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## Catalytic bond forming reactions promoted by amidinate, guanidinate and phosphaguanidinate compounds of magnesium

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**Figure S5**  $2^{nd}$  order kinetic analysis of the NMR reaction of PhC  $\equiv$  CH and PhC  $\equiv$  CD with <sup>i</sup>PrN=C=N<sup>i</sup>Pr and 13.

