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Titanium-Mediated Cross-Coupling Reactions of 1,3-Butadiynes with α-Iminonitriles to 3-Aminopyrroles: Observation of an Imino Aza-Nazarov Cyclization

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General Methods. All reactions were carried out using standard Schlenk technique under argon. Tetrahydrofuran was distilled from sodium and benzophenone. Zirconocene dichloride was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company. *n*-BuLi (1.6 M solution in hexane) was purchased from Acros Chemical Company. Unless noted, all commercial reagents were used without further purification. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature in CDCl₃ (containing 0.03%, 0.3%, or 1% TMS), or C₆D₆ (containing 0.03% TMS), or THF-*d*₈ solutions on Varian, or Agilent XL-400 MHz, or Agilent vnmrs 600 MHz spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra was recorded with tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0.00$

ppm) or solvent residual peak (chloroform, $\delta = 7.26$ ppm; tetrahydrofuran, $\delta = 1.72$, 3.58 ppm) as internal reference; ¹³C NMR spectra was recorded with CDCl₃ ($\delta = 77.00$ ppm) or THF- d_8 ($\delta = 25.31$ ppm) as internal reference. High-resolution mass spectra was obtained by using Waters Micromass GCT Premier or Agilent Technologies 6224 TOF LC/MS mass spectrometers. Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected at 293(2) K (for **3b**, **4a**, *N*-tosylated derivatives of **4l** and **4p**, **15**) and 273(2) K (for **5**) on Bruker SMART diffractometer .

Synthesis of (Z)-N-phenylbenzimidoyl cyanide (3b).

In a 100 mL round bottom flask, equipped with a condenser and drying tube, a mixture of *N*-phenylbenzamide (5.92 g, 30.0 mmol) and SOCl₂ (60 mL) was heated to reflux in oil-bath. After 2 hours the excess SOCl₂ was removed, and the resulting residue was further purified by distillation under reduced pressure to give pure imidoyl chloride as a light yellow solid in 92% yield (5.984 g). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 1H), 8.15-8.17 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 120.37, 125.01, 128.41, 128.83, 129.39, 132.01, 135.40, 143.20, 147.60. The NMR data is in agreement with that previously reported.¹

To a solution of (*Z*)-*N*-phenylbenzimidoyl chloride (1.075g, 5.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added CuCN(1.791g, 20.0 mmol) at room temperature, and then the mixture was heated to reflux for 4 h. The resulting mixture was cooled down to room temperature, and filtered over celite. The filtrate was concentrated to give a viscous residue which was purified by flash chromatograph on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether) to afford (*Z*)-*N*-phenylbenzimidoyl cyanide **3b** as a light yellow solid in 88% yield (909 mg). M.p. = 79-80 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.58 (m, 5H), 8.13-8.16 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 110.80, 120.28, 127.26, 128.16, 128.98, 129.23, 132.83, 133.52, 139.75, 149.04. IR (neat): 3063, 2962,

2220, 1594, 1574, 1479, 1450, 1275, 1200, 1069, 1006, 835, 773, 721, 687 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}N_2$ [M]⁺: 206.0844, found 206.0842. The structure and the Z-configuration of **3b** was also determined by X-ray single-crystal analysis.

Synthesis of α-iminonitriles 3a, 3c and 3f-3j.²

Typical procedure for the synthesis of (Z)-N-(4-bromophenyl)benzimidoyl cyanide (3c)

To a solution of benzaldehyde (0.51 mL, 5.0 mmol), 4-bromoaniline (0.86 g, 5.0 mmol) and I₂ (0.13 g, 0.5 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 mL) was added TMSCN (0.74 mL, 5.5 mmol) at room temperature, and the mixture was then stirred for one hour. Then the IBX (1.54 g, 5.5 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium bromide (1.77 g, 5.5 mmol) were added (under water bath if necessary) and stirring was maintained at room temperature. After the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was then filtered over celite and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatograph on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) to afford the α -iminonitrile **3c** as a yellow-green solid in 83% yield (1.177 g). M.p. = 115 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.01-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.57 (m, 5H), 8.07-8.10 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 110.46, 120.70, 122.00, 128.08, 128.89, 132.19, 132.94, 133.11, 139.93, 147.65. IR (neat): 2221, 1892, 1594, 1573, 1477, 1449, 1278, 1201, 1068, 1003, 834, 773, 739, 680 cm⁻¹. HRMS(EI) calcd for C₁₄H₉BrN₂[M]⁺: 283.9949, found 283.9952.



(Z)-*N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)benzimidoyl cyanide (3a). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1) afforded the title product as a yellow solid in 77% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.84(s, 3H),

6.98 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.55 (m, 3H), 8.11-8.13 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.43, 111.58, 114.37, 122.99, 127.81, 128.88, 132.28, 134.03, 136.74, 141.63, 159.42. The NMR data is in agreement with that previously reported.²



(*Z*)-*N*-(*p*-Tolyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzimidoyl cyanide (3f). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1) followed by recrystallization in petroleum ether afforded the title product as an orange crystal in 58% yield. M.p. = 102-103 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.40 (s, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.17, 110.93, 120.94, 123.53 (q, *J* = 272.4 Hz), 125.90 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 128.31, 129.93, 133.85 (q, *J* = 35.2 Hz), 136.73, 136.79 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 138.63, 145.77. ¹⁹F NMR (376MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.99. IR (neat): 3029, 2926, 2869, 2224, 1615, 1603, 1572, 1500, 1411, 1325, 1274, 1167, 1127, 1113, 1068, 1005, 853, 826, 803, 667 cm⁻¹. HRMS(EI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₁F₃N₂[M] ⁺: 288.0874, found 288.0870.



(*Z*)-*N*-(4-Bromophenyl)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzimidoyl cyanide (3g). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1) followed by recrystallization in hexane/ethyl acetate afforded the title product as a yellow solid in 73% yield. M.p. = 126-127 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.959 (s, 3H), 3.961 (s, 6H), 7.04-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.38 (s, 2H), 7.58-7.61 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 56.17, 60.91, 105.27, 110.53, 120.54, 121.95, 128.37, 132.24, 139.53, 142.41, 147.81, 153.33. IR (neat): 2962, 2941, 2927, 2831, 1585, 1567, 1505, 1471, 1456, 1416, 1344, 1258, 1236, 1170, 1135, 1070, 997, 850, 829, 740, 701 cm⁻¹. HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₆BrN₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 375.0344, found 375.0339.



(*Z*)-*N*-(*p*-Tolyl)-1-naphthimidoyl cyanide (3h). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) followed by recrystallization in petroleum ether afforded the title product as an orange solid in 50% yield. M.p. = 114 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.86-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H) , 8.18-8.20 (m, 1H), 9.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.07, 111.71, 120.25, 124.64, 125.38, 126.75, 128.39, 128.79, 129.80, 129.87, 130.17, 131.50, 133.30, 133.98, 137.30, 139.97, 146.76. IR (neat): 3049, 2915, 2855, 1581, 1568, 1510, 1499, 1286, 1210, 1184, 1108, 949, 824, 803, 769, 734 cm⁻¹. HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₂ [M+H] ⁺: 271.1235, found 271.1230.



(*Z*)-*N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-methylfuran-2-carbimidoyl cyanide (3i). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) afforded the title product as an orange solid in 67% yield. M.p. = 82 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.22 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.05, 109.75, 110.28, 116.04 (d, *J* = 22.8 Hz), 120.93, 122.73 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 128.04 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 144.58 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 148.27, 159.14, 161.58 (d, *J* = 247.7

Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.61--114.54(m). IR (neat): 3113, 3072, 2225, 1892, 1755, 1602, 1573, 1529, 1497, 1301, 1212, 1194, 1157, 1061, 1029, 919, 839, 815, 803, 757, 742 cm⁻¹. HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₀FN₂O [M+H] ⁺: 229.0777, found 229.0773.



(*Z*)-*N*-(4-Chlorophenyl)thiophene-2-carbimidoyl cyanide (3j). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) followed by recrystallization in petroleum ether/ethyl acetate afforded the title product as a yellow solid in 60% yield. M.p. = 103-104 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 110.20, 122.28, 128.27, 129.32, 133.00, 133.10, 133.42, 133.66, 140.46, 146.49. IR (neat): 3115, 3080, 1889, 1591, 1570, 1481, 1420, 1401, 1357, 1282, 1198, 1083, 1011, 945, 856, 832, 748, 731, 713, 685 cm⁻¹. HRMS(EI) calcd for C₁₂H₇ClN₂S [M] ⁺: 246.0018, found 246.0016.

Synthesis of α -iminonitrile (R)-3d, rac-3d and 3e.²

$$R^{1}CHO + R^{2}NH_{2} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c}1.1 \text{ equiv IBX}\\1.1 \text{ equiv TBAB}\\1.1 \text{ equiv TMSCN}\\MeCN, \text{ rt}\end{array}} R^{1}CN$$

To a solution of aldehyde (5 mmol), amine (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and TMSCN (0.74 mL, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in acetonitrile (5 mL) were added IBX (1.54 g, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and tetrabutylammonium bromide (1.773 g, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv) at room temperature, and stirring was maintained at room temperature. After the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was then filtered over celite and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatograph on silica gel to afford pure α -iminonitrile.



(*R*)-*Z*-*N*-(1-Phenylethyl)benzimidoyl cyanide (R)-3d. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 200/1) afforded the title product as a light yellow solid in 75% yield. M.p. = 54 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.70 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 5.24-5.26 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.55 (m, 5H), 8.08-8.09 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.58, 67.61, 109.67, 126.64, 127.49, 127.68, 128.64, 128.79, 132.14, 133.42, 139.74, 143.29. IR (neat) 3066, 3032, 2973, 2922, 2876, 1605, 1576, 1490, 1449, 1361, 1262, 1246, 1073, 1014, 776, 760, 689, 675 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₂ [M] ⁺: 234.1157, found 234.1159. [α]_D²⁰ = -22.4 (c = 1.0 g/100 mL, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by Chiralcel OD-H (0.46×25 cm): >99% ee, detected at 214 nm; flow rate 0.4 mL/min; eluent: hexanes/isoproanol = 80:20 (v/v %); t (major) = 9.957 min, t (minor) = 9.418 min.

(*Z*)-*N*-(1-Phenylethyl)benzimidoyl cyanide (rac-3d). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 200/1) afforded the title product as a light yellow solid in 81% yield. M.p. = 35-37 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.67 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 5.21 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.56 (m, 5H), 8.05-8.07 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.62, 67.60, 109.69, 126.67, 127.52, 127.72, 128.67, 128.82, 132.19, 133.45, 139.76, 143.32. IR (neat): 3065, 3031, 2973, 2923, 2875, 2216, 1605, 1577, 1491, 1448, 1361, 1317, 1262, 1181, 1109, 1072, 1014, 910, 851, 775, 760, 689, 675 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂ [M+H]⁺: 235.1235, found 235.1232.



(*Z*)-4-Chloro-*N*-cyclohexylbenzimidoyl cyanide (3e). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) afforded the title product as a colorless crystal in 41% yield. M.p. = 71-72 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.25-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.88 (m, 7H), 3.84-3.91 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 23.88, 25.22, 33.27, 67.31, 109.31, 128.57, 128.89, 132.01, 137.77, 138.00. IR (neat): 2932, 2858, 1605, 1592, 1568, 1490, 1446, 1401, 1259, 1091, 1074, 1015, 994, 835, 799, 721 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₅N₂Cl [M] ⁺: 246.0924, found 246.0921.

Synthesis of α-iminonitrile 3k.³

$$Ph \xrightarrow{\text{CHO}} + Ph \xrightarrow{\text{NH}_2} \frac{1.0 \text{ equiv TMSCN}}{\text{toluene, rt, 10 min}} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} 10\% \text{ H}_2\text{O} (v/v) \\ 1.5 \text{ equiv NaHCO}_3 \\ 1.0 \text{ equiv Oxone} \\ 1.0 \text{ equiv TBAB} \\ 0 \text{ °C to rt, 5 h} \\ \hline \text{Ph} \xrightarrow{\text{CN}} \\ \textbf{3k} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{Ph}}$$

3k was synthesized by a modified procedure of the published method.³ To a solution of 3-phenylpropanal (0.40 mL, 3.0 mmol) and 2-phenylethanamine (0.38 mL, 3.0 mmol) in toluene (40 mL) was added TMSCN (0.40 mL, 3.0 mmol) at room temperture. About 10 min later, H₂O (4 mL, 10% by volume), NaHCO₃ (378 mg, 4.5 mmol), oxone (922 mg, 3.0 mmol) and TBAB (967 mg, 3.0 mmol) were added to the mixture successively at 0 °C, then the solution was warmed up to room temperature and stirred vigorously at the same temperature until the reaction was complete. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (wet loading; eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/triethylamine = 30/1/0.3) to afford the product **3k** as a light yellow oil in 50% yield (393 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.76-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.90-2.94 (m, 4H),

3.95-3.98 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.30 (m, 10H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.51, 36.30, 39.96, 59.82, 110.20, 126.41, 128.33, 128.38, 128.51, 128.89, 138.43, 139.34, 143.60. The NMR data is in agreement with that previously reported.³

A typical procedure for the titanium-mediated cross-coupling reactions of **1,3-butadiynes** with α-iminonitriles. To a stirred solution of 1,4-bis(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)buta-1,3-diyne 1a (139 mg, 0.5 mmol) and Ti(O'Pr)₄ (0.19 mL, 0.65 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added n-BuLi (0.81 mL, 1.6 M solution in hexane, 1.3 mmol) dropwise at -78 °C under argon. Then the reaction mixture was warmed up to room and stirred temperature at the same temperature for 1 h. (Z)-N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)benzimidoyl cyanide 3a (130 mg, 0.55 mmol) was added at -78 $\,^{\circ}$ C and stirred at this temperature until the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC. Then the dry-ice-acetone bath was removed, and the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL sat. NaHCO₃ solution and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂. Then silica gel was added, and the mixture was evaporated to dryness. The silica gel with absorbed product was loaded onto a silica gel column and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 100:1, to provide the desired product **4a** as a yellow solid in 72% yield (185 mg).



4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2phenyl-1*H*-pyrrol-3-amine (4a). M.p. = 94 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.04 (s, 6H), 0.46 (s, 6H), 0.82 (s, 9H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 3.28 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 6.77-6.79 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.21-7.26 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -4.96, -4.07, 16.60, 19.02, 25.95, 26.68, 55.34, 98.22, 100.65, 110.49, 113.37, 121.19, 121.51, 125.90, 128.27, 129.11, 129.15, 131.59, 131.80, 135.45, 158.16. IR (neat): 2952, 2925, 2882, 2852, 2147, 1601, 1510, 1495, 1460, 1240, 1029, 822, 811, 762, 699, 669 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{31}H_{45}N_2OSi_2[M+H]^+$: 517.3070, found 517.3063. The structure of **4a** was determined by X-ray single-crystal analysis.



4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-1,2-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrol-**3**-amine (**4b**). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 200/1 to 100/1) afforded the title product as a yellow solid in 88% yield (213 mg). M.p. = 107 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.003 (s, 6H), 0.44 (s, 6H), 0.78 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 3.28 (s, 2H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.26 (m, 7H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.01, -4.06, 16.62, 19.05, 25.95, 26.68, 98.44, 100.49, 110.95, 120.97, 121.32, 125.97, 126.67, 128.10, 128.13, 128.29, 129.12, 131.56, 135.73, 138.62. IR (neat): 2952, 2927, 2883, 2854, 2143, 1600, 1542, 1493, 1462, 1367, 1249, 1007, 878, 822, 809, 762, 694 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₄₃N₂Si₂ [M+H]⁺: 487.2965, found 487.2958.



1-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-2-ph enyl-1*H*-pyrrol-3-amine (4c). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 200/1 to 100/1) afforded the title product as a yellow solid in 85% yield (241 mg). M.p. = 123-124 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.02 (s, 6H), 0.43 (s, 6H), 0.80 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 3.27 (s, 2H), 7.04-7.08 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.01, -4.12, 16.62, 19.01, 25.89, 26.64, 99.02, 100.16, 111.56, 120.34, 120.66, 121.29, 126.21, 128.50, 129.10, 129.63, 131.21, 131.29, 136.00, 137.69. IR (neat): 2951, 2924, 2881, 2852, 2142, 1603, 1551, 1489, 1460, 1372, 1248, 1067, 1011, 882, 822, 777, 763, 695 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₄₂BrN₂Si₂ [M+H]⁺: 565.2070, found 565.2075.



(*R*)-4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-2-phenyl-1-(1-pheny lethyl)-1H-pyrrol-3-amine (R)-4d. After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL sat. NaHCO₃ and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in THF (5 mL). To this mixture was added 4.0 equiv of BF₃ Et₂O (252 µL, 2.0 mmol) at room temperature, and stirred at 50 °C for 1 h. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silical gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) to provide the product (R)-4d as a yellow solid in 73% yield (187 mg, 99% ee). M.p. = 96-98 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.05 (s, 3H), -0.03 (s, 3H), 0.38 (s, 3H), 0.40 (s, 3H), 0.78 (s, 9H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 1.89 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 3.02 (bs, 2H), 5.45-5.51 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.01, -4.95, -4.03, -3.88, 16.58, 19.10, 19.44, 26.08, 26.71, 54.49, 99.10, 101.44, 111.14, 118.95, 122.33, 125.93, 126.35, 127.26, 127.99, 128.65, 130.44, 131.69, 134.42, 142.65. IR (neat): 2947, 2925, 2882, 2851, 2138, 1611, 1599, 1545, 1492, 1470, 1408, 1340, 1249, 1026, 1006, 892, 824, 810, 793, 763, 730, 694, 671 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{32}H_{47}N_2Si_2$ [M+H]⁺: 515.3278, found 515.3262. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -6.8$ (c = 1.0 g/100 mL, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric excess was determined by Lux 5µ cellulose-2 (0.46×25 cm): >99% ee, detected at 220 nm; flow rate 0.5 mL/min; eluent:

ACN / H₂O = 75/25 (v/v %); t (major) = 31.877 min, t (minor) = 32.999 min.



4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-2-phenyl-1-(1-phenyleth yl)-1*H*-pyrrol-3-amine (rac-4d). After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL sat. NaHCO₃ and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in THF (5 mL). To this mixture was added 4.0 equiv of BF₃ Et₂O (252 µL, 2.0 mmol), and stirred at 50 °C for 1 h. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silical gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) to provide the product rac-4d as a yellow oil in 65% yield (168 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.05 (s, 3H), -0.03 (s, 3H), 0.38 (s, 3H), 0.40 (s, 3H), 0.78 (s, 9H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 1.90 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (bs, 2H), 5.48 (q, J =6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.02, -4.96, -4.05, -3.89, 16.61, 19.12, 19.44, 26.07, 26.70, 54.49, 99.13, 101.38, 111.15, 118.95, 122.33, 125.94, 126.36, 127.28, 128.01, 128.67, 130.45, 131.66, 134.37, 142.66. IR (neat): 3415, 3339, 2925, 2882, 2852, 2361, 2341, 2137, 1611, 1599, 1544, 1492, 1470, 1408, 1338, 1296, 1249, 1026, 1005, 893, 822, 809, 762, 730, 693, 670 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{32}H_{47}N_2Si_2$ [M+H]⁺: 515.3278, found 515.3252.



4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-cy

clohexyl-1H-pyrrol-3-amine (4e). After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL sat. NaHCO₃ and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in THF (5 mL). To this mixture was added 4.0 equiv of BF₃ Et₂O (252 µL, 2.0 mmol), and stirred at 50 °C for 1 h. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silical gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) to provide the product **4e** as a yellow solid in 75% yield (198 mg). M.p. = 115-117 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.19 (s, 6H), 0.39 (s, 6H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 1.15-1.17 (m, 3H), 1.59 (s, 1H), 1.76 (s, 2H), 1.78 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 2H), 2.93 (s, 2H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -4.80, -3.88, 16.90, 19.08, 25.09, 26.24, 26.67, 31.80, 57.80, 99.00, 102.18, 110.99, 118.26, 120.28, 128.93, 130.52, 131.74, 133.06, 134.42. IR (neat): 3424, 3347, 2952, 2925, 2883, 2852, 2131, 1613, 1538, 1488, 1469, 1413, 1355, 1329, 1250, 1088, 1047, 1011, 924, 880, 824, 770, 722, 690, 674, 638, 623 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₄₈ClN₂Si₂ [M+H]⁺: 527.3045, found 527.3033.



4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(4-(trifluor omethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-3-amine (4f). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) afforded the title product as a yellow solid in 84% yield (239 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.01 (s, 6H), 0.44 (s, 6H), 0.78 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 3.33 (s, 2H), 7.05 (s, 4H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.05, -4.07, 16.60, 19.03, 21.00, 25.88, 26.66, 99.06, 100.11, 110.72, 119.38, 122.86, 124.19 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H) (q, J = 8.0 Hz,

271.6 Hz), 125.19 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 127.21 (q, J = 32.8 Hz), 127.82, 128.66, 129.04, 135.36 (q, J = 1.5 Hz), 135.90, 136.87, 136.92. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.32(s). IR (neat): 2952, 2927, 2884, 2855, 2143, 1613, 1513, 1363, 1322, 1248, 1164, 1123, 1071, 1015, 823, 772, 671 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₄₄F₃N₂Si₂ [M+H]⁺: 569.2995, found 569.2988.



1-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-2-(3, 4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-3-amine (4g). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1 to 10/1) afforded the title product as a yellow solid in 77% yield (252 mg). M.p = 176-177 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.03 (s, 6H), 0.43 (s, 6H), 0.80(s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 3.33 (bs, 2H), 3.63 (s, 6H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.27 (s, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.11, -4.21, 16.49, 18.88, 25.78, 26.56, 55.75, 60.70, 98.95, 100.00, 106.02, 111.25, 120.24, 120.31, 121.06, 126.44, 129.56, 131.21, 135.85, 136.10, 137.82, 152.94. IR (neat): 3439, 3335, 2927, 2855, 2141, 1600, 1582, 1505, 1490, 1462, 1410, 1370, 1248, 1122, 1068, 1009, 832, 808, 774, 681 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₃H₄₈BrN₂O₃Si₂ [M+H]⁺: 655.2387, found 655.2376.



4-(*tert*-**Butyldimethylsilyl**)-**5-**((*tert*-**butyldimethylsilyl**)**ethynyl**)-**2-**(**naphthalen-1-yl**)-**1-**(*p* -**tolyl**)-**1***H*-**pyrrol-3-amine** (**4h**). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) followed by

recycling preparative HPLC afforded the title product as a yellow solid in 72% yield (199 mg). M.p. = 172-174 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.01 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H), 0.45 (s, 3H), 0.49 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 9H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.86 (bs, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -4.94, -4.93, -4.10, -3.99, 16.60, 19.12, 20.84, 25.94, 26.78, 97.90, 100.82, 110.53, 119.51, 121.12, 125.30, 125.78, 125.99, 126.48, 127.25, 127.79, 128.34, 128.46, 129.05, 129.83, 132.24, 133.62, 135.96, 136.07, 136.34. IR (neat): 2951, 2926, 2883, 2853, 2143, 1610, 1545, 1515, 1463, 1372, 1248, 1007, 823, 807, 774, 680, 666 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₄₇N₂Si₂ [M+H]⁺: 551.3278, found 551.3274.



4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(5methylfuran-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrol-3-amine (4i). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) afforded the title product as a yellow solid in 73% yield (186 mg). M.p. = 113-115 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.03 (s, 6H), 0.41 (s, 6H), 0.75 (s, 9H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.27 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.07, -4.23, 13.49, 16.50, 18.96, 25.83, 26.62, 98.90, 99.95, 105.35, 106.69, 110.30, 112.93, 115.28 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 122.34, 130.24 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 135.11 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 136.60, 145.79, 149.58, 161.97 (d, *J* = 247.3 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.02--113.95. IR (neat): 2950, 2925, 2881, 2852, 2148, 1606, 1509, 1463, 1379, 1247, 1221, 1024, 837, 823, 803, 771, 678 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₉H₄₂FN₂OSi₂ [M+H]⁺: 509.2820, found 509.2826.



4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(th iophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrol-3-amine (**4**j). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1) afforded the title product as a yellow solid in 79% yield (208 mg). M.p. = 97 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.03 (s, 6H), 0.44 (s, 6H), 0.80 (s, 9H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 3.39 (bs, 2H), 6.75 (dd, J = 0.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, J = 3.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.05, -4.19, 16.55, 18.98, 25.85, 26.63, 99.17, 99.81, 110.85, 114.92, 122.00, 125.04, 125.98, 126.93, 128.45, 129.78, 132.67, 133.17, 137.01. IR (neat): 2952, 2926, 2882, 2854, 2137, 1607, 1538, 1492, 1463, 1375, 1249, 1088, 1011, 831, 807, 772, 687 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₄₀ClN₂SSi₂ [M+H]⁺: 527.2139, found 527.2132.



4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-1,2-diphenethyl-1*H*-pyr rol-3-amine (4k). After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL sat. NaHCO₃ and stirred for 0.5 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in THF (5 mL). To this mixture was added 4.0 equiv of BF₃ Et₂O (252 μ L, 2.0 mmol), and stirred at 50 °C for 30 min. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (wet loading; eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/triethylamine = 30/1/0.3) afforded the product **4k** as a brown oil in 55% yield (148

mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.19 (s, 6H), 0.34 (s, 6H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 2.66-2.71 (m, 4H), 2.94-2.98 (m, 2H), 4.04-4.08 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.30 (m, 10H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -4.58, -4.13, 16.74, 18.82, 26.22, 26.60, 29.64, 35.67, 37.63, 46.50, 97.34, 100.69, 110.70, 117.31, 120.55, 126.08, 126.47, 128.39, 128.47, 128.53, 128.73, 133.34, 138.48, 141.12. IR (film): 3028, 2927, 2884, 2855, 2134, 1709, 1603, 1547, 1496, 1462, 1359, 1248, 1178, 1006, 823, 810, 774, 740, 697 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₅₁N₂Si₂ [M+H]⁺: 543.3585, found 543.3583.



1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2,4-diphenyl-5-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrol-3-amine (4l). After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL sat. NaHCO₃ and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL). To this mixture was added 4.0 equiv of BF₃ Et₂O (252 µL, 2.0 mmol), and stirred at room temperature for 5 min. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with dichloromethane, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by washing with cold hexane and ether to afford the product 41 as an orange solid in 48% yield (118 mg). M.p. = 211-213 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.41 (bs, 2H), 7.19-7.35 (m, 13H), 7.45-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 82.59, 95.26, 113.42, 120.11, 120.40, 121.01, 123.27, 126.40, 126.65, 127.67, 128.23, 128.60, 128.66, 128.73, 128.92, 128.97, 129.20, 130.50, 131.09, 131.51, 133.45, 137.60. IR (film): 3410, 3362, 3057, 2957, 2926, 2855, 2361, 2199, 1952, 1891, 1669, 1597, 1488, 1444, 1370, 1264, 1176, 1069, 1009, 914, 832, 755, 734, 693 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₂₂BrN₂ [M+H]⁺: 489.0966, found 489.0947.



1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,4-diphenyl-5-(phenylethynyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-3-amine (4m). After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL sat. NaHCO₃ and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). To this mixture was added 4.0 equiv of BF₃ Et₂O (252 µL, 2.0 mmol), and stirred at room temperature for 5 min. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with dichloromethane, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by washing with cold hexane and ether to afford the product 4m as a grey solid in 44% yield (96 mg). M.p. = 214-215 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.39 (bs, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.33 (m, 13H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.37, 83.07, 94.87, 113.53, 113.66, 120.12, 120.73, 123.61, 126.11, 126.39, 127.39, 128.13, 128.22, 128.44, 128.53, 128.72, 128.85, 128.98, 130.48, 131.46, 131.63, 133.83, 158.22. IR (neat): 3364, 3293, 3053, 2217, 1597, 1510, 1442, 1396, 1380, 1295, 1246, 1181, 1159, 1102, 1030, 837, 783, 772, 754, 697, 667 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₁H₂₅N₂O [M+H]⁺: 441.1967, found 441.1962.



1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-phenyl-4-(*p***-tolyl)-5-(***p***-tolylethynyl)-1***H***-pyrrol-3-amine (4n). After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL sat.**

NaHCO₃ and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). To this mixture was added 4.0 equiv of BF₃ Et₂O (252 μ L, 2.0 mmol), and stirred at room temperature for 5 min. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with dichloromethane, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by washing with cold hexane and ether to afford the product **4n** as a grey solid in 42% yield (108 mg). M.p. = 200-202 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, THF-*d*₈) δ 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 7.05-7.12 (m, 5H), 7.17-7.26 (m, 8H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, THF-*d*₈) δ 21.35, 21.43, 83.21, 96.05, 114.37, 120.33, 120.76, 121.56, 121.80, 126.65, 129.20, 129.44, 129.73, 129.75, 129.77, 130.39, 131.16, 131.29, 132.08, 132.31, 132.80, 136.52, 138.46, 139.26. IR (film): 3358, 3300, 3025, 2958, 2918, 2857, 2199, 1738, 1667, 1596, 1514, 1490, 1454, 1409, 1379, 1261, 1102, 1069, 1013, 816, 771, 732, 721, 697, 666 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₂₆BrN₂ [M+H]⁺: 517.1279, found 517.1272.



1-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-hexyl-5-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrol-3-amine (40). After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL sat. NaHCO₃ and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in THF (5 mL). To this mixture was added 4.0 equiv of BF₃ Et₂O (252 μ L, 2.0 mmol), and stirred at 50 °C for 30 min. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silical gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1) to afford the product **4o** as a yellow solid in 39% yield (99 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87-0.91 (m, 6H), 1.26-1.48 (m, 14H), 1.59-1.64 (m, 2H), 2.33 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (bs, 2H), 7.01-7.12 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.09, 14.13, 19.67, 22.58, 22.66, 24.46, 28.41, 28.57, 29.34, 29.82, 31.36, 31.71, 72.36, 96.64, 114.77, 118.46, 119.54, 120.51, 125.71, 128.43, 128.68, 129.02, 129.10, 131.24, 131.71, 138.07. IR (film): 3386, 3059, 2955, 2927, 2855, 2360, 2341, 1726, 1615, 1572, 1491, 1465, 1370, 1326, 1069, 1012, 834, 723, 698, 669 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₃₈BrN₂ [M+H]⁺: 505.2218, found 505.2211.



1-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-(*tert*-butyl)-5-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrol-3amine (4p). After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL sat. NaHCO₃ and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in THF (5 mL). To this mixture was added 4.0 equiv of BF₃ Et₂O (252 µL, 2.0 mmol), and stirred at 50 °C for 30 min. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with ether, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was further at 50 °C for 30 min. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ solution, extracted with ether, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silical gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1 to 50/1) to afford the product **4p** as a yellow solid in 55% yield (123 mg). M.p. = 163-164 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.12 (s, 9H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 3.21 (s, 2H), 6.99-7.12 (m, 5H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.16, 30.29, 30.90, 32.65, 73.58, 105.17, 112.61, 119.67, 120.29, 125.72, 126.05, 128.36, 128.41, 129.32, 129.90, 130.83, 131.49, 137.84. IR (neat): 2962, 2927, 2901, 2861, 2356, 2220, 2137, 1599, 1545, 1489, 1392, 1362, 1248, 1202, 1178, 1067, 1008, 839, 821, 772, 727, 700, 669 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{26}H_{30}BrN_2$ [M+H]⁺: 449.1592, found 449.1584.



N-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2,4-diphenyl-5-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-4-methylbenze nesulfonamide (41'). To a stirred solution of 3-aminopyrrole 41 (310 mg, 0.63 mmol) in pyridine (2.0 mL) was added 4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (181 mg, 0.95 mmol) at room temperature, then the mixture was warmed to 80 °C and stirred for 1 h. After evaporation of the solvent, the resulting mixture was quenched by H₂O (5 mL), and stirred for 30 min. The mixture was extracted with dichloromethane, washed separately with water and brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by washing with hexane and ether to afford the product 41' as a brown solid in 57% yield (233 mg). M.p. = 277-278 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.28 (s, 3H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.31 (m, 17H), 7.43-7.50 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.43, 81.39, 95.45, 114.01, 115.84, 121.51, 122.86, 126.68, 126.93, 127.66, 128.00, 128.18, 128.25, 128.50, 128.92, 128.95, 129.43, 129.66, 130.12, 130.62, 131.62, 132.54, 134.24, 136.38, 136.87, 142.66. IR (film): 3250, 3056, 2920, 2360, 2341, 2202, 1960, 1892, 1597, 1491, 1474, 1443, 1408, 1370, 1320, 1154, 1091, 1070, 1013, 911, 834, 812, 786, 758, 732, 717, 689, 662 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{37}H_{31}BrN_{3}O_{2}S[M+NH_{4}]^{+}$: 660.1320, found 660.1315.



N-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-(*tert*-butyl)-5-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)-2-phenyl-1H-pyrrol -3-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4p'). To a stirred solution of 3-aminopyrrole 4p (90 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dichloromethane (2.0 mL) were added 4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (57 mg, 0.3 mmol), DMAP (2.4 mg, 0.02 mmol) and pyridine (32 µL, 0.4 mmol) sequentially at room temperature. The flask was sealed and immersed into an oil bath at 80 ^oC. After stirring for 8 h, the solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1 to 4/1) to afford **4p**' as a yellow solid in 72% yield (87 mg). M.p. = 243-244 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.11 (s, 9H), 1.61 (s, 9H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 6.59-6.61 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83-6.89 (m, 4H), 6.93-6.97(m, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J =8.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.36, 28.21, 30.27, 31.19, 32.97, 72.62, 106.93, 114.38, 114.50, 120.90, 126.55, 126.91, 127.65, 128.89, 129.99, 130.02, 130.26, 131.01, 132.42, 134.60, 137.15, 137.38, 142.18. IR (film): 3266, 2965, 2925, 2864, 2361, 2341, 1894, 1597, 1542, 1490, 1449, 1395, 1375, 1361, 1328, 1265, 1249, 1185, 1173, 1158, 1092, 1069, 1011, 889, 835, 811, 729, 690, 664 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{33}H_{36}BrN_2O_2S [M+H]^+: 603.1681$, found 603.1674.

Synthesis of compound 5.



To a stirred solution of 1,4-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)buta-1,3-diyne **1a** (167 mg, 0.6 mmol) and Ti(O'Pr)₄ (0.23 mL, 0.78 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added n-BuLi (0.98 mL, 1.6 M solution in hexane, 1.56 mmol) dropwise at -78 °C under argon. The mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. α-Iminonitrile 3g (188 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added at -78 °C and stirred at this temperature for 5 h. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL sat. NaHCO₃ solution, and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on neutral alumina (wet loading; eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1 to 10/1) to afford the product 5 as a yellow solid in 83% yield (273 mg). M.p. = 136-137 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 0.18 (s, 6H), 0.49 (s, 6H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 1.21 (s, 9H), 3.50 (s, 6H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.33 (s, 2H), 10.00 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ -4.79, -1.69, 16.87, 18.72, 26.29, 28.11, 55.64, 60.55, 105.37, 106.23, 109.38, 117.34, 122.23, 130.97, 132.05, 133.05, 142.59, 150.26, 153.69, 154.15, 167.30, 179.30. IR (neat): 3244, 3225, 2928, 2887, 2855, 1608, 1577, 1505, 1463, 1414, 1362, 1335, 1251, 1234, 1201, 1122, 1071, 1006, 938, 823, 808, 771, 681 cm⁻¹. HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₃₃H₄₈BrN₂O₃Si₂ [M+H]⁺: 655.2387, found 655.2393. The structure of **5** was determined by X-ray single-crystal analysis.

To a solution of **5** (130 mg, 0.20 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 was added silica gel, and the mixture was evaporated to dryness. Then the silica gel with absorbed product was loaded onto a silica gel column and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 10:1, to provide the product **4g** as an orange solid in 85% yield (111 mg).

Titanium-mediated cross-coupling reactions of monoynes with α -iminonitriles.



To a stirred solution of diphenylacetylene (89 mg, 0.5 mmol) and Ti(O'Pr)₄ (190 µL, 0.65 mL) in THF (5 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (0.81 mL, 1.6 M solution in hexane, 1.3 mmol) dropwise at -78 °C under argon. The solution was warmed up to room temperature and stirred at the room temperature for 1 h. Then α -Iminonitrile **3a** (1.0 mmol, 236 mg) was added at -78 °C, then the mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 2 h, and at 50 °C for another 2 h. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL water, and stirred for 30 min at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1 to 30/1) on silica gel to afford the product **15** as a yellow solid in 59% yield (124 mg). In addition, diphenylacetylene was also isolated in 74% yield (66 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.71 (s, 6H), 6.65-6.73 (m, 8H), 7.36-7.41 (m, 6H), 7.89-7.91 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.18, 113.60, 122.04, 127.94, 128.61, 130.74, 137.26, 142.32, 157.21, 163.13. The NMR data is in agreement with that previously reported.⁴ The structure of **15** was also determined by X-ray single-crystal analysis.

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X-ray crystal structure of compound **3b**

X-ray crystal structure of complex 4a

X-ray crystal structure of complex **41**' (*N*-tosylated derivative of **41**)

X-ray crystal structure of complex 4p' (*N*-tosylated derivative of 4p)

X-ray crystal structure of compound **5**

X-ray crystal structure of complex 15

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