = 7.70$  Hz, 1H), 4.70 (t, J = 6.60 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (br, 1H), 1.92-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.29 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.90, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S18): δ 14.3, 22.8, 25.5, 29.3, 32.0, 37.3, 64.0, 84.6, 93.1, 101.9, 122.4, 125.6, 127.3, 130.4, 130.7, 132.1, 135.0, 136.4, 142.9;

EIMS: *m/z* 392 (M<sup>+</sup>, 12.29), 152 (100);

HRMS: cacld. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>OI [M<sup>+</sup>], 392.0637; found, 392.0638.

# 10. 3-(8-iodonaphthalen-1-yl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (5j):



The reaction of **1** (380 mg, 1 mmol), **2j** (528 mg, 4 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air (5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol),CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 40 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N afforded **5j** (274 mg) in yield of 72%.

5j: colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S19):  $\delta$  8.25 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.32 Hz and  $J_2$  = 0.86 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.22 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd,  $J_1 = J_2 = 7.05$  Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.46 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 4H), 5.80 (d, J = 4.80 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d, J = 5.30, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S20): δ 66.2, 86.4, 93.0, 100.1, 122.1, 125.6, 127.2, 127.4, 128.6, 128.9, 130.4, 131.0, 132.2, 135.1, 136.6, 140.3, 142.9;

EIMS: *m/z* 384 (M<sup>+</sup>, 50.18), 257 (100);

HRMS: cacld. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>OI [M<sup>+</sup>], 380.0011; found, 380.0012.

# **11.** acenaphthylen-1-ylmethanol<sup>3</sup> (6):



The reaction of **1** (380 mg, 1 mmol), **2k** (224 mg, 4 mmol), water (10  $\mu$ L), air (5 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol),CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 40 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N afforded **6** (138 mg) in yield of 76%.

**6**: yellow solid, m.p. 52.6-55.5 °C (Lit.<sup>3</sup>, 49-50 °C) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S21):  $\delta$  7.77 (d, J = 8.15 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 9.20 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 6.75 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 6.75 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 1.94 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S22):  $\delta$  60.1, 123.1, 124.1, 125.9, 127.2, 127.7, 128.0, 128.3, 129.3, 138.6, 139.0, 143.4; EIMS: m/z 181 (M<sup>+</sup>, 85.93), 153 (100); HRMS: cacld. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O [M<sup>+</sup>], 182.0732; found, 182.0732.

# **12. 4,4'-(naphthalene-1,8-diyl)bis(2-methylbut-3-yn-2-ol)<sup>4</sup> (4a):**



General Procedure for Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CuI-catalyzed Sonogashira coupling reaction of

1,8-diiodonaphthalene (1) and 2-methylbut-3-yn-2-ol (2a): To a solution of 1 (380 mg, 1 mmol) and 2a (336 mg, 4 mmol) in 40 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (19.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (26.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) were added at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture is purged with nitrogen for 10 min. Then the sealed flask was heated at 80 °C for about 20 h. After complete consumption of starting material as determined by TLC, Et<sub>3</sub>N was removed and the residue was dissolved with ether, washed with water, and dried by Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the filtrate was distilled under reduced pressure and the residue was purified via flash chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/ hexane = 1:4). 4a (276 mg, 94%) was obtained.

**4**a:

white solid, m.p. 119.4-120.6 °C (Lit<sup>4</sup> 120-121 °C) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S23):  $\delta$  7.75 (d, *J* = 8.25 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.20 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.64 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 1.68 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S24):  $\delta$  31.8, 66.1, 82.4, 100.6, 120.7, 125.6, 129.6, 131.2, 134.2, 135.2.

# 13. 4-(8-iodonaphthalen-1-yl)-2-methylbut-3-yn-2-ol<sup>4</sup> (5a):



The reaction of **1** (1140 mg, 3 mmol), **2a** (168 mg, 2 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (70.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), CuI (38.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (52.4mg, 0.10 mmol) in 40 mL of Et<sub>3</sub>N, afforded **5a** (618 mg, 92%).

5a: colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Figure S25):  $\delta$  8.26 (d, *J*=7.35 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.38 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.68 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.72 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (br, 1H), 1.68 (s, 6H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (Figure S26): δ 30.9, 66.1, 81.5, 93.1, 104.6, 122.4, 125.5, 127.1, 130.3, 130.52, 131.9, 134.9, 136.5, 142.6.

Figure S1<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 3a.













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**Figure S5** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **3c**.

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Figure S7 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 3d.

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Figure S11 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 3f.

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**Figure S12**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **3f**.

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Figure S13 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 3g.





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**Figure S15** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **5h**.

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Figure S16<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 5h.





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**Figure S18**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **5**i.

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Figure S21 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 6.



















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**Figure S27** The Color of **3a**  $(1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M in THF})$  exposed to daylight before (left, canary yellow) and after (right, orange) titration with F<sup>-</sup>.

![](_page_35_Picture_3.jpeg)

**Figure S28** The color of **3a**  $(1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M in THF})$  excited at 454 nm before (left, dark green) and after (right, bright yellow) titration with F<sup>-</sup>.

![](_page_35_Figure_5.jpeg)

**Figure S29** (a) The fluorescent spectra of **3a**  $(1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  in THF with various anions. (b) The selectivity of **3a** with various anions : Its relative fluorescence intensities (from left to right: blank, AcO<sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>-2-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> and F<sup>-</sup>).

compound	naphthalene	phenalenone	<b>3</b> a
sturcture	ŢŢ	Ť	-0.610 e -0.543 e -0.74 e
LUMO (eV)	-1.11	-2.61	-3.00
HOMO (eV)	-5.90	-6.19	-6.00
Eg (eV)	4.79	3.58	3.00

**Table S1** the computational orbital energy of naphthalene, phenalenone and **3a** (all in eV at B3LYP/6-31G\* level) using Gaussian 03 programs.<sup>5</sup>

![](_page_36_Picture_3.jpeg)

Figure S30 Total charge density of 3a

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