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## ABSTRACT

The synthetic organic community has a long history of concurrent development of new methods, total syntheses, and mechanistic investigations. For example, new methods may allow the synthesis of previously inaccessible synthetic targets or a challenging transformation in a total synthesis may lead to the development of new reaction methods. Understanding the mechanism of a reaction may lead to the development of new methods or application in total synthesis. Historically, the Stoltz group has found great success focusing on the synergistic development of reaction methods, total synthesis, and mechanistic investigation. This thesis focuses on the mechanistic investigation of a novel method developed by our group and a number of new methods inspired by this better understanding of the reaction mechanism.

Initially, an overview of transition-metal-free, catalytic C–H silylation reactions is presented. Next, a detailed mechanistic investigation into the KO $t$ -Bu-catalyzed C–H silylation reaction of aromatic heterocycles is presented. This investigation covers a series of experimental, computational, and analytic techniques to probe possible radical or ionic reaction mechanisms. The development of a number of new methods is presented including the catalytic trimethylsilylation of aromatic heterocycles and catalytic silylation of terminal alkynes.

Finally, the current progress of our efforts toward the total synthesis of the natural product illisimonin A are presented.

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°C	degrees Celsius
Å	Ångstrom
Ac	acetyl
AcOH	acetic acid
APCI	atmospheric pressure chemical ionization
app	apparent
aq	aqueous
Ar	aryl
atm	atmosphere
Bn	benzyl
Boc	<i>tert</i> -butyloxycarbonyl
bp	boiling point
br	broad
Bu	butyl
Bz	benzoyl
<i>c</i>	concentration for specific rotation measurements (g/100 mL)
ca.	about (Latin <i>circa</i> )
CAN	ceric ammonium nitrate
calc'd	calculated
cat	catalytic
cm <sup>-1</sup>	wavenumber(s)
Cp	cyclopentadienyl
Cy	cyclohexyl
d	doublet
D	deuterium
DCE	1,2-dichloroethane

DDQ	2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano- <i>p</i> -benzoquinone
DFT	density functional theory
DME	1,2-dimethoxyethane
DMF	<i>N,N</i> -dimethylformamide
DTBP	Di- <i>tert</i> -butyl peroxide
e.g.,	for example (Latin <i>exempli gratia</i> )
EI+	electron impact
EPR	electron paramagnetic resonance
equiv	equivalent(s)
ESI	electrospray ionization
Et	ethyl
EtOAc	ethyl acetate
EWG	electron withdrawing group
FAB	fast atom bombardment
g	gram(s)
GC	gas chromatography
gCOSY	gradient-selected correlation spectroscopy
h	hour(s)
HMBC	heteronuclear multiple bond correlation
HMPA	hexamethylphosphoramide
HPLC	high-performance liquid chromatography
HRMS	high-resolution mass spectroscopy
HSQC	heteronuclear single quantum correlation
Hz	hertz
<i>i</i> -Pr	isopropyl
i.e.,	that is (Latin <i>id est</i> )
IPA	isopropanol, 2-propanol
IR	infrared (spectroscopy)
<i>J</i>	coupling constant

K	Kelvin(s) (absolute temperature)
KC <sub>8</sub>	potassium intercalated graphite
kcal	kilocalorie
KHMDS	potassium hexamethyldisilazide
KIE	kinetic isotope effect
L	liter; ligand
LDA	lithium diisopropylamide
LG	leaving group
lit.	literature value
m	multiplet; milli
<i>m</i>	meta
M	metal; molar; molecular ion
<i>m/z</i>	mass-to-charge ratio
Me	methyl
mg	milligram(s)
MHz	megahertz
min	minute(s)
MM	mixed method
mol	mole(s)
MOM	methoxymethyl acetal
mp	melting point
Ms	methanesulfonyl (mesyl)
MS	molecular sieves
n	nano
N	normal
<i>n</i> -Bu	butyl
NBS	<i>N</i> -bromosuccinimide
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
Nu	nucleophile

<i>o</i>	ortho
<i>p</i>	para
Pd/C	palladium on carbon
Ph	phenyl
pH	hydrogen ion concentration in aqueous solution
Pin	2,3-dimethylbutane-2,3-diol (pinacol)
Piv	trimethylacetyl, pivaloyl
<i>pK<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>pK</i> for association of an acid
ppm	parts per million
PPTS	pyridinium <i>p</i> -toluenesulfonate
Pr	propyl
Py	pyridine
q	quartet
R	generic for any atom or functional group
Ref.	reference
<i>R<sub>f</sub></i>	retention factor
s	singlet or strong or selectivity factor
sat.	saturated
t	triplet
<i>t</i> -Bu	<i>tert</i> -butyl
TBDPS	<i>tert</i> -butyldiphenylsilyl
TBHP	<i>tert</i> -butyl hydroperoxide
TBME	<i>tert</i> -butyl methyl ether
TBS	<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl
TES	triethylsilyl
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
THF	tetrahydrofuran
TIPS	triisopropylsilyl
TLC	thin-layer chromatography



TMS	trimethylsilyl
TOF	time-of-flight
Tol	tolyl
$t_R$	retention time
Ts	<i>p</i> -toluenesulfonyl (tosyl)
UV	ultraviolet
v/v	volume to volume
w	weak
w/v	weight to volume
X	anionic ligand or halide
$\lambda$	wavelength
$\mu$	micro

# CHAPTER 1

## *Transition-Metal-Free Catalytic C–H Bond Silylation*<sup>†</sup>

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

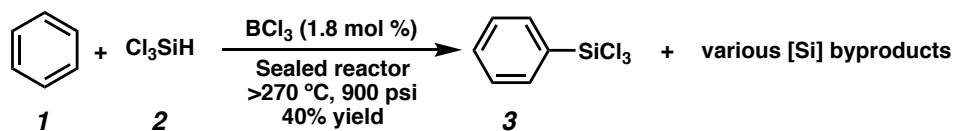
Although transition-metal-free catalytic C–H silylation has been known for some time (Section 1.2.1) it has only recently been heavily investigated. We begin by describing an early example of catalytic, transition-metal-free C–H silylation before discussing to the current state of this field.

### 1.2 Lewis Acid Catalysis

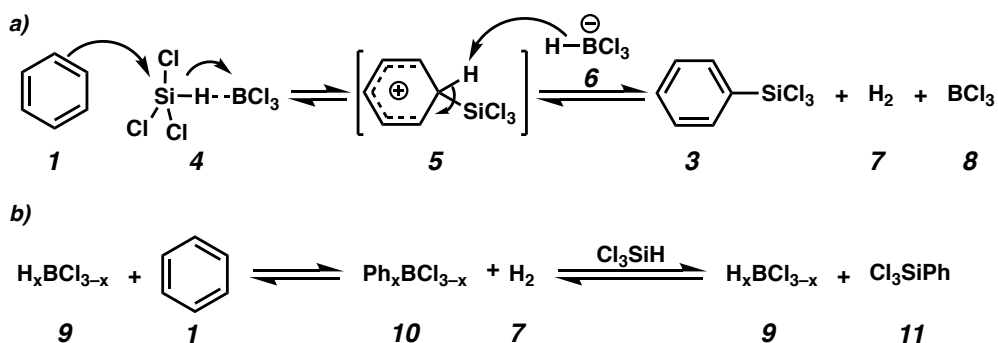
#### 1.2.1 BCl<sub>3</sub> Catalyst

In the late 1950s, one of the earliest relevant examples of such reactivity involving the BCl<sub>3</sub>-catalyzed C–H silylation of benzene was reported by Dow Chemists (Scheme 1.1).<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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**Scheme 1.1** Early Example of C–H Silylation Catalyzed by Lewis Acid

While this reaction demonstrates a direct C–H silylation, the very forcing reaction conditions significantly limit the scope of this chemistry. Furthermore, the authors showed that in a matter of hours, the reaction reaches equilibrium of starting material, product, and various silane-containing byproducts. Further investigations indicated that this reaction might proceed through a Friedel–Crafts-type pathway (Scheme 1.2a) or through compound **10** via an initial borylation, followed by a phenyl group transfer (Scheme 1.2b).

**Scheme 1.2** Possible Reaction Pathways for  $\text{BCl}_3$ -Catalyzed C–H Silylation

Later publications by the same researchers included only limited mechanistic investigations, but these studies indicated neither nucleophilic aromatic substitution nor radical pathways were the operative mechanism in this unusual reactivity.<sup>3</sup>

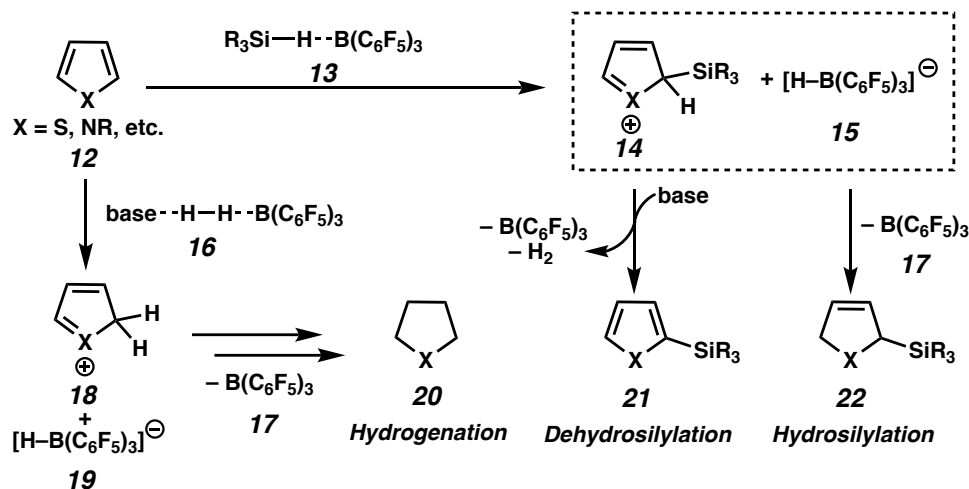
This report of Lewis acid-catalyzed C–H silylation highlights a number of key challenges in the development of such a method. The catalyst can often activate both the [Si]–H bond in the starting material and the [Si]–C bond in the resulting product. Furthermore, the forcing conditions (i.e., high temperature and pressure) exacerbate the

issue of selective bond activation and limit functional group compatibility. Thus, future studies would need to address these issues for higher selectivity and yield.

### 1.2.2. $B(C_6F_5)_3$ , A “Frustrated” Lewis Acid Catalyst

Bulky Lewis acids have been shown to activate a variety of Si–H and H–H bonds via the formation of frustrated Lewis pairs (FLP).<sup>5</sup> A recent report from Ingleson detailed the reaction of heterocycles with hydrosilanes activated by  $B(C_6F_5)_3$  (**17**, Scheme 1.3).<sup>6</sup> The  $B(Ar)_3$ –hydrosilane FLP **13** can go on to react with substrate **12** with the possible products of hydrogenation (**20**), dehydrosilylation (**21**), and hydrosilylation (**22**).

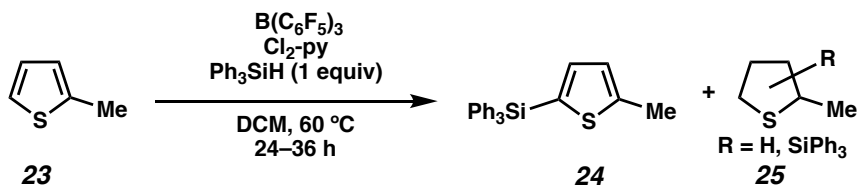
**Scheme 1.3** Competitive (De)hydrosilylation and Hydrogenation Using Lewis Acid Catalysis



A significant challenge in this reaction is ensuring a rapid deprotonation of the arenium cation **14** to avoid hydrosilylation (**14** to **22**). Hydrogen gas must be evolved to render the reaction catalytic but the electrophilic reaction intermediates (**14**, **18**) and Lewis acid catalyst (**17**) necessitates the use of a suitably bulky, yet weakly nucleophilic base. The resulting buildup of hydrogen may lead to competitive hydrogen activation via **16** and substrate hydrogenation to afford **20**. Toward this end, the authors found 2,6-dichloropyridine ( $Cl_2$ -py) to be a suitable base for the silylation of 2-methylthiophene.

While the authors rendered the reaction catalytic in both Lewis acid and base, the reaction always proceeds with the formation of hydrogenated and/or hydrosilylated byproducts **25** (Entries 2–5, Table 1.1). The buildup of such byproducts was shown to be detrimental to the reaction as the inclusion of tetrahydrothiophene inhibits product formation (Entry 6), likely due to competitive coordination of tetrahydrothiophene to the Lewis acid catalyst. Efforts to limit the hydrogenation pathway by conducting the reaction under static vacuum results in decreased overall yield (Entry 1 versus Entry 7). The authors further demonstrated the reaction scope using an *N*-protected indole substrate **26** (Table 1.2), though the same issue of competitive reduction (hydrogenation only, in the case of indole substrates) limited overall utility of this method.

**Table 1.1** Selected Examples from Reaction Optimization Experiments



Entry	B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (mol %)	Cl <sub>2</sub> -py (mol %)	<b>24</b> (% yield)	<b>25</b> (% yield)
1	100	100	51	33
2	20	20	56	34
3	5	5	42	18
4	5	100	51	27
5 <sup>a</sup>	5	5	46	32
6 <sup>b</sup>	100	100	0	0
7 <sup>c</sup>	100	100	33	unreported

[a] 1.5 equiv silane used. [b] 1 equiv tetrahydrothiophene added.

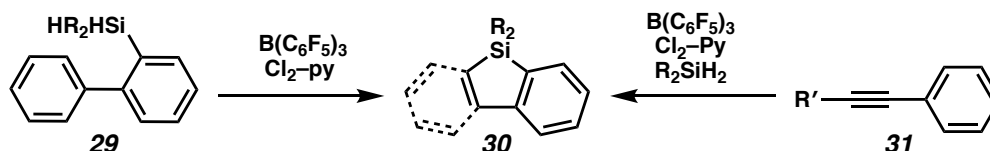
[c] Conducted under vacuum.

**Table 1.2** FLP-Catalyzed Electrophilic C–H Silylation of Heteroaromatics

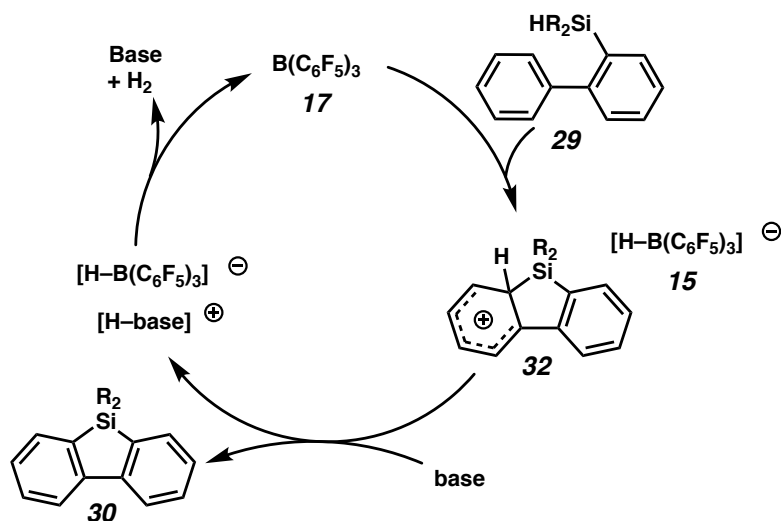
Entry	B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (mol %)	Cl <sub>2</sub> -py (mol %)	27 (% yield)	28 (% yield)
1	100	100	59	19
2	100	0	30	21

The report by Ingleson demonstrated an initial investigation into Lewis acid-catalyzed C–H silylation and documents many of the challenges present in such a reaction manifold.

A following report, again from the lab of Ingleson, demonstrated that a biphenyl-silyl scaffold undergoes intramolecular C–H silylation with a Lewis acid/base catalyst system (Scheme 1.4, left).<sup>7</sup> They were also able to effect a tandem hydrosilylation, dehydrosilylation procedure to form cyclized product **30** from aryl alkyne starting material **31** (Scheme 1.4, right).

**Scheme 1.4** B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-Catalyzed Intra/Intermolecular Silylation

The authors proposed a mechanistic cycle that begins with Lewis acid activation of the pendant silane and nucleophilic attack by the aryl ring to afford cationic intermediate **32**. This intermediate is deprotonated by base to regenerate aromaticity in product **30**, while the protonated base can go on to react with Lewis acid complex **15** to generate hydrogen gas and regenerate both base and Lewis acid catalyst **17** (Scheme 1.5).

**Scheme 1.5** Proposed Intramolecular Silylation Mechanism

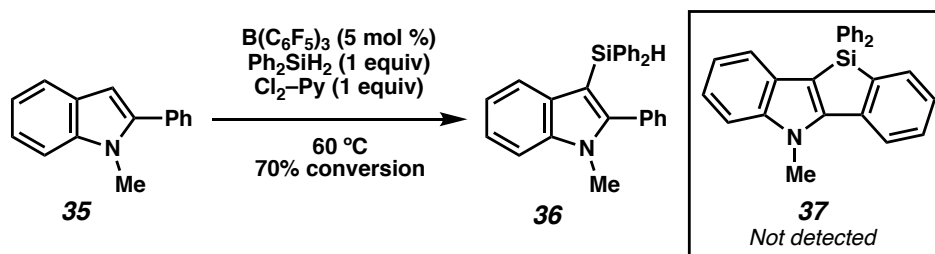
Based on the observations in their previous studies,<sup>6</sup> the authors hypothesized that the use of biphenyl-silyl scaffold **29** would limit undesired reduction by biasing the system toward rearomatization of the silolane product (**32** to **30**) as shown in their proposed mechanism (Scheme 1.5). The authors were able to realize this strategy, render the reaction catalytic, and apply their optimized conditions toward the synthesis of a variety of substituted siloles (**34**) (Table 1.3).

**Table 1.3** Optimization and Substrate Scope of Intramolecular Silole Synthesis

Entry	R	R'	B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (mol %)	Cl <sub>2</sub> -py (mol %)	t (h)	T (°C)	Yield (%)
1	Ph	H	100	100	18	60	99
2	Ph	H	10	10	24	100	99
3	Ph	H	5	5	96	100	99
4	Ph	H	10	0	168	100	50
5	Ph	<i>t</i> -Bu	5	5	5	100	99
6	<i>i</i> -Bu	H	5	5	96	100	96

Unfortunately this methodology did not translate to the cyclization of heterocyclic substrates **35** (Scheme 1.6). Instead of forming the desired silole product **37**, only the initial C–H silylation product **36** was detected. Through further experimentation, the authors believe the catalyst was entirely consumed in an off cycle hydrogen FLP process and therefore could not affect the ring closing cyclization.

**Scheme 1.6** Attempts Toward Heterocycle Cyclization



Interestingly, the authors were able to design a tandem one-pot hydrosilylation/dehydrosilylation procedure in order to convert internal alkynes **38** to silaindenes **40** (Table 1.4). This reaction proceeds through an initial alkyne hydrosilylation, which may occur in either a *syn* or *trans* process leading to *trans*- and/or *cis*-**39**. Only *cis*-**39** can proceed to form the silole product **40**. While this chemistry provided an intriguing application of the  $\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3/\text{Cl}_2\text{-py}$  system, competing reduction pathways and catalyst inhibition remained a major limitation.



**Table 1.4** One-Pot Hydrosilylation/Dehydrosilylation

Entry	B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (mol %)	t (h)	cis (%)	trans (%)	Cl <sub>2</sub> -py (mol %)	t (h)	yield (%)
1	100	5	84	16	100	72	84
2	5	5	85	15	5	48	23
3	5	4	84	16	100	72	70
4	5	-	-	-	100	72	50

Given these limitations, it was surprising when the Hou group recently reported an aromatic C–H silylation using B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> alone, with no added base and a relatively broad scope (Table 1.5 and 1.6).<sup>8,9</sup> This reaction tolerates a variety of hydrosilanes **42**, including chlorosilanes (entries 11, 12), furnishing the dehydrosilylated product in moderate to good yields (Table 1.5).

**Table 1.5** Scope of Silanes in B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> Catalyzed System

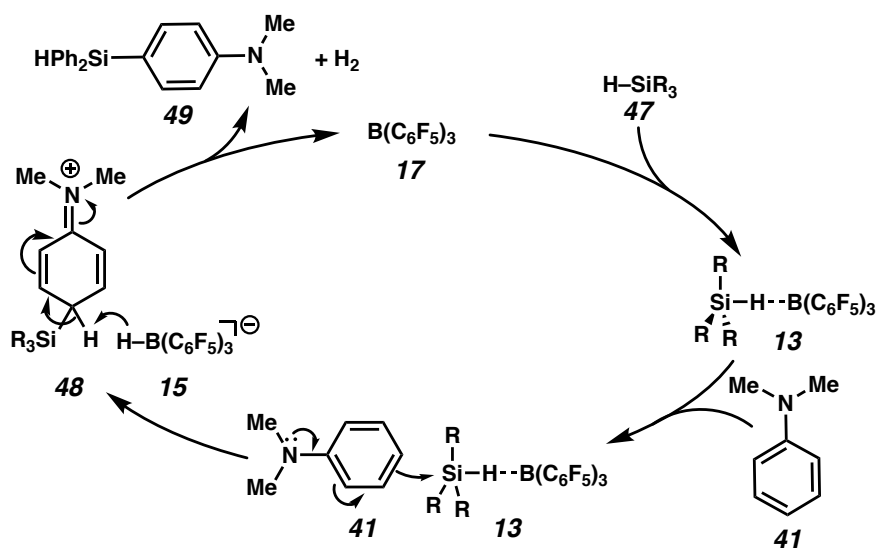
Entry	Silane	Yield (%)	Entry	Silane	Yield (%)
1	Ph <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	84	7	n-Bu <sub>3</sub> SiH	61
2	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	80	8	PhMe <sub>2</sub> SiH	85
3	PhMeSiH <sub>2</sub>	82	9	Ph <sub>2</sub> MeSiH	80
4	Et <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	65	10	Ph <sub>3</sub> SiH	67
5	EtMe <sub>2</sub> SiH	68	11	Ph <sub>2</sub> SiClH	51 <sup>a</sup>
6	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH	60	12	PhSiClH <sub>2</sub>	70 <sup>a</sup>

[a] Yield over two steps



form the silylated product **49**, hydrogen gas, and regenerate the catalyst **17**. This specific reaction does not require exogenous base or result in reduction products (i.e., hydrosilylation and hydrogenation) that plague similar systems discussed here. One can postulate that the electron-rich nature of the substrate may play a role or that the tertiary amine substrate itself may act as a base during the reaction, in a stepwise deprotonation/hydrogen release mechanism.

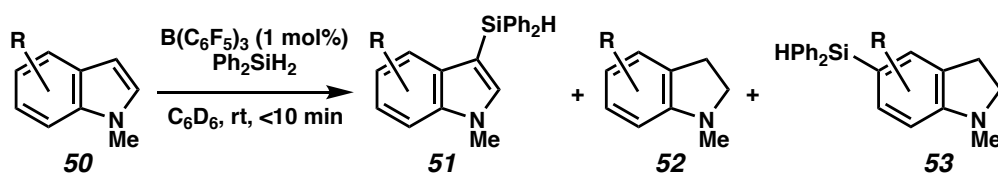
**Scheme 1.7** Proposed Mechanism of  $B(C_6F_5)_3$ -Catalyzed C–H Silylation in Aniline-type



A following report by Zhang and coworkers describes similar reactivity to that of Ingleson and Hou.<sup>10</sup> Zhang does not initially aim to reduce the hydrogenation byproduct often observed in these types of silylation reactions, but instead uses this to help drive the reaction to completion in a type of disproportionation reaction (**52** and **53**, Table 1.7). While the silylated product yields are limited to 50% of the starting material, a variety of indole substrates (**51**) were shown to undergo silylation in good relative yields. The reactions are complete in short periods of time and, by modifying the reaction conditions, can be used to form double C–H silylation products (**54**, Table 1.8). The authors show

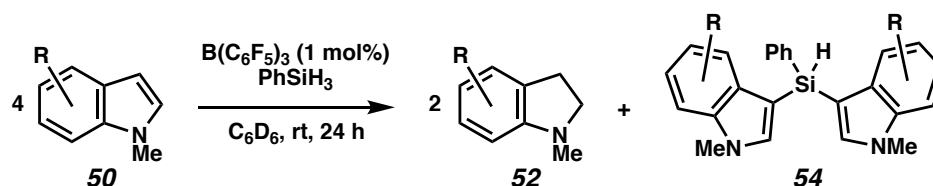
NMR studies and a proposed mechanism that is in line with the previous FLP mechanisms discussed earlier.

**Table 1.7** Substrate Scope of Disproportionation C–H Silylation



Entry	R =	Equiv Ph <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	Yield <b>51</b> (%)	Yield <b>52</b> (%)	Yield <b>53</b> (%)
1	H	0.5	43	45	2
2	5-Me	0.5	49	48	0
3	6-Br	0.5	48	47	1
4	6-F	0.5	41	42	12
5	5-Ph	0.5	45	47	0
6	H	2	41	41	18
7	5-Me	2	49	49	0
8	6-Br	2	44	46	9
9	6-F	2	20	26	52
10	5-Ph	2	49	49	0

**Table 1.8** Substrate Scope of Double-Silylation Selective Disproportionation C–H Silylation



Entry	R =	Yield <b>52</b> (%)	Yield <b>54</b> (%)
1	H	45	44
2	5-Me	43	45
3	6-Br	46	44
4	6-F	43	37
5	5-Ph	49	43

Zhang was able to render this reaction a convergent disproportionation, where the indoline formed in the reaction (**52**) is reoxidized to indole (**51**) and can reenter the catalytic cycle (Table 1.9). While this did require significant heating compared to the

disproportionation reaction, the reaction yields significantly increased. This method is specific to indole substrates but the authors were able to solve many of typical issue associated with using a FLP silylation catalyst.

**Table 1.9** Substrate Scope of Convergent Disproportionation C–H Silylation

Entry	R =	Silane <sup>a</sup>	Time (h)	Yield <b>51</b> (%)
1	H	Ph <sub>2</sub> MeSiH	2.5	86
2	H	Ph <sub>3</sub> SiH	9	94
3	5-Me	Ph <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	48	69
4	5-Me	Ph <sub>3</sub> SiH	2.5	93
5	5-Me	Ph <sub>2</sub> MeSiH	2.5	95
6	5-F	Ph <sub>3</sub> SiH	2.5	92
7	5-Cl	Ph <sub>3</sub> SiH	2.5	91
8	5-Br	Ph <sub>3</sub> SiH	2.5	83
9	5-Ph	Ph <sub>3</sub> SiH	2.5	99

[a] 2 equiv silane used

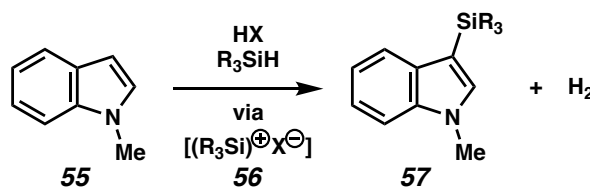
### 1.2.3 Lewis Acid Conclusions

While Lewis acid catalysis provides a rapid and simple method for the activation of [Si]–H bonds, challenges exist in this mode of reactivity. Reduction via hydrogen activation or hydrosilylation can compete with product formation and potentially lead to catalyst poisoning. Nevertheless, this reaction manifold remains an interesting and evolving area in transition-metal-free C–H silylation chemistry.

### 1.3 Brønsted Acid

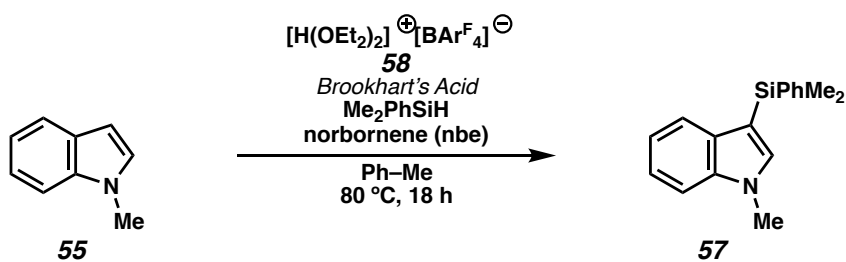
Hydrosilanes may also be activated by protonation and subsequent loss of hydrogen to generate an activated silyl cation intermediate **56** (Scheme 1.8), which can then be trapped by a nucleophilic substrate in a manner similar to Lewis acid catalysis (Section 1.2). Inspired by stoichiometric examples of such reactions, the Oestreich group sought to develop a catalytic C–H silylation variant.<sup>11</sup> They were successful in utilizing a Brønsted acid for the catalytic C–H silylation of aromatic heterocycles.

**Scheme 1.8** Overview for the Use of Acid as Dehydrosilylation Catalyst



During reaction optimization, they observed degradation of the silane using TfOH and settled on the use of Brookhart's acid,  $\{[\text{H}(\text{OEt}_2)_2]^+[\text{BAR}^{\text{F}}_4]^- \}$  (**58**), for further optimization studies (Table 1.10).

**Table 1.10** Optimization of Acid-Catalyzed Indole Silylation



Entry	<b>58</b> (mol %)	nbe (equiv)	Yield (%)
1	-	-	NR
2 <sup>b</sup>	1	-	NR
3	1	-	70
4	2	-	77
5	4	-	53
6	2	0.5	85
7	2	1	95
8	1	1	97

[a] 2 equiv substrate, 1 equiv silane [b] NaBARF4 used as catalyst

The control reaction demonstrates the  $[\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]^-$  counter ion displayed no catalytic activity alone (Entry 2, Table 1.10). Interestingly, the inclusion of norbornene (nbe) and lowering the catalyst loading both led to increased yield (Entries 6–8). In this reaction, norbornene may act as a proton scavenger, and together with lower catalyst loadings, help to balance proton removal from the reaction intermediate with hydrogen release. Both of these processes could serve to limit the overall proton concentration in solution, thus inhibiting protodesilylation of the product.

The reaction scope in both silane and substrate was investigated (Table 1.11). Mono- and di-phenylsilanes (Entries 1, 2, and 6) afford good yields of the corresponding silylated products, but tris-phenyl (Entry 3), tris- $\text{C}(\text{sp}^3)$  alkyl (Entry 4) and dialkoxysilanes (Entry 5) all performed poorly. Aryl halides, Nitrogen-containing heterocycles, and anilines undergo silylation smoothly, however, oxygen- and sulfur-containing heterocycles or anisoles did not react under these conditions. Furthermore, the reaction does not tolerate substitution at the site of reactivity (i.e., C-3 of indole or *para* of aniline).

**Table 1.11.** Selected Examples of Silane and Substrate Scope

Entry	Product	Yield (%)	Entry	Product	Yield (%)
1	[Si] = Me <sub>2</sub> PhSi	96	12		67
2	[Si] = MePh <sub>2</sub> Si	93	13		66
3	Ph <sub>3</sub> Si	8	14		58
4	Et <sub>3</sub> Si	7	15		75
5	(EtO) <sub>2</sub> MeSi	0			
6	Ph <sub>2</sub> SiH	96			
7	R = Me	94			
8	R = F	98			
9	R = Cl	96			
10	R = Br	96			
11 <sup>b</sup>		73			

*Unreactive substrates*

X = O, S

[a] 2 equiv substrate, 1 mol % **58**, 1 equiv [Si]–H, 1 equiv nbe, PhMe, rt to 80 °C, 18 h[b] 3 equiv N-methylindole (**55**) used

While only a single transition-metal-free catalytic example has been reported, the use of Brønsted acids as a C–H silylation catalyst provides an interesting and orthogonal route compared to other methods. Unfortunately, this class of catalyst faces limited substrate scope and functional group compatibility, but may continue to develop as a C–H silylation methodology.

## 1.4. Brønsted Base

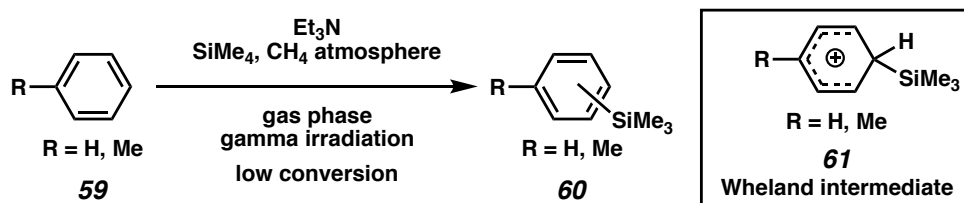
### 1.4.1 Early Example of Catalytic C–H Silylation by Brønsted Base

Taking the term “catalytic” in a broader sense allows us to present an interesting publication from Fornarini involving gas-phase, mechanistic investigations of silyl



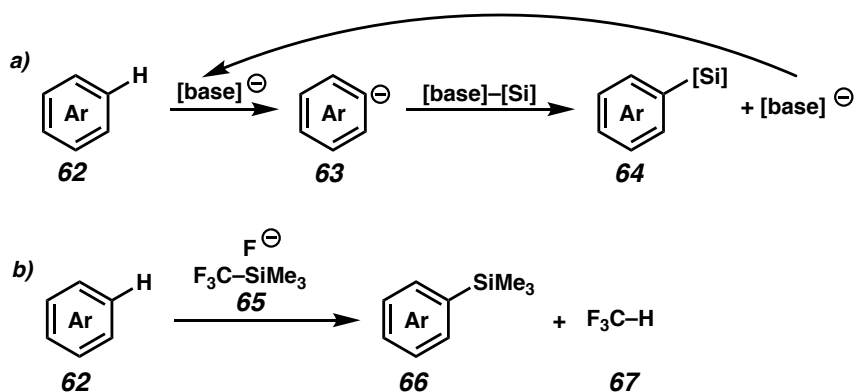
cations and aromatic nucleophiles in the presence of catalytic base (Scheme 1.9).<sup>12</sup> The author proposed Wheland intermediate **61** can be accessed by the reaction of arenes with silyl cations generated by irradiation. Depending on the base identity or concentration used, the base could engage the activated silyl group of the Wheland intermediate **61**, resulting in a formal desilylation event and reforming starting material **59**. Alternatively, the base could deprotonate the Wheland intermediate to form the silylated product **60**. While this report is not of particular synthetic relevance, it provides an interesting mechanistic and initial study for C–H silylation by Brønsted bases.

**Scheme 1.9** Early Example of Gas-Phase Direct Silylation by Catalytic Brønsted Base



#### 1.4.2 Fluoride/Base Catalysis

An intriguing base-catalyzed C–H silylation method was proposed by Kondo, whereby suitable choice of an activating reagent and leaving group on silicon could result in the generation of base upon addition of a nucleophile to silicon (Scheme 1.10a).<sup>13,14</sup> The authors achieved the desired reactivity using a fluoride base as the initiator and the Ruppert–Prakash reagent (**65**) as the tethered base and silylating agent (Scheme 1.10b).

**Scheme 1.10** Inspiration for Base-catalyzed C–H Silylation and Final Reaction Overview

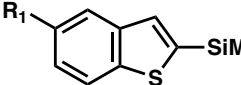
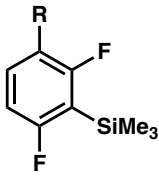
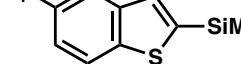
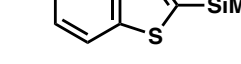
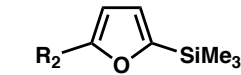
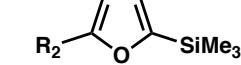
A variety of fluoride salts were found to afford the C–H silylation product (Entries 1–4, Table 1.12) and the reaction performs well using 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone (DMI) or 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) as a solvent (Entries 8 and 11 versus 10). Further investigation showed the reaction is rapid and results in high product yields after only a few hours (Entries 9 versus 8 and 6 versus 3).

**Table 1.12.** Optimization of Fluoride-Catalyzed C–H Silylation

Entry	Substrate	Fluoride (mol %)	Solvent	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1	69	KF (50)	DMI	24	51
2	69	RbF (50)	DMI	24	86
3	69	CsF (50)	DMI	24	83
4	69	(Me <sub>4</sub> N)F (50)	DMI	24	trace
5	69	–	DMI	24	0
6	69	CsF (50)	DMI	2	97
7	68	CsF (50)	DMI	2	100
8	68	CsF (20)	DMI	2	100
9	68	CsF (10)	DMI	2	50
10	68	CsF (20)	DMF or Ph–Me	2	0
11	68	CsF (20)	DME	2	86
12	68	CsF (20)	DME	1	90

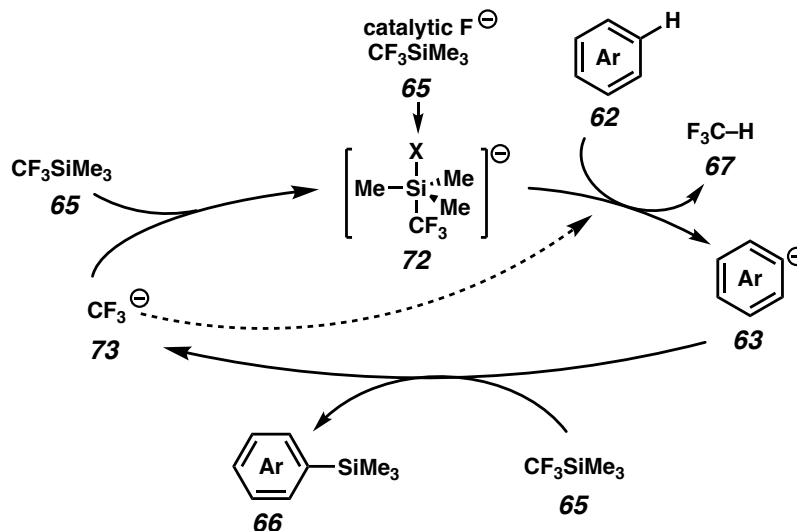
With these optimized conditions in hand, the authors demonstrated that a number of heterocyclic and substituted aromatic compounds could undergo silylation in good to excellent yields (Table 1.13). Aryl halides were well tolerated (Entries 4, 5, 11, and 12) as well as both electron donating (Entry 2) and withdrawing groups (Entries 6–8, 10, and 13).

**Table 1.13** Substrate Scope of Fluoride-Catalyzed C–H Silylation

Entry	Product	Yield (%)	Entry	Product	Yield (%)
1	R = H	85	9	 R <sub>1</sub> = Me	81
2	 OMe	71	10	 CN	60
3	Me	57	11	 Br	91
4	Br	100	12	 R <sub>2</sub> = I	46
5	I	71	13	 CN	84
6	CN	75	14	CO <sub>2</sub> Et	0
7	NO <sub>2</sub>	76			
8	C(O)NMe <sub>2</sub>	71			

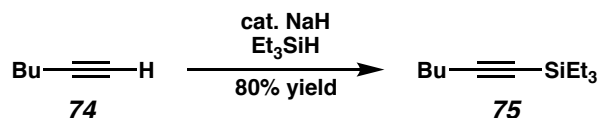
See Refs. 11 and 12 for conditions

The authors proposed a mechanism based on their mechanistic studies of the present system, combined with their previous studies of similar in situ generation of reactive bases (Scheme 1.11).<sup>15</sup> The reaction begins by initial generation of a pentacoordinate silicon **72** (X = F) from the [F<sup>-</sup>] catalyst, which produces a [CF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>-equivalent **72** to deprotonate the arene **62**. The resulting anion **63** proceeds to react with the Ruppert–Prakash reagent (**65**) resulting in the silylated product **66** and CF<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (**73**). It is possible that the CF<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> anion (**73**) directly deprotonates the arene **62** (Scheme 1.11, dashed line) thereby completing the catalytic reaction or the CF<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> anion (**73**) may form a pentacoordinate silicate **72** (X = CF<sub>3</sub>) and complete the cycle as drawn. Although the authors were able to detect CF<sub>3</sub>H during the catalytic reaction, further mechanistic study is required to determine these final steps of the reaction mechanism.

**Scheme 1.11** Proposed Mechanism for Brønsted Base-Catalyzed Reaction

### 1.4.3 Brønsted Base-Catalyzed C–H Silylation of Alkynes

Direct dehydrogenative, C–Si bond formation may be achieved by deprotonation of an alkyne with a Brønsted base, followed by electrophilic trapping of the alkynyl carbanion with a silane. This process may be rendered catalytic if the pentacoordinate silicate intermediate acts as a base to deprotonate another equivalent of the starting alkyne. In 1969, such an example was reported by Calas and Bourgeois, wherein NaH is used as a catalyst for the dehydrogenative C–H silylation of 1-hexyne (74) and  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ , however, this was the only example disclosed (Scheme 1.12).<sup>16</sup>

**Scheme 1.12** Dehydrosilylation of Terminal Alkynes Using Brønsted Base

Further independent studies by the research groups of Itoh and Ono found that heterogeneous Brønsted bases (i.e.,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{KNH}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , and  $\text{KF}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ), alkali metal

hydrides, metal alkoxides, alkylmetals, and metal amides could all affect C–H silylation (Table 1.14).<sup>17,18,19,20,21,22</sup>

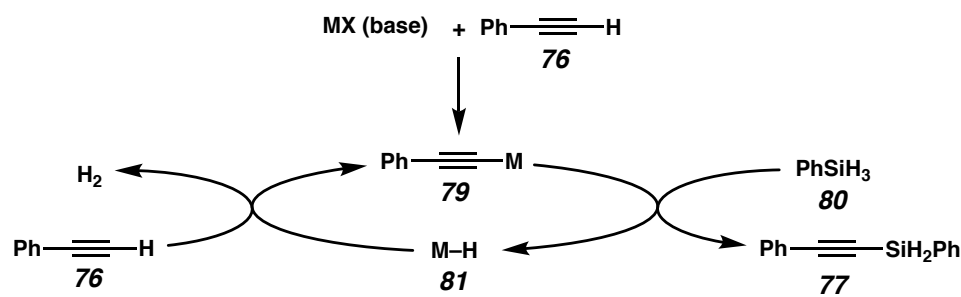
**Table 1.14** Base Screen for Dehydrogenative Cross-Coupling of Alkynes and Hydrosilanes

Entry	Catalyst	mol %	Solvent	Yield 77 (%)	Yield 78 (%)
1a	MgO	> 400	benzene	43	24
2b	LiAlH <sub>4</sub>	5	diglyme (120 °C)	42	9
3c	LiOEt	0.5	diglyme	34	6
4c	NaOEt	0.6	diglyme/THF (10/1)	46	18
5c	KOEt	0.7	diglyme/Et <sub>2</sub> O (10/1)	6	<1
6c	Ba(OMe) <sub>2</sub>	0.5	diglyme	49	25
7c	Ba(OC <sub>8</sub> H <sub>17</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	0.6	toluene (40 °C)	73	6
8c	n-BuLi	0.6	diglyme	40	7
9c	PhLi	0.7	diglyme	45	10
10c	Ba(CPh) <sub>2</sub>	0.4	diglyme	54	30
11c	LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	0.6	diglyme	43	13

[a] See Ref. 16 [b] See Ref. 17 [c] See Ref. 18

Preliminary mechanistic investigations conducted by Itoh supported an ionic reaction pathway (Scheme 1.13). Deprotonation of the terminal alkyne by strong base generates a metal acetylide, which can then react with the hydrosilane to form the desired product and a metal hydride, thereby completing the catalytic cycle. (Note that in this reaction the deprotonation may occur from a pentacoordinate silicate similar to that in Scheme 1.11, rather than by regeneration of a metal hydride.)

**Scheme 1.13** Proposed Mechanism of Base-Catalyzed Direct C–H Silylation of Alkynes



These methods typically result in low yields of the desired products along with various byproducts. Moreover, the scope of both the alkynes and silanes are very limited. This reaction was recently revisited by Stoltz and Grubbs, who developed a facile and practical dehydrosilylation of terminal alkynes using hydroxide catalysts. (Table 1.15).<sup>23</sup> This work was inspired by their previously established KO*t*-Bu-catalyzed C–H silylation of aromatic heterocycles [See below for discussion of KO*t*-Bu-catalyzed C–H silylation.<sup>24</sup> A wide variety of hydrosilanes were found to be amenable to C–H silylation including aryl, alkyl, bulky triisobutyl, alkoxy, and pyridyl silanes (Entries 9–13).

**Table 1.15** Reaction Optimization and Silane Scope

Reaction scheme: Cyclohexylacetylene (82) reacts with Base (10 mol %) and [Si]-H (3 equiv) in DME, 24–48 h, 25–85 °C to form cyclohexylsilylacetylene (83).

Entry	Base	Silane	Yield (%)	Entry	Base	Silane	Yield (%)
1	KO <i>t</i> -Bu	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH	89	8	LiOH	PhMe <sub>2</sub> SiH	0
2	NaO <i>t</i> -Bu	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH	46	9	NaOH	<i>t</i> -Bu <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	91
3	LiO <i>t</i> -Bu	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH	<1	10	KOH	<i>i</i> -Bu <sub>3</sub> SiH	69
4	Pyridine	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH	0	11	NaOH	(EtO) <sub>3</sub> SiH	68
5	KOH	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH	95	12	KOH	<i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> ( <i>o</i> -py)SiH	78
6	KOH	PhMe <sub>2</sub> SiH	89	13	NaOH	Me <sub>2</sub> ( <i>o</i> -py)SiH	78
7	NaOH	PhMe <sub>2</sub> SiH	93				


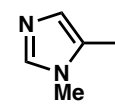


















Interestingly, the authors found varied success for either KOH or NaOH between substrates, but there did not appear to be a direct correlation between choice of substrate or silane and catalyst performance. Therefore, a series of substrates were subjected to catalytic reactions using NaOH, KOH, and KO*t*-Bu to compare the yield of dehydrosilylation product (Entries 1–18, Table 1.16). Upon exploration of the substrate scope, the reaction was found to be compatible with a variety of synthetically useful functional groups including heterocycles (Entries 1–6, 25), secondary and tertiary amines

(Entries 27 and 22), and a variety of aryl functional groups (Entries 7–12, 19–24, 28). By changing reaction conditions, mono- and bis-silylated diynes (Entries 29, 30) and symmetrical or unsymmetrical sila-diynes (Entries 30, 31) could be synthesized in useful yields. Overall, the reaction has been shown to be compatible with a wide variety of both hydrosilanes and alkyne substrates.

**Table 1.16** Comparison of Alkyne Dehydrosilylation Catalysts and Substrate Scope.

$$\text{R}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{H} \xrightarrow[\text{DME, 45-85 } ^\circ\text{C}]{\text{Base (10 mol \%)} \text{ [Si]-H (3 equiv)}} \text{R}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-[\text{Si}]$$

**84**  **85**

Entry	Product	Base	Yield (%)		Entry	Product <sup>a</sup>	Yield (%)
1		NaOH	82		19 <sup>a</sup>	 R = H	89
2		KOH	19		20 <sup>a</sup>		88
3		KOt-Bu	<5		21 <sup>a</sup>		52
4		NaOH	77		22 <sup>a</sup>		99
5		KOH	7		23 <sup>a</sup>		92
6		KOt-Bu	0		24 <sup>a</sup>		91
7		NaOH	90		25 <sup>a</sup>		93
8		KOH	38		26 <sup>a</sup>		70
9		KOt-Bu	<5		27 <sup>a</sup>		80
10		NaOH	52		28 <sup>a</sup>		95
11		KOH	<5		29 <sup>b</sup>		65
12		KOt-Bu	0		30 <sup>c</sup>		88
13		NaOH	79		31 <sup>d</sup>		58
14		KOH	0				
15		KOt-Bu	0				
16		NaOH	0				
17		KOH	69				
18		KOt-Bu	0				

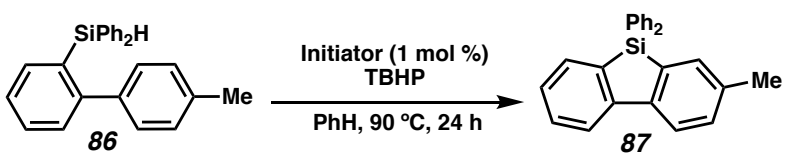
[a] NaOH used [b] 20 mol % NaOH, 0.33 equiv Me<sub>2</sub>PhSiH, yield based on [Si]–H  
 [c] 20 mol % NaOH, 3 equiv Me<sub>2</sub>PhSiH [d] 10 mol % NaOH, 3 equiv Et<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub> then filter/conc. 10 mol % NaOH, 1.5 equiv m-Cl aryl alkyne

## 1.5 Radical Dehydrosilylation

### 1.5.1 “Electron” as a C–H Silylation Catalyst

If we again take a liberal interpretation of the term catalyst an interesting report from the lab of Studer details the use of an electron as a catalyst in an intramolecular C–H silylation of biarylsilanes **86** (Table 1.17, top).<sup>25,26</sup>

**Table 1.17.** Optimization of Intramolecular C–H Silylation



Entry	TBHP (equiv)	Initiator	Yield (%)	Entry	TBHP (equiv)	Initiator	Yield (%)
1	2.2	FeCP <sub>2</sub>	34	5	3.3	TBAI	65
2	2.2	FeCl <sub>3</sub>	37	6	4.4	TBAI	62
3	2.2	CuI	66	7	5.5	TBAI	58
4	2.2	TBAI	55	8 <sup>b</sup>	3.3	TBAI	46

[a] TBHP = *t*-BuOOH, TBAI = (Bu)<sub>4</sub>NI [b] 0.4 mol % initiator

Their method uses a substoichiometric radical initiator and excess peroxide as an oxidant. They were able to optimize the reaction to use low loadings of the radical initiator (Entry 8), but unfortunately had to use a large excess of the peroxide oxidant (Table 1.17) and observed lower yields than related reactions using B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> catalysts (see Section 1.2.2).

The authors went on to demonstrate the substrate scope of their intramolecular C–H silylation reaction (Table 1.18). The reaction was shown to tolerate some substitution on both aryl rings of the biphenyl, including a variety of halide substitution (Entries 4, 5, 8, 10) and even pyridine (Entry 9). Both electron-rich (Entries 7, 11) and electron-poor substrates (Entries 4, 6) resulted in moderate formation of the cyclized product.

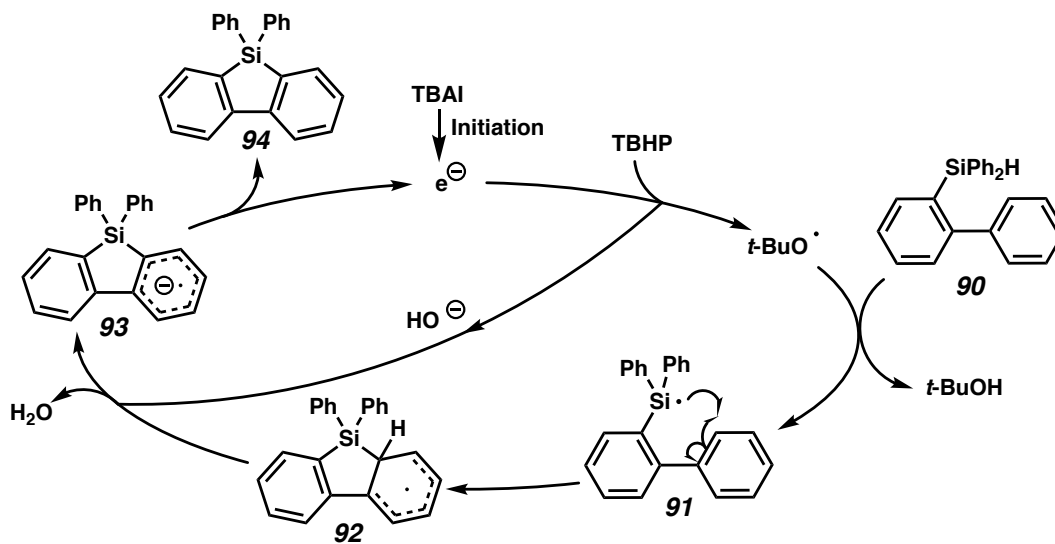


**Table 1.18** Selected Substrate Scope of Intramolecular C–H Silylation

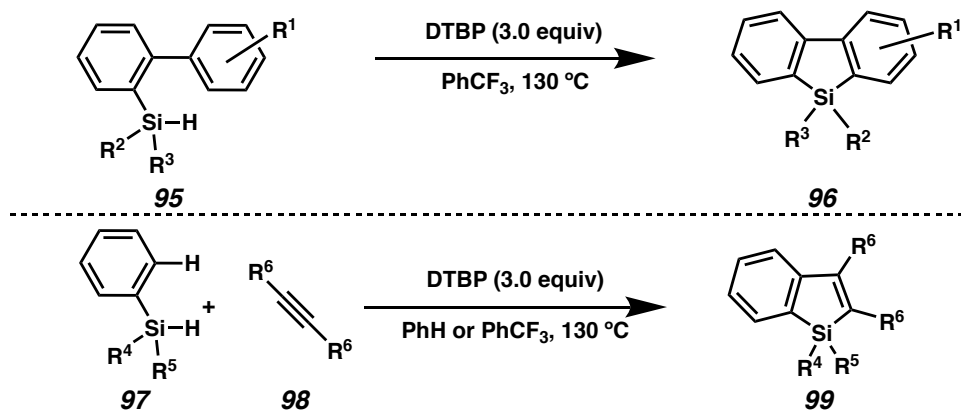
Entry	Product	Yield (%)	Entry	Product	Yield (%)
1	R = Me	55	9		39
2	R = H	66	10		55
3	R = <i>t</i> -Bu	71	11		70
4	R = F	67			
5	R = Cl	77			
6	R = CF <sub>3</sub>	75			
7	R = OMe	68			
8		75			

[a] TBHP = *t*-BuOOH, TBAI = (Bu)<sub>4</sub>NI

Based on their observations and reaction conditions, they propose a single electron transfer (SET) type mechanism, whereby an electron acts as a catalyst in their reaction cycle (Scheme 1.14). While this reaction does require superstoichiometric peroxide oxidant, it is still an interesting reaction to discuss as an introduction to catalytic, radical C–H silylation. It must also be mentioned that this reaction does show significant similarities to the classical Minisci reaction, the addition of alkyl radicals to protonated heterocycles.<sup>27</sup>

**Scheme 1.14** Proposed Mechanism for Intramolecular C–H Silylation

The group of Li reported a similar reaction at higher temperature without the use of catalytic TBAI (Scheme 1.15, top).<sup>28</sup> A series of silafluorenes **96** were synthesized by radical, intramolecular cyclization of biphenyl-2-hydrosilane substrates. A cascade process was also established to synthesize silaindenes by first radical addition to alkynes followed by radical cyclization (Scheme 15, bottom). While these strategies proved to be quite limited in scope, the reactions serve as an interesting study in radical C–H silylation methods.

**Scheme 1.15** Uncatalyzed Radical C–H Silylation/Annulation

DTBP = *t*-BuOO*t*-Bu. See Ref. [26] for details

## 1.5.2 KO<sup>t</sup>-Bu-Catalyzed C–H Silylation

### 1.5.2.1 Discovery of Unusual KO<sup>t</sup>-Bu-Catalyzed C–H Silylation

The lab of Grubbs discovered the interesting direct C–H silylation side products **102–106** (Table 1.19) while working on a system for the reductive cleavage of aryl ethers **100**.<sup>29</sup>

Using substoichiometric base (entry 4), C–H silylated dibenzofurans **102**, **103**, and **104** form in reasonable yield. Inspired by this initial result, they sought to further develop this chemistry.

**Table 1.19** Optimization of Reductive Aryl Ether Cleavage

Reaction scheme showing the reductive cleavage of dibenzofuran **100** using KO<sup>t</sup>-Bu and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH. The reaction yields a mixture of a phenol derivative (101–106) and a silylated dibenzofuran (102–103).

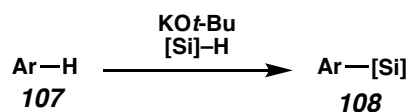
Structures of products:

- 101** R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>2</sub> = H
- 104** R<sub>1</sub> = Et<sub>3</sub>Si, R<sub>2</sub> = H
- 105** R<sub>1</sub> = H, R<sub>2</sub> = Et<sub>3</sub>Si
- 106** R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>2</sub> = Et<sub>3</sub>Si
- 102** R<sub>3</sub> = Et<sub>3</sub>Si, R<sub>4</sub> = H
- 103** R<sub>3</sub> = R<sub>4</sub> = Et<sub>3</sub>Si

Entry	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH (equiv)	KO <sup>t</sup> -Bu (equiv)	Solvent	T (°C)	Yield (%)					
					<b>101</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>106</b>
1	5	2	Ph–Me	100	38	16	10	21	2	7
2	5	5	Ph–Me	100	63	10	2	20	-	2
3	3	3	mesitylene	165	85	3	-	5	2	-
4	5	0.5	Ph–Me	100	12	48	20	9	-	1
5	5	2	mesitylene / 1,4-cylohexadiene	165	95	-	-	-	-	-

### 1.5.2.2 KO<sup>t</sup>-Bu-Catalyzed C–H Silylation Methodology

In a collaborative effort between the Grubbs and Stoltz groups, a detailed reaction optimization was conducted and a wide array of aromatic heterocycles **107** (Scheme 1.16) were found to undergo dehydrogenative C–H silylation to afford the silylated product **108**.<sup>24</sup>

**Scheme 1.16** Overview of *KOt*-Bu-Catalyzed C–H Silylation

During the reaction optimization, the authors quickly found that catalytic amounts of *KOt*-Bu are able to furnish high yields of the silylated products (Table 1.20, entries 2 versus 4). Other *t*-butoxy bases with smaller counter ions (i.e., Li<sup>+</sup> or Na<sup>+</sup>) are not competent catalysts (entry 1) for this reaction, but other bases with a potassium cation do afford product, albeit with decreased yield (entry 3 versus 2). While the reaction works in a number of ethereal solvents (entries 4–6), they were pleased to find that the reaction also worked well in the absence of solvent (entry 7).

**Table 1.20** Selected Examples from Optimization of C–H Silylation

Entry	Base	mol %	T (°C)	t (h)	Solvent	Yield <b>109</b> (%)	Ratio <b>109:110</b>
1	Li/Na <i>Ot</i> -Bu	100	25	16	THF	0	-
2	<b>KOt</b> -Bu	100	25	16	THF	67	>20:1
3	KHMDS	100	25	16	THF	44	>20:1
4	<b>KOt</b> -Bu	20	45	60	THF	98	4:1
5	<b>KOt</b> -Bu	20	45	60	MTBE	89	>20:1
6	<b>KOt</b> -Bu	20	45	60	DME	95	3.4:1
7	<b>KOt</b> -Bu	20	45	48	neat	88	>20:1

With these optimized conditions in hand, a large substrate scope was shown to undergo facile C–H silylation, with only a small subset shown here (Table 1.21). A variety of protected indoles (Entries 1–8, 11–13), azaindoles (Entries 14–17), thiophene and furan (Entries 9 and 10), and other heterocycles undergo silylation in good to excellent yields. Interestingly, 5,6-fused heterocycles undergo silylation preferentially at

the C-2 position ( $\alpha$  for thiophene and furan) rather than the typically more nucleophilic C-3 position.

**Table 1.21** Representative Substrate Scope of the *KOt*-Bu-Catalyzed C–H Silylation Reaction

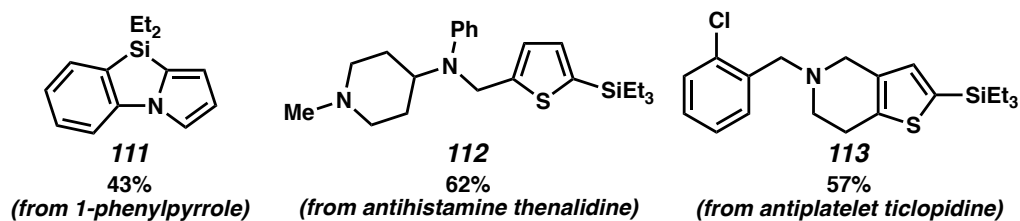
Entry	Product	Yield (%)	Entry	Product	Yield (%)
1		X = S 93	14 <sup>d</sup>		33
2 <sup>b</sup>		N-SEM 67			
3		N-Me 78			
4		N-Bn 82			
5 <sup>c</sup>		N-MOM 55	15		31
6		[Si] = SiPhMe <sub>2</sub> 75			
7		SiEt <sub>2</sub> H 76			
8		SiEtMe <sub>2</sub> 71	16		50
9		X = S 92			
10		O 95			
11		R = OMe 64	17		71
12		OBn 68			
13		CH <sub>2</sub> OMe 48			

[a] 20 mol % *KOt*-Bu, 3 equiv base, THF or neat, 25–60 °C, C2:C3 ratio >20:1

[b] 14:1 C2:C3 [c] 10:1 C2:C3 [d] 6:1 C2:C3

To further demonstrate the synthetic utility of this methodology, the silylation reaction was shown to effect tandem inter/intramolecular silylation to form cyclic silanes **111** (Scheme 1.17) and late-stage silylation of pharmaceutically active compounds **112** and **113**.

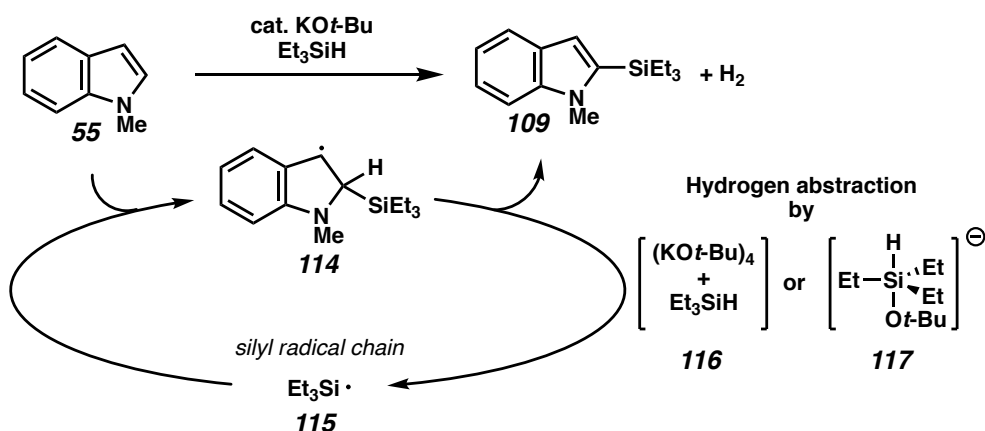
In addition to the synthetic applications previously discussed, this methodology was shown to be applicable for the ultra-deep desulfurization of fuels<sup>30</sup> and was further developed to the alkyne C–H methods discussed in Section 1.4.3<sup>23</sup> and a catalytic O–H silylation method.<sup>31</sup>

**Scheme 1.17** Select Examples of Applications of the KO<sup>t</sup>-Bu-Catalyzed C–H Silylation

See Ref. 22 for reaction conditions

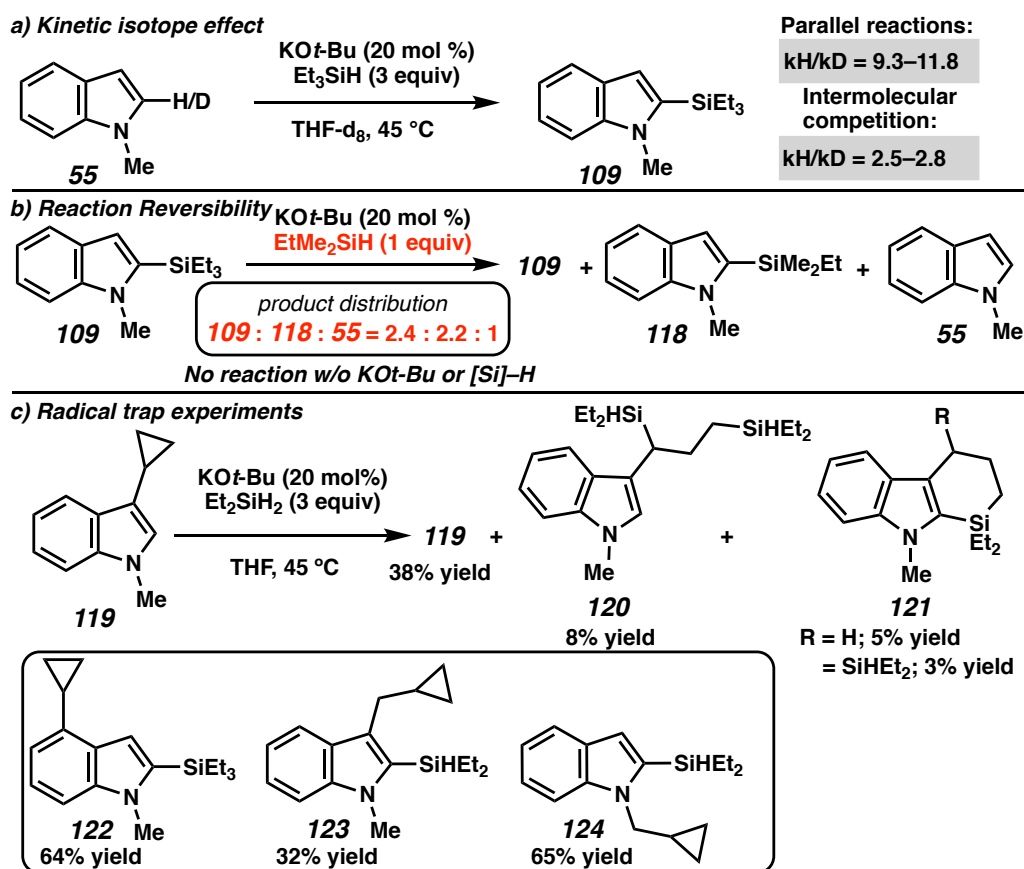
### 1.5.2.3 Mechanistic Investigations of KO<sup>t</sup>-Bu-Catalyzed C–H Silylation and Related Chemistry

During the course of the initial disclosure for this novel reaction, a brief mechanistic investigation was conducted and the initial results indicated the reaction might occur by a radical mechanism.<sup>24</sup> To date, three reports exploring this reaction mechanism have been published. One indicates a radical type reaction mechanism may be operative under these reaction conditions (Scheme 1.18).<sup>32</sup> A key aspect of this mechanism is the generation of a silyl radical **115**, which then adds to the heterocycle forming a stabilized radical heterocycle **114**. A hydrogen atom removal event then regenerates aromaticity and generates another silyl radical thereby closing the catalytic cycle.

**Scheme 1.18** Overview of Radical Mechanism for C–H Silylation Reaction

A variety of techniques were used to probe the active reaction mechanism and a few of which are highlighted here. The authors demonstrated a very large KIE effect at the C-2 position of indole H/D-**55** (Scheme 1.19), showed the silylation event is reversible by reacting **109** with EtMe<sub>2</sub>Si–H to afford a mixture containing **109**, **118**, and **55**, and that cyclopropyl radical traps will open only at the presumed site of radical formation **119** versus **122–124**.

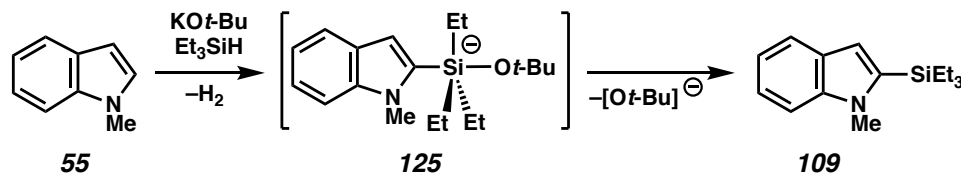
**Scheme 1.19** Overview of Mechanistic Investigations



An extensive computational investigation was conducted to determine the energetic feasibility of such a reaction pathway and while many aspects between experimental and computational results are in agreement, the radical initiation event is inconclusive. [see Ref. 32 for full discussion].

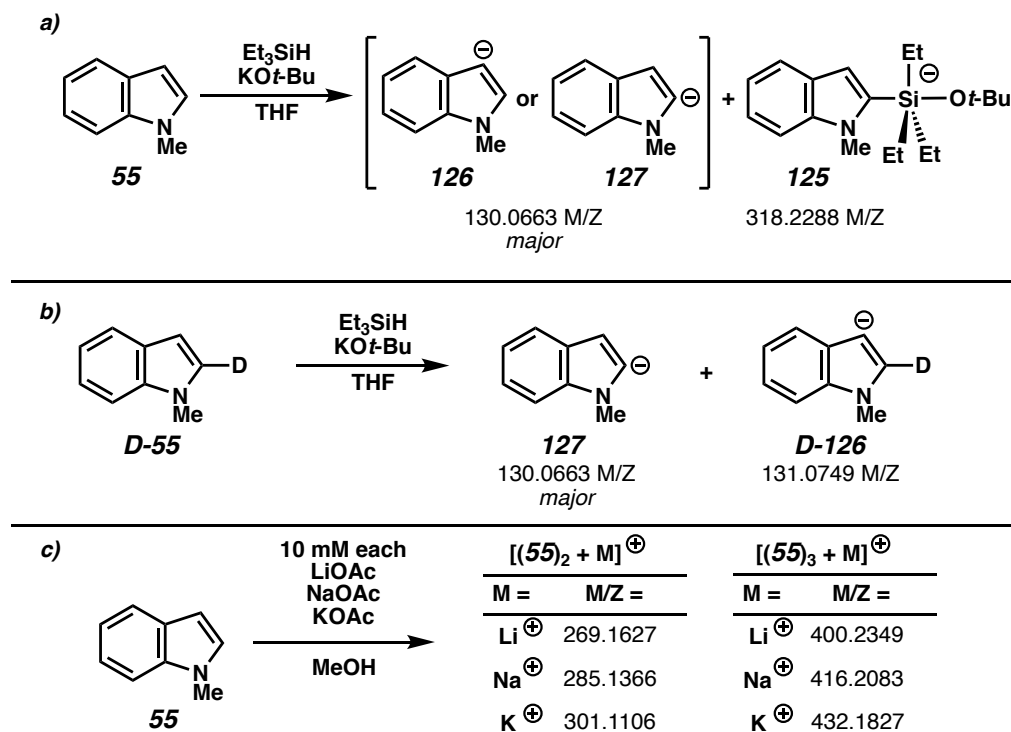
During the course of the mechanistic investigation it became apparent that a second reaction pathway might be possible. This second mechanism focused on the same KO $t$ -Bu-catalyzed C–H silylation reaction but proposes an ionic/neutral mechanism (Scheme 1.20).<sup>33</sup>

**Scheme 1.20** Overview for Ionic Reaction Mechanism

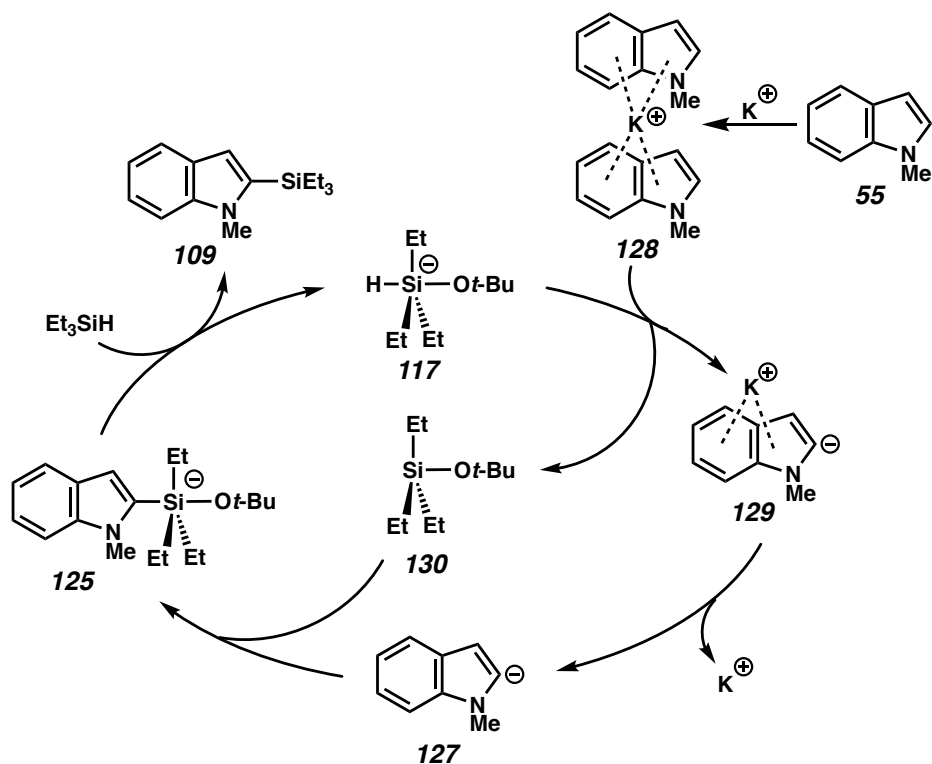


The Zare group was able to use desorption electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (DESI-MS) as a method to identify reaction intermediates. They were able to identify both the deprotonated indole substrate **126**, **127**, and **D-126** (Scheme 1.21) and the silylation intermediate formed by nucleophilic addition of indole to coordinated silane after loss of hydrogen (**125**). Furthermore, subjecting a mixture of Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, and K<sup>+</sup> solutions to DESI-MS with indole substrate the authors were able to detect the bis- and tris-coordinated  $\pi$ -arene complexes (Scheme 1.21c). These complexes may help to weaken the corresponding C–H bond and facilitate deprotonation.



**Scheme 1.21** Reaction Intermediate Observed by DESI-MS

Given these results, and a multitude of computational and other studies that are left out here due to space constraints, the authors propose a mechanism whereby the arene is coordinated by potassium cation **128** (Scheme 1.22), which facilitates deprotonation by pentacoordinate silicate **117** to afford coordinated anion **129** or free anion **127**. The deprotonated arene **127** then attacks the silyl ether **130**, generating the silylated anion **125**, which, after release of *t*-butoxide and subsequent regeneration of the pentacoordinate silicon **117**, forms the silylated product **109**.

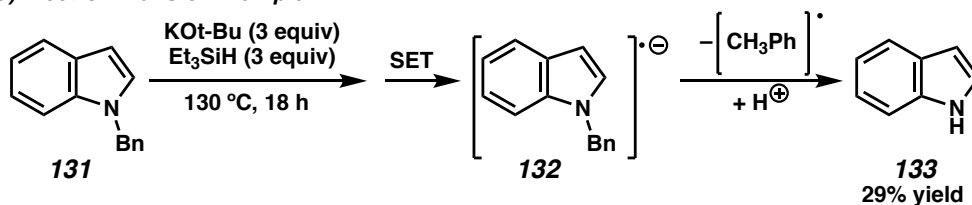
**Scheme 1.22** Proposed Ionic Mechanism

The neutral mechanism (not shown here, see Ref. 33) involves a similar transformation but no discrete ions are formed. While neither the radical nor ionic/neutral mechanism can disprove the other, both have shown significant mechanistic evidence and may be operative under different reaction conditions.

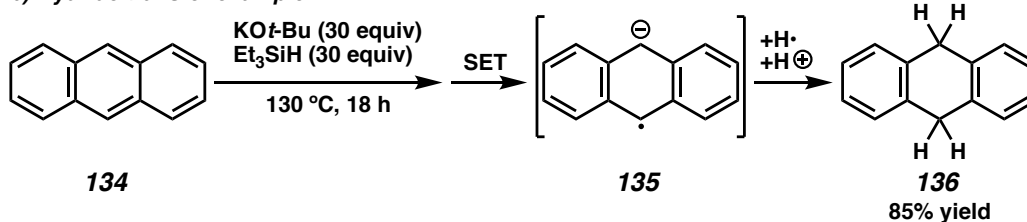
A third mechanistic study has recently been reported by the groups of Murphy and Tuttle which uses modified  $\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}$ -catalyzed silylation reaction conditions to effect electron transfer and hydride transfer reactions (Scheme 1.23).<sup>34</sup>

**Scheme 1.23** Overview of Electron Transfer and Hydride Transfer in Stoltz-Grubbs Silylation System Proposed by Murphy and Tuttle *et al.*

**a) Electron Transfer Example**



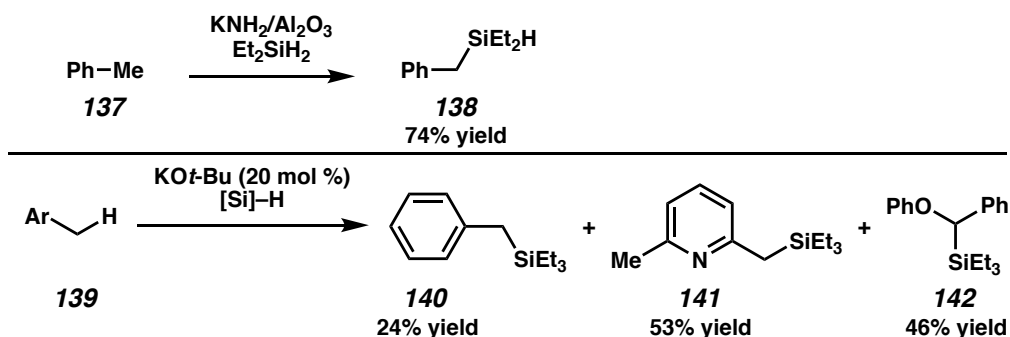
**b) Hydride transfer example**



While this is an interesting report related to the previously mentioned KO $t$ -Bu-catalyzed C–H silylation methodology, it is unclear if either of these mechanisms (i.e. electron transfer or hydride transfer) is active under catalytic conditions or whether this is an opportunity to access new types of reactivity.

## 1.6 C(sp $^3$ )–H Silylation

To our knowledge, only two examples of catalytic, transition-metal-free C(sp $^3$ )–H silylation reactions have been reported in the literature. Both catalyst systems were already presented here (See 1.4.3 and 1.5.2.2, respectively) and both systems are limited to the activation of benzylic C–H bonds (Scheme 1.24).<sup>17, 24</sup>

**Scheme 1.24** Examples of C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H Silylation

## 1.7 Conclusion

This chapter has focused on detailing the major developments in transition-metal-free, C–H silylation reactions. One broad category of such catalysts involves the generation of an electrophilic silicon which is trapped by the nucleophilic substrate. FLPs, especially using  $\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$ , have seen widespread use in this mode of C–H silylation, as they both activate silicon and may act as a base or hydride transfer reagent. While these catalysts have some common issues, they have proven to be useful in C–H silylation. Development of new Lewis acid catalysts may help to suppress  $\text{H}_2$  activation, Lewis pair formation with substrate or byproduct, and expand the scope to less nucleophilic substrates.

The sole report by Oestreich detailing the use of Brønsted acid in analogous reactivity is exciting as this may provide an orthogonal method of silane activation and expand reactivity to less nucleophilic substrates. It goes without saying that many complex molecules are incompatible with strong acid, and selective protonation of the silicon will be key to the further development of such acid catalyst systems.

Brønsted base silylation catalysts allow access to classes of substrates commonly made through a metalation and trapping approach but without the need for pyrophoric or

otherwise undesired reagents. The key to this reactivity is the in situ generation of a transient, significantly stronger base than the catalyst itself. Especially if the Si–H bond of hydrosilanes can be used as a hydride base, this mode of catalysis is likely to see significant future use due to the familiar reactivity (i.e., versus an [Si]–X, base system) but with increased safety and decreased waste.

The final mode of catalysis explored is radical type C–H bond silylation. In recent years, this mode of catalysis has been a major focus. This reactivity allows the activation of a wide variety of aromatic and even some aliphatic C–H bonds using simple reaction protocols. Catalytic generation of such a radical intermediate does pose challenges with functional group compatibility (i.e. carbonyl, nitro, cyano, some olefins, etc.), which has limited the reaction scope. Future catalyst development may help to avoid unwanted reactivity by modulating the reduction potential of the radical intermediate or decreasing the radical lifetime and concentration (i.e., by precomplexation of substrate and silane before radical generation).

A particular focus was devoted to discussing the different nature of the reaction catalysts and mechanisms, when known. Understanding the mechanism and inherent limitations will serve to guide the design of future C–H silylation catalysts. Given the interest this field has experienced in the recent years, we are excited to see what future developments bring.

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## CHAPTER 2

*A Combined Experimental and Computational Mechanistic Study of the  
KOt-Bu-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative C–H Silylation of Aromatic  
Heterocycles<sup>†</sup>*

### 2.1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Heteroarenes are important components of natural products and bioactive molecules, and considerable research has focused on their functionalization and derivatization.<sup>1</sup> Direct functionalization of unactivated C–H bonds in heteroarenes is a powerful method to access heteroarylsilanes and heteroarylboranes.<sup>2</sup> These intermediates provide routes to build complexity in molecules by well-established cross-coupling techniques.<sup>3</sup> Heteroarylsilanes are stable and find widespread use in polymer synthesis, medical imaging applications, and drug discovery.<sup>4</sup> Given the diversity and abundance of both heteroarenes and hydrosilanes, direct C–H silylation between heteroarenes and

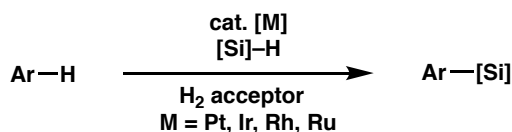
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with traditional methods (i.e., metalation/nucleophile trapping), direct cross-dehydrogenative C–H silylation constitutes an appealing alternative without requiring prefunctionalization of the heteroarene, cryogenic conditions, or pyrophoric reagents.<sup>7</sup>

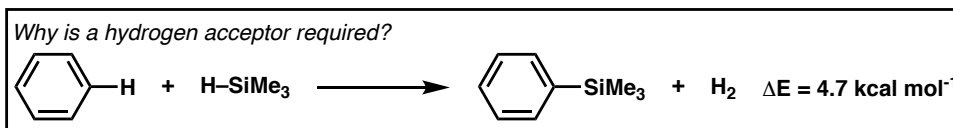
Significant advances in this field include the development of transition-metal catalysts that efficiently enable C–H silylation of heteroarenes in the presence of superstoichiometric sacrificial hydrogen acceptors (Scheme 2.1a). Recently, examples of acceptorless, catalytic C–H silylation have been reported using both transition-metal and transition-metal-free catalysts (Scheme 2.1b, c).<sup>6,8,9</sup>

**Scheme 2.1** C–H Silylation Catalyst Systems

a) Transition-Metal Catalyst using Hydrogen Acceptor



commonly used  $\text{H}_2$  acceptors include cyclohexene, norbornene, etc.



b) Transition-Metal Catalyst without using Hydrogen Acceptor



often require high reaction temperature

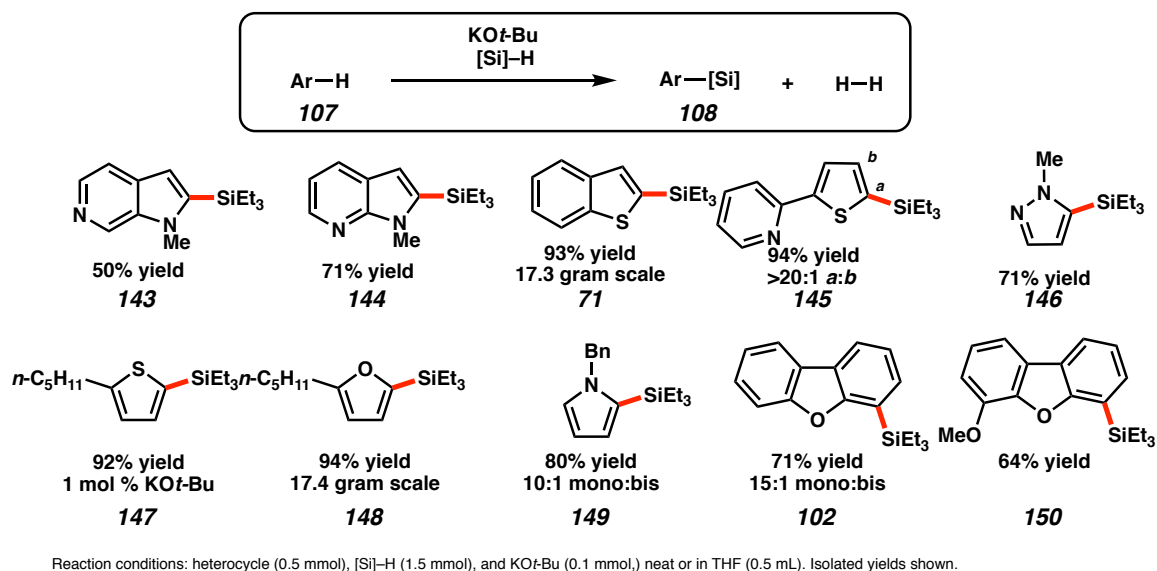
c) Transition-Metal-Free Catalyst without using Hydrogen Acceptor



reported catalysts include strong Lewis acids and Bronsted acids

Given the state of the art in C–H silylation, we sought a practical, sustainable, and scalable silylation method achieving efficient silylation of a broad scope of substrates. In cooperation with the Grubbs group, we have demonstrated that potassium *tert*-butoxide (*KOt*-Bu) can catalyze the direct cross-dehydrogenative coupling of heteroarenes with hydrosilanes (Scheme 2.2).<sup>10</sup> This method features mild reaction conditions, an operationally simple procedure, good functional group tolerance, and environmentally friendly reagents.

**Scheme 2.2** Select Examples of *KOt*-Bu-Catalyzed Cross-Dehydrogenative C–H Silylation Method



## 2.2 MECHANISTIC INVESTIGATION OVERVIEW

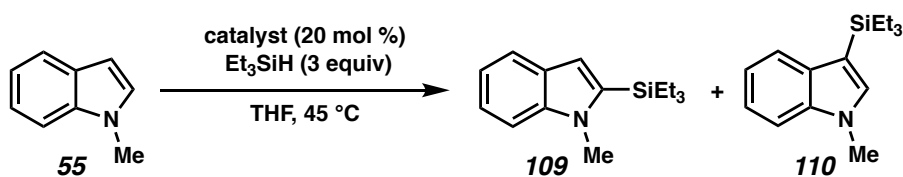
However, the mechanism by which this reaction occurs was both unprecedented in the literature and not initially apparent. We began a mechanistic investigation which culminated in a collaborative study described in a series of publications detailing possible radical and ionic/neutral reaction mechanisms.<sup>11, 12</sup> This chapter is a detailed account of

the evidence consistent with a radical mechanism, indicated by both experimental and computational mechanistic investigations.

## 2.3 INVESTIGATION OF SILYLATION REACTION YIELD AND KINETICS

### 2.3.1 Catalyst Activity

A detailed study of the catalytic competency of a variety of alkali, alkaline earth, and other metal derived bases as silylation catalyst has been conducted. As shown in Table 2.1, alkoxides and hydroxides of alkali metals with larger radius cations (i.e., radius  $\geq K^+$ ), such as  $K^+$ ,  $Rb^+$ , and  $Cs^+$  could provide the silylation product in moderate to good yields (Table 1, entries 1–4, 6, 9 and 10). Among all the catalysts examined, *KOt*-Bu was proven to be the ideal catalyst, affording the highest overall yield. However, no product was detected when *KOAc* or *KH* was employed as the catalyst (entries 5 and 7). Perhaps surprisingly, potassium on graphite ( $KC_8$ ) afforded the desired product in good yield (entry 8). Alkali metal bases with small cations (e.g., *LiOt*-Bu and *NaOt*-Bu) demonstrated a complete lack of reactivity and no product was observed even after extended reaction time (entries 11 and 12). Alkoxides of alkali earth metals or aluminum were also investigated as catalysts and failed to afford any product (entries 13–16).



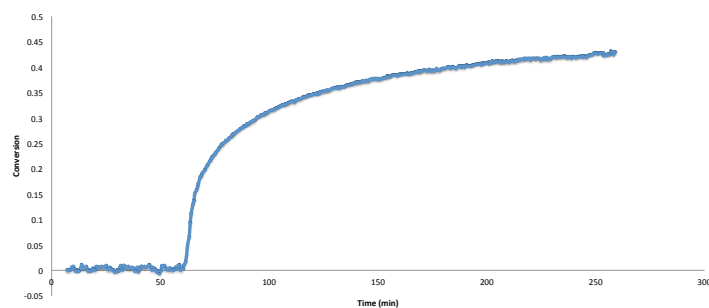
entry	catalyst	time (h)	conv (%) <sup>b</sup>	109 : 110 <sup>b</sup>
1	<i>KOt</i> -Bu	10	88	11:1
2	KOEt	10	55	9:1
3	KOMe	20	35	9:1
4	KOTMS	20	53	12:1
5	KOAc	60	0	–
6	KOH <sup>c</sup>	20	52	11:1
7	KH	36	0	–
8	KC <sub>8</sub> <sup>d</sup>	10	73	8:1
9	CsOH·H <sub>2</sub> O	10	64	8:1
10	RbOH·xH <sub>2</sub> O	10	38	10:1
11	<i>LiOt</i> -Bu	36	0	–
12	<i>NaOt</i> -Bu	36	0	–
13	Mg( <i>Ot</i> -Bu) <sub>2</sub>	36	0	–
14	Ca( <i>Ot</i> -Pr) <sub>2</sub>	36	0	–
15	Ba( <i>Ot</i> -Bu) <sub>2</sub>	36	0	–
16	Al( <i>Ot</i> -Bu) <sub>3</sub>	36	0	–

[a] Reaction conditions: **55** (0.5 mmol),  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$  (1.5 mmol), and catalyst (0.1 mmol, 20 mol%) in THF (0.5 mL) at 45 °C. [b] Determined by GC analyses. [c] Dried KOH, see APPENDIX XX for details. [d] Potassium graphite.

### 2.3.2 Reaction Profile

The kinetic behavior of the silylation reaction with *KOt*-Bu catalyst was studied using in situ <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. As depicted in Figure 2.1, the silylation reaction was found to take place in three stages: an induction period (Figure 1, 0-3500 s), an active period with rapid formation of product (3500-4500 s), and a final period with significantly reduced reaction rate (>4500 s).

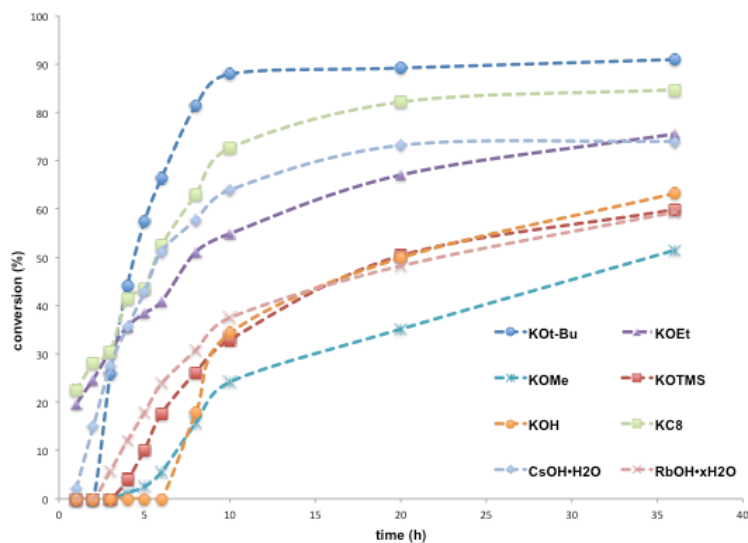
**Figure 2.1** A Representative Time Course of the Formation of **109**, Monitored by *in situ* <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



Reaction conditions: **55** (0.25 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (0.75 mmol), and *KOt*-Bu (0.05 mmol, 20 mol %) in THF-D<sub>8</sub> (0.25 mL) at 45 °C in a sealed NMR tube.

### 2.3.3 Impact of Catalyst Identity on Reaction Kinetics

Our investigations were then expanded to include each active catalyst presented in Table 2.1 (Figure 2.2). The length of the induction period was found to depend on the nature of both metal and counter ion. For anions, the induction period increased in the order of K<sub>2</sub>C<sub>8</sub> (shortest) < KOEt < *KOt*-Bu < KOH (longest). An increase in induction period was observed with decreasing radius of cations, with CsOH (shortest) < RbOH < KOH (longest). It is worth noting that the induction periods vary based on catalyst loading, solvents, and reaction temperature. Additives and moisture could also have a significant impact on the induction period, generally prolonging the duration of such period. Nevertheless, the induction period showed good reproducibility for identical reactions setup at different times. Although the induction period with *KOt*-Bu is not the shortest of all catalysts tested (Figure 2.2), this catalyst provides the highest post-initiation turnover frequency and product yield. Further discussion related to the cause of this induction period is explored in later spectroscopic and computational experiments.



Reaction conditions: **55** (0.5 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (1.5 mmol), and catalyst (0.1 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) at 45 °C. Conversion determined by GC analysis of crude reaction mixture

### 2.3.4 Silylation Product Distribution and Reversibility

Although the major product of KO $t$ -Bu-catalyzed silylation is the incorporation of a silyl group at the C2-position of 1-methylindole (i.e., **109**), C3-silylation products (i.e., **110**) are also observed. Increased in reaction time and temperature tend to shift the major product from C2- to C3-silylation. As illustrated in Table 2.2, a silylation reaction conducted in THF at 45 °C affords an 11:1 ratio of C2-:C3-products (**109**:**110**) after 10 h, but after 15 days under the same conditions only C3-product **110** is observed (i.e., 1:>20 C2-:C3-, entries 1 and 2). Similarly, when a reaction is conducted at 100 °C, C3-silylation predominates with a 1:9 ratio of products **109**:**110** (entry 3). These results are consistent with C2-silylation as the kinetic product, while C3-silylation is the thermodynamic product. Finally, solvent selection was found to have a dramatic impact on the C2- and C3-selectivity. In the absence of solvent, the C2-product is exclusively

observed at 45 °C and even at 100 °C C2-silylation is still the major pathway (entries 4 and 5).

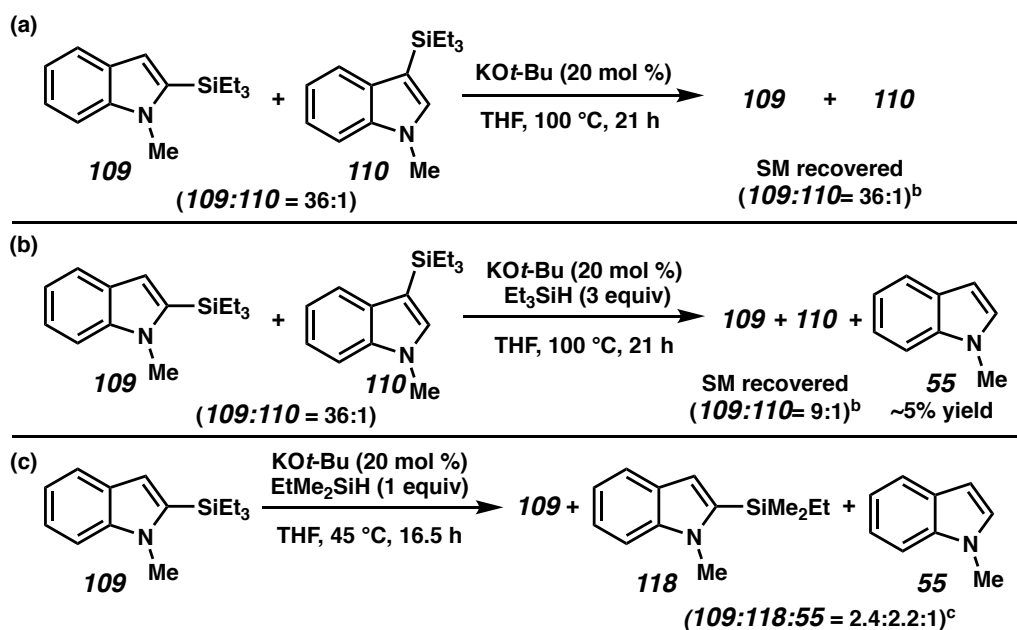
**Table 2.2** Investigation of Silylation Product Distribution

entry	solvent	temp (°C)	time (h)	conv (%) <sup>b</sup>	109 : 110 <sup>b</sup>
1	THF	45	10	88	11:1
2	THF	45	15d <sup>c</sup>	>95	1:>20
3	THF	100	20	94	1:9
4	neat	45	48	88	>20:1
5	neat	100	24	>95	4:1

[a] Reaction conditions: **55** (0.5 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (1.5 mmol), and *KOt*-Bu (0.1 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL, if indicated).  
 [b] Determined by GC analyses. [c] After 15 days.

Several experiments were conducted to probe the reversibility of the silylation reaction (Scheme 2.3). Treatment of C2-silylated compound **109** with *KOt*-Bu in THF does not result in conversion to the C3-silylated **110** (Scheme 2.3a), showing that catalyst alone is insufficient for reversibility. However, treatment of **109** with both Et<sub>3</sub>SiH and *KOt*-Bu in THF led to the conversion of C2-silylated product **109** to C3-silylated product **110**, along with approximately 5% of desilylated product **55** (Scheme 2.3b). Moreover, a crossover experiment involving compound **110**, stoichiometric EtMe<sub>2</sub>SiH, and catalytic *KOt*-Bu provided a mixture of starting material **110**, cross-silylation product **118**, and desilylation product **55** (Scheme 2.3c). These results indicate that the conversion of C2- to C3-silylation product likely does not occur through intramolecular silyl migration. In fact, the observation of cross-silylation and desilylation can be better explained by a reversible silylation reaction under these conditions.





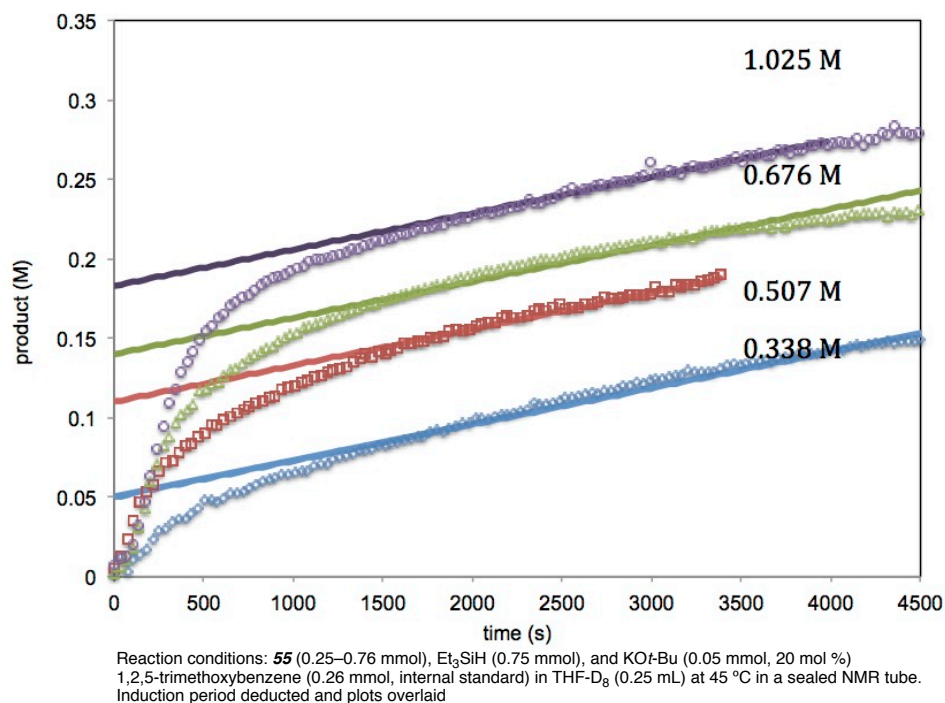
[a] Reaction conditions: **55** or **109** + **110** (0.5 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (1.5 mmol), and KO<sup>t</sup>-Bu (0.1 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL, if indicated).  
 [b] Determined by GC analyses. [c] Determined by NMR analyses.

### 2.3.5 Reaction Rate Dependence on Substrate Loading

Our efforts to investigate the reaction rate dependence of each reaction component found limited success due to the induction period. Depending on our selection of T=0, significant variation occurred in the measured initial rate and the rapid formation of product during the burst period further complicated measurements (i.e., limited number of data points due to time constraint and >10% consumption of reactant). We did observe an interesting trend in a series of time-course experiments while varying substrate **55** concentration (Figure 2.3). In each case, an initial burst phase of product formation is observed while the rate of product formation appears consistent during the burst phase regardless of the substrate concentration. The length of the burst phase does appear to be correlated to substrate concentration. Interestingly, after the burst phase the reaction rate of all cases appear to be consistent, indicating the steady state reaction may

not depend on **55**. This work helped us to understand the reaction occurred in the following 3 regimes; induction, burst, and sustained reaction periods.

**Figure 2.3** Time-Course Investigation of Reaction Dependence on Substrate Concentration

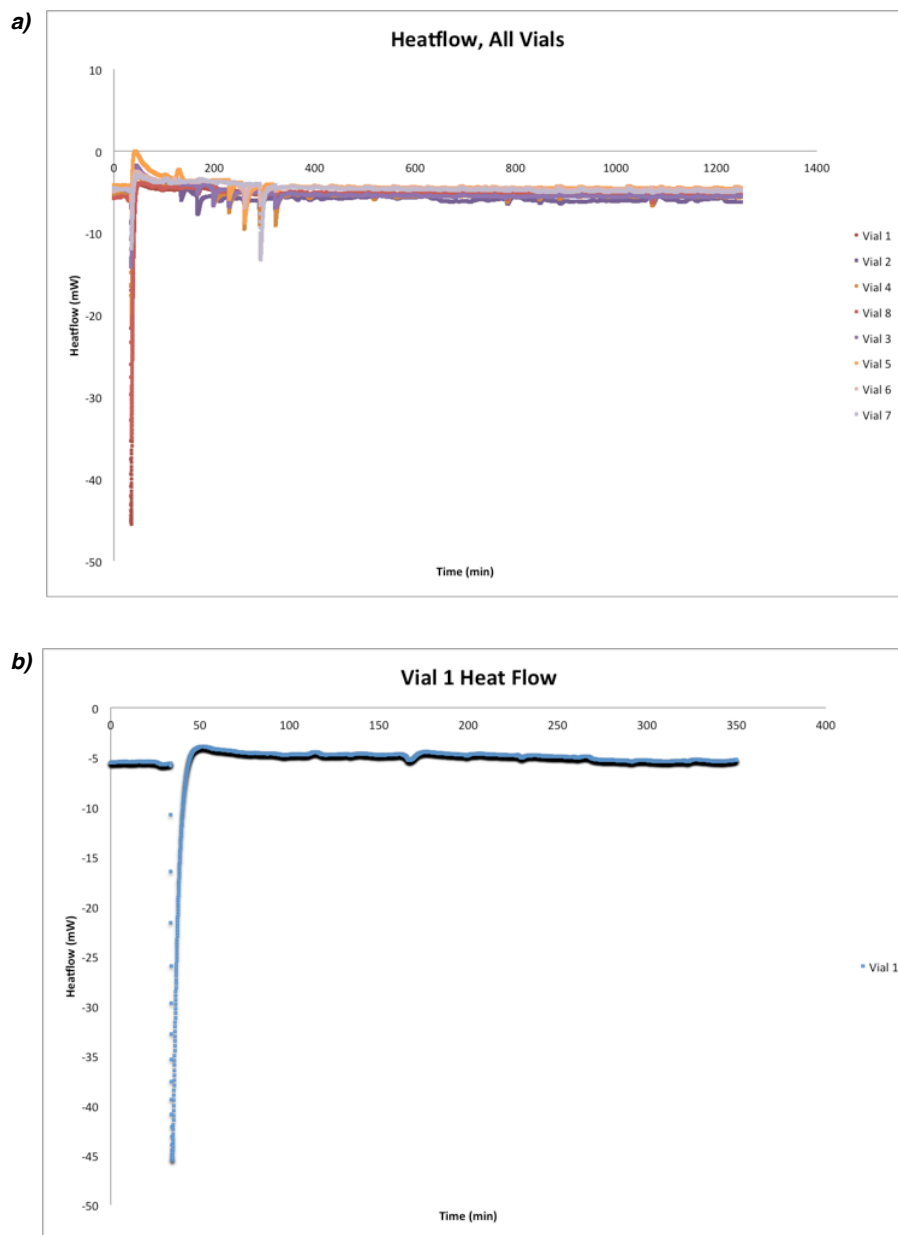


### 2.3.6 Silylation Reaction Safety

We investigated possible safety concerns related to the rapid formation of product during the burst phase of the silylation reaction (i.e., rapid generation of heat or gas). Eight identical reactions were conducted in parallel in a calorimeter and the heat flow for each vial is shown in Figure 2.4a. A large negative heat of mixing is observed when the *KOt*-Bu solution in THF is added at  $T \approx 50$  min. The repeated negative heat flow spikes are caused by minute changes in pressure due to sampling (i.e., using a syringe and needle to remove an aliquot for a GC sample). Therefore, one vial was not sampled until the endpoint (Figure 2.4b), while an additional vial was sampled at each time point (i.e.,

vial 2 at first time point, then vial 2 and 3 at the second time point, etc.). All vials had comparable conversion upon workup as measured by GC-MS (52–60% yield of **109**). Based on the GC-MS yield and variation in the observed heat flow, we estimate the heat of reaction to be  $\pm 1$  kcal/mol or less.

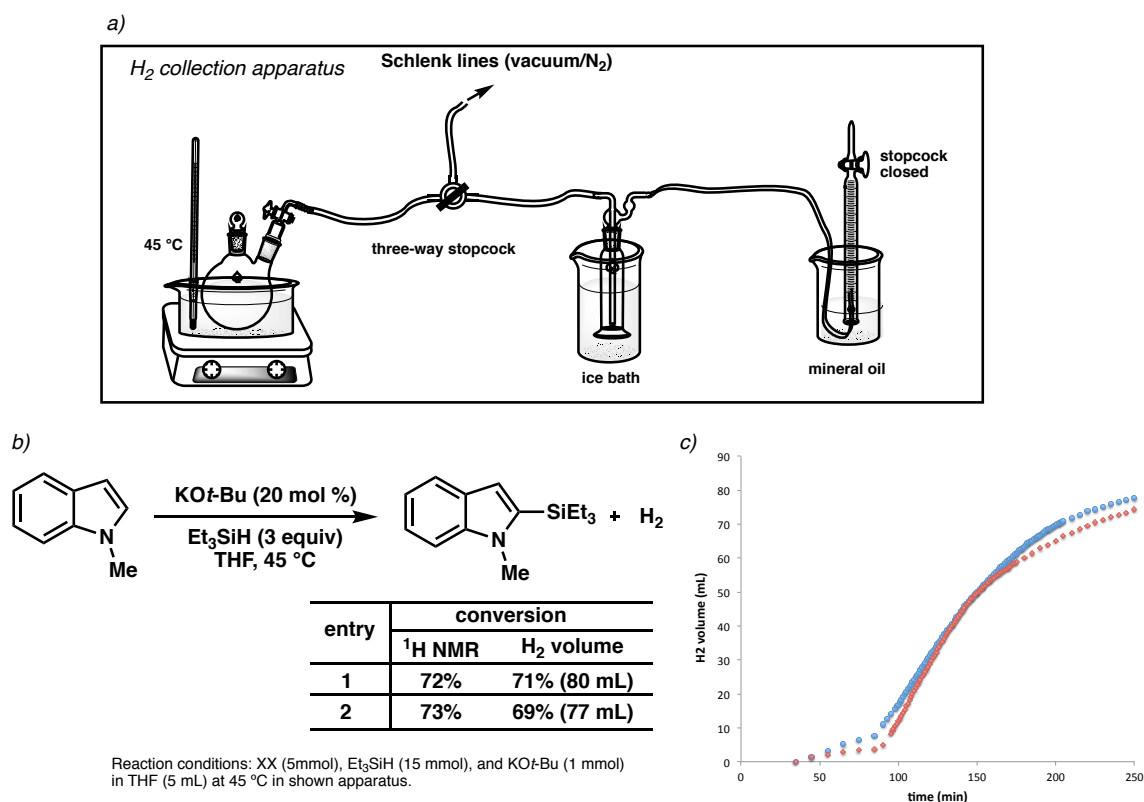
**Figure 2.4** Reaction Heat flow



Reaction conditions: **55** (4 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (12 mmol), and THF (3.2 mL) in a sealed calorimeter vial and initiated using KO<sup>t</sup>-Bu sol. (1M in THF, 0.8 mL) in a plugged syringe equilibrated to 45 °C separately

The formation of hydrogen gas was investigated utilizing the eudiometry apparatus shown in Figure 2.5a. A relatively large scale silylation reaction was conducted with the generated gas captured and the gas volume measured throughout the reaction progress. The final conversion as estimated by H<sub>2</sub> gas formation was in good agreement with the value found by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Figure 2.5b) and the plot of gas formation over time (Figure 2.5c) demonstrates the same profile as the previously presented plots of product formation over time (ie., Figure 2.1) A sample of the gas was found to have a <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum identical to H<sub>2</sub>.

**Figure 2.5** Investigation of H<sub>2</sub> Formation

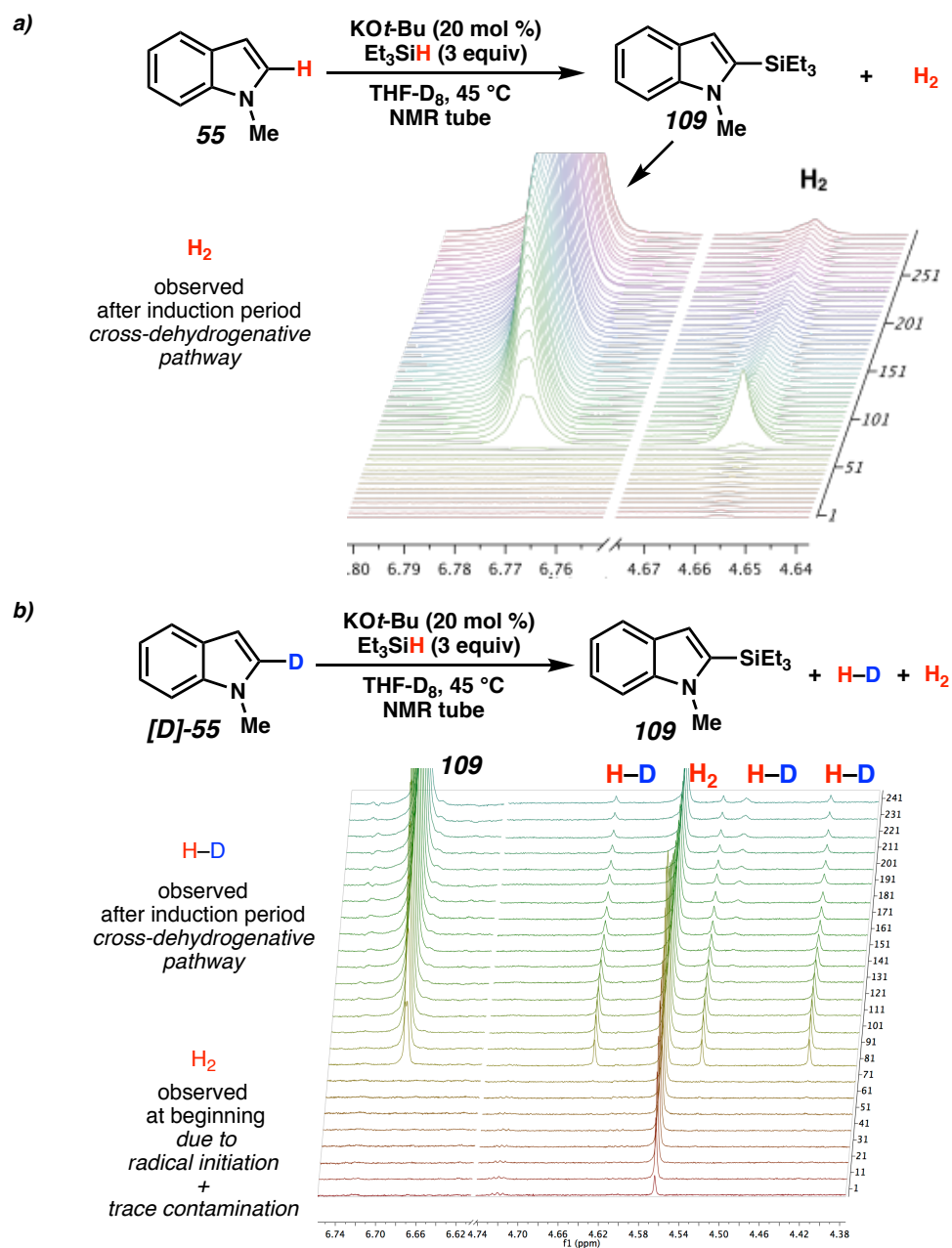


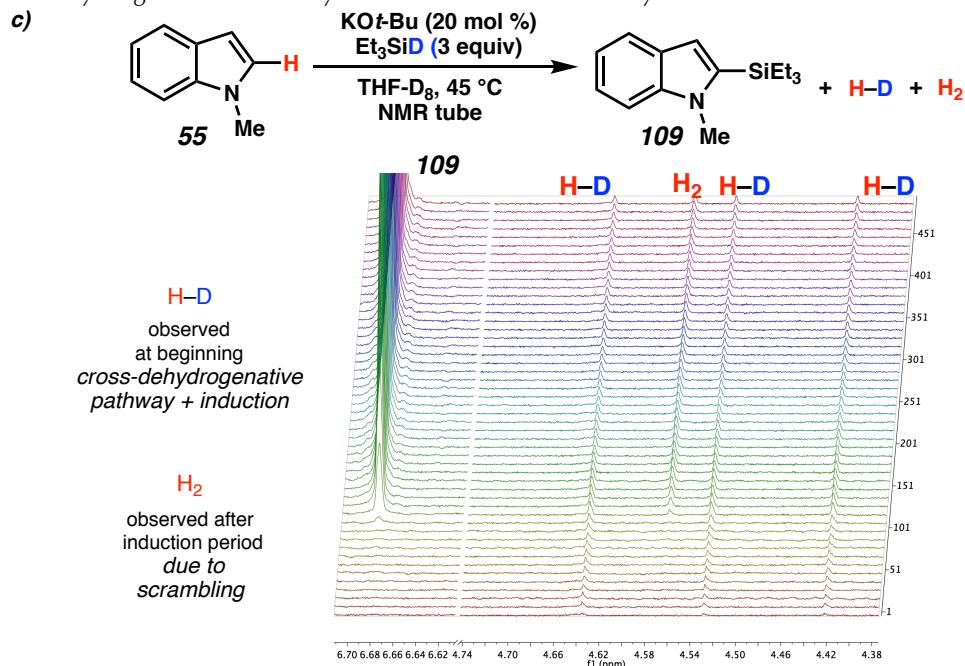
### 2.3.7 Cross-dehydrogenative Formation of H<sub>2</sub>

The process of H<sub>2</sub> formation was probed by in situ NMR using deuterium labeled substrates. As shown in Figure 2.6a, a trace amount of H<sub>2</sub> was detected during the induction period followed by rapid H<sub>2</sub> evolution, along with generation of the silylation product **109**. When C-2 deuterated substrate (**D-55**) is subjected the same reaction conditions, H<sub>2</sub> is initially slowly generated during the induction period, followed by the formation of HD (1:1:1 triplet, J = 43 Hz) (Scheme 2.6b). We attribute the formation of H<sub>2</sub> to the radical initiation process involving Et<sub>3</sub>Si–H and possible consumption of trace impurities.<sup>13</sup> The simultaneous formation of H–D and **109** would be consistent with a cross-dehydrogenative pathway.

Further experimentation with protio-substrate **55** and Et<sub>3</sub>Si–D was conducted under the same conditions and the results shown in Figure 2.6c. A minor peak corresponding to H–D was detected at the beginning of the reaction and the H–D signal intensity increased when formation of product **109** occurred. These results would also be consistent with a radical initiation process and consumption of trace impurities (now generating H–D when using Et<sub>3</sub>Si–D) followed by the cross-dehydrogenative reaction pathway. The growth of a peak corresponding to H<sub>2</sub> gas under these conditions at later time points (i.e.; well after product **109** is initially observed) indicated a possible scrambling process may be active under these conditions, consistent with the data presented in 2.3.4.

Figure 2.6 Hydrogen Gas Labeling Study

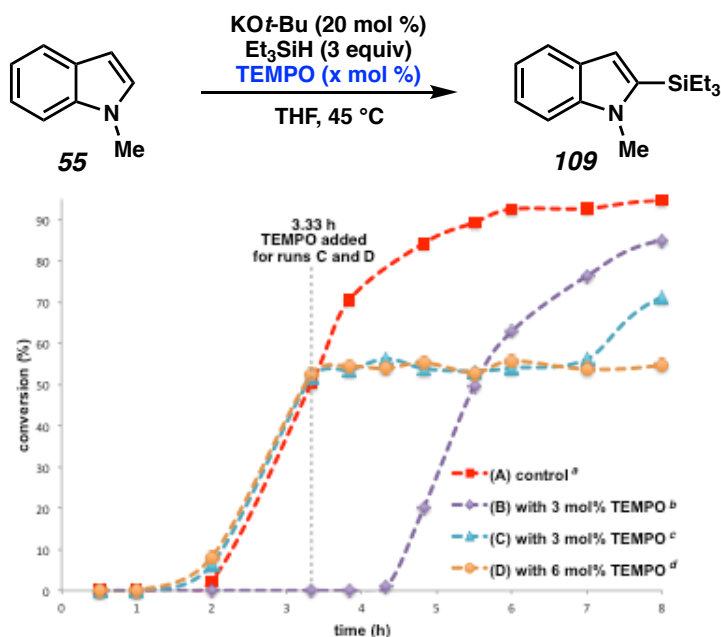




## 2.4 INVESTIGATION OF RADICAL INTERMEDIATES

### 2.4.1 Radical Trap Experiments

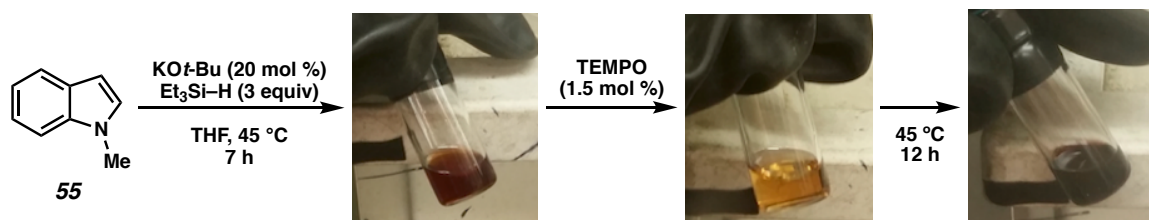
To probe the nature of the induction period, we performed a series of experiments using (2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxyl (**151**, TEMPO) as a radical inhibitor. As shown in Figure 2.7, the addition of 3 mol % of TEMPO at the beginning of the reaction essentially doubles the delay in product formation (i.e., TEMPO inhibition plus induction) compared to the control (plot A). A similar effect was observed when TEMPO was added after the initiation period (i.e., at 3.33 h with 54% conversion, plot c and d); product formation ceased for a period and then continued. A larger TEMPO addition, 6 mol % compared to 3 mol %, prolongs the resultant induction period accordingly.



[a] Reaction conditions: **55** (0.5 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (1.5 mmol), and KO<sup>t</sup>-Bu (0.1 mmol, 20 mol%) in THF (0.5 mL) at 45 °C. Conversion determined via GC. [b] TEMPO (3 mol %) added at the beginning of the reaction. [c] TEMPO (3 mol %) added at t = 3.33 h. [d] TEMPO (6 mol %) added at t = 3.33 h, product formation resumes at 11 h.

Interestingly, the addition of TEMPO to the initiated reaction mixture leads to immediate bleaching from dark purple to light yellow as shown in Figure 2.8. Allowing the mixture to continue to react results in the dark purple color returning over the period of hours. Attempts to characterize the highly colored species using UV–Vis spectroscopy were unsuccessful as the standard reaction conditions (i.e., 1M in substrate) resulted in insufficient light transmission and the colored species does not appear stable in sufficiently dilute samples.

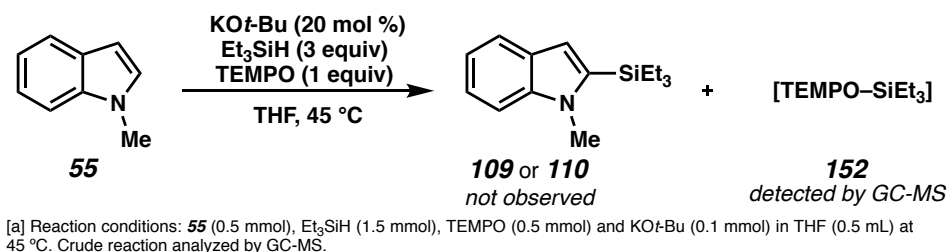
**Figure 2.8** TEMPO Induced Reaction Bleaching





When a stoichiometric amount of TEMPO is included, as shown in Scheme 2.4, the expected products **109** or **110** are not observed. Careful analysis of the crude reaction mixture by GC-MS displayed a signal with *m/z* that matches a TEMPO–SiEt<sub>3</sub> adduct (**152**) formed from the capture of the triethylsilyl radical by TEMPO.<sup>14</sup>

**Scheme 2.4** Detection of TEMPO–Silyl Adduct



These results would be consistent with TEMPO interception of a silyl radical, terminating the radical chain process. Product formation restarts only after the substoichiometric amount of TEMPO has been fully consumed.<sup>15</sup>

### 2.4.2 Radical Clock Experiments

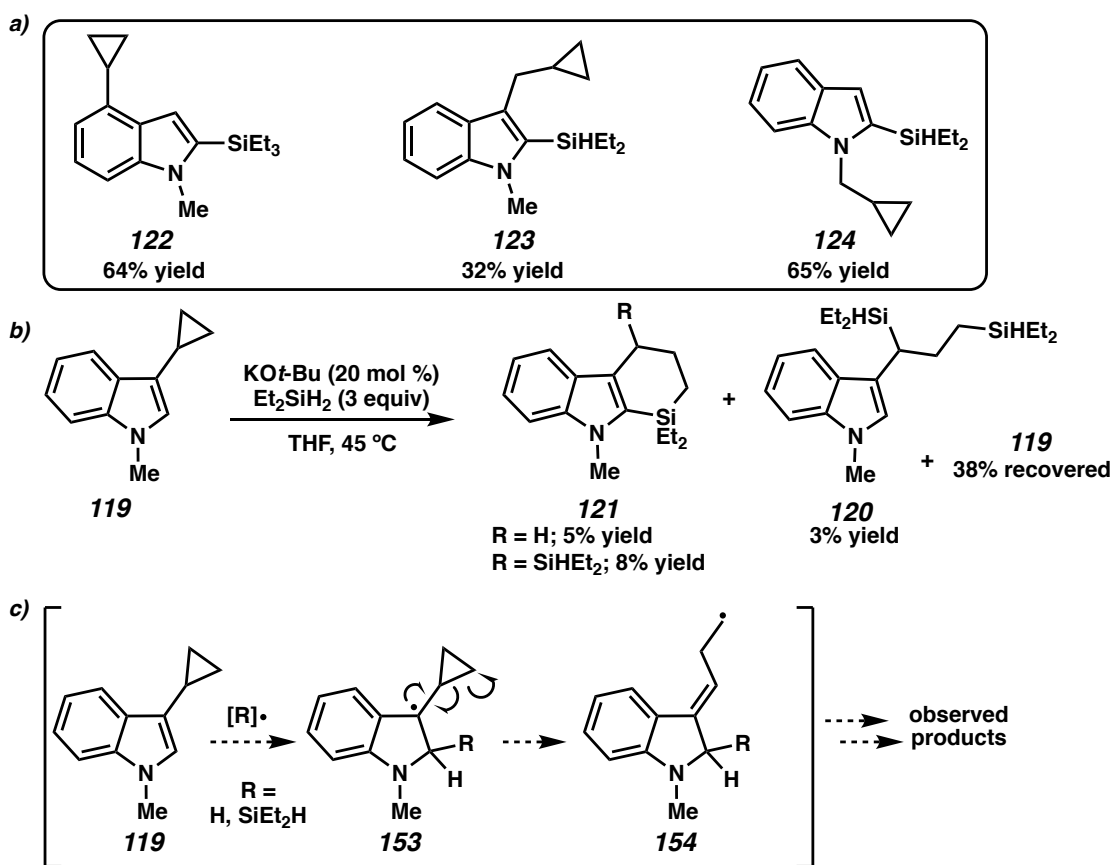
To better understand how the triethylsilyl radical reacts with substrate, a series of cyclopropane containing substrates were employed as radical probes to investigate the formation of radical intermediates. Several indole substrates bearing cyclopropyl or cyclopropylmethyl groups were synthesized and subjected to the silylation reaction conditions (Scheme 2.5a). Substrates with 4-cyclopropyl-, 3-cyclopropylmethyl-, and 1-cyclopropylmethyl-substitution delivered the desired silylation products **122**, **123**, and **124**, respectively in moderate yields without the detection of ring-opening reactions.

In comparison, the reaction of 3-cyclopropyl-substituted indole **119** did not result in the expected C–H silylation product as shown in Scheme 2.5b. Instead a mixture of

ring-opened products, including both silyl C2-adducts **121** and protio C2-adduct **120**

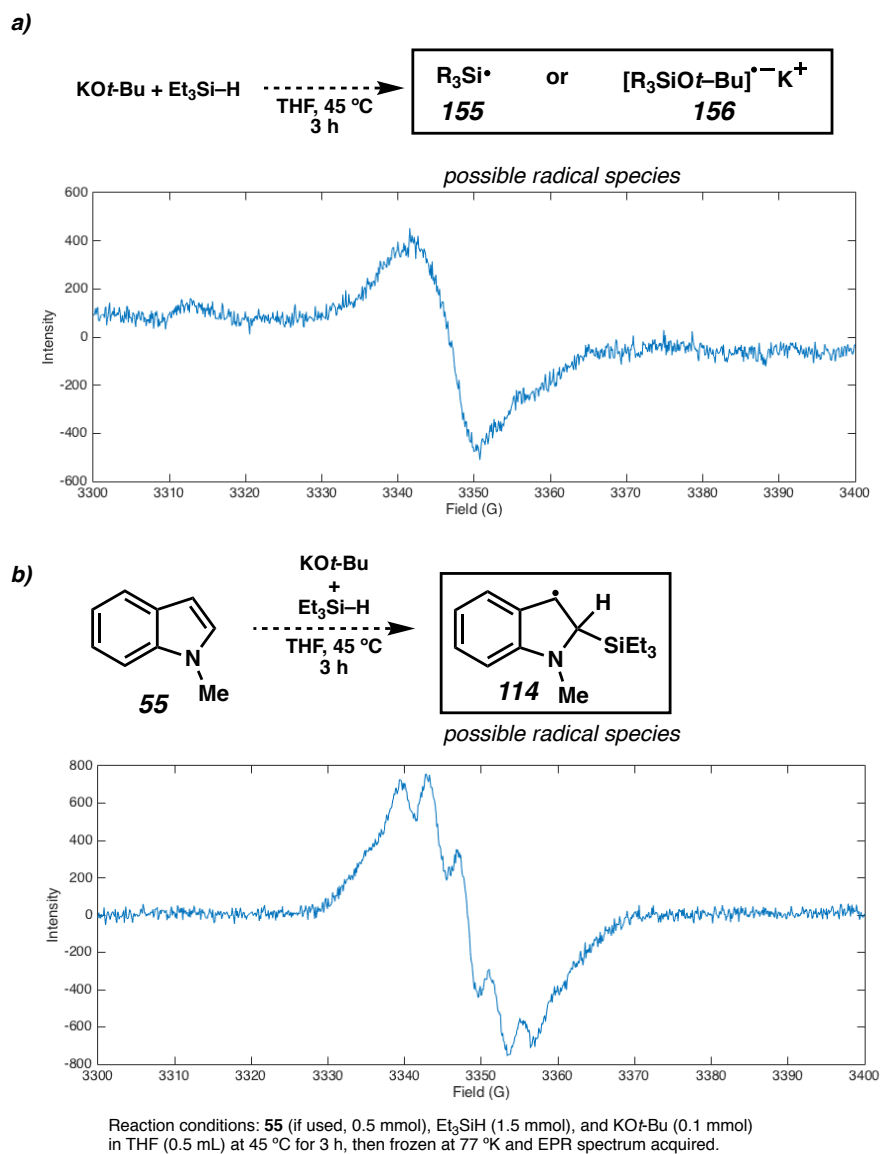
were observed. These products could arise from a silyl radical, or hydrogen atom, addition to the substrate (**153**) followed by rapid cyclopropane ring opening (**154**) and further silylation or cyclization (Scheme 2.5c). The low yields of trapped products **120**–**121** could be explained by a number of radical termination processes limiting reaction rate. Overall, the results of our radical trap experiments are consistent with the formation of a C3-centered radical (i.e., **153**).

**Scheme 2.5** Radical Clock Studies



### 2.4.3 Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) Studies

EPR spectroscopy was utilized in an effort to directly detect and characterize radical intermediates present in the silylation reaction. *KOt*-Bu and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (Figure 2.9a) or **55**, *KOt*-Bu, and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (Figure 2.9b) were found to be EPR active and the resulting spectra are shown. While we were unable to conclusively determine the radical species present, the observed spectra are consistent with a number of catalytically relevant species such as **155** and **156**, in the absence of substrate **55**, or **114**, upon inclusion of substrate.



## 2.4.4 Radical Initiation

### 2.4.4.1 Background

Although there are a considerable number of examples of silyl radical reactions known in the literature, the means of generating silyl radicals are rather limited.<sup>16</sup> In our case, the silylation reaction results in comparable yields when kept in the dark as exposed to ambient light, which rules out the possibility of visible light-induced radical formation. Radical generation from trace metal contamination was previously ruled out by a series of inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) studies.<sup>10</sup>

### 2.4.4.2 Amine Additives

Itami, Lei and others reported that *KOt*-Bu could mediate the cross-coupling of aryl bromide and benzene without the use of transition-metal catalysis. Subsequent mechanistic studies revealed that in the presence of 1,10-phenanthroline a radical species was generated.<sup>17</sup> This process is accelerated dramatically with catalytic amounts of organic electron transfer reagents, such as *N*-methylpyrrolidone, *N*-methylglycine, and glycine, as demonstrated by Murphy.<sup>18</sup>

In the current silylation manifold the addition of any of these compounds resulted in a significant decrease in reactivity (Table 2.3, entries 1–4).

**Table 2.3** Radical Generation via Amine Additives

entry	additive	time (h)	conversion (%) <sup>b</sup>	109 : 110 <sup>b</sup>
1	1,10-phenanthroline	8	52	>20:1
		24	79	>20:1
2	<i>N</i> -methylpyrrolidone	8	0	–
		24	50	>20:1
3	<i>N</i> -methylglycine	8	7	>20:1
		24	67	19:1
4	glycine	8	10	>20:1
		24	54	>20:1
5	none	8	93	>20:1

[a] Reaction conditions: **55** (0.5 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (1.5 mmol), KO $t$ -Bu (0.1 mmol), and additive (0.025 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) at 45 °C. [b] Determined by GC analysis.

### 2.4.4.3 Radical Initiation via Hydrogen Atom Abstraction

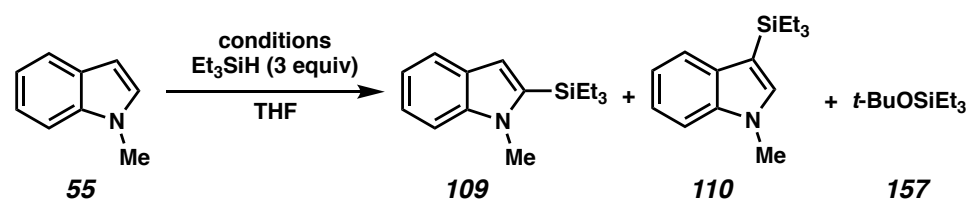
A reported method for the generation of silane based radicals is the abstraction of a hydrogen atom from hydrosilanes using organic radicals (e.g.,  $n$ -Bu<sub>3</sub>Sn•,  $t$ -BuO•).<sup>19</sup> To test whether this mechanism is active under these conditions, we have undertaken a series of experiments with in situ generated *tert*-butoxy radicals. No product was obtained using catalytic quantities of di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (DTBP) at 135 °C (Table 2.4, entry 2). Utilizing stoichiometric DTBP at 135 °C led to only small amounts of desired product along with very complicated mixtures as indicated by the GC-MS traces (entry 3).

Attempts to carry out the silylation reaction under milder conditions with catalytic di-*tert*-butyl hyponitrite (TBHN) or a mixture of TBHN and NaO $t$ -Bu failed to furnish product (entries 5 and 6). Addition of KO $t$ -Bu to reactions containing either DTBP or

TBHN furnished the desired silylation product, albeit with decreased yields (entries 4 and 7).

Moreover, under our standard reaction conditions (i.e., entry 1), the desired product **109** was always accompanied by  $t$ -BuOSiEt<sub>3</sub> (**157**). The reactions with DTBP or TBHN did not produce  $t$ -BuOSiEt<sub>3</sub>, indicating  $t$ -BuOSiEt<sub>3</sub> may not be arise from the reaction of  $t$ -BuO• with silane or silyl radical but different pathway.

**Table 2.4** Radical Initiation via *tert*-Butoxy Radicals



entry	conditions (mol %)	temp (°C)	time (h)	conv (%) <sup>b</sup>	detection of <b>157</b> <sup>b</sup>
1	KO $t$ -Bu (20)	45	24	80	yes
2	DTBP (20)	135	14	1	no
3	DTBP (100)	135	14	10	no
4	DTBP (20) + KO $t$ -Bu (20)	45	14	42	yes
5	TBHN (10)	45	10 24	0 0	no no
6	TBHN (10) + NaO $t$ -Bu (20)	45	10 24	0 0	no no
7	TBHN (10) + KO $t$ -Bu (20)	45	10 24	0 54	no yes

[a] Reaction conditions: **55** (0.5 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (1.5 mmol), KO $t$ -Bu (0.1 mmol, if used), and radical initiator in THF (0.5 mL) at 45 °C. [b] Determined by GC analysis.

Although the involvement of a  $t$ -butoxy radical cannot be excluded based on these experiments, there is little evidence to support the initiation of a triethylsilyl radical via hydrogen atom abstraction from Et<sub>3</sub>SiH by  $t$ -butoxy radical.

## 2.5 PENTACOORDINATE SILICATE INTERMEDIATES

### 2.5.1 Background

It has been well documented that the addition of strong silicophilic Lewis bases (e.g., fluoride, alkoxide) can increase the reactivity of hydrosilanes in the hydrosilylation of C=O bonds.<sup>20</sup> It is believed that strongly reducing hypercoordinate silicate complexes are formed by coordination of nucleophilic anions during such processes, which typically weakens the Si–H bond and increases the hydridic character of this bond.<sup>21,22</sup> Studies by Corriu et al. revealed that the direct reaction of (RO)<sub>3</sub>SiH with the corresponding KOR (R = alkyl or aryl) in THF at room temperature affords the anionic, five-coordinate hydridosilicate [HSi(OR)<sub>4</sub>]K in good yield.<sup>23</sup> Such species are found to be very effective in the reduction of carbonyl compounds, can act as an electron donor toward the dehalogenation of organic halides, or can donate one electron to a metal complex. Although the formation of similar pentacoordinate species from trialkylsilanes and potassium alkoxide is unknown, we envisioned that such a complex is a possible intermediate in our reaction and may play a crucial role in radical initiation.

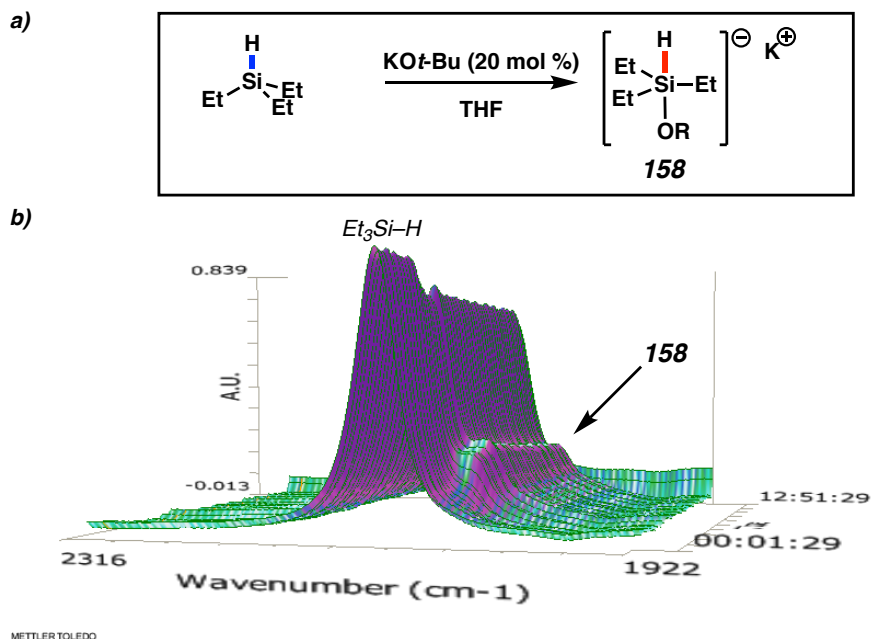
### 2.5.2 ReactIR Studies of Pentacoordinate Silicate

Unfortunately, attempts to isolate and structurally characterize such species by NMR were unsuccessful. However, by monitoring the silylation reaction using ReactIR, we found evidence for the existence of a new, possibly pentacoordinate silicate species (Figure 2.10). A new peak is visible in situ IR spectrum at 2056 cm<sup>-1</sup> adjacent to the Si–H stretching band in Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (2100 cm<sup>-1</sup>). This lower frequency peak would be consistent with an elongated, weakened Si–H axial bond in a five-coordinate silicate, as expected in such pentacoordinate complexes (i.e., in **158**).<sup>24</sup> A similar shift was reported previously



[H<sub>3</sub>Si(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>] from 2151 to 2107 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>25</sup> In this case, the authors rationalize the observed redshift occurs by an N–Si interaction to form a hypercoordinate complex as confirmed by X-ray analysis.

**Figure 2.10** ReactIR Investigation of Pentacoordinate Silicate

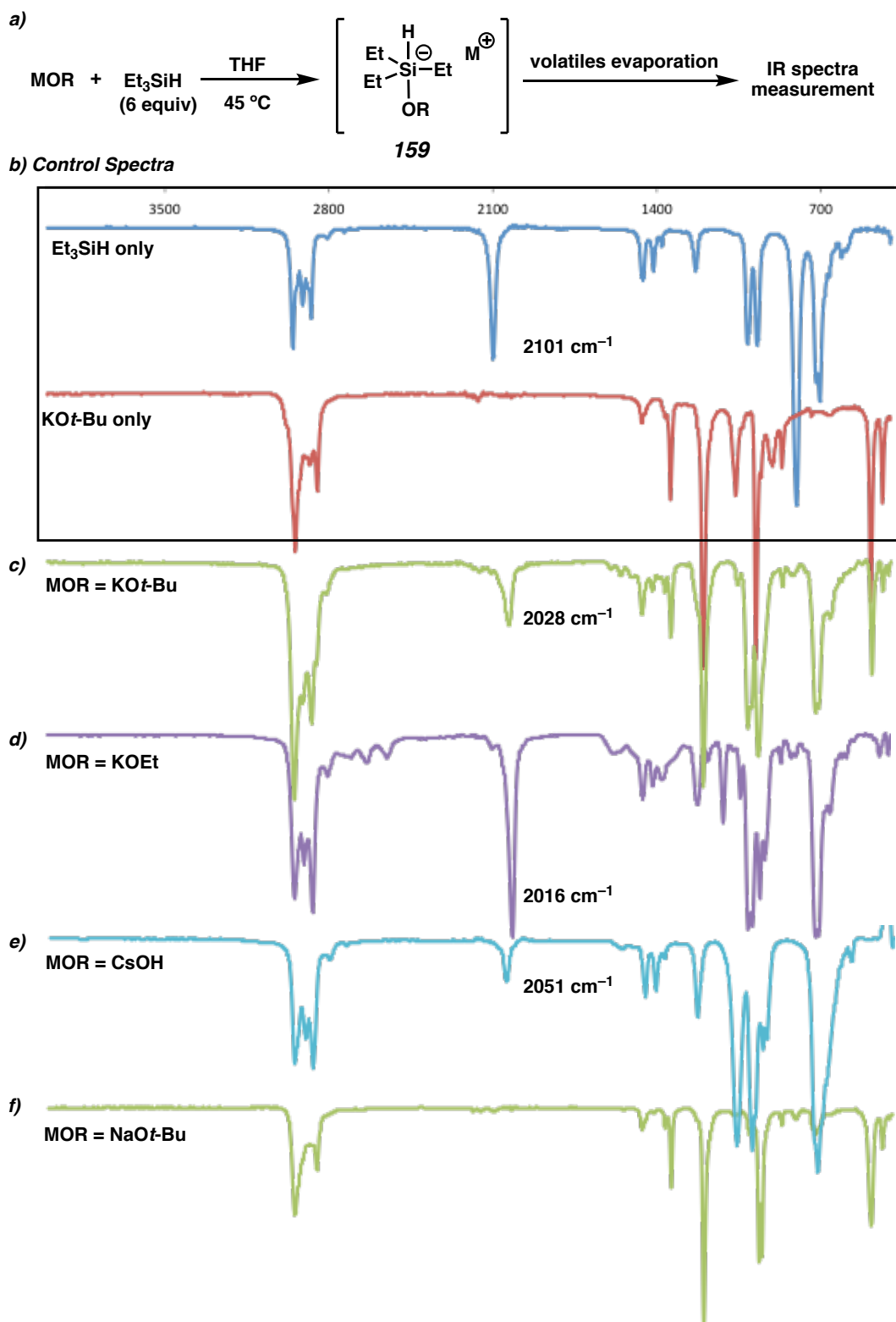


A correlation between the newly formed IR peak (Figure 2.10b) and the onset of product formation (i.e., the induction period ending) was observed. Once the new IR peak reached a steady state, the consumption of substrate **55** and formation of silylation product **109** occurs immediately. Furthermore, the new IR peak was visible throughout the reaction. This is consistent with the observation that premixing Et<sub>3</sub>SiH and *KOt*-Bu in THF for 2 h at 45 °C followed by the addition of substrate **55** eliminates the induction period, suggesting that the formation of pentacoordinate silicate is responsible for the observed induction period.

### 2.5.3 ATR-IR Studies of Pentacoordinate Silicate

Further investigations were conducted to probe the formation of pentacoordinate silicates using a number of base catalysts listed in Table 2.1. The catalyst of interest was allowed to react with  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$  in THF at elevated temperature, resulting in the possible formation of pentacoordinate silicates. Working inside a nitrogen-filled glove box, the mixture was placed on the window of an attenuated total reflectance infrared (ATR-IR) spectrometer, the volatile components (i.e., THF,  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ ) were allowed to evaporate, and an ATR-IR spectrum was acquired (Figure 2.11a). Any alkoxide base which was a competent silylation catalyst developed a lower energy Si–H feature (from 2016–2051  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) potentially corresponding to the Si–H bond of a pentacoordinate species (Figure 2.11c–e). In sharp contrast, no such species were detected with unreactive catalysts (e.g., *NaOt*-Bu, Figure 2.11F) demonstrating that this new pentacoordinate complex is likely crucial for the radical initiation. For the pentacoordinate silicates formed from *KOt*-Bu and *KOEt*, the decrease in the frequencies of Si–H absorption correlates to a shortening of induction period, which is consistent with a longer bond requiring less energy for the homolytic cleavage (Figure 2.11c and d).

Figure 2.11 ATR-IR Spectra of Select Base-Silane Mixtures



Normalized and stacked ATR-IR spectra of Si–H stretching region of select metal alkoxides with hydrosilane. Reaction conditions: base (0.1 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (0.5 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL).

Finally, although there is a large variation in the induction periods with KOH, RbOH and CsOH, no differentiating Si–H frequencies of the pentacoordinate silicates derived from those bases are observed (Table 2.5, entry 6–8). We propose that this indicates the hydroxides are converted to the silanolates, and subsequently silicates, which serve as the active catalysts (entry 5 versus 6–8).<sup>26</sup> It is possible that the weak cation-anion interaction of late alkali metal bases could accelerate the formation of pentacoordinate silicates and thus account for the differing rate of radical initiation.<sup>27</sup>

**Table 2.5** Shift of Si–H IR Feature in Select Base Catalyst Mixtures

entry	Base	<i>t</i> (h) <sup>a</sup>	$\nu$ [Si–H] (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>	$\Delta\nu$ vs Et <sub>3</sub> Si–H (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>c</sup>
1	–	–	2099	–
2	KOt-Bu	2	2028	71
3	KOEt	2	2016	83
4	KOMe	7	2054	45
5	KOTMS	7	2047	52
6	KOH	20	2045	54
7	RbOH·xH <sub>2</sub> O	7	2052	47
8	CsOH·H <sub>2</sub> O	7	2051	48
9	NaOt-Bu	36	–	–
10	Mg(Ot-Bu) <sub>2</sub>	36	–	–
11	LiOt-Bu	36	–	–

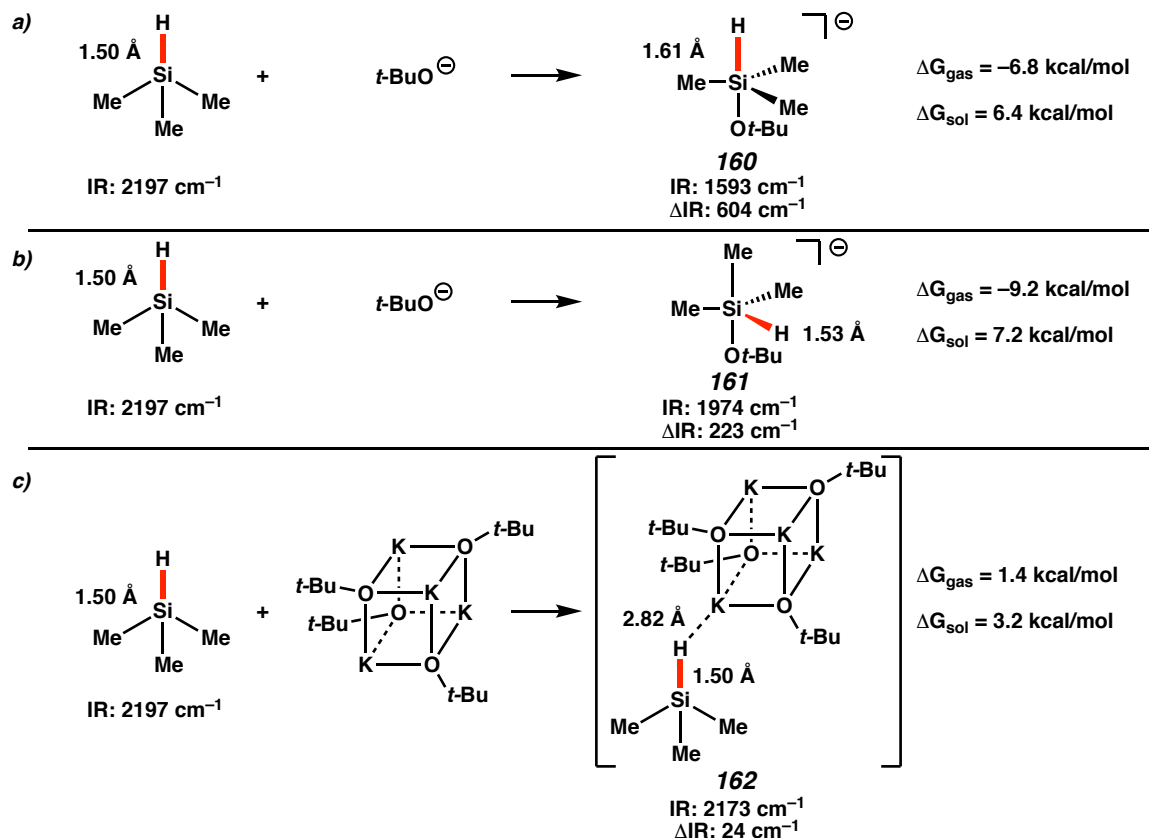
Reaction conditions: base (0.1 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (0.5 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL). [a] Reaction time before IR spectrum was measured. [b] Frequency of new Si–H bond feature, if present. [c] Frequency shift of observed feature versus Et<sub>3</sub>Si–H.

#### 2.5.4 Computational Studies of Pentacoordinate Silicate

We also performed computational studies to understand the nature of the coordinated species. Scheme 2.6 shows the calculated energetics of complex formation and the predicted Si–H stretching frequencies. Formation of the pentacoordinate silicate with the hydrogen atom in the axial position (**160**) requires 6.4 kcal/mol, and with hydrogen in the equatorial position (**161**) requires 7.2 kcal/mol. In both cases the

pentacoordinate species are stable minima, however, the entropy penalty of 12 kcal/mol for a 1M standard state causes the corresponding free energies to be unfavorable. The predicted IR shifts from trimethylsilane to these two silicate isomers are 604 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 223 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. Both of these IR shifts are larger than the experimentally observed IR shift of 73 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The formation of tetrameric KO*t*-Bu associated silane complex **162** is 3.2 kcal/mol endergonic, and the IR shift from silane to the corresponding (KO*t*-Bu)<sub>4</sub> associated silane complex is only 24 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The M062x functional and various basis sets were tested to probe the energetics of formation of these coordinated silicon species, and provided similar results.

**Scheme 2.6** Computed Results of Pentacoordinate Silicate Formation

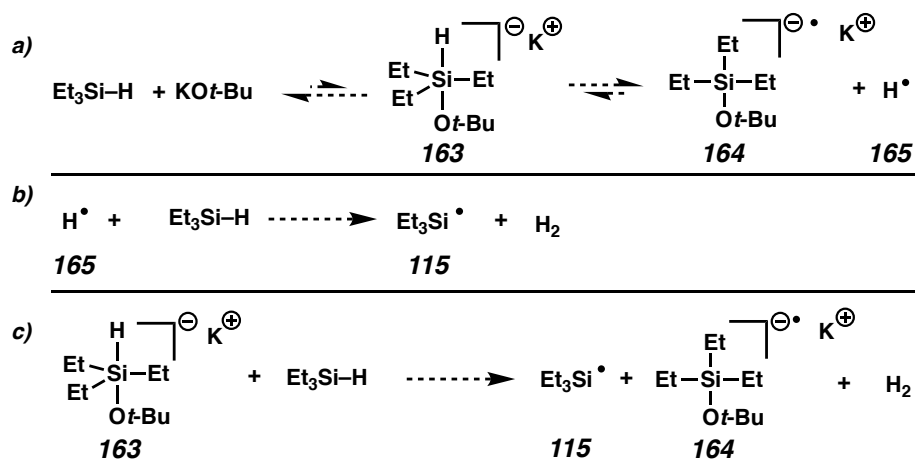


Calculated energetics of formation of pentacoordinate silicates or tetrameric KO*t*-Bu associated silane complex and the calculated IR stretching frequency of the Si–H bond.

## 2.5.5 Radical Initiation via Pentacoordinate Silicate

The bond dissociation energy for the Si–H bond of Et<sub>3</sub>SiH is 90.1 kcal/mol,<sup>28</sup> and the corresponding Si–H bond of silicate **163** would be weakened due to a change in electronics in the pentacoordinate structure (Scheme 2.7a). Thus a possible pathway for the radical initiation from silicate **163** would be the homolytic scission of Si–H to form a hydrogen radical and a coordination anion-radical complex **164** (consistent with the resultant *t*-BuOSiEt<sub>3</sub> detected by GC after workup of the reaction), as shown in Scheme 2.7a. This hydrogen radical **165** could then abstract a hydrogen atom from Et<sub>3</sub>SiH to generate hydrogen gas, as detected by in situ <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and a triethylsilyl radical **115** which we believe is the active species (Scheme 2.7b). Alternatively, reaction of pentacoordinate complex **163** and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH could result in the formation of both a silicon based radical (**115**) and radical anion (**1664**) as shown in Scheme 2.7c.<sup>29</sup>

Scheme 2.7 Plausible Formation of Pentacoordinate Silicate and Radical Initiation

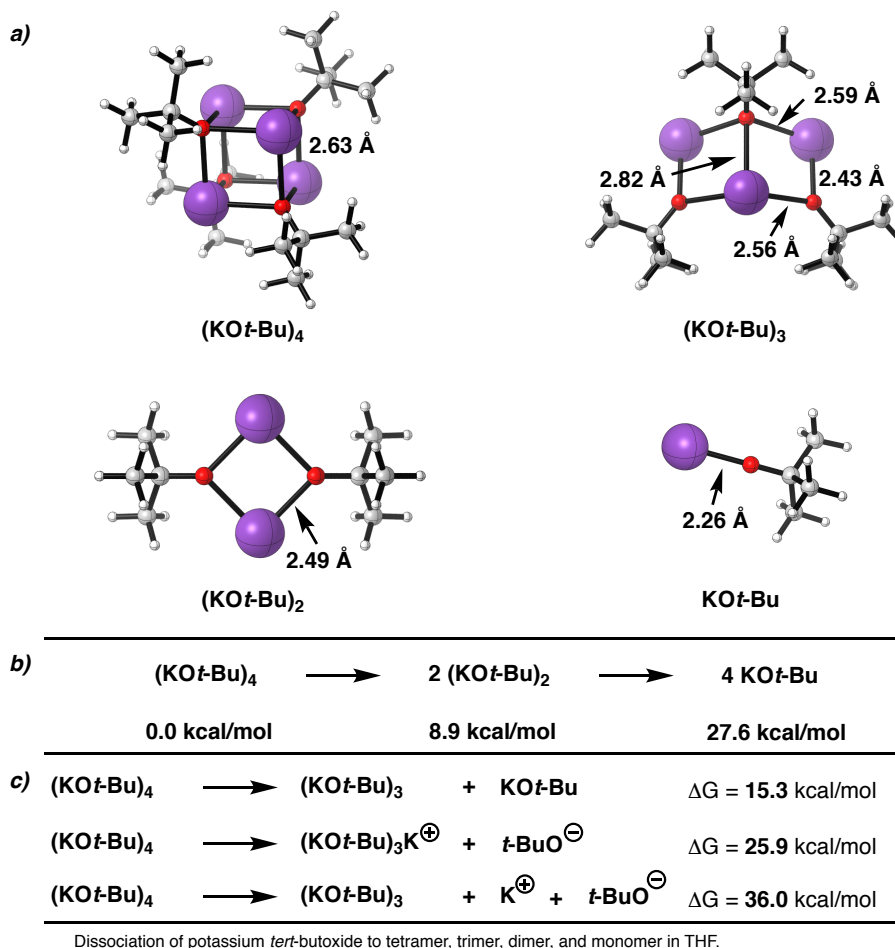


Unfortunately, our attempts to calculate such a radical initiation mechanism resulted in large activation energies (Scheme 2.8). While we still believe a Si–H bond homolysis of a pentacoordinate silicate may be relevant given our aforementioned



anion requires 25.9 kcal/mol. Therefore, the tetramer  $[\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}]_4$  is used as reference point in further calculations unless otherwise noted.

**Figure 2.12** Dissociation of  $[\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}]_4$

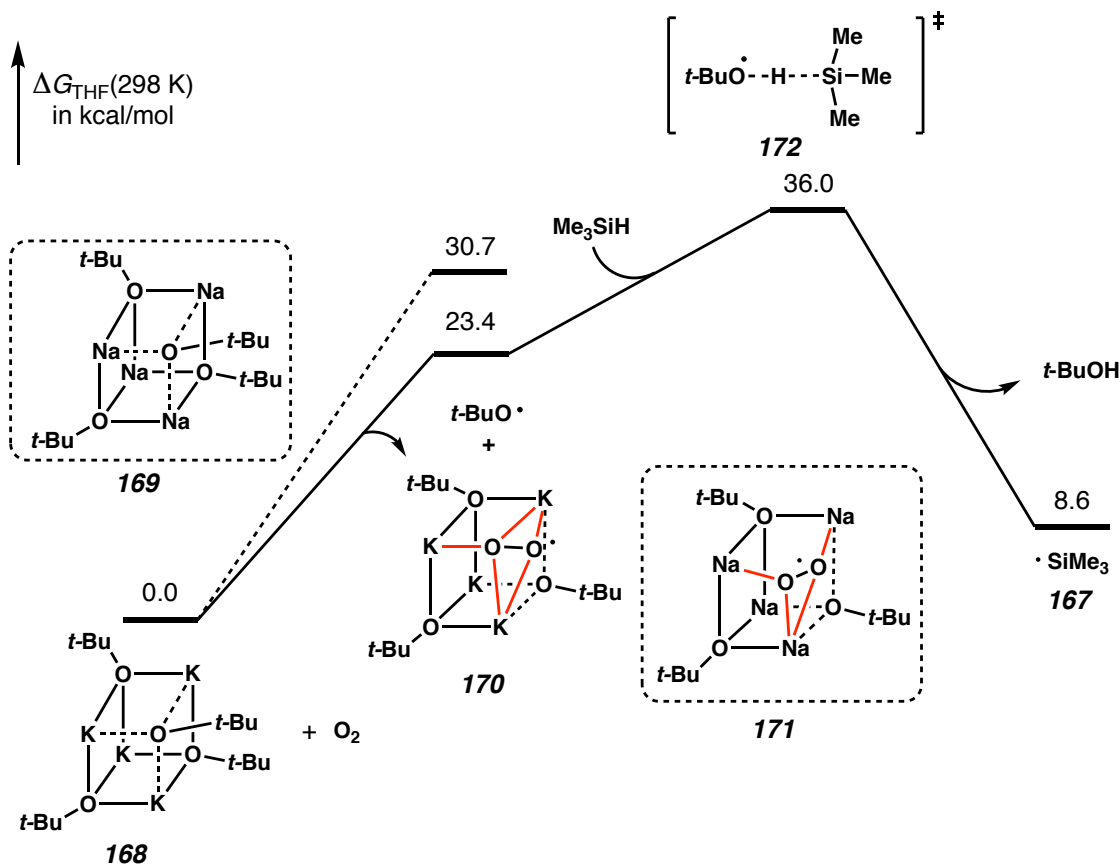


## 2.6.2 Radical Initiation via Trace Oxygen

Our computational results show that the radical initiation pathway through homolytic Si–H bond fission of hypercoordinate silane is relatively high energy (Scheme 2.8 and Figure 2.12). To address this unrealistic barrier, we have explored many different pathways of generation of the silyl radical, the most reasonable of which is shown in Figure 2.13. Trace molecular oxygen might serve as a temporary electron acceptor to



drive the formation of *tert*-butoxide radical.<sup>31</sup> Upon reaction of dioxygen with tetramer [*KOt*-Bu]<sub>4</sub>, *tert*-butoxyl radical and potassium peroxide radical **170** are generated. This process requires 23.4 kcal/mol, while the same process with tetramer [*NaOt*-Bu]<sub>4</sub> requires 30.7 kcal/mol, shown in dashed line. This is consistent with the failure of *NaOt*-Bu as a catalyst for the silylation reaction. This effect can be understood since the smaller sodium ion size would lead to a larger distortion from the tetramer structure **169** to sodium peroxide radical **171**, as compared to *KOt*-Bu. Only one Na–O bond is formed from **169** to **171**, while two K–O bonds are formed from **168** to **170**. Once the *tert*-butoxyl radical is formed, it can react with hydrosilane Me<sub>3</sub>SiH to generate the silyl radical through transition state **172** (36.0 kcal/mol, Figure 2.13). The entire silyl radical generation process is endergonic by 8.6 kcal/mol, but only a trace amount of radicals are needed to initiate the proposed chain mechanism. The high-energy barrier for initiation would be consistent with the observed induction period.



## 2.7 SILYLATION REACTION MECHANISM

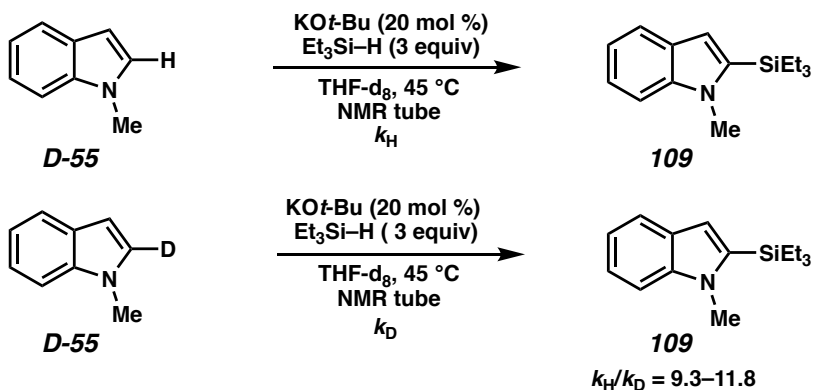
### 2.7.1 Kinetic Isotope Effect Studies

We envisioned that a  $\beta$  C–H fission from a C3-centered radical species (e.g. **153**, Scheme 2.4c) resulting in the formation of hydrogen gas is most likely the rate determining step of the proposed radical chain process. To gather more information about this hypothesis, C2-deuterium labeled substrate (**D-55**) was used to study the kinetic isotopic effects (KIE) during the reaction. First, two separate, parallel reactions of triethylsilane with **55** and **[D]-55** were performed to determine the KIE value (Scheme 2.9). As monitored by in situ  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, a significant KIE was observed using the initial

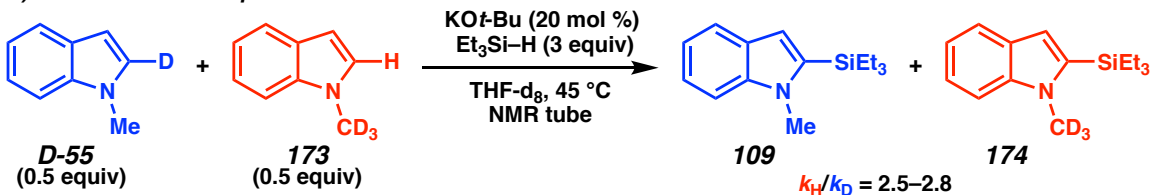
rates method for each reaction at the onset of product formation ( $k_H/k_D = 9.3\text{--}11.8$ ). The intermolecular competition reaction of [D]-**55** and 1-CD<sub>3</sub>-indole **173** in the same pot also showed a clear isotopic effect ( $k_H/k_D = 2.5\text{--}2.8$ ) calculated from the relative initial rates of formation for **109** and **174**. These results provide evidence that the C–H bond breaking of indole is involved in the rate-determining step.

**Scheme 2.9** Kinetic Isotope Studies

**a) parallel reactions**



**b) intermolecular competition**



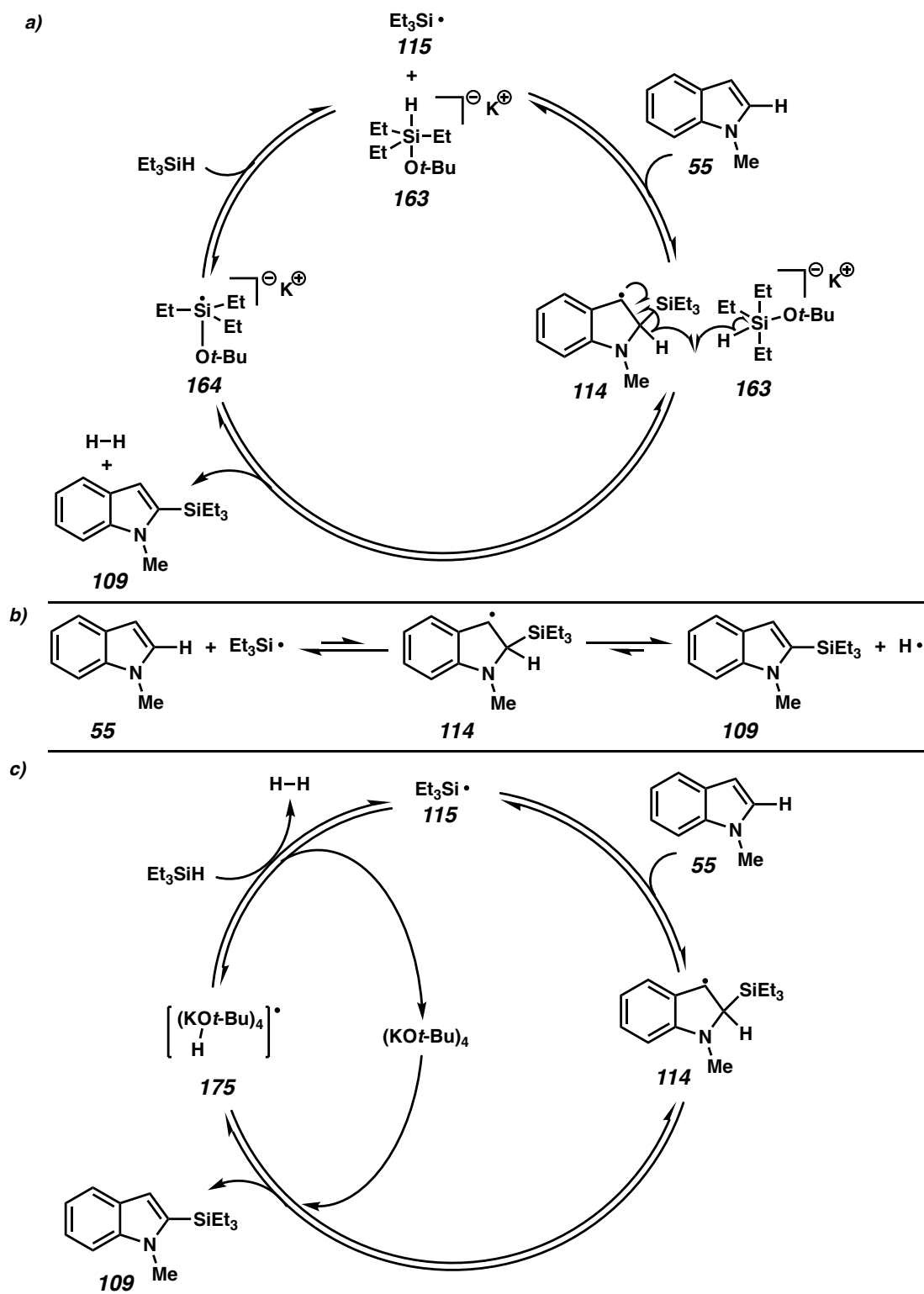
Reaction conditions: **D-55** or **55** + **173** (0.25 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (0.75 mmol), and KO<sup>t</sup>-Bu (0.05 mmol), and 1,2,5-trimethoxybenzene (if used, 0.024 mmol, internal standard) in THF-D<sub>8</sub> (0.25 mL) at 45 °C in a sealed NMR tube.

We also investigated the reaction using Et<sub>3</sub>SiH and Et<sub>3</sub>SiD, finding that the reactions with deuterated silane demonstrated a significantly longer induction period and a decreased reaction rate was observed. The combination of a prolonged induction period and decreased initial rate prevented an exact KIE measurement. The relative rate differences observed may arise from the homolytic cleavage of a Si–D bond in a pentacoordinate species requiring higher energy, therefore prolonging the induction

period. Furthermore the slower abstraction of deuterium compared to hydrogen limits the overall reaction rate in the radical chain mechanism.<sup>32</sup>

### 2.7.2 Proposed Reaction Mechanism

The addition of silyl radicals to double bonds has been shown to readily occur, driven by the formation of a stronger  $\sigma$ -bond at the expense of a weaker  $\pi$ -bond.<sup>33</sup> Therefore, we propose that Et<sub>3</sub>Si• adds to indole at the C2 position to generate a stabilized benzylic radical **114** (Scheme 2.10), as evidenced by radical clock experiments shown in Scheme 2.5. Fragmentation of the weaker C2–H bond  $\alpha$  to the radical center by a  $\beta$ -H scission restores aromaticity in the indole system and generates H<sub>2</sub>, providing an entropic driving force for the overall reaction.<sup>34,35</sup> The resultant silicate radical anion **164** can then react with an equivalent of triethylsilane thereby regenerating the Et<sub>3</sub>Si•, continuing the chain process. Tetrameric [KO $t$ -Bu]<sub>4</sub> may also be involved as a hydrogen atom transfer catalyst, by abstracting a hydrogen atom from benzylic radical **114**, producing the silylated product **109** as well as the base–hydrogen radical adduct **175**. This radical adduct then reacts with another equivalent of hydrosilane to produce H<sub>2</sub> and regenerates the silyl radical, thus completing the catalytic cycle.

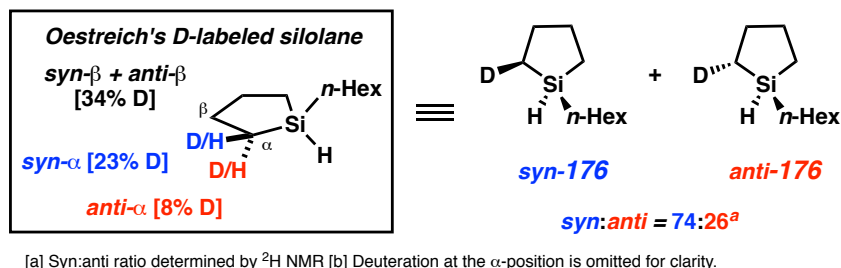


The significant KIE observed at the C2-position suggests that the  $\beta$ -H scission is the rate-determining step after radical initiation (**114** to **109**). The nucleophilic  $\beta$ -silyl radical **114** is slow to abstract a hydrogen atom from Et<sub>3</sub>Si–H due to the similar polarities of the two radicals (i.e., **114** vs Et<sub>3</sub>Si•) and a hydrosilylation product was never observed.<sup>36</sup> The reversibility of the silylation reaction can be explained by the addition of H• to silylation product **55**, providing radical **114**, followed by C–Si bond scission to from an equivalent of Et<sub>3</sub>Si• instead of H• resulting in the formation of starting material (Scheme 2.10b).

### 2.7.3 Stereochemical Course of Silicon

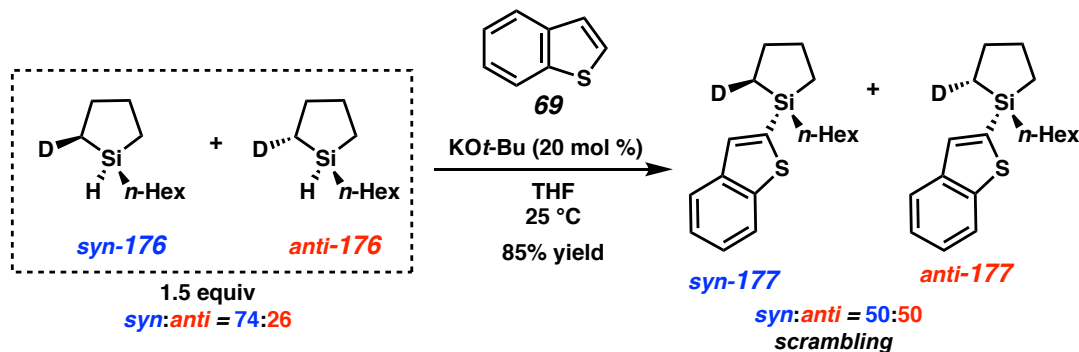
To gain further evidence for the proposed reaction mechanism, we envisioned using a method to study the stereochemical course at silicon during the C–H silylation. Since the synthesis of silicon-stereogenic silanes (chiral silane) and determination of stereochemical outcomes in Si–C bond-forming reactions (i.e., determination of the absolute configuration of the silylated product) is challenging, we decided to utilize a recently reported method by the Oestreich group.<sup>37</sup> In this method, a mixture of isomers of deuterium-labeled silolanes **176** are used as a stereochemical probe (Figure 2.13).<sup>38</sup> The syn and anti designations are the relative orientation of deuterium to the *n*-hexyl group.

<sup>2</sup>H NMR allows for tracking the relative ratio of syn-**176** and anti-**176** and therefore determine configurational changes at the silicon atom based on changes in the syn:anti ratio, thus removing the need to know the exact distribution of deuterium in this complex mixture of isomers.



Oestreich's deuterium labeled silolane was prepared according to the reported procedure, resulting in a mixture of isomers with the syn:anti-**176** ratio of 74:26. *KOt*-Bu-catalyzed silylation of **69** under our previously reported conditions proceeds with complete scrambling of the configuration at the silicon atom as indicated by the 1:1 ratio of products syn-**177** and anti-**177** (Scheme 2.11).

**Scheme 2.11** Stereochemical Path of Silicon During Silylation Reaction



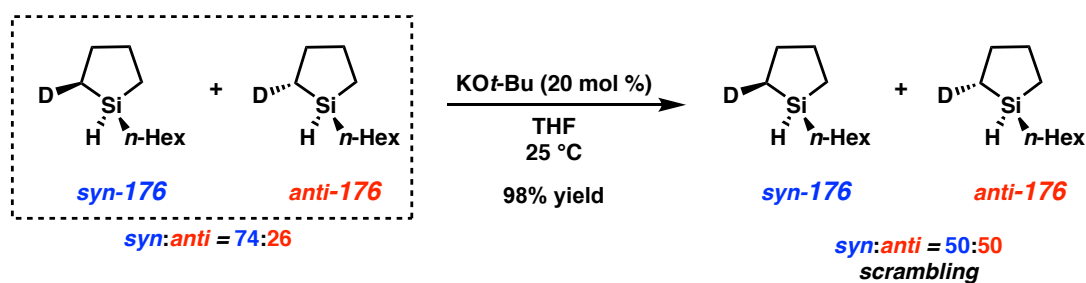
This observed scrambling is in contrast to Falck's protocol using an iridium(I) catalyst, where complete retention of the stereochemistry at the silicon atom is observed due to a traditional oxidative addition/reductive elimination pathway.<sup>38,39</sup>

Previous studies by Sommer, Oestreich, and others have shown that a nucleophilic substitution at the silicon center can occur with either retention or inversion

of stereochemistry, depending on the nature of the nucleophile and the leaving group on silicon.<sup>40</sup> Yet these reactions are highly stereospecific and do not result in scrambling of the deuterium labeled silolane.<sup>38</sup>

We theorized that the observed scrambling may occur without participation of the heteroarene. A control experiment treating a mixture of **176** with *KOt*-Bu alone in THF resulted in complete scrambling of the deuterium labeled silolane (Scheme 2.12).

**Scheme 2.12** Base Scrambling of Silicon Center Stereochemistry



While consistent with a number of our proposed intermediates, we cannot distinguish if stereochemical scrambling occurs at the stage of pentacoordinate silicate anion **163**, radical anion **164**, or a tricoordinate silyl radical **115** (cf. Scheme 2.10a). Pentacoordinate silicon intermediates may undergo pseudorotational processes resulting in loss of stereochemical information at the silicon atom.<sup>41</sup> Although silyl radicals are pyramidal and can be configurationally stable under certain conditions,<sup>42</sup> racemization of a chiral silyl radical could take place due to the fast inversion of the pyramidal radical.<sup>43</sup> Nevertheless, all three of these intermediates are on pathway in our proposed mechanism (Scheme 2.10a, c).

Furthermore, a handful of examples of direct nucleophile trapping by a hydrosilane are known in the literature, including *KOt*-Bu-catalyzed protection of alco-



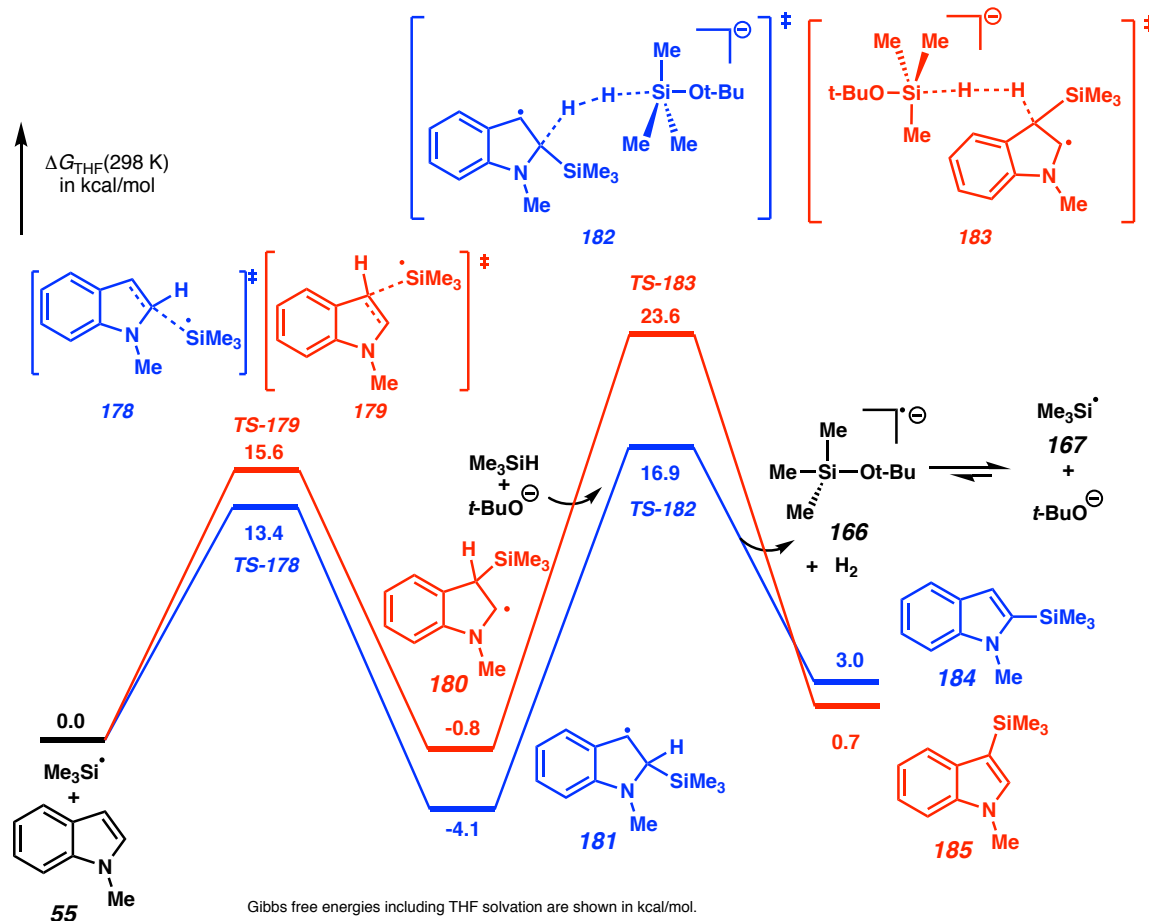
holds. In such cases, an inversion at the silicon center was observed with chiral silanes, which is not in line with our observed scrambling.

#### 2.7.4 Computational Study of Proposed Mechanism

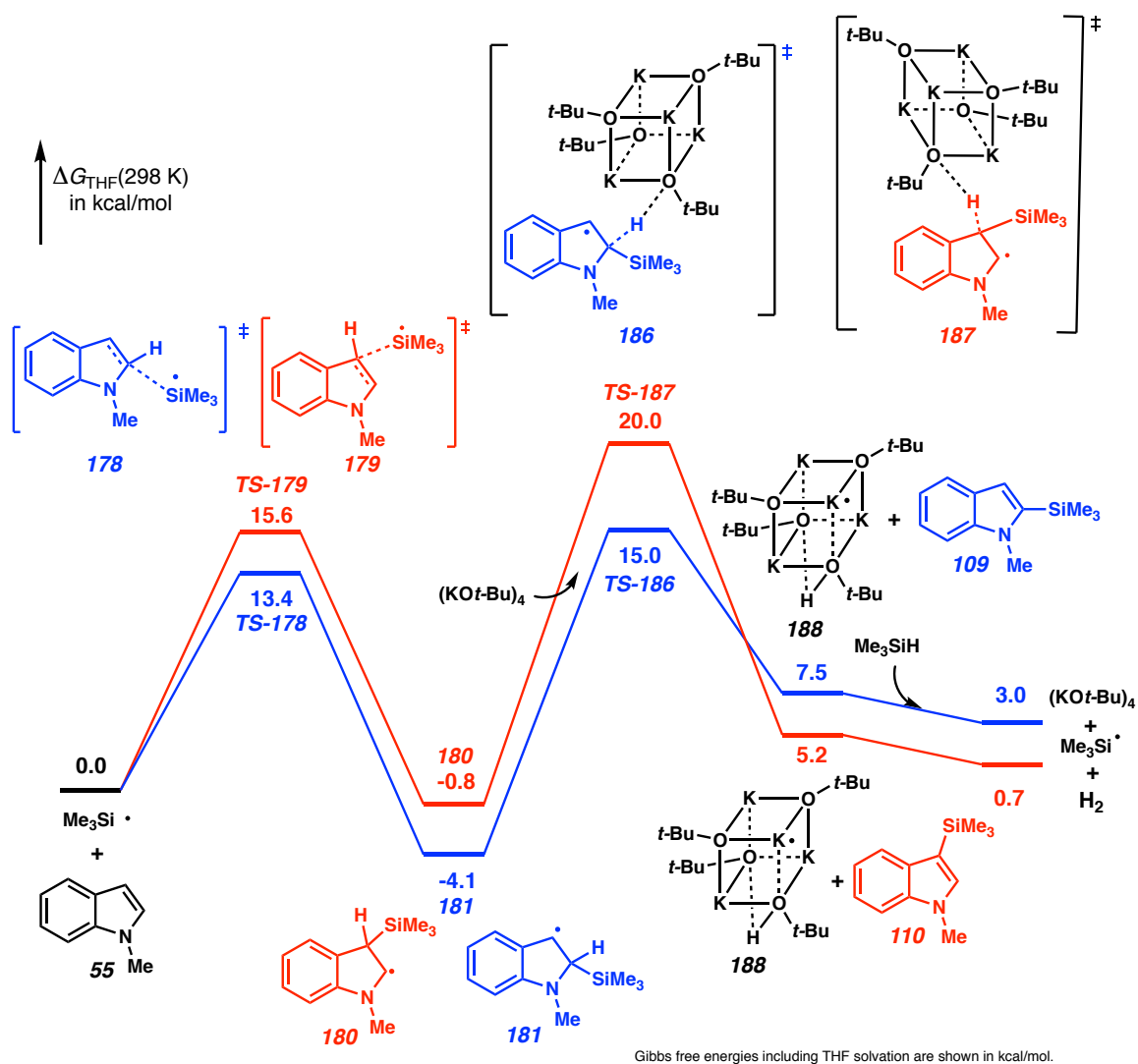
We have performed a computational study that explores the mechanism and origin of regioselectivity of this C–H silylation reaction. We propose that the reaction can proceed by either of the two radical chain mechanisms, shown in Scheme 2.10. The free energies of both C2- and C3-silylation of 1-methylindole (**55**) are shown in Figure 2.15 and 2.16, for the cycles in Scheme 2.10a and 2.10c, respectively.

Starting with the trimethylsilyl radical, the radical addition is facile and reversible, generating intermediate **178** or **179**. The pentacoordinate silicate anion can then abstract the ipso hydrogen atom to generate H<sub>2</sub> gas, silylation product, and silicate radical anion **166**. The silicate radical anion then dissociates to form silyl radical **167** and *tert*-butoxide anion. Hydrogen atom abstraction is the rate-determining step, with a calculated barrier of 21.0 kcal/mol for C2-silylation.

Since the radical addition to 1-methylindole is fast and reversible, the subsequent hydrogen abstraction determines the regioselectivity. The hydrogen abstraction at C2 position, via TS-**182**, is lower than the competing hydrogen abstraction at C3 position, via TS- **183**, by 6.7 kcal/mol.



Alternatively, the mechanism in which  $[\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}]_4$  acts as a hydrogen atom transfer catalyst is shown in Figure 2.16. The hydrogen atom abstraction at the C2 position, via TS-186, requires 19.1 kcal/mol. This pathway is lower energy than TS-182, which requires 16.9 kcal/mol relative to  $t\text{-BuO}^\bullet$  or 42.8 kcal/mol relative to tetrameric  $[\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}]_4$ . Therefore, computational models predict the hydrogen atom abstraction by tetrameric  $[\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}]_4$  is favorable compared to direct hydrogen evolution by pentacoordinate silicate anion.



TS-182 or TS-186 are lower in energy than the competing hydrogen abstraction at the C3 position via TS-183 or TS-187, respectively, indicating the C2 silylation product is the kinetic product. This result is consistent with the experimentally observed C2 silylation regioselectivity at room temperature (cf. Table 2.2). At higher temperatures or longer reaction times, C3 silylation becomes the major product. The calculations indicate that the C3 silylation product is 2.3 kcal/mol lower energy than the C2 silylation product.

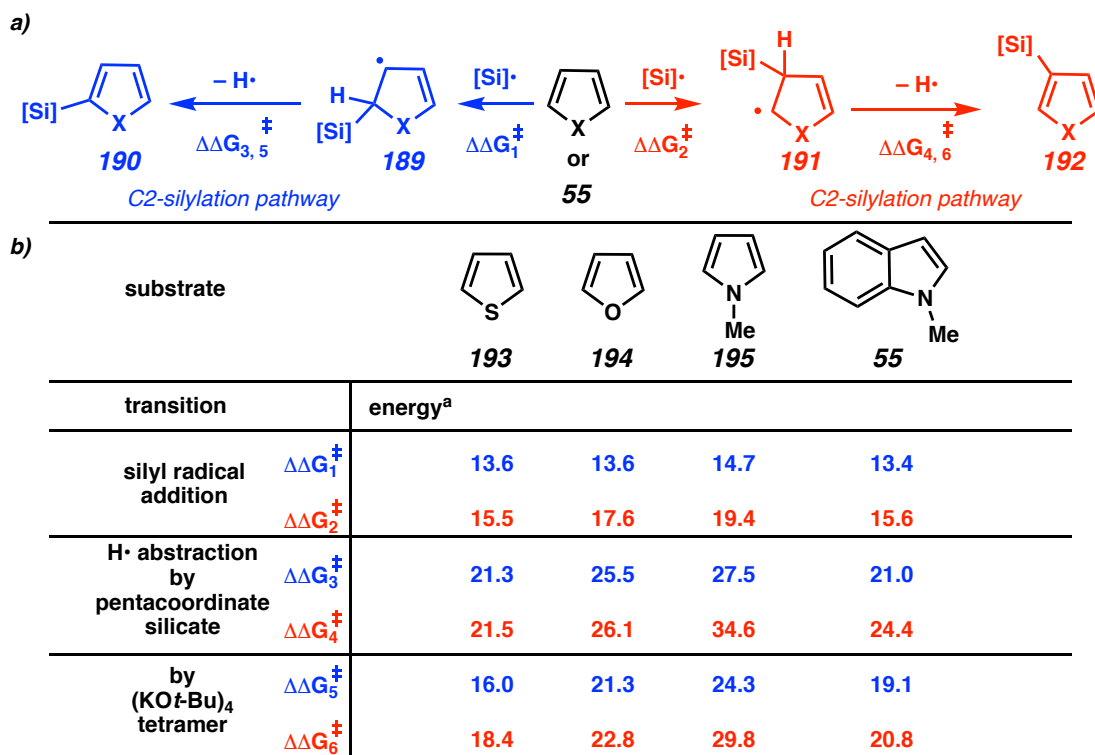
This is consistent with the experimental observation that C3 silylation is the thermodynamic product.

### 2.7.5 Computational Study of Product Selectivity

We also studied the reactivities of a series of 5-membered heterocycles, 1-methylpyrrole (**195**), furan (**194**), and thiophene (**193**). The experimentally determined relative rates utilizing competition experiments are: thiophene > furan > 1-methylpyrrole.

<sup>10</sup> Our computational results show that 1-methylpyrrole **55** has the highest reaction barrier for C-H silylation at the C2 position in the 5-membered aromatic heterocycles investigated (Scheme 2.13). While electrophilic aromatic substitution reactions favor C3 regioselectivity, silyl radical additions favor C2 regioselectivity. This is due to the nucleophilic character of silyl radicals. The silyl radical is strongly bent out of the plane and highly prefers a pyramidal structure. The singly occupied molecular orbital (SOMO) of silyl radical has a high percentage of 3s character,<sup>33</sup> and is more nucleophilic than electrophilic.

As shown in Scheme 2.13, the product determining step for each of the 5-membered aromatic heterocycles is lower for the C2 pathway (blue,  $\Delta\Delta G_3^\ddagger$  or  $\Delta\Delta G_5^\ddagger$ ) as compared to C3-silylation (red,  $\Delta\Delta G_4^\ddagger$  or  $\Delta\Delta G_6^\ddagger$ ) which matches with the observed experimental regioselectivity (i.e., C2 > C3).<sup>10</sup> Comparing the highest energy step for each of the 5-membered heterocycles, highlights the expected inverse relationship of energy barrier to relative reaction rate (i.e., thiophene has the lowest energy barrier and demonstrates the highest rate in the competition reaction).



[a] Gibbs free energies including THF solvation are shown in kcal/mol

## 2.8 CONCLUSION

We have reported a systematic mechanistic investigation of the *KOt*-Bu-catalyzed silylation of aromatic heterocycles. Specifically, a wide array of experimental tools, including NMR and ReactIR in situ studies, radical trap and radical clock experiments, stereochemical analysis, and others were applied to elucidate the pathway for the silylation reaction. These experimental results were further complemented by computational analysis of the reaction. The results of these experiments are consistent with a radical chain mechanism, wherein a triethylsilyl radical is generated by the thermal cleavage of Si–H bond of the coordinated silicon species or by traces of oxygen which facilitate radical formation. The radical clock and KIE experiments support a cycle in

which C–Si bond formation through silyl radical addition and subsequent  $\beta$ -H scission regenerates the silyl radical and continues the chain process. Furthermore, the opening of only the cyclopropane near the C3-position of indole provides direct evidence for an indole radical intermediate. The overall reaction is reversible, with an equilibrium shifted toward product by the cross-dehydrogenative H<sub>2</sub> evolution as an entropic driving force. The use of deuterium labeled silolane as a stereochemical probe supports a number of on-pathway intermediates in our postulated radical mechanism.

## 2.9 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

### 2.9.1 MATERIALS AND METHODS

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in a nitrogen-filled glovebox or in flame-dried glassware under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere using dry, deoxygenated solvents. Solvents were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under argon.<sup>44</sup> Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC), GC or Agilent 1290 UHPLC-MS. TLC was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated glass plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching, *p*-anisaldehyde, or KMnO<sub>4</sub> staining. Silicycle SiliaFlash® P60 Academic Silica gel (particle size 40–63 nm) was used for flash chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Inova 500 MHz or Bruker 400 MHz spectrometers and are reported relative to residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm), C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$  7.16 ppm), or THF ( $\delta$  3.58, 1.72 ppm). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz spectrometer (125 MHz) or Bruker 400 MHz spectrometers (100 MHz) and are reported relative to CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  77.16 ppm). Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, sept = septuplet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet, br d = broad doublet, app = apparent. Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shifts ( $\delta$  ppm). IR spectra were obtained by use of a Perkin Elmer Spectrum BXII spectrometer or Nicolet 6700 FTIR spectrometer using thin films deposited on

NaCl plates and reported in frequency of absorption ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). GC-FID analyses were obtained on an Agilent 6850N gas chromatograph equipped with a HP-1 100% dimethylpolysiloxane capillary column (Agilent). GC-MS analyses were obtained on an Agilent 6850 gas chromatograph equipped with a HP-5 (5%-phenyl)-methylpolysiloxane capillary column (Agilent). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained from Agilent 6200 Series TOF with an Agilent G1978A Multimode source in electrospray ionization (ESI+), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI+), or mixed ionization mode (MM: ESI-APCI+), or obtained from Caltech mass spectrometry laboratory. FT-ATR-IR measurements were carried out on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS 5 FT-IR spectrometer equipped with an iD5 ATR accessory. ReactIR measurements were carried out on a Mettler-Toledo ReactIR ic10 using a K4 conduit with a Sentinel high-pressure probe and SiComp window. EPR spectra were acquired on a X-band Bruker EMX spectrometer. An Omnical SuperCRC or Insight CPR 220 reaction calorimeter was used to monitor heat flow.

Triethyl silane (99%, Sure/Seal™) and KO $t$ -Bu (sublimed grade, 99.99% trace metals basis) were purchased from Aldrich and used directly. KOH was pulverized and dried in a desiccator over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> under vacuum for 24 h prior to use. Other reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Acros Organics, Strem, or Alfa Aesar and used as received unless otherwise stated.

### 2.9.1.1 Computational Details

Calculations were carried out with Gaussian 09.<sup>45</sup> Geometry optimizations and energy calculations were performed with the B3LYP method.<sup>46</sup> The 6-31G (d) basis set was used for all atoms.<sup>47</sup> Frequency analysis verified the stationary points are minima or first-order saddle points. Single point energies were calculated at the M06-2X /6-311+G(d,p) level.<sup>48</sup> Solvent effect (solvent = THF) was calculated by using CPCM solvation model.<sup>49</sup> Gibbs free energies in THF at 298.15 K were calculated by adding the thermochemical quantities derived from the B3LYP frequency calculation to the M06-

2X solution-phase electronic potential energy. Computed structures are illustrated using CYLVIEW.

### 2.9.1.2 Preparation of Known Compounds

Di-*tert*-butyl hyponitrite<sup>50</sup> and **176**<sup>38</sup> were synthesized according to literature procedure.

## 2.9.2 EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES AND SPECTROSCOPIC DATA

### 2.9.2.1 General Procedure for the Screening of Base Catalysts and Kinetic

#### Profile:

Based on previously reported screening procedure.<sup>10</sup> In a nitrogen-filled glove box, 1-methylindole **55** (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), triethylsilane (1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), the indicated base (0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), and THF (5 mL) were added to a 1 dram vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. At the indicated time, aliquots were removed using a glass capillary tube, diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, and analyzed using GC-FID to determine regioselectivity and yield. GC conversion is reported as product (C2- and C3-silylation) divided by product and starting material.

### 2.9.2.2 General Procedure for Time-Course Reaction Monitoring by in situ

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, a stock solution containing KO $t$ -Bu (60.5 mg, 0.539 mmol) and 1,2,5-trimethoxybenzene (if used, 45.4 mg, 0.267 mmol) is prepared in THF-D<sub>8</sub> (2.7 ml). Continuing in the glove box, a J-Young gas-tight NMR tube is then charged with **55** (32.8 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv), and 0.25 mL of stock solution. The tube is tightly capped with the corresponding Teflon plug, removed from the glove box, placed in the bore of the NMR, and heated to 45 °C. <sup>1</sup>H



NMR spectra were acquired in “array” mode, with a spectrum taken approximately every 3 minutes for the length of experiment. The data was processed using MestReNova and peak integrations were normalized to 1,2,5-trimethoxybenzene (if used). Data is decimated and displayed using the MestReNova “stack” function.

### 2.9.2.3 General Procedure for Regioselectivity Studies

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, 1 dram vials were charged with *KOt*-Bu (0.1 mmol, 20 mol), **55** (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), silane (174.4 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv) and THF (0.5 mL, if used) then sealed with a PTFE-lined screw-cap and heated to the indicated temperature. After the indicated reaction time, the crude reaction mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, or a small aliquot was removed by glass capillary tube, and analyzed by GC-FID.

### 2.9.2.4 Procedure for Reversibility of Studies

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, 1 dram vials with a magnetic stir bar were charged with a mixture of **109** and **110** (24.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv, ratio of **109:110** determined by GC-FID), *KOt*-Bu (2.4 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %), Et<sub>3</sub>Si–H (49 μL, 3 mmol, 3 equiv), and THF (0.1 mL, 1 M). The reactions were heated to 100 °C and stirred for the indicated time, after which they were quenched with Et<sub>2</sub>O and analyzed by GC.

### 2.9.2.5 Procedure for Reversibility Crossover Studies

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, 1 dram vials with a magnetic stir bar were charged with **109** (122.7 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), *KOt*-Bu (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), EtMe<sub>2</sub>Si–H (44 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), and THF (0.5 mL, 1 M). The reaction was heated to 45 °C and stirred for the indicated time, then quenched with Et<sub>2</sub>O (ca. 1mL), concentrated in vacuo, and analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Product ratio assigned by correlation to known products.<sup>10</sup> Note, product ratio of **109:110** outside of <sup>1</sup>H NMR detection.

### 2.9.2.6 Procedure of Gas Collection by Eudiometry

The eudiometer apparatus used for measuring H<sub>2</sub> gas evolution in the *KOt*-Bu-catalyzed cross-dehydrogenative silylation reactions. Note that a Schlenk round-bottom flask with a Teflon valve was used instead of the two neck round-bottom flask and ground glass stopcock as depicted in Figure 2.5.

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, *KOt*-Bu (114 mg, 1 mmol, 20 mol %), **55** (656.4 mmol, 1 equiv), and THF (5 mL) were added to a 25 mL Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by silane (2.4 mL, 15 mmol, 3 equiv). The flask was sealed and removed from the glove box and placed in a preheated oil bath (45 °C). After stirring at 800 rpm for 15 min for equilibration, the side neck of the Schlenk flask was quickly connected to the gas collection set up. The reactions was stirred for another 20 min (at which point the apparatus was set to volume = 0 mL), the gas volume was recorded over 4 h. For experiment 1, 80 mL of H<sub>2</sub> gas was collected, and the conversion by <sup>1</sup>H NMR based on silylation product **55** was 72%. For experiment 2: 77 mL of H<sub>2</sub> gas was collected, and the conversion by <sup>1</sup>H NMR based on silylation product **55** was 73%. The gas was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR as H<sub>2</sub> by transferring to a J-Young gas-tight NMR tube with 0.6 mL of frozen C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>. A control experiment with Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (2.4 mL) in THF (5 mL) heated to 45 °C in the identical reaction setup resulted in no gas formation in 10 h.

### 2.9.2.7 Procedure for Radical Trap Experiments Using TEMPO

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, 1 dram vials with magnetic stirring bars were charged with the *KOt*-Bu (0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), **55** (65.6 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), triethylsilane (174.4 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy

(TEMPO **151**, 3 or 6 mol % if used), and THF (0.5 mL, 1M) then sealed with a PTFE-lined screw-cap and heated to 45 °C while stirring. At the indicated time points, an aliquot was removed with a clean, dry glass capillary tube, diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, and analyzed by GC-FID. Conversion is reported as the percent of both C2- and C3-silylation products divided by products and starting material. Despite our efforts, we were not able to observe the TEMPO–SiEt<sub>3</sub> adduct by GC-MS from above experiments.

Following the procedure above, but using 1 equiv of TEMPO resulted in no product formation. After 52 h TEMPO–SiEt<sub>3</sub> (TEMPO–TES) adduct was observed by GC-MS and after 91 h the ratio of TEMPO:TEMPO–TES was 40:60. A control experiment conducted in the exact same manner but excluding substrate **55** (i.e., TEMPO, *KOt*-Bu, Et<sub>3</sub>SiH, and THF) also resulted in the detection of TEMPO–TES after 52 h. At 91 h, the ratio of TEMPO:TEMPO–TES was 34:66. No TEMPO adduct was observed when *NaOt*-Bu was in this same control reaction after 9 days.

### 2.9.2.8 General Procedure for Additive Screening

Based on previously reported screening procedure.<sup>10</sup> In a nitrogen-filled glove box, 1 dram vials with magnetic stirring bars were charged with the *KOt*-Bu (0.1 mmol, 20 mol%), **55** (65.6 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), triethylsilane (174.4 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), additive, and THF (0.5 mL, 1M) then sealed with a PTFE-lined screw-cap and heated to 45 °C while stirring. At the indicated time points, an aliquot was removed with a clean, dry glass capillary tube, diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, and analyzed by GC-FID. Conversion is reported as the percent of both C2- and C3-silylation products divided by products and starting material. All additives increased the length of the induction period and result in lower yields overall.

### 2.9.2.9 General Procedure for Studies Using in situ Generated *tert*-butoxyl

#### Radicals

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, 1 dram vials with magnetic stirring bars were charged with peroxide source [*t*-BuO–O*t*-Bu (DTBP) or *t*-BuO–N=N–O*t*-Bu (TBHN)], *KOt*-Bu (if used, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), **55** (65.6 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), triethylsilane (174.4 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), and THF (0.5 mL, 1M) then sealed with a PTFE-lined screw-cap, and heated indicated temperature while stirring. At the indicated time points, an aliquot was removed with a clean, dry glass capillary tube, diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, and analyzed by GC-MS. A number of unidentified decomposition products were observed.

### 2.9.2.10 General Procedure for ReactIR Time-Course Experiments

The glass reaction vessel for use with the ReactIR Sentinel high-pressure probe and a magnetic stirring bar were oven dried, fitted with the PTFE adapter, and brought into a nitrogen-filled glove box, or cooled under a flow of argon and standard air-free technique is used for all additions. *KOt*-Bu (0.8 mmol, 20 mol %), **55** (1.05 g, 8 mmol, 1 equiv, if used), triethylsilane (13.89 mL, 24 mmol, 3 equiv), additive (if used), and THF (8 mL, 1M) were added to reaction vessel, which was fitted to the ReactIR probe and heated to 45 °C while stirring under argon. The spectrum was recorded over the course of the reaction and data was analyzed using the ReactIR software.

### 2.9.2.11 General Procedure for ATR-IR Studies of Pentacoordinate Silicate

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, base (0.1 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (80 μL, 0.5 mmol, 5 equiv), and THF (0.5 mL) were added to a 1 dram scintillation vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The vial was sealed and the mixture stirred at 45 °C for the indicated time. The vial was transferred to second nitrogen-filled glove box containing

an ATR-FTIR and a few drops of this mixture placed on the ATR crystal. After waiting for 5 minutes to evaporate all the volatiles (i.e., THF and silanes), the IR spectrum of the residue was recorded.

### 2.9.2.12 Procedure for Acquisition of EPR Spectra.

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, *KOt*-Bu (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (81 μL, 0.5 mmol, 5 equiv), **55** (0.5 mmol, if used), and THF (0.5 mL) were added to a 1 dram scintillation vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The vial was sealed and the mixture stirred at 45 °C for 5 h. The reaction mixture was then transferred into an EPR tube, fitted with a plastic cap, taped with parafilm, removed from the glove box, and quickly frozen in liquid nitrogen. The sample was kept at 77 °K and the EPR spectrum was acquired at 77 °K.

### 2.9.2.13 General Procedure for Calorimetry Studies.

A calorimeter screw-cap vial is flame dried and cooled in a vacuum desiccator with the corresponding cap and septum. *KOt*-Bu (112.2 mg, 1 mmol, 20 mol %) is quickly weighed into the vial, which is then evacuated and refilled with argon 3 times. Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (2.4 mL, 15 mmol, 3 equiv) and **55** (655.8 mg, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) are added using standard air-free technique. The sample was held at 40 °C overnight with no heat flow detected or silylation product **109** detected by GC or TLC. The temperature was then ramped up to 45 °C, a rapid heat flow corresponding to the sample heating was seen but no further heat flow was observed despite the observed of product upon workup.

A series of 8 identical reactions were conducted in parallel. The calorimeter can detect the temperature change due to minute changes in pressure (i.e., using a syringe and needle to remove an aliquot for a GC sample). Therefore one vial was not sampled until

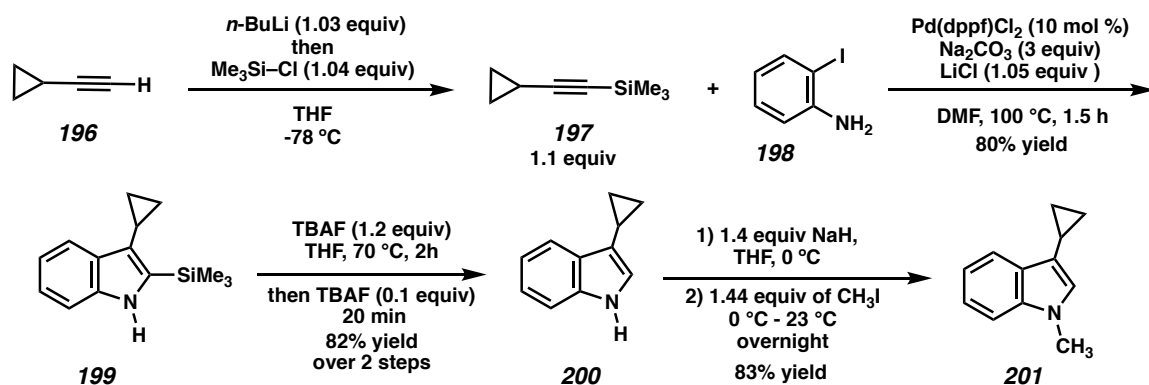
the endpoint, while an additional vial was sampled at each time point (i.e., vial 2 at first time point, then vial 2 and 3 at the second time point, etc.). All vials had comparable conversion upon workup (52–60% C2-silylation product **109**).

8 calorimeter screw-cap vials with the corresponding cap and septum were flame dried and allowed to cool under vacuum, then refilled with argon. **55** (524.7 mg, 4 mmol, 1 equiv), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (1.92 mL, 12 mmol, 3 equiv) and THF (3.2 mL) are added using standard air-free technique. The reactions are equilibrated at 45 °C using an argon filled balloon and then the reaction is initiated using 1M solution of *KOt*-Bu (0.8 mL, 0.8 mmol, 20 mol %, equilibrated to 45 °C in plugged syringe). An initial negative heat of mixing is observed.

#### 2.9.2.14 General Procedure for *KOt*-Bu-Catalyzed Silylation Reactions

Based on previously reported procedures.<sup>10</sup> In a nitrogen-filled glove box, *KOt*-Bu (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), substrate (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), and THF (0.5 mL, if used) were added to a 1 dram scintillation vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by silane (1.5 mmol, 3 equiv). Then the vial was sealed and the mixture was stirred at 45 °C for the indicated time. The vial was removed from the glove box, diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The regioselectivity (C2 silylation product to C3 silylation product: C2:C3) was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR or GC analysis of the crude mixture. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to give the desired product. Note- reagent order of addition and the use of stirring were found to have no appreciable effect on product yield during reaction screening.

#### 2.9.2.15 Procedure for the Synthesis of Radical Clock Substrates



(cyclopropylethynyl)trimethylsilane (**197**). Based on a modification of a reported procedure.<sup>51</sup> To a stirring solution of cyclopropylacetylene **196** (1.44 g, 21.8 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (7 mL) at -78 °C was added n-BuLi (8.95 mL of 2.5 M in THF, 22.4 mmol, 1.03 equiv) dropwise via syringe. The solution was allowed to stir for 30 minutes at -78 °C, after which TMS–Cl (freshly distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>, 2.90 mL, 22.8 mmol, 1.04 equiv) was added dropwise and the solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 hour. The reaction was then allowed to warm to room temperature, diluted with diethyl ether, and filtered through a pad of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> layered on silica gel, eluting 1:4 Et<sub>2</sub>O : pentane. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and then carried on crude.

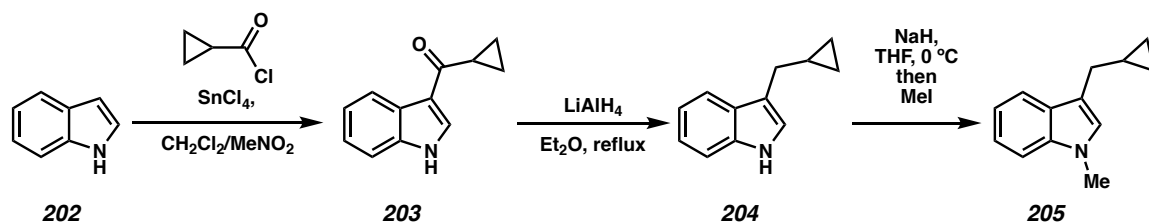
**3-cyclopropyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indole (199)** and **3-cyclopropyl-1H-indole (200)** were synthesized following known procedure using **197** and 2-iodoaniline.<sup>52</sup>

**3-cyclopropyl-1-methyl-1H-indole (201)**. To a round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was added NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 155 mg, 3.9 mmol, 1.4 equiv) and **200** (440 mg, 2.8 mmol, 1 equiv). The flask was placed in an ice bath and THF was added while stirring. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 45 minutes and then at 23 °C for 15 minutes. The reaction was again placed in an ice bath and Me–I (250 µL, 4 mmol, 1.4 equiv) was added dropwise. This mixture was stirred overnight,

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quenched with aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (30 mL x 3), and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ .

The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (5→10%  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  in hexanes) to give 3-cyclopropyl-1-methyl-1*H*-indole **201** (398 mg, 83% yield)  $R_f = 0.35$  (10%  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  in hexanes)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.74 (dt,  $J = 7.9, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.11 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 0.92 – 0.85 (m, 2H), 0.71 – 0.56 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  137.14, 128.59, 125.43, 121.73, 119.36, 118.74, 117.74, 109.25, 32.69, 6.19.; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI $^+$ ) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}$  [ $\text{M}^+\text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 172.1121, found: 172.1119.

**Scheme 2.15** Synthesis of C3-Cyclopropylmethyl Radical Trap Substrate



**3-3-(cyclopropylmethyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-indole (205).** To a stirring solution of indole (1.17 g, 10 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20 mL) was added  $\text{SnCl}_4$  (1.44 mL, 12 mmol) in a single portion via syringe at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 30 min, then cyclopropanecarbonyl chloride (10 mmol) was added in small portions to the suspension by syringe, followed by nitromethane (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 2 h, after which ice-water (30 mL) was slowly added. The mixture was then filtered, extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated at reduced pressure to give the product **203** as a yellow solid, which was used directly for next step.

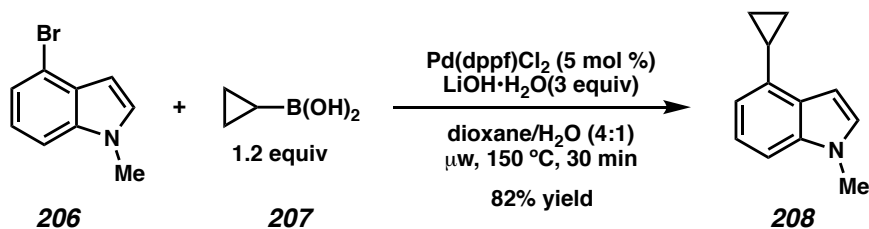


To a solution of crude **203** in Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (0.69 g, 20 mmol) in small portions, and the mixture refluxed overnight. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C, diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (40 mL), and quenched with water (0.76 mL)/15% NaOH aqueous (0.76 mL)/water (2.28 mL). The mixture was stirred for 1 h, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated at reduced pressure, and purified by silica gel flash chromatography (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in hexanes) to give 3-(cyclopropylmethyl)-1*H*-indole **204** (0.63 g, 3.7 mmol) as a yellow oil.

To a dried flask with NaH (60% dispersion in oil, 178 mg, 4.4 mmol) and THF (15 mL) was added the THF (15 mL) solution of **204** (630 mg, 3.7 mmol) dropwise by syringe at 0 °C. After the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, MeI (0.35 mL, 5.6 mmol) was added slowly. This mixture was stirred overnight, quenched with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL x 3), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (10% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in hexanes) to give 3-(cyclopropylmethyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-indole **205** (0.59 g, 32% yield over three steps) as a colorless oil. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.4 (10% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.70 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (m, *J* = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (ttt, *J* = 8.0, 6.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 0.66 – 0.59 (m, 2H), 0.39 – 0.26 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 137.12, 128.13, 126.26, 121.52, 119.24, 118.66, 115.12, 109.20, 32.67, 30.03, 11.50, 5.03. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3073, 3054, 2999, 2905, 2837, 1615, 1552, 1483, 1472, 1423, 1371, 1355, 1327, 1293, 1253, 1235, 1201, 1156, 1129, 1057, 1013, 975, 929, 884, 828,

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803, 737  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI<sup>+</sup>) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}$   $[\text{M}^+\text{H}]^+$ : 186.1277, found: 186.1277.

**Scheme 2.16** Synthesis of C4-Cyclopropyl Radical Trap Substrate

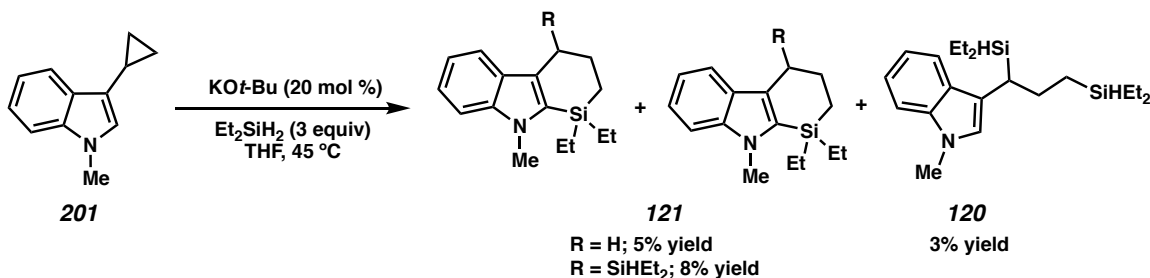


**4-cyclopropyl-1-methyl-1H-indole (208).** To a 20 mL microwave vial was added Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub> (367 mg, 0.5 mmol, 5 mol %), lithium hydroxide mono-hydrate (1.26 g, 30 mmol, 3 equiv), 4-bromo-1-methyl-1H-indole (2.10g, 10 mmol), and cyclopropylboronic acid (1.03 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), followed by dioxane (10 mL) and degassed H<sub>2</sub>O (2.5 mL). The vial is purged with N<sub>2</sub> for 15 min, then heated to 150 °C for 30 minutes in a Biotage Initiator 2.5 microwave reactor under normal absorption mode. The vial was cooled and the solution concentrated under reduced pressure, diluted with ethyl acetate (100 mL), washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate (50 mL) then brine (50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (2→10% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in hexanes) to give 4-cyclopropyl-1-methyl-1H-indole **208** (1.39 g, 81% yield) as a white solid. R<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (10% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.79 – 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.26 (tt, J = 8.5, 5.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 1.08 – 0.95 (m, 1H), 0.92 – 0.80 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 136.52, 136.17, 128.53, 128.33, 121.84, 114.59, 106.83, 99.40, 33.09, 13.20, 7.76. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3002, 2943, 1581, 1498, 1458, 1418, 1336, 1291, 1252, 1154, 1088,

[M<sup>+</sup>H]<sup>+</sup>: 172.1121, found: 172.1120.

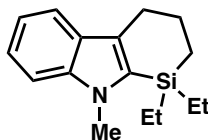
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**Scheme 2.17** Silylation of C3-Cyclopropyl Radical Trap Substrate



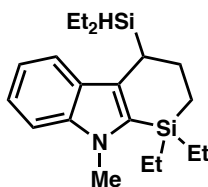
The general procedure in **2.8.2.14** was followed. The reaction was performed with *KOt*-Bu (6.7 mg, 0.06 mmol, 20 mol %), 3-cyclopropyl-1-methyl-1*H*-indole **201** (51.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv), Et<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub> (79.2 mg, 0.9 mmol, 3 equiv), and 0.3 mL of THF at 45 °C for 10 days. Three products shown above, along with some unidentified impurity, were isolated by silica gel flash chromatography (3% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in hexanes). Unreacted starting material **201** was recovered in 30% yield (15.4 mg). Analytic pure compounds **121**, R=H (3.9 mg, 5% yield), **121**, R=SiHEt<sub>2</sub> (8.8 mg, 8% yield), and **120** (1.9 mg, 3% yield) were purified by preparative HPLC (ACE 5 C18, 250 x 21 2mm id column; gradient, 30→80% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O in 3 min, then 80→100% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O in 7 min, followed by 100% MeCN; flow rate = 10 mL/min; l = 230 nm.).

### 2.9.2.17 Spectroscopic Data for the Silylation of Radical Clock Substrates



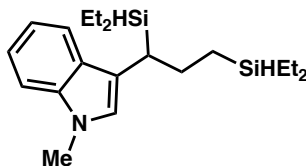
**1,1-Diethyl-9-methyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-silino[2,3-*b*]indole (**121**, R=H):** *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.5 (10% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.55 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H),

7.29 (dt,  $J = 8.3, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (ddd,  $J = 7.9, 6.8, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.91 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.05 – 0.90 (m, 8H), 0.90 – 0.78 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.4, 133.6, 128.3, 127.4, 122.2, 118.8, 118.3, 108.9, 33.1, 25.2, 23.0, 8.9, 7.9, 6.0. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2951, 2909, 2872, 1504, 1455, 1361, 1336, 1307, 1234, 1165, 1138, 1011, 920, 806, 761  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{NSi}$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 257.1600, found: 257.1601.

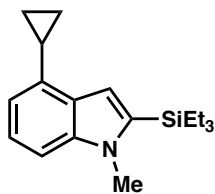


**4-(Diethylsilyl)-1,1-diethyl-9-methyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-silino[2,3-*b*]indole (121**

**R=SiHEt<sub>2</sub>**:  $R_f = 0.5$  (10%  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  in hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.48 (dt,  $J = 7.9, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dt,  $J = 8.2, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 6.8, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (ddd,  $J = 7.9, 6.8, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.84 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.07 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.06 – 0.91 (m, 11H), 0.91 – 0.76 (m, 7H), 0.75 – 0.65 (m, 2H), 0.62 – 0.44 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.4, 132.1, 130.0, 127.9, 122.1, 119.5, 117.9, 108.8, 33.1, 25.8, 22.3, 8.63, 8.61, 8.11, 8.09, 7.2, 6.7, 6.1, 3.4, 2.8. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2953, 2910, 2873, 2100, 1495, 1455, 1414, 1361, 1321, 1262, 1234, 1164, 1135, 1080, 1013, 968, 809, 761  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{33}\text{NSi}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 343.2152, found: 343.2140.

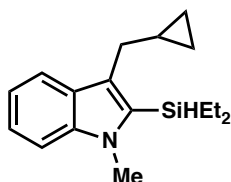


**3-(1,3-Bis(diethylsilyl)propyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-indole (120).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56 (dt,  $J = 7.9, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (ddd,  $J = 7.9, 6.9, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.79 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.61 (hept,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.46 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.95 – 0.91 (m, 6H), 0.89 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.81 – 0.74 (m, 1H), 0.69 – 0.41 (m, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.0, 128.6, 125.3, 121.3, 119.6, 118.2, 116.4, 109.1, 32.8, 27.0, 25.3, 10.8, 8.6, 8.6, 8.4, 8.4, 2.9, 2.9, 2.4, 2.1. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2952, 2932, 2910, 2872, 2094, 1469, 1414, 1372, 1325, 2235, 1012, 970, 810, 736  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{35}\text{NSi}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 345.2308, found: 345.2314.

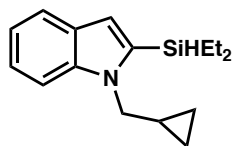


**4-cyclopropyl-1-methyl-2-(triethylsilyl)-1*H*-indole (122).** The general procedure was followed using *KOt*-Bu (6.7 mg, 0.06 mmol, 20 mol %), *N*-methyl-4-(cyclopropyl)-indole **208** (51.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv),  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$  (146  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.9 mmol, 3 equiv), and 0.3 mL of THF at 45  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. **122** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (5  $\rightarrow$  10%  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  in hexanes, 54.7 mg, 64% yield) as a yellow oil.  $R_f = 0.4$  (10%  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  in hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.20 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.74 – 6.65 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.31 (ttt,  $J = 8.5, 5.2, 0.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.10 – 1.01 (m, 11H), 1.00 – 0.92 (m, 6H), 0.91 – 0.86 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  140.05,

137.59, 136.03, 128.59, 122.24, 113.88, 111.28, 106.59, 33.23, 13.06, 8.14, 7.70, 4.16;  
IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3080, 3051, 3002, 2953, 2909, 2874, 1581, 1503, 1454, 1441, 1415,  
1370, 1351, 1323, 1277, 1237, 1171, 1137, 1070, 1017, 977, 885, 841, 787, 769, 745,  
734, 700, 679  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MM+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{NSi}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 286.1986 found:  
286.1997.

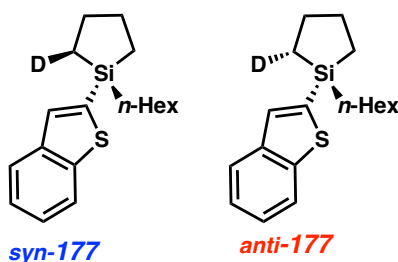


**3-(Cyclopropylmethyl)-2-(diethylsilyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-indole (123).** The general procedure was followed using *KOt*-Bu (4.5 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %), **205** (37.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv),  $\text{Et}_2\text{SiH}_2$  (78  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv), and 0.2 mL of THF at 45  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 5 days. **123** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (2.5%  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  in hexanes, 17.2 mg, 32% yield) as colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.5$  (10%  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  in hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 (dt,  $J = 7.9, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dt,  $J = 8.2, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 6.8, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddd,  $J = 7.9, 6.8, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 – 4.46 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.86 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.10 – 1.02 (m, 7H), 1.03 – 0.87 (m, 4H), 0.53 – 0.43 (m, 2H), 0.33 – 0.22 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.9, 132.3, 128.6, 127.0, 122.3, 119.7, 118.6, 109.1, 32.9, 30.3, 13.3, 8.9, 5.2, 4.8. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3073, 2999, 2931, 2909, 2872, 2131, 1503, 1457, 1424, 1355, 1319, 1292, 1246, 1228, 1167, 1139, 1087, 1013, 975, 836, 809  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MM+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{NSi}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 272.1829, found: 272.1823.



**1-Benzyl-5-methoxy-2-(triethylsilyl)-1*H*-indole (124).** The general procedure was followed using *KOt*-Bu (4.6 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %), 1-(cyclopropylmethyl)-1*H*-indole (34.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), Et<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub> (78 μL, 0.9 mmol, 3 equiv), and 0.2 mL of THF at 45 °C for 96 h. **124** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (gradient, 2-→3.3% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in hexanes, 29.7 mg, 58% yield) as colorless oil. *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.5 (10% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.64 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dq, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.10 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 6.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (p, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.33 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.14 – 1.05 (m, 6H), 1.03 – 0.89 (m, 4H), 0.62 – 0.47 (m, 2H), 0.46 – 0.37 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.6, 136.1, 128.9, 122.0, 120.8, 119.2, 112.8, 110.1, 50.4, 12.3, 8.4, 4.3, 3.8. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3006, 2955, 2933, 2912, 2874, 2113, 1493, 1466, 1455, 1435, 1413, 1390, 1377, 1351, 1334, 1322, 1301, 1233, 1214, 1165, 1153, 1091, 1047, 1015, 974, 819 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (MM: ESI-APCI+) calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 258.1673, found: 258.1676.

### 2.9.2.17 Experimental Procedures and Spectroscopic Data for the Silylation of Stereochemical Probe 176



**1-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-1-hexylsilolane (177, 1:1 syn:anti)**. In a nitrogen-filled glove box, KO<sub>t</sub>-Bu (4.5 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %) and benzo[b]thiophene **69** (26.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added to an oven-dried scintillation vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by deuterium labeled 1-hexylsilolane **176** (51.4 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv, syn:anti = 74:26 by <sup>2</sup>H NMR) and THF (0.2 mL). The vial was sealed and the mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 48 h. The vial was removed from the glove box, and the reaction mixture was passed through a short plug of silica gel, eluting with diethyl ether. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (100% *n*-pentane) to give the desired product **177** (51.7 mg, 85%, C2:C3 > 20:1) as a colorless oil. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.7 (100% *n*-pentane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.78 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.21 (m, 4H), 1.03 – 0.96 (m, 2H), 0.94 – 0.90 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.86 – 0.79 (m, 2H). The analytical data are in accordance with those reported.<sup>38</sup>

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## **APPENDIX 1**

*Spectra Relevant to Chapter 2:*

*A Combined Experimental and Computational Mechanistic Study of the  
KOt-Bu-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative C–H Silylation of Aromatic  
Heterocycles*

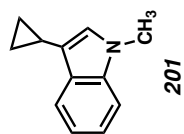


Figure A1.1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **201**.

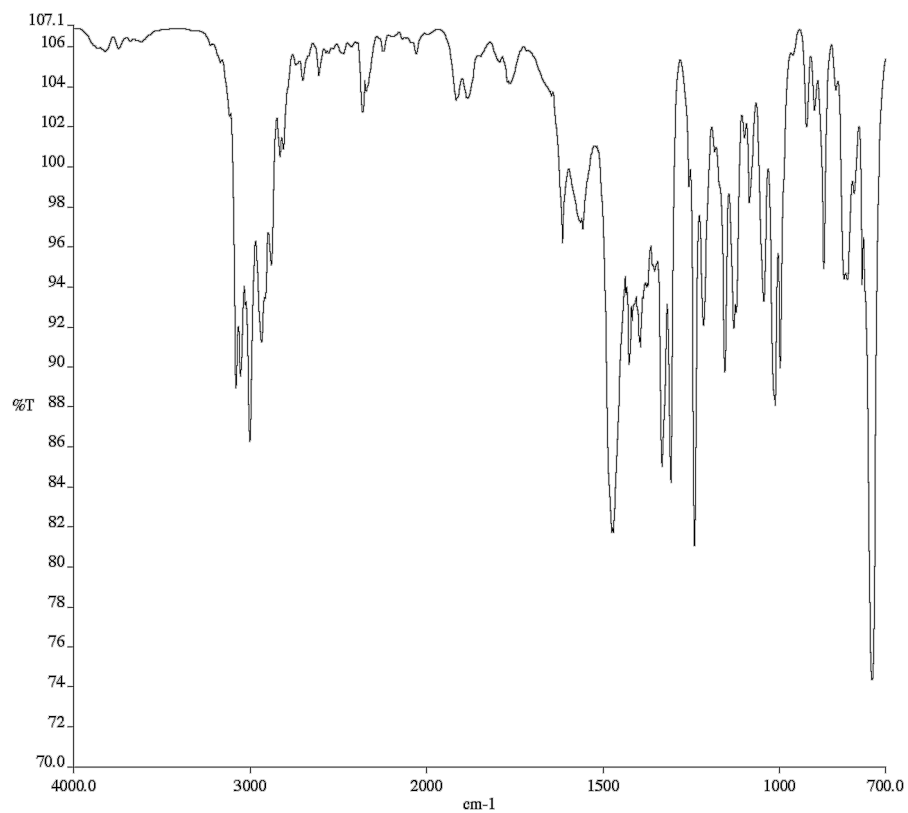


Figure A1.2. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **201**.

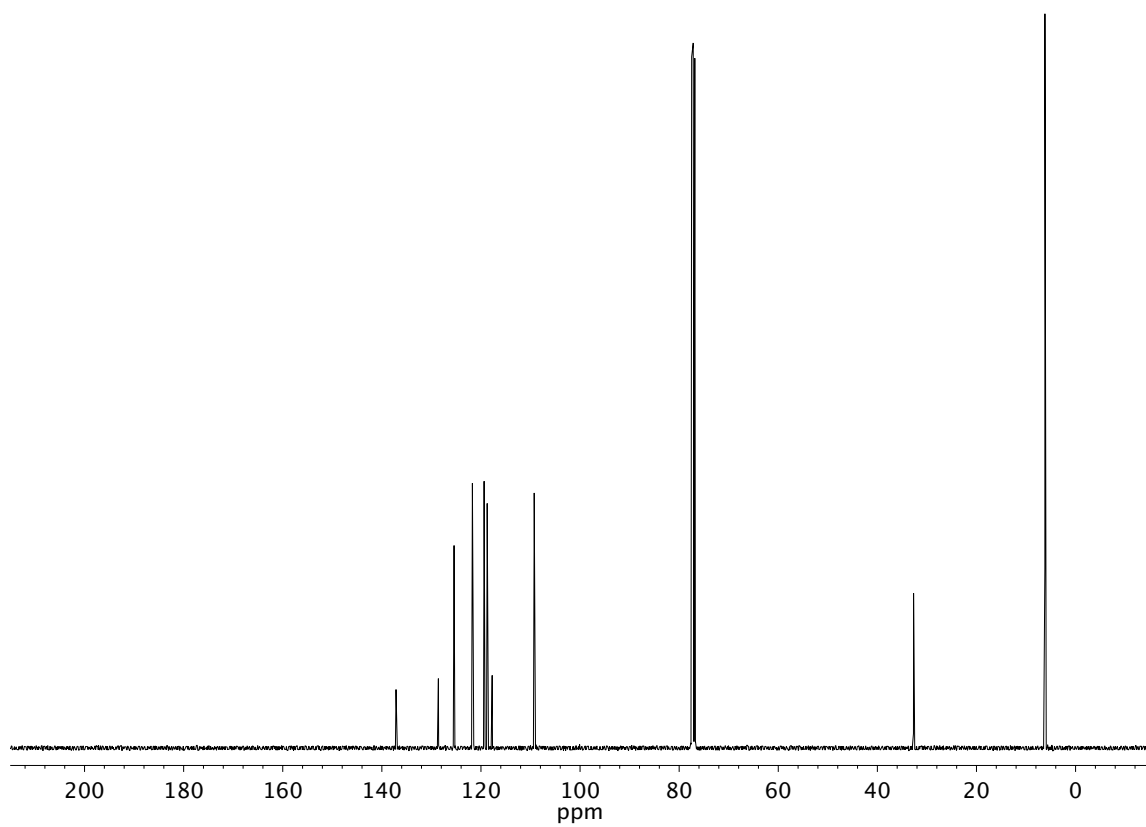


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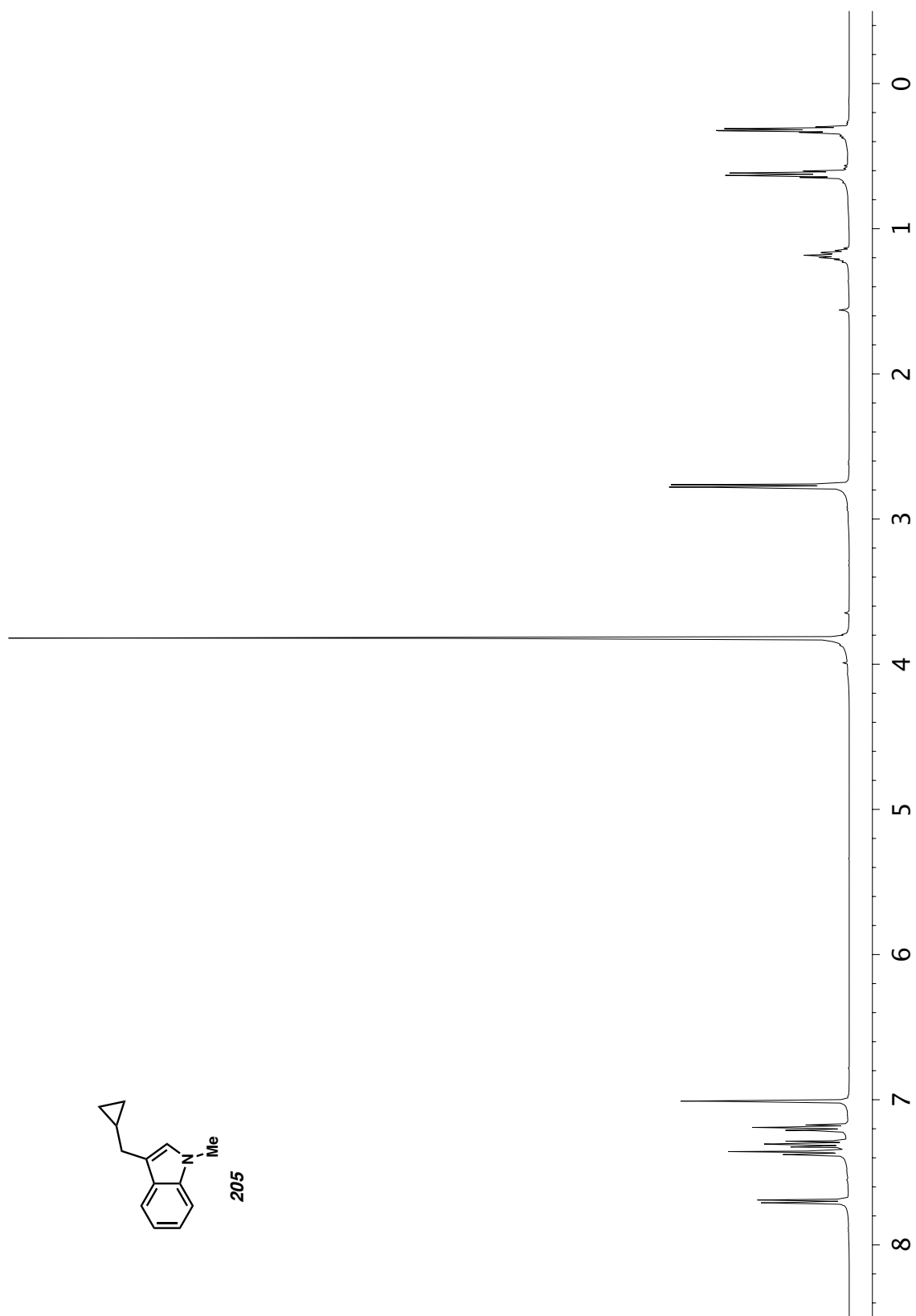


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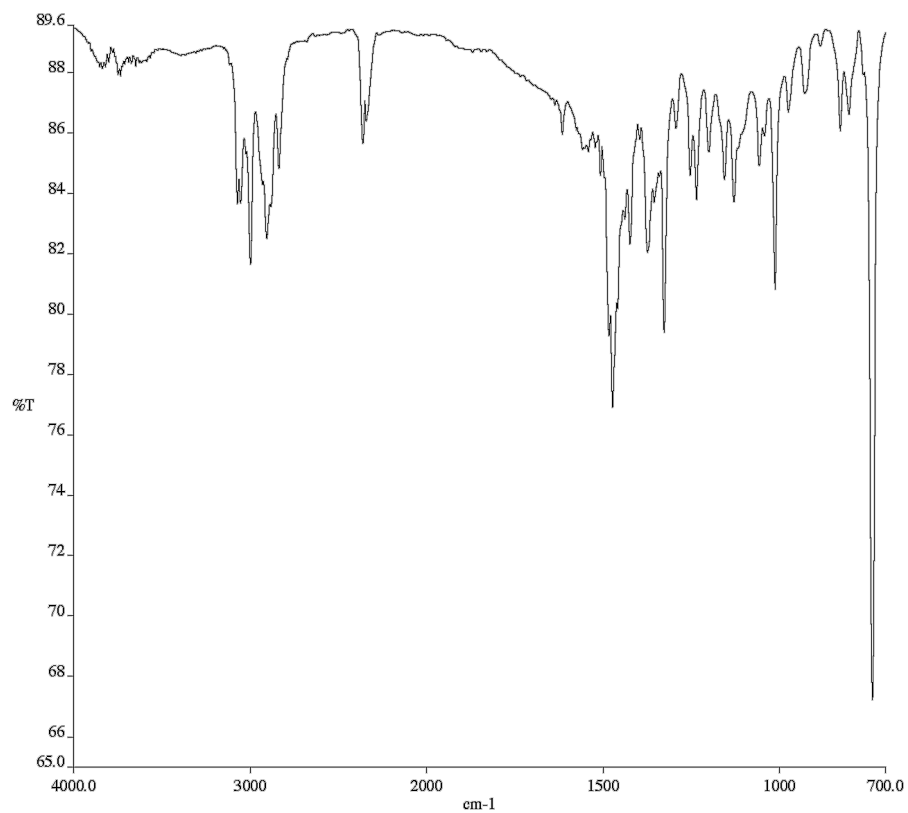


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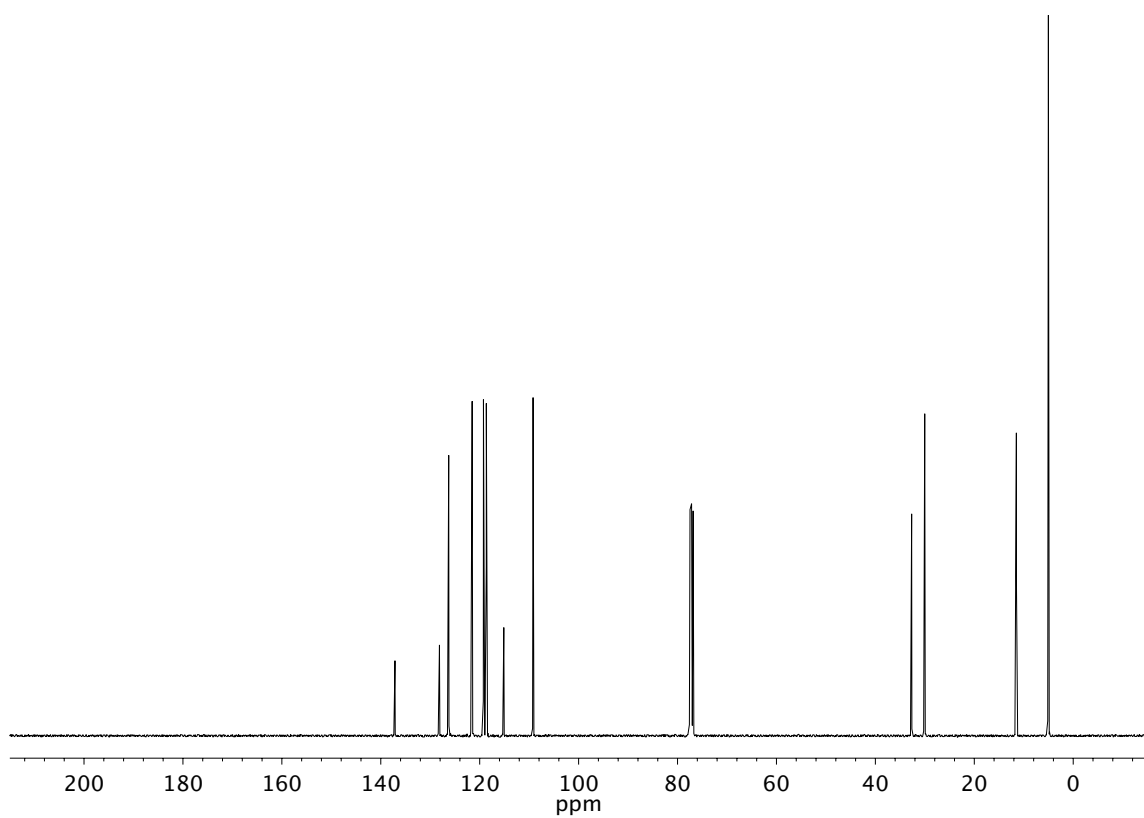


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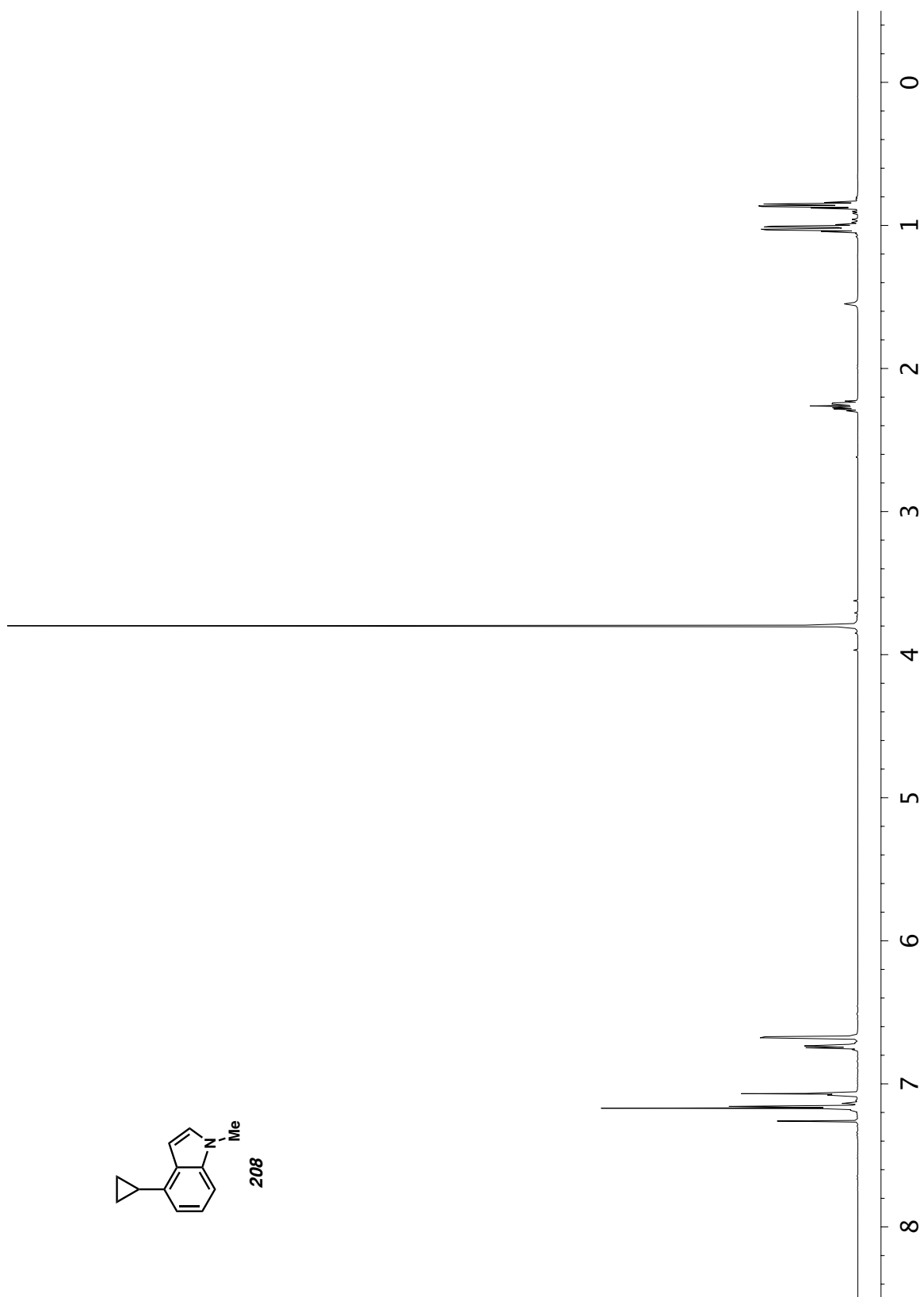
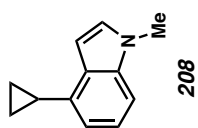


Figure A1.7.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **208**.

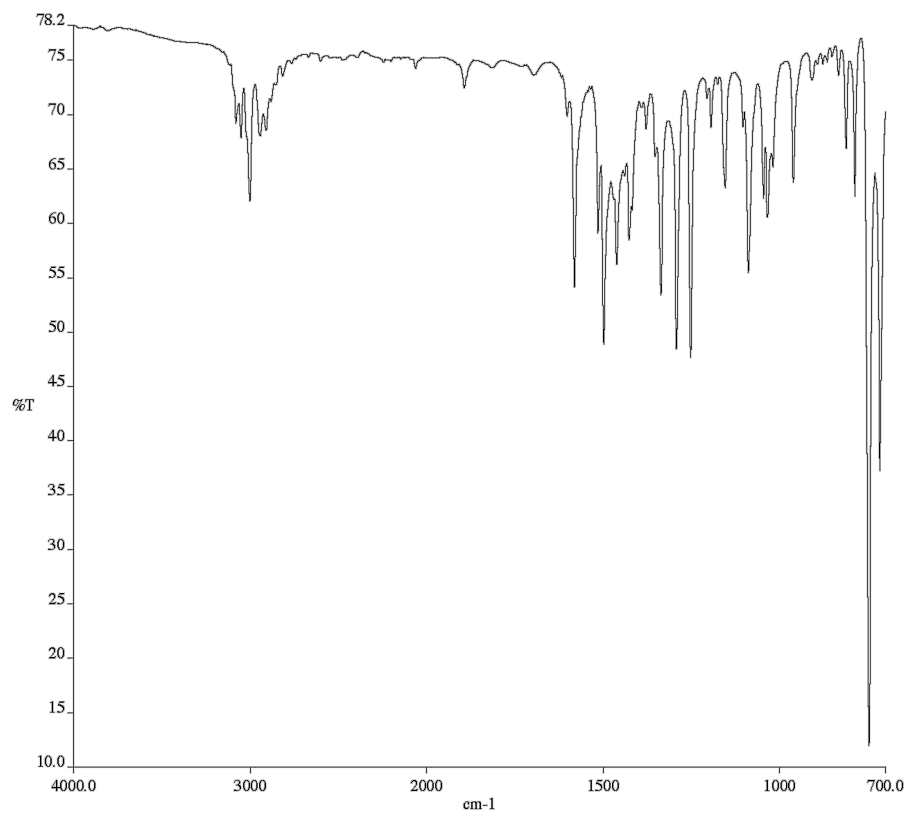


Figure A1.8. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **208**.

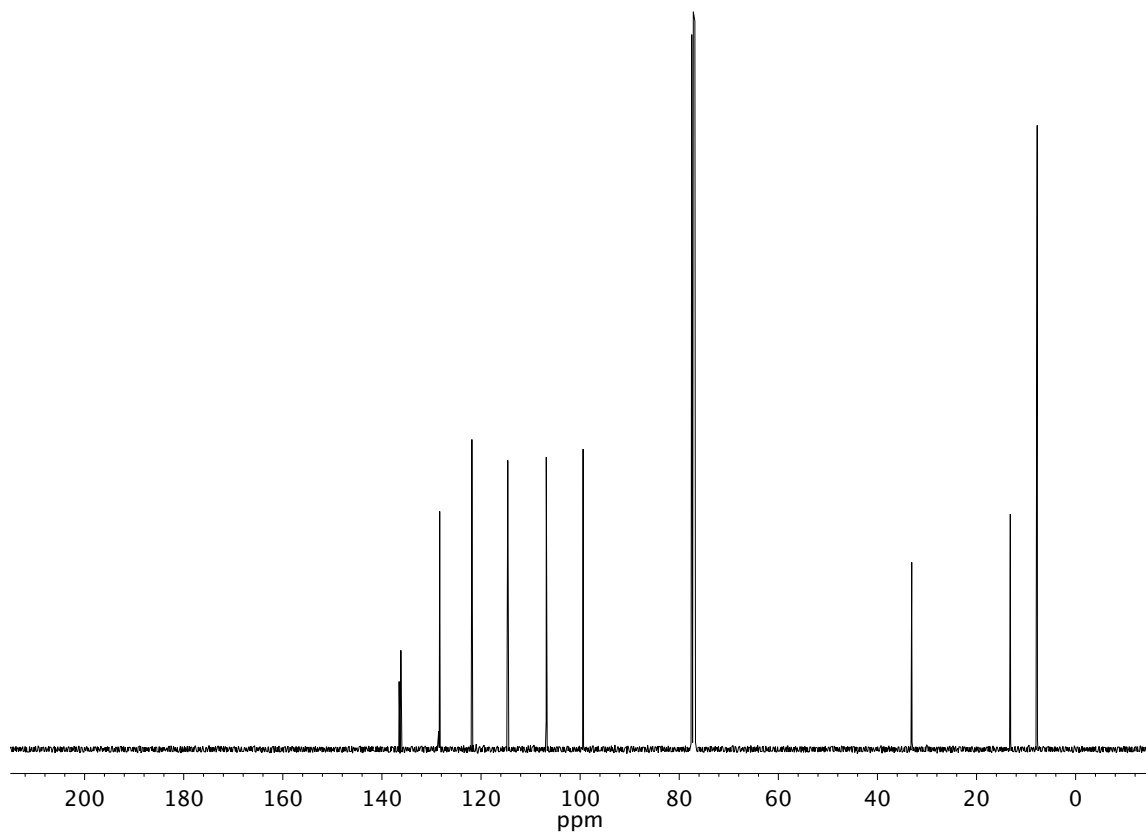
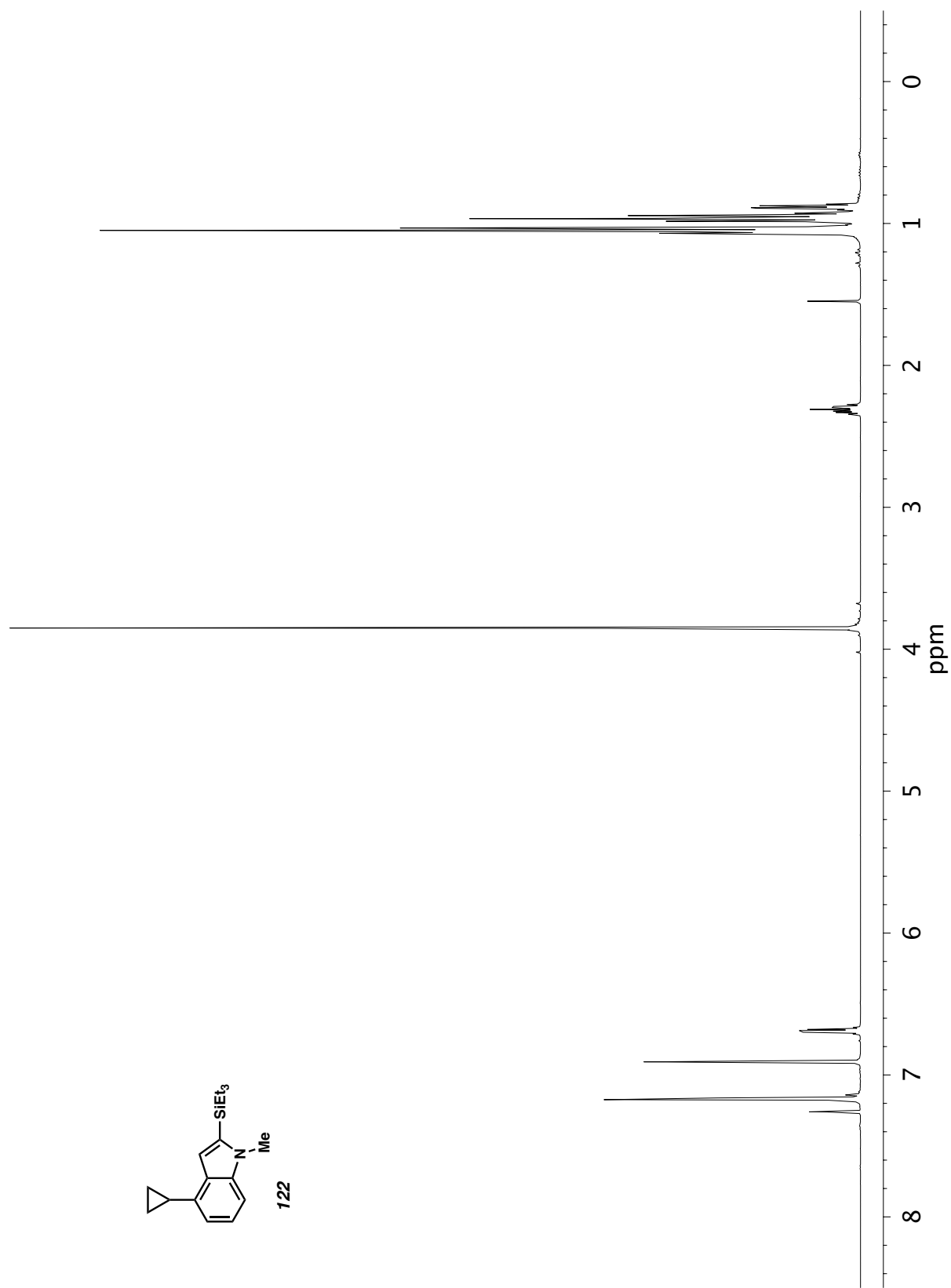


Figure A1.9. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **208**.





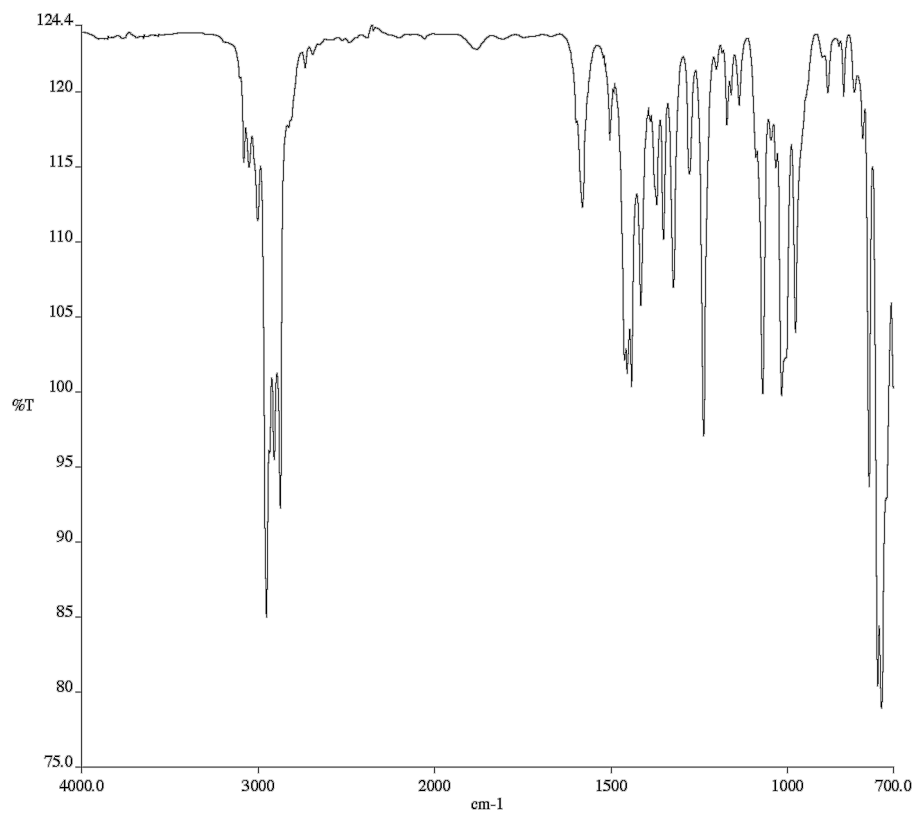


Figure A1. 11. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **122**.

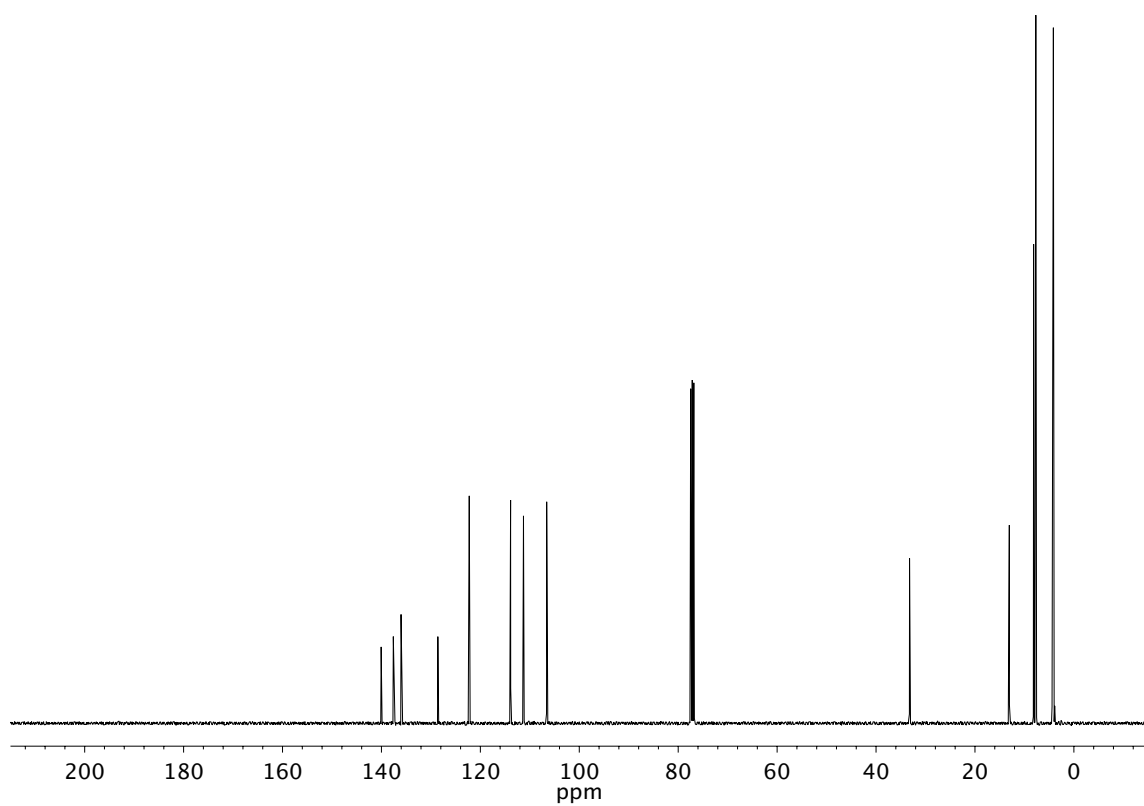


Figure A1. 12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **122**.

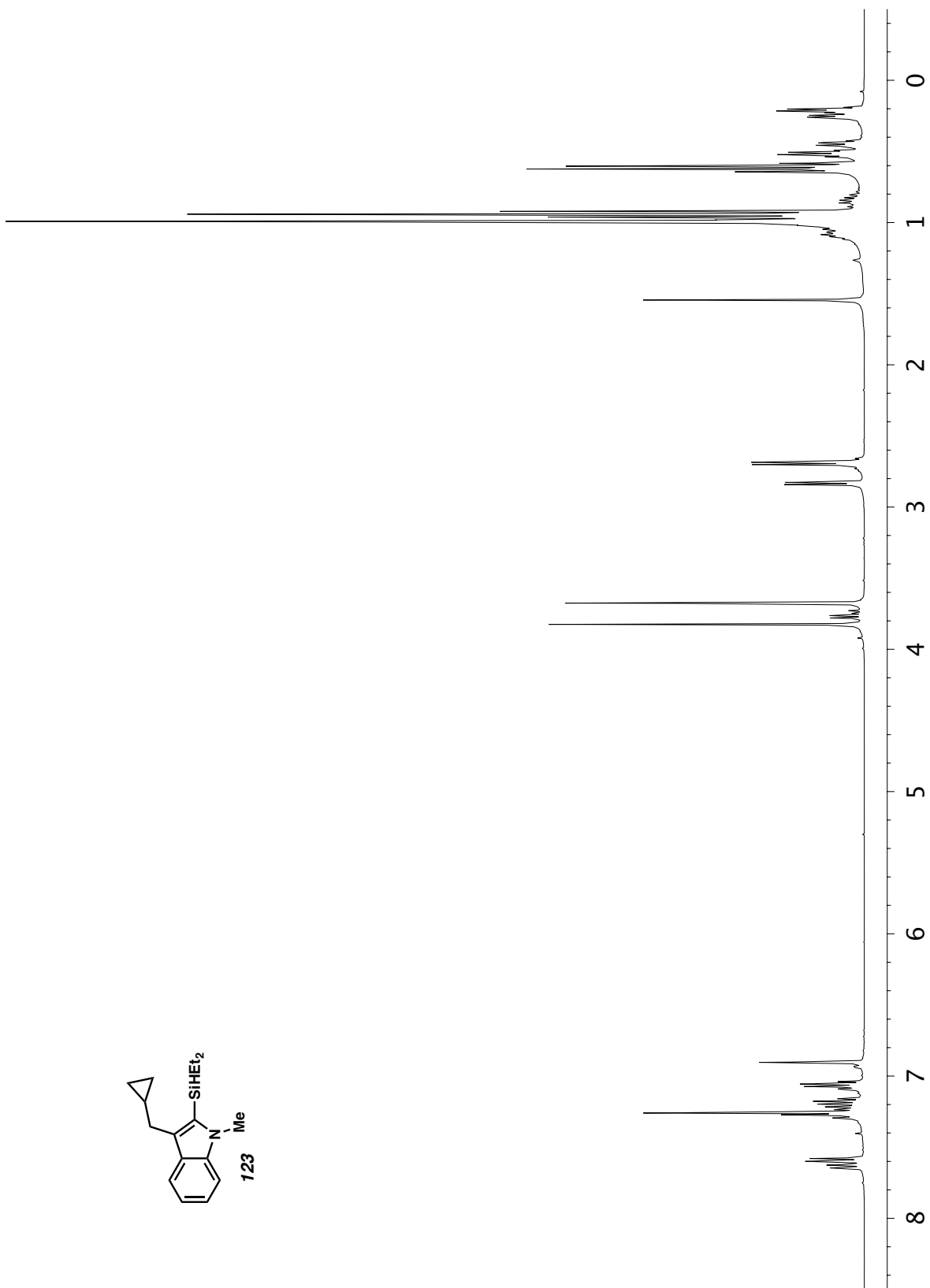
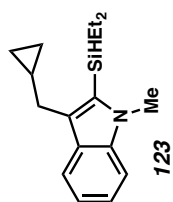


Figure A1.13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 123.

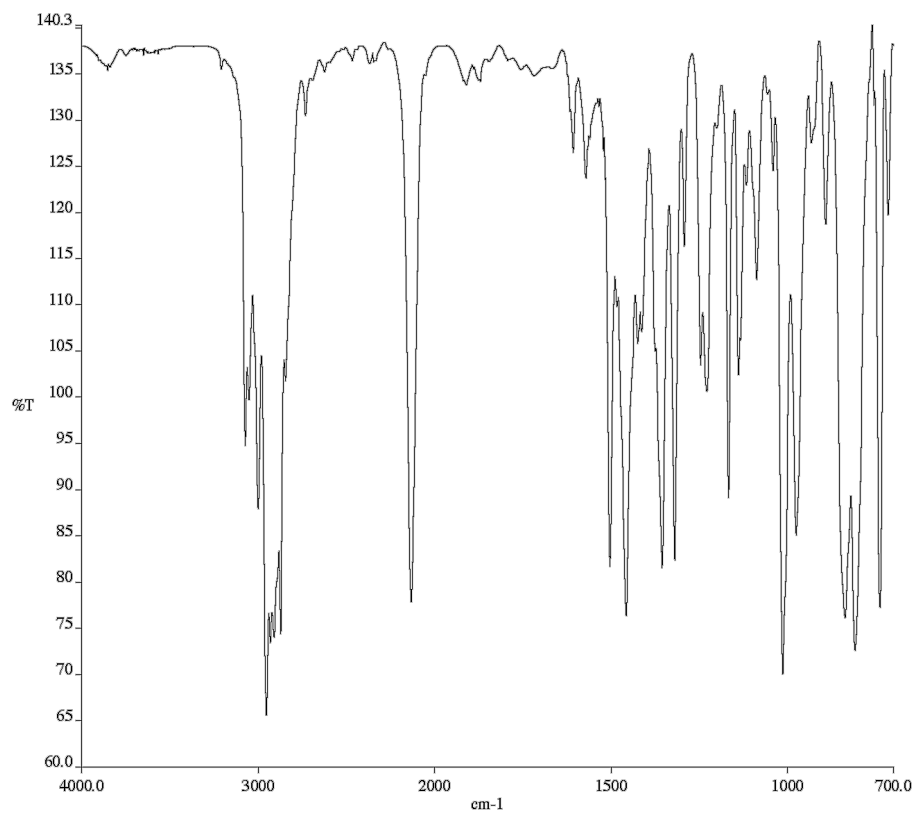


Figure A1. 14. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **123**.

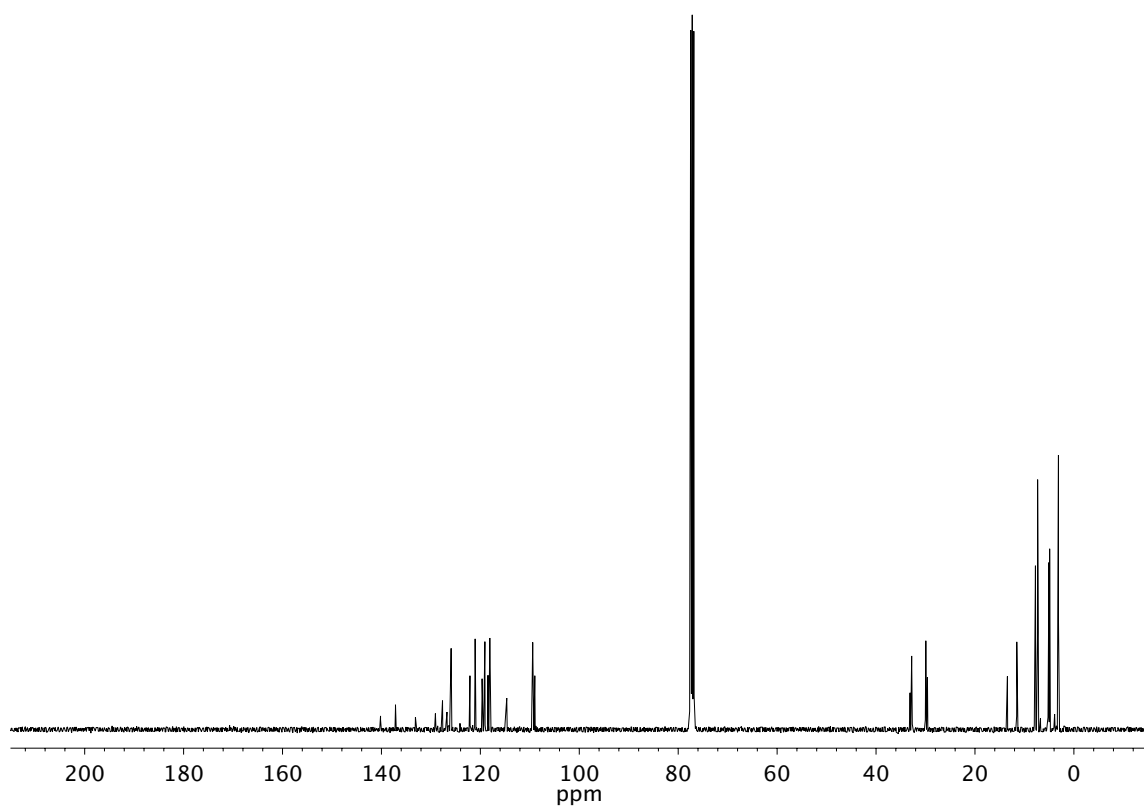


Figure A1. 15. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **123**.

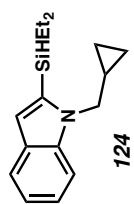
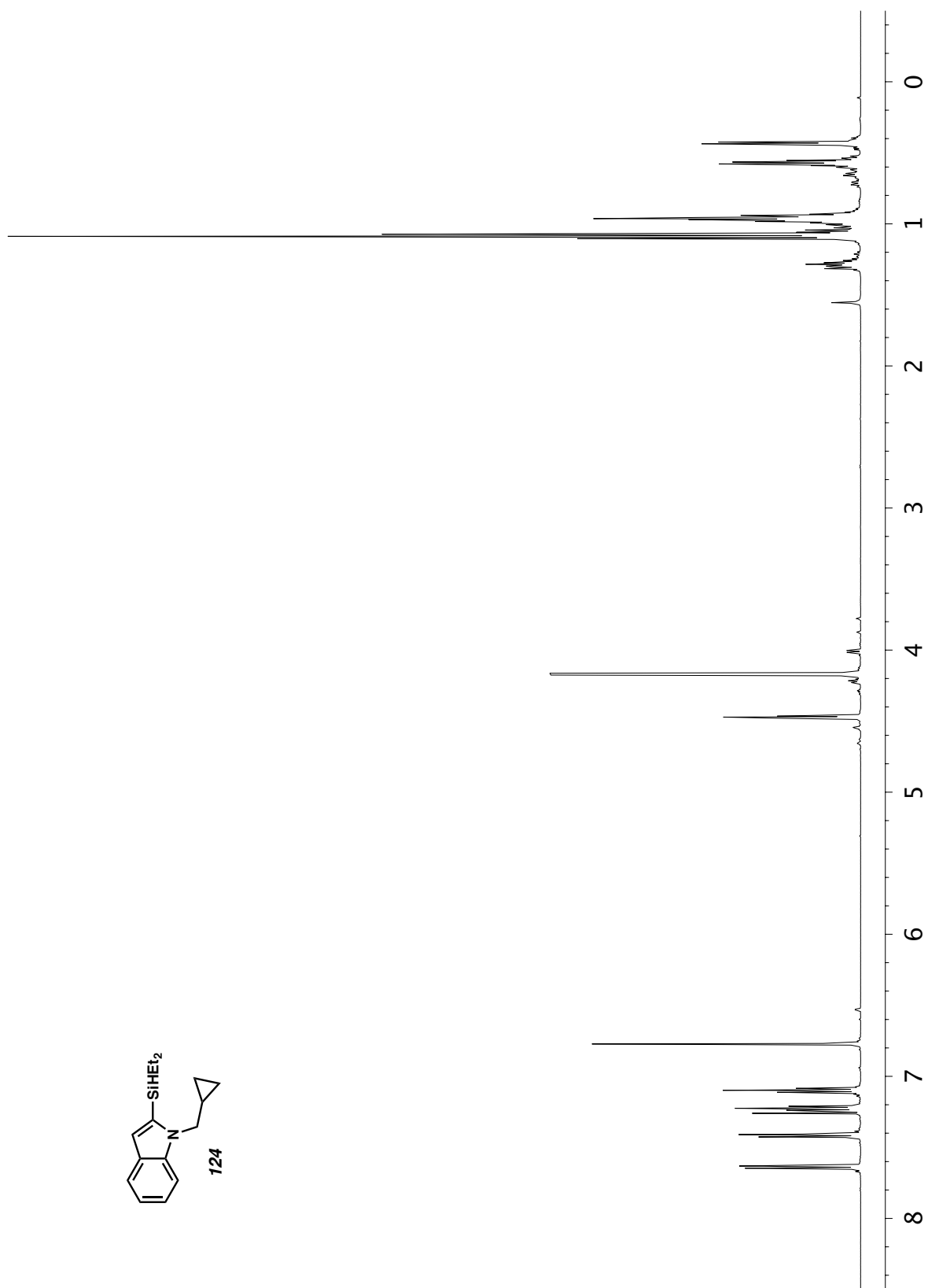


Figure A1.16.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **124**.

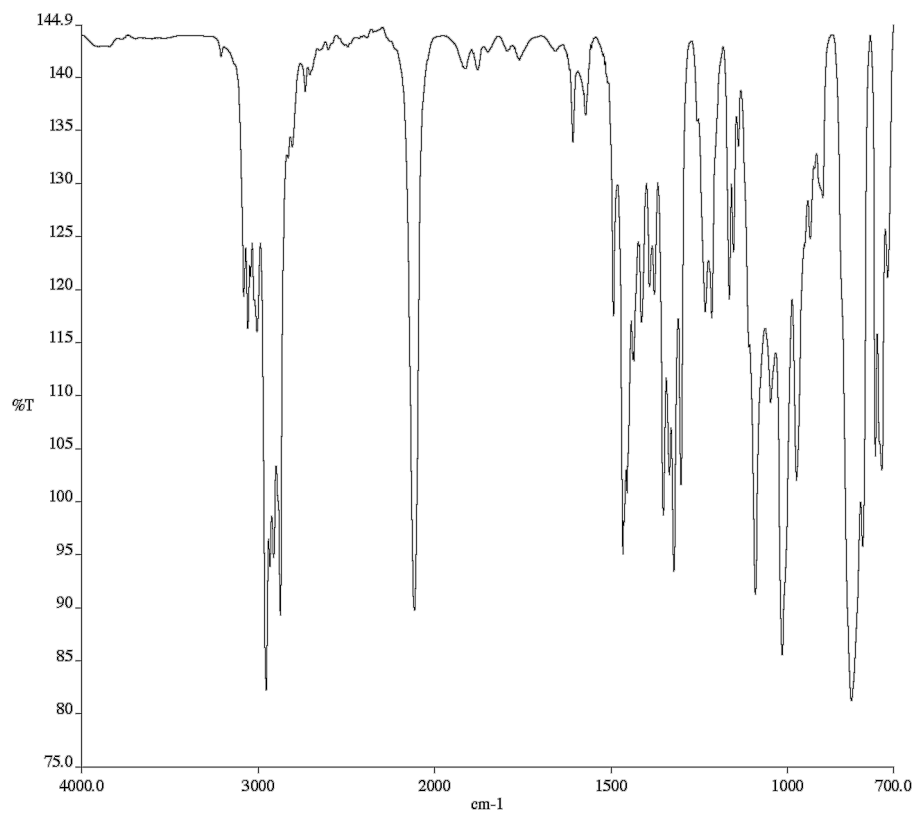


Figure A1.17. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **124**.

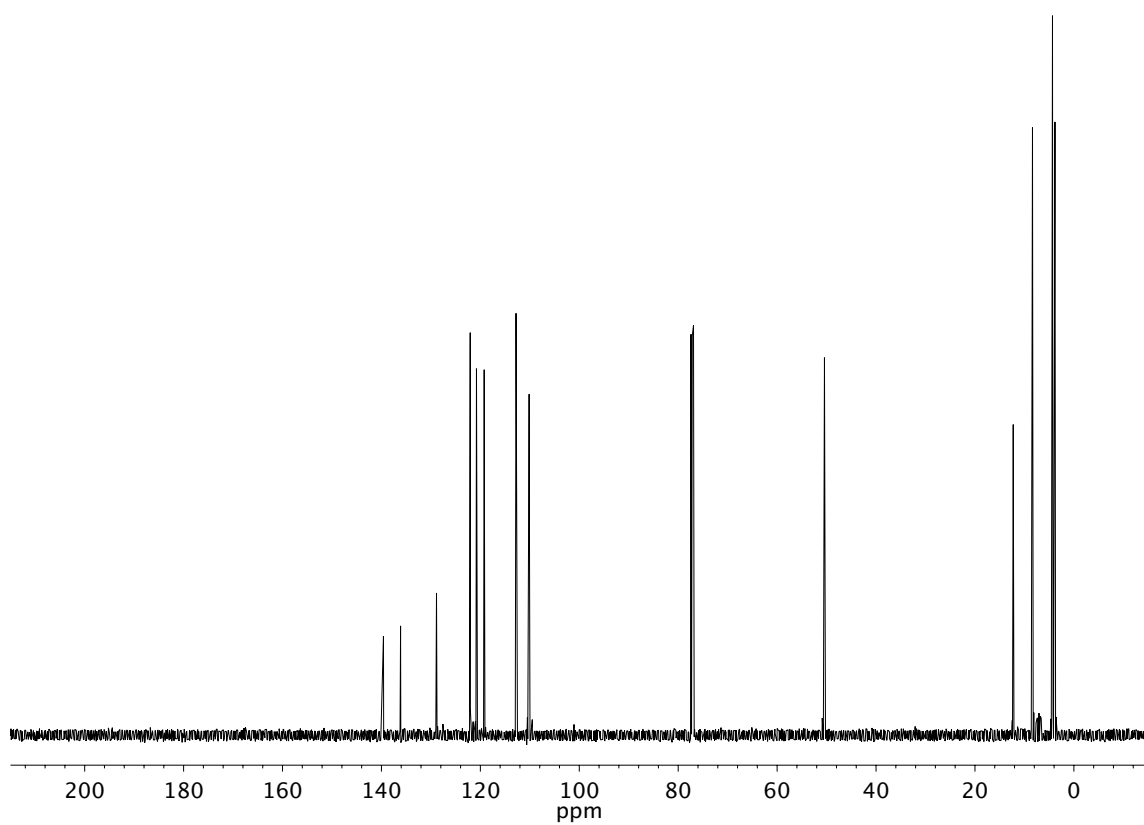
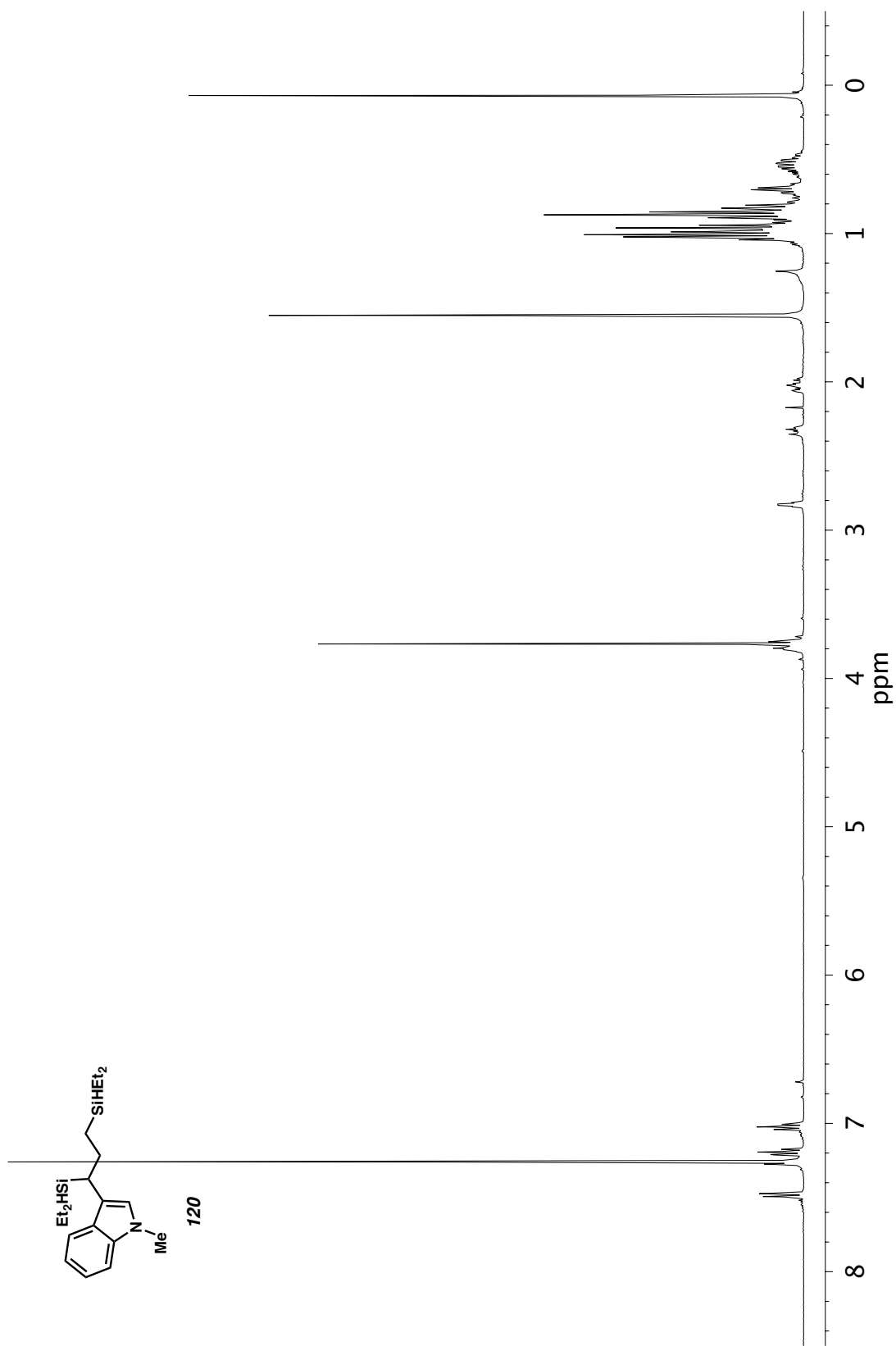


Figure A1.18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **124**.

Figure A1.19.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **120**.

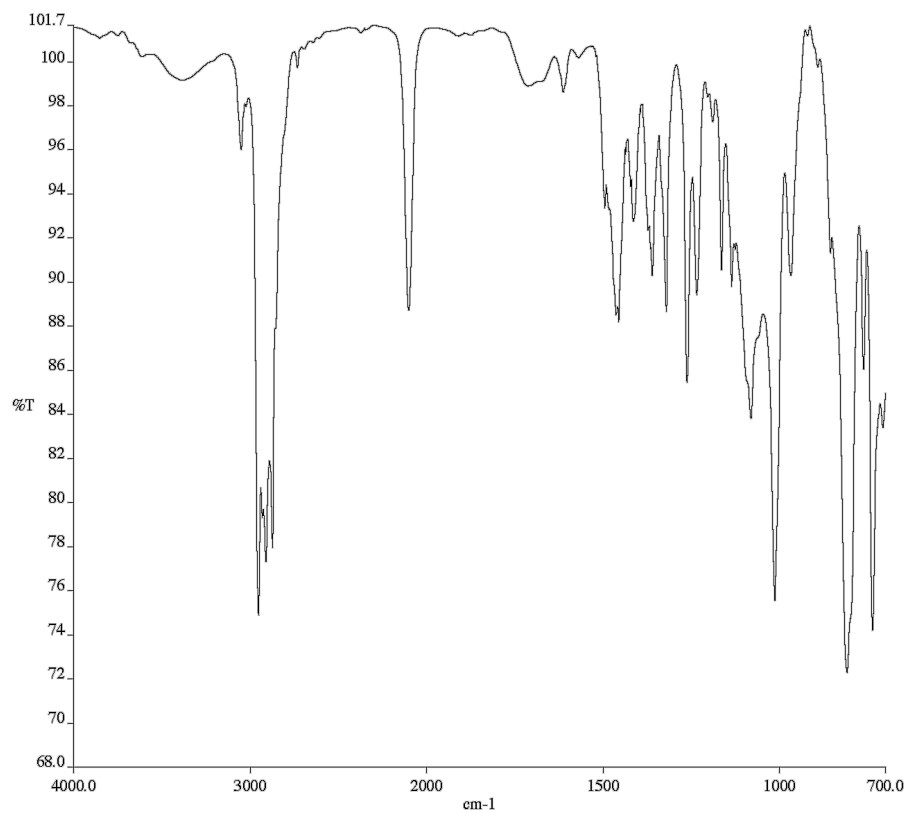


Figure A1.20. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **120**.

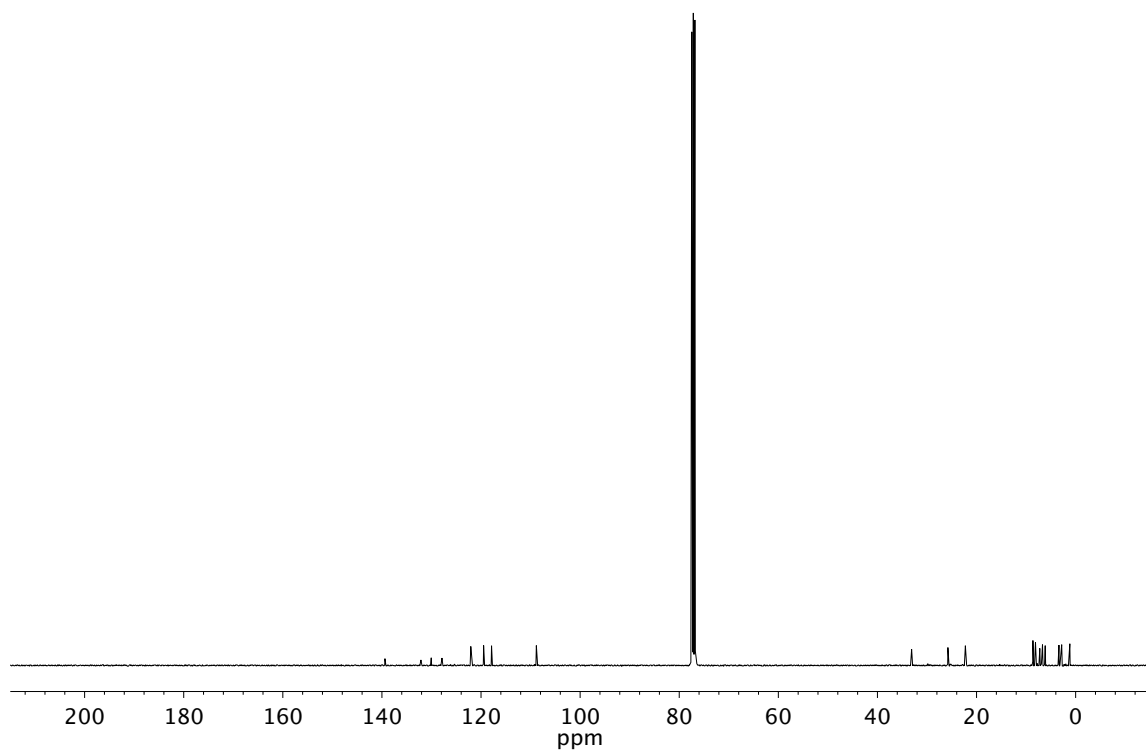
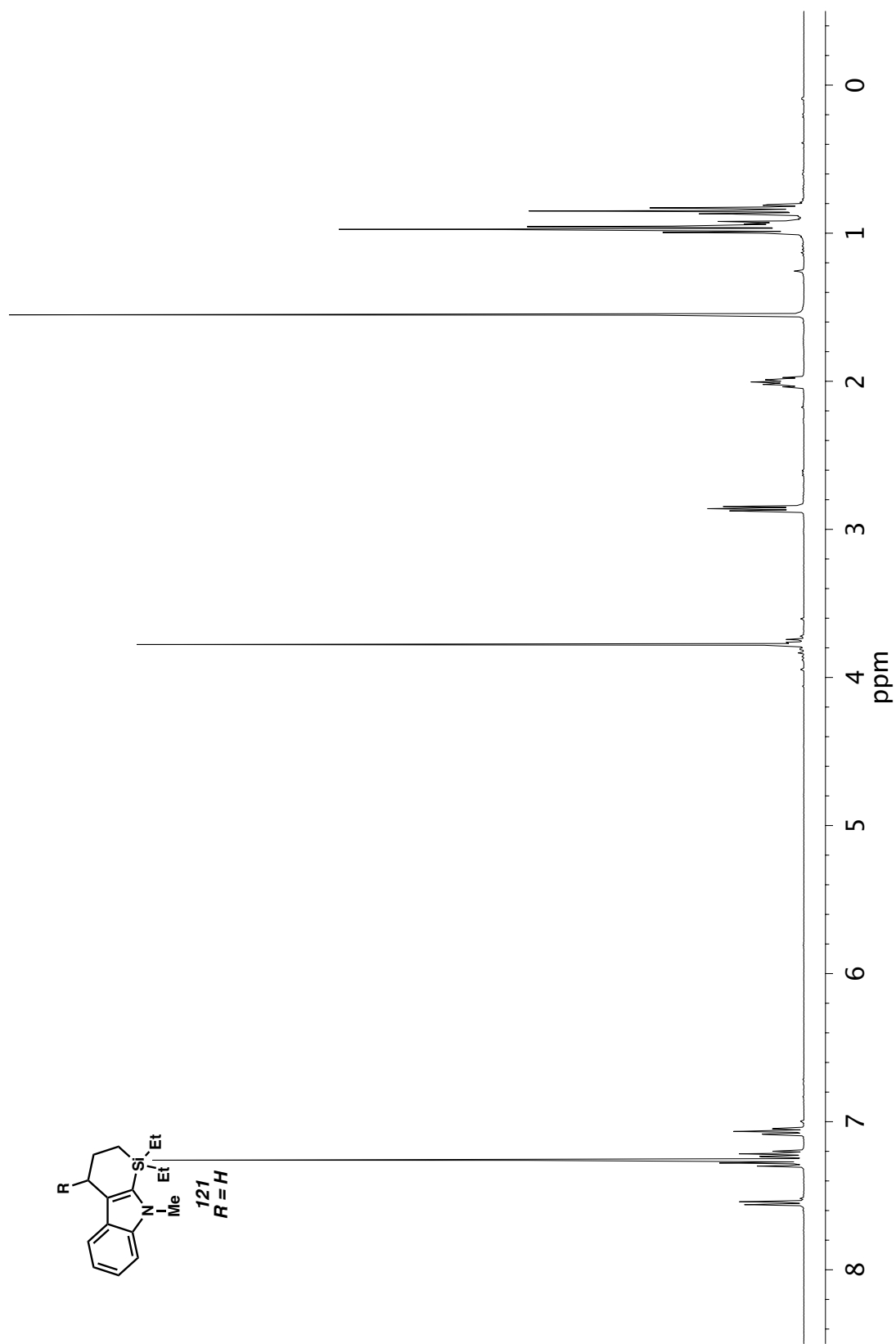


Figure A1.21. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **120**.

Figure A1.22.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **121**,  $\text{R} = \text{H}$ .



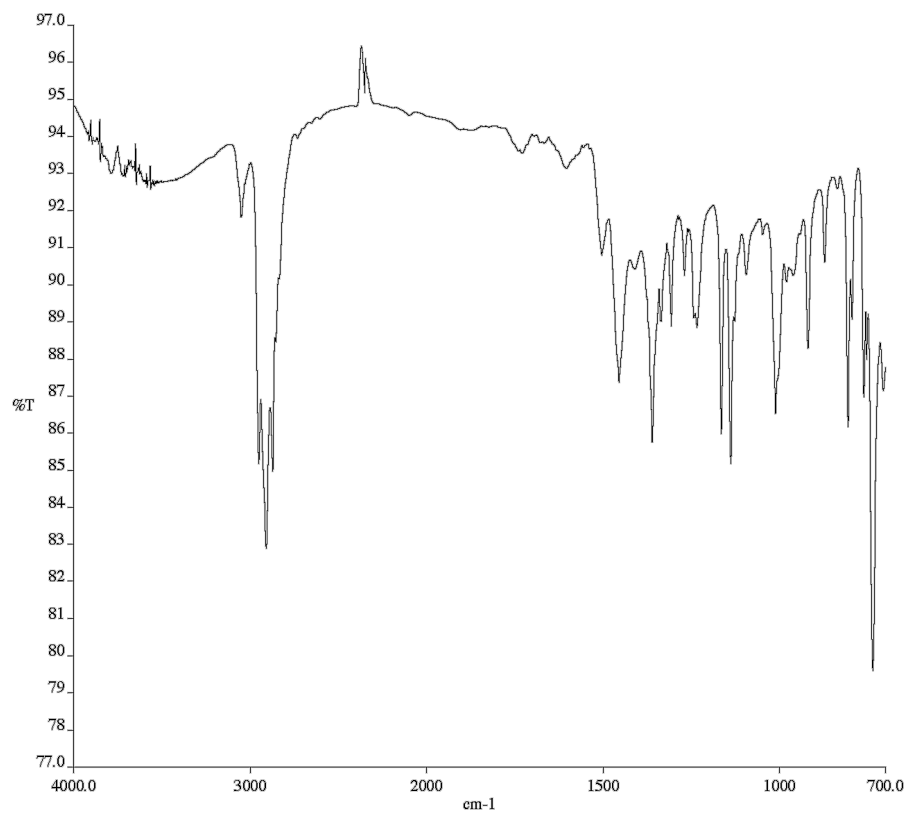


Figure A1.23. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **121**, **R = H**.

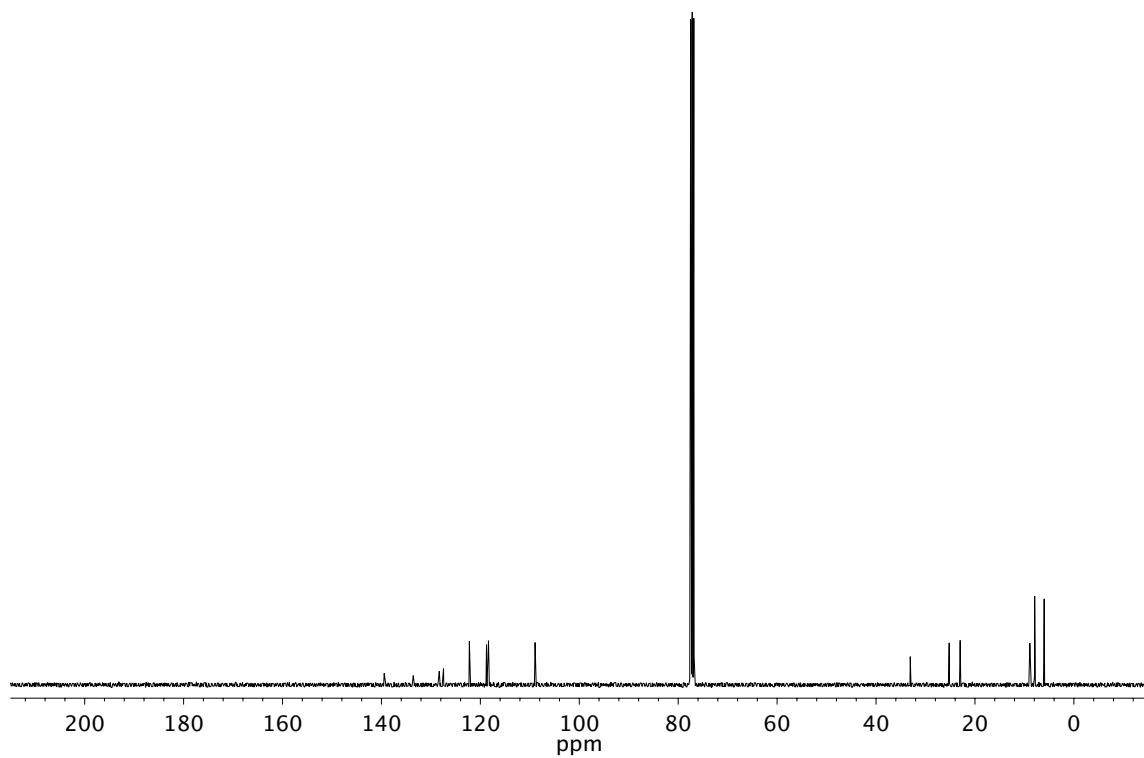
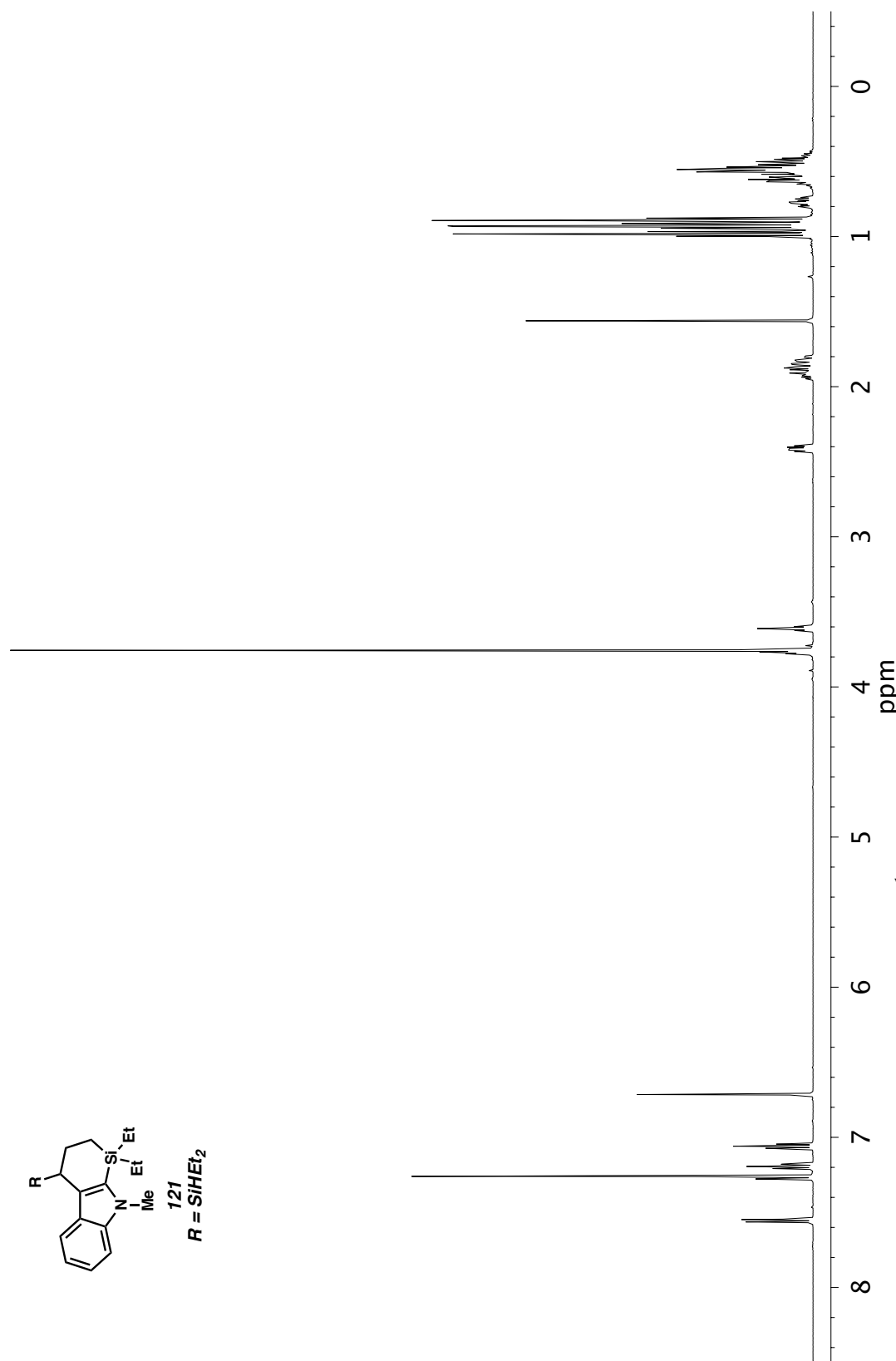


Figure A1.24. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **121**, **R = H**.



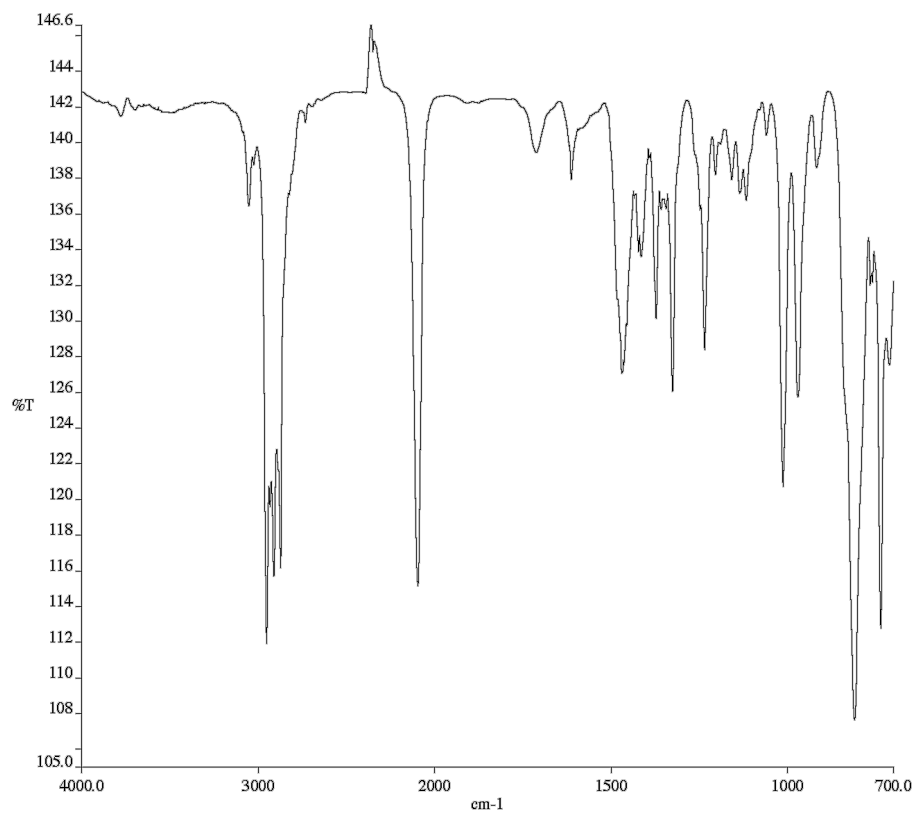


Figure A1.26. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **121**,  $R = \text{SiHEt}_2$ .

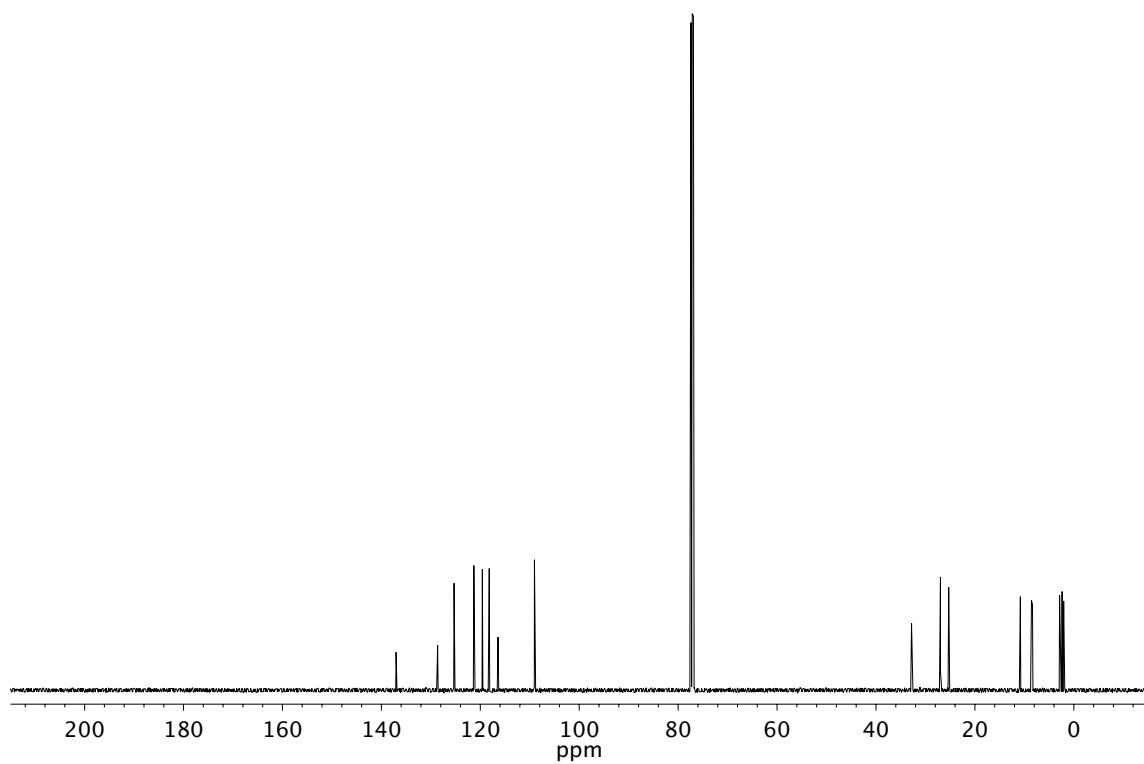
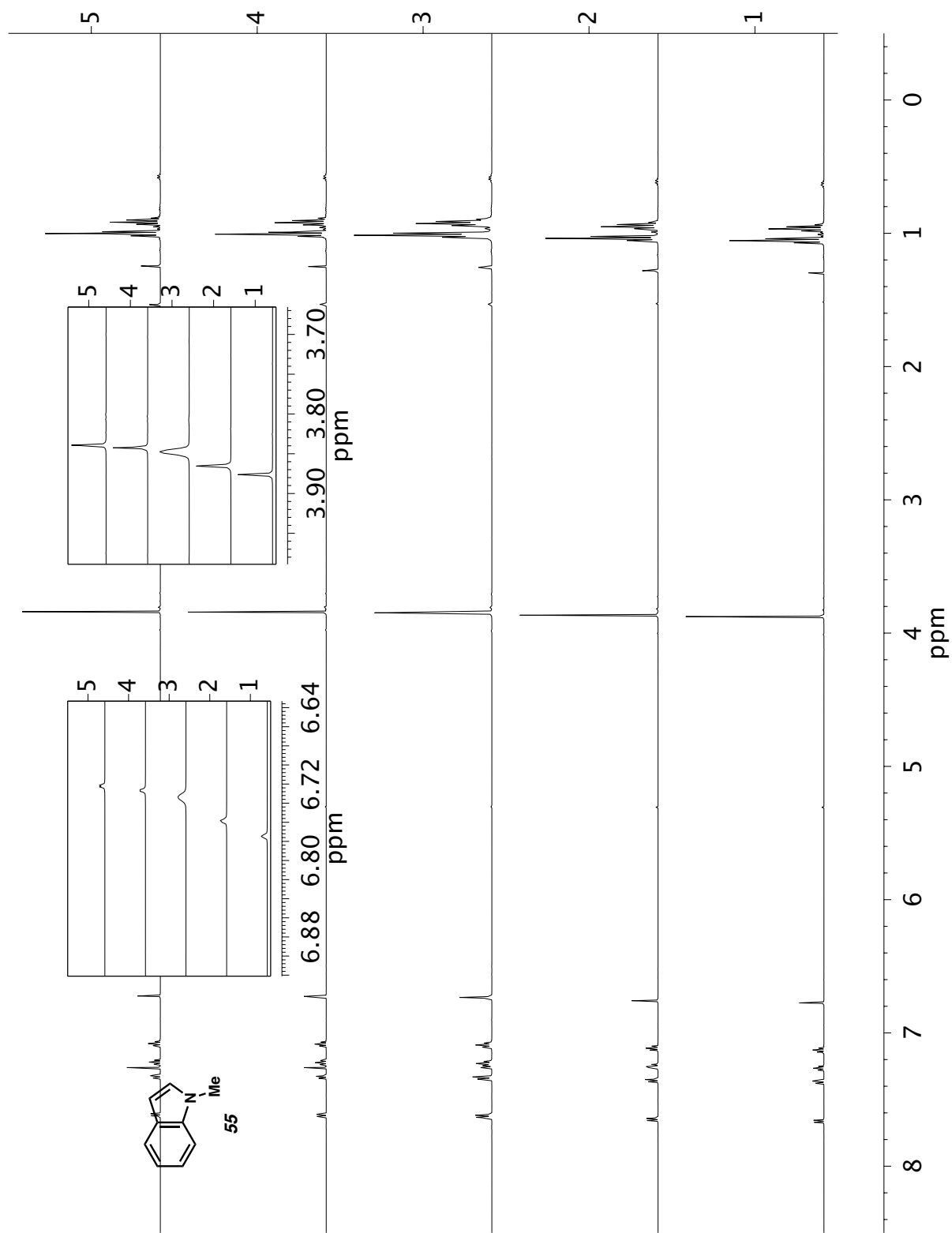


Figure A1.27. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **121**,  $R = \text{SiHEt}_2$ .

Figure A1.28.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **55** [0.26–0.028].

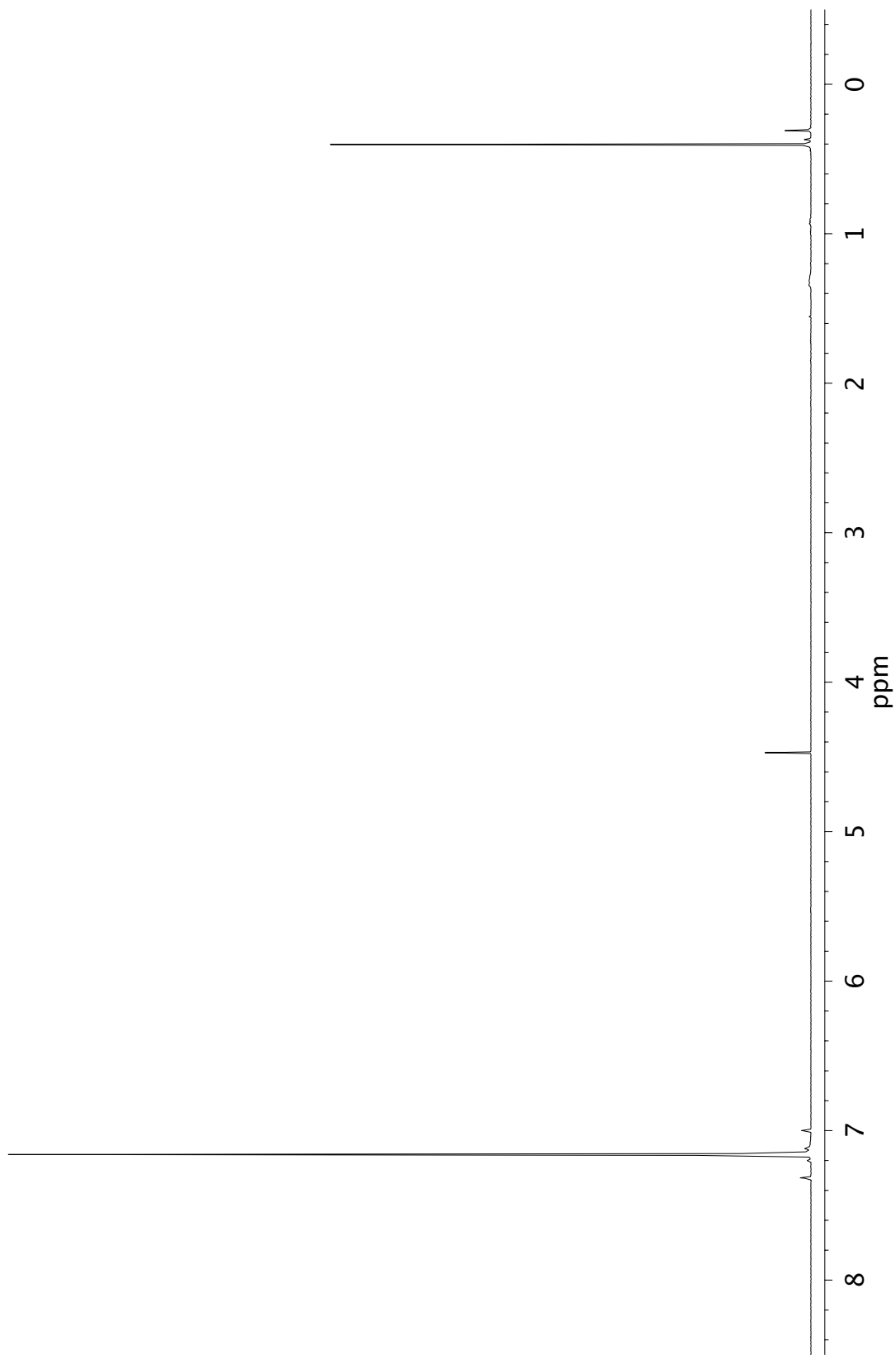


Figure A1.29  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of collected  $\text{H}_2$  gas.

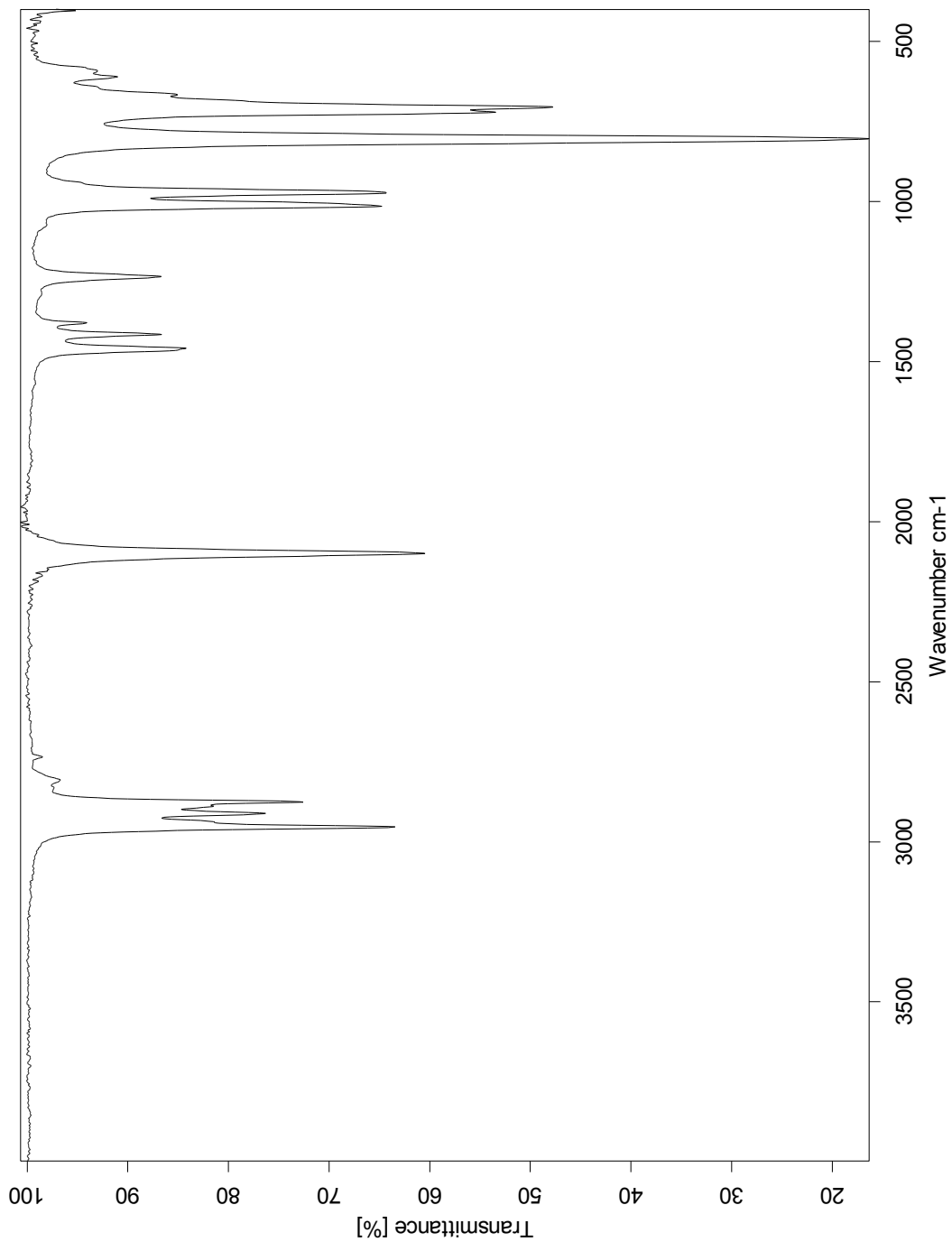


Figure A1.30. ATR-IR of Et<sub>3</sub>SiH.

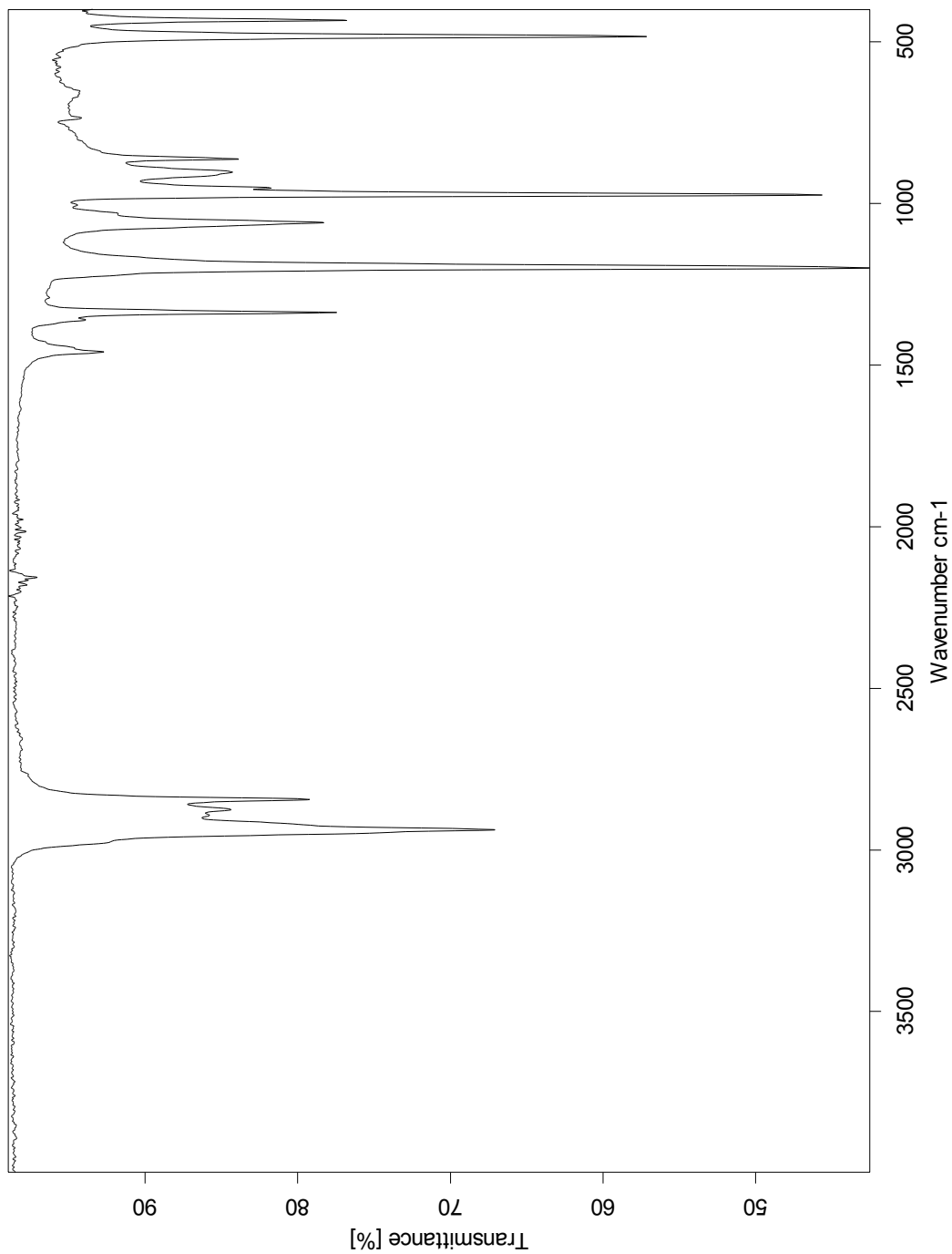


Figure A1.31. ATR-IR of **KOt-Bu**.

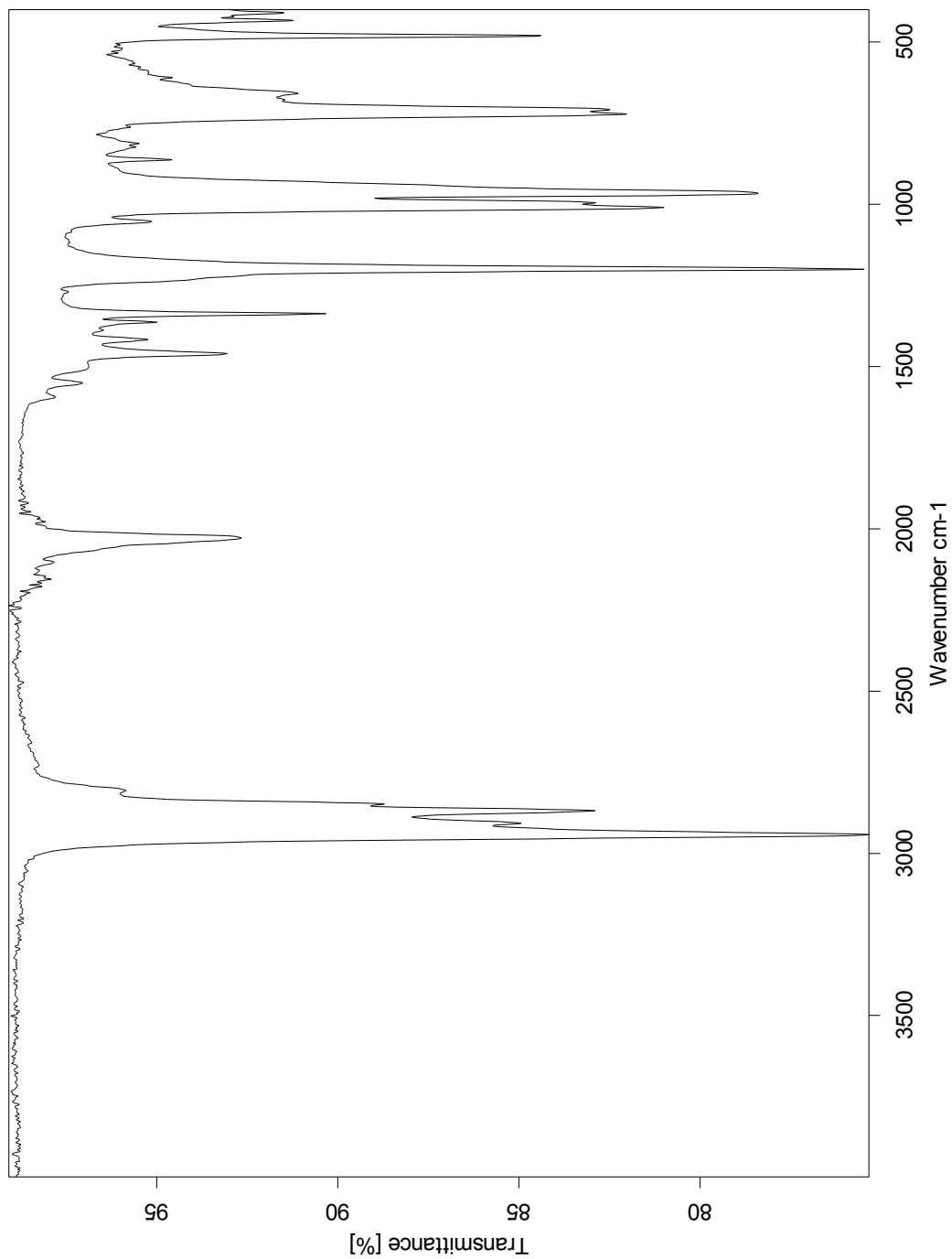


Figure A1.32. ATR-IR of KOt-Bu and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH.



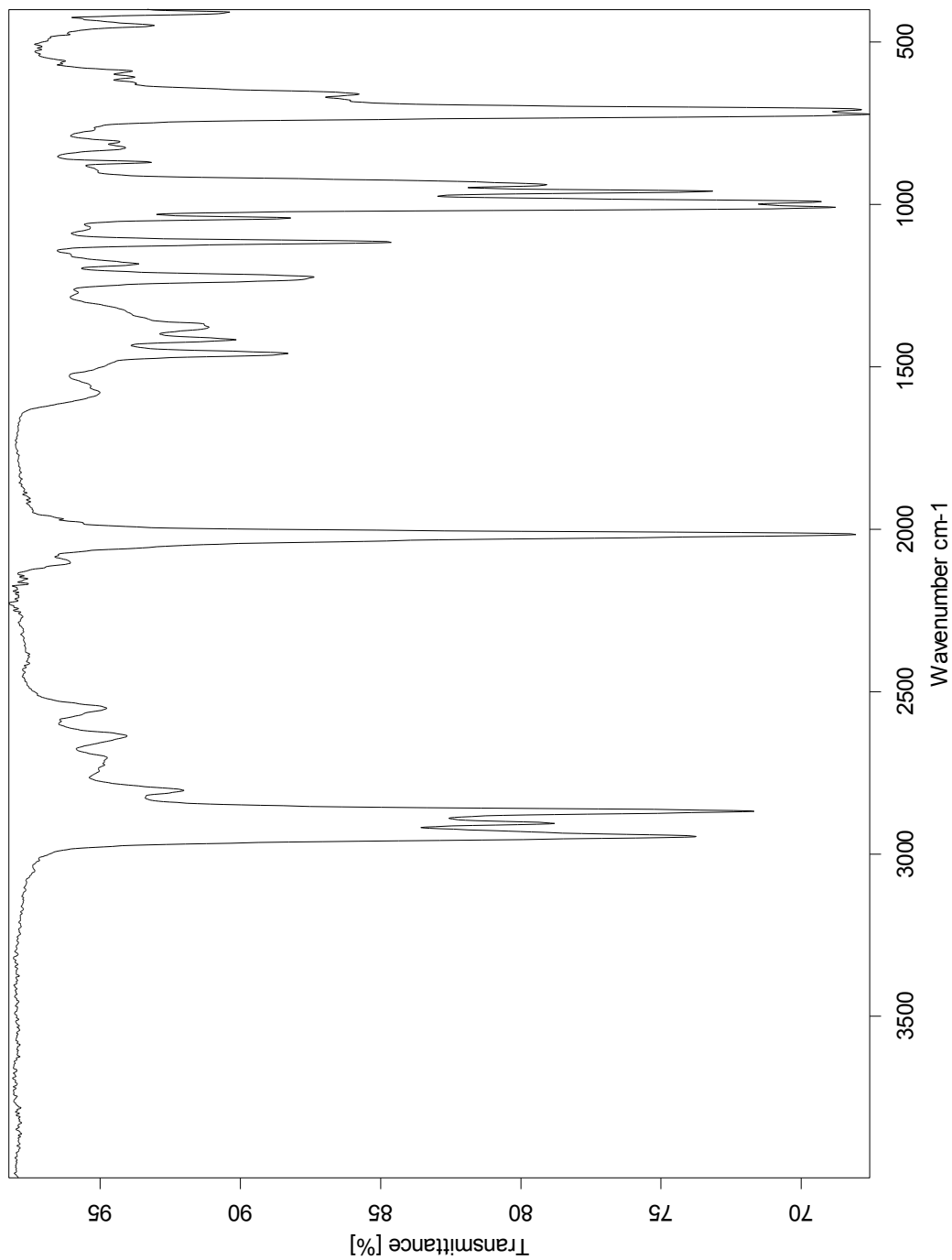


Figure A1.33. ATR-IR of KOEt and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH.

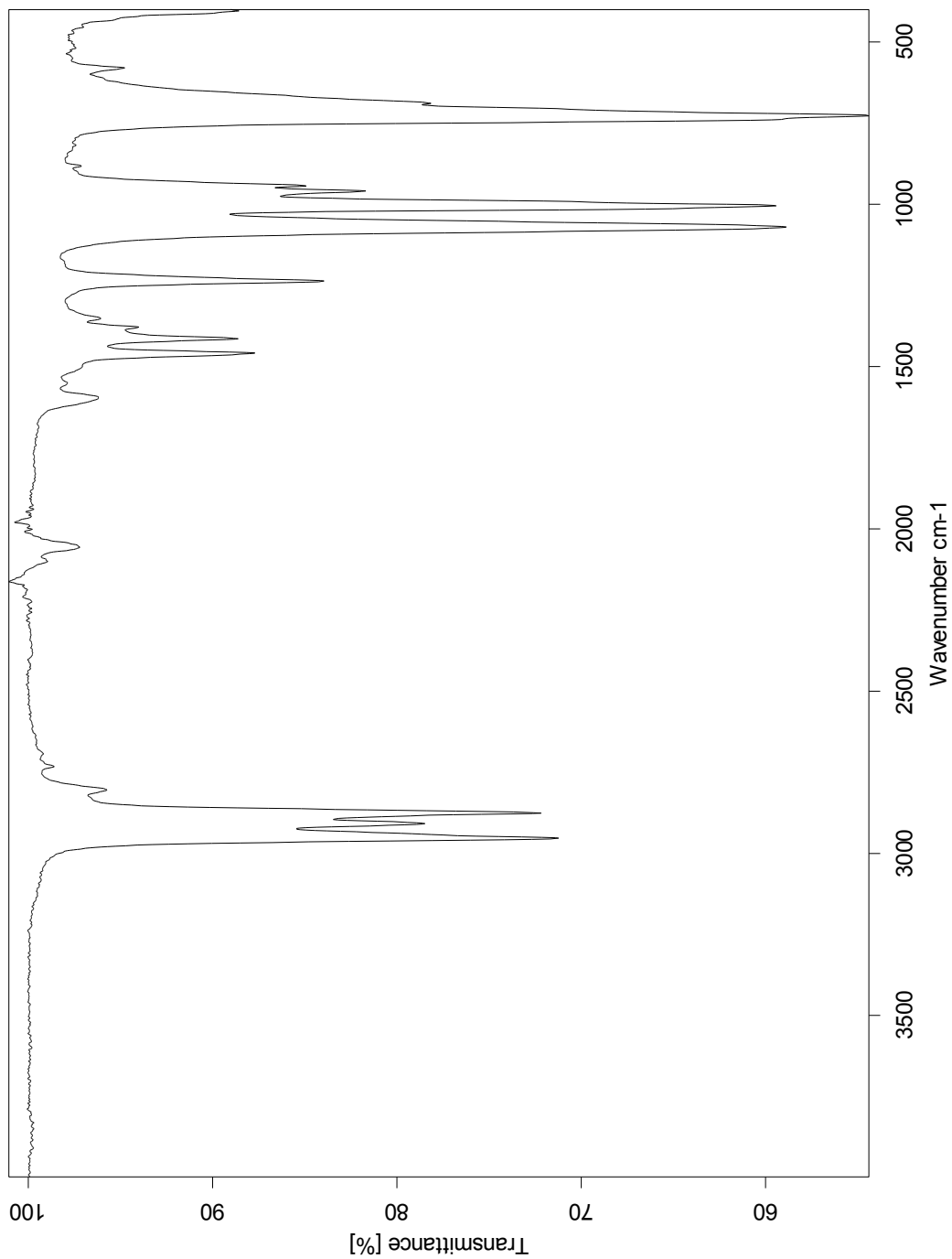


Figure A1.34. ATR-IR of KOMe and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH.

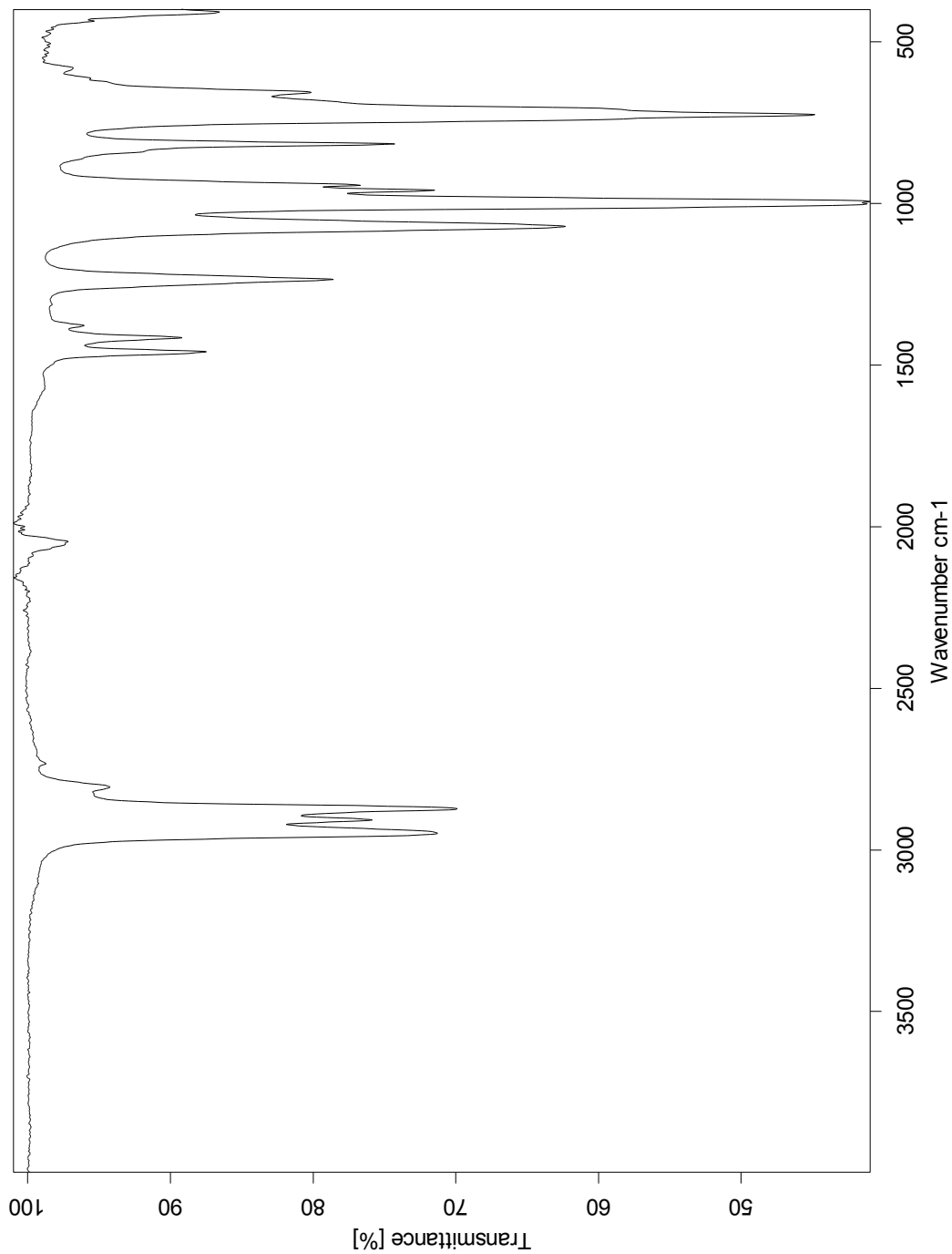


Figure A1.35. ATR-IR of KOTMS and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH.

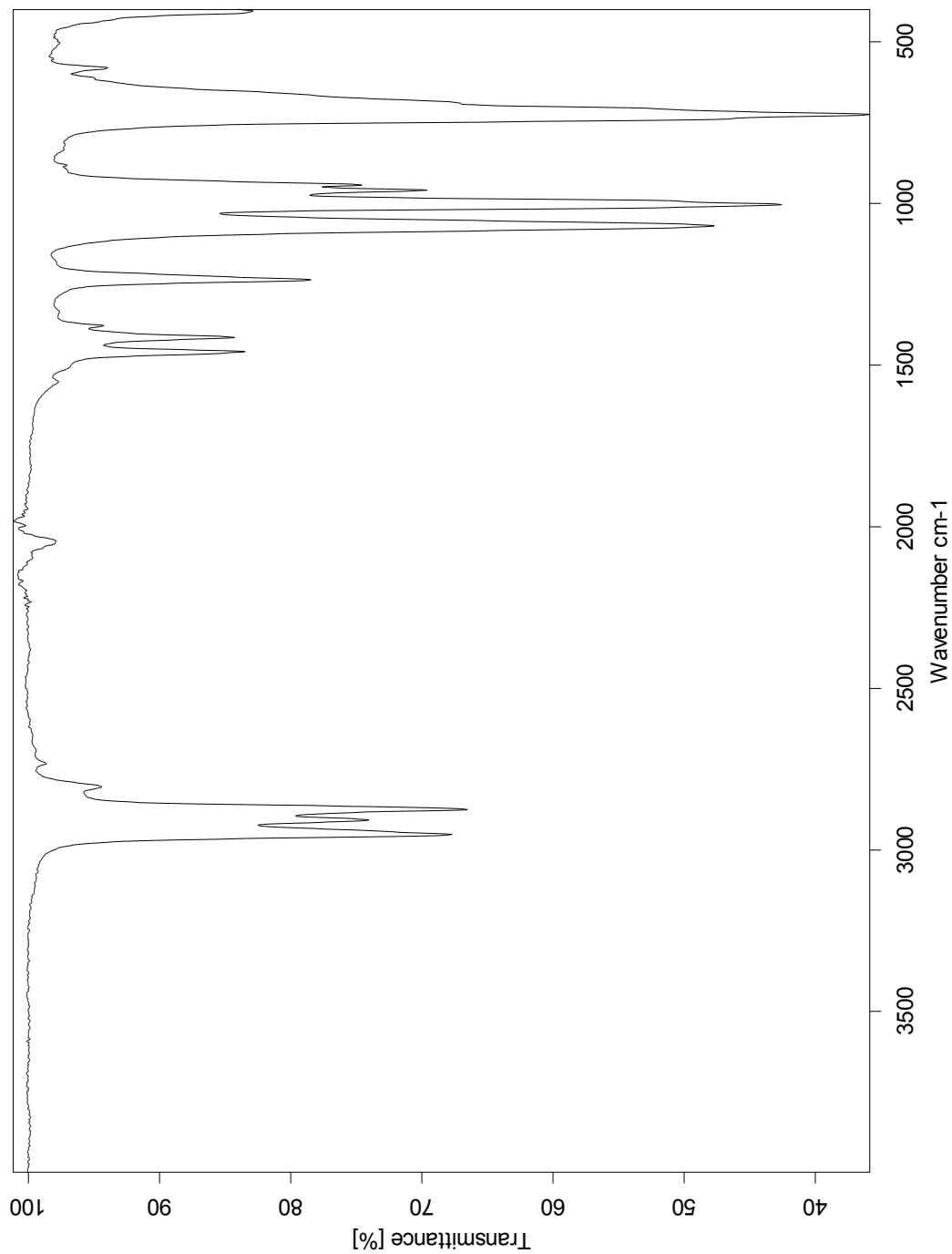


Figure A1.36. ATR-IR of **KOH** and **Et<sub>3</sub>SiH**.

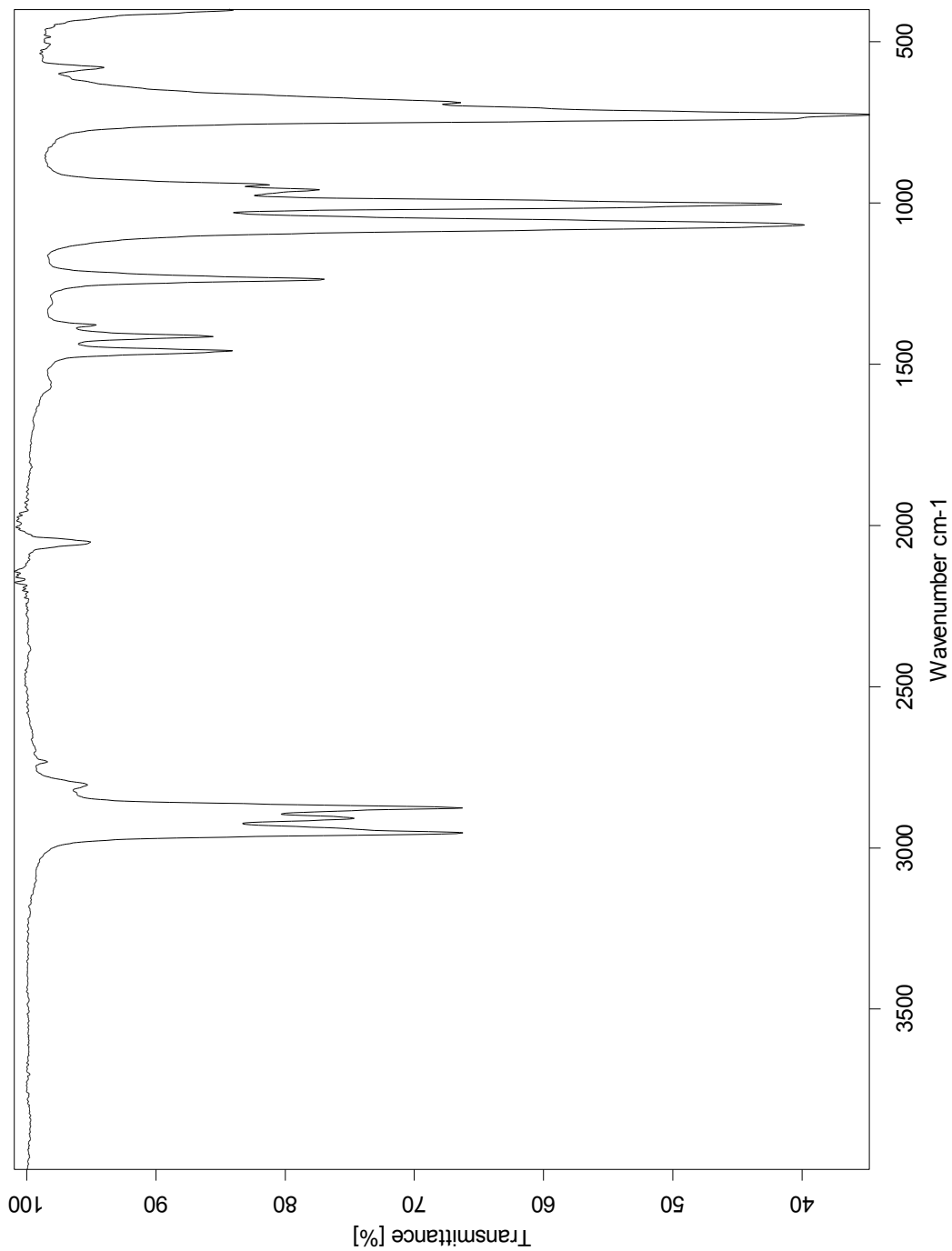


Figure A1.37. ATR-IR of  $\text{RbOH} \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ .

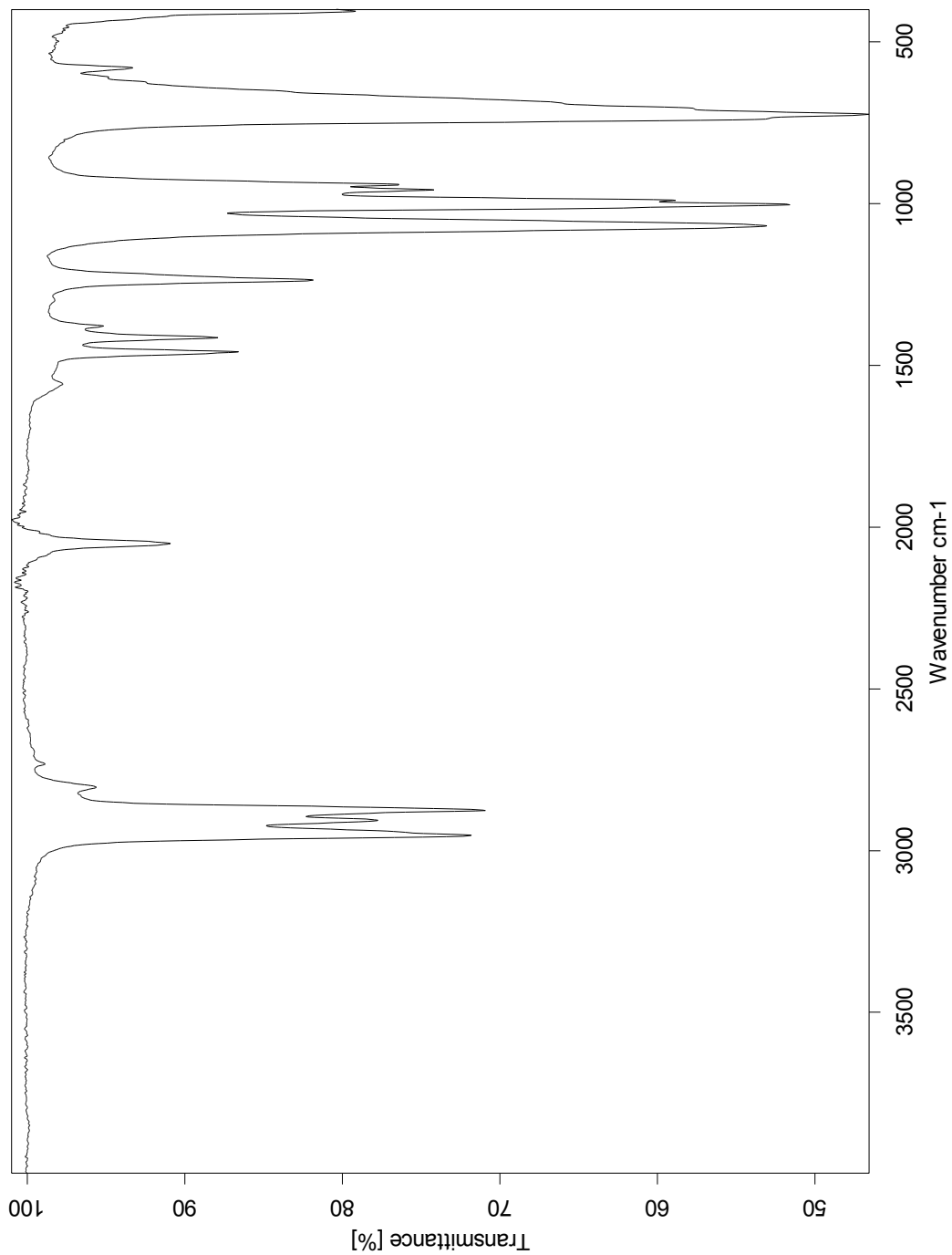


Figure A1.38. ATR-IR of  $\text{CsOH} \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ .

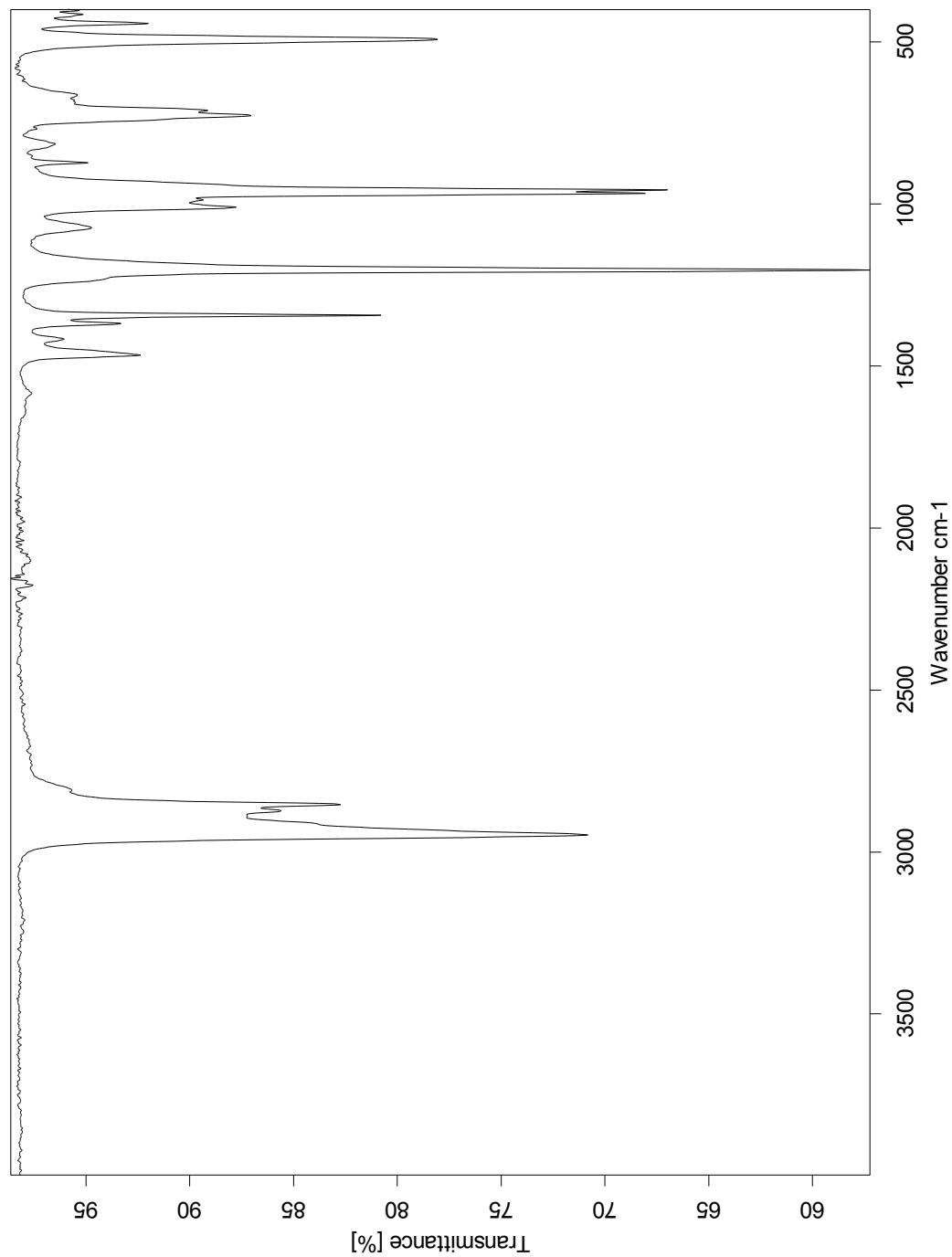


Figure A1.39. ATR-IR of NaO*t*-Bu and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH.

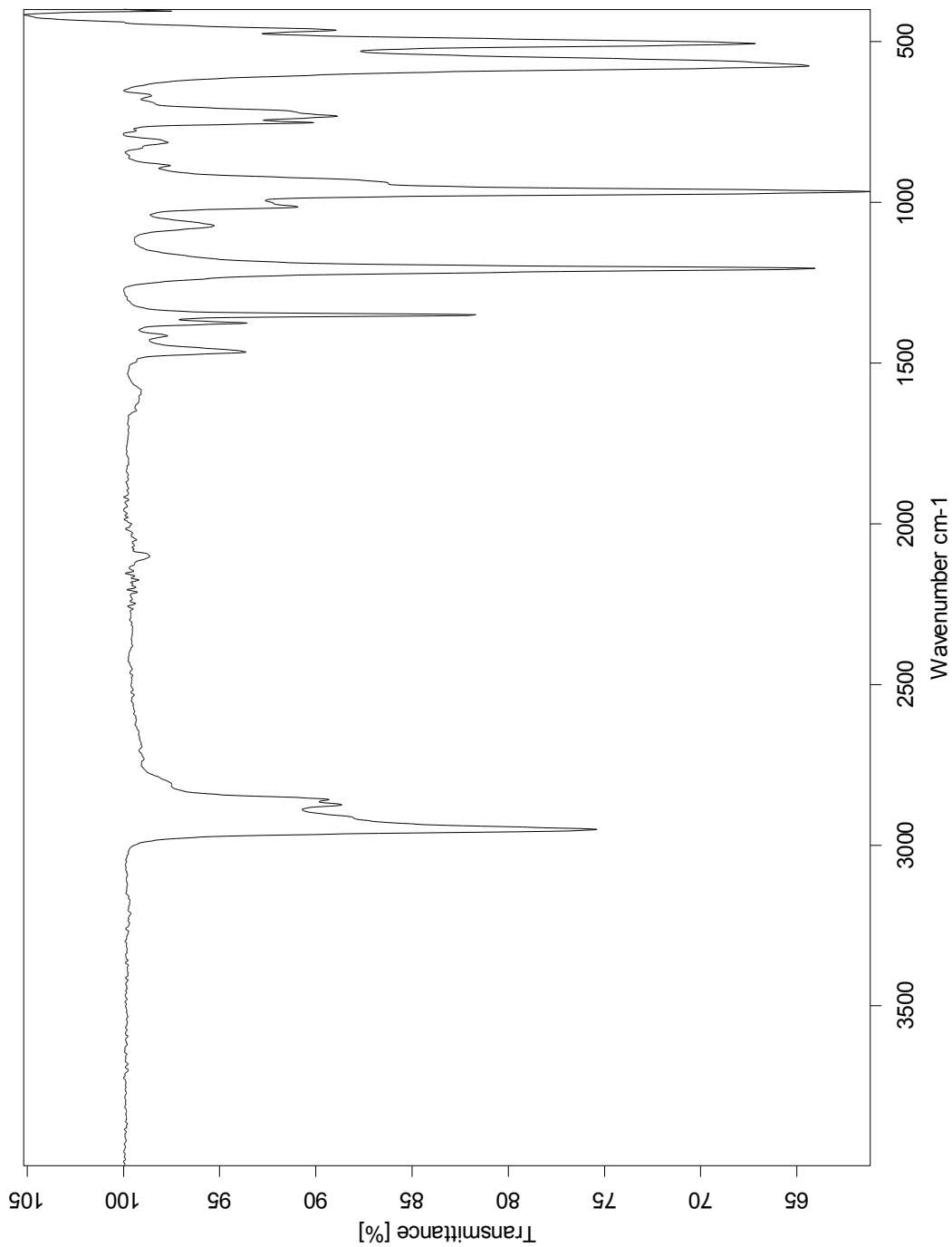


Figure A1.40. ATR-IR of LiO*t*-Bu and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH.



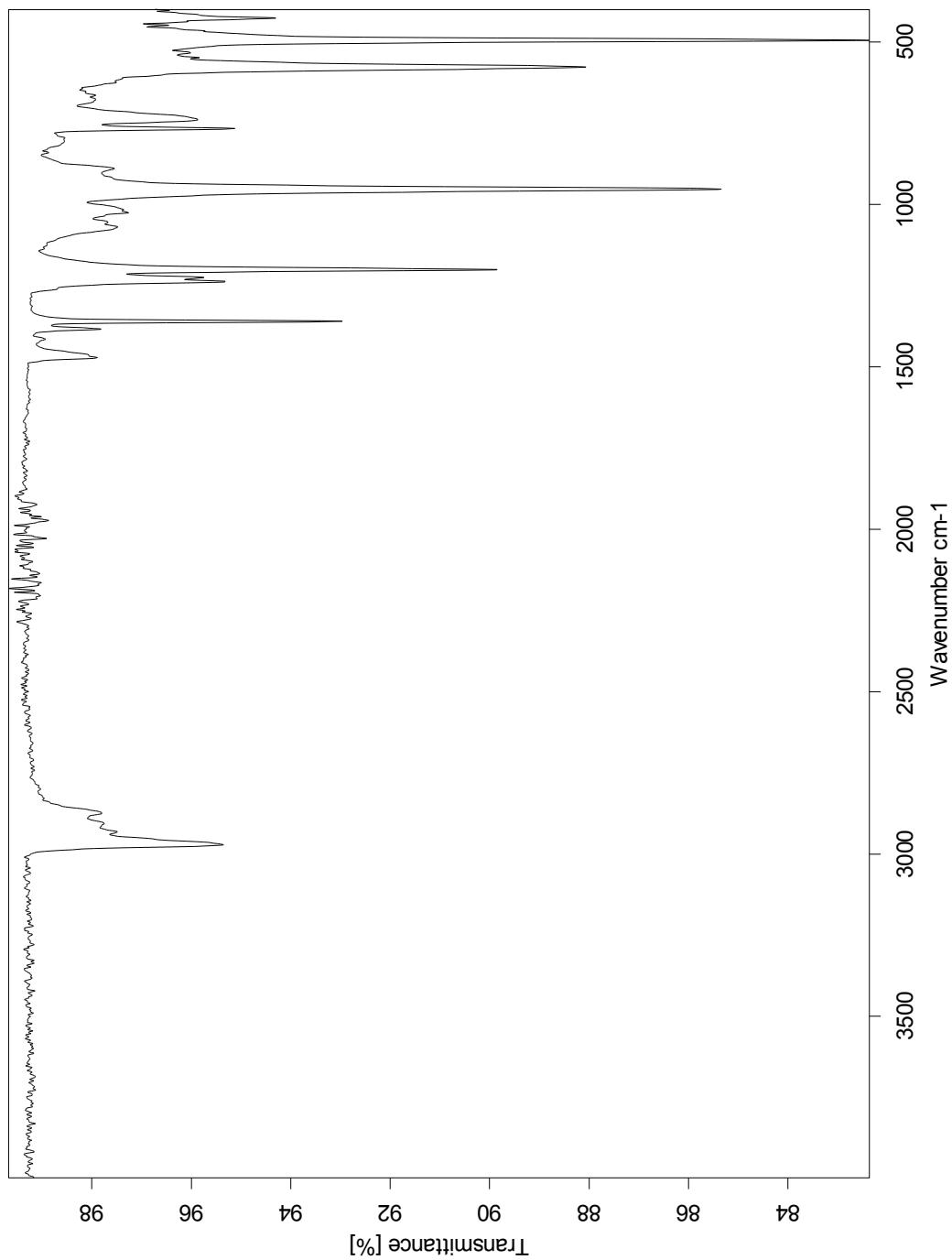


Figure A1.4.1. ATR-IR of  $\text{Mg}(\text{Ob-Bu})_2$  and  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ .

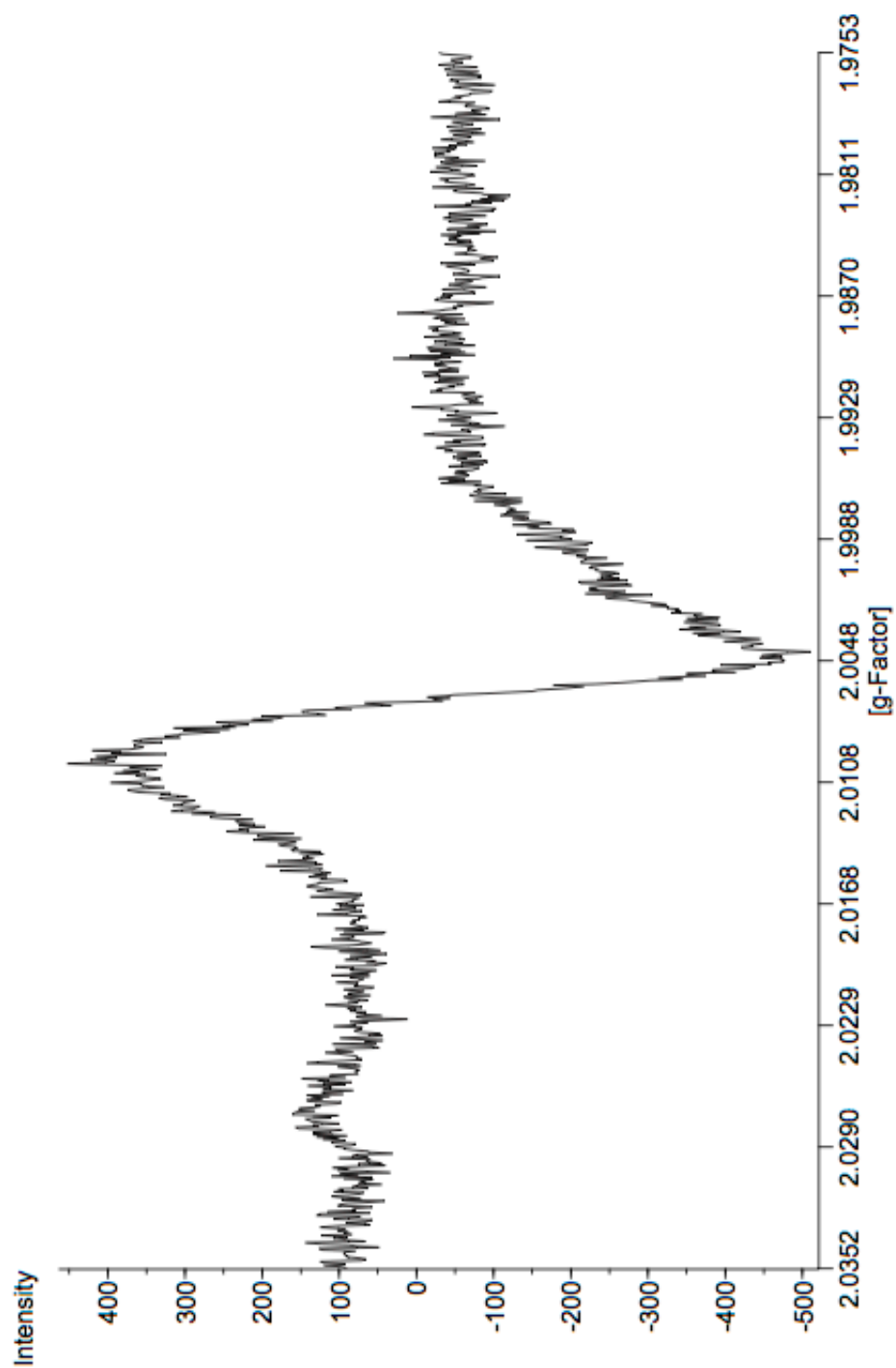


Figure A1.42. EPR of KOt-Bu and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH.

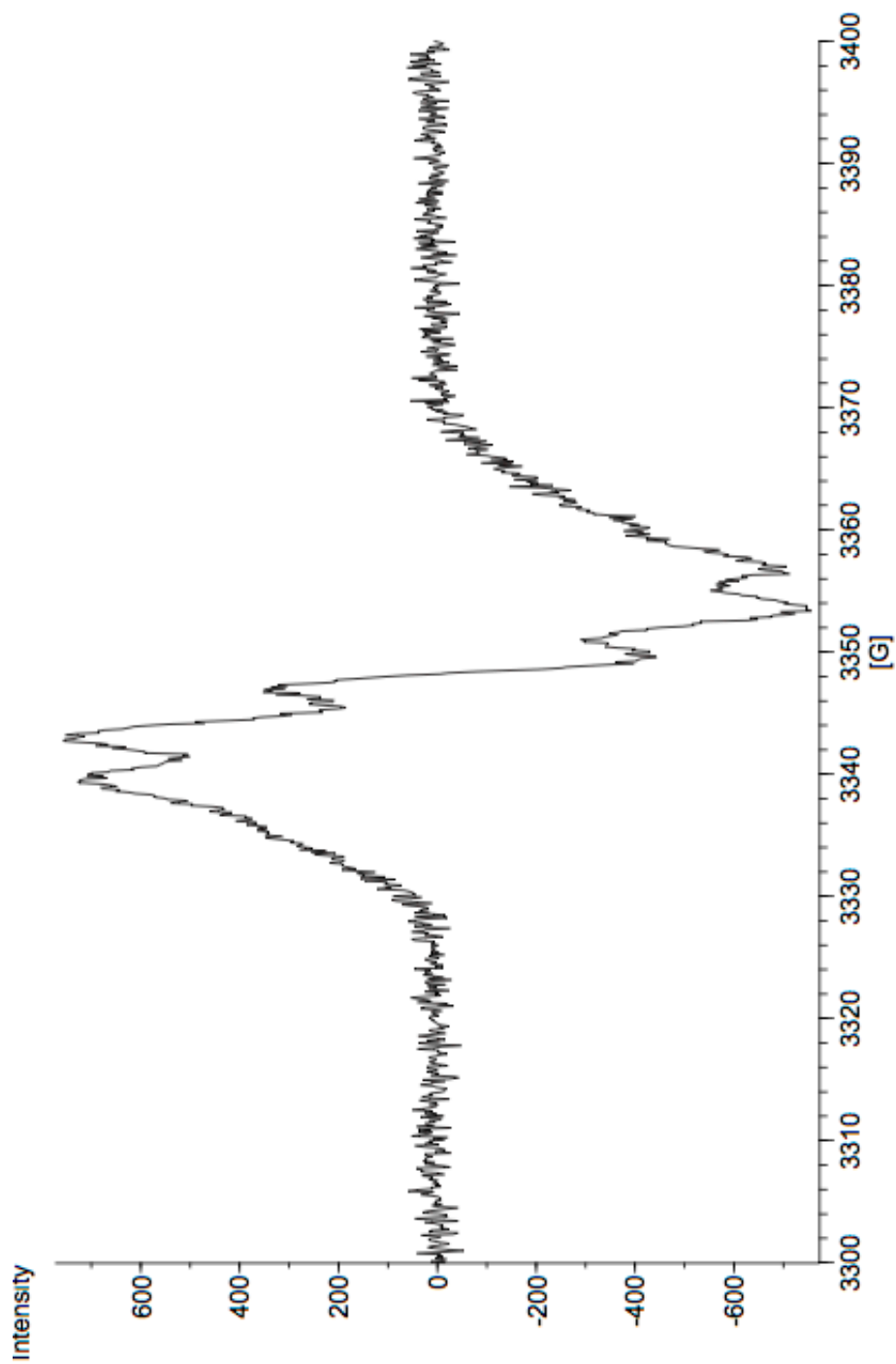


Figure A1.43. EPR of compound 55, KOt-Bu, and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH.

## **APPENDIX 2**

*Computational Details Relevant to Chapter 2:*

*A Combined Experimental and Computational Mechanistic Study of  
the KOt-Bu-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative C–H Silylation of Aromatic  
Heterocycles*

## A2.1 GENERAL PARAMETERS

All the calculations were carried out with Gaussian 09.<sup>1</sup> Geometry optimization and energy calculations were performed with the B3LYP method<sup>2</sup> using the 6-31G(d) basis set<sup>3</sup> for all atom. Frequency analysis verified that the stationary points were minima or first-order saddle points. Single point energies were calculated at the M06-2X<sup>4</sup>/6-311+G(d,p) level with solvent effects (solvent = THF) modeled using the CPCM<sup>5</sup> solvation model. Gibbs free energies in THF at 298.15 K were calculated by adding the thermochemical quantities derived from the B3LYP frequency calculation to the M06-2X solution-phase electronic potential energy. Computed structures are illustrated using CYLVIEW.<sup>6</sup>

### A2.1.1 Computational Values to Chapter 2

Zero-point correction (ZPE), thermal correction to energy ( $\Delta E$ ), thermal correction to enthalpy ( $\Delta H$ ), thermal correction to Gibbs free energy ( $\Delta G$ ), energies (E), enthalpies (H), and Gibbs free energies (G) (in Hartree) of the structures calculated at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p)-CPCM(THF)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

Structures	ZPE	$\Delta E$	$\Delta H$	$\Delta G$	E	H	G	Imaginary Frequency
KOt-Bu	0.123876	0.13225	0.133194	0.089516	-833.005741	-832.872547	-832.916225	—
[KOt-Bu] <sub>2</sub>	0.248731	0.267161	0.268105	0.197204	-1666.044513	-1665.776408	-1665.847309	—
[KOt-Bu] <sub>3</sub>	0.373819	0.402210	0.403154	0.308232	-2499.076483	-2498.673329	-2498.768251	—
[KOt-Bu] <sub>4</sub>	0.498948	0.537092	0.538036	0.423883	-3332.132729	-3331.594693	-3331.708846	—
NaOt-Bu	0.124504	0.132747	0.133691	0.091144	-395.346359	-395.212668	-395.255215	—
[NaOt-Bu] <sub>2</sub>	0.250728	0.268441	0.269385	0.201573	-790.735054	-790.465669	-790.533481	—
[NaOt-Bu] <sub>3</sub>	0.376694	0.404037	0.404981	0.314435	-1186.1147	-1185.709722	-1185.800268	—
[NaOt-Bu] <sub>4</sub>	0.503381	0.539676	0.540621	0.432343	-1581.528698	-1580.988077	-1581.096355	—
[KOt-Bu] <sub>3</sub> K <sup>+</sup>	0.376381	0.405929	0.406873	0.313063	-3098.96526	-3098.558385	-3098.652195	—
t-BuO <sup>-</sup>	0.120285	0.126780	0.127724	0.091493	-233.106915	-232.979191	-233.015422	—
K <sup>+</sup>	0.000000	0.001416	0.00236	-0.015176	-599.852623	-599.850263	-599.867799	—
O <sub>2</sub>	0.003779	0.006142	0.007086	-0.016200	-150.307709	-150.300623	-150.323909	—
HSiMe <sub>3</sub>	0.119775	0.127259	0.128203	0.089443	-409.808109	-409.679906	-409.718666	—

Me <sub>3</sub> Si <sup>+</sup>	0.110424	0.117885	0.118829	0.079221	-409.158688	-409.039859	-409.079467	—
H <sup>+</sup>	0.000000	0.001416	0.002360	-0.010654	-0.498155	-0.495795	-0.508809	—
H <sub>2</sub>	0.010145	0.012505	0.013450	-0.001342	-1.168439	-1.154989	-1.169781	—
Me <sup>+</sup>	0.029833	0.032939	0.033883	0.011043	-39.821500	-39.787617	-39.810457	—
t-BuO <sup>+</sup>	0.123045	0.129569	0.130513	0.093490	-232.959433	-232.828920	-232.865943	—
t-BuOH	0.136186	0.142910	0.143854	0.107187	-233.635990	-233.492136	-233.528803	—
t-BuOSiMe <sub>3</sub>	0.239087	0.253167	0.254111	0.199885	-642.300631	-642.046520	-642.100746	—
TS-172	0.240733	0.255166	0.256110	0.199354	-642.763935	-642.507825	-642.564581	-1030.485
KOO <sup>+</sup>	0.004256	0.007861	0.008805	-0.022582	-750.315795	-750.306990	-750.338377	—
[KOt-Bu]KOO <sup>+</sup>	0.129373	0.142803	0.143747	0.086220	-1583.351420	-1583.207673	-1583.265200	—
[KOt-Bu] <sub>3</sub> KOO <sup>+</sup> (170)	0.379600	0.412799	0.413743	0.311278	-3249.440807	-3249.027064	-3249.129529	—
NaOO <sup>+</sup>	0.004544	0.007996	0.008940	-0.021306	-312.653761	-312.644821	-312.675067	—
[NaOtBu]NaOO <sup>+</sup>	0.130868	0.143717	0.144661	0.089114	-708.032569	-707.887908	-707.943455	—
[NaOtBu] <sub>3</sub> NaOO <sup>+</sup> (171)	0.383031	0.414968	0.415912	0.314971	-1498.821038	-1498.405126	-1498.506067	—
[KOtBu]HSiMe <sub>3</sub>	0.245120	0.262483	0.263428	0.197306	-1242.817802	-1242.554374	-1242.620496	—
TS, O <sub>2</sub> + HSiMe <sub>3</sub>	0.121915	0.132160	0.133104	0.086788	-560.046427	-559.913323	-559.959639	-943.169
HOO <sup>+</sup>	0.014028	0.016885	0.017829	-0.008164	-150.895667	-150.877838	-150.903831	—
[t-BuOSiHMe <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	0.243120	0.257862	0.258806	0.203152	-642.926999	-642.668193	-642.723847	—
[t-BuOSiMe <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	0.233611	0.248473	0.249417	0.192055	-642.295269	-642.045852	-642.103214	—
[t-BuOSiMe <sub>3</sub> ]K <sup>+</sup>	0.239438	0.255819	0.256763	0.193442	-1242.210702	-1241.953939	-1242.017260	—
N-Me-Indole (55)	0.157986	0.166006	0.166950	0.124908	-403.061521	-402.894571	-402.936613	—
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189 (194)	0.180629	0.192870	0.193814	0.142004	-639.181256	-638.987442	-639.039252	—
191 (194)	0.181005	0.193196	0.194140	0.142344	-639.166998	-638.972858	-639.024654	—
TS-190 (194)	0.678186	0.729187	0.730131	0.587893	-3971.302116	-3970.571985	-3970.714223	-309.649

TS-192 (194)	0.677737	0.729040	0.729984	0.586542	-3971.286984	-3970.557000	-3970.700442	-1165.662
190 (194)	0.172284	0.183880	0.184824	0.134582	-638.630092	-638.445268	-638.495510	—
192 (194)	0.172511	0.184049	0.184993	0.134807	-638.630715	-638.445722	-638.495908	—
193	0.066891	0.070965	0.071909	0.039651	-552.971110	-552.899201	-552.931459	—
TS-189 (193)	0.177137	0.189897	0.190841	0.135876	-962.125143	-961.934302	-961.989267	-274.439
TS-191 (193)	0.177017	0.189742	0.190686	0.135822	-962.122093	-961.931407	-961.986271	-293.261
189 (193)	0.178025	0.190635	0.191579	0.138778	-962.167273	-961.975694	-962.028495	—
191 (193)	0.177542	0.190377	0.191322	0.137913	-962.149559	-961.958237	-962.011646	—
TS-190 (193)	0.675217	0.726765	0.727710	0.584657	-4294.296401	-4293.568691	-4293.711744	-768.651
TS-192 (193)	0.674758	0.726363	0.727307	0.584144	-4294.275331	-4293.548024	-4293.691187	-1235.687
190 (193)	0.169277	0.181245	0.182189	0.130654	-961.611436	-961.429247	-961.480782	—
192 (193)	0.169085	0.181057	0.182001	0.130709	-961.608367	-961.426366	-961.477658	—
TS-182	0.507360	0.540242	0.541186	0.439261	-1455.162461	-1454.621275	-1454.723200	-963.547
TS-183	0.507779	0.540433	0.541377	0.440999	-1455.153606	-1454.612229	-1454.712607	-1056.197
TS-190 (193), penta	0.459612	0.489892	0.490836	0.396170	-1301.521651	-1301.030815	-1301.125481	-720.947
TS-192 (193), penta	0.459901	0.490029	0.490973	0.396665	-1301.510882	-1301.019909	-1301.114217	-976.234
TS-190 (194), penta	0.418983	0.447738	0.448682	0.356704	-1282.089431	-1281.640749	-1281.732727	-699.318
TS-192 (194), penta	0.420032	0.448384	0.449328	0.358172	-1282.078620	-1281.629292	-1281.720448	-933.954
TS-190 (195), penta	0.417154	0.446125	0.447069	0.354791	-1605.083443	-1604.636374	-1604.728652	-876.649
TS-192 (195), penta	0.417118	0.446017	0.446961	0.354836	-1605.066298	-1604.619337	-1604.711462	-995.807
TS-171	0.769959	0.823590	0.824535	0.681725	-2393.761697	-2392.937162	-2393.079972	-823.408

## A2.2 Cartesian Coordinates of the Structures

### KOt-Bu

C	1.61010700	1.01764800	-1.04001700
C	1.07202700	0.00006500	-0.00009800
H	1.23720600	0.75376100	-2.03823200
H	1.23781900	2.02141000	-0.79701900
H	2.70796700	1.05905000	-1.08255000
C	1.61109200	0.39186400	1.40093900
C	1.60994700	-1.40984100	-0.36130400
H	1.23813600	-0.31922100	2.14954100
H	2.70904000	0.40639600	1.45700600
H	1.23997100	1.38906000	1.67139700
H	2.70776000	-1.46832900	-0.37355000
H	1.23451300	-2.14187700	0.36546100
H	1.23915100	-1.70074000	-1.35273600
O	-0.30080900	0.00007000	0.00000900
K	-2.55600700	0.00008000	0.00018400

### [KOTBu]<sub>2</sub>

K	-0.00039500	1.78010700	0.14098800
O	1.73934700	0.00038000	0.13409200
O	-1.73938200	-0.00052500	0.13447900
K	0.00035300	-1.78023100	0.14097600
C	3.10725800	0.00015200	-0.04675400

C	-3.10724800	-0.00012100	-0.04673500
C	3.83865800	0.00136600	1.31965000
H	4.93356700	0.00107400	1.22635600
H	3.54384000	0.88718500	1.89731500
H	3.54348200	-0.88322500	1.89899900
C	3.55269600	-1.25651500	-0.84377300
H	3.03047500	-1.28460600	-1.80937300
H	4.63329800	-1.29148500	-1.03821900
H	3.28812700	-2.16578600	-0.28377400
C	3.55277400	1.25527100	-0.84613700
H	4.63339100	1.28983800	-1.04057600
H	3.03057200	1.28157600	-1.81179300
H	3.28816100	2.16560700	-0.28789800
C	-3.83900700	-0.00354200	1.31946200
H	-3.54397800	0.88010200	1.90032200
H	-4.93389100	-0.00310800	1.22587600
H	-3.54434700	-0.89029800	1.89577000
C	-3.55258400	1.25777800	-0.84188300
H	-4.63314300	1.29298200	-1.03651800
H	-3.28821500	2.16617200	-0.28036500
H	-3.03016400	1.28742800	-1.80733200
C	-3.55242700	-1.25400100	-0.84824200
H	-3.28793100	-2.16521200	-0.29137100
H	-4.63298500	-1.28833400	-1.04305600
H	-3.02990900	-1.27873300	-1.81376300

**[KOt-Bu]<sub>3</sub>**

O	0.00015600	1.99898400	-0.24404000
O	2.30339200	-0.91026700	-0.11571700
O	-2.30411900	-0.90944400	-0.11548200
K	-2.26639700	1.24327100	-1.24738100
K	2.26606000	1.24224500	-1.24814300
K	-0.00020800	-0.56204900	0.94732200
C	0.00059000	3.14890900	0.53473600
C	3.16018400	-1.98185400	0.04070200
C	-3.16059500	-1.98133200	0.04061100
C	-1.25165200	4.02460900	0.24927900
H	-2.16932900	3.48261300	0.52301200
H	-1.25793200	4.96449300	0.81609000
H	-1.29717900	4.27731700	-0.81940200
C	1.25368300	4.02348900	0.24957000
H	1.26073900	4.96329100	0.81650600
H	2.17081200	3.48060700	0.52337600
H	1.29960200	4.27631400	-0.81906900
C	0.00027300	2.79074600	2.04497300
H	0.89026300	2.19420700	2.28829200
H	0.00058600	3.67297100	2.69869900
H	-0.89027300	2.19496300	2.28810400
C	-4.63064600	-1.49411200	0.15035400
H	-4.91351900	-0.95694000	-0.76707100



H	-5.35112900	-2.31138700	0.29272500
H	-4.72764300	-0.79908600	0.99443600
C	-3.04955500	-2.94819200	-1.16615400
H	-2.01491100	-3.30061700	-1.26250500
H	-3.70717800	-3.82429700	-1.08088200
H	-3.30798200	-2.41724400	-2.09267400
C	-2.82034400	-2.77429200	1.33264900
H	-1.79361600	-3.16344500	1.27430400
H	-2.88873800	-2.10955600	2.20464100
H	-3.48765000	-3.62977200	1.50422400
C	3.04905500	-2.94938900	-1.16551200
H	3.70702300	-3.82521100	-1.08001000
H	2.01450200	-3.30223300	-1.26130200
H	3.30695200	-2.41884200	-2.09240900
C	4.63014600	-1.49420200	0.14976400
H	4.72717900	-0.79863700	0.99340000
H	5.35087800	-2.31120000	0.29245800
H	4.91266400	-0.95753000	-0.76806700
C	2.82050900	-2.77419000	1.33327200
H	2.88885700	-2.10893200	2.20486900
H	1.79390000	-3.16371700	1.27536900
H	3.48814700	-3.62934300	1.50519000

**[KOt-Bu]<sub>4</sub>**

O	-1.35223000	-1.22398900	-1.39308300
O	1.33776900	-1.41923500	1.20966400
O	-1.29895000	1.23549700	1.43282500
O	1.31340800	1.40712700	-1.24975800
K	1.27675600	-1.21412600	-1.41362300
K	-1.29083300	-1.38866300	1.22775500
K	-1.31490700	1.39972200	-1.18877700
K	1.32898100	1.20247200	1.37432100
C	-2.17096600	-1.94544200	-2.24970100
C	2.14883000	-2.29018100	1.92258000
C	-2.08721500	1.96281600	2.31274900
C	2.10935200	2.27300200	-1.98552700
C	-1.89258000	-1.56766700	-3.72898400
H	-0.84297100	-1.77204500	-3.98192500
H	-2.52292000	-2.11815700	-4.44009400
H	-2.06704600	-0.49417300	-3.88575100
C	-3.66747600	-1.66064500	-1.95382900
H	-4.35011800	-2.21715100	-2.60988100
H	-3.90587600	-1.92758500	-0.91510700
H	-3.88178300	-0.58988600	-2.07707600
C	-1.92997000	-3.47011900	-2.08922200
H	-0.88052600	-3.71272900	-2.30610600
H	-2.13329200	-3.77922000	-1.05460000
H	-2.55996000	-4.07853500	-2.75185300
C	1.83813600	-3.76443600	1.55039700
H	1.99675500	-3.92581800	0.47513500

H	2.46150200	-4.48660800	2.09439300
H	0.78646900	-3.99726900	1.76767500
C	1.92916900	-2.12320100	3.44978300
H	2.55359700	-2.79699300	4.05164200
H	2.15595900	-1.09227600	3.75493600
H	0.87873600	-2.31959800	3.70516600
C	3.64714000	-2.02295400	1.61951400
H	3.90825500	-0.98855300	1.88195200
H	4.32386700	-2.69102000	2.16890000
H	3.84633300	-2.15169300	0.54648000
C	1.83962800	2.11308400	-3.50544100
H	0.78355000	2.32039100	-3.72671300
H	2.45104900	2.78284100	-4.12490100
H	2.04657300	1.08102000	-3.82059900
C	1.82430000	3.74880800	-1.59920300
H	2.01885500	3.90533800	-0.52912000
H	2.43652100	4.46703100	-2.16079400
H	0.76838600	3.99187500	-1.78187900
C	3.61401200	1.99110000	-1.73114300
H	3.84836800	2.11430600	-0.66458900
H	3.85711100	0.95527600	-2.00502600
H	4.27906900	2.65484500	-2.29968500
C	-1.83877100	3.48563800	2.14612900
H	-2.44463500	4.09861700	2.82681300
H	-0.78163800	3.71971100	2.33291200
H	-2.06920200	3.79703800	1.11789400
C	-3.59377600	1.69013700	2.05955700
H	-3.81305500	0.62103900	2.18837700
H	-4.25291300	2.25161800	2.73510900
H	-3.85963200	1.95971200	1.02820200
C	-1.76980400	1.58183100	3.78332400
H	-1.94855300	0.50970400	3.94460500
H	-0.71175700	1.77741800	4.00622400
H	-2.37504500	2.13699300	4.51238200

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C	1.14721600	1.45528400	-0.01297000
C	0.61947700	-0.00001700	-0.00006800
H	0.77577000	1.97449500	-0.90533400
H	0.77319000	1.99106000	0.86845300
H	2.24439000	1.51313900	-0.01193300
C	1.14518000	-0.71563600	1.26792800
C	1.14957800	-0.73951700	-1.25250600
H	0.77266300	-1.74741100	1.28993500
H	2.24227800	-0.74372100	1.32061800
H	0.77029800	-0.20292800	2.16258500
H	2.24687000	-0.76732400	-1.30104300
H	0.77827400	-1.77197300	-1.25577900
H	0.77708800	-0.24467100	-2.15813500
O	-0.75940500	-0.00017100	-0.00229800

Na	-2.69766200	0.00000100	-0.00048000
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**[NaOt-Bu]<sub>2</sub>**

O	1.59627900	0.00013400	0.08503200
O	-1.59628600	-0.00034600	0.08495900
C	2.98355300	0.00005400	-0.01459600
C	-2.98355100	-0.00003900	-0.01477900
C	3.61681700	0.00079700	1.39514900
H	4.71446500	0.00070700	1.36790200
H	3.28736500	0.88677800	1.95262300
H	3.28723300	-0.88451200	1.95360800
C	3.45898900	-1.25666500	-0.78252900
H	2.99659300	-1.27947000	-1.77750500
H	4.54867600	-1.29587800	-0.90919400
H	3.15304900	-2.16311700	-0.24069700
C	3.45902700	1.25591000	-0.78390500
H	4.54871200	1.29493100	-0.91063900
H	2.99658300	1.27766000	-1.77887900
H	3.15313100	2.16296000	-0.24305700
C	-3.61693000	-0.00294700	1.39491300
H	-3.28720200	0.88138500	1.95482700
H	-4.71457400	-0.00259900	1.36757600
H	-3.28771200	-0.88990200	1.95098100
C	-3.45886800	1.25792900	-0.78075300
H	-4.54854400	1.29741900	-0.90740900
H	-3.15289600	2.16349800	-0.23746200
H	-2.99644100	1.28227300	-1.77568200
C	-3.45902500	-1.25464100	-0.78611700
H	-3.15324000	-2.16257000	-0.24668200
H	-4.54870000	-1.29338800	-0.91302400
H	-2.99645900	-1.27485100	-1.78106400
Na	-0.00018500	1.41459500	0.09327900
Na	0.00017900	-1.41477800	0.09304300

**[NaOt-Bu]<sub>3</sub>**

O	0.02156900	1.86375700	-0.39069100
O	2.05954600	-0.76137900	-0.03349500
O	-2.09149100	-0.71144400	-0.08200900
C	0.03590500	3.11875700	0.23915600
C	2.97151500	-1.80996700	0.04157400
C	-3.01974500	-1.74054600	0.04611900
C	-1.04531000	4.04107400	-0.37573100
H	-2.05156300	3.63181000	-0.19217500
H	-1.03737000	5.05202200	0.05015200
H	-0.89563300	4.12639500	-1.45988000
C	1.41471500	3.80110000	0.05158500
H	1.46289400	4.79884600	0.50409400
H	2.20606600	3.20065700	0.52598000
H	1.64065600	3.91346400	-1.01910500
C	-0.23659300	2.96186000	1.75184000

H	0.53415300	2.32851400	2.20936100
H	-0.24355800	3.92266400	2.28217300
H	-1.20873600	2.47811200	1.91185400
C	-4.45745700	-1.17432300	-0.04443800
H	-4.60420900	-0.68302300	-1.01764000
H	-5.23041600	-1.94725300	0.05793500
H	-4.61354700	-0.42661500	0.74372800
C	-2.81748400	-2.78204500	-1.07824200
H	-1.80155200	-3.19279800	-1.02906100
H	-3.52943000	-3.61591300	-1.01795600
H	-2.93584700	-2.30130500	-2.05818900
C	-2.85094100	-2.43918700	1.41680700
H	-1.84353300	-2.87034500	1.49584100
H	-2.97326400	-1.70674600	2.22462900
H	-3.57493000	-3.24949400	1.57350700
C	2.42951400	-3.04220500	-0.71887700
H	3.12049200	-3.89532100	-0.69424700
H	1.47584000	-3.36334300	-0.28078800
H	2.24278600	-2.77983300	-1.76773400
C	4.32071700	-1.38890000	-0.59162100
H	4.72336500	-0.51347700	-0.06350700
H	5.07883500	-2.18210700	-0.55626600
H	4.16883900	-1.11918900	-1.64689800
C	3.21852100	-2.19140400	1.52010600
H	3.58933600	-1.31926100	2.07249200
H	2.27662000	-2.51010100	1.98603300
H	3.94468700	-3.00726000	1.63312100
Na	-1.94968600	1.14968300	-1.02837200
Na	-0.01849800	-0.45107900	0.53813600
Na	2.00290100	1.11759100	-0.96136000

**[NaOt-Bu]<sub>4</sub>**

O	1.11330300	-1.15663000	-1.26273000
O	-1.73097700	-0.98967600	0.47161100
O	-0.46237700	1.76602200	-0.91121300
O	1.05880200	0.36050300	1.70742100
C	1.87642300	-1.94427100	-2.12795000
C	-2.90698700	-1.65775500	0.82109000
C	-0.78216600	2.97013400	-1.54306300
C	1.81569300	0.63437400	2.84914300
C	2.14289800	-3.32995400	-1.49377000
H	1.18966800	-3.83418700	-1.28443500
H	2.73773900	-3.98893600	-2.13939800
H	2.68696400	-3.20967700	-0.54656000
C	3.23398100	-1.25930300	-2.41484200
H	3.87453700	-1.84283800	-3.08843500
H	3.06722300	-0.27723400	-2.87909800
H	3.78232900	-1.10926700	-1.47477800
C	1.12718600	-2.14510900	-3.46656200
H	0.16755800	-2.64936500	-3.28615100

H	0.92445300	-1.17011600	-3.93046900
H	1.69234100	-2.74953200	-4.18775400
C	-2.57226800	-3.02471200	1.46395800
H	-1.96364200	-2.87389400	2.36647000
H	-3.46561500	-3.59280200	1.75381300
H	-1.99796600	-3.63922200	0.75718100
C	-3.77782400	-1.89724500	-0.43493400
H	-4.71732200	-2.41897100	-0.21156700
H	-4.02977200	-0.93598500	-0.90338200
H	-3.22284400	-2.50282200	-1.16477100
C	-3.71740600	-0.81611300	1.83550500
H	-3.97596400	0.15594000	1.39292300
H	-4.65179000	-1.30160300	2.14531500
H	-3.11620000	-0.63801600	2.73771600
C	3.08752700	1.42943900	2.46759400
H	2.80627200	2.37405000	1.98185400
H	3.71672100	1.67233000	3.33340600
H	3.69701700	0.84474200	1.76440100
C	0.98680700	1.47307800	3.85050400
H	0.08068000	0.92285000	4.13848400
H	1.53980900	1.71435600	4.76737700
H	0.68297800	2.41990800	3.38282600
C	2.24193600	-0.68466100	3.53605600
H	1.35188000	-1.26017600	3.82549200
H	2.83610900	-1.29299700	2.84036500
H	2.84465100	-0.52181800	4.43879600
C	0.50507800	3.77713600	-1.83560600
H	0.30563200	4.73944300	-2.32429300
H	1.03930300	3.98025200	-0.89738200
H	1.16825400	3.19835700	-2.49355700
C	-1.51156000	2.69479000	-2.87943200
H	-2.43733600	2.13325700	-2.69153700
H	-1.78063200	3.61319300	-3.41691900
H	-0.86942800	2.09474300	-3.53858100
C	-1.70679600	3.81845900	-0.63775400
H	-2.62885100	3.26213700	-0.42029500
H	-1.20161800	4.03705700	0.31335100
H	-1.99107600	4.77570700	-1.09321100
Na	0.40921400	-1.60661800	0.82665400
Na	-1.01458200	1.03498300	1.14947700
Na	1.55338600	0.89104100	-0.42966100
Na	-0.96867300	-0.33761800	-1.54170100
<b>[KOt-Bu]<sub>3</sub>K<sup>+</sup></b>			
O	2.05158400	-0.56506200	-0.19895100
O	-1.51439300	-1.49425000	-0.19894200
O	-0.53689700	2.05807700	-0.19801700
K	1.82502400	1.80047300	-1.23403600
K	0.64746800	-2.48255100	-1.23409100
K	-2.47290800	0.68077600	-1.23475200

K	-0.00029000	-0.00121300	1.42548400
C	3.31049500	-0.90980400	0.30659200
C	-2.44401100	-2.41046400	0.30675100
C	-0.86609400	3.32143500	0.30684000
C	4.39740100	0.09028000	-0.16636300
H	4.18706000	1.10046100	0.21701700
H	5.40184400	-0.17440900	0.18385800
H	4.43097800	0.12543700	-1.26464500
C	3.73646100	-2.32410200	-0.16650100
H	4.73563700	-2.60775900	0.18399700
H	3.04082300	-3.08647700	0.21623900
H	3.74798200	-2.37117800	-1.26480600
C	3.29413000	-0.90589600	1.85616000
H	2.55432200	-1.62839300	2.22994500
H	4.26225400	-1.17189900	2.29733900
H	3.02680400	0.09259700	2.23107100
C	0.14785800	4.39542900	-0.16606000
H	0.18351100	4.42866100	-1.26433600
H	-0.10399100	5.40313200	0.18409600
H	1.15510600	4.17177200	0.21738600
C	-2.27489600	3.76434600	-0.16704700
H	-3.04560800	3.07819700	0.21610700
H	-2.54712700	4.76720400	0.18207600
H	-2.32149100	3.77542400	-1.26539800
C	-0.86279900	3.30573800	1.85637900
H	-1.59539300	2.57605700	2.23037700
H	0.13180800	3.02463800	2.23161900
H	-1.11550300	4.27777400	2.29679500
C	-3.88253600	-2.06284600	-0.15696700
H	-4.63010100	-2.78354000	0.19437100
H	-4.18753000	-1.07916600	0.23152200
H	-3.93502200	-2.04479100	-1.25499900
C	-2.13038100	-3.85076700	-0.17514900
H	-1.14997500	-4.17998000	0.20172900
H	-2.86334300	-4.58679000	0.17506500
H	-2.12215900	-3.89193600	-1.27366500
C	-2.42421700	-2.40660000	1.85635800
H	-1.42458400	-2.67910600	2.22453600
H	-2.67538100	-1.40621200	2.23735800
H	-3.13832400	-3.11254500	2.29715900
<b>t-BuO<sup>-</sup></b>			
C	0.76990700	-1.24423200	-0.43646700
C	-0.00013200	0.00003900	0.15967000
H	1.80129600	-1.23055200	-0.05612200
H	0.29633500	-2.16128700	-0.05785000
H	0.80755900	-1.30304500	-1.54066300
C	-1.46233400	-0.04419800	-0.43746700
C	0.69327500	1.28854000	-0.43640400
H	-2.02015500	0.82358000	-0.05747100

H	-1.53137600	-0.04520400	-1.54167000
H	-1.96645600	-0.94501600	-0.05922000
H	0.72747800	1.34879700	-1.54055500
H	0.16518700	2.17550300	-0.05815900
H	1.72349000	1.33736900	-0.05572100
O	-0.00095700	-0.00012900	1.48392900

**O<sub>2</sub>**

O	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.60729600
O	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.60729600

**HSiMe<sub>3</sub>**

C	-1.65115200	-0.70715200	-0.22213800
H	-1.70164300	-0.72877000	-1.31767000
H	-1.79886000	-1.73251900	0.13686300
H	-2.49495200	-0.10599200	0.13664300
C	0.21304900	1.78332800	-0.22197400
H	-0.60064800	2.42400000	0.13790700
H	1.15591300	2.21328500	0.13607500
H	0.21849900	1.83815500	-1.31758600
C	1.43828700	-1.07596800	-0.22208500
H	2.40001400	-0.68949200	0.13542000
H	1.34133200	-2.10693900	0.13817300
H	1.48118200	-1.11009300	-1.31764100
Si	-0.00013800	-0.00018300	0.37553700
H	-0.00001200	-0.00031900	1.87147700

**Me<sub>3</sub>Si•**

C	-1.49707800	-1.00822500	0.17717800
H	-1.53730000	-1.03547100	1.27530500
H	-2.43733300	-0.57387800	-0.18009200
H	-1.44975600	-2.04264900	-0.18063800
C	1.62207500	-0.79159600	0.17728500
H	1.71822300	-1.82261600	-0.18070000
H	2.49329800	-0.23134900	-0.17964300
H	1.66499200	-0.81318200	1.27540400
C	-0.12521400	1.80036000	0.17698200
H	0.72164900	2.39781100	-0.17838200
H	-1.04408300	2.27602000	-0.18319200
H	-0.13146500	1.84922500	1.27520600
Si	0.00022000	-0.00051000	-0.42371000

**H<sub>2</sub>**

H	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.37139400
H	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.37139400

**Me•**

C	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00015500
H	0.00000000	1.08279800	-0.00031000
H	-0.93773100	-0.54139900	-0.00031000

H	0.93773100	-0.54139900	-0.00031000
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**t-BuO•**

C	1.28444000	-0.78208500	-0.31507600
C	0.00040800	-0.02651100	0.08147400
H	2.16791400	-0.20844400	-0.01830000
H	1.32075100	-1.75298600	0.19083000
H	1.32290000	-0.95893000	-1.39608100
C	-1.27108600	-0.80336200	-0.31547500
C	-0.01160200	1.38844700	-0.57944400
H	-2.16376300	-0.24501700	-0.01726300
H	-1.30694300	-0.97930400	-1.39670400
H	-1.29060700	-1.77542800	0.18915300
H	-0.00952400	1.26142700	-1.66749800
H	-0.90726600	1.94171900	-0.28474700
H	0.87381300	1.95737200	-0.28347000
O	-0.00253000	0.26258200	1.43190100

**t-BuOH**

C	1.49029100	-0.03159600	-0.35612300
C	0.00542200	-0.00042200	0.01380400
H	2.00202100	0.84324500	0.05811700
H	1.96432400	-0.92932300	0.05413200
H	1.62279900	-0.03227900	-1.44334000
C	-0.71772600	-1.24971300	-0.51177000
C	-0.66220400	1.28083700	-0.50917000
H	-1.77526300	-1.24080000	-0.21558600
H	-0.68154600	-1.30568500	-1.60601700
H	-0.25727900	-2.15453300	-0.10156900
H	-0.62395000	1.33693200	-1.60339300
H	-1.71884100	1.31844800	-0.21227200
H	-0.16130100	2.16324100	-0.09761100
O	-0.01498900	-0.00165100	1.45245600
H	-0.94575600	0.01932100	1.72744200

**t-BuOSiMe<sub>3</sub>**

C	-1.53411400	-1.23720200	-1.35238600
H	-2.59102300	-1.23736700	-1.64901100
H	-0.94667900	-0.99675900	-2.24657300
H	-1.27718400	-2.25866200	-1.04848800
C	-2.31725500	-0.48686300	1.53679500
H	-2.06466900	-1.49251500	1.89193600
H	-2.16594600	0.20684700	2.37180400
H	-3.38473400	-0.47823700	1.28369500
C	-1.75796900	1.72368900	-0.53265700
H	-1.58137700	2.47348600	0.24773200
H	-1.20820700	2.03791000	-1.42690700
H	-2.82757300	1.74880900	-0.77830300
Si	-1.25814100	-0.00315800	0.05651400
C	1.99831700	-1.41884400	-0.37810500



C	1.61900600	0.00048500	0.07176700
H	1.90998800	-2.11544200	0.46213300
H	1.34135400	-1.76589300	-1.18235000
H	3.03071900	-1.45003700	-0.74568900
C	1.68847800	0.98094200	-1.10862100
C	2.54983700	0.46578500	1.19983800
H	1.38888700	1.98590600	-0.79350800
H	2.70933600	1.03649600	-1.50346100
H	1.03245900	0.66474500	-1.92773700
H	3.59362700	0.48878300	0.86633100
H	2.26852800	1.46969900	1.53483400
H	2.47200200	-0.21288500	2.05537100
O	0.30458100	-0.02857800	0.64715000

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C	-2.14636800	-1.41577200	-1.15357100
H	-3.22466700	-1.47711600	-1.35135600
H	-1.64000700	-1.28333700	-2.11644200
H	-1.82917400	-2.37852800	-0.73730500
C	-2.61552300	-0.26914600	1.70646900
H	-2.31800600	-1.22614900	2.14927300
H	-2.35401000	0.52230100	2.41755100
H	-3.70772500	-0.27475200	1.59554300
C	-2.23281000	1.67780700	-0.70170800
H	-1.97024200	2.49659800	-0.02251200
H	-1.72152400	1.85604400	-1.65455300
H	-3.31339200	1.73222300	-0.88855300
Si	-1.76254300	0.00178500	0.04194100
H	-0.17719900	0.00403800	0.37408200
C	3.37885900	-0.00601000	0.88779900
C	2.08839900	0.00073400	0.03482300
H	3.41089900	0.87516300	1.53591300
H	3.41488200	-0.90044100	1.51728300
H	4.26064400	0.00283300	0.23639000
C	2.03621200	-1.25987200	-0.84640900
C	2.03476000	1.27819100	-0.82186600
H	1.12007400	-1.27049600	-1.44851900
H	2.89099100	-1.30702200	-1.53199300
H	2.04129800	-2.15765300	-0.21954600
H	2.89098200	1.34069900	-1.50436700
H	1.12002600	1.29785700	-1.42603600
H	2.03580300	2.16356900	-0.17772100
O	1.06059600	-0.00955200	1.00405800

**KOO•**

O	0.67492300	-1.27141100	0.00000000
O	-0.67492300	-1.27056800	0.00000000
K	0.00000000	1.07030700	0.00000000

**[KOt-Bu]KOO•**

K	1.08630200	-1.84918300	0.03516300
O	-0.59874800	0.00015900	0.11880200
O	2.81050400	-0.00008000	0.62476000
K	1.08652900	1.84918400	0.03514300
C	-1.97321600	0.00003900	0.00097300
C	-2.64260900	-0.00003800	1.39900000
H	-3.74058000	0.00012500	1.35488900
H	-2.32145100	-0.88506900	1.96359500
H	-2.32119800	0.88473900	1.96385100
C	-2.45598300	1.25567700	-0.77661700
H	-1.97798900	1.28339000	-1.76482400
H	-3.54427200	1.29024000	-0.92209100
H	-2.16818300	2.16592100	-0.22929800
C	-2.45581400	-1.25561100	-0.77671900
H	-3.54405500	-1.29010000	-0.92256200
H	-1.97748300	-1.28346600	-1.76476100
H	-2.16829600	-2.16584400	-0.22922800
O	2.74392500	-0.00012100	-0.72671000

**[KOt-Bu]<sub>3</sub>KOO•(170)**

O	0.02988400	-0.11123300	2.75134900
O	2.02055500	-0.82028400	-0.18396600
O	-0.33038300	2.05201500	-0.32802400
O	-1.66346100	-1.40888300	-0.17022400
K	0.35285300	-2.18278800	1.28871600
K	1.70099800	1.40359700	1.24764900
K	-2.04373800	0.80469500	1.26266700
K	0.01440400	-0.10984400	-1.73244700
C	3.26257100	-1.27660700	-0.59079000
C	-0.53791300	3.32923700	-0.81978300
C	-2.70717800	-2.21869700	-0.58387700
C	3.54262300	-2.69690100	-0.02734900
H	2.77701100	-3.39930400	-0.38739700
H	4.52250200	-3.09623800	-0.32113600
H	3.50738800	-2.67623700	1.07134000
C	4.38985400	-0.33235700	-0.09094200
H	5.39471700	-0.65811500	-0.39074400
H	4.23487500	0.67912700	-0.49279800
H	4.37162500	-0.27792800	1.00698100
C	3.34478200	-1.34798900	-2.13946700
H	3.17315100	-0.35048900	-2.56793900
H	4.31496600	-1.70741600	-2.50780300
H	2.56942900	-2.02665200	-2.52221900
C	-2.52766900	-3.66728600	-0.05327800
H	-2.49258000	-3.66090900	1.04561700
H	-3.33695400	-4.34492000	-0.35621300
H	-1.58382600	-4.08802800	-0.42901800
C	-4.06642200	-1.68063700	-0.05897500
H	-4.23828800	-0.66443800	-0.44187300

H	-4.92385400	-2.29714500	-0.36002700
H	-4.05299300	-1.64226300	1.03961900
C	-2.78007900	-2.27862100	-2.13364400
H	-2.92771100	-1.26746900	-2.53850000
H	-1.83870700	-2.67887400	-2.53615800
H	-3.59759200	-2.91005300	-2.50663800
C	-0.54944900	3.32789400	-2.37275600
H	-0.71465600	4.32284600	-2.80762400
H	0.41174800	2.95293400	-2.75247300
H	-1.34822900	2.66712800	-2.73872700
C	-1.89743700	3.89900200	-0.32986600
H	-1.91417900	3.93445800	0.76842500
H	-2.10017900	4.91324200	-0.69898200
H	-2.71804900	3.25148300	-0.67109800
C	0.58382200	4.29439400	-0.34777900
H	0.60444900	4.33474000	0.75033300
H	1.56004000	3.93338100	-0.70240000
H	0.45609400	5.32103600	-0.71618400
O	-0.17172700	1.15463300	3.15455800

**NaOO•**

O	1.04416800	0.20075100	0.00000000
O	0.00000000	1.06326600	0.00000000
Na	-0.75939500	-0.91928500	0.00000000

**[NaOt-Bu]NaOO•**

O	0.34168700	-0.04804000	0.00146000
O	-2.97506000	0.01925700	-0.68027200
C	1.73345000	-0.00684500	0.00004400
C	2.28180200	-0.72616400	-1.25311000
H	3.37765500	-0.70028700	-1.31324800
H	1.96881600	-1.77905300	-1.24711600
H	1.87429000	-0.25987500	-2.15819400
C	2.21730100	1.46341600	-0.01808500
H	1.83841300	1.99163300	0.86793000
H	3.31101000	1.55473900	-0.02037100
H	1.83614100	1.97030300	-0.91542400
C	2.28354200	-0.69594400	1.26924300
H	3.37948100	-0.66845800	1.32723600
H	1.87722400	-0.20818600	2.16348900
H	1.97054800	-1.74860700	1.28908800
O	-2.97643700	0.01926900	0.67886000
Na	-1.23087400	1.37739400	0.00077600
Na	-1.28291400	-1.40311000	0.00083100

**[NaOt-Bu]<sub>3</sub>NaOO•(C-3)**

O	0.09058800	0.67535300	2.92791900
O	-0.91597200	1.66045600	-0.12729800
O	-0.91801000	-1.65959800	-0.12683000
O	1.92934200	-0.00128300	-0.13775700

C	-1.69194100	2.75776900	-0.51473100
C	-1.69519100	-2.75595900	-0.51453200
C	3.26107500	-0.00190900	-0.56984500
C	-1.00053400	4.07525000	-0.09153500
H	-0.00947000	4.14498100	-0.56122200
H	-1.57002500	4.96841300	-0.37854400
H	-0.87158100	4.09757800	0.99945400
C	-3.08415100	2.68890500	0.15665500
H	-3.73180400	3.53199900	-0.11557000
H	-3.59814100	1.76408500	-0.14021600
H	-2.97355100	2.69211400	1.24985900
C	-1.87756400	2.76111100	-2.04985000
H	-2.37500100	1.83477800	-2.36797400
H	-2.48070900	3.60604300	-2.40599500
H	-0.89794900	2.81520100	-2.54455600
C	3.99290000	1.25494900	-0.04219500
H	3.96540600	1.27219600	1.05621300
H	5.04531800	1.29829700	-0.34967100
H	3.50078600	2.16254800	-0.42040800
C	3.99175700	-1.25937400	-0.04207700
H	3.49877300	-2.16655300	-0.42015200
H	5.04412000	-1.30373100	-0.34959500
H	3.96428800	-1.27646600	1.05633300
C	3.31732400	-0.00200400	-2.11478100
H	2.80734900	-0.89251700	-2.50685400
H	2.80812600	0.88891500	-2.50693900
H	4.34297700	-0.00247100	-2.50508000
C	-1.88340200	-2.75699600	-2.04934200
H	-2.48782800	-3.60093300	-2.40566600
H	-2.38058500	-1.82979800	-2.36532500
H	-0.90466600	-2.81122100	-2.54579000
C	-1.00373100	-4.07439000	-0.09440600
H	-0.87317900	-4.09847700	0.99636000
H	-1.57403700	-4.96686400	-0.38193600
H	-0.01339100	-4.14377300	-0.56564500
C	-3.08623400	-2.68734900	0.15929400
H	-2.97378100	-2.69182700	1.25229300
H	-3.60040600	-1.76200000	-0.13563700
H	-3.73466400	-3.52987600	-0.11283500
O	0.08952300	-0.67460900	2.92798300
Na	-1.55514400	0.00099900	1.27724300
Na	0.98195300	-1.65375800	1.03775600
Na	0.98399000	1.65275000	1.03726900
Na	-0.00825300	-0.00028300	-1.31890000
<b>[KOt-Bu]HSiMe<sub>3</sub></b>			
C	-1.90583800	0.41794000	1.54268800
H	-0.81654300	0.27981200	1.46868100
H	-2.15111600	1.48750700	1.63399500
H	-2.25265500	-0.06226900	2.46484900

C	-2.39966200	-2.22698700	-0.00172200
H	-2.83964800	-2.70198800	0.88296500
H	-2.83945200	-2.69965500	-0.88775400
H	-1.32477200	-2.44172100	-0.00205100
C	-1.90882300	0.42192800	-1.54112600
H	-2.25881400	-0.05478400	-2.46389300
H	-2.15341600	1.49203800	-1.62811500
H	-0.81943600	0.28259100	-1.47086600
Si	-2.68538600	-0.36189000	0.00058400
H	-4.15836700	-0.08549000	0.00213300
O	1.13393500	0.30748900	-0.00293900
C	2.15257400	-0.62244700	-0.00023700
C	3.53301800	0.08313100	-0.08140100
H	4.38128600	-0.61581100	-0.08703500
H	3.58417600	0.68720000	-0.99750900
H	3.65415500	0.75690300	0.77795900
C	2.11156400	-1.46610300	1.29958200
H	2.20276000	-0.80540300	2.17149000
H	1.14853800	-1.98622500	1.37419100
H	2.91242100	-2.21701400	1.35154000
C	2.01995900	-1.57452500	-1.21627000
H	1.05565700	-2.09615700	-1.17553300
H	2.04535500	-0.99204100	-2.14622900
H	2.81725300	-2.32963200	-1.26065600
K	0.24841000	2.44795100	-0.00010000

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C	1.92503200	-0.92101300	-0.97696900
H	2.81852600	-1.08402200	-0.35805200
H	1.57499300	-1.89906500	-1.32297800
H	2.22623500	-0.33400400	-1.85089100
C	1.09478000	1.72088700	0.50075100
H	1.27789300	2.32851400	-0.39229200
H	0.30662400	2.20460600	1.08521800
H	2.01709800	1.72052500	1.09647200
C	-0.20157500	-1.06261300	1.37280800
H	-0.04091700	-0.64359500	2.37220300
H	-1.29130300	-1.03637600	1.17619600
H	0.13555600	-2.10359100	1.36242300
Si	0.60092900	-0.03309900	0.04461900
H	-0.66502200	0.02705000	-1.14457700
O	-1.65236000	0.58648200	-0.74741000
O	-2.55790400	-0.22900900	-0.25608000

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O	0.05589000	-0.61174300	0.00000000
O	0.05589000	0.72018700	0.00000000
H	-0.89424400	-0.86754600	0.00000000

**[t-BuOSiHMe<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>**

C	-1.29845800	1.70118700	-0.98968200
H	-2.12059400	2.36318200	-0.68128800
H	-0.35128400	2.22230400	-0.80311300
H	-1.41034200	1.56868100	-2.07673500
C	-1.29880500	-1.70152100	-0.98909400
H	-1.40858400	-1.56882600	-2.07635100
H	-0.35243000	-2.22353100	-0.80093200
H	-2.12215200	-2.36271100	-0.68224700
C	-2.16147300	0.00037100	1.73191600
H	-2.80117500	-0.87967200	1.89304900
H	-1.36320100	0.00137400	2.48065000
H	-2.80286100	0.87930600	1.89231500
Si	-1.52596800	0.00002200	-0.08760900
C	1.63870500	-0.00111900	-1.43250000
C	1.53036100	-0.00001300	0.11613800
H	1.15631400	-0.88697800	-1.85710800
H	1.15517300	0.88347000	-1.85845200
H	2.69110300	-0.00069100	-1.75349500
C	2.26446600	1.25806400	0.65161500
C	2.26521000	-1.25687800	0.65340600
H	2.20482200	1.27247500	1.74650500
H	3.32508100	1.29415600	0.35751900
H	1.77134300	2.16382700	0.27966300
H	3.32578000	-1.29294300	0.35914700
H	2.20579300	-1.26966100	1.74833000
H	1.77236300	-2.16339100	0.28292700
O	0.23727500	-0.00017100	0.61796400
H	-3.04983800	0.00014800	-0.61836500

**[t-BuOSiMe<sub>3</sub>]<sup>•</sup>**

C	2.81747600	0.08020000	1.33350000
H	3.78867100	0.09828200	0.79919400
H	2.77108000	0.98435600	1.95984800
H	2.83677300	-0.78096600	2.01908400
C	1.82129900	-1.55331400	-0.92294300
H	1.73260000	-2.48303900	-0.34176700
H	1.22232600	-1.68062600	-1.83291200
H	2.87894000	-1.45692000	-1.21440900
C	1.67813700	1.51550200	-0.99944600
H	1.10680100	1.50832500	-1.93615400
H	1.44905300	2.46190800	-0.48749500
H	2.75062900	1.53782000	-1.24963600
Si	1.21951700	-0.01896900	0.09667100
C	-1.92333100	-1.10233900	1.16259500
C	-1.74114200	-0.01080600	0.07912600
H	-1.83966000	-2.09535500	0.70397400
H	-1.12619300	-1.00937700	1.90855600
H	-2.90052700	-1.02951600	1.66570100
C	-1.86593400	1.38404900	0.73995400

C	-2.85934000	-0.16379900	-0.97636900
H	-1.73740400	2.16682200	-0.01761400
H	-2.84376000	1.52568700	1.22689600
H	-1.07448300	1.50573700	1.48803200
H	-3.86449300	-0.07039200	-0.53679100
H	-2.74359800	0.60239300	-1.75248100
H	-2.77806800	-1.14461400	-1.46011700
O	-0.53311500	-0.15898900	-0.59922700

**[t-BuOSiMe<sub>3</sub>]K•**

C	2.38384600	-0.65420300	1.36085800
H	3.08984700	-1.49460900	1.38370300
H	2.97385500	0.25827200	1.21953000
H	1.90861100	-0.59892800	2.34700500
C	0.20774900	-2.56153100	0.34965600
H	-0.35185500	-2.52437800	1.29289800
H	-0.49039100	-2.83794400	-0.45136700
H	0.93025200	-3.38377500	0.43546700
C	1.98115200	-1.09868900	-1.67618400
H	1.25498500	-1.20645300	-2.49082600
H	2.62134600	-0.24138500	-1.90899000
H	2.61560200	-1.99447700	-1.68242300
Si	1.11189300	-0.94523700	-0.00638900
C	0.11901100	2.13185300	1.45743300
C	-0.01485000	1.67837700	-0.00318700
H	-0.70659300	1.73093200	2.05541900
H	1.06018500	1.78716700	1.89641500
H	0.09273800	3.22549300	1.52674700
C	1.16729300	2.18153400	-0.84433200
C	-1.32449300	2.20670300	-0.60129700
H	1.08022400	1.84041100	-1.88090400
H	1.18675700	3.27690500	-0.84696100
H	2.12659700	1.83802400	-0.44276900
H	-1.31461400	3.30138600	-0.64960000
H	-1.47264000	1.81875800	-1.61528500
H	-2.18500100	1.91542600	0.01372100
O	-0.10826200	0.22828800	-0.03611700
K	-2.95992400	-0.97937200	-0.00426700

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C	-0.65997000	-1.47306500	0.00003600
C	0.15148500	-0.33261200	-0.00000400
C	-0.38888200	0.98515800	-0.00002600
C	-1.78526900	1.14347500	-0.00002200
C	-2.59400200	0.01418700	-0.00001000
C	-2.03700600	-1.28114200	0.00002000
H	-0.23536700	-2.47317700	0.00006200
H	-2.22476500	2.13780600	-0.00000900
H	-3.67479400	0.12696900	-0.00000200
H	-2.69562200	-2.14541600	0.00003700

C	0.72629300	1.88868700	0.00005800
C	1.86038200	1.12059200	-0.00006600
H	2.90090000	1.41719200	-0.00009100
N	1.52953700	-0.22374500	-0.00005000
H	0.69119300	2.96943400	0.00003900
C	2.45994500	-1.33308700	0.00004000
H	2.32730100	-1.95880400	0.89078500
H	2.32691100	-1.95921700	-0.89035100
H	3.47962300	-0.94173300	-0.00028000

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C	-2.59032400	1.09620600	0.58236100
C	-1.56148600	0.61479800	-0.23249000
C	-1.50372500	-0.75092100	-0.65013000
C	-2.53482200	-1.62607700	-0.25564800
C	-3.56644400	-1.14226600	0.53909900
C	-3.59232800	0.20283800	0.95752900
H	-2.61673500	2.13059200	0.91310800
H	-2.51825900	-2.66710600	-0.56827300
H	-4.36495500	-1.81086200	0.84938500
H	-4.40725500	0.55140700	1.58608200
C	-0.32371400	-0.89434200	-1.43349000
C	0.34856000	0.33519100	-1.40958900
H	1.07105800	0.69185200	-2.13267200
N	-0.47525700	1.27554400	-0.77581600
H	0.01733100	-1.78538800	-1.94275300
Si	2.33151200	-0.22844300	0.27902400
C	1.46235600	-1.02968200	1.76605300
H	0.67442400	-1.71554900	1.43870400
H	2.17668200	-1.59867900	2.37728900
H	0.99697100	-0.27627000	2.41171700
C	3.62509400	1.03434800	0.90259000
H	4.40133200	0.53507500	1.50072000
H	4.12622200	1.54318400	0.07087400
H	3.16375600	1.80194700	1.53448500
C	3.23580400	-1.55825700	-0.74111300
H	3.74581400	-1.12380700	-1.60931400
H	3.99693000	-2.06540400	-0.13236700
H	2.54223900	-2.32306800	-1.10771800
C	-0.07021500	2.62364900	-0.44907500
H	0.43863400	2.67716300	0.52433800
H	0.61420700	2.99184900	-1.21807200
H	-0.94530700	3.27956000	-0.42773700

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C	-2.81248500	-0.08347300	0.64832900
C	-1.70313500	0.37539800	-0.06930500
C	-0.87271800	-0.50187100	-0.81466500
C	-1.18858500	-1.86328200	-0.85880400
C	-2.30439000	-2.32640300	-0.16263700



C	-3.10238100	-1.44503200	0.58682200
H	-3.43213300	0.59211200	1.23110500
H	-0.56616900	-2.55264100	-1.42393800
H	-2.55876500	-3.38222200	-0.19426400
H	-3.96159100	-1.83033700	1.12930500
C	0.22111900	0.29978100	-1.36513800
C	-0.10740900	1.62840000	-1.05182000
H	0.39660300	2.54635600	-1.31917300
N	-1.21716500	1.66502300	-0.21928800
C	-1.73728900	2.83687600	0.44914600
H	-2.82606400	2.88791000	0.33733500
H	-1.49575800	2.83725600	1.52070600
H	-1.30325200	3.73001100	-0.00663100
H	0.77378300	0.03195000	-2.25682400
Si	2.21919100	-0.26340900	0.13903600
C	3.06964100	-1.96925700	0.29736300
H	3.87428100	-1.94785000	1.04697500
H	2.35324500	-2.74066400	0.60277000
H	3.51242000	-2.28503400	-0.65460800
C	3.52120300	1.01849800	-0.40963500
H	4.31779100	1.12299300	0.33971000
H	3.99434300	0.72864500	-1.35557500
H	3.07292100	2.00912200	-0.55193400
C	1.53596100	0.23874500	1.84244300
H	1.04801700	1.21929000	1.79781500
H	0.79623300	-0.48472200	2.20316000
H	2.33837400	0.30011500	2.58998200

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C	-2.60040100	1.18675900	0.33951600
C	-1.46942300	0.54444100	-0.15833800
C	-1.46732800	-0.86768900	-0.44067600
C	-2.64903000	-1.61053400	-0.20761700
C	-3.77605400	-0.96052800	0.28703400
C	-3.75531400	0.41785500	0.55698700
H	-2.59404600	2.24987300	0.56160300
H	-2.66936200	-2.67673300	-0.41757500
H	-4.68575000	-1.52653700	0.46923100
H	-4.64742000	0.90127000	0.94592800
C	-0.20300000	-1.20129100	-0.93782100
C	0.67715500	0.01137900	-0.93812200
H	1.05009300	0.26323600	-1.95135000
N	-0.23553900	1.06630800	-0.46554900
H	0.12509100	-2.17898000	-1.26718700
Si	2.22663300	-0.25261000	0.21061400
C	1.63791900	-0.58572800	1.97362100
H	0.99268900	-1.46992600	2.01178500
H	2.48585400	-0.75559500	2.64815700
H	1.06176300	0.25931600	2.36736300
C	3.34849200	1.27776500	0.16942400

H	4.27698900	1.08485300	0.72148000
H	3.62963100	1.54587300	-0.85654600
H	2.87363300	2.15311200	0.62648200
C	3.19479900	-1.73099700	-0.47300900
H	3.49555400	-1.57050700	-1.51571500
H	4.10925300	-1.89888500	0.10902900
H	2.60495200	-2.65372400	-0.43396400
C	0.05601100	2.47889600	-0.51723300
H	0.26600400	2.90984200	0.47333100
H	0.92930700	2.64816300	-1.15325500
H	-0.79127900	3.02575500	-0.95113400

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C	-2.94993700	-0.05238500	0.33372100
C	-1.70061400	0.38392400	-0.11407400
C	-0.69747000	-0.52654200	-0.51651700
C	-0.97197100	-1.88734800	-0.51168200
C	-2.23107500	-2.34083300	-0.08499700
C	-3.19975500	-1.42930500	0.33843700
H	-3.71024900	0.64905600	0.66404700
H	-0.22148600	-2.60184100	-0.84020100
H	-2.44791000	-3.40519100	-0.08017500
H	-4.16747000	-1.78994500	0.67769800
C	0.54803700	0.25353700	-0.89767700
C	0.12072800	1.67542200	-0.62610000
H	0.50957000	2.54398700	-1.14800600
N	-1.23180100	1.68341900	-0.26022900
C	-1.93278800	2.85708900	0.20493400
H	-2.98430600	2.81488900	-0.09850200
H	-1.88832000	2.96412300	1.29945500
H	-1.48084300	3.74437700	-0.24675600
H	0.81137900	0.08925500	-1.95933200
Si	2.12555300	-0.16622000	0.13485900
C	2.74940100	-1.91003300	-0.28081800
H	3.69682300	-2.11335800	0.23406400
H	2.03701300	-2.68308600	0.02859500
H	2.92854000	-2.03051900	-1.35636600
C	3.46907900	1.08675300	-0.33192600
H	4.39471300	0.89687600	0.22530200
H	3.71321200	1.03730200	-1.40041000
H	3.15112500	2.11144100	-0.10820200
C	1.72775000	-0.04724700	1.97888600
H	1.35545200	0.95153600	2.23282200
H	0.96018800	-0.77407100	2.26813200
H	2.61911900	-0.23987400	2.58829500

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H	2.06761600	-0.97560200	-0.78352300
Si	4.31137300	-2.00057400	0.50095100
C	5.14948900	-3.04714800	-0.85040700

H	5.54813100	-3.96726300	-0.40335700
H	5.99740700	-2.52301600	-1.30746400
H	4.46318300	-3.34203100	-1.65131000
C	3.04035500	-3.12060800	1.37597700
H	3.52766500	-3.98447300	1.84489200
H	2.30417700	-3.50055600	0.65559300
H	2.50436500	-2.57799200	2.16540200
C	5.66557200	-1.52411100	1.74580500
H	5.24256500	-0.97813100	2.59674600
H	6.40843300	-0.86719200	1.27666400
H	6.19606400	-2.40310600	2.13410700
O	0.94564100	-1.21732500	-1.11045200
C	0.77620800	-1.59224900	-2.47085500
C	-0.45457200	-2.51817800	-2.56716800
H	-1.32359800	-2.10836500	-2.03875300
H	-0.23362400	-3.48715900	-2.10056100
H	-0.73465900	-2.71693200	-3.61080700
C	0.56707000	-0.32653400	-3.33041400
H	1.44772500	0.32206900	-3.26858200
H	-0.28276400	0.26291500	-2.95908200
H	0.39079300	-0.56271800	-4.38831600
C	1.98915300	-2.37387400	-3.01004500
H	2.89102900	-1.75879600	-3.01276900
H	1.80930800	-2.71583600	-4.03710600
H	2.17692600	-3.25435500	-2.38614300
K	0.07288900	1.50333200	0.19465800
C	3.73699700	1.77908100	-0.53585500
C	3.04622200	1.69371700	0.72530200
C	2.83227200	0.32930500	0.98148700
C	3.34016000	-0.49370300	-0.12301900
H	2.35654700	-0.07694400	1.86746800
O	-1.06016000	0.17284100	2.22463300
K	-0.74705800	-2.00909800	0.82667900
C	-0.92169500	0.17322700	3.60716100
C	0.09121100	1.24928900	4.06920000
H	0.20351100	1.28836800	5.16109900
H	1.07777400	1.05029500	3.63523500
H	-0.23555200	2.23972300	3.72609500
C	-2.27873900	0.46896700	4.30793000
H	-3.02773500	-0.28881200	4.03228400
H	-2.20318500	0.46809000	5.40306100
H	-2.65084900	1.46006500	4.00879800
C	-0.42599400	-1.20913400	4.11332100
H	0.53967400	-1.45281700	3.64974000
H	-0.28933400	-1.24651800	5.20206800
H	-1.15061800	-1.99339800	3.84637600
O	-2.42925500	1.96079300	-0.83149100
O	-3.21993800	-1.54870200	-0.27586700
K	-3.40223100	0.64793500	1.24117000
K	-2.99084500	-0.01527700	-2.33575800

C	-4.16792700	-2.56287000	-0.21810700
C	-3.53049500	-3.89985600	0.24672300
H	-3.11305600	-3.78687300	1.25782000
H	-4.24943600	-4.72861600	0.28351200
H	-2.72120900	-4.18964900	-0.43681200
C	-4.81274900	-2.80266200	-1.61102900
H	-5.55659500	-3.60990400	-1.60962800
H	-5.32698200	-1.89098700	-1.95229400
H	-4.03832000	-3.06401100	-2.34511000
C	-5.30357400	-2.20454700	0.77779200
H	-4.88784900	-2.05223500	1.78360300
H	-5.80189200	-1.27596100	0.46310100
H	-6.07381400	-2.98334400	0.85221100
C	-2.79111800	3.26207900	-1.16344200
C	-3.30108200	3.33836000	-2.62878500
H	-4.19298000	2.70468600	-2.75492500
H	-3.58142100	4.35396500	-2.93650800
H	-2.51937600	2.98683800	-3.31695600
C	-3.92808400	3.76828800	-0.23536500
H	-3.59011700	3.76107400	0.81040300
H	-4.25351700	4.79029300	-0.46969600
H	-4.80604700	3.11137300	-0.32190900
C	-1.58920600	4.23009000	-1.02480600
H	-1.84095300	5.26505600	-1.29043300
H	-1.22573300	4.23687900	0.01194500
H	-0.76576700	3.91012300	-1.67733900
N	4.01226100	0.50195800	-0.96710000
C	4.57599000	0.25512200	-2.27037600
H	5.47408600	0.86848200	-2.41488000
H	4.86538300	-0.79237500	-2.35842800
H	3.87612900	0.49357500	-3.09036900
C	2.68709200	2.90503400	1.38043600
C	4.01482400	3.00311400	-1.14404100
C	3.64353300	4.18657700	-0.46706500
H	3.86825300	5.15004200	-0.91707400
C	2.99951600	4.13054500	0.77358100
H	2.73885700	5.05609500	1.28294800
H	4.52688100	3.05491600	-2.10081900
H	2.21421900	2.87962700	2.35975100

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H	2.01042500	-0.68328700	-0.78720500
Si	4.03929400	-2.20834300	0.08301900
C	4.92618100	-2.67837200	-1.52945800
H	5.31733000	-3.70115400	-1.45173000
H	5.78055000	-2.01848200	-1.72065600
H	4.27076400	-2.64066500	-2.40541900
C	2.68768800	-3.51443100	0.41521500
H	3.11463100	-4.51225100	0.57705100
H	2.00031700	-3.57687200	-0.43886100

H	2.10340600	-3.25598300	1.30864400
C	5.33134100	-2.35619800	1.47366500
H	4.89037700	-2.16199100	2.45867000
H	6.14059200	-1.62964900	1.32895400
H	5.78308700	-3.35618400	1.50196000
O	0.90053200	-0.76319400	-1.27169100
C	0.82073700	-0.49544600	-2.66556400
C	-0.41570300	-1.23184000	-3.22430400
H	-1.31340400	-1.05758200	-2.61868700
H	-0.24168400	-2.31597400	-3.21770700
H	-0.62533000	-0.94546000	-4.26444500
C	0.69974300	1.02794000	-2.89537100
H	1.60596500	1.53166900	-2.54085000
H	-0.14414000	1.44766000	-2.32953200
H	0.56769300	1.28081100	-3.95611500
C	2.05596600	-1.01326500	-3.42272600
H	2.95936900	-0.49416300	-3.09613000
H	1.94710700	-0.85818900	-4.50376400
H	2.18482800	-2.08626400	-3.24424100
K	0.07791000	1.12966800	0.76855400
C	3.70555500	1.77338500	0.44954800
C	2.70163800	-0.07979200	1.38008000
C	3.22431600	-0.51473900	0.05828700
H	2.73217600	-0.67524000	2.29298400
O	-1.34954300	-0.68180800	2.14109300
K	-0.97144100	-2.18792000	0.04587500
C	-1.26547400	-1.14840800	3.44495800
C	-0.24713300	-0.31771800	4.26565200
H	-0.15798700	-0.65323400	5.30780500
H	0.74188800	-0.38476300	3.79762700
H	-0.55153400	0.73793700	4.27400200
C	-2.64320400	-1.05986200	4.16028700
H	-3.39434400	-1.64766700	3.61230000
H	-2.61737500	-1.43710000	5.19105200
H	-2.97987600	-0.01330000	4.20551500
C	-0.81381400	-2.63353100	3.47117300
H	0.16444500	-2.73366200	2.98228700
H	-0.72261000	-3.04024400	4.48715800
H	-1.54037500	-3.25807400	2.93017900
O	-2.28792800	2.24313300	-0.08923200
O	-3.33390000	-1.12429900	-0.95524700
K	-3.53524800	0.33919800	1.26607300
K	-2.88244600	1.05931000	-2.26200700
C	-4.32351000	-2.01621800	-1.34777700
C	-3.78417400	-3.47142700	-1.38543900
H	-3.45441400	-3.77735100	-0.38194600
H	-4.53548600	-4.20029100	-1.71614400
H	-2.92924200	-3.53825900	-2.07162200
C	-4.85458100	-1.67012000	-2.76628300
H	-5.62575200	-2.36585200	-3.12148900

H	-5.30241900	-0.66424700	-2.76796600
H	-4.02952400	-1.68767600	-3.49144700
C	-5.52554500	-1.97815400	-0.36562000
H	-5.19199800	-2.24443800	0.64702400
H	-5.95492800	-0.96602500	-0.33527700
H	-6.33187600	-2.67048000	-0.64154300
C	-2.49596900	3.59962400	0.12791500
C	-2.93016600	4.31146400	-1.18274600
H	-3.87196900	3.87899000	-1.55437900
H	-3.09700800	5.38892100	-1.05501600
H	-2.15710500	4.18478600	-1.95357800
C	-3.61102200	3.82328400	1.18507800
H	-3.32380600	3.35700800	2.13799700
H	-3.81174400	4.88436600	1.38335800
H	-4.55095700	3.36545300	0.84368700
C	-1.20482000	4.28964300	0.64019000
H	-1.33118700	5.36793000	0.80302700
H	-0.89648700	3.84849000	1.59877100
H	-0.39051800	4.15414000	-0.08419700
C	3.91525700	0.69361000	-0.45286800
C	4.65595600	0.95271900	-1.61464700
C	4.19144000	3.05752400	0.20806600
C	4.91637700	3.28570600	-0.97177100
C	5.14840100	2.24237600	-1.86802900
H	4.87872300	0.15103900	-2.31276300
H	5.72878600	2.42405800	-2.76949500
H	5.31081800	4.27810500	-1.17452200
H	4.03019700	3.86434100	0.91880300
N	2.94529400	1.32233800	1.54028000
C	3.09352900	1.90879800	2.85974800
H	4.07922500	1.68845300	3.30343500
H	2.97136900	2.99571500	2.81441800
H	2.31973800	1.50777900	3.52144900

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C	-2.82273700	1.23418200	0.00976200
C	-1.63506300	0.48908600	0.01279800
C	-1.63870700	-0.93288900	-0.00152300
C	-2.86940700	-1.61371600	-0.00662500
C	-4.04690500	-0.87869600	-0.00384300
C	-4.02229900	0.53220100	0.00336000
H	-2.81419400	2.32048200	0.00854400
H	-2.89529300	-2.70063600	-0.01484200
H	-5.00410600	-1.39315000	-0.00914100
H	-4.96011300	1.08141800	0.00134300
C	-0.26641300	-1.33605200	-0.00689900
C	0.52772400	-0.20361500	0.00597000
N	-0.32094700	0.91168700	0.02837100
H	0.09957700	-2.35419000	-0.01289000
C	0.06904200	2.30607600	-0.02114600

H	-0.52580900	2.88784100	0.69116500
H	1.11866300	2.40710200	0.25663500
H	-0.07130900	2.73328700	-1.02298500
Si	2.41292200	-0.19564600	0.00091100
C	3.08569000	0.71763200	-1.51892700
H	2.80762400	1.77773100	-1.53539700
H	4.18158100	0.66688300	-1.54298600
H	2.71200400	0.26383600	-2.44424200
C	2.97746600	-1.99929200	-0.06594400
H	4.07288700	-2.05309700	-0.07503400
H	2.62637700	-2.56823100	0.80238300
H	2.61450500	-2.50467900	-0.96798000
C	3.09981200	0.60248700	1.57891100
H	2.72299500	0.08904600	2.47110000
H	4.19509600	0.53688900	1.59430800
H	2.83602200	1.66228600	1.67329700

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C	-3.16143900	-0.16430600	-0.00035300
C	-1.85789700	0.34417000	0.00152100
C	-0.70717800	-0.49234700	0.00238600
C	-0.89640300	-1.88517900	0.00244800
C	-2.18822100	-2.39886800	0.00045200
C	-3.31039800	-1.54714100	-0.00110400
H	-4.02757300	0.49193300	-0.00161700
H	-0.04250500	-2.55811400	0.00342400
H	-2.33818500	-3.47520900	-0.00033700
H	-4.30853100	-1.97675600	-0.00320900
C	0.46433900	0.36553400	0.00156900
C	-0.03964300	1.64888000	0.00066500
H	0.49048700	2.59313000	-0.00117000
N	-1.42019700	1.65655300	0.00120000
C	-2.27216400	2.82695300	0.00080800
H	-2.91106600	2.84901200	-0.89029000
H	-2.91313200	2.84762400	0.89044500
H	-1.64660700	3.72230000	0.00230900
Si	2.27593500	-0.09709100	0.00046200
C	2.67291600	-1.18726400	-1.49934700
H	3.72752800	-1.49012200	-1.50243100
H	2.06603700	-2.10039600	-1.50832700
H	2.47501000	-0.65426600	-2.43685100
C	2.72192400	-1.03683100	1.58554100
H	3.77708800	-1.33776000	1.58529000
H	2.55109900	-0.41584200	2.47284600
H	2.11799100	-1.94464800	1.70062900
C	3.31410100	1.48702800	-0.09269500
H	3.13415700	2.14480000	0.76628800
H	4.38391200	1.24490500	-0.09905300
H	3.10296300	2.05903000	-1.00416000

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O	-1.72862800	1.86541700	-0.20460500
O	1.39375500	-0.03456600	1.19272200
O	2.62894700	-0.07035200	-1.10788600
O	-1.75413400	-1.81702100	-0.32105800
K	-1.42164200	-0.02917500	1.52773000
K	0.83640100	2.02648900	-0.59193800
K	-2.34181700	0.09170700	-2.10200600
K	0.80406000	-2.04871700	-0.72157500
C	-2.49771800	3.00269600	0.01696300
C	2.00649600	-0.16441600	2.44790100
C	-2.55192600	-2.94505100	-0.16365200
C	-3.70083000	3.06028300	-0.95991200
H	-4.33265200	2.16968500	-0.83033500
H	-4.33586300	3.94244600	-0.80439900
H	-3.34321200	3.08516700	-1.99820400
C	-1.65626200	4.29103200	-0.18649200
H	-2.23723000	5.21154800	-0.04207600
H	-0.82009100	4.31697300	0.52899400
H	-1.24587200	4.31127700	-1.20567500
C	-3.05518300	3.01644500	1.46602600
H	-3.69100300	2.13484700	1.63310200
H	-2.22703900	2.99103800	2.18911600
H	-3.66079700	3.90569700	1.68569900
C	3.09787800	0.91655300	2.63894700
H	2.65423800	1.91780200	2.55593300
H	3.59417600	0.84721700	3.61550700
H	3.86970400	0.82416600	1.86612300
C	2.65235400	-1.56458100	2.59427400
H	3.15055200	-1.70321500	3.56273700
H	1.88285600	-2.34350100	2.50028600
H	3.39808400	-1.72686200	1.80706400
C	0.98085000	0.00292900	3.59890500
H	0.23634200	-0.80633600	3.58140300
H	1.45839000	-0.03094100	4.58585100
H	0.46615600	0.97060900	3.51670200
C	-3.72559300	-2.94124800	-1.17691200
H	-3.33543500	-2.92356400	-2.20354900
H	-4.37773200	-3.81959600	-1.08153100
H	-4.34920300	-2.04817700	-1.02602500
C	-1.73191700	-4.24390100	-0.38960900
H	-0.91093000	-4.30767900	0.34079300
H	-2.33380100	-5.15611900	-0.28368800
H	-1.30268800	-4.24455900	-1.40141300
C	-3.15217400	-3.00080700	1.26739500
H	-2.34566600	-3.02533800	2.01475000
H	-3.77078200	-2.11035800	1.45070200
H	-3.78539400	-3.88218300	1.43473400
C	3.99651900	0.09333800	-1.53082800
C	4.00201700	-0.19621100	-3.03531300



H	3.67723000	-1.22499700	-3.23007700
H	3.31482400	0.47727200	-3.55905600
H	5.00622700	-0.06555800	-3.45438700
C	4.45316400	1.53895300	-1.26663700
H	3.82860600	2.24583400	-1.82817700
H	4.38829700	1.78514100	-0.19992900
H	5.49185400	1.69194700	-1.58262800
C	4.90343800	-0.90199300	-0.79126100
H	4.91735300	-0.70398600	0.28636400
H	4.55058800	-1.92847500	-0.94837500
H	5.93505100	-0.83886000	-1.15663000
H	2.47564000	-0.03610500	-0.10388600

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C	0.17519000	1.11963000	-0.01485600
C	1.49171700	0.71186000	0.01656000
C	1.49173400	-0.71185300	0.01655100
C	0.17519800	-1.11962700	-0.01486200
N	-0.62562000	-0.00000800	-0.04101500
H	2.35599000	-1.36255500	0.02288100
C	-2.07410700	-0.00000300	0.02737100
H	-2.46519000	0.88644200	-0.47969900
H	-2.46519100	-0.88640900	-0.47976900
H	-2.43439200	-0.00004100	1.06388200
H	2.35596300	1.36257800	0.02294300
H	-0.26313000	2.10801400	-0.02389800
H	-0.26310400	-2.10801700	-0.02381900

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C	-0.92038000	-0.13975800	-0.97230800
C	-1.29152400	-1.46617800	-0.64010700
C	-2.24015700	-1.39697800	0.39975100
C	-2.51401000	-0.05744100	0.62498600
N	-1.78769100	0.70021000	-0.26437200
H	-2.69644400	-2.22775100	0.92173500
C	-1.66534400	2.13986800	-0.23539500
H	-1.63704500	2.53872400	-1.25485200
H	-2.52919300	2.56793100	0.27913100
H	-0.74577600	2.44880000	0.28301600
H	-0.88425200	-2.35972300	-1.09343200
H	-0.55905300	0.19568300	-1.93779300
H	-3.17379000	0.41604800	1.33903100
Si	1.42961200	0.03307300	0.05649700
C	2.28491700	-1.14050900	-1.17881300
H	3.29724700	-1.39797000	-0.83889600
H	1.72871500	-2.07737000	-1.29742700
H	2.37980800	-0.68191400	-2.17092800
C	2.52291900	1.60066700	0.20426500
H	3.54710500	1.34075300	0.51065000
H	2.59169600	2.13457000	-0.75101300

H	2.12345200	2.30060500	0.94766700
C	1.33888500	-0.80848700	1.76078400
H	0.98341300	-0.11471900	2.53127800
H	0.65366200	-1.66204800	1.74109100
H	2.32789600	-1.17322200	2.07140900

**TS-191 (195)**

C	1.32882700	-0.47665600	-1.01496500
C	0.43058400	0.60843600	-1.17976200
C	1.01755100	1.69891400	-0.40763400
C	2.08670100	1.19826300	0.27823000
N	2.28377500	-0.12327300	-0.08100100
H	0.64082800	2.71098800	-0.34630600
C	3.21686000	-1.03371500	0.54683100
H	3.60661400	-1.73593500	-0.19739700
H	4.05704000	-0.46743300	0.95792500
H	2.74929100	-1.60853800	1.35821800
H	-0.10580300	0.76733700	-2.10898700
H	1.31682500	-1.46899600	-1.44187600
H	2.74400000	1.66764000	0.99820900
Si	-1.61108900	-0.05338400	0.03940300
C	-2.19728400	-1.63621500	-0.85019200
H	-2.91097900	-2.20308300	-0.23688500
H	-2.69228200	-1.40095700	-1.80015400
H	-1.35376300	-2.30144300	-1.07099300
C	-0.91378700	-0.53267800	1.74317400
H	-1.66572400	-1.05414500	2.35016000
H	-0.05045200	-1.20028600	1.63899000
H	-0.58550600	0.35040500	2.30280300
C	-3.11746600	1.09699700	0.30530700
H	-2.82143000	2.02320000	0.81208600
H	-3.58120400	1.37582200	-0.64830400
H	-3.89055900	0.61564700	0.92193600

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C	-0.46405100	-0.13238300	-0.69391800
C	-1.00830200	-1.53540700	-0.62642400
C	-2.21136200	-1.51811600	0.06553200
C	-2.50355300	-0.21270800	0.44611400
N	-1.46548800	0.64665800	0.08139200
H	-2.83001700	-2.37841500	0.29373700
C	-1.75783400	2.00723100	-0.32802700
H	-2.17791800	2.05965700	-1.34811500
H	-2.48333500	2.44671800	0.36412000
H	-0.84996800	2.61702000	-0.29986700
H	-0.51654000	-2.39630600	-1.06050400
H	-0.42961600	0.24823500	-1.73749900
H	-3.34871500	0.16971200	1.00386500
Si	1.31164200	0.00030100	0.06087100
C	2.46415100	-1.08023400	-0.98843900

H	3.49569700	-1.02626500	-0.61915800
H	2.16187100	-2.13368400	-0.96647000
H	2.47413800	-0.75845300	-2.03718800
C	1.93271400	1.79270700	-0.00102900
H	2.97583700	1.85107400	0.33435400
H	1.89177700	2.20263400	-1.01764400
H	1.34409000	2.44875100	0.65068400
C	1.27857700	-0.60383300	1.85057500
H	0.58811900	-0.00123100	2.45124200
H	0.94578000	-1.64582700	1.90999700
H	2.27217700	-0.53798300	2.31021600

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C	1.17431500	-0.73147200	-0.64577200
C	0.11670500	0.32239300	-0.84870400
C	0.80956100	1.55673700	-0.30576100
C	2.06301000	1.23231400	0.07083600
N	2.34143400	-0.10569500	-0.19401500
H	0.37200200	2.54540700	-0.25524300
C	3.47197500	-0.82520300	0.34702300
H	3.75188200	-1.63678200	-0.33407300
H	4.32701500	-0.14912300	0.44156500
H	3.25679200	-1.26539300	1.33319700
H	-0.15971300	0.45032700	-1.91693600
H	1.27085300	-1.64175400	-1.22881500
H	2.83093900	1.85636500	0.51329700
Si	-1.52180300	-0.11397600	0.07148000
C	-2.18797300	-1.74514000	-0.62792100
H	-3.12135300	-2.04177600	-0.13372300
H	-2.39480800	-1.66580200	-1.70238900
H	-1.46507000	-2.55705500	-0.48630900
C	-1.19224400	-0.28435700	1.92593900
H	-2.10787000	-0.53843300	2.47371200
H	-0.45367600	-1.07106800	2.11708300
H	-0.79756900	0.64915700	2.34317400
C	-2.79104900	1.26459100	-0.23445100
H	-2.44533900	2.22589000	0.16446400
H	-2.98474000	1.40060900	-1.30566800
H	-3.74993700	1.03577700	0.24691200

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H	2.33008500	0.09525700	-0.79600000
Si	4.83774000	-1.00449100	-0.24871300
C	5.80867300	-0.74709600	-1.86488300
H	6.46697500	-1.60873300	-2.03646300
H	6.45291800	0.13877800	-1.80631300
H	5.16941000	-0.64091700	-2.74707900
C	3.89258100	-2.65480200	-0.37113000
H	4.57249900	-3.49379400	-0.56468400
H	3.15404600	-2.62207900	-1.18162400

H	3.36159500	-2.87389900	0.56503500
C	6.13573200	-1.16002800	1.13084700
H	5.66369000	-1.39487300	2.09165700
H	6.67796900	-0.21495800	1.25820400
H	6.87413700	-1.94247800	0.91354200
O	1.27504200	-0.16452100	-1.24464100
C	1.09285400	0.11077000	-2.63163400
C	0.11001800	-0.93448300	-3.20070100
H	-0.80854900	-1.00962700	-2.60577100
H	0.57455200	-1.92936000	-3.19648800
H	-0.16419200	-0.70665700	-4.24074500
C	0.52355700	1.53653200	-2.80642200
H	1.27287300	2.28392200	-2.51873500
H	-0.34274300	1.70169000	-2.15341000
H	0.23273500	1.74269000	-3.84684000
C	2.41095800	-0.00380800	-3.41702100
H	3.14362400	0.72576800	-3.06450100
H	2.24342600	0.17258900	-4.48719900
H	2.83953900	-1.00476400	-3.29976700
K	0.20263500	1.46011400	0.87189800
C	3.55137600	2.39117800	1.26494000
C	3.01501900	1.44356700	2.14017500
C	3.01518200	0.20334900	1.50029900
C	3.55311400	0.34090200	0.13580300
H	2.68069600	-0.73093000	1.93658800
O	-0.86243800	-0.63881800	2.17266600
K	-0.26758200	-2.00338900	0.03184000
C	-0.70947800	-1.13702700	3.45926500
C	0.08822400	-0.14853000	4.34519200
H	0.22113000	-0.50571500	5.37530200
H	1.08025000	0.02030400	3.91206000
H	-0.43411500	0.81697700	4.38498300
C	-2.08982300	-1.37695200	4.13415400
H	-2.68806500	-2.08255300	3.53894400
H	-2.00579400	-1.79002800	5.14791700
H	-2.64163600	-0.42844900	4.21573100
C	0.04512000	-2.49468600	3.44028100
H	1.03056200	-2.36875700	2.97204800
H	0.20435200	-2.91465200	4.44220500
H	-0.52519900	-3.23605000	2.86038500
O	-2.35044600	2.02837700	-0.08033500
O	-2.79572800	-1.49174700	-0.90121900
K	-3.21213700	-0.05020500	1.31125400
K	-2.85565500	0.72477000	-2.22970900
C	-3.58994300	-2.57753800	-1.24830800
C	-2.77069600	-3.89619100	-1.23892900
H	-2.37787900	-4.08933000	-0.23010800
H	-3.36337600	-4.77310100	-1.52996700
H	-1.92628000	-3.81810600	-1.93728300
C	-4.18563500	-2.39983100	-2.67174400

H	-4.79776300	-3.25230000	-2.99380100
H	-4.83129300	-1.50868600	-2.70549800
H	-3.37667200	-2.27251700	-3.40376700
C	-4.76933800	-2.74077800	-0.25209700
H	-4.38413100	-2.90091500	0.76468700
H	-5.38771300	-1.83129600	-0.24942700
H	-5.42590900	-3.58665800	-0.49482900
C	-2.80738600	3.32632700	0.11527300
C	-3.36464700	3.92482900	-1.20561400
H	-4.21295500	3.32257600	-1.56705700
H	-3.72595500	4.95543000	-1.09441200
H	-2.58239100	3.92704100	-1.97706300
C	-3.94598900	3.35765700	1.17063200
H	-3.58039000	2.96457600	2.12971600
H	-4.33722400	4.36703900	1.35449100
H	-4.78702500	2.73224500	0.83671800
C	-1.66747600	4.25363500	0.61240200
H	-1.98858600	5.29527500	0.74338400
H	-1.28989100	3.90525200	1.58456100
H	-0.83588400	4.24708500	-0.10500600
N	4.02505500	1.73545100	0.13036500
C	4.25649700	2.47466300	-1.08690600
H	4.81654800	3.38893700	-0.86049400
H	4.84618600	1.87985500	-1.78778500
H	3.31464000	2.77330400	-1.58991100
H	2.67885400	1.65417300	3.15028900
H	3.81422600	3.42533400	1.44760800

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H	2.25007300	-0.31785000	-0.87102600
Si	4.53129900	-1.40151500	0.02357900
C	5.45218900	-1.88293000	-1.56686300
H	6.08171600	-2.76416400	-1.38883300
H	6.11245800	-1.07113000	-1.89606800
H	4.77849700	-2.11761500	-2.39697500
C	3.38480400	-2.84908900	0.51868300
H	3.95187800	-3.76255300	0.73819900
H	2.68133700	-3.07424400	-0.29341600
H	2.80818100	-2.59920000	1.42084800
C	5.84951900	-1.23655300	1.38808900
H	5.39195700	-1.05540800	2.36814300
H	6.51596200	-0.39069300	1.17967000
H	6.46943500	-2.13925000	1.46908000
O	1.17369900	-0.61670200	-1.27500800
C	1.01983200	-0.54999200	-2.69001800
C	-0.02521800	-1.61003900	-3.09391600
H	-0.92726800	-1.54680400	-2.47220600
H	0.38524600	-2.61678300	-2.94411100
H	-0.31133200	-1.52590000	-4.15106900
C	0.55706700	0.86607500	-3.09366000

H	1.33013100	1.59421700	-2.81539600
H	-0.36394600	1.15597600	-2.56829800
H	0.38138600	0.95567600	-4.17381500
C	2.33600400	-0.86136800	-3.42293200
H	3.10429200	-0.12877100	-3.16120700
H	2.19205600	-0.83687800	-4.51049300
H	2.69514500	-1.85930300	-3.15074800
K	0.23887200	1.56702200	0.32019800
C	3.48966800	2.13159800	1.06761500
C	3.13057000	0.81782500	1.08289100
C	3.50456900	0.16717200	-0.19219200
H	2.69380000	0.31529000	1.94017200
O	-0.65620400	-0.12302000	2.20550900
K	-0.27570700	-2.03872900	0.46615800
C	-0.38989200	-0.16799100	3.56780400
C	0.29473500	1.13942000	4.04428300
H	0.49775200	1.14835600	5.12362300
H	1.24852400	1.28121300	3.52185300
H	-0.34899400	1.99932200	3.81388800
C	-1.69921000	-0.34132600	4.38944900
H	-2.23397600	-1.24484700	4.06296000
H	-1.51851400	-0.43303900	5.46840600
H	-2.35938500	0.52816300	4.24819900
C	0.53913600	-1.36280400	3.90975800
H	1.47745500	-1.28217500	3.34644400
H	0.79128400	-1.42150600	4.97691200
H	0.05255100	-2.30987800	3.63286900
O	-2.37769900	1.96760000	-0.44372700
O	-2.83967600	-1.65353400	-0.42283200
K	-3.09152600	0.24901400	1.43501000
K	-2.91695200	0.21023200	-2.21048300
C	-3.68084300	-2.75696300	-0.48629600
C	-2.89863000	-4.07312800	-0.23063400
H	-2.45377200	-4.05801500	0.77498000
H	-3.53030500	-4.96869200	-0.29277700
H	-2.09343700	-4.18120900	-0.97016400
C	-4.35106300	-2.86714700	-1.88348900
H	-5.00251400	-3.74504100	-1.98308300
H	-4.97449500	-1.98038200	-2.07641200
H	-3.58133000	-2.93124200	-2.66455900
C	-4.80684100	-2.65482500	0.57759200
H	-4.36978300	-2.60925600	1.58500700
H	-5.39599000	-1.74080900	0.41351200
H	-5.50162300	-3.50482100	0.55669400
C	-2.85459200	3.27170000	-0.50598400
C	-3.48633000	3.56491700	-1.89437100
H	-4.33803000	2.89008300	-2.07321100
H	-3.86237100	4.59176300	-1.99050600
H	-2.74112200	3.40742200	-2.68625200
C	-3.94272100	3.51246600	0.57508700

H	-3.52135500	3.34449400	1.57630100
H	-4.35209000	4.53104700	0.55647200
H	-4.78045300	2.81487300	0.42878200
C	-1.71437000	4.29704000	-0.27432100
H	-2.05674900	5.33873600	-0.32947900
H	-1.27104400	4.15075500	0.72104000
H	-0.92629500	4.16519900	-1.02803100
H	3.38868900	2.88891400	1.83737200
N	4.16856900	2.42848700	-0.11843600
C	4.22348000	3.77342400	-0.64425100
H	5.00653300	3.84013200	-1.40566100
H	3.26386900	4.07545200	-1.11400600
H	4.46239600	4.47969700	0.15771400
C	4.04727500	1.29984800	-0.96821900
H	4.77055800	1.22050300	-1.77535200

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C	2.76920200	-0.03748400	0.01656200
C	2.59736300	1.33036400	-0.00508000
C	1.19935600	1.56227900	-0.01550400
C	0.53719200	0.33584900	0.00015800
N	1.53459400	-0.63672800	0.02456600
H	0.71253700	2.52888300	-0.02626400
C	1.33335500	-2.07396200	-0.01761500
H	2.28230200	-2.57179400	0.19551800
H	0.60681100	-2.38620700	0.73863300
H	0.98140700	-2.40318700	-1.00232300
Si	-1.31928000	0.06950000	0.00151200
C	-1.88075600	-0.96583500	-1.48687500
H	-1.47502700	-1.98407100	-1.46859800
H	-2.97468400	-1.05232200	-1.50425600
H	-1.56899900	-0.50149800	-2.42977700
C	-2.12763800	1.77728600	-0.10624900
H	-3.22031900	1.68190600	-0.10667500
H	-1.85211700	2.41192500	0.74375100
H	-1.84029800	2.30290900	-1.02393400
C	-1.90621100	-0.78052000	1.59420400
H	-1.60031500	-0.20997800	2.47879100
H	-3.00093100	-0.85739600	1.60858900
H	-1.50925300	-1.79684100	1.70263900
H	3.38590600	2.07105500	-0.00530700
H	3.66956100	-0.63715700	0.02846800

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Si	1.61223500	0.09240300	0.00204100
C	2.40598100	-0.67347600	1.54497300
H	3.49264300	-0.52116600	1.55202400
H	1.99929500	-0.22876400	2.46092000
H	2.22334600	-1.75375200	1.59544500
C	2.41146900	-0.67456800	-1.53761000

H	3.49787200	-0.52008000	-1.54221600
H	2.23095900	-1.75525900	-1.58664200
H	2.00621400	-0.23224000	-2.45534900
C	1.93424400	1.96149300	0.00128300
H	1.51213500	2.44573700	-0.88757500
H	1.50277500	2.44797500	0.88437800
H	3.01152600	2.16802700	0.00652300
C	-2.27128400	-1.23540500	-0.00974300
C	-0.91856400	-1.48082400	0.01005700
C	-0.22963500	-0.21921400	0.00168700
H	-3.11871600	-1.90751000	-0.01154800
H	-0.46269800	-2.46304100	0.01612300
C	-3.74295300	0.80441200	0.02836600
H	-4.47751700	0.26407600	-0.57601500
H	-4.11594800	0.87310900	1.05784900
H	-3.64115000	1.81486300	-0.37574800
N	-2.46001800	0.13008300	-0.03463900
C	-1.23054100	0.74133600	-0.02109700
H	-1.16419700	1.82126600	-0.03177000

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C	1.09505600	-0.34701200	0.00013900
C	0.71743600	0.96026000	0.00021000
C	-0.71827600	0.95974100	-0.00004800
C	-1.09464700	-0.34795700	-0.00019000
H	-1.37495200	1.81859400	-0.00009300
H	1.37344000	1.81964700	0.00039800
H	2.05048400	-0.84907400	0.00024400
O	0.00042800	-1.16109700	-0.00010500
H	-2.04980900	-0.85058400	-0.00037400

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C	2.53815600	-0.82127300	0.28585000
C	2.59945200	0.50728700	0.59970200
C	1.73544900	1.17783000	-0.31070700
C	1.12797600	0.18819300	-1.07754400
H	1.54378800	2.23989500	-0.37481900
H	3.19869500	0.95110900	1.38311400
H	3.01185700	-1.70309900	0.68986400
O	1.69841300	-1.03150100	-0.76971500
H	0.69533100	0.24590500	-2.06531600
Si	-1.32380600	-0.04012700	0.01138400
C	-2.04297300	1.69414700	-0.31108200
H	-2.97321000	1.84719700	0.25325000
H	-1.34009800	2.47834900	-0.00667700
H	-2.27270900	1.84476300	-1.37259100
C	-2.56298900	-1.36202200	-0.58534500
H	-3.51842600	-1.28382200	-0.04657700
H	-2.77673900	-1.25779800	-1.65537800
H	-2.17075700	-2.37216900	-0.42169500



C	-1.00201700	-0.26045500	1.87194800
H	-0.67055900	-1.27967900	2.09987100
H	-0.22605700	0.42785600	2.22350700
H	-1.91346600	-0.06696400	2.45485600

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C	-2.52511800	-0.79798700	0.23107900
C	-1.65488000	-1.08140300	-0.76219800
C	-0.97714000	0.16930200	-1.10141500
C	-1.65185300	1.13425100	-0.34708500
H	-0.53362900	0.37941200	-2.06696500
H	-1.45317200	-2.05788700	-1.18048400
H	-3.19585700	-1.40415000	0.82189600
O	-2.52983700	0.54070400	0.52784000
H	-1.54852000	2.20365400	-0.25167100
Si	1.29292300	-0.04291400	-0.00596500
C	1.97677100	1.72701900	-0.16250000
H	2.84538500	1.87784000	0.49267100
H	2.29560400	1.94557200	-1.18868900
H	1.22106000	2.46989800	0.11811300
C	0.80499300	-0.38652800	1.79657800
H	1.64238800	-0.18934300	2.47913300
H	-0.03466400	0.24626200	2.10519500
H	0.50117900	-1.43031900	1.93392600
C	2.63530100	-1.28623100	-0.55464600
H	2.26936100	-2.31790300	-0.49694900
H	2.95227500	-1.10290100	-1.58789300
H	3.52791700	-1.21550300	0.08364100

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C	2.50125300	-0.71926400	0.16369400
C	2.61622000	0.65784800	0.20646500
C	1.48406900	1.20959100	-0.38332600
C	0.59097400	0.08424400	-0.80689400
H	1.26564600	2.25756900	-0.53914500
H	3.45708800	1.19649900	0.62593200
H	3.14795500	-1.51140300	0.51306400
O	1.33874900	-1.12298600	-0.43537900
H	0.44280800	0.04194500	-1.90182700
Si	-1.13924800	0.00406500	0.05700700
C	-2.08691500	1.57679700	-0.41119100
H	-3.09274400	1.57214900	0.02637700
H	-1.57586300	2.47728100	-0.05068400
H	-2.20293200	1.67035800	-1.49788800
C	-2.05185500	-1.52617600	-0.57817800
H	-3.02854500	-1.63848600	-0.09171200
H	-2.22504500	-1.47107900	-1.65976100
H	-1.47171200	-2.43448300	-0.38024500
C	-0.88471000	-0.09598500	1.92529800
H	-0.32122600	-0.99609200	2.19488300

H	-0.32566900	0.77045100	2.29584200
H	-1.84448800	-0.13006400	2.45488400

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C	2.53696700	0.67415000	0.18742900
C	1.45858300	1.17234000	-0.42624500
C	0.57107000	0.02412300	-0.85447300
C	1.45602400	-1.13606900	-0.50322300
H	0.33908800	0.06066400	-1.93555100
H	1.24279100	2.22245300	-0.57326800
H	3.38923300	1.15347900	0.65029900
O	2.55861500	-0.70143700	0.22647100
H	1.16156900	-2.15298700	-0.27270700
Si	-1.14429500	0.00480700	0.04990800
C	-2.09545400	-1.53257300	-0.51792600
H	-3.08292700	-1.58230600	-0.04289200
H	-2.25169100	-1.53002700	-1.60355600
H	-1.56210600	-2.45578900	-0.26182100
C	-0.87011600	-0.04441500	1.91946400
H	-1.82402100	-0.08500800	2.45907500
H	-0.28368700	-0.92316200	2.21154500
H	-0.32748100	0.84331200	2.26328500
C	-2.10837400	1.56286700	-0.43677200
H	-1.58893900	2.47409000	-0.11720500
H	-2.24970000	1.62375200	-1.52277200
H	-3.10312200	1.57318900	0.02556900

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H	2.25130800	-0.33869600	-0.81422700
Si	5.01258000	-0.80985000	0.03253100
C	5.45900700	-1.76399600	-1.54674800
H	6.37530800	-2.34700800	-1.38844000
H	5.63993800	-1.08683500	-2.38944500
H	4.66923200	-2.46293600	-1.84332400
C	4.47525800	-2.07340100	1.35277000
H	5.27451200	-2.79740500	1.55525700
H	3.59408000	-2.63822000	1.02016100
H	4.22309600	-1.58804600	2.30379500
C	6.59525100	0.05990100	0.62957500
H	6.41536700	0.59643800	1.56856500
H	6.92973400	0.79858300	-0.10917000
H	7.42016300	-0.64542600	0.79358800
O	1.26973900	-0.69757900	-1.18147200
C	1.12901300	-0.62089100	-2.60640400
C	0.09373300	-1.68707100	-3.01012800
H	-0.80587500	-1.63569800	-2.38404100
H	0.51247000	-2.69203900	-2.87510800
H	-0.19752600	-1.58968500	-4.06524200
C	0.65128300	0.79228100	-2.99971300
H	1.41506900	1.52765500	-2.72252200

H	-0.27487700	1.06916600	-2.47765500
H	0.47657400	0.87799300	-4.08061400
C	2.45439400	-0.91430400	-3.32415500
H	3.21016000	-0.17343800	-3.05272900
H	2.31502100	-0.88906900	-4.41248600
H	2.82383000	-1.90752400	-3.05136900
K	0.29557200	1.58627200	0.34307600
C	3.48376400	2.63710100	-0.75115900
C	3.21950000	2.56601300	0.60880600
C	3.27290400	1.21875500	0.99117800
C	3.57793900	0.39915200	-0.18217400
H	3.16866700	0.83655900	1.99989700
O	-0.63358100	-0.06736300	2.22940900
K	-0.23554500	-2.03809400	0.58179000
C	-0.30585400	-0.06782100	3.57925200
C	0.38023900	1.26274200	3.98190900
H	0.63829400	1.30739600	5.04846100
H	1.30371700	1.39944000	3.40585100
H	-0.28811200	2.10638400	3.76059300
C	-1.57657900	-0.23624100	4.45783200
H	-2.10449000	-1.16116100	4.18494500
H	-1.35365100	-0.28301300	5.53189000
H	-2.26021700	0.61303700	4.30632400
C	0.66010900	-1.23629200	3.90937900
H	1.56422800	-1.15910300	3.29219200
H	0.97038500	-1.25599000	4.96253000
H	0.17421700	-2.19994500	3.69328100
O	-2.31715600	1.91058100	-0.51299100
O	-2.77148000	-1.70325900	-0.35954100
K	-3.05314300	0.26961300	1.43185600
K	-2.84851200	0.09010000	-2.21727400
C	-3.60317600	-2.81491600	-0.40186200
C	-2.80451100	-4.12203600	-0.14928400
H	-2.35566600	-4.10306900	0.85466700
H	-3.42643200	-5.02461600	-0.20819200
H	-2.00099600	-4.22055900	-0.89186300
C	-4.29345700	-2.94220500	-1.78783900
H	-4.94374500	-3.82278300	-1.86843100
H	-4.92179600	-2.05893400	-1.98069200
H	-3.53550800	-3.01370600	-2.58011900
C	-4.71335900	-2.71603900	0.67832700
H	-4.26017200	-2.65053600	1.67729300
H	-5.31923800	-1.81342900	0.51250100
H	-5.39504700	-3.57673800	0.67872500
C	-2.78891600	3.21107200	-0.64589000
C	-3.44523400	3.42481100	-2.03785100
H	-4.30321000	2.74564500	-2.16134100
H	-3.81854700	4.44611000	-2.18766000
H	-2.71559500	3.21823900	-2.83333300
C	-3.85575300	3.52210100	0.43788200

H	-3.41771300	3.40540000	1.43902700
H	-4.25809100	4.54129600	0.36905800
H	-4.70087300	2.82433600	0.34488700
C	-1.63939100	4.24198900	-0.49930500
H	-1.97480100	5.27897400	-0.63107300
H	-1.19035300	4.16965700	0.50149700
H	-0.85799300	4.04512400	-1.24547500
H	3.01972600	3.42038100	1.24893600
H	3.67417300	3.47739000	-1.40467300
O	3.81236400	1.39189100	-1.25116200

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H	2.46727900	0.76767500	-0.11636900
Si	5.29359600	0.43394700	-0.00112800
C	5.67823900	1.42585800	1.57791100
H	6.72475300	1.75643800	1.57319400
H	5.54228100	0.79662700	2.46679300
H	5.05436000	2.31669100	1.70861600
C	5.58916500	1.51040500	-1.54184000
H	6.62680600	1.86601000	-1.57607300
H	4.93422000	2.38685500	-1.57552600
H	5.41504800	0.93082400	-2.45748100
C	6.56863800	-0.97804200	-0.05508800
H	6.45924200	-1.57753800	-0.96649400
H	6.43844700	-1.65512600	0.79783400
H	7.59747600	-0.59677700	-0.02530400
O	1.43502200	1.37511300	-0.29228700
C	1.42664200	2.65294800	0.32622100
C	0.20142200	3.43877300	-0.18452300
H	-0.72802300	2.86094600	-0.11694200
H	0.33378900	3.70045800	-1.24321600
H	0.06885900	4.38113800	0.36399700
C	1.35850500	2.49150100	1.86076000
H	2.23093700	1.93825700	2.22247100
H	0.47567500	1.90451900	2.15148800
H	1.32155600	3.45783400	2.38083200
C	2.68051800	3.46862300	-0.04353200
H	3.58666800	2.99476500	0.33619400
H	2.63062000	4.48461400	0.36876600
H	2.76716700	3.54457700	-1.13327200
K	0.32231100	-1.33385900	0.77907700
C	2.94643100	-2.43119000	-0.57008900
C	3.27297600	-1.22201100	-1.06645900
C	3.53414800	-0.26596900	0.03975100
H	3.35326600	-0.99696200	-2.12484800
O	-1.09612900	-1.71414000	-1.47813900
K	-0.52909700	0.75329400	-2.03633800
C	-1.03651800	-2.76367800	-2.38596400
C	-0.59937400	-4.07520400	-1.68453700
H	-0.56404500	-4.93627500	-2.36546500

H	0.39761700	-3.95232300	-1.24458400
H	-1.29886400	-4.31334100	-0.87176600
C	-2.42425600	-3.00898500	-3.04020100
H	-2.78758700	-2.08370600	-3.50805900
H	-2.40448800	-3.79285600	-3.80897900
H	-3.15821100	-3.32138800	-2.28139000
C	-0.02283400	-2.45338500	-3.51949900
H	0.95855400	-2.22941600	-3.08444400
H	0.09586400	-3.28183300	-4.23055200
H	-0.35393700	-1.57540200	-4.09552900
O	-2.03206100	-0.75537000	2.05446400
O	-2.83757300	1.45153100	-0.71458900
K	-3.27613500	-1.14356200	-0.24247900
K	-2.29368500	1.75799200	1.78690400
C	-3.77132900	2.23710700	-1.37796600
C	-3.20310400	2.76944500	-2.72107100
H	-2.94724900	1.92803400	-3.38135100
H	-3.91279100	3.40573100	-3.26557900
H	-2.29607700	3.36139300	-2.53898100
C	-4.18085200	3.46302900	-0.51597400
H	-4.90583800	4.11917300	-1.01480900
H	-4.64323400	3.12649300	0.42466200
H	-3.29519900	4.06619300	-0.27459900
C	-5.05674800	1.42499800	-1.69275200
H	-4.81285200	0.56431800	-2.33124300
H	-5.50352700	1.05102500	-0.76002100
H	-5.82299700	2.01499800	-2.21263500
C	-2.34849700	-1.41861100	3.23407800
C	-2.70756200	-0.40805400	4.35838000
H	-3.57877900	0.19627700	4.06154000
H	-2.95856300	-0.89149100	5.31140700
H	-1.85862300	0.26558700	4.54365500
C	-3.56881500	-2.35462400	3.02480000
H	-3.33909000	-3.09956800	2.25027400
H	-3.85713600	-2.89923200	3.93349800
H	-4.44060300	-1.76962700	2.69683300
C	-1.15844600	-2.28015000	3.72876100
H	-1.37201200	-2.80508400	4.66904900
H	-0.90491300	-3.04161700	2.97820300
H	-0.27521400	-1.64798800	3.89133600
H	2.69821000	-3.37179500	-1.04313400
C	3.22669900	-1.09962700	1.22295300
H	3.76522400	-1.08825700	2.16861000
O	2.94209200	-2.44682000	0.81359300
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C	2.71776200	-0.72639700	0.00013600
C	2.88334200	0.62484900	0.00019900
C	1.56289400	1.17828200	-0.00004200
C	0.67363500	0.13386100	-0.00022500

H	1.30381300	2.22883700	-0.00012400
Si	-1.20128900	0.00625800	-0.00000200
C	-1.76539700	-0.92939200	-1.54413000
H	-1.31276000	-1.92679000	-1.58701400
H	-2.85501700	-1.05661800	-1.55534900
H	-1.48028000	-0.39608500	-2.45836300
C	-1.88689900	1.76901900	-0.00555800
H	-2.98351600	1.75382300	-0.00396800
H	-1.56409400	2.33190600	0.87799400
H	-1.56647400	2.32513500	-0.89423700
C	-1.76614000	-0.91974000	1.54970200
H	-1.48031700	-0.38133500	2.46071900
H	-2.85590300	-1.04570100	1.56182500
H	-1.31460000	-1.91737200	1.59840600
H	3.82308500	1.15977100	0.00034700
H	3.40536800	-1.55944500	0.00021500
O	1.39794300	-1.04833000	-0.00011500

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Si	-1.21701500	-0.00489100	-0.00004600
C	-1.82519700	1.78835800	-0.00083300
H	-2.92140200	1.82290500	-0.00109600
H	-1.48064800	2.33472400	0.88523600
H	-1.48022800	2.33423200	-0.88703700
C	-1.85438900	-0.89569300	-1.54507900
H	-2.95100700	-0.92503700	-1.56081300
H	-1.51987400	-0.39168200	-2.45933500
H	-1.49603000	-1.93120600	-1.58964400
C	-1.85448500	-0.89398700	1.54594000
H	-1.49698100	-1.92975800	1.59129200
H	-1.51927900	-0.38944700	2.45965100
H	-2.95112600	-0.92240300	1.56204800
C	2.82709500	-0.65352500	0.00013400
C	1.56222200	-1.14784800	0.00012300
C	0.65871300	-0.01437000	-0.00006400
H	3.80837200	-1.10375800	0.00023900
H	1.29026000	-2.19525100	0.00023800
O	2.80369500	0.71188300	-0.00003600
C	1.48904500	1.07250700	-0.00014000
H	1.30856200	2.13744900	-0.00032800

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C	-0.01190200	-1.24340800	-0.00000100
C	-1.27302600	-0.71463500	-0.00000900
C	-1.27239500	0.71534800	0.00000700
C	-0.01079000	1.24310900	0.00003100
H	-2.17179700	1.32175600	0.00001300
H	-2.17315100	-1.31999100	-0.00001800
H	0.28061500	-2.28473500	-0.00000500
S	1.19948300	-0.00026300	-0.00001400

H	0.28128500	2.28469900	0.00005500
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C	0.90627600	0.07786600	-1.11060000
C	1.36511100	1.31445100	-0.65314200
C	2.31204500	1.20428200	0.39695600
C	2.65653900	-0.09365100	0.68310500
H	2.73034500	2.05643400	0.92294800
H	0.99949900	2.25739700	-1.04442500
H	0.45591700	-0.11437300	-2.07416300
S	1.82782500	-1.22109700	-0.35405100
H	3.33159000	-0.45530000	1.44688900
Si	-1.59798800	-0.03424200	0.01287300
C	-2.90837200	-1.31992600	-0.50571500
H	-3.81278000	-1.23459200	0.11395800
H	-3.20877800	-1.18638700	-1.55129300
H	-2.52729400	-2.34159000	-0.39567400
C	-1.13321500	-0.27990800	1.83648000
H	-1.99036300	-0.07902100	2.49383200
H	-0.79930600	-1.30620400	2.02452400
H	-0.31908300	0.39246200	2.12776100
C	-2.27725700	1.72316500	-0.25612900
H	-1.52300400	2.47840100	-0.00823900
H	-2.58297300	1.88241900	-1.29677400
H	-3.15390000	1.90961800	0.37951600

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C	-1.41695200	1.02744600	-0.71180500
C	-0.67150600	-0.03863900	-1.22670100
C	-1.21899300	-1.31084700	-0.78483900
C	-2.21864600	-1.18180700	0.12311700
H	-0.83744800	-2.26977800	-1.12015000
H	-0.12147700	0.05880000	-2.15701300
H	-1.30224100	2.08117900	-0.92436100
S	-2.60251100	0.49539700	0.45021700
H	-2.75748200	-1.96609200	0.63841600
Si	1.59247900	-0.00658700	0.04411400
C	2.23832700	1.73670000	-0.36025300
H	3.08669300	2.00408800	0.28436300
H	2.57773600	1.80956000	-1.40030900
H	1.45842200	2.49168100	-0.20856000
C	1.09296000	-0.10581700	1.87191200
H	1.94575700	0.12386100	2.52541600
H	0.29232100	0.60550600	2.10076700
H	0.73177400	-1.10670800	2.13245000
C	2.95357000	-1.29188500	-0.32642800
H	2.60764700	-2.31075300	-0.11753800
H	3.26629400	-1.25441300	-1.37636600
H	3.84490100	-1.11196800	0.29181300

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C	0.37579600	0.12393000	-0.80768300
C	1.12115500	1.39460800	-0.52260000
C	2.33078300	1.23343400	0.12555300
C	2.69737400	-0.08918800	0.36713100
H	2.96265100	2.06660500	0.42095700
H	0.70658600	2.35532900	-0.80995800
H	0.20705500	-0.01715000	-1.88691900
S	1.51527000	-1.24008900	-0.23491900
H	3.59341900	-0.44504000	0.85794300
Si	-1.34299600	0.01548700	0.07059800
C	-2.12584100	-1.65885900	-0.33597800
H	-3.11823300	-1.74690600	0.12301400
H	-2.24948800	-1.79450700	-1.41730200
H	-1.51363500	-2.48755200	0.03789200
C	-1.12063100	0.21955700	1.93330700
H	-2.08667400	0.17491200	2.45067200
H	-0.48263700	-0.57165600	2.34167300
H	-0.65422600	1.18143000	2.17348300
C	-2.42038500	1.41027000	-0.62749800
H	-1.99981100	2.39779700	-0.40425100
H	-2.52927000	1.33146900	-1.71606400
H	-3.42761900	1.37735700	-0.19419600

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C	1.15196400	-1.03119400	-0.53579900
C	0.25221800	0.12163000	-0.86114900
C	1.00704100	1.36037200	-0.46181100
C	2.21187200	1.15507600	0.08878800
H	0.59089400	2.35439400	-0.60017700
H	-0.00972000	0.15314100	-1.93778000
H	1.02867200	-2.04347000	-0.89640200
S	2.67660500	-0.55283300	0.18080800
H	2.89829400	1.90549100	0.46264100
Si	-1.44633700	-0.03925500	0.06731100
C	-2.27416200	-1.64681500	-0.49632000
H	-3.25433600	-1.76928000	-0.01940800
H	-2.43274000	-1.65976700	-1.58165700
H	-1.66862900	-2.52252300	-0.23610600
C	-1.15362000	-0.06240700	1.93291500
H	-2.09811400	-0.17620600	2.47876900
H	-0.49844200	-0.89364900	2.21545200
H	-0.67911000	0.86446000	2.27459700
C	-2.54627200	1.43104600	-0.41093300
H	-2.11424100	2.38554100	-0.08750800
H	-2.69750900	1.48439200	-1.49607700
H	-3.53622000	1.34612200	0.05423800

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H	2.27395300	-0.33777200	-0.74214500
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Si	4.88125300	-1.03816400	0.02548700
C	5.70771600	-1.37107300	-1.65037400
H	6.57087900	-2.03546900	-1.51654000
H	6.07739400	-0.43894400	-2.09454600
H	5.03541700	-1.84244300	-2.37378000
C	4.08482300	-2.65055000	0.65961100
H	4.83061200	-3.44414500	0.79470800
H	3.32914300	-3.01544300	-0.04778100
H	3.59372300	-2.49456800	1.62963200
C	6.25858700	-0.54303300	1.23703000
H	5.86090600	-0.37394400	2.24445700
H	6.73569000	0.39038000	0.91454200
H	7.03815600	-1.31271000	1.30484600
O	1.23479800	-0.69837800	-1.10911900
C	1.08006200	-0.76630100	-2.52624500
C	0.05260000	-1.87645700	-2.82733600
H	-0.85629600	-1.76909600	-2.22208300
H	0.47749900	-2.85854300	-2.58360800
H	-0.22680600	-1.89661000	-3.88965800
C	0.59026700	0.59778200	-3.05906100
H	1.35828200	1.35924000	-2.88000600
H	-0.31960000	0.92869000	-2.54016300
H	0.38816000	0.57083000	-4.13834700
C	2.39941300	-1.12777300	-3.22756200
H	3.15553300	-0.35602000	-3.06206900
H	2.24956300	-1.23045800	-4.30971400
H	2.78384100	-2.07937500	-2.84552400
K	0.23625800	1.60979900	0.31125900
C	3.34750500	2.88511600	0.14648800
C	3.05417900	2.20277300	1.33252700
C	3.13649100	0.81612400	1.24089900
C	3.51896800	0.26912100	-0.06766100
H	2.95050200	0.16306100	2.09048600
O	-0.79499000	0.04991800	2.24230300
K	-0.31408000	-1.97228000	0.67246200
C	-0.57077300	0.02853500	3.61251600
C	0.18810000	1.29921800	4.06991100
H	0.37155700	1.32373100	5.15251900
H	1.15584300	1.35951400	3.55922600
H	-0.39294500	2.19296000	3.80442500
C	-1.91201500	-0.03495900	4.39645200
H	-2.48822600	-0.92160600	4.09396200
H	-1.77182900	-0.08618400	5.48424200
H	-2.51473300	0.86261200	4.19076700
C	0.26980900	-1.21376100	4.01338000
H	1.22355600	-1.20844800	3.46951100
H	0.49533700	-1.25498100	5.08717900
H	-0.27256500	-2.13667800	3.75713600
O	-2.35261200	1.89475800	-0.67222800
O	-2.84294300	-1.70184800	-0.34279300

K	-3.17330800	0.36505500	1.32632900
K	-2.87263300	-0.00783300	-2.29056100
C	-3.66927700	-2.81823800	-0.33838300
C	-2.87954000	-4.09721400	0.04876400
H	-2.46811100	-3.99328500	1.06326700
H	-3.49757900	-5.00426500	0.04059300
H	-2.04928600	-4.25257800	-0.65365900
C	-4.29551900	-3.05298200	-1.74057500
H	-4.93619100	-3.94313200	-1.78524200
H	-4.92016600	-2.19224200	-2.02550400
H	-3.50209100	-3.17384900	-2.49066400
C	-4.82792900	-2.64433000	0.67992200
H	-4.42175400	-2.50505000	1.69146000
H	-5.42536600	-1.75799800	0.42117700
H	-5.50904300	-3.50491300	0.71165100
C	-2.81092800	3.18990500	-0.88315200
C	-3.41540100	3.34104800	-2.30655300
H	-4.27302300	2.66111200	-2.42917000
H	-3.77687400	4.35588200	-2.51720400
H	-2.65930700	3.09397700	-3.06478200
C	-3.91449300	3.55736100	0.14505500
H	-3.51372100	3.48863800	1.16604100
H	-4.30891100	4.57339300	0.01228300
H	-4.75978800	2.85918200	0.05573200
C	-1.66116100	4.22110400	-0.74318300
H	-1.98546600	5.25248100	-0.93348400
H	-1.24793300	4.19224800	0.27501000
H	-0.85553700	3.98732300	-1.45182800
H	2.77759100	2.72651600	2.24614800
H	3.46692300	3.95244800	0.01043000
S	3.90150700	1.75854100	-1.10132300

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H	2.32456100	-0.41412500	-0.74440500
Si	4.77188800	-1.16803600	0.03975700
C	5.67742100	-1.65962000	-1.55468800
H	6.42760800	-2.43061800	-1.33779800
H	6.20817500	-0.80016300	-1.98176800
H	5.00783300	-2.05406800	-2.32481200
C	3.83001200	-2.68304600	0.71550100
H	4.50537200	-3.51648200	0.94649500
H	3.09204600	-3.03352600	-0.01649800
H	3.29503500	-2.42937800	1.64138800
C	6.11346000	-0.70667900	1.30775000
H	5.68147300	-0.47766200	2.28924000
H	6.66583500	0.18259000	0.98063400
H	6.83850500	-1.51990600	1.44274400
O	1.22175100	-0.82783700	-1.08749300
C	1.05067300	-0.99978800	-2.48873200
C	-0.01132700	-2.09864500	-2.70839700

H	-0.91223400	-1.92307900	-2.10700000
H	0.38649700	-3.07345800	-2.39784500
H	-0.29951000	-2.18627900	-3.76527000
C	0.60026000	0.33337500	-3.12772200
H	1.38602600	1.08522300	-2.98763800
H	-0.31108300	0.72153100	-2.65122300
H	0.41171900	0.23593300	-4.20542100
C	2.35297100	-1.45098200	-3.17328600
H	3.12700800	-0.68648700	-3.07019000
H	2.19197700	-1.63379100	-4.24338000
H	2.71636300	-2.37982100	-2.72047400
K	0.25443300	1.60001000	0.11020300
C	3.16877400	2.25570700	1.04437300
C	3.16669400	0.89888600	1.02822900
C	3.53336200	0.24133800	-0.23492100
H	2.90167000	0.33263700	1.92027500
O	-0.68253300	0.19079300	2.20173700
K	-0.30495600	-1.96393300	0.77510400
C	-0.42512700	0.26475500	3.56412900
C	0.35231500	1.55846400	3.91481000
H	0.55903100	1.65619400	4.98902900
H	1.30963800	1.57767100	3.38159300
H	-0.22825900	2.43634400	3.60031900
C	-1.74680100	0.26909600	4.38409600
H	-2.33834600	-0.62993900	4.15706600
H	-1.57929700	0.28922300	5.46900500
H	-2.34655200	1.15735600	4.13421500
C	0.41501500	-0.95390200	4.03338000
H	1.35135200	-1.00351700	3.46213400
H	0.67374900	-0.91620000	5.09979000
H	-0.14351900	-1.88723700	3.86514900
O	-2.35222200	1.86694700	-0.75069200
O	-2.85728200	-1.70237800	-0.19257300
K	-3.10421800	0.45748900	1.35742700
K	-2.89368500	-0.13137700	-2.24221900
C	-3.70142600	-2.80211500	-0.10910500
C	-2.92107600	-4.07511000	0.31479100
H	-2.47461000	-3.92918300	1.30915000
H	-3.55439900	-4.96980000	0.37171900
H	-2.11703700	-4.27971700	-0.40508900
C	-4.37571300	-3.09248100	-1.47836800
H	-5.03526300	-3.96966200	-1.45826300
H	-4.99155600	-2.23367800	-1.78722400
H	-3.60915200	-3.26853700	-2.24545200
C	-4.82496700	-2.55988500	0.93452800
H	-4.38523200	-2.37849000	1.92519400
H	-5.41758100	-1.67775300	0.65165900
H	-5.51683500	-3.40713900	1.02882500
C	-2.82650200	3.14635300	-1.01657600
C	-3.44215000	3.22485200	-2.44064800

H	-4.29575200	2.53405400	-2.52431500
H	-3.81205300	4.22593200	-2.69742400
H	-2.68953000	2.94565500	-3.19099400
C	-3.92719900	3.54782900	0.00214500
H	-3.51726300	3.53682500	1.02186200
H	-4.33767900	4.55021100	-0.17726300
H	-4.76243800	2.83369300	-0.04493700
C	-1.68768500	4.19494200	-0.93032200
H	-2.02735600	5.21543100	-1.14993300
H	-1.25910600	4.20420100	0.08186100
H	-0.88999100	3.94849500	-1.64375900
H	2.94219600	2.90972400	1.87918300
S	3.66317500	2.94932500	-0.51590800
C	3.82868500	1.30961100	-1.21431700
H	4.51512000	1.21456400	-2.04975900

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C	2.95137300	-0.16752000	0.00002100
C	2.61567500	1.15837000	0.00001900
C	1.20321000	1.36342200	0.00000000
C	0.45554700	0.20485500	-0.00001400
H	0.75066400	2.35024700	-0.00001600
Si	-1.41944000	0.02732200	0.00000500
C	-1.97082000	-0.91596800	-1.54526200
H	-1.52495800	-1.91690400	-1.58590100
H	-3.06101100	-1.03793100	-1.56429800
H	-1.67638500	-0.38637900	-2.45865200
C	-2.16568000	1.76586000	-0.00086000
H	-3.26109000	1.71010900	-0.00025200
H	-1.86448500	2.33720300	0.88479500
H	-1.86537300	2.33589100	-0.88766000
C	-1.97097900	-0.91450400	1.54610900
H	-1.67673000	-0.38399100	2.45902300
H	-3.06116200	-1.03654500	1.56509900
H	-1.52502300	-1.91535400	1.58778900
H	3.34509800	1.96164600	0.00002700
H	3.93902200	-0.60987700	0.00002400
S	1.54022800	-1.17235600	-0.00000800

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Si	1.53858000	0.03017500	0.00001500
C	2.22009500	-0.82777100	1.54542600
H	3.31685700	-0.80342500	1.55949700
H	1.86276900	-0.34030000	2.46000100
H	1.91289700	-1.87955000	1.59096800
C	2.21965700	-0.82825100	-1.54533400
H	3.31641700	-0.80411500	-1.55975000
H	1.91225200	-1.87998800	-1.59050700
H	1.86213800	-0.34096700	-2.45993300
C	2.05343400	1.85161900	-0.00032300

H	1.68128600	2.37940100	-0.88647000
H	1.68179900	2.37965700	0.88588200
H	3.14646900	1.94220200	-0.00065700
C	-2.45693100	-1.12559100	0.00004100
C	-1.10375300	-1.31008000	0.00008800
C	-0.34360700	-0.08461400	0.00010800
H	-3.23730700	-1.87515600	0.00001300
H	-0.65214300	-2.29774800	0.00010600
C	-1.18496100	1.00253400	0.00006000
H	-0.91819400	2.05150300	0.00007200
S	-2.86556000	0.56118500	0.00001000

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C	2.33045100	-0.49880100	1.76744400
H	1.80032700	-1.41849000	2.04164200
H	3.31693600	-0.51976900	2.25066500
H	1.75619900	0.33392300	2.19219000
C	1.80997600	1.23968000	-0.98868800
H	1.43405400	1.95462800	-0.24575000
H	2.59349700	1.73814200	-1.57564100
H	0.96788300	1.01814200	-1.65269100
C	2.21777100	-1.98245100	-1.12607800
H	1.49972200	-1.84294000	-1.94305400
H	3.17043800	-2.32194500	-1.54920000
H	1.81923800	-2.77471500	-0.48067700
Si	2.42437200	-0.36148600	-0.14347600
C	4.69481300	1.85482600	0.77932400
C	5.18562200	0.63004600	-0.02246400
H	3.97611300	2.44249500	0.20044300
H	4.21209000	1.54906300	1.71269500
H	5.53882700	2.50900600	1.03534800
C	6.20633100	-0.15683700	0.82708000
C	5.86869900	1.11618600	-1.31797800
H	6.55030800	-1.03466200	0.26864900
H	7.08010700	0.45405000	1.09269300
H	5.73727500	-0.50973800	1.75245600
H	6.73228100	1.76333500	-1.11152600
H	6.20999200	0.25322300	-1.90068200
H	5.15513200	1.67616300	-1.93279500
O	4.16222100	-0.26408500	-0.39559900
H	0.45801200	-0.58119200	0.10154000
C	-3.37401700	2.58568400	1.23694300
C	-2.95307200	1.46581000	0.52650900
C	-2.98851700	1.41654700	-0.91094200
C	-3.51834800	2.53321300	-1.60622400
C	-3.96341200	3.64513200	-0.88386500
C	-3.89268600	3.68370300	0.51332700
H	-3.31414900	2.61920900	2.32215100
H	-3.55990200	2.52818600	-2.69372500
H	-4.36473800	4.50331000	-1.42190600

H	-4.23444500	4.56559000	1.05128900
C	-2.42989500	0.18817200	-1.29695300
C	-1.97802500	-0.55779000	-0.12463500
H	-0.57702700	-0.59575700	-0.03274400
N	-2.44303500	0.26836500	0.99548200
H	-2.29825800	-0.15336400	-2.31733500
C	-1.87520700	0.17063300	2.32065000
H	-1.02545200	0.85763700	2.46304600
H	-2.63212100	0.40292200	3.08243500
H	-1.51819500	-0.84593000	2.49243800
Si	-2.45179700	-2.39129200	-0.11018900
C	-4.32892200	-2.66885900	0.06390800
H	-4.70062100	-2.23233100	0.99893600
H	-4.86731900	-2.18299100	-0.75821400
H	-4.59120000	-3.73556300	0.06158100
C	-1.58975700	-3.35422200	1.29133900
H	-1.69709600	-4.43748800	1.14555100
H	-0.51827900	-3.12254600	1.31505000
H	-2.00671600	-3.11625400	2.27782200
C	-1.86863900	-3.15106300	-1.75181400
H	-0.78821200	-3.01581300	-1.87876800
H	-2.07897600	-4.22810100	-1.78823700
H	-2.36729600	-2.68407600	-2.60924200

**TS-183**

H	0.64634900	0.64751600	-0.01343900
Si	2.68970900	2.10709700	-0.12052400
C	2.04439900	3.36862100	1.14817000
H	2.40743500	4.38116700	0.92706400
H	2.36874900	3.11562400	2.16531000
H	0.94858100	3.39248300	1.14617500
C	2.14175100	2.68347100	-1.84798500
H	2.40526300	3.73488600	-2.02429100
H	1.05527500	2.58141700	-1.95258400
H	2.61069700	2.08782400	-2.64037800
C	4.59710100	2.14532900	-0.05898900
H	5.02429300	1.45026700	-0.79211000
H	4.95802800	1.83937800	0.93080900
H	4.99842800	3.14635400	-0.26890700
C	2.72068800	-1.82914900	0.36491600
C	2.37305500	-0.76603000	-0.51693700
C	1.98023500	0.41878300	0.28544500
C	2.61912800	-2.23056900	2.81683900
H	3.40037700	-2.99683400	2.74650500
H	1.64456500	-2.73513300	2.93379800
H	2.80506400	-1.63890600	3.71997900
N	2.66300900	-1.36287200	1.66827900
C	2.11171700	-0.05188800	1.68203700
H	2.38250500	0.57000700	2.53537300
C	2.37160300	-1.01727500	-1.89091100

C	3.03924200	-3.10613700	-0.10352700
C	3.04345700	-3.32213000	-1.49242600
C	2.71642700	-2.29327000	-2.37400500
H	2.70924300	-2.48058800	-3.44603400
H	3.29258700	-4.30961100	-1.87678800
H	2.08280100	-0.23522600	-2.58833100
H	3.27754800	-3.91636700	0.58142000
C	-1.68018900	-0.95967400	1.00115700
H	-0.82052100	-0.70183100	1.63086000
H	-2.46601100	-1.39107000	1.63631300
H	-1.33291300	-1.73959000	0.31080300
C	-2.21678500	0.56974100	-1.88953700
H	-1.64203900	-0.28978600	-2.25583400
H	-3.20928400	0.55189400	-2.36062700
H	-1.69258700	1.46707500	-2.24001400
C	-2.08251100	2.27363100	0.89390200
H	-1.71052900	3.02247900	0.18319800
H	-3.03259200	2.62787500	1.31046700
H	-1.34453800	2.20480900	1.70212400
Si	-2.26971500	0.58113500	0.03033000
C	-4.56538000	-1.69624300	-0.70064300
C	-5.04545200	-0.40629700	0.00104800
H	-4.07865600	-1.47011900	-1.65429900
H	-3.85125800	-2.24101100	-0.07590100
H	-5.41463400	-2.36216700	-0.90479600
C	-5.73644800	-0.78535500	1.32887900
C	-6.06246900	0.31629400	-0.90960800
H	-6.07374300	0.12334000	1.84033300
H	-6.60368800	-1.44191900	1.17146900
H	-5.02773300	-1.29859400	1.98850300
H	-6.93818600	-0.30972900	-1.13125900
H	-6.40457800	1.23545600	-0.42055300
H	-5.58887100	0.59654900	-1.85716100
O	-4.01837700	0.50492300	0.30495500
H	-0.37681000	0.77643000	-0.23903100

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C	1.70979000	-0.87048100	1.66101000
H	1.01961600	-1.71768700	1.74932700
H	2.66731500	-1.16616800	2.11382300
H	1.28407900	-0.05496000	2.25869200
C	1.56021600	1.46490100	-0.65006700
H	1.28301500	2.05633800	0.23201400
H	2.43853700	1.93457500	-1.11464600
H	0.71583700	1.54160900	-1.34308400
C	1.30032200	-1.66210200	-1.46165000
H	0.57012800	-1.22735800	-2.15326500
H	2.14861100	-2.05244000	-2.03731100
H	0.80461000	-2.50234200	-0.95974800
Si	1.85224900	-0.36372600	-0.18228400

C	4.52435800	1.10207500	1.09078800
C	4.75491000	0.00007300	0.03380000
H	3.94900600	1.93421800	0.67390800
H	3.98149300	0.71168400	1.95709500
H	5.48523900	1.49832400	1.44539500
C	5.58171800	-1.14096800	0.66383700
C	5.53548200	0.59856800	-1.15527200
H	5.74162600	-1.93205500	-0.07738100
H	6.56055200	-0.79216300	1.02102800
H	5.04010100	-1.57790900	1.51033000
H	6.51287200	0.99623400	-0.84881100
H	5.69503900	-0.17270900	-1.91712800
H	4.95892100	1.40983400	-1.61371600
O	3.57132700	-0.56471900	-0.48214500
H	-0.16826100	-0.22658900	0.10475600
C	-2.72036200	2.82465400	0.00406500
C	-2.66811600	2.54475900	-1.35222500
C	-2.60367700	1.15800200	-1.52901800
C	-2.53838100	0.50631400	-0.21668900
H	-1.10252800	0.02216100	-0.00395800
N	-2.77623400	1.61482200	0.72968500
H	-2.50796800	0.63723100	-2.47524400
C	-2.13177000	1.57318400	2.02823400
H	-1.03062000	1.62079300	1.96451500
H	-2.47766100	2.42183300	2.63402300
H	-2.39813200	0.65179600	2.55576400
Si	-3.52965300	-1.06728200	0.01584200
C	-5.42525600	-0.82207100	-0.02659800
H	-5.73709100	-0.12124600	0.75790100
H	-5.73271100	-0.39055100	-0.98706400
H	-5.97871000	-1.76055400	0.11855600
C	-3.12603400	-1.94845900	1.66046600
H	-3.56617200	-2.95462000	1.68978800
H	-2.04173300	-2.04955600	1.78783800
H	-3.51349300	-1.39829200	2.52724800
C	-3.06167200	-2.26514400	-1.38839000
H	-1.98036900	-2.44666800	-1.39714400
H	-3.56774400	-3.23391800	-1.28125800
H	-3.33500200	-1.85301800	-2.36745800
H	-2.68529600	3.29238900	-2.14046500
H	-2.83560300	3.77006700	0.52149100

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H	-1.12538800	-0.40814700	-0.24628300
Si	-3.47389800	-1.15775100	0.16015100
C	-2.95323600	-1.96631000	1.80264300
H	-3.54058000	-2.86766400	2.02306700
H	-3.07917900	-1.27266200	2.64377800
H	-1.89445100	-2.24802500	1.76443000
C	-3.26607300	-2.44842900	-1.22550400



H	-3.83846400	-3.36366900	-1.02386400
H	-2.20926500	-2.72232600	-1.32680900
H	-3.60114900	-2.05528000	-2.19408200
C	-5.33819800	-0.74733700	0.29807600
H	-5.71839800	-0.33369300	-0.64448600
H	-5.50818800	0.00747700	1.07600900
H	-5.94380900	-1.63021700	0.54713000
C	-2.48895500	2.38090300	-1.22512500
C	-2.49529700	1.04727900	-1.45335100
C	-2.37157300	0.31129600	-0.17302500
C	-1.81038400	3.83839900	0.65216000
H	-2.12070800	4.71462700	0.06778800
H	-0.70747700	3.76088400	0.62081100
H	-2.10208500	4.00928300	1.69617500
N	-2.47163200	2.65211800	0.15280500
C	-2.27134100	1.40123000	0.81711600
H	-2.60197100	1.34551200	1.85435400
C	1.29873000	-0.04116800	1.52479500
H	0.81404900	-0.83195100	2.11286300
H	2.15610500	0.32285600	2.10785600
H	0.55904100	0.76310200	1.42885500
C	1.47492600	0.30419700	-1.75493400
H	0.88332400	1.19721000	-1.52175200
H	2.40978100	0.61388200	-2.24170300
H	0.88938400	-0.27049300	-2.48262600
C	1.60046000	-2.65581500	-0.41609600
H	1.04270600	-2.88687300	-1.33163900
H	2.58262000	-3.14166800	-0.46686400
H	1.03568800	-3.09259600	0.41689700
Si	1.75210200	-0.76315400	-0.18934700
C	4.07964100	1.60631200	0.10282700
C	4.54214000	0.13234500	0.13397900
H	3.67697200	1.87182900	-0.87951500
H	3.30229100	1.79472000	0.84911200
H	4.92300600	2.27721700	0.31547300
C	5.16280600	-0.17743100	1.51453900
C	5.61346500	-0.07602200	-0.95818200
H	5.48879600	-1.22341400	1.54303800
H	6.02771000	0.46504000	1.73180200
H	4.42009400	-0.03558600	2.30699000
H	6.48828400	0.57226800	-0.80929100
H	5.94645000	-1.12012100	-0.95354500
H	5.18702600	0.13621800	-1.94525200
O	3.52022700	-0.80262000	-0.11077400
H	-0.20061400	-0.84846800	-0.28783100
H	-2.55828900	0.58708400	-2.43448000
H	-2.50123100	3.20576200	-1.93061800
<b>TS-190 (194), penta</b>			
C	-1.53510000	-1.17321500	-1.43348800

H	-0.80840600	-1.98883700	-1.34247100
H	-2.47298900	-1.59687900	-1.82058100
H	-1.13401100	-0.47879100	-2.18162300
C	-1.46454600	1.58231200	0.37501700
H	-1.15124200	1.98982700	-0.59422800
H	-2.36231300	2.12435000	0.70427300
H	-0.64947300	1.80202700	1.07239100
C	-1.23710300	-1.32823800	1.79405400
H	-0.55910200	-0.75305400	2.43488900
H	-2.11329500	-1.62690300	2.38237900
H	-0.69684400	-2.23269900	1.48821700
Si	-1.73296800	-0.30626400	0.26402500
C	-4.34502000	0.84938500	-1.38406600
C	-4.62379600	0.00777100	-0.11946900
H	-3.75701500	1.74034100	-1.14416900
H	-3.79477400	0.26931200	-2.13127100
H	-5.28797500	1.17881600	-1.84040900
C	-5.45819800	-1.23036900	-0.51046900
C	-5.42025600	0.86188500	0.88956000
H	-5.65521400	-1.83765000	0.38016200
H	-6.41907800	-0.95348800	-0.96602600
H	-4.90227200	-1.84965300	-1.22342000
H	-6.38047800	1.20098800	0.47668000
H	-5.61606700	0.27582900	1.79457200
H	-4.83690100	1.74290700	1.17972700
O	-3.46504600	-0.45169600	0.53746200
H	0.27739600	-0.20873600	0.03039700
C	2.71768000	2.75130100	-0.75037800
C	2.75663300	2.86646500	0.62201400
C	2.74946100	1.57436100	1.16900000
C	2.61288100	0.61953500	0.07537900
H	1.21185300	0.06929100	0.06330600
H	2.71284800	1.31708100	2.22087800
Si	3.63686900	-0.94025500	-0.06655800
C	5.51714700	-0.65320900	-0.25755000
H	5.72191000	-0.05255800	-1.15237400
H	5.91298000	-0.10079400	0.60366800
H	6.08129800	-1.59246400	-0.34652600
C	3.05366700	-1.94404400	-1.57110200
H	3.59668400	-2.89279800	-1.67594600
H	1.98349600	-2.16615900	-1.48808700
H	3.19643900	-1.36813600	-2.49342800
C	3.35532300	-1.96753900	1.51145300
H	2.28648900	-2.16360100	1.65742700
H	3.87452400	-2.93411200	1.46749500
H	3.71849100	-1.43572500	2.40007400
H	2.77661500	3.80397800	1.16875000
H	2.70842500	3.47791700	-1.55107000
O	2.69138900	1.42585200	-1.13720100

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H	1.22062800	0.04442700	0.19179000
Si	3.53981700	-0.95918600	0.02487500
C	3.12352000	-1.94787500	-1.54608100
H	3.67512100	-2.89641900	-1.59185800
H	3.37203300	-1.37597100	-2.44935200
H	2.05186100	-2.17415200	-1.58541100
C	3.10826500	-2.03109000	1.53859700
H	3.61231500	-3.00634500	1.51109800
H	2.02658200	-2.20594000	1.57621900
H	3.39507200	-1.53687000	2.47579300
C	5.43066400	-0.67141200	0.02838100
H	5.74389000	-0.14204100	0.93697900
H	5.72674200	-0.05105600	-0.82688800
H	5.99728500	-1.61154900	-0.02633700
C	2.80009500	2.81069800	0.70233000
C	2.68064700	1.55994000	1.18364300
C	2.52801000	0.61390800	0.05112100
C	2.56277000	1.52558900	-1.10449800
H	3.02130800	1.33130200	-2.07288700
C	-1.33985000	1.47262800	-0.50538100
H	-0.41437600	1.57549800	-1.08298400
H	-2.16486100	1.92693500	-1.07163900
H	-1.19460900	2.05882200	0.41165300
C	-1.66029200	-0.91973300	1.75497700
H	-1.26666800	-0.12416600	2.39992400
H	-2.65170700	-1.21074900	2.12983500
H	-0.98878200	-1.77860200	1.87310700
C	-1.11089100	-1.65763800	-1.37668600
H	-0.64529900	-2.51760000	-0.87880000
H	-1.95385200	-2.01663400	-1.97891700
H	-0.35548700	-1.22556200	-2.04327400
Si	-1.65789100	-0.36521500	-0.08415200
C	-4.37523600	1.15551200	1.05919800
C	-4.57203100	0.05592400	-0.00792200
H	-3.86816000	0.76059500	1.94502600
H	-3.77740800	1.98252400	0.66473300
H	-5.34575400	1.55930000	1.37778300
C	-5.29751100	0.66546800	-1.22686800
C	-5.44100700	-1.07473900	0.58569900
H	-5.43474100	-0.10339800	-1.99560500
H	-6.28195100	1.07550500	-0.96114200
H	-4.69148900	1.46911400	-1.65993600
H	-6.43033900	-0.71411700	0.90053100
H	-5.57846300	-1.86366800	-0.16248000
H	-4.94270300	-1.51953900	1.45447000
O	-3.37681900	-0.51909400	-0.47592000
H	0.25843100	-0.30034700	0.28509300
H	2.63903100	1.29858100	2.23571700
H	2.87342100	3.77193500	1.19719300

O            2.80219900   2.85893600   -0.67015600

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C	-1.70850400	-1.17337600	-1.48000700
H	-0.99828900	-2.00572100	-1.41000800
H	-2.66455100	-1.57386500	-1.84503900
H	-1.31005500	-0.48394600	-2.23425500
C	-1.55821500	1.57470100	0.35346300
H	-1.27769600	1.99142400	-0.62194000
H	-2.44078400	2.11675200	0.72054500
H	-0.71841100	1.78100600	1.02530500
C	-1.35139400	-1.35525600	1.74641900
H	-0.62784900	-0.81402800	2.36663700
H	-2.22334100	-1.61265400	2.35914200
H	-0.86516100	-2.28506500	1.42503300
Si	-1.84343900	-0.31159900	0.22846400
C	-4.47528000	0.90492700	-1.35307600
C	-4.74051300	0.04790400	-0.09575200
H	-3.87645500	1.78773700	-1.11015400
H	-3.94086100	0.33116900	-2.11642300
H	-5.42239700	1.24798300	-1.79041800
C	-5.59657500	-1.17488000	-0.48940700
C	-5.51035400	0.89624700	0.93898400
H	-5.78340300	-1.79321700	0.39580700
H	-6.56278300	-0.88072900	-0.92235400
H	-5.06157500	-1.78968200	-1.22193900
H	-6.47410500	1.25112500	0.54807300
H	-5.69634400	0.29955000	1.83912700
H	-4.91282000	1.76706700	1.23117300
O	-3.57618100	-0.43256200	0.53379600
H	0.11495300	-0.25545900	-0.03986700
C	2.88184600	2.98567400	-0.14879600
C	2.78982300	2.58011800	1.17779500
C	2.61494700	1.21127700	1.36272200
C	2.45628700	0.41991900	0.13971200
H	1.09533900	0.00401200	0.03269600
H	2.51516600	0.75027800	2.34216400
Si	3.37927300	-1.20274200	-0.03166800
C	5.27628400	-1.01660200	-0.04286900
H	5.58803200	-0.36087500	-0.86451200
H	5.62706400	-0.55997300	0.89070900
H	5.78828700	-1.98133600	-0.16300300
C	2.86275300	-2.06321300	-1.64593600
H	3.31497800	-3.05939400	-1.74038300
H	1.77303600	-2.17596700	-1.68516800
H	3.16508200	-1.47485300	-2.52117500
C	2.89942700	-2.32233400	1.43059000
H	1.81135600	-2.44570400	1.48069400
H	3.35157100	-3.31915700	1.34234600
H	3.22772400	-1.89275600	2.38526900

H	2.84313600	3.28867100	2.00316300
H	2.96609100	3.99170500	-0.53844700
S	2.73372900	1.60790900	-1.24696100

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H	-1.13480600	-0.06543900	-0.16551300
Si	-3.32031200	-1.29020500	0.08483600
C	-2.70370100	-2.14693700	1.66517600
H	-3.14216800	-3.14634900	1.78532700
H	-2.95780700	-1.55988800	2.55601400
H	-1.61298100	-2.25526000	1.63850600
C	-2.89853200	-2.40885900	-1.39785100
H	-3.34211600	-3.40769500	-1.28994600
H	-1.81255800	-2.52918900	-1.48760700
H	-3.26563100	-1.98564100	-2.34159800
C	-5.21728600	-1.13641400	0.19624700
H	-5.63448300	-0.72396400	-0.73095200
H	-5.48858700	-0.45255600	1.00897100
H	-5.70429500	-2.10323400	0.38373100
C	-2.80176600	2.49150600	-1.15435100
C	-2.69035500	1.15436300	-1.31338100
C	-2.45465200	0.37014300	-0.09086800
C	-2.62104500	1.27902200	1.06132100
H	-2.14407200	1.10017500	2.02146100
C	1.48320900	-0.04654500	1.67285700
H	0.80392100	-0.78807800	2.11126500
H	2.39667500	-0.02515200	2.28249400
H	0.98125200	0.92469000	1.76134100
C	1.58631900	0.86538400	-1.51222800
H	1.14359200	1.77349200	-1.08455200
H	2.52825500	1.13701400	-2.00737100
H	0.88685400	0.51485200	-2.28031300
C	1.45625600	-2.29540800	-0.69707700
H	0.89595000	-2.31901700	-1.64017800
H	2.38625900	-2.86122700	-0.82655200
H	0.83693200	-2.80303200	0.05282300
Si	1.78661500	-0.48827500	-0.16921100
C	4.30611100	1.57520700	0.48236400
C	4.65824200	0.12025800	0.09867800
H	3.75912700	2.07583300	-0.32217200
H	3.68853500	1.60873800	1.38490800
H	5.22059400	2.15134900	0.67805200
C	5.44568300	-0.52870700	1.25786100
C	5.54191500	0.13616900	-1.16789700
H	5.69569300	-1.56357900	0.99783900
H	6.37640400	0.01158500	1.48098600
H	4.83142400	-0.54989500	2.16511200
H	6.47435500	0.69749500	-1.01566700
H	5.79457400	-0.89144700	-1.45280800
H	4.99560800	0.59111300	-2.00183400

O	3.54667600	-0.69882600	-0.17045900
H	-0.11668500	-0.37150000	-0.19286100
H	-2.71484600	0.69462700	-2.30025300
H	-2.92058700	3.24284500	-1.92649700
S	-2.69677700	2.98703600	0.54360400

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H	-1.68210500	1.28504000	-0.15474000
Si	-4.59015300	0.92715700	0.41520400
C	-5.42457100	1.76541800	-1.07767300
H	-6.38524500	2.19213900	-0.76095300
H	-5.64574400	1.03536700	-1.86563700
H	-4.83939500	2.57447700	-1.52559100
C	-4.51466600	2.15952900	1.86151800
H	-5.52745700	2.45222700	2.16566000
H	-3.97035000	3.07796000	1.61390600
H	-4.02955900	1.71168500	2.73764000
C	-5.74648300	-0.49434100	0.91790300
H	-5.43440900	-0.95007900	1.86393100
H	-5.74487800	-1.28633800	0.15927100
H	-6.78093400	-0.14632700	1.03370100
O	-0.67806600	1.83246900	-0.34261100
C	-0.83178100	3.26606500	-0.43286700
C	-0.75448200	3.87396200	0.98034400
H	0.23413500	3.70151400	1.42573500
H	-1.51634500	3.42711300	1.62873500
H	-0.91742700	4.95836900	0.96272200
C	0.31366300	3.80945700	-1.29901900
H	0.22386900	3.43700600	-2.33056400
H	1.28045300	3.50657800	-0.88769400
H	0.28838900	4.90452700	-1.34992100
C	-2.16907300	3.63723200	-1.08959700
H	-2.27480300	3.13159200	-2.05590000
H	-2.22118400	4.71863000	-1.26267800
H	-3.01569600	3.35701400	-0.46129600
C	-2.28025800	-1.89375600	-0.68457500
C	-2.10503900	-1.88789400	0.74916500
C	-2.40528500	-0.59030800	1.19073500
C	-2.82978300	0.25765200	0.07516100
H	-2.43071100	-0.27563900	2.22881500
O	1.62647000	-1.10551000	1.68534300
C	1.86779200	-1.57479200	2.98723500
C	1.88039000	-3.12025300	3.00584800
H	2.09942200	-3.52786900	4.00109900
H	0.90844600	-3.51320000	2.68519700
H	2.64613500	-3.49403600	2.31245400
C	3.23743100	-1.06690900	3.49615400
H	3.26976900	0.03031100	3.47585200
H	3.45209000	-1.39318600	4.52184500
H	4.04789800	-1.44209600	2.85461600

C	0.76866500	-1.06817900	3.95001000
H	-0.21906700	-1.36664900	3.58304200
H	0.89094100	-1.45197100	4.97085700
H	0.79207200	0.03109200	4.01188600
O	1.78291700	-1.17024200	-1.55501200
O	2.66795200	1.61061300	0.04622800
C	3.80780000	2.40649500	0.22868300
C	3.55442500	3.47067500	1.32151500
H	3.30483600	2.98046300	2.27243000
H	4.42630900	4.11451900	1.49451900
H	2.71194100	4.11221300	1.03765300
C	4.19958500	3.11506800	-1.08964100
H	5.11635700	3.70998600	-0.98806600
H	4.36540900	2.36959700	-1.87855000
H	3.40035100	3.78759600	-1.42179900
C	5.01382600	1.53728900	0.67458100
H	4.77787300	0.99927600	1.60242400
H	5.27266100	0.80739800	-0.10896100
H	5.91675300	2.13238200	0.85950500
C	2.20833300	-1.76386300	-2.75539700
C	1.44163500	-1.15713200	-3.95394000
H	1.66177800	-0.08187800	-4.04859400
H	1.71088000	-1.62433400	-4.90967800
H	0.36184100	-1.27701600	-3.80556900
C	3.72234500	-1.51901700	-2.96126200
H	4.29662200	-1.98638900	-2.14765800
H	4.09531800	-1.93623900	-3.90533400
H	3.93876200	-0.44229000	-2.95811800
C	1.95344900	-3.28737100	-2.72290000
H	2.29296700	-3.79047700	-3.63736500
H	2.48910500	-3.73771700	-1.87563500
H	0.88324800	-3.49262900	-2.59964900
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## **APPENDIX 3**

### *Alternative Reaction Mechanisms of KOt-Bu-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative C–H Silylation of Aromatic Heterocycles*<sup>†</sup>

#### **A3.1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

The unusual reactivity observed in the KOt-Bu-catalyzed C–H silylation method reported by Stoltz and Grubbs<sup>1</sup> has been a source of mechanistic interest for a number of research groups.<sup>2,3</sup> During the course of the collaborative mechanistic investigation detailed in Chapter 2, it became apparent multiple mechanisms may account for product formation in addition to the radical mechanism presented. The possible alternative mechanisms including ionic and neutral reaction mechanism were explored.

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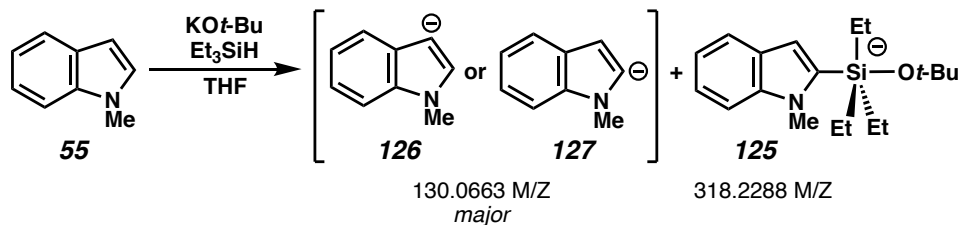
### A3.2 IONIC REACTION MECHANISM

#### A3.2.1 Detection of Ionic Intermediates by DESI-MS

Desorption electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (DESI-MS) is an ambient ionization technique involving an electrospray solution stream impacting a stage and the resulting microdroplets fed into mass analyzers.<sup>4</sup> Solution-phase, transient ionic intermediates have been detected utilizing DESI-MS in a number of reported catalytic systems.<sup>5</sup>

Utilizing the described DESI-MS approach with a reaction mixture containing *KOt-Bu*, *N*-methylindole (**55**), and  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$  in THF (Scheme A3.1), the mass-to-charge ratio (*m/z*) corresponding to deprotonated *N*-methylindole (**126** or **127**, *m/z* 130.0663) and pentacoordinate **125** (or the corresponding C3 complex, not shown) was detected by DESI-MS. The same ion was not detected in control experiments with only **55** or **55** and  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ .

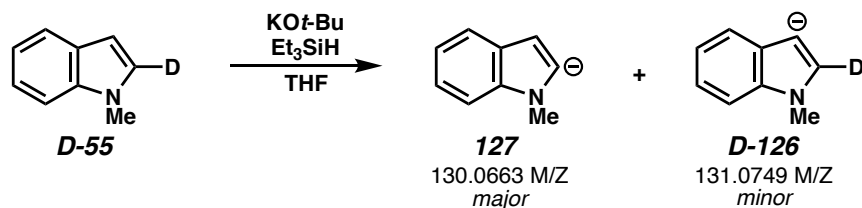
**Scheme A3.1.** Negative Mode DESI-MS of Silylation Reaction Mixture



The regioselectivity of deprotonation could not be determined from this experiment, as the *m/z* of both C2- and C3-deprotonation is identical. Using C2-deuterated **D-55** would result in different *m/z* for C2- and C3-deprotonation as shown in Scheme A3.2. Deprotonation was observed to occur preferentially at the C2-position (**127**) as compared to the C3-position (**D-126**), despite requiring cleavage of the stronger

C–D bond leading to **127** (Scheme A3.2). This observation is in agreement with the expected ratio of C2:C3 silylation products (i.e., ~20:1, as presented in Chapter 2).

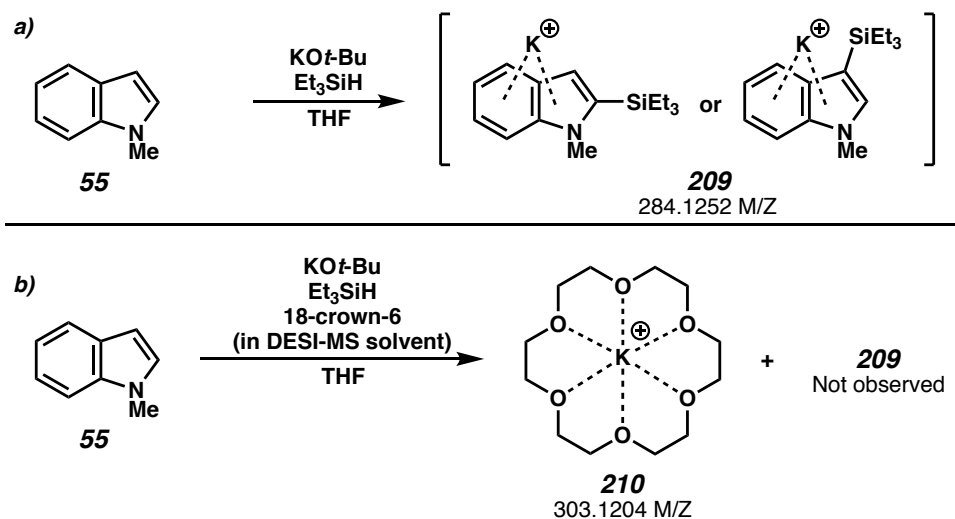
**Scheme A3.2.** Negative Mode DESI-MS of Silylation Reaction Mixture



Similar m/z values were also observed by DESI-MS using other substrates known to undergo silylation (e.g., dibenzofuran). In a time-course experiment the ionic intermediates are observed by DESI-MS after allowing the reaction to occur for approximately one hour, similar to the induction period observed in the bulk reaction.

The m/z corresponding to the K<sup>+</sup> complex of silylation product (**209**) was observed by DESI-MS under positive ion mode (Scheme A3.3a), indicating a cation- $\pi$  interaction involving K<sup>+</sup> and the ‘ $\pi$ -excessive’ indole moiety may occur. Upon the addition of 18-crown-6 to the electrospray solvent, m/z corresponding to **209** disappeared and instead the m/z of K<sup>+</sup> and 18-crown-6 complex **210** was observed (Scheme A3.3b). These results indicate the formation of a cation- $\pi$  complex may be related to product formation.

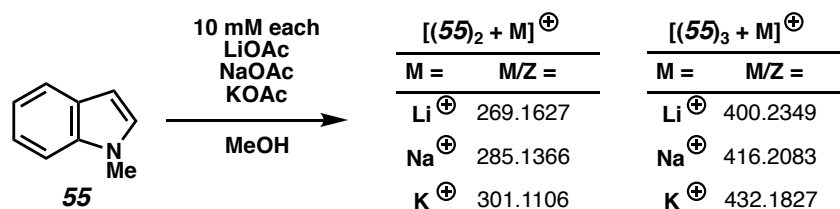
**Scheme A3.3.** Negative Mode DESI-MS of Silylation Reaction Mixture



### A3.2.2 Cation- $\pi$ Interactions

Further support for the formation of cation- $\pi$  complexes comes from electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-MS) studies. Using an electrosprayed methanolic solution of **55** containing  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ , and  $\text{K}^+$  ions in an equimolar ratio, a number of cation- $\pi$  complexes were detected (Scheme A3.4). Instead of the ion signal corresponding to  $[\mathbf{55}+\text{M}]^+$ , the ion signal of  $[(\mathbf{55})_2+\text{M}]^+$  corresponding to cation- $\pi$  sandwich complexes and the ion signal of  $[(\mathbf{55})_3+\text{M}]^+$  corresponding to the interaction of the central metal ion with three heteroarene molecules were observed.<sup>6</sup>

**Scheme A3.4.** ESI-MS Investigation of Cation- $\pi$  Complex Formation



Interestingly, for both types of complex, the ion signal (ion current: IC) intensities followed the order:  $K^+$ -complex >  $Na^+$ -complex >  $Li^+$ -complex even though the cation- $\pi$  interaction strengths are expected to follow the reverse order in the gas phase.<sup>6</sup> The trade-off between solvation and cation- $\pi$  interaction modifies the strength of the cation- $\pi$  interaction in solution ( $K^+$ -complex >  $Na^+$ -complex >  $Li^+$ -complex) and hence results in the highest signal intensity for the  $K^+$ -complex and the lowest signal intensity for the  $Li^+$ -complex.<sup>7</sup> Previous reports also support the proposal that  $K^+$  forms stronger cation- $\pi$  interactions with arenes in solution than does  $Na^+$  or  $Li^+$ .<sup>8</sup> These studies suggest an explanation for the ineffectiveness of *NaOt*-Bu and *LiOt*-Bu as catalysts for the dehydrogenative C–H silylation.

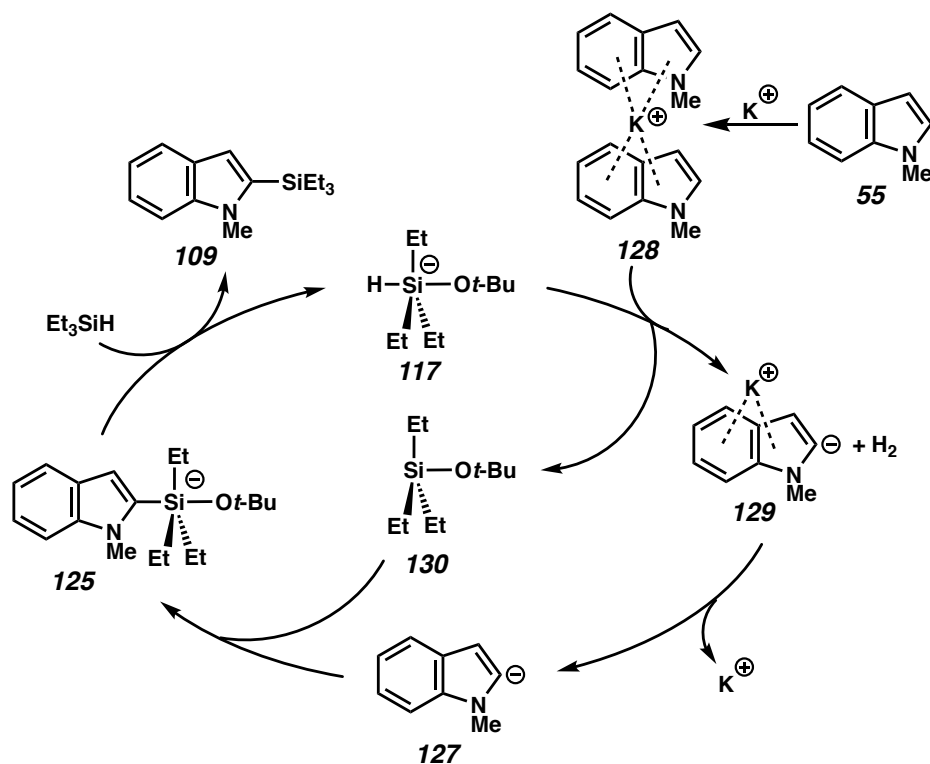
### A3.2.3 Proposed Ionic Mechanism

On the basis of the above observations, and considering all of the other reaction features previously presented in Chapter 2, a plausible ionic mechanism is shown in Scheme A3.5. In the first step of the mechanism, the ‘ $\pi$ -rich’ heteroarene (**55**) interacts with  $K^+$  to form the observed cation- $\pi$  complex **128**. Complexation renders the heteroarene C2- and C3-protons more acidic, facilitating deprotonation by a strong base. Although the most obvious base present in the reaction mixture is *t*-BuO<sup>−</sup>, we propose that *t*-BuO<sup>−</sup> does not directly deprotonate **128** but instead reacts with the hydrosilane to form a pentacoordinate silicon complex (**117**) which acts as a hydride base to deprotonate **55**. It must be noted that with the present experimental data, we cannot ascertain the precise mechanism of deprotonation or active base (i.e., whether this occurs in a concerted or a stepwise way). Deprotonation of **128** leads to the formation of ion pair

**129** (major) and the corresponding C3-deprotonation (i.e.,  $[\mathbf{126}+\mathbf{K}]^+$  minor, not shown), with hydrogen gas as a byproduct.

Ion pair **129** is proposed to dissociate to give the anion **127** (deprotonated heteroarene) that were unambiguously detected in the DESI-MS experiment (Scheme A3.1). The reactive, nucleophilic, heteroarene carbanion **127** is proposed to attack silylether **130** to form pentacoordinate silicon intermediate **125**, which was also detected by DESI-MS (Scheme A3.1). Subsequent dissociation of *t*-BuO<sup>−</sup> from **125** leads to the products **109**, which can form a cation- $\pi$  complex with K<sup>+</sup> as observed by ESI-MS.

**Scheme A3.5.** Proposed Ionic Mechanism



### A3.2.4 Energy Profile of Proposed Ionic Mechanism

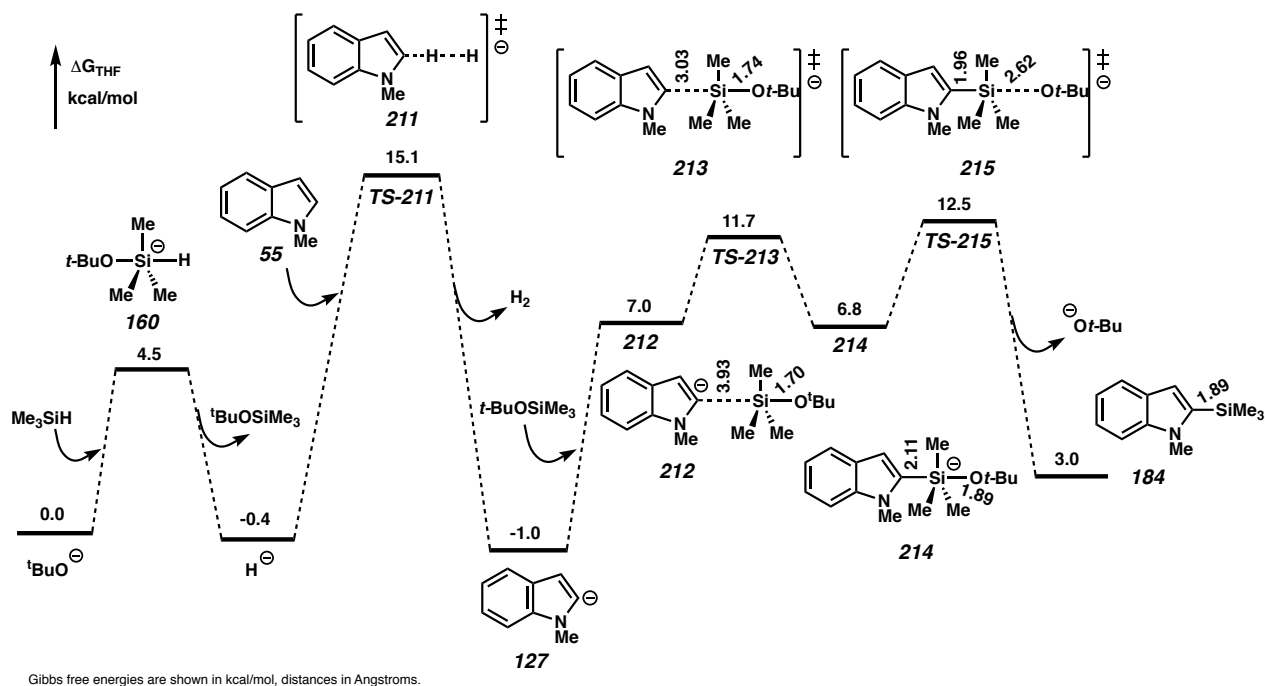
We computed the free energy profile of the ionic mechanism with DFT. Figure A3.1 summarizes the results from calculations with M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p)-

CPCM(THF)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) of the reaction of *t*-BuO<sup>−</sup> with **55** and a model hydrosilane, Me<sub>3</sub>SiH, in THF. After formation of the pentacoordinate intermediate **160** (analogous to **117**), dissociation of the Si–H bond gives H<sup>−</sup> and *t*-BuOSiMe<sub>3</sub>. The hydride ion then deprotonates **55**, via transition state **TS-211**, generating 2-indolyl anion **127** plus H<sub>2</sub>. The deprotonation is regioselective: C2 deprotonation is favored by 3.8 kcal/mol relative to C3 deprotonation. Next, nucleophilic addition of 2-indolyl anion **127** to *t*-BuOSiMe<sub>3</sub> via **TS-213** leads to pentacoordinate intermediate **214** (analogous to **125**). Finally, dissociation of *t*-BuO<sup>−</sup> via **TS-215** gives the silylated heteroarene product.

The calculations predict that the deprotonation of the heteroarene is the rate-limiting step of the ionic mechanism, consistent with the experimental results discussed above. The computed barrier ( $\Delta G^\ddagger$ ) is 15.1 kcal/mol. This barrier would be easily surmountable at the temperatures typically used for the silylation reaction (25–65 °C), which suggests that the formation of the cation- $\pi$  complex between **55** and K<sup>+</sup> is not strictly essential for deprotonation to occur (although it would make the heteroarene more acidic). The major role of cation- $\pi$  complex formation in this mechanism is to promote the dissociation of the *KOt*-Bu tetramer into K<sup>+</sup> and *t*-BuO<sup>−</sup> ions.



Figure A3.1. Energy Profile of Ionic Mechanism

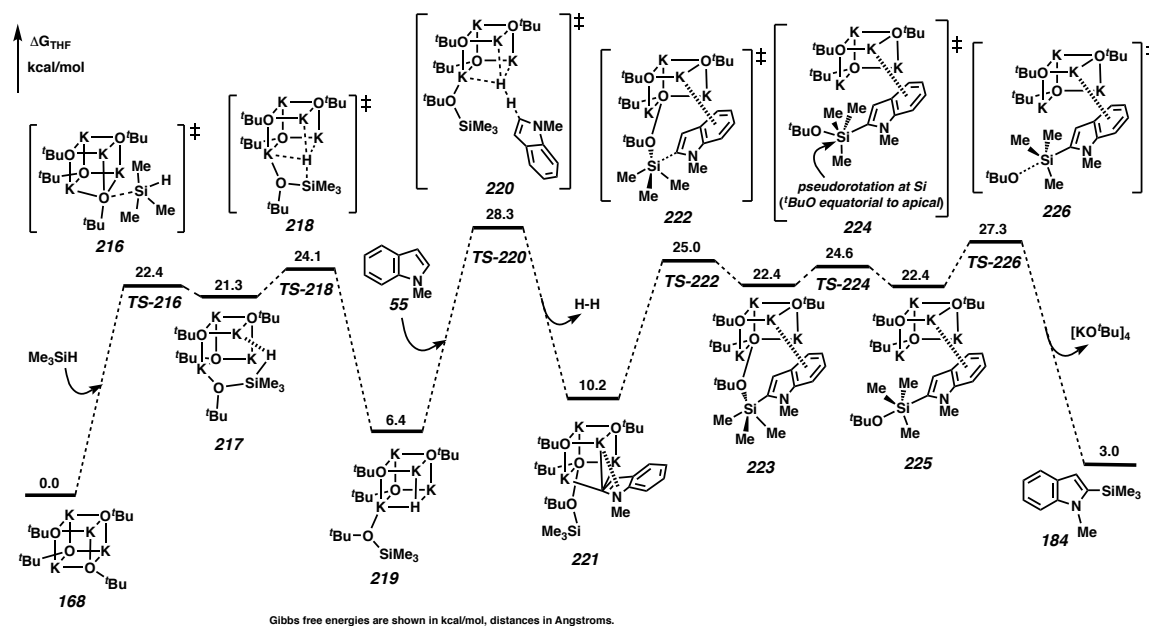


### A3.2.5 Energy Profile of Proposed Neutral Mechanism

The above calculations predict that the ionic mechanism described in Figure A3.1 is facile, provided that *t*-BuO<sup>−</sup> can be readily generated in the reaction mixture. While mechanistic experiments indicate that *KOt*-Bu dissociates, at least partially, under the reaction conditions this is an energetically difficult process (ca. 36 kcal/mol). An alternative mechanism was considered which does not require dissociation of the tetramer as shown in Figure A3.2. This mechanism is broadly analogous to the ionic pathway, but the intermediates are neutral. First, a Si–O bond is formed between Me<sub>3</sub>SiH and the *KOt*-Bu tetramer via transition state **TS-216**, giving pentacoordinate intermediate **217**. Next, the Si–H bond of **217** undergoes heterolysis (**TS-218**). Rather than liberating a free H<sup>−</sup> ion, this step leads to hydride complex **219**, in which H<sup>−</sup> occupies one corner of the K<sub>4</sub>X<sub>4</sub> unit and *t*-BuOSiMe<sub>3</sub> is coordinated to K<sup>+</sup>. The coordinated hydride then

deprotonates **55**, via **TS-220**, leading to carbanion complex **221** and H<sub>2</sub>. Intramolecular Si–C bond formation (**TS-222**), followed by pseudorotation (**TS-224**) and finally dissociation of <sup>t</sup>BuO<sup>−</sup> (**TS-226**), gives the silylated heteroarene product.

Figure A3.2. Energy Profile of Neutral Mechanism



Similar to the ionic mechanism, the rate-determining step of the neutral heterolytic (tetrameric) mechanism is the deprotonation of the heteroarene (**TS-220**). The overall barrier is 28.3 kcal/mol. Deprotonation of **55** is regioselective; the barrier for C2 deprotonation is 5.0 kcal/mol lower than that for C3 deprotonation (C3 deprotonation not shown). The neutral mechanism is driven by the dipolar effects mediated by the tetrameric K<sub>4</sub> unit, for example in the initial stage of the reaction, the pentacoordinate silicon intermediate **217** is stabilized by interaction of the silane hydrogen with the nearby potassium ion. In carbanion complex **221**, and subsequent intermediates in the catalytic cycle, the heteroarene engages in a cation-π interaction with potassium.

Although the computed barrier of the neutral mechanism (28.3 kcal/mol) is significantly higher than the barrier for the ionic mechanism shown in Figure A3.1 (15.1 kcal/mol), this does not necessarily mean that the ionic mechanism is favored over the neutral mechanism. The calculations in Figure A3.1 do not include the initial dissociation of the *KOt*-Bu tetramer into ions, which requires 36 kcal/mol of energy.

The tetrameric mechanism, with a rate-determining deprotonation step, provides alternative explanations for other features of the silylation chemistry discussed above. For example, the inability of *NaOt*-Bu to catalyze the silylation can be explained by the observation that the transition state analogous to **220** in a reaction catalyzed by *NaOt*-Bu has a barrier of 38.9 kcal/mol, more than 10 kcal/mol higher than the barrier for *KOt*-Bu-catalyzed silylation and unlikely occur under the typical experimental conditions.

#### A3.2.6 Ionic and Neutral Mechanism Conclusion

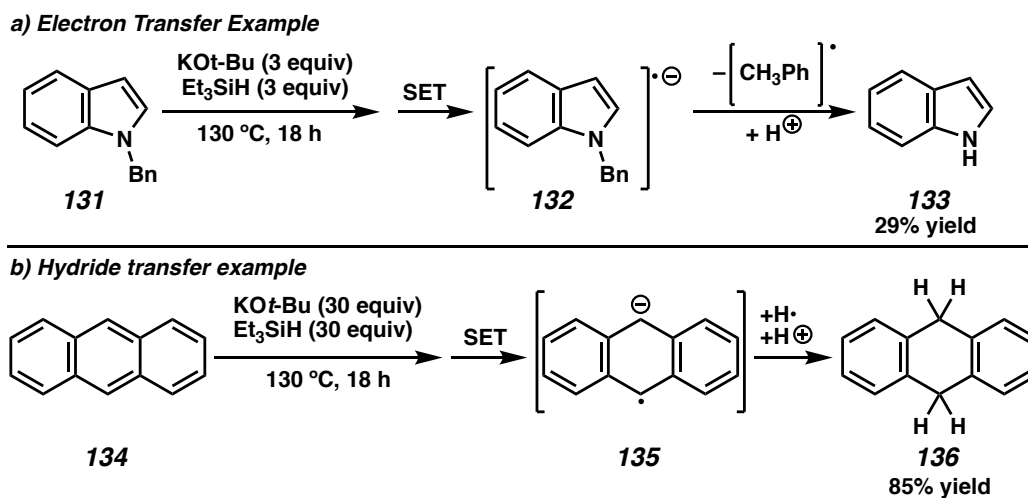
Two plausible mechanisms have been proposed—one ionic, the other a neutral heterolytic mechanism—for the *KOt*-Bu-catalyzed C–H silylation of heteroarenes, based on a combination of empirical evidence and DFT calculations. The two mechanisms are closely related, featuring cation- $\pi$  interactions, preferential abstraction of the C2-proton from the indole, and formation of pentacoordinate silicon species, all of which were observed experimentally. The key steps of these mechanisms involve nucleophilic attack of *KOt*-Bu on the silane to form a reactive pentacoordinate silicon species, followed by rate-limiting Si–H heterolysis, deprotonation of the heteroarene substrate, addition of the heteroarene carbanion to the silylether intermediate, and eventually the release of *t*-BuO<sup>−</sup> to give the silylated heteroarene product.

The computed activation barriers for both mechanisms are consistent with the observed reaction time for silylation of *N*-methylindole (**55**) under the reported conditions.

### A3.3 ELECTRON TRANSFER REACTION MECHANISM

Murphy and Tuttle have reported a series of related reactions using excess base and silane along with elevated temperature as shown in Scheme A3.6.<sup>3</sup> Based on the observed products under these more forcing conditions, the authors propose an electron transfer or hydride transfer mechanism may be operative (Scheme A3.6a and A3.6b). Similar to the previously described radical and ionic/neutral mechanism, the authors propose that a pentacoordinate silicate may be a key reaction intermediate.

**Scheme A3.6.** Electron Transfer and Hydrogen Atom Transfer Mechanisms



It is uncertain if the mechanistic pathways proposed under these more forcing conditions are relevant to the catalytic silylation reaction, but regardless this related report describes interesting and relevant reactivity of hydrosilanes and possibly pentacoordinate silicates .

### **A3.4 CONCLUSION**

A number of plausible mechanistic pathways have been proposed for the *KOt*-Bu-catalyzed C–H silylation of aromatic heterocycles. Each pathway has significant experimental, computational, and analytical support and the mechanistic evidence presented does not disprove any specific pathway. It may be possibly multiple reaction mechanisms compete under the reaction conditions or change depending on substrate and conditions. The reaction mechanism for the *KOt*-Bu-catalyzed C–H silylation of aromatic heterocycles has drawn considerable interest recently and a number of specific mechanistic details still remain as open questions.

### **A3.5 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

#### **A3.5.1 MATERIALS AND METHODS**

All the necessary chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO). The deuterated *N*-methylindole was prepared according to the literature procedure.<sup>29</sup> HPLC grade solvents were purchased from Fisher Scientific (Nepean, ON, Canada).

#### **A3.5.2 Silylation Reaction for Mass Spectrometric Study**

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, a 2 dram scintillation vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with *N*-methylindole (0.1 mmol), *KOt*-Bu (0.05 mmol, 20 mol %), THF (100  $\mu$ L) followed by the addition of Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (0.3 mmol). The vial was then sealed and the mixture was stirred at 30 °C. After 2 h, a 20  $\mu$ L reaction aliquot was removed out and dispensed immediately onto the DESI spray spot (on a glass plate, solvent: 1:1 *v/v* ACN and DMF) created ca. 2 mm away from the heated capillary inlet of the mass spectrometer.

### **A3.5.3 Desorption Electrospray Ionization Mass Spectrometry**

The DESI-MS studies were performed on a high-resolution mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL Hybrid Ion Trap-Orbitrap mass spectrometer) using a homebuilt DESI source. The source was constructed by using an inner fused silica capillary (100  $\mu\text{m}$  i.d. and 360  $\mu\text{m}$  o.d.) for solvent delivery, and an outer (coaxial) stainless steel capillary (0.5 mm i.d. and 1.6 mm o.d.) for nebulizing gas (nitrogen) delivery. A stream of charged microdroplets, produced from this DESI source at ambient temperature and atmospheric pressure, was directed to the analyte surface (on a glass plate) at an incident angle  $\sim 55^\circ$  with the spray tip-to-surface distance of  $\sim 5$  mm, spray tip-to-mass spectrometric inlet distance of  $\sim 10$  mm, and collection angle of  $\sim 5^\circ$ . The charged droplets were produced either in negative ion mode ( $-5$  kV spray voltage) or at positive ion mode ( $+5$  kV spray voltage), at 10  $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$  solvent (1:1 v/v ACN and DMF) flow through silica tubing with the coaxial nebulizing gas flow ( $\text{N}_2$  at 120 psi). The splashing of these charged microdroplets on the analyte surface resulted in the formation of secondary microdroplets encapsulating the analyte molecules (ions), which were then transferred to the mass spectrometer through a heated capillary causing the complete desolvation of the analyte ions. The heated capillary (MS inlet) temperature and voltage were maintained at  $275^\circ\text{C}$  and 44 V, respectively. All experiments were carried out under identical conditions, unless otherwise stated. The ion optics were tuned to get maximum ion count. Data acquisition was performed for 1 min using XCalibur software (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

#### **A3.5.4 Electro spray Ionization Mass Spectrometry.**

ESI-MS studies were performed on the same mass spectrometer as mentioned above with a homebuilt ESI source similar to the above DESI source. The analyte solution (in methanol) was injected to the ESI source (on-axis) at a flowrate 5  $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$  in positive ion mode (+5 kV) with a coaxial sheath gas flow ( $\text{N}_2$  at 120 psi). The mass spectrometer (MS) inlet capillary temperature was maintained at 275  $^\circ\text{C}$ , and capillary voltage was kept at 44 V. The spray distance (the on-axis distance from spray tip to the entrance of the heated capillary) was kept at 1.5 cm. All experiments were carried out under identical conditions. The ion optics were tuned to get maximum ion count. Data acquisition was performed for 1 min using XCalibur software (Thermo Fisher Scientific)

#### **A3.5.5 Computational Details.**

All the calculations were carried out with Gaussian 09.<sup>9</sup> Geometry optimizations were performed with the B3LYP method using the 6-31G(d) basis set for all atoms.<sup>10</sup> Frequency analyses verified that the stationary points were minima or first-order saddle points. Single point energies were calculated at the M06-2X<sup>39</sup>/6-311+G(d,p) level, with solvent effects (solvent = THF) modeled using the CPCM<sup>40-42</sup> solvation model. Gibbs free energies in THF at 298.15 K were calculated by adding the thermochemical quantities derived from the B3LYP frequencies to the M06-2X solution-phase electronic potential energy and then correcting the energy to a standard state of 1 mol/L. Computed structures are illustrated using CYLview.<sup>43</sup>

#### **A3.6 Relevant Spectra**

All relevant spectra (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, DESI-MS, ESI-MS, etc.) are available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org> (DOI: 10.1021/jacs.6b13032).

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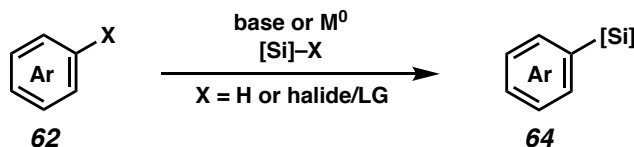
## CHAPTER 3

### Catalytic C–H Trimethylsilylation of Aromatic Heterocycles via Base Catalysis<sup>†</sup>

#### 3.1 BACKGROUND

Organosilicon moieties have been shown to have a number of uses in the fields of synthetic chemistry,<sup>1</sup> polymer and organic electronics,<sup>2</sup> drug discovery,<sup>3</sup> and nuclear medicine.<sup>4</sup> Perhaps the most common method for the redox-neutral (i.e., excluding hydrosilylation) installation of organosilicon functional groups is through the reaction of a nucleophilic substrate with an electrophilic silicon source (Scheme 3.1). Despite the widespread usage, there are a number of drawbacks associated with this approach to silylation.<sup>5</sup>

**Scheme 3.1** Silylation via Nucleophile Trapping.



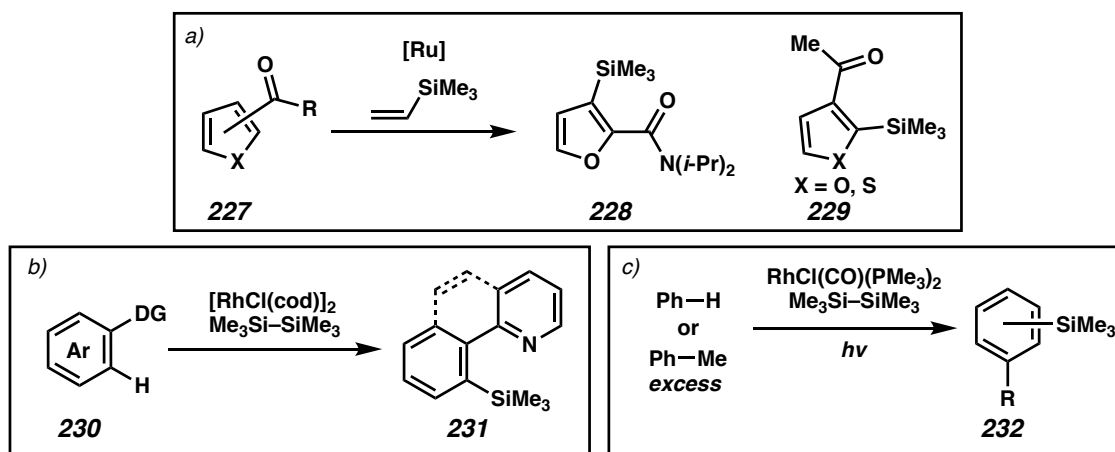
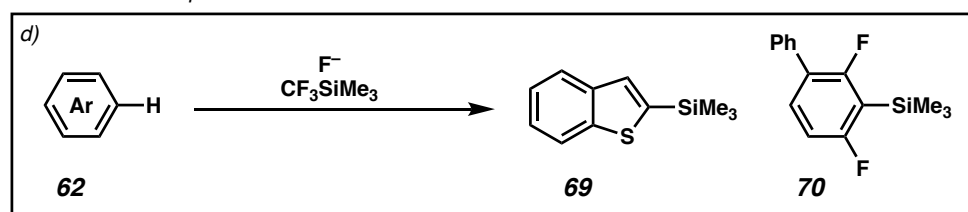
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Reactions involving substrates with limited nucleophilicity or acidity often require the use of highly reactive bases and/or electrophilic silicon sources. Conversely, cryogenic reaction temperatures may be required to limit undesired reactivity, especially when using strong bases, highly reactive silicon sources, or substrates with multiple reactive sites. Limited regiochemical control is afforded by changing the reaction conditions and prefunctionalized substrates may be required to override inherent substrate control. This method may also present challenges for large scale reactions due to the formation of (super)stoichiometric salt byproducts.

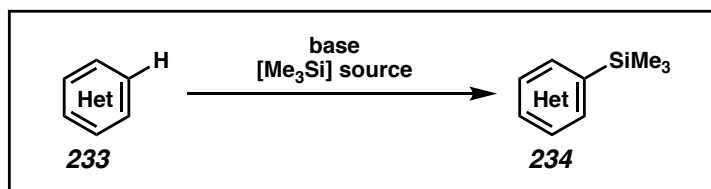
A number of research groups have sought to develop new silylation methods to address these drawbacks and catalytic C–H silylation has emerged as an especially useful manifold for the synthesis of organosilicon compounds (see Chapter 1).<sup>6</sup> Many of these catalytic systems, including the C–H silylation method developed by our group (See Chapter 1 and 2),<sup>7</sup> have not been reported in the context of a trimethylsilylation methodology.<sup>8</sup>

### 3.1.1 Literature Examples of Catalytic C–H Trimethylsilylation

Examples of reported catalytic C–H trimethylsilylation methods are shown in Scheme 3.2. Many of these examples use transition-metal catalysts (3.2a-c),<sup>9</sup> which are often expensive and may be problematic for late-state functionalization and removal.<sup>10</sup> A transition-metal-free method was previously reported by Kondo and coworkers (Scheme 3.2d), but requires the use of catalytic fluoride anion and the expensive Ruppert–Prakash reagent ( $\text{CF}_3\text{–SiMe}_3$ ) as the silicon source.<sup>11</sup>

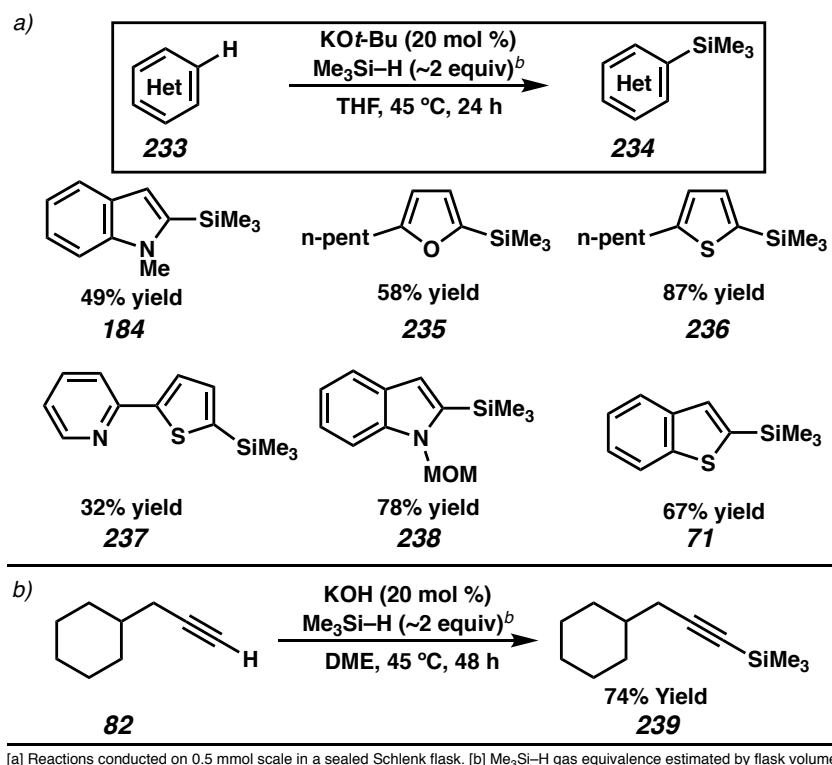
**Scheme 3.2** Reported Examples of Catalytic, C–H Trimethylsilylation.*Transition-Metal-Catalyzed Examples**Transition-Metal-Free Example***3.2 BASE-CATALYZED C–H TRIMETHYLSILYLATION****3.2.1 Introduction**

Inspired by our previous research in C–H silylation,<sup>7</sup> we envisioned a method using an Earth-abundant, base metal catalyst alongside a low-cost and easily handled silicon source to access TMS-substituted products (Scheme 3.3). Such a method may be useful to the synthetic community as an alternative to traditional stoichiometric or transition-metal-catalyzed silylation processes as previously presented.

**Scheme 3.3** Base-Catalyzed C–H Trimethylsilylation.

### 3.2.2 C–H Silylation Using Trimethylsilane Gas.

Me<sub>3</sub>Si–H is a commercially available gas, with a boiling point of 6.7 °C, and used for a variety of industrial processes including chemical vapor deposition.<sup>12</sup> Therefore, we initially attempted to directly use trimethylsilane (TMS–H) under our previously reported C–H silylation conditions using hydrosilane (see Chapter 2.). After a brief optimization, we were pleased to observe moderate reactivity simply employing a sealed atmosphere of TMS–H gas (Scheme 3.4a). Inspired by these results, we found TMS–H can also be directly used in our previously reported alkyne C–H silylation chemistry (Scheme 3.4b).<sup>13</sup>

**Scheme 3.4** KOt-Bu-Catalyzed Silylation Using Me<sub>3</sub>Si–H.

Further reaction optimization (i.e., increased pressure of TMS–H) may improve product yields but these investigations surpass our equipment limitations. Catalytic C–H silylation using silane gas may find future industrial applications, but the bench-scale utility is likely limited due to operational drawbacks (i.e., using a gaseous reagent and incompatibility with many rubber products).<sup>14</sup> Therefore, we sought to find a more easily handled source of TMS– amenable to bench-scale C–H silylation reactions.

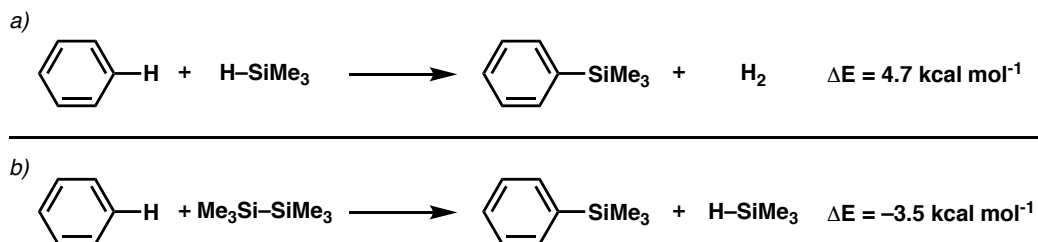
### 3.2.3 C–H Silylation Using Disilane.

#### 3.2.3.1 Introduction and Background.

A number of previous literature examples detailing transition-metal-catalyzed C–H trimethylsilylation reactions utilized disilanes as a source of silicon.<sup>8</sup> Of particular interest to us is hexamethyldisilane (Me<sub>3</sub>Si–SiMe<sub>3</sub>, also TMS<sub>2</sub> or TMS–TMS), a

commercially available and easily handled liquid. Additionally, the weaker Si–Si bond in hexamethyldisilane compared to the Si–H bond in trimethylsilane will result in more favorable thermodynamics for silylation (Scheme 3.5, a versus b).<sup>5</sup>

**Scheme 3.5** *KOt-Bu-Catalyzed Silylation Using Me<sub>3</sub>Si–H.*



### 3.2.3.2 Reaction Optimization.

We were pleased to find disilane bonds could be activated under similar conditions to our previously reported C–H silylation methodology using hydrosilanes (Table 3.1, entry 2, cf. Chapter 2). Potassium *tert*-butoxide and ethoxide are the most active catalysts we investigated and both were utilized in further reactions (entries 2–8). As in the previous chemistry using hydrosilanes, NaOt-Bu, LiOt-Bu, and KH are also not competent silylation catalysts using disilanes (entry 8). The strong single electron reductant potassium graphite (KC<sub>8</sub>) was also found to be a similarly competent catalyst (entry 9).

Notable differences occurred using KOH, KOTMS, and KHMDS as catalysts. While the use of these bases result in product formation in silylation reactions using hydrosilanes, no product was observed in the case of disilanes. This difference in reactivity may be due to the additional steric congestion leading to a pentacoordinate silicate in the case of disilane compared to hydrosilane.

Using potassium ethoxide to investigate solvent effects, we found a number of polar, aprotic solvents such as DME, HMPA and THF resulted in the formation of product, with THF providing the highest yield (entries 4, 10, 11). Solvent was required for product formation and neat reaction conditions (i.e., entry 1) resulted in no observed product. This could be due to limited catalyst solubility in the disilane-substrate mixture or solvent assistance in the catalytic cycle (i.e., in the formation of pentacoordinate silicate).

**Table 3.1** Optimization of C–H Silylation using  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si-SiMe}_3$ .

Reaction scheme: CN1C=CC=Cc2ccccc12 (55)  $\xrightarrow[\text{Solvent or neat, } 45^\circ\text{C}]{\text{cat. (20 mol \% Me}_3\text{Si-SiMe}_3)}$  CN1C=C(C)C=Cc2ccccc12 (184)

entry	Cat.	$\text{Me}_3\text{Si-SiMe}_3$ (equiv.)	time (h)	solvent	yield <b>184</b>
1	KO $t$ -Bu	2	>100	neat	0
2	KO $t$ -Bu	2	20	THF	72
3	KO $t$ -Bu	2	40	THF	85
4	KOEt	2	20	THF	65
5	KOEt	2	40	THF	82
6	KOMe	2	60	THF	20
7	KOTMS	2	60	THF	trace
8	KOH, KHMDS, KH, NaO $t$ -Bu or LiO $t$ -Bu	2	60	THF	0
9	KC <sub>8</sub>	2	20	THF	68
10	KOEt	2	20	DME	11
11	KOEt	2	20	HMPA	26
12	KOEt	1.1	20	THF	45
13	KOEt	1.5	20	THF	68
14	KOEt	3	20	THF	68

[a] Reactions conducted on 0.1–0.5 mmol scale, 1M in solvent if used, yield determined by GC.

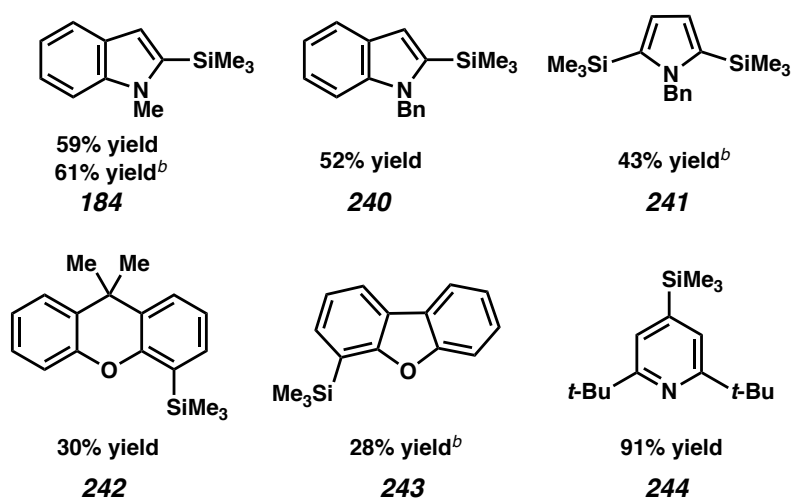
With these optimized conditions in hand, we next turned to investigate the substrate scope of the C–H silylation using disilanes.



### 3.2.3.3 Substrate Scope.

A number of aromatic heterocycles undergo mono or bis C–H silylation in moderate to good yield (Scheme 3.6). Five and six membered nitrogen and oxygen containing aromatic heterocyclic substrates are amenable to silylation (**184**, **240–244**). Particularly active substrates often undergo sequential silylation resulting in the observance of bis-silylation products such as **241**. Surprisingly, pyridine **244** undergo silylation at the para position in excellent yield.

**Scheme 3.6** Substrate Scope of C–H Silylation using  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si-SiMe}_3$ .

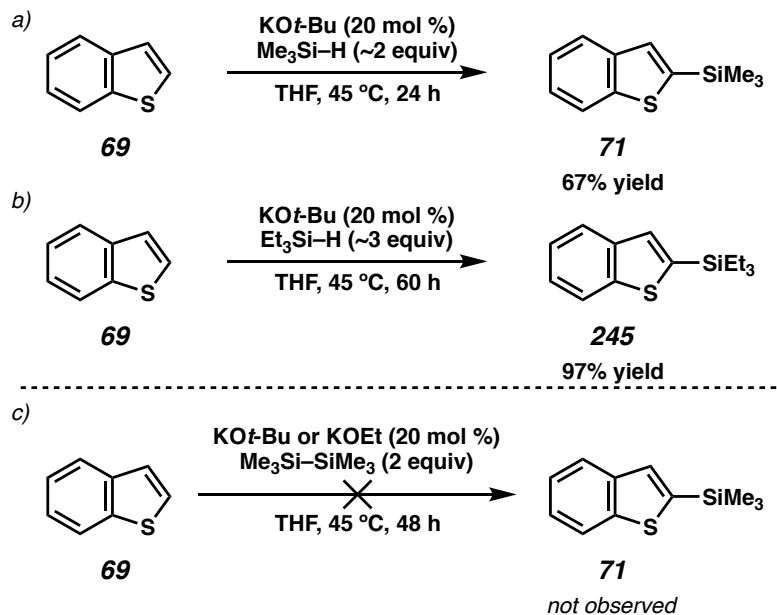


[a] Reactions conducted on 0.2–0.5 mmol scale in 1M THF using 1 equiv substrate, KO<sup>t</sup>Bu (20 mol. %) and hexamethyldisilane (2 equiv) at 45–80 °C for 24–120 h. [b] KOEt used as catalyst.

A number of significant differences were observed in the substrate scope of silylation reactions using disilanes compared to hydrosilanes. In addition to longer times and higher reaction temperatures compared to the hydrosilane methodology, reactions using disilanes demonstrated a more limited substrate scope and often lower overall yields. Sulfur containing aromatic heterocyclic substrates resulted in no product formation when subjected to the disilane reaction conditions. For example, benzothiophene (**69**), one of the most active silylation substrates in the hydrosilane

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methodology, resulted in no product formation under the disilane reaction conditions  
(Scheme 3.7a and b versus c).

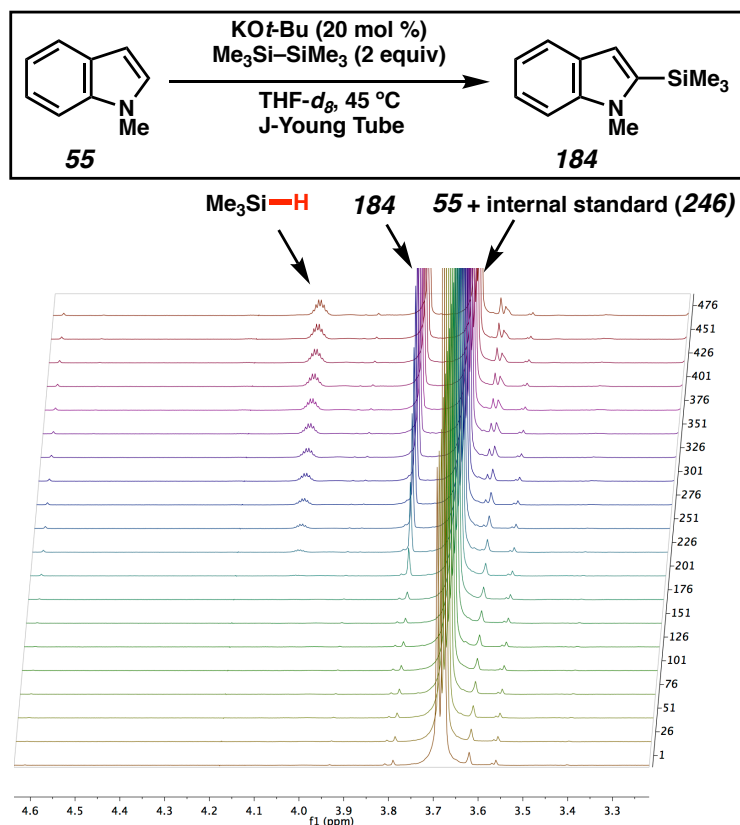
**Scheme 3.7** Comparison of C–H Silylation using Hydrosilane and Disilanes.



This observation is perhaps surprising given the weaker Si–Si bond in hexamethyldisilane compared to the Si–H bond in trimethylsilane.<sup>5</sup> Our previous mechanistic investigations indicated the C–H bond breaking step is rate determining and involves the hydrosilane (see Chapter 2), leading us to believe activation of a weaker bond should further favor product formation.<sup>15</sup>

#### 3.2.3.4 Mechanistic Details.

Based on our mechanistic study detailed in Chapter 2, we conducted a limited investigation into the mechanism of the silylation reaction using disilane. Initial <sup>1</sup>H-NMR time-course experiments provide evidence consistent with the formation of TMS–H as shown in Figure 3.1.<sup>16</sup> We then unambiguously confirmed the presence of TMS–H by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>29</sup>Si HSQC.

**Figure 3.1** Substrate Scope of C–H Silylation using  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si-SiMe}_3$ .

[a] Reactions conducted on 0.5 mmol scale in a sealed J-Young NMR tube using **55** (1 equiv),  $\text{KOt-Bu}$  (20 mol %) and hexamethyldisilane (2 equiv) in  $\text{THF-d}_8$  (1M) with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (**246**, 10 mol %) used as internal standard.

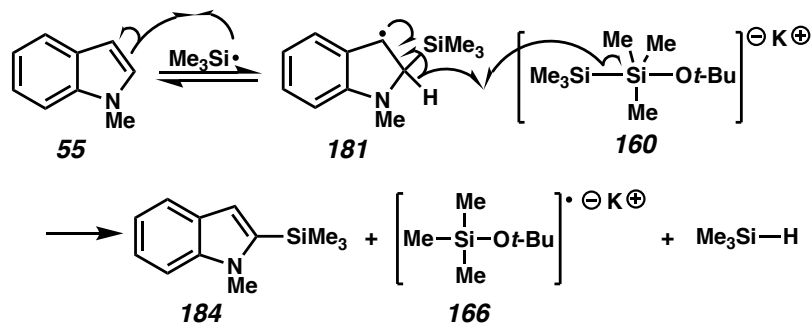
TMS–H may arise from either a radical or ionic process, similar to those presented in Chapter 2 (Scheme 3.8). In the radical mechanism, silane radical addition to **55** generates the indoline radical **181** (Scheme 3.8a). Hydrogen atom abstraction could then occur via pentacoordinate silicate **160** to generate the observed product **184**, silicate radical anion **166**, and the observed TMS–H. Both **166** and TMS–H can further participate in the catalytic cycle.

In the ionic mechanism, **55** is deprotonated by pentacoordinate silicate **160** to generate anion **166**, silyl ether **247**, and TMS–H. Reaction of anion **166** with **247** and

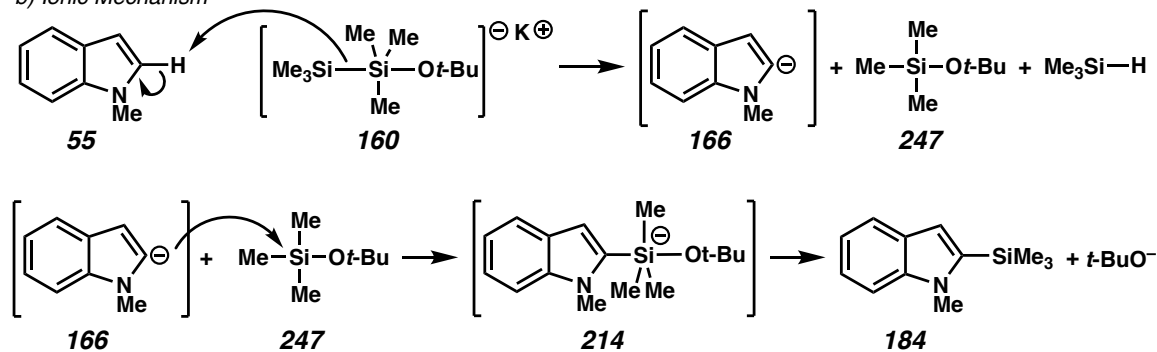
subsequent loss of  ${}^-\text{Ot-Bu}$  results in formation of product **184** and closes the catalytic cycle.

**Scheme 3.8** Proposed Mechanism of C–H Silylation using  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si-SiMe}_3$ .

a) Radical Mechanism



b) Ionic Mechanism



As we have demonstrated TMS–H to be a competent silicon source for silylation reactions (see 3.2.2), both the hydrosilane and disilane (e.g., TMS–H and TMS–TMS) may be present in the reaction mixture and contribute to product formation. Furthermore, the formation of TMS–H as an intermediate may be related to the differences observed between reactions using disilane versus hydrosilane.

### 3.3 CONCLUSION.

We have developed a facile method for the transition-metal-free, C–H silylation of aromatic heterocycles using an Earth-abundant base catalyst to afford trimethylsilyl substituted products. A commercially available and easily handled liquid can be used as

the source of  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si}^-$  for bench-scale reactions or  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si-H}$  gas can be used directly. This methodology has a number of advantages over both traditional metalation/trapping approaches, which require the use of (super)stoichiometric base and reactive electrophile, or transition–metal catalysts.

### 3.4 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

#### 3.4.1 MATERIALS AND METHODS

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in a nitrogen-filled glovebox or in flame-dried glassware under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere using dry, deoxygenated solvents. Solvents were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under argon.<sup>17</sup> Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC), GC or Agilent 1290 UHPLC-MS. TLC was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated glass plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching, *p*-anisaldehyde, phosphomolybdic acid, or  $\text{KMnO}_4$  staining. Silicycle SiliaFlash® P60 Academic Silica gel (particle size 40–63 nm) or Teledyne ISCO RediSep® Rf Gold silica preppacked column was used for flash chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Inova 500 MHz or Bruker 400 MHz spectrometers and are reported relative to residual  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm),  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  ( $\delta$  7.16 ppm), or THF ( $\delta$  3.58, 1.72 ppm).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz spectrometer (125 MHz) or Bruker 400 MHz spectrometers (100 MHz) and are reported relative to  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $\delta$  77.16 ppm). Data for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, sept = septuplet, m = multiplet, br s = broad

singlet, br d = broad doublet, app = apparent. Data for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR are reported in terms of chemical shifts ( $\delta$  ppm). IR spectra were obtained by use of a Perkin Elmer Spectrum BXII spectrometer or Nicolet 6700 FTIR spectrometer using thin films deposited on NaCl plates and reported in frequency of absorption ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). GC-FID analyses were obtained on an Agilent 6850N gas chromatograph equipped with a HP-1 100% dimethylpolysiloxane capillary column (Agilent). GC-MS analyses were obtained on an Agilent 6850 gas chromatograph equipped with a HP-5 (5%-phenyl)-methylpolysiloxane capillary column (Agilent). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained from Agilent 6200 Series TOF with an Agilent G1978A Multimode source in electrospray ionization (ESI+), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI+), or mixed ionization mode (MM: ESI-APCI+), or obtained from Caltech mass spectrometry laboratory.

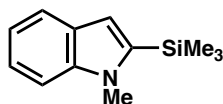
Hexamethyldisilane (98%) and KO $t$ -Bu (sublimed grade, 99.99% trace metals basis) were purchased from Aldrich and used directly. Trimethylsilane was purchased from Gelest and used directly. KOH was pulverized and dried in a desiccator over P $_2$ O $_5$  under vacuum for 24 h prior to use. Other reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Acros Organics, Strem, or Alfa Aesar and used as received unless otherwise stated.

### 3.4.2 EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES AND SPECTROSCOPIC DATA

#### 3.4.2.1 General Experimental Procedure and Spectroscopic Data for the C–H Silylation Using Trimethylsilane Gas

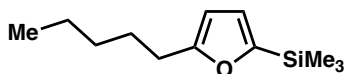
In a nitrogen-filled glove box, substrate (1 equiv), KO $t$ -Bu (20 mol %), and THF (1M in substrate) were added to the reaction vessel with a magnetic stir bar. The reaction

vessel could be either a 25 mL Schlenk bomb sealed with a PTFE plug without an O-ring or a 20 mL scintillation vial sealed with PTFE-lined septum and cap. In a fume hood, the bottle of trimethylsilane (100g, Gelest) was fitted with a rubber septum and secured with a hose clamp. A gas transfer device (fabricated from a cut 10 mL syringe barrel, latex balloon, and tape) was fitted with a needle and purged with trimethylsilane. The rapidly stirring reaction mixture was momentarily placed under vacuum and immediately refilled with trimethylsilane three times. The reaction vessel was then sealed and stirred at 45 °C for 24 h, after which the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to give the desired product.

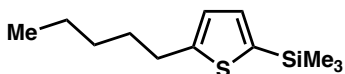


**1-methyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indole (184):** The general procedure was followed using KO*t*-Bu (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), **55** (66 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), and 0.5 mL of THF at 45 °C in a sealed tube for 24 h. **184** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (20:1 hexanes to dichloromethane) and obtained as a colorless oil (50 mg, 49% yield).  $R_f = 0.3$  (10:1 hexanes to dichloromethane);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 (dt,  $J = 7.9, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dq,  $J = 8.4, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 (ddd,  $J = 7.9, 7.0, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 0.40 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.18, 140.25, 128.41, 122.12, 120.78, 119.25, 111.43, 109.13, 33.07,  $-0.37$ .; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3046, 2955, 1492, 1466, 1407, 1357,

1326, 1300, 1250, 1233, 1072, 899, 839, 748  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MM+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{NSi}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 204.1203, found: 204.1196.



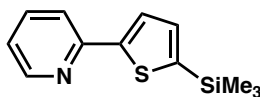
**trimethyl(5-pentylfuran-2-yl)silane (235):** The general procedure was followed using  $\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}$  (4.5 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %), 2-pentylfuran (27.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), and 0.2 mL of THF at 45 °C in a sealed tube for 24 h. **235** was purified by passage through a short pad of silica gel (100% hexanes) and obtained as a colorless oil (26.3 mg, 58% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.52 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dt,  $J = 3.1, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.25 (m, 4H), 0.99 – 0.81 (m, 3H), 0.24 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.24, 158.25, 120.48, 104.72, 31.64, 28.33, 27.88, 22.58, 14.17, -1.37. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2956, 2931, 1588, 1386, 1248, 1010, 834, 782, 759  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MM+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{OSi}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 211.1513, found: 211.1516.



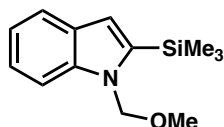
**trimethyl(5-pentylthiophen-2-yl)silane (236):** The general procedure was followed using  $\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}$  (4.5 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %), 2-pentylthiophene (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), and 0.2 mL of THF at 45 °C in a sealed tube for 24 h. **236** was purified by passage through a short pad of silica gel (100% hexanes) and obtained as a colorless oil (39.7 mg, 87% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.06 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dt,  $J = 3.3, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.22 (m, 4H), 1.00 –



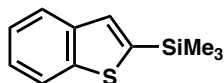
0.79 (m, 3H), 0.29 (s, 9H).;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.70, 137.67, 134.07, 125.56, 31.64, 31.57, 30.10, 22.58, 14.16, 0.14. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3055, 2957, 2930, 2872, 2858, 1528, 1442, 1249, 1213, 1060, 986, 840, 800, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;



**2-(5-(trimethylsilyl)thiophen-2-yl)pyridine (237):** The general procedure was followed using  $\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}$  (4.5 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %), 2-(thiophen-2-yl)pyridine (32.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), and 0.2 mL of THF at 45 °C for 22 h. **237** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes to ethyl acetate) and obtained as a colorless oil (14.6 mg, 32% yield).  $R_f = 0.4$  (10:1 hexanes to ethyl acetate);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.67 – 8.48 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd,  $J = 6.3, 4.9, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 0.35 (s, 9H).;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.70, 149.73, 143.24, 136.81, 134.96, 125.77, 121.99, 119.08, -0.04.; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3056, 3002, 2955, 2896, 1588, 1563, 1523, 1466, 1424, 1316, 1290, 1250, 1208, 1168, 1152, 1078, 1066, 1066, 1048, 1006, 990, 964, 837, 774, 756, 712  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  HRMS (MM+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NSSi}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 234.0767, found: 234.0778. The analytical data are in accordance with those reported.<sup>18</sup>

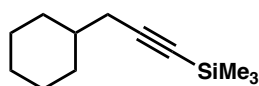


**1-(methoxymethyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indole (238):** The general procedure was followed using KO*t*-Bu (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %), 1-(methoxymethyl)-1H-indole (32.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), and 0.2 mL of THF at 45 °C in a sealed tube for 24 h. **238** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (20:1 hexanes to ethyl acetate) and obtained as a colorless oil (36.8 mg, 78% yield).  $R_f = 0.25$  (20:1 hexanes to ethyl acetate);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 (dt,  $J = 7.9, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dq,  $J = 8.3, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 7.0, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd,  $J = 7.9, 7.0, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 0.39 (s, 9H).;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.23, 140.44, 128.90, 122.71, 120.88, 120.12, 114.01, 109.72, 76.65, 55.51, -0.18.; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2954, 2332, 1466, 1312, 1249, 1223, 1166, 1103, 1090, 1046, 897, 841, 737  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MM+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{NOSi}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 234.1309, found: 234.1313.



**benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yltrimethylsilane (71):** The general procedure was followed using KO*t*-Bu (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), benzo[*b*]thiophene (67.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), and 0.5 mL of THF at 45 °C in a sealed tube for 24 h. **71** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes to dichloromethane) and obtained as a colorless oil (69 mg, 67% yield).  $R_f = 0.4$  (10:1 hexanes to dichloromethane);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.85 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.26

(m, 2H), 0.38 (s, 9H).;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.66, 142.40, 141.21, 130.96, 124.27, 124.13, 123.54, 122.34, -0.16.; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3054, 2954, 1492, 1454, 1290, 1249, 1017, 970, 842, 828, 800, 776, 742  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{SSi}$   $[\text{M}]^{+}$ : 206.0586, found: 206.0603. The analytical data are in accordance with those reported.<sup>9d</sup>



**(3-cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)trimethylsilane (239):** The general procedure was followed using KOH (2.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol %), 3-cyclohexyl-1-propyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), and 0.5 mL of DME at 45 °C in a sealed tube for 48 h. **239** purified by silica gel flash chromatography (ISCO automated, hexanes then 0 to 10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and obtained as a colorless oil (72.3 mg, 74% yield)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.11 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 1.85 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.60 (m, 3H), 1.53 – 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.05 (m, 3H), 1.04 – 0.88 (m, 2H), 0.15 (s, 9H).;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  106.72, 85.29, 37.42, 32.79, 27.83, 26.44, 26.29, 0.37.; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2923, 2854, 2175, 1250, 839  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{Si}$   $[\text{M}]^{+}$ : 194.1491, found: 194.1505.

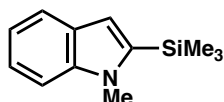
### 3.4.2.2 General Procedure for Optimization Using Hexamethyldisilane

Based on previously reported screening procedure.<sup>15</sup> In a nitrogen-filled glove box, *N*-methylindole **55** (0.2–0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), hexamethyldisilane, the indicated base, and solvent were added to a 1 dram vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. At the

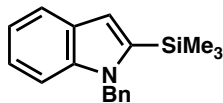
indicated time, aliquots were removed using a glass capillary tube, diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, and analyzed using GC-FID to determine regioselectivity and yield.

### 3.4.2.3 General Experimental Procedure and Spectroscopic Data for the C–H Silylation Using Hexamethyldisilane

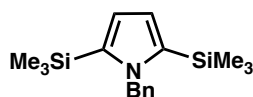
In a nitrogen-filled glove box, substrate (0.2–0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), hexamethyldisilane (2 equiv), the indicated base (20 mol %) , and solvent (1M in substrate) were added to a 1 dram vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. Then the vial was sealed and the mixture was stirred at the indicated temperature for the indicated time. When complete, the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to give the desired product.



**1-methyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indole (184):** The general procedure was followed using KO*t*-Bu (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %) or KOEt (8.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), **55** (65.6 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), hexamethyldisilane (146.4 mg, 1 mmol, 2 equiv), and 0.5 mL of THF at 45 °C for 48 h. **184** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography as above to obtain a colorless oil, (59% yield from KO*t*-Bu or 61% yield from KOEt). The analytical data are in accordance with those reported above.

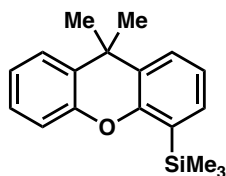


**1-benzyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-indole (240):** The general procedure was followed using KO*t*-Bu (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), 1-benzyl-1H-indole (103.63 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), hexamethyldisilane (146.4 mg, 1 mmol, 2 equiv), and 0.5 mL of DME at 45 °C for 96 h. **240** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (5:1 hexanes in dichloromethane) to obtain a colorless oil (73.3 mg, 52% yield).  $R_f = 0.3$  (5:1 hexanes in dichloromethane);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.94 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 0.27 (s, 9H).;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.51, 139.98, 138.39, 128.81, 128.76, 127.29, 125.87, 122.37, 120.82, 119.57, 112.29, 110.05, 50.01, -0.31.; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3060, 2955, 1606, 1495, 1466, 1450, 1353, 1333, 1301, 1250, 1197, 1164, 1115, 1096, 1014, 906, 840, 792, 748, 725  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MM+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NSi}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 280.1516, found: 280.1512.

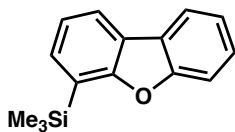


**1-benzyl-2,5-bis(trimethylsilyl)-1H-pyrrole (241):** The general procedure was followed using KOEt (8.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), 1-benzyl-1H-pyrrole (78 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), hexamethyldisilane (146 mg, 1 mmol, 2 equiv), and 0.5 mL of THF at 80 °C for 72 h. **241** was purified by Isco automated silica gel flash chromatography (0→10%  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  in hexanes) to obtain a white, crystalline solid (64.8 mg, 43% yield, Mp.73–78 °C).  $R_f = 0.2$  (9:1 hexanes to dichloromethane).;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  7.06 – 6.92

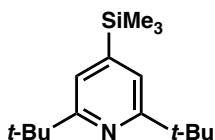
(m, 3H), 6.76 (s, 2H), 6.69 – 6.61 (m, 2H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 0.12 (s, 18H).;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  140.61, 138.39, 128.68, 127.33, 125.98, 120.90, 53.54, 0.03.; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2958, 1348, 1248, 835, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MM+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{NSi}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 302.1755, found: 302.1745.



**(9,9-dimethyl-9H-xanthen-4-yl)trimethylsilane (242):** The general procedure was followed using  $\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}$  (5.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 20 mol %), 9,9-dimethyl-9H-xanthene (52.6 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), hexamethyldisilane (73 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2 equiv), and 0.25 mL of THF at 80 °C for 48 h. **242** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (hexanes  $\rightarrow$ 25:1 hexanes to DCM) to obtain a colorless oil (22.1 mg, 30 % yield).  $R_f = 0.7$  (20:1 hexanes to EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.50 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd,  $J = 7.1$ , 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd,  $J = 8.0$ , 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 1.64 (s, 6H), 0.38 (s, 9H).;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.17, 150.86, 133.07, 130.49, 129.33, 127.48, 127.41, 126.98, 126.05, 123.12, 122.97, 116.18, 34.35, 32.17, -0.51.; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3750, 2966, 2362 (minor  $\text{CO}_2$ ), 1595, 1488, 1458, 1308, 1243, 1204, 1128, 1104, 858, 838, 820, 790, 752, 715  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;



**dibenzo[*b,d*]furan-4-yltrimethylsilane (243):** The general procedure was followed using KOEt (8.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), dibenzo[*b,d*]furan (84 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), hexamethyldisilane (146 mg, 1 mmol, 2 equiv), and THF (0.5 mL, 1M) at 45 °C for 48 h. **243** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (hexanes,  $R_f$  = 0.5, 34 mg, 28% yield) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.04 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.58 (dt,  $J$  = 8.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dt,  $J$  = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.3, 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 0.47 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  132.52, 132.37, 126.99, 122.87, 122.78, 122.56, 122.52, 122.40, 121.74, 121.69, 120.72, 111.79, -0.85.; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3046, 2956, 2898, 1570, 1470, 1449, 1402, 1391, 1378, 1346, 1300, 1262, 1248, 1192, 1173, 1144, 1110, 1049, 1010, 906, 840, 759, 732  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;



**2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)pyridine (244):** The general procedure was followed using KO*t*-Bu (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine (51.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv), hexamethyldisilane (219.6 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv), and 0.5 mL of THF at 65 °C for 48 h. **244** was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (20:1 hexanes to dichloromethane) to obtain a yellow oil (119.8 mg, 91% yield).  $R_f$  = 0.5 (10:1 hexanes to dichloromethane);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22 (s, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H), 0.31 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.30, 149.56, 119.54, 37.76, 30.41, -1.26.; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3051, 2958, 2904, 2869, 1587, 1575, 1538, 1479, 1456, 1390, 1360, 1263,

1250, 1162, 874, 836, 773, 754  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{29}\text{NSi} [\text{M}]^+$ : 264.2142, found: 264.2146.

#### 3.4.2.4 Procedure for Time Course Reaction Monitoring by in situ $^1\text{H}$ NMR

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, a J-Young gas-tight NMR tube is charged with **55** (65.8 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv),  $\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}$  (11.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol %), hexamethyldisilane (146.4 mg, 2 equiv), 1,2,5-trimethoxybenzene (8.4 mg as internal standard), and  $\text{THF-D}_8$  (0.5 mL). The tube is tightly capped with the corresponding Teflon plug, removed from the glove box, placed in the bore of the NMR, and heated to 45 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were acquired in “array” mode, with a spectrum taken approximately every 3 minutes for the length of experiment. The data was processed using MestReNova and peak integrations were normalized to 1,2,5-trimethoxybenzene. Data is decimated and displayed using the MestReNova “stack” function. The presence of  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiH}$  was confirmed by a crosspeak in the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HSQC spectrum.

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## **APPENDIX 4**

*Spectra Relevant to Chapter 3: Catalytic C–H Trimethylsilylation of Aromatic Heterocycles via Base Catalysis*

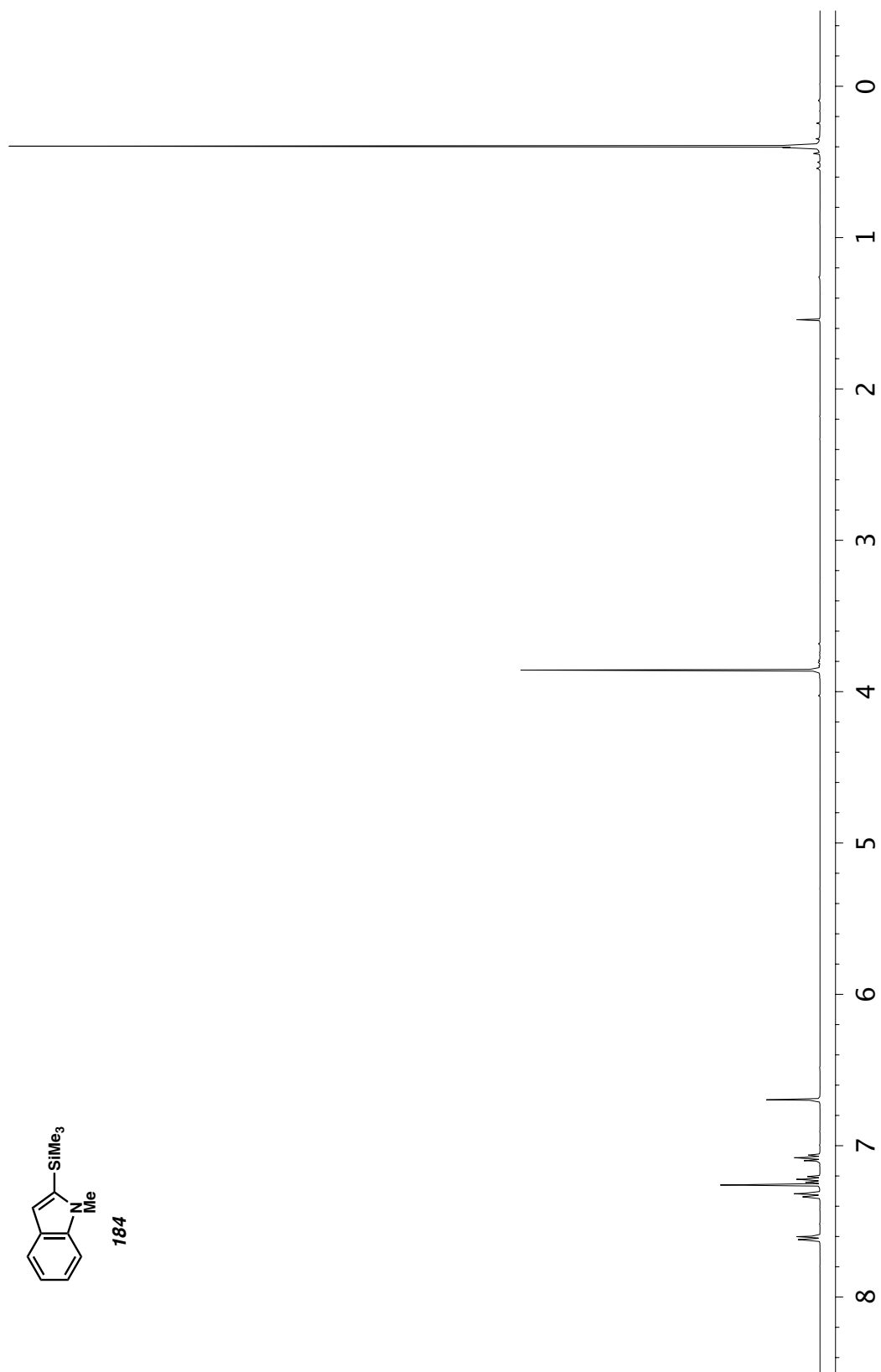


Figure A4.1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **184**.

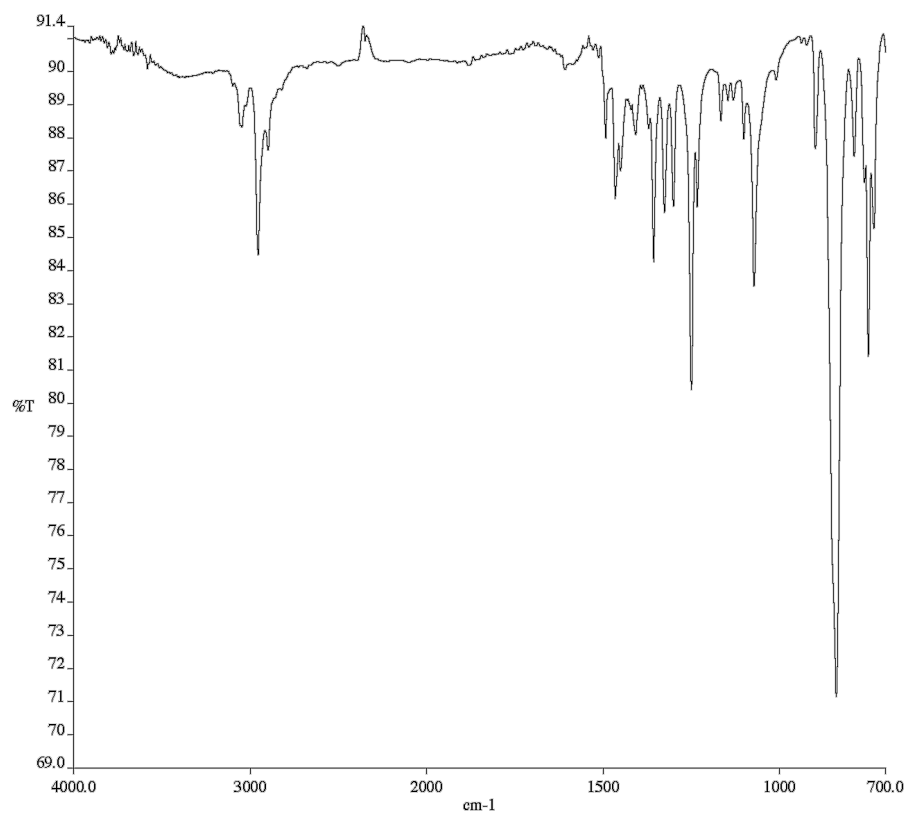


Figure A4.2. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **184**.

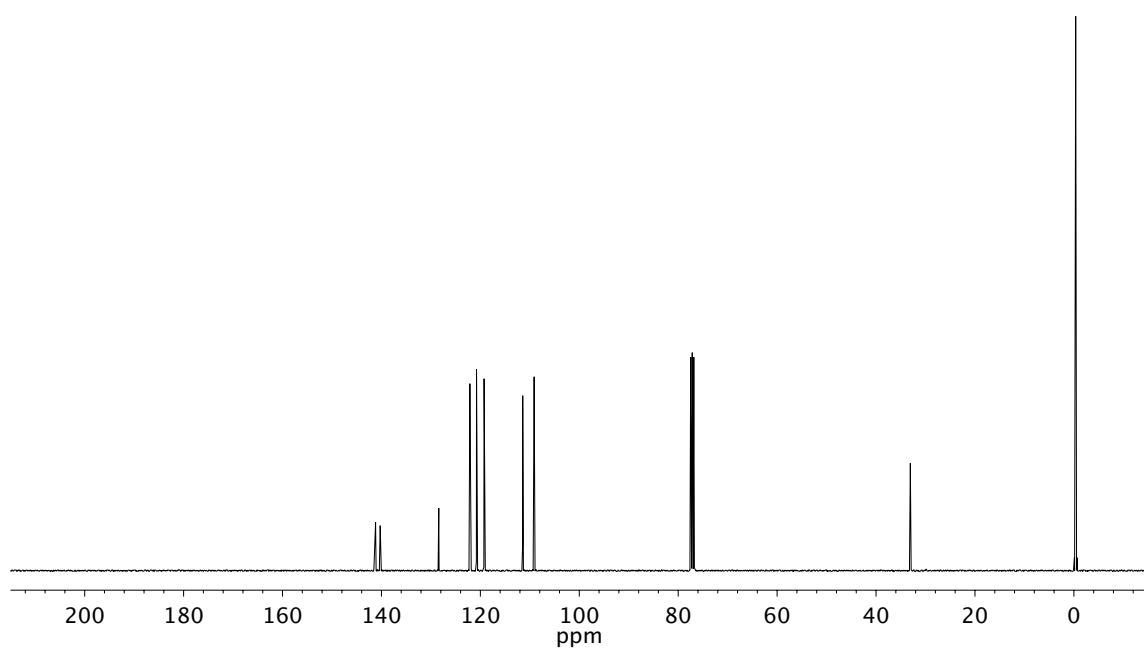


Figure A4.3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **184**.

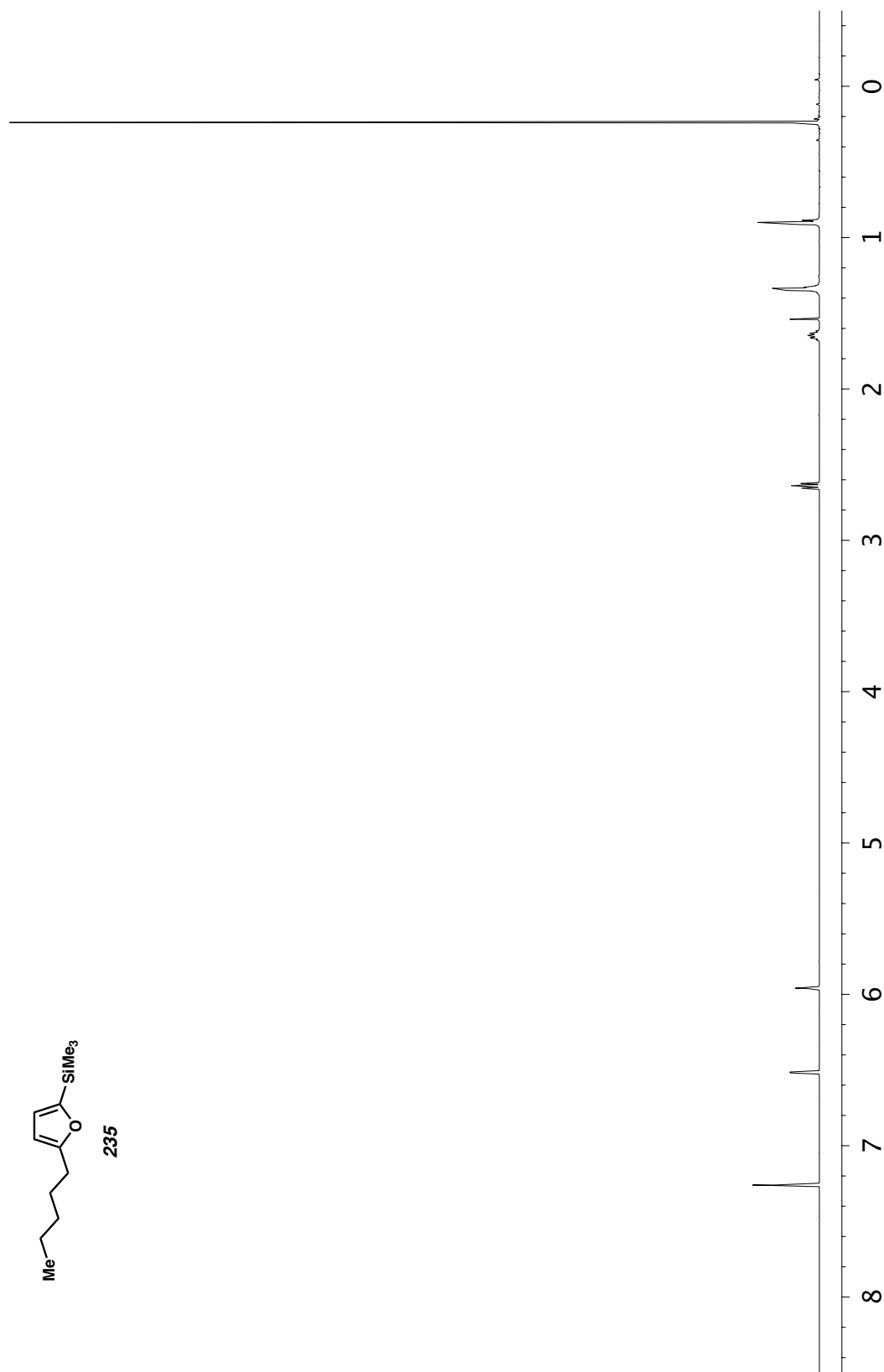


Figure A4.4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 235.

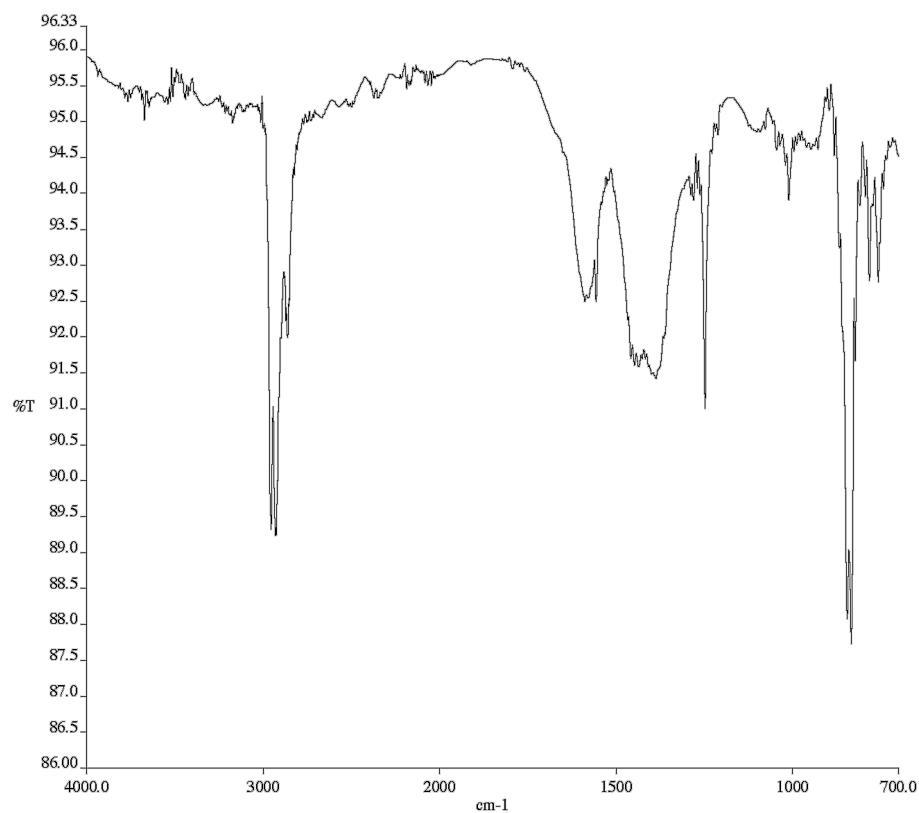


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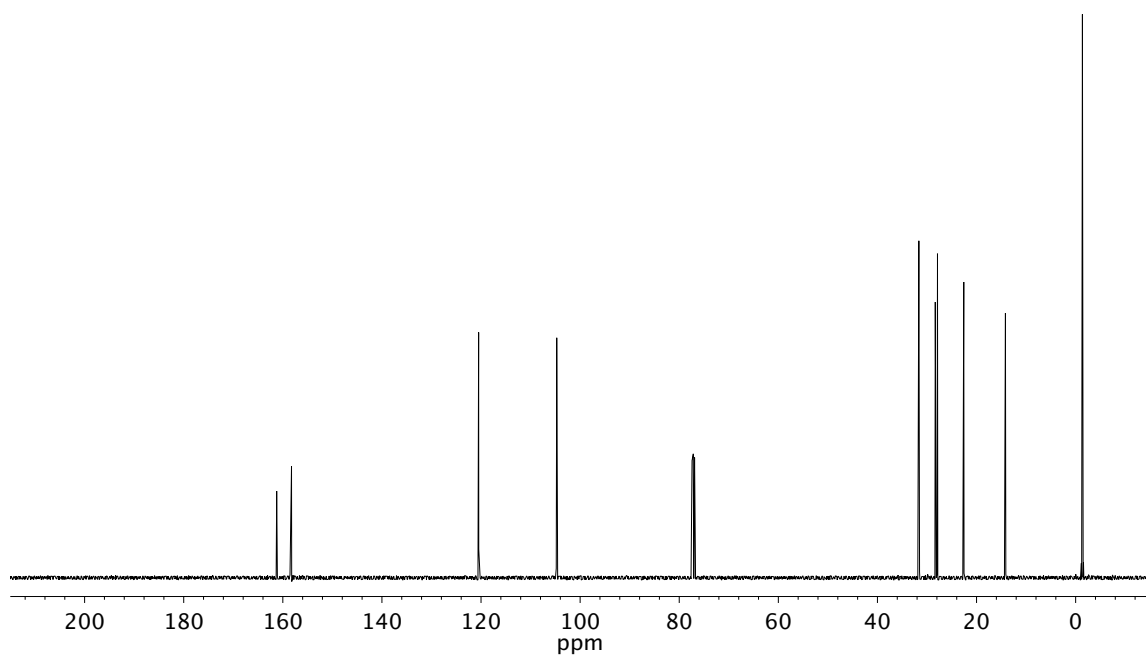


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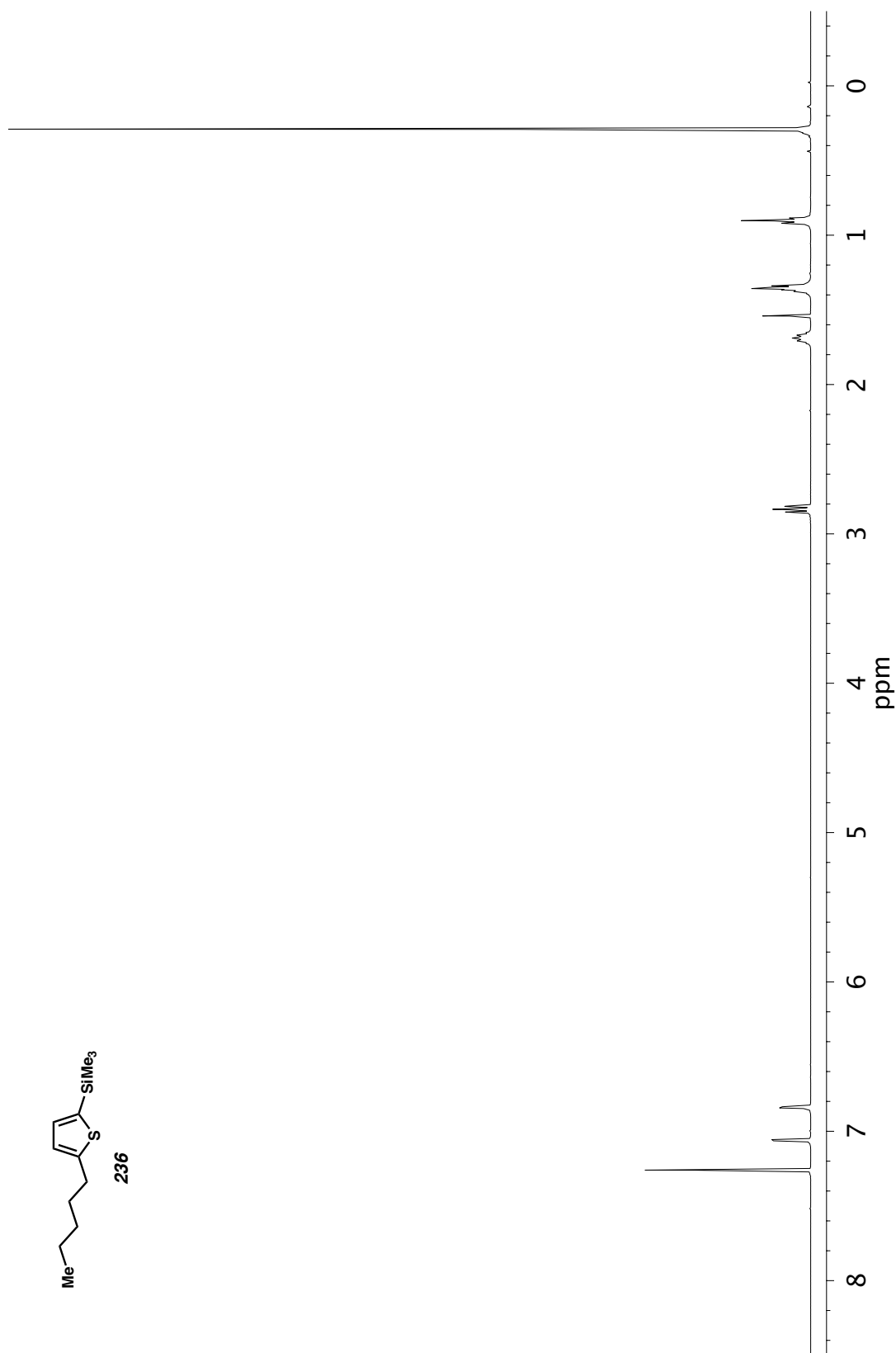


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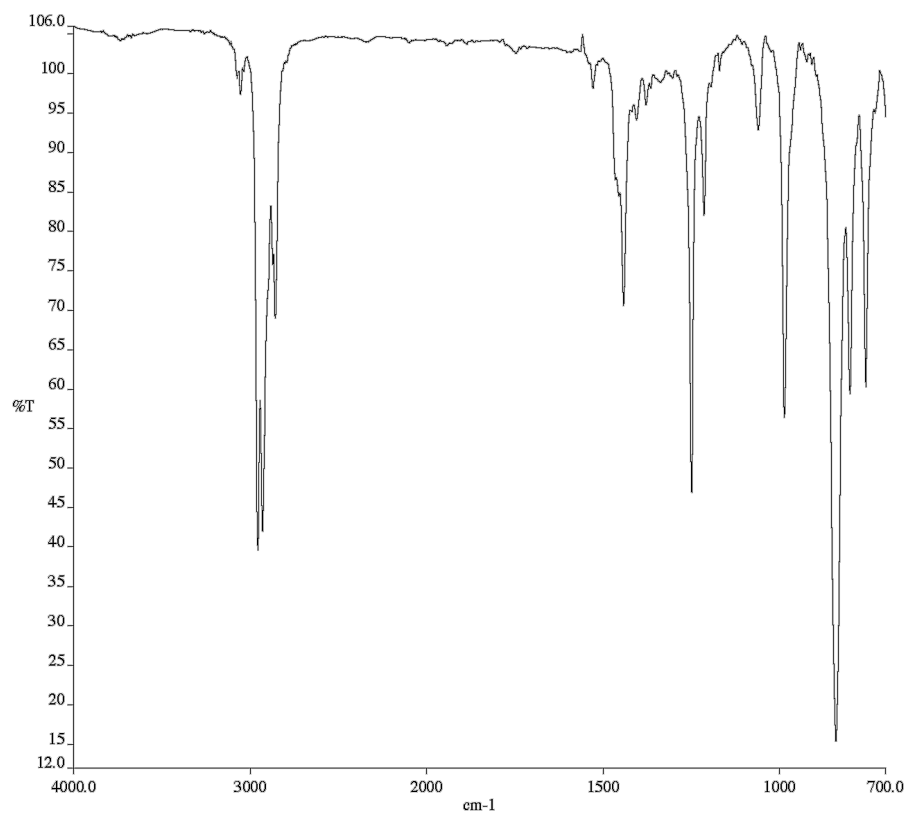


Figure A4.8. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **236**.

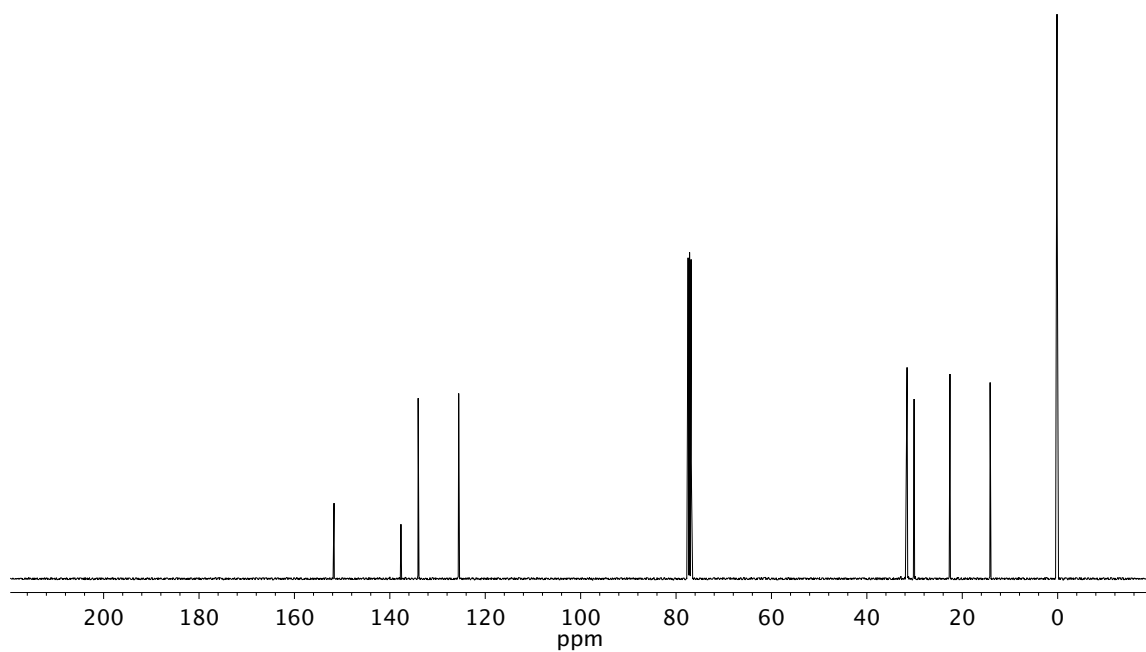


Figure A4.9. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **236**.

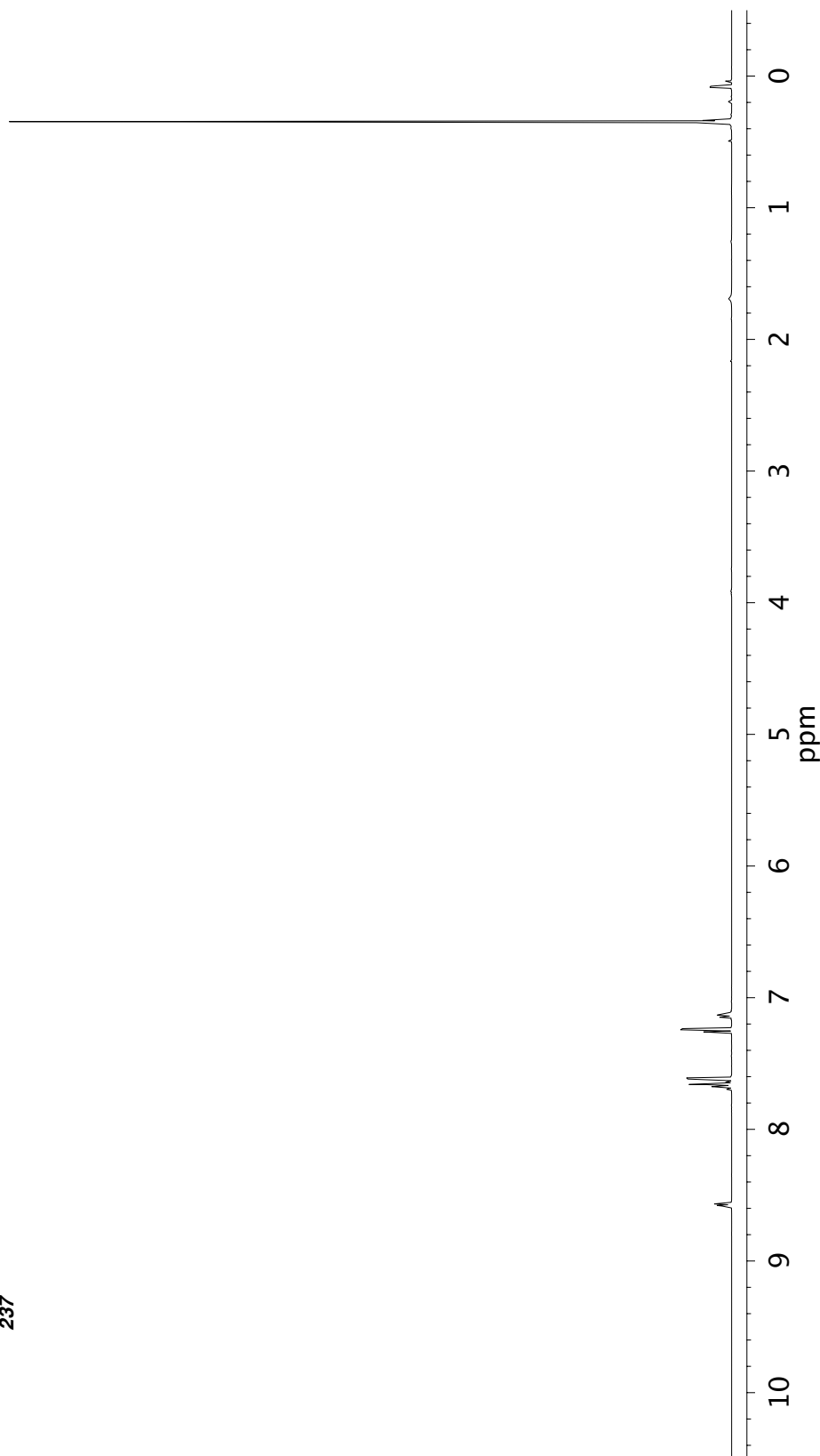
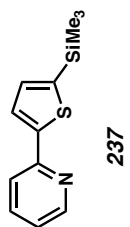


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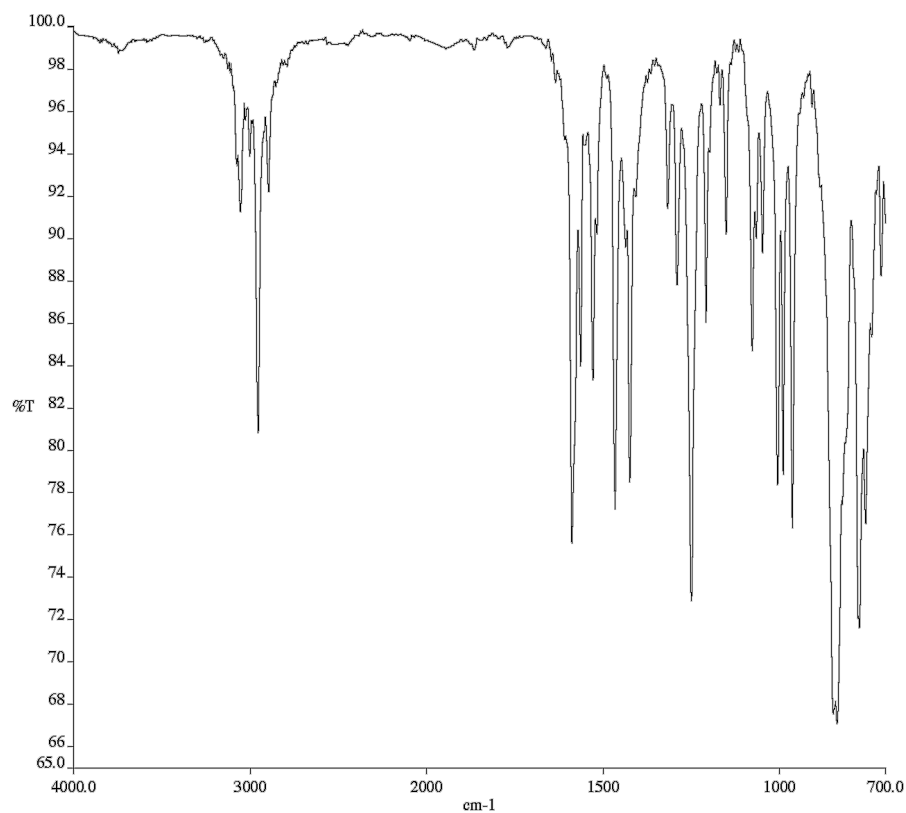


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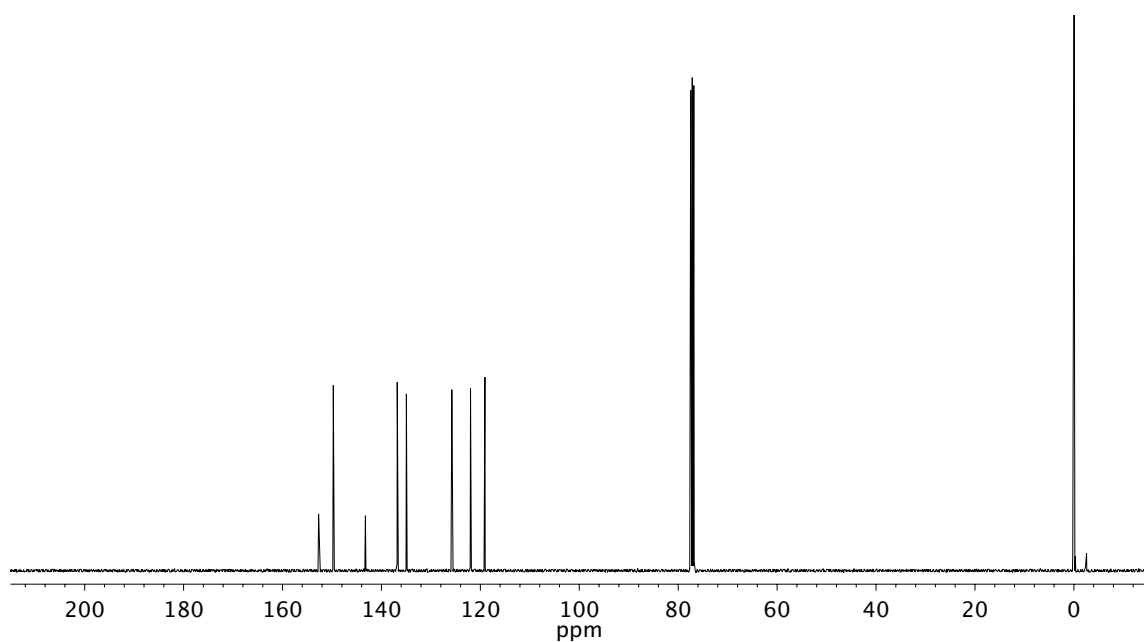


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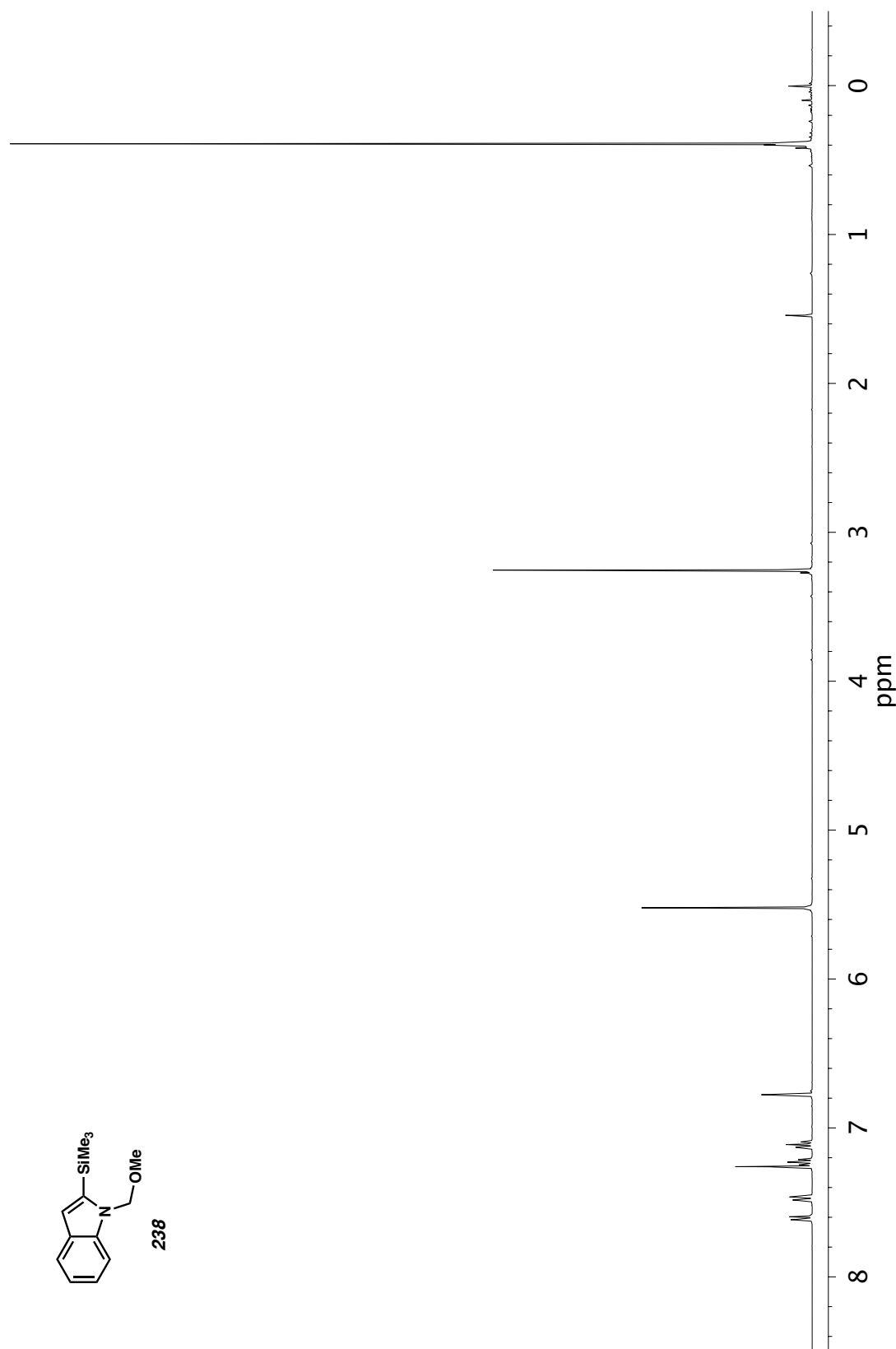


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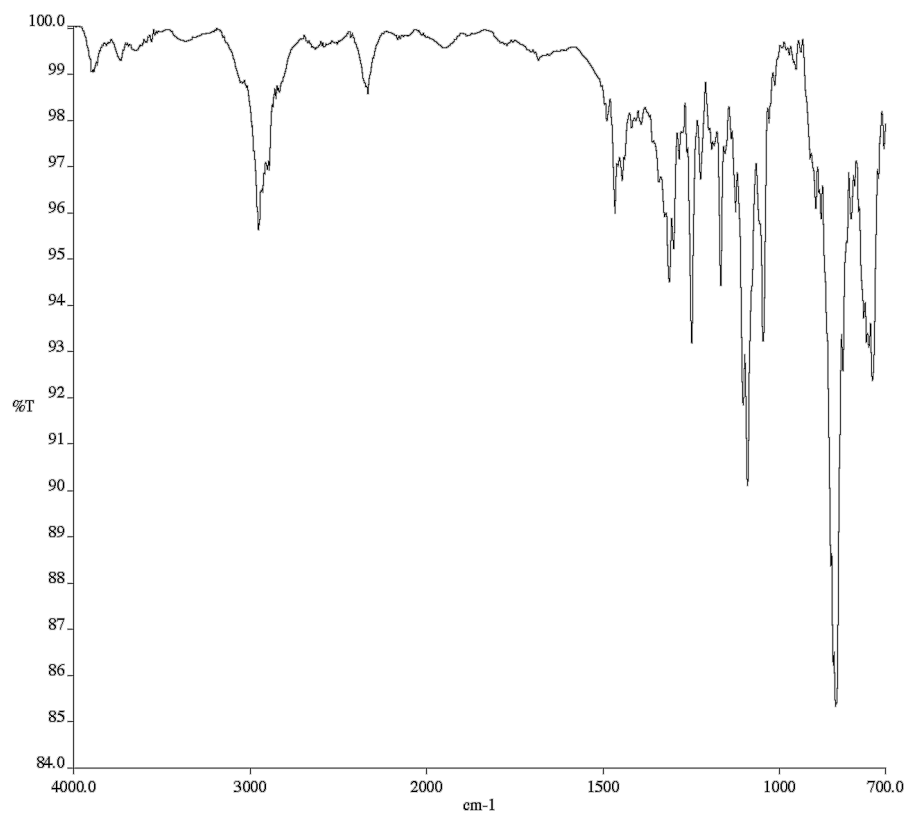


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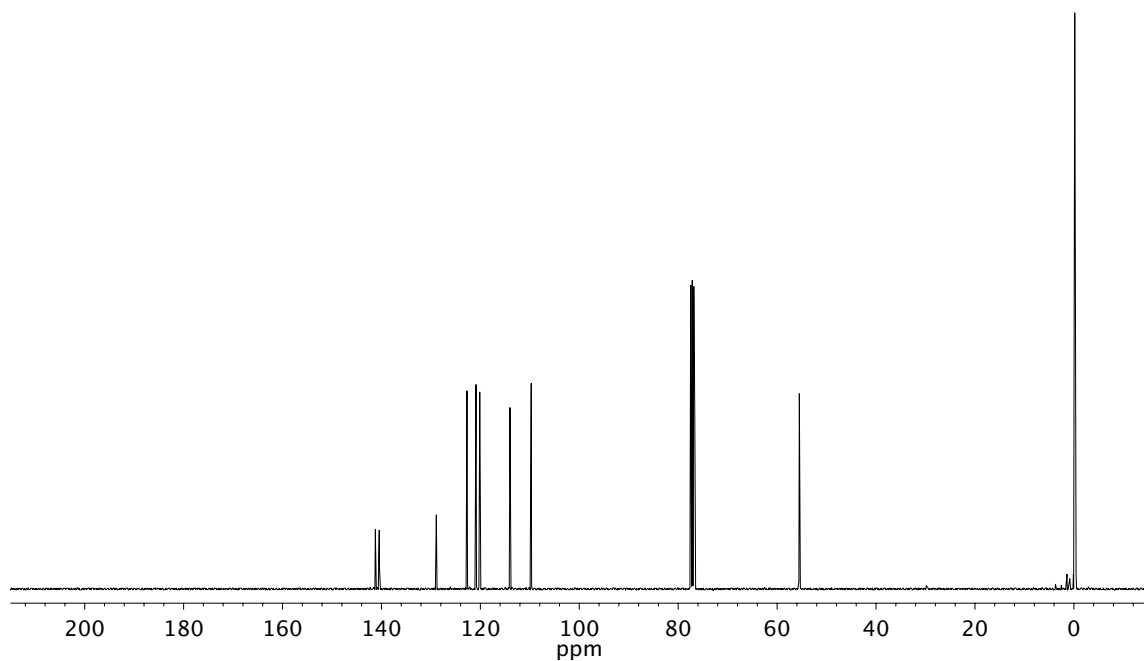


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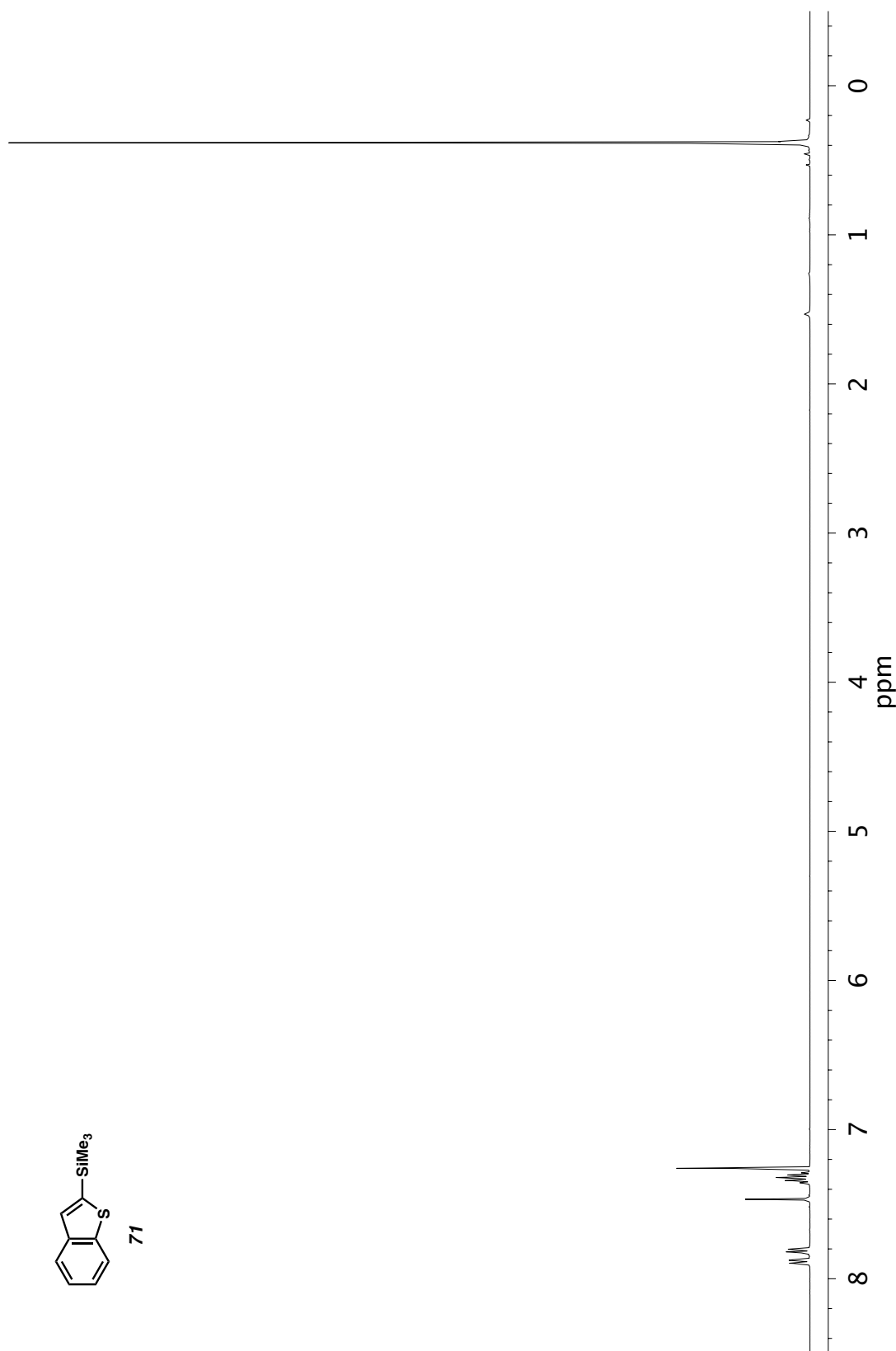


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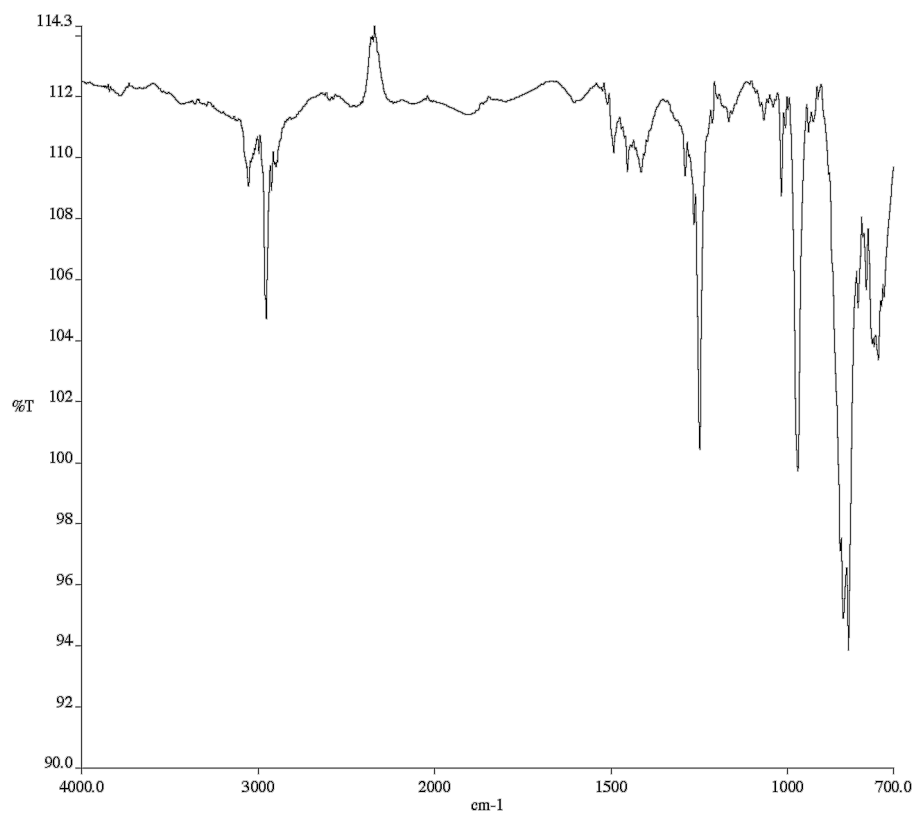


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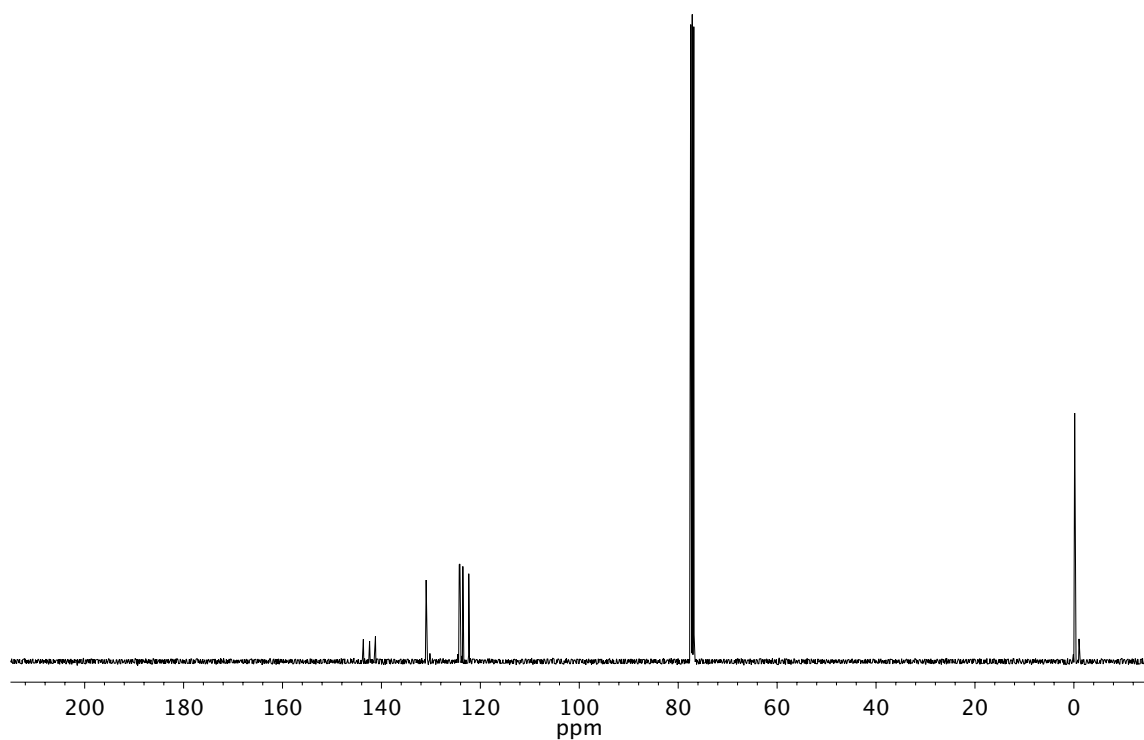


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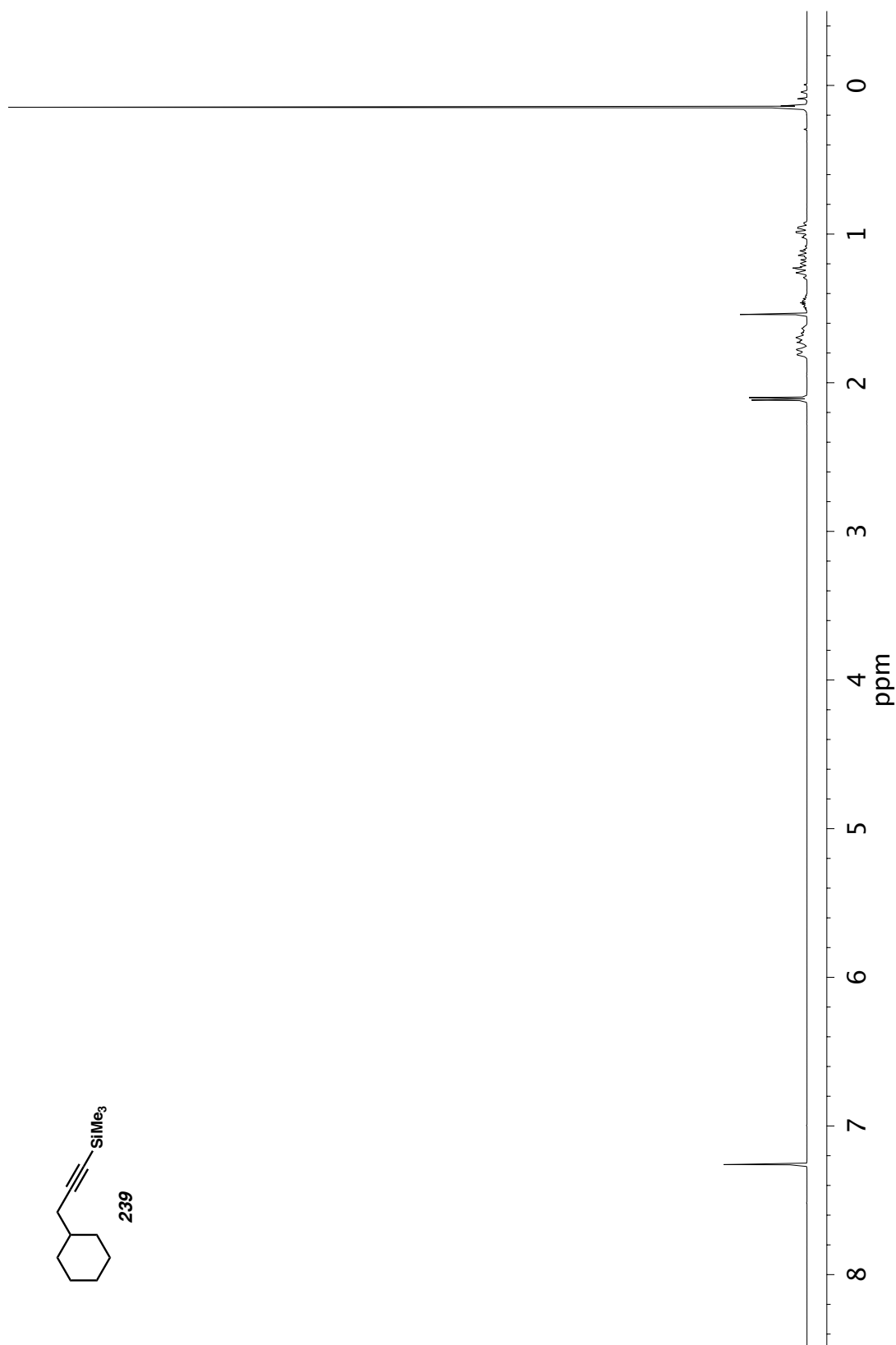


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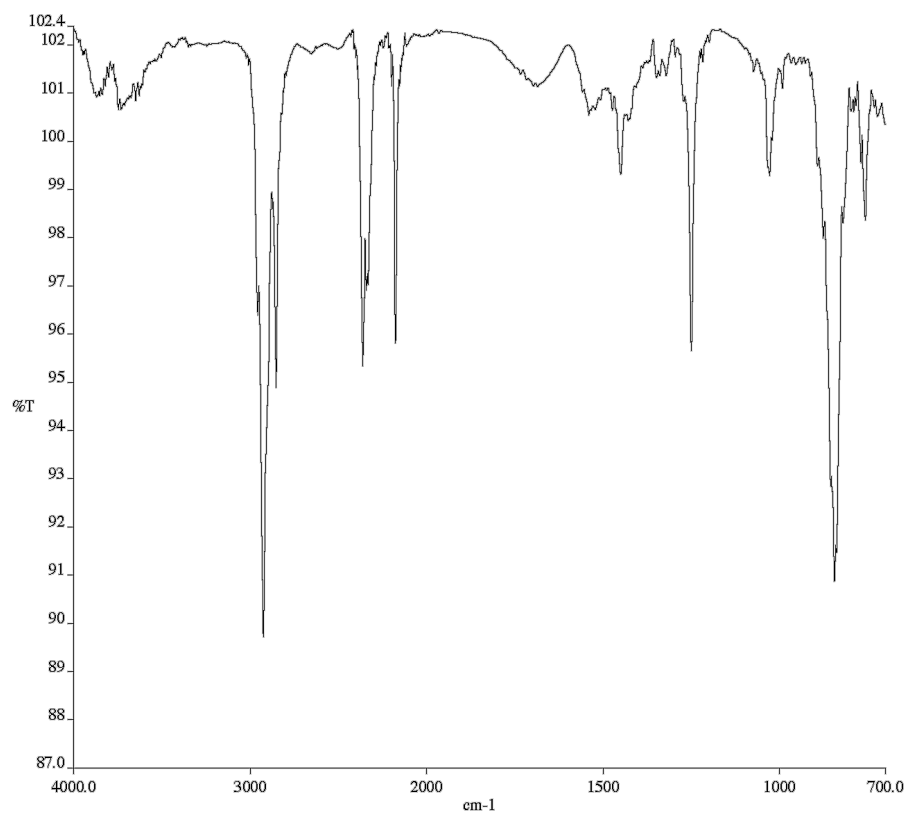


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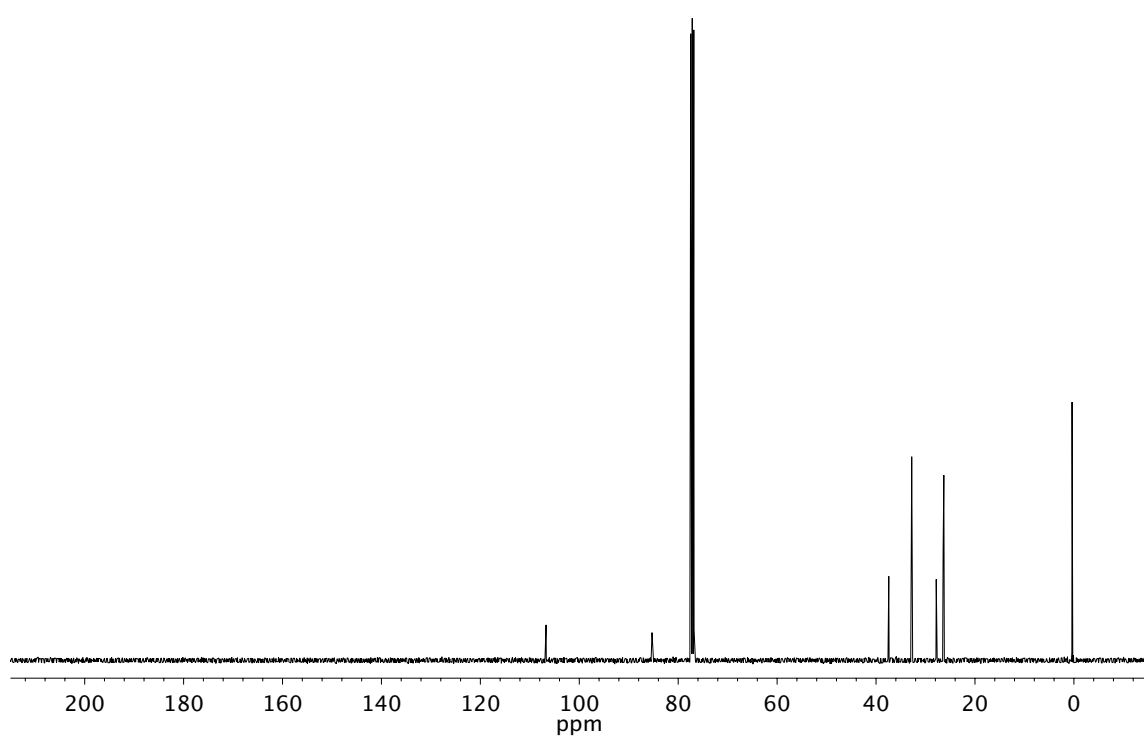


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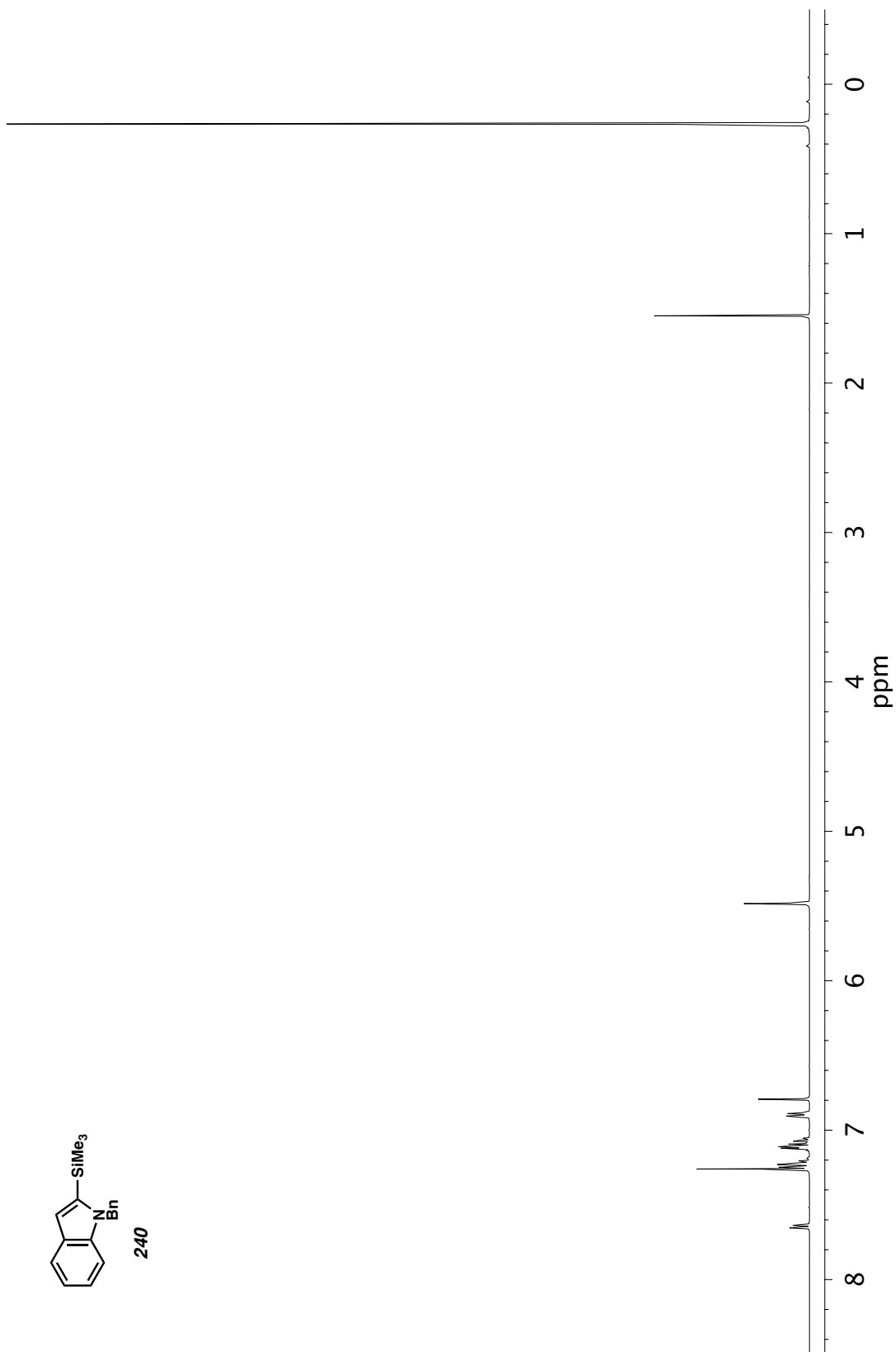
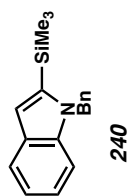


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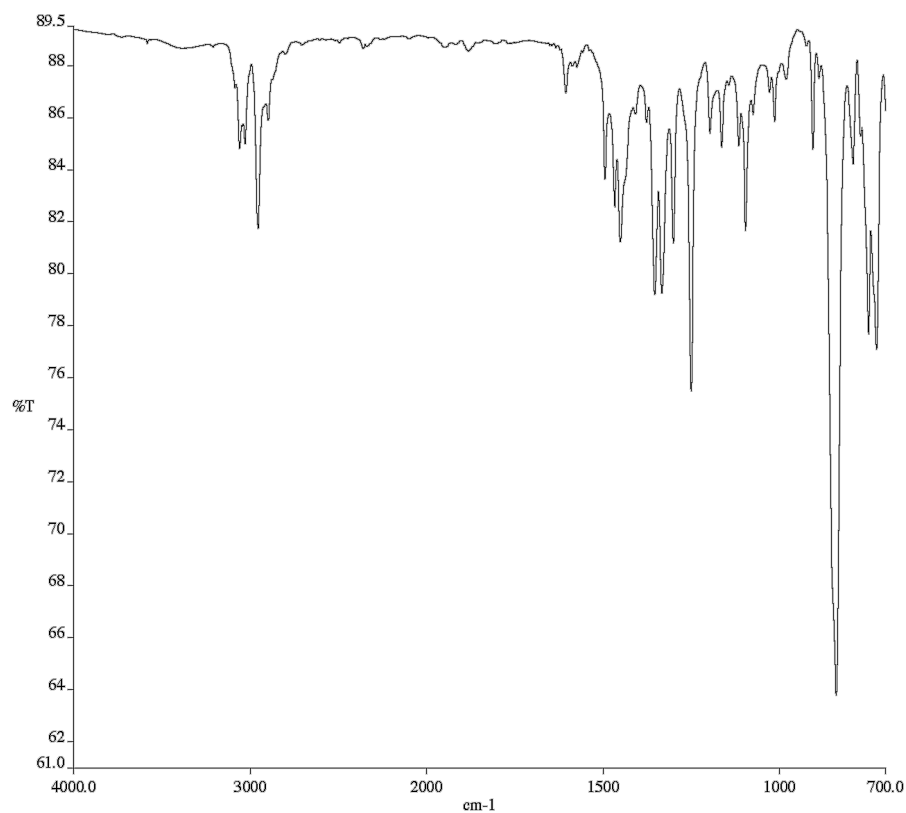


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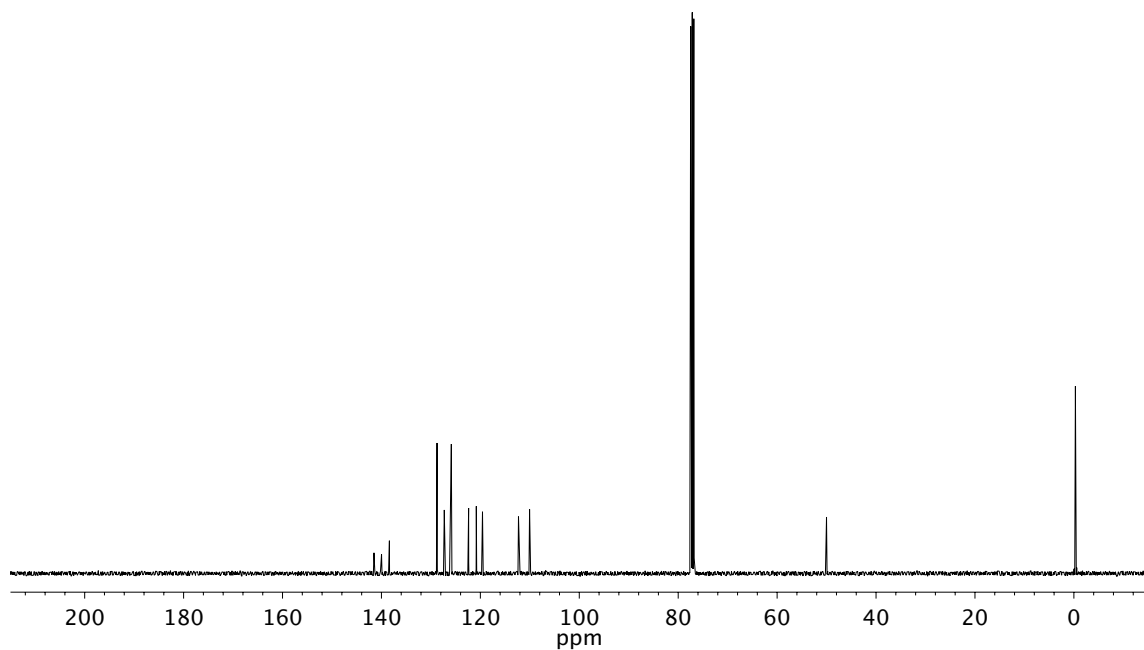


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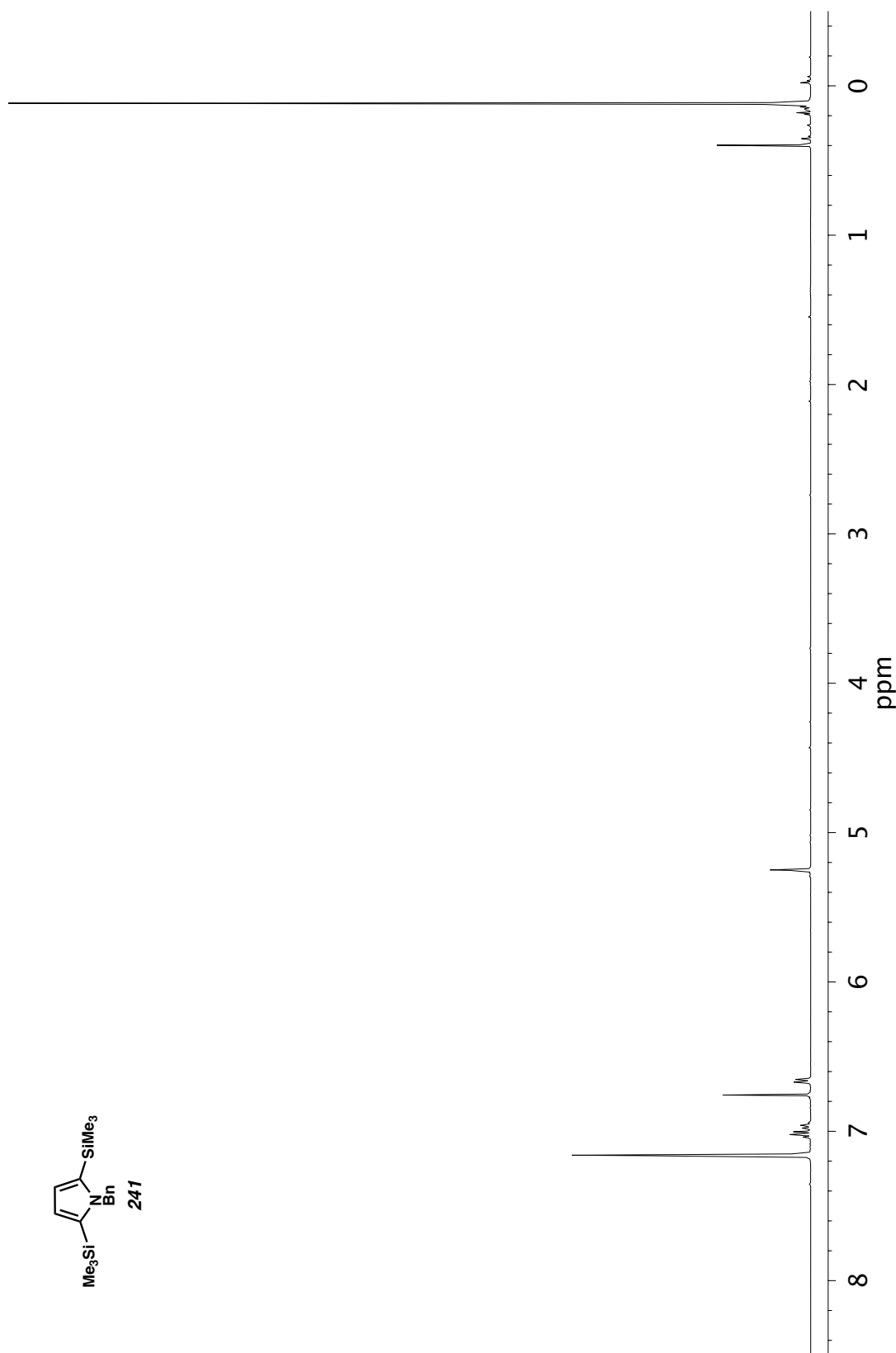


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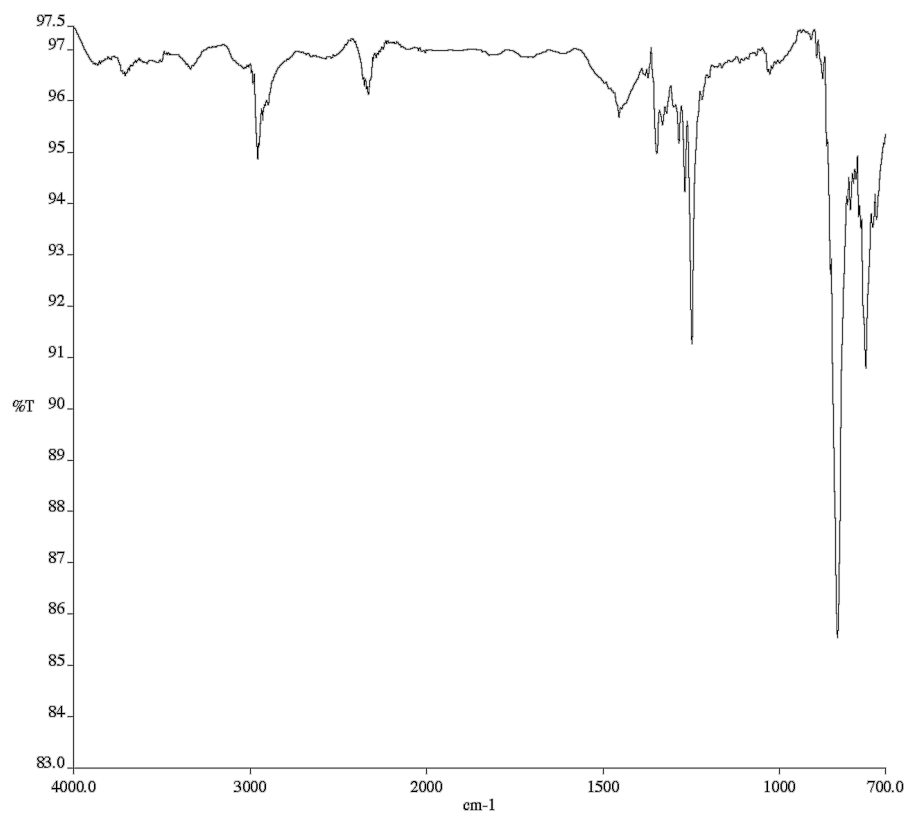


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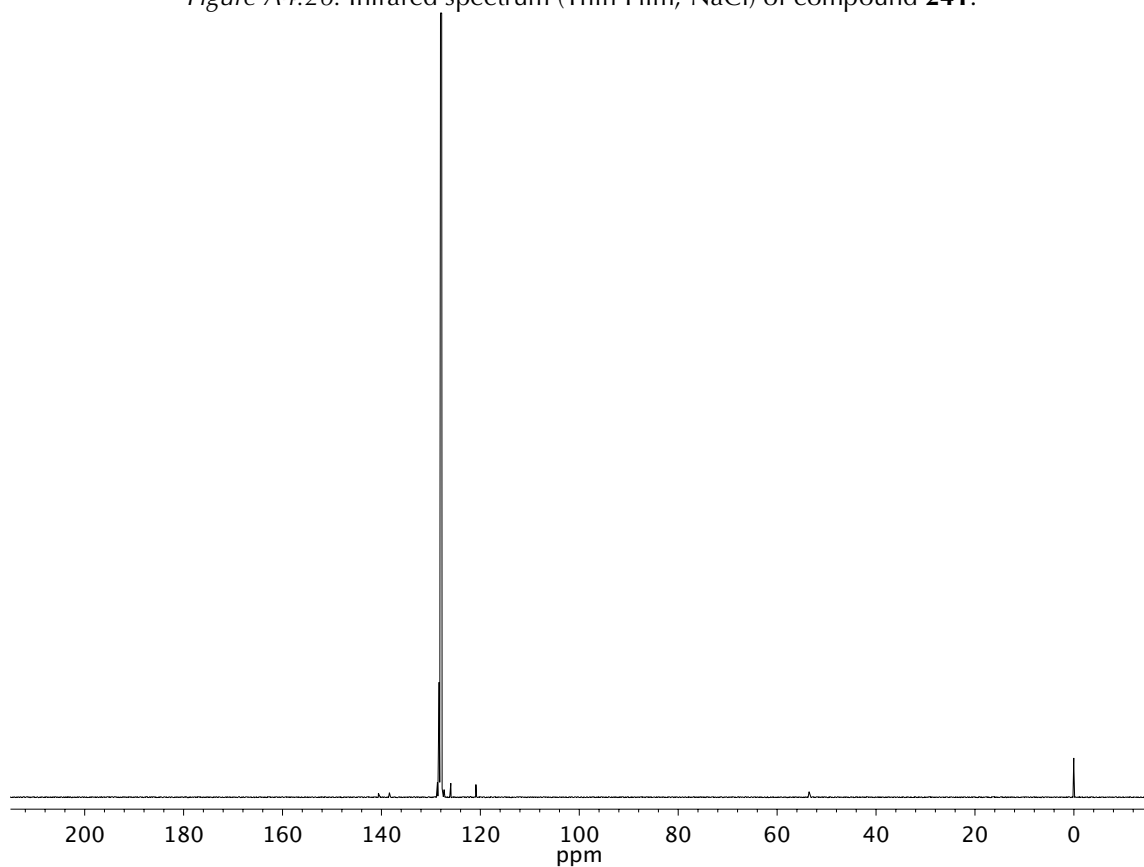


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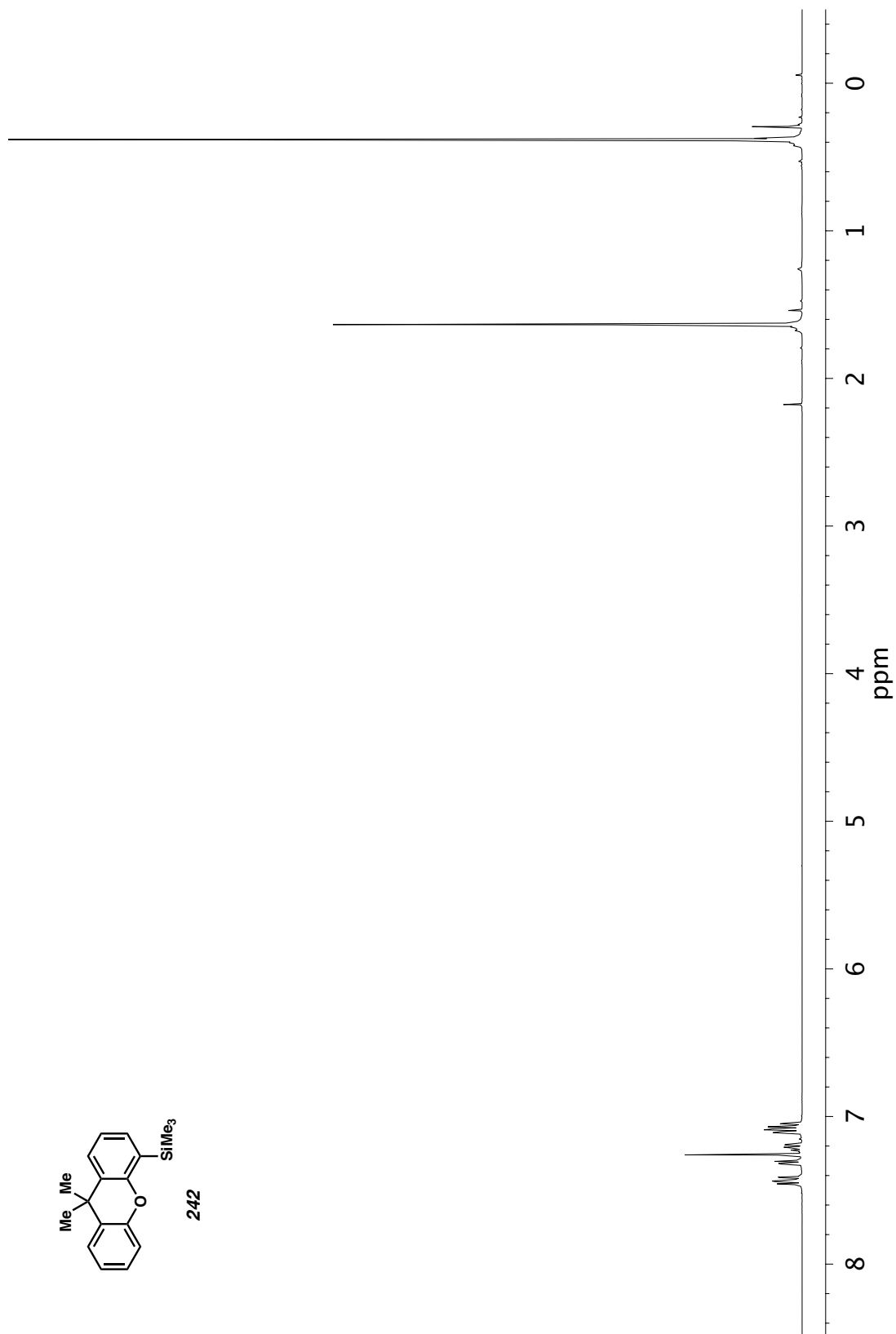
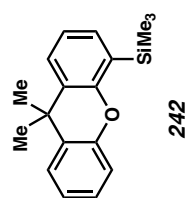


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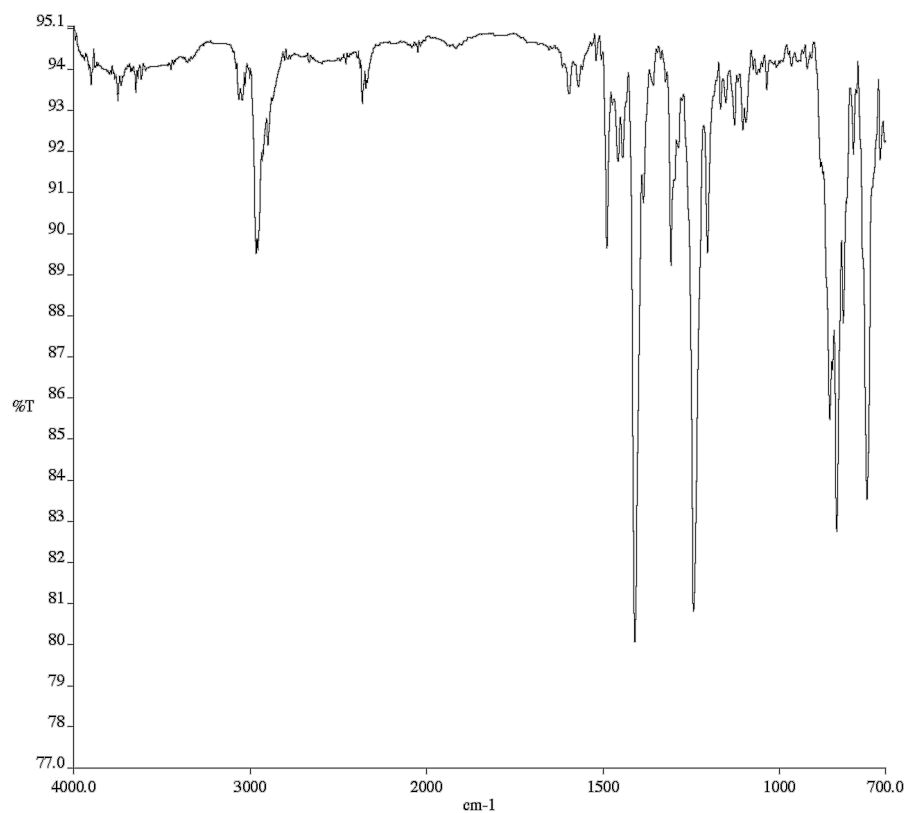


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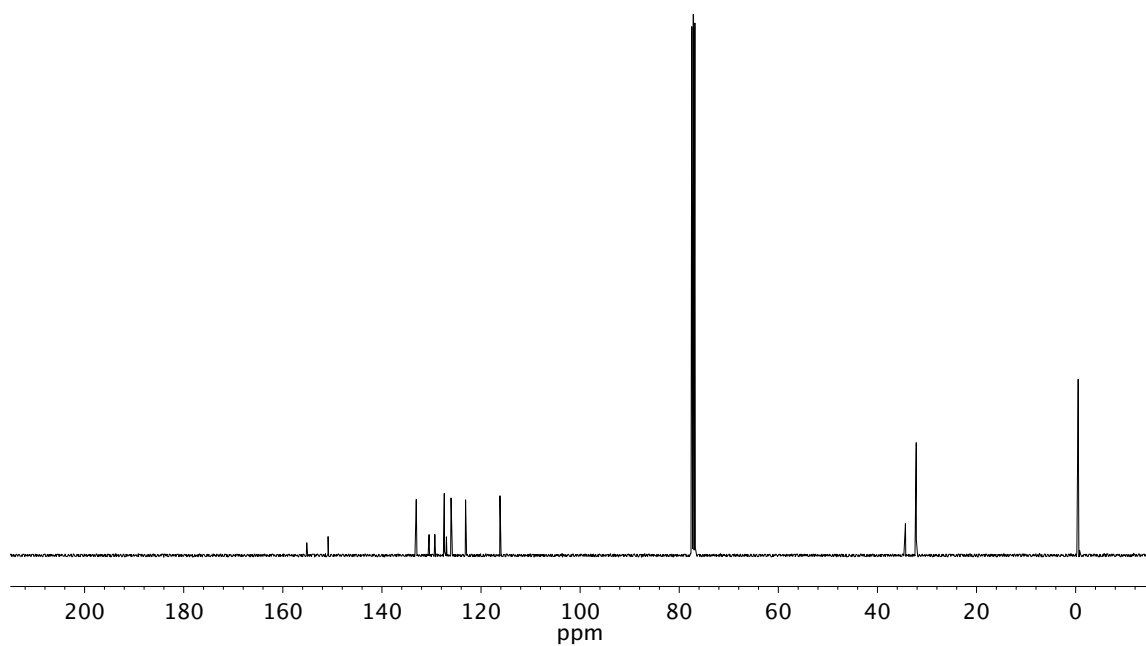


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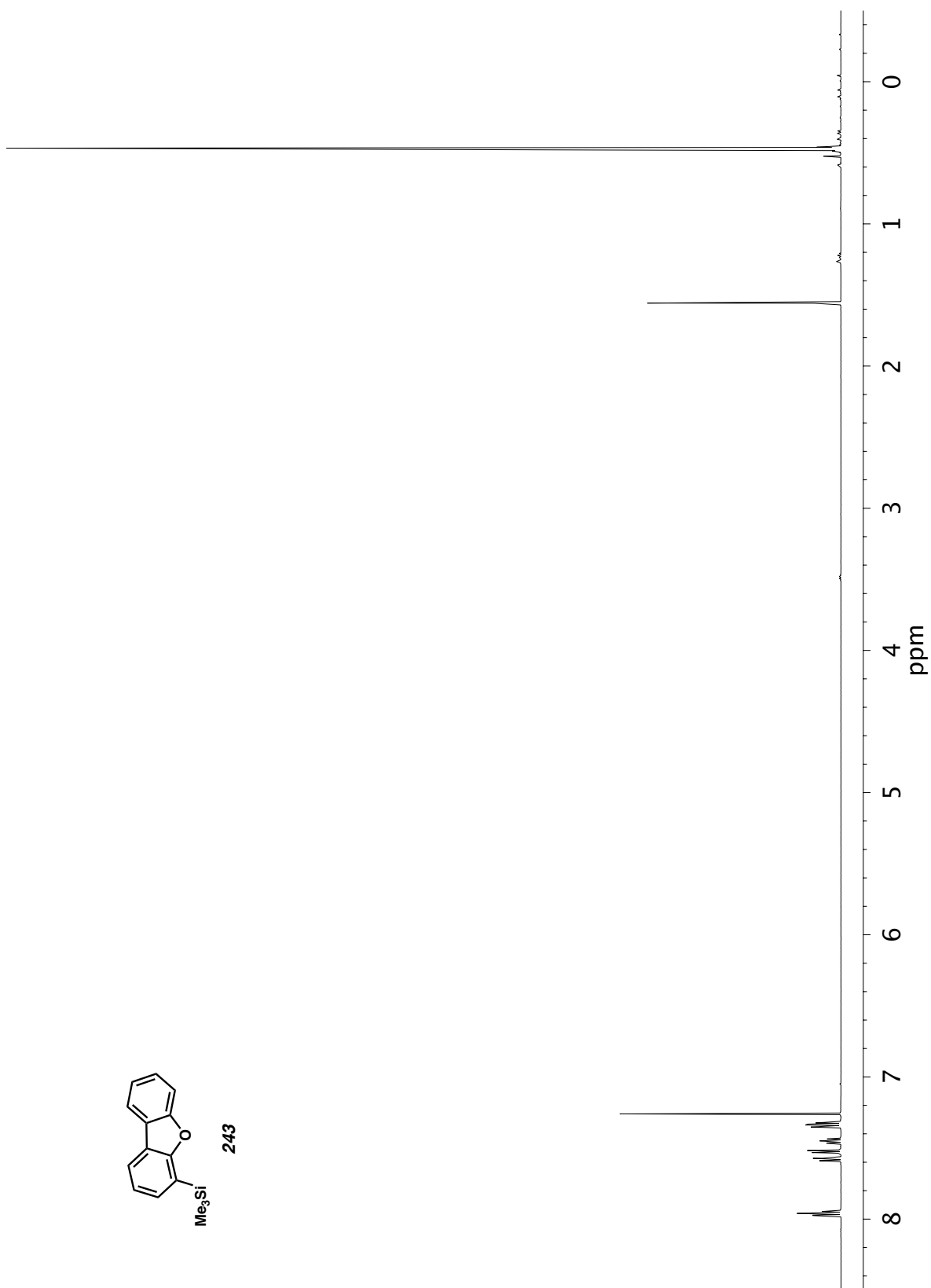


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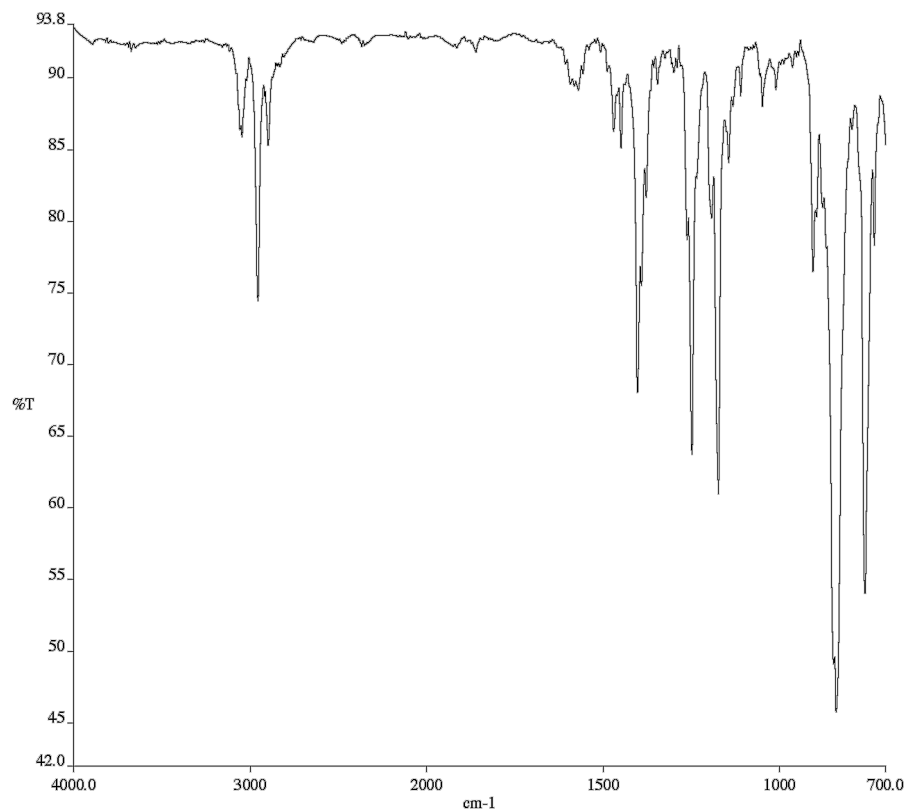


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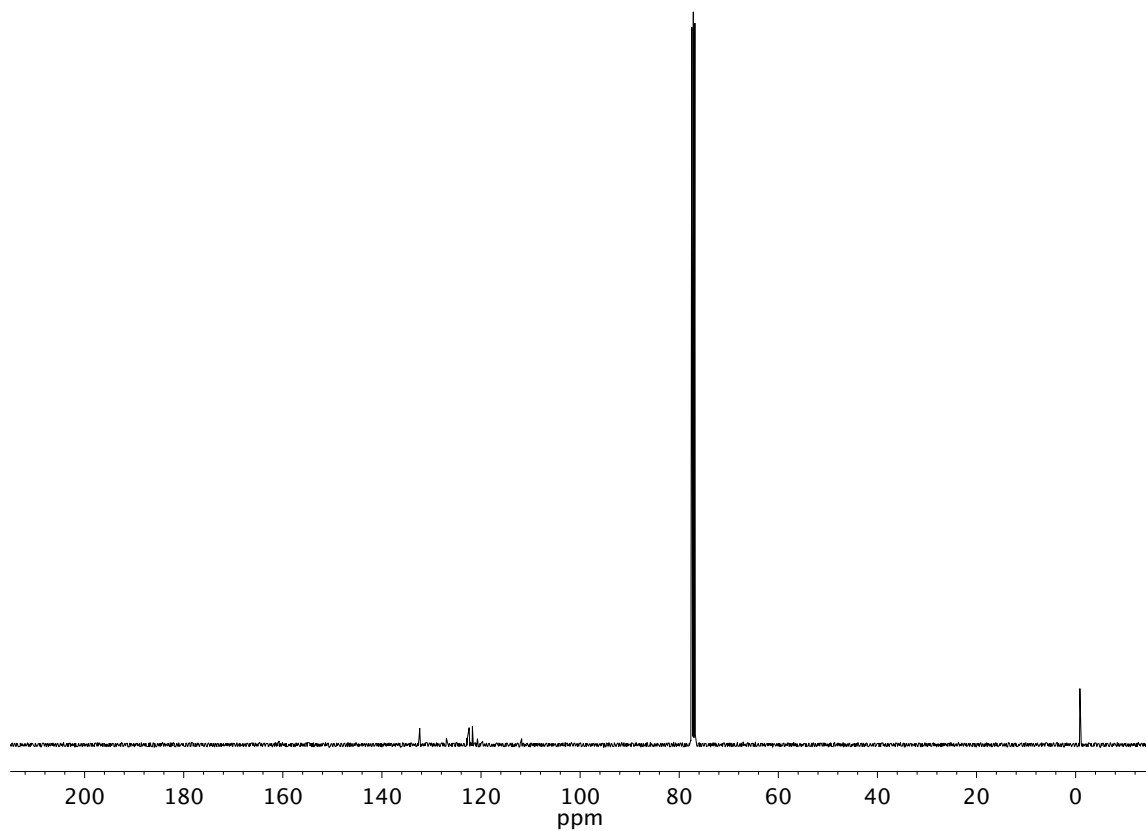


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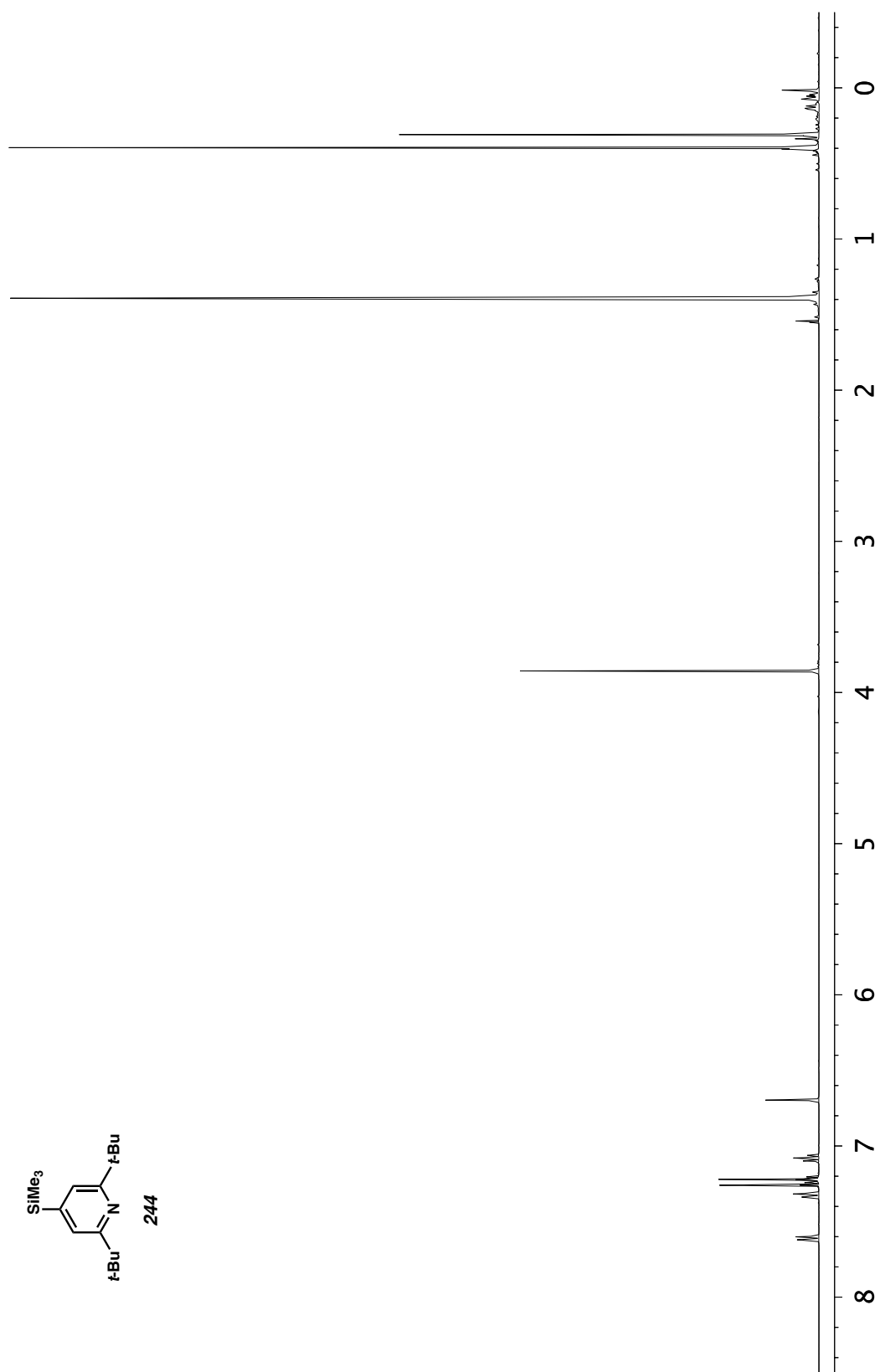


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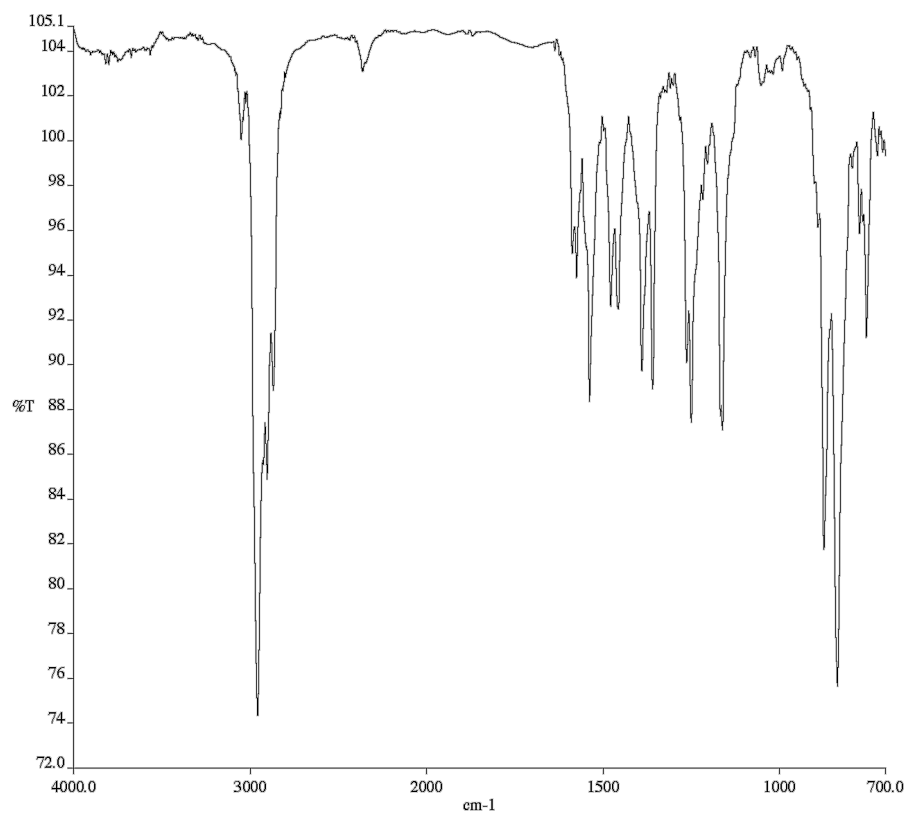


Figure A4.35. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **244**.

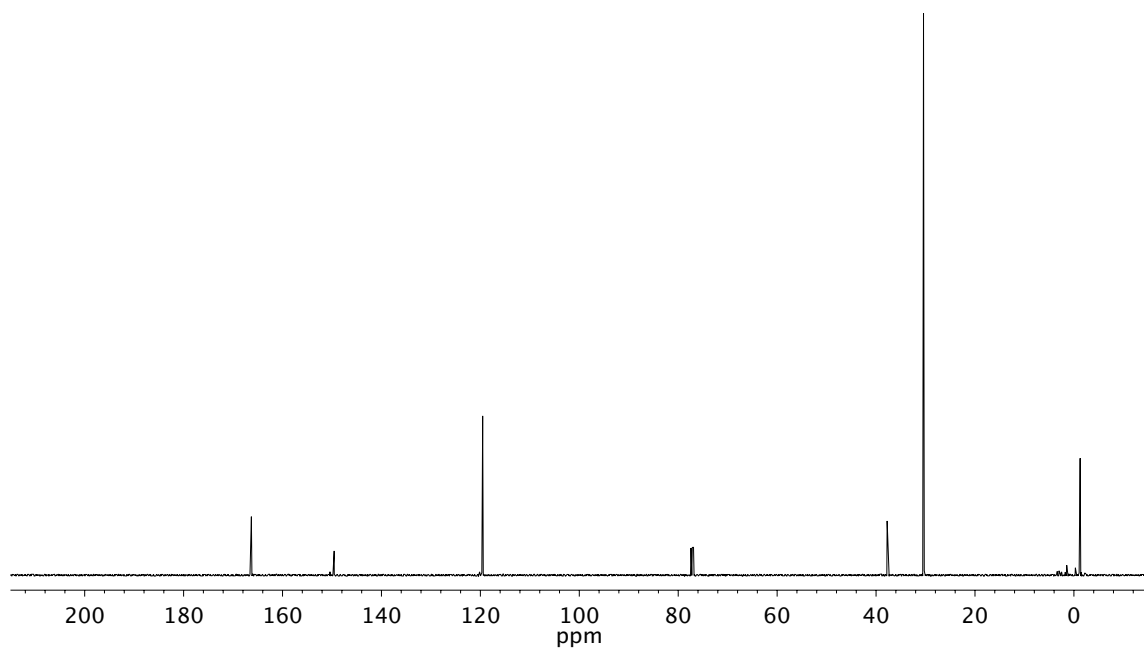


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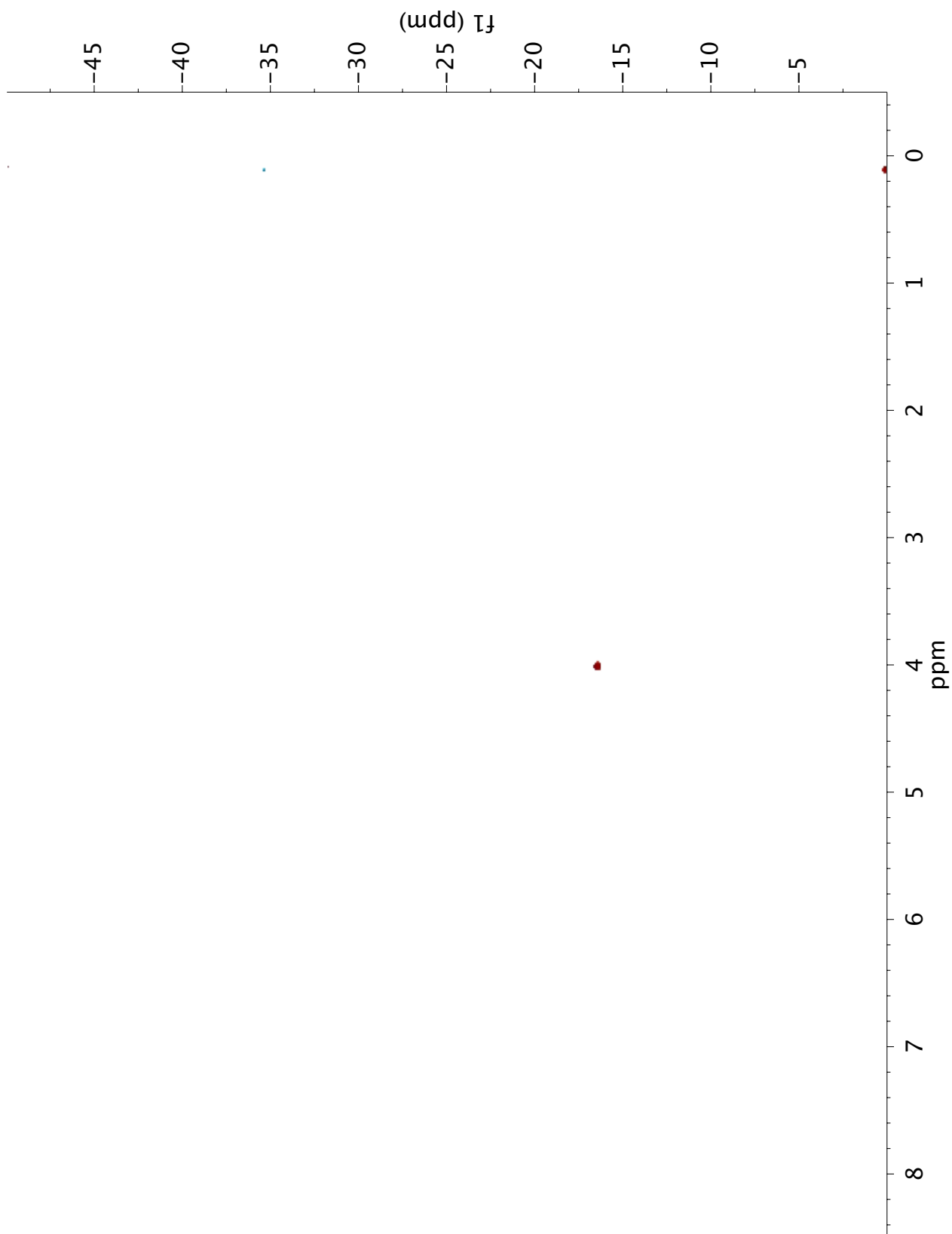


Figure A4.37.  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HSQC NMR (500 MHz, THF- $d_8$ ) corresponding to Figure 4.1.

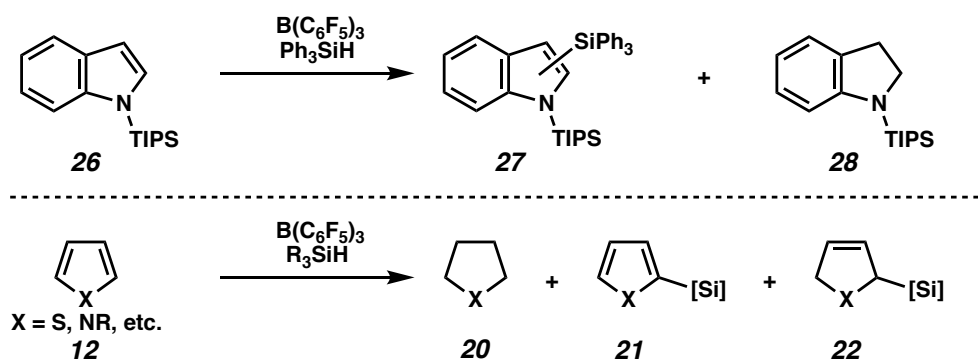
## **APPENDIX 5**

### *Observation of Unusual, Double Dehydrogenative C–H Silylation Products<sup>†</sup>*

#### **A5.1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

In some catalytic C–H silylation reactions, undesired substrate reduction competes with product formation (see Chapter 1). For example, undesired hydrogenation and/or hydrosilylation occur under the C–H silylation conditions shown in Scheme A5.1 employing a Lewis acid catalyst.<sup>1, 2</sup> It has been proposed that this undesired reduction occurs via hydrogen or hydrosilane activation by a frustrated Lewis pair comprised of the Lewis acidic catalysts and Lewis basic heterocyclic substrate.

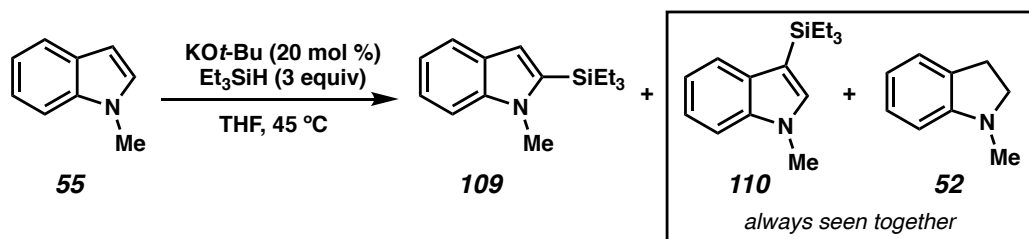
<sup>†</sup>This work was performed in collaboration with Dr. Wen-Bo Liu.

**Scheme A5.1** Undesired Hydrogenation and Hydrosilylation in C–H Silylation Reactions.

Competitive substrate reduction can be a major challenge in catalytic C–H silylation reactions but is typically restricted to methods utilizing a Lewis acid catalyst.

**A5.2 INDOLINE****A5.2.1 Observation of Partially Hydrogenated Substrate**

Upon careful analysis of a completed reaction mixture as shown in Scheme A5.2, we observed the formation of the partially reduced indoline **52** in low yield (i.e., <5%). Furthermore, we noted that the formation of the C3 silylation product **110** was accompanied by indoline **52** in every case we investigated.

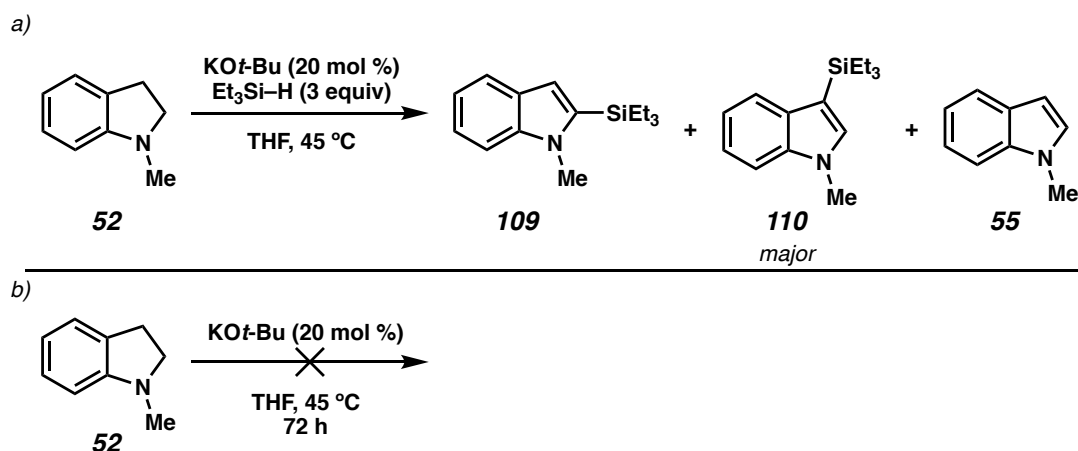
**Scheme A5.2** Formation of Indoline in *KOt*-Bu-Catalyzed C–H Silylation of Indole.

Surprised by this unusual reactivity, we further investigated the role of indoline **52** in the *KOt*-Bu-catalyzed C–H silylation reaction.

### A5.2.2 Unusual Reactivity of Indoline

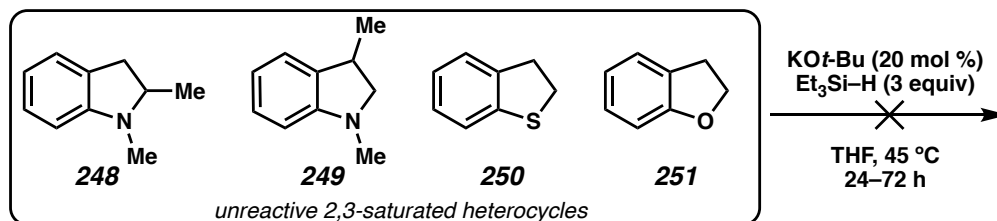
*N*-methylindoline **52** was separately synthesized and subjected to standard silylation conditions (Scheme A5.3a). We were surprised to observe the formation of mainly C3 silylated indole **110**, a formal double dehydrogenative C–H silylation event. A control experiment indicated no reaction occurred in the absence of silane (Scheme A5.3b).

**Scheme A5.3** Unexpected Reactivity in the C–H Silylation of Indoline.



This unusual reactivity appears to be unique to substrate **52**. No products were observed when substrates having substitution at the C2 or C3 position or other heteroatoms were subjected to the same conditions (Scheme A5.4).

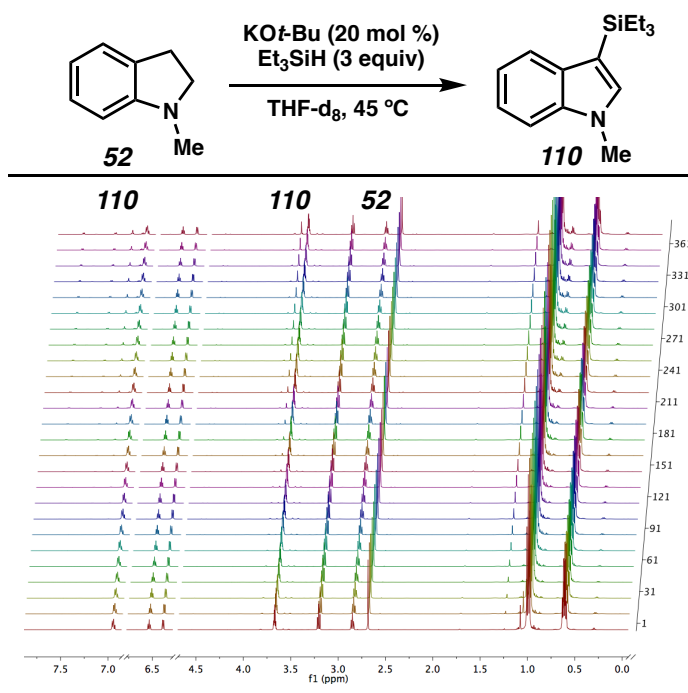
**Scheme A5.4** Attempted C–H Silylation of Partially Saturated Heterocycles.



### A5.2.3 Mechanistic Insights into Double Dehydrogenative C–H Silylation

A silylation reaction of indoline **52** was monitored by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR with the overlaid time-course spectra shown in Figure A5.1. Perhaps surprisingly, no intermediate (i.e., indole **55**) is observed and instead only disappearance of indoline **52** and the growth of C3 silylated indole **110** are observed. We also observe the formation of hydrogen gas, which also accompanies product **110**.

**Figure A5.1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Time-Course of the C–H Silylation of *N*-methylindoline.



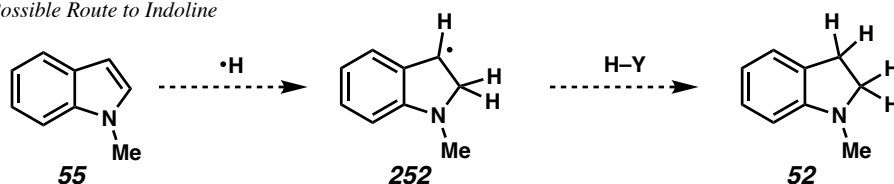
Given these results and our previous mechanistic investigation detailed in Chapter 2, we propose the following mechanisms (Scheme A5.5a).<sup>3</sup> A net hydrogen atom addition to indole **55** would generate intermediate **252**, without a  $\beta$ -silicon group for stabilization, and hydrogen atom abstraction would then generate the observed product **110**. This mechanism could account for the observation of indoline **52** in silylation of indole **55**.



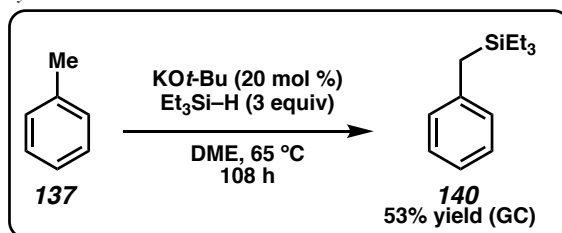
Indoline **52** may undergo an initial benzylic C–H silylation at the C3 position, as we have previously reported a similar benzylic C–H silylation occurs with toluene, shown in Scheme A5.5 b&c.<sup>4</sup> A subsequent radical dehydrogenation, now with a  $\beta$ -silicon group for stabilization of the radical intermediate (i.e., **253** or **254**), could then furnish the observed product.

**Scheme A5.5** Proposed Mechanism for the Formation and Reactivity of Indoline.

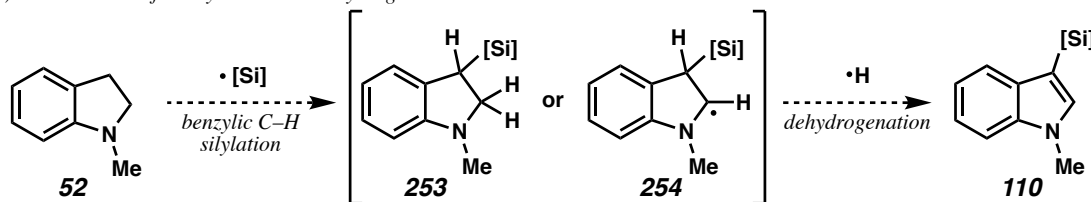
a) Possible Route to Indoline



b) Reported Benzylic C–H Silylation



c) Possible Route for Silylation and Dehydrogenation



### A5.3 Conclusion

The unique reactivity detailed here describes a net double dehydrogenative reaction which occurs under what is typically considered neutral or reducing conditions. While it does not appear that this reactivity is generally applicable, indoline **52** may be a key intermediate in the formation of C3 silylated indole **110** under our previously C–H

silylation conditions. Further investigations may focus on the mechanism of the net double dehydrogenative/silylation reaction and development of a generalized method.

## A5.4 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

### A5.4.1 MATERIALS AND METHODS

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in oven-dried brand-new Fisherbrand scintillation vials in a nitrogen filled glove box or in flame-dried Schlenk flasks under argon connected on a Schlenk line using dry, degassed solvents and brand-new stirring bars. Solvents were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under argon. Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) or GC-FID analyses. TLC was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated glass plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching, phosphomolybdic acid, or KMnO<sub>4</sub> staining. Silicycle SiliaFlash P60 Academic Silica gel (particle size 40–63 nm) was used for flash chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or THF-*d*<sub>8</sub> and are reported relative to residual solvent peak at δ7.26 ppm or δ3.58 ppm, respectively. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz spectrometer (126 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or THF-*d*<sub>8</sub> and are reported relative to residual solvent peak at δ77.16 ppm or δ67.21 ppm, respectively. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (δppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, sept = septet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet, br d = broad doublet, app = apparent. Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shifts (δppm). GC-FID analyses were obtained on an Agilent 6890N gas chromatograph equipped with a

HP-5 (5%-phenyl)-methylpolysiloxane capillary column (Agilent). GC-MS analyses were obtained on an Agilent 6850 gas chromatograph equipped with a HP-5 (5%-phenyl)-methylpolysiloxane capillary column (Agilent). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were acquired from the California Institute of Technology Mass Spectrometry Facility. KO*t*-Bu (sublimed grade, 99.99% trace metals basis) and **251** were purchased from Aldrich and used directly. All other reagents were purchased from Aldrich, TCI, or Acros and used as received (unless noted). **52**<sup>5</sup> and **249**<sup>6</sup> were synthesized by literature procedure. **248** and **249** were synthesized by the same procedure as for **52** and the analytical data are in accordance with those reported.<sup>7</sup>

#### A5.4.2 General Procedure for Indoline Dehydrogenation and Silylation

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, KO*t*-Bu (22.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 20 mol %), *N*-methylindoline **52** (133.1 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (348 mg, 3 mmol, 3 equiv) and THF (1 mL, 1 M) were added to a 2 dram scintillation vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The vial was sealed and the mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 5 days. The reaction progress was monitored by removing aliquots with a dry glass capillary tube, which were diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and analyzed by GC-FID. The retention times were compared to known references of compounds **52**, **55**, **109**, and **110**.<sup>3</sup> The vial was then removed from the glovebox, diluted with diethyl ether (1mL), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The yield was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and GC analysis of the crude mixture.

**A5.4.3 General Procedure for Time-Course Reaction Monitoring by in situ****<sup>1</sup>H NMR**

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, KO<sup>t</sup>-Bu (4.5 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol %), *N*-methylindoline **52** (26.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (69.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) and THF-*d*<sub>8</sub> (0.5 mL, 0.4 M) were added to a 2 dram scintillation vial. Continuing in the glove box, a J-Young gas-tight NMR tube is then charged approximately 0.3 mL of the reaction solution. The tube is tightly capped with the corresponding Teflon plug, removed from the glove box, placed in the bore of the NMR, and heated to 45 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were acquired in “array” mode, with a spectrum taken approximately every 3 minutes for the length of experiment. The data was processed using MestReNova and data is decimated and displayed using the “stack” function.

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## APPENDIX 6

### *Hydroxide-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative C–H Silylation of Terminal Alkynes*<sup>†</sup>

#### A6.1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The catalytic transformation of C–H bonds into a variety of useful functional groups has revolutionized chemical synthesis.<sup>1</sup> However, the necessity of precious metal catalysts for these transformations remains a fundamental and longstanding limitation.<sup>2</sup> Building upon our previously reported C–H silylation of aromatic heterocycles with hydrosilanes using catalytic potassium *tert*-butoxide, we sought to evaluate alkali metal salts as catalysts for the preparation of alkynylsilanes.<sup>3</sup> These important building blocks are used in the construction of electronically and structurally interesting materials,<sup>4</sup> employed as substrates in metathesis reactions and cycloadditions,<sup>5</sup> and as precursors to heterocycles and polycyclic aromatic frameworks.<sup>6</sup> Moreover, alkynylsilane nucleophiles and cross-coupling partners react under mild conditions and therefore are commonly

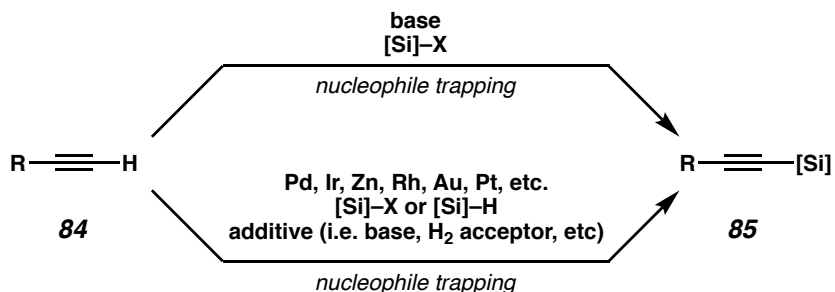
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utilized as versatile intermediates en route to complex molecules and are desired targets for [ $^{18}\text{F}$ ]–PET probes for in vivo imaging.<sup>7</sup>

### A6.1.1 Literature Examples of Alkynylsilane Synthesis

Strategies for the synthesis of alkynylsilanes have included the use of strong bases, stoichiometric or catalytic transition-metal species and the use of activated organosilicon coupling partners (Scheme A6.1, bottom route).<sup>8,9</sup> Inexpensive and convenient hydrosilanes have been investigated for C(*sp*)–H silylation; however, the reported methods require forcing conditions (i.e., excess base, sacrificial hydrogen acceptors, external oxidants, and elevated temperatures (i.e., 80–120 °C).

**Scheme A6.1** C–H Silylation of Terminal Alkynes.



Moreover, undesired hydrosilylation of the alkyne can be competitive, further complicating catalyst and reaction design (see Chapter 1). These factors have led to, in many cases, substantial limitations in scope and practical utility.<sup>10</sup>

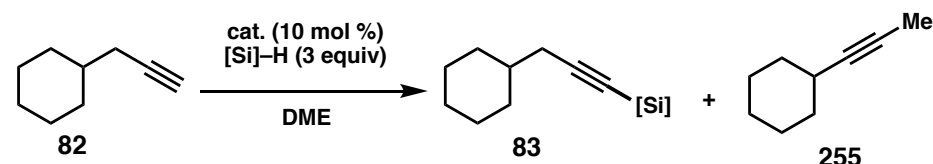
## A6.2 DEHYDROGENATIVE C–H SILYLATION OF TERMINAL ALKYNES

### A6.2.1 Initial Hit and Reaction Optimization

We initiated investigations with the silylation of alkyne **82** using  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$  under our previously reported  $\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}$ -catalyzed C(*sp*<sup>2</sup>)–H silylation conditions and gratifyingly observed alkynylsilane **83** in good yield, along with 9% of undesired alkyne migration

product **255** (Table A6.1, entry 1).<sup>11</sup> NaO*t*-Bu (entry 2) is unselective while LiO*t*-Bu along with amine bases are not catalytically active (entries 3–6). KOH is superior to KO*t*-Bu (entry 7 versus 1), generating desired product in 95% yield and decreased quantities (3%) of undesired migration product **255**. Moving from Et<sub>3</sub>SiH to PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH permits the reaction to occur at ambient temperature while still maintaining high yield (entry 7 to 8). In sharp contrast to our previously reported heteroarene C(*sp*<sup>2</sup>)-H silylation protocol wherein the use of KO*t*-Bu as catalysts resulted in the highest yield of silylation product, KOH and NaOH were found to be the most active catalysts affording **83** in 89% and 93% yield, respectively (entries 8 & 9). By contrast, LiOH (entry 10) does not catalyze the reaction.

**Table A6.1** Reaction Optimization.



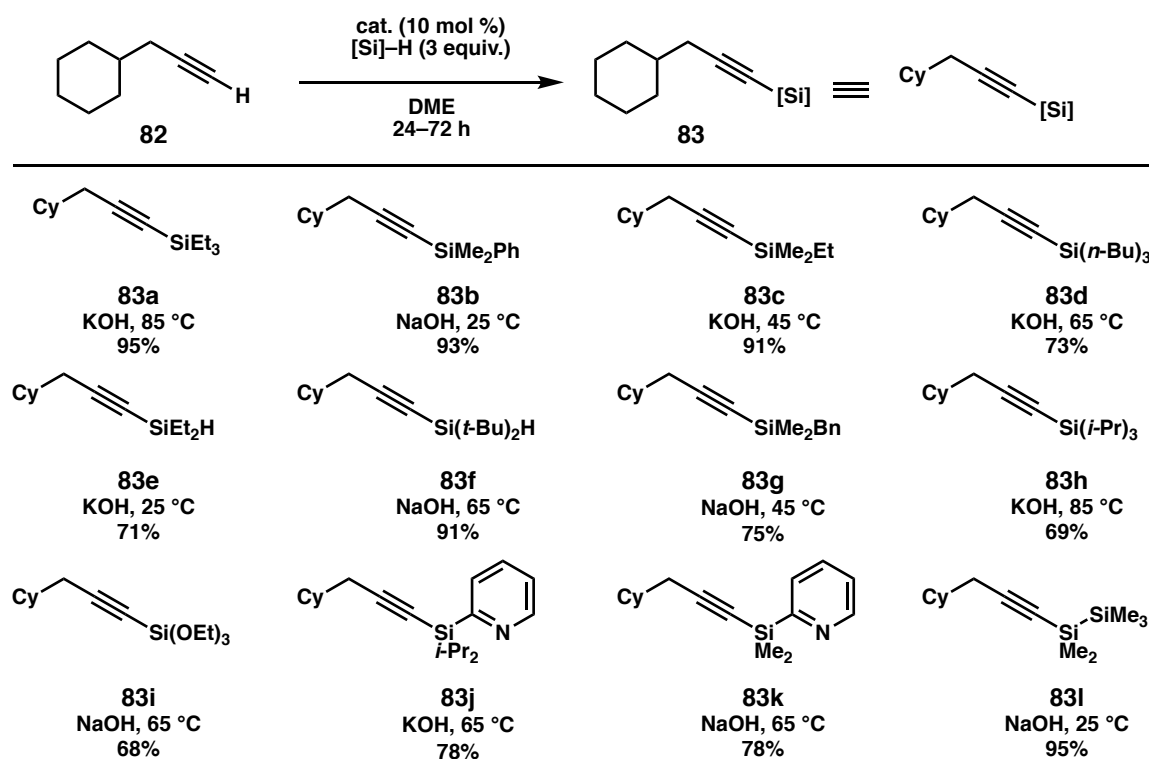
entry	cat.	[Si]-H	T (°C)	time (h)	yield <b>83</b> (%)	yield <b>255</b> (%)
1	KO <i>t</i> -Bu	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	85	24	89	9
2	NaO <i>t</i> -Bu	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	85	24	46	52
3	LiO <i>t</i> -Bu	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	85	24	<1	-
4	DABCO	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	85	48	-	-
5	Pyridine	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	85	48	1	-
6	Et <sub>3</sub> N	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	85	48	4	-
7	KOH	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	85	24	95	3
8	KOH	PhMe <sub>2</sub> Si-H	25	48	89	-
9	NaOH	PhMe <sub>2</sub> Si-H	25	48	93	-
10	LiOH	PhMe <sub>2</sub> Si-H	25	48	-	-

[a] Reactions conducted on 0.5 mmol scale, 1M in DME, Entries 1–5, 8: yields determined by GC-FID analysis with tridecane as an internal standard; entries 6,7: yields of analytically pure isolated materials. Reaction does not proceed without catalyst.



### A6.2.2 Scope of Alkyne C–H Silylation

We next proceeded to evaluate the scope of the hydrosilane partner (Scheme A6.2) and found that alkyl- and phenyl-substituted hydrosilanes of varying steric demand readily undergo coupling providing alkynylsilanes **83a–d** in high yields. The mild conditions of this reaction enabled the facile preparation of alkynylsilanes containing synthetically versatile hydride- (**83e** and **83f**), benzyldimethyl- (**83g**), trisopropyl- (**83h**), and even triethoxy- (**83i**) and 2-dialkylpyridyl (**83j** and **83k**) moieties in good yield. Currently, alkynylsilylpyridines are prepared using stoichiometric organometallic methods, which intrinsically limits the substrate scope;<sup>12</sup> however, alkynyl dimethylsilylpyridines such as **83k** can be advanced to di-, tri-, and tetra-substituted olefins by sequential transition-metal-catalyzed protocols making them valuable C(*sp*)–Si functionalities that, given their remarkable versatility, have to this point been seemingly underused. The bulky di-*tert*-butylsilane could also be introduced for the first time by catalytic C–H silylation yielding **83f** in excellent yield, providing a point of entry into novel alkynylsilyl [<sup>18</sup>F]–PET radiochemical moieties. Using Me<sub>3</sub>Si–SiHMe<sub>2</sub> as a polysilane model compound and subjecting it to our cross-dehydrogenative silylation at ambient temperature gave **83i** in 95% yield, providing a new synthetic strategy for the construction of advanced polysilane materials.<sup>13</sup> To the best of our knowledge, this is the broadest scope of hydrosilanes reported to date for any single catalytic C–H silylation system.

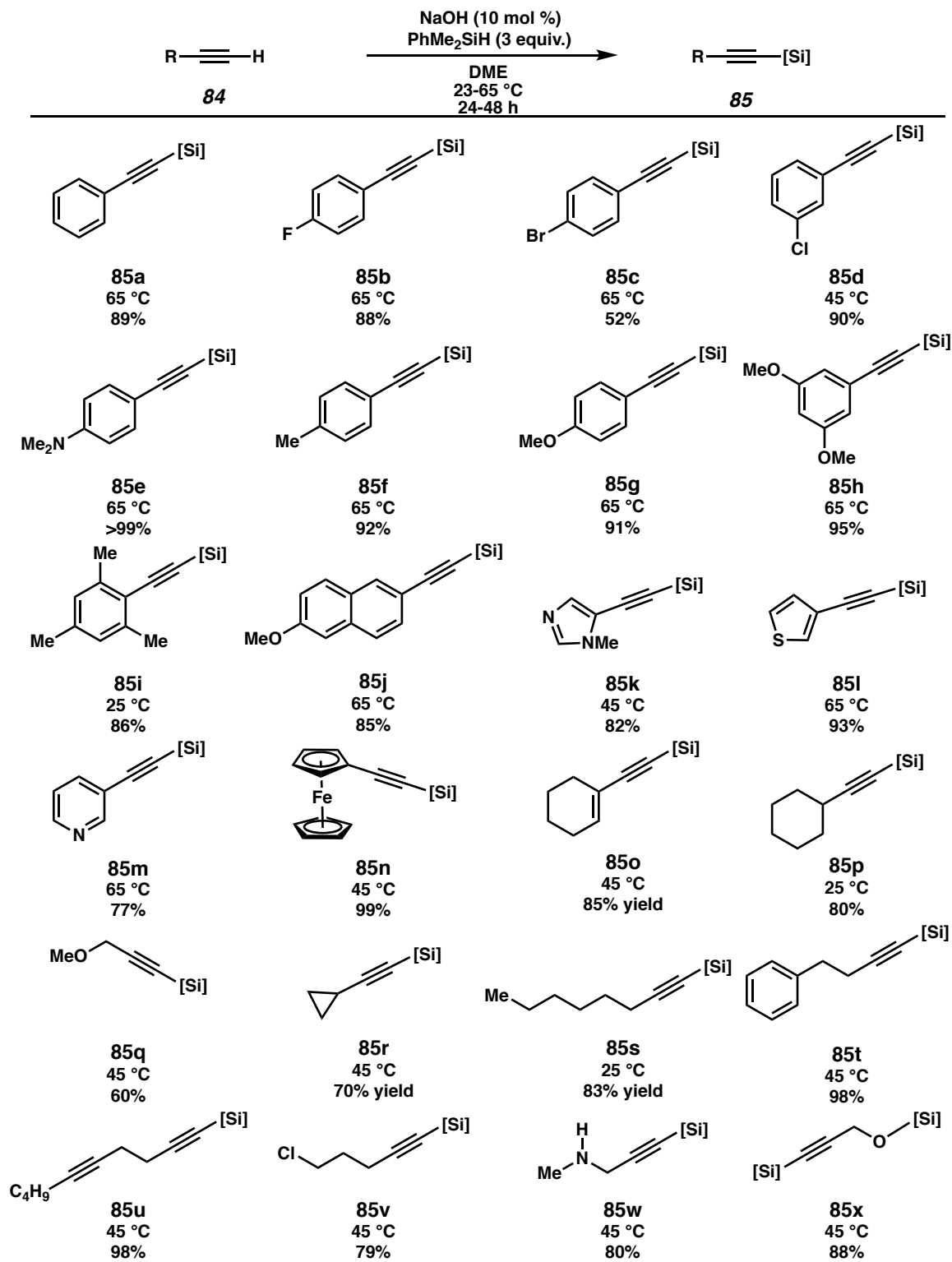
**Scheme A6.2** Hydrosilane Scope of Alkyne Silylation.

[a] Reactions were conducted on 0.5 mmol scale with 0.5 mL of solvent at the prescribed temperature.

The scope of the alkyne coupling partner was likewise substantial, affording products containing electron-rich and electron-deficient aryl (**85a–j**), heteroaryl (**85k–m**), ferrocenyl (**85n**), and alkyl (**85o–y**) groups (Scheme A6.3). Substrates containing sensitive functional groups such as aryl halides (**85b–d**), an alkyl chloride (**85v**), and a cyclopropane (**85r**) are tolerated without any undesired side reactions. Molecules bearing acidic functionalities such as propargylamines and propargyl alcohols also react well, providing **85w** and *bis*-silylated **85x**, respectively in high yields.<sup>14</sup> Catalytic cross-dehydrogenative silylation of *N*-heterocyclic systems, such as those substrates containing an imidazole and a pyridine, are also successful affording the corresponding silylated building blocks **85k** and **85m** without any observed Minisci-type reactivity. Substrates containing C–H bonds that are susceptible to KO*t*-Bu-catalyzed silylation, or those that

could be engaged under a variety of other C–H functionalization chemistries react specifically at the terminal alkyne C–H bond, and alkynylsilane products bearing toluene (**85f**), anisole (**85g**), thiophene (**85l** and **85y**), propargyl ether (**85q**), and phenylethyl (**85t**) moieties could be readily accessed. In particular, electron-rich systems are excellent substrates and undergo the desired C(*sp*)–H silylation to furnish alkynylsilanes containing aniline (**85e**), dimethoxy benzene (**85h**), and ferrocene (**85n**) fragments without any byproducts derived from electrophilic silylation. The reaction scales well as demonstrated by the production of 19 grams of **85s** using 1.5 molar equivalents of the hydrosilane.

Scheme A6.3 Substrate Scope of Alkyne Silylation.

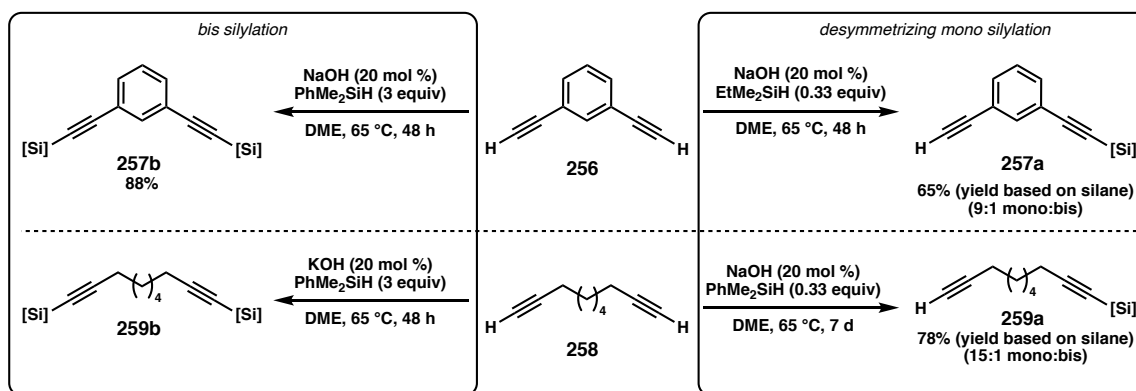


[a] Reactions were conducted on 0.5 mmol scale with 0.5 mL of solvent for 24 or 48 h (72 h for XXI, 96 h for XXc) at the prescribed temperature. Yields are of analytically pure isolated products.  
[Si] = PhMe<sub>2</sub>Si

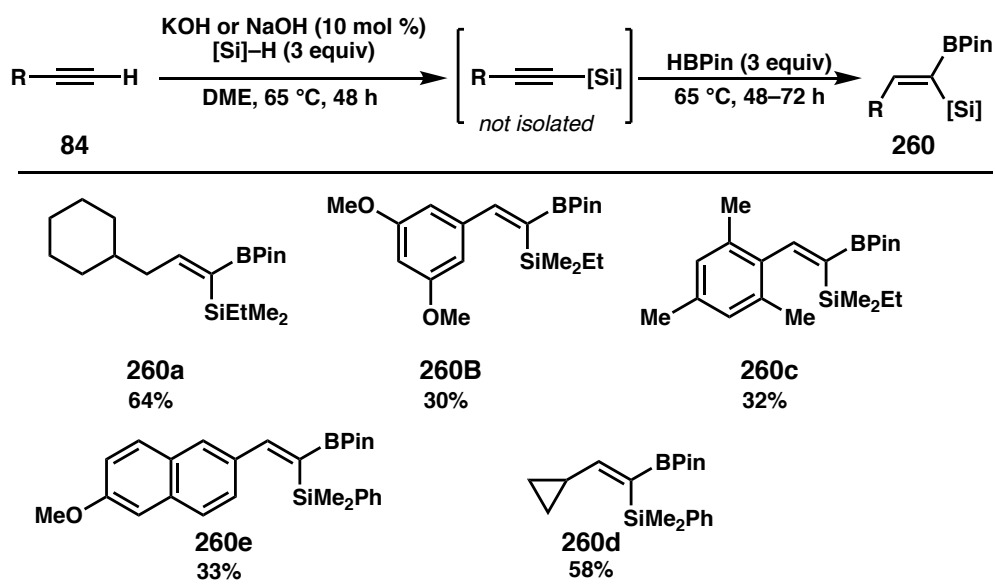
### A6.2.3 Applications of Alkyne C–H Silylation

We next proceeded to investigate novel applications of our catalytic method. Symmetrical aliphatic or aromatic diynes can either undergo catalytic mono-silylation to yield valuable desymmetrized building blocks **257a** and **259a** by using an excess of substrate or *bis* functionalization to yield **257b** and **259b** (Scheme A6.4).

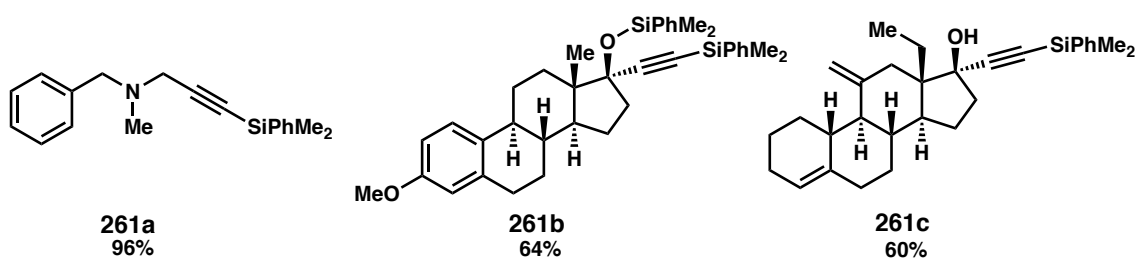
**Scheme A6.4** Selective Mono and Bis Silylation of Diynes.



Hydroxide-catalyzed silylation followed by treatment with a borane (i.e., HBPin) leads to a one-pot catalytic *geminal* di-functionalization of terminal alkynes (Scheme A6.5). This method furnishes tri-substituted olefins **260a–e** containing both a vinyl C–Si and C–B bond as a single olefin isomer from inexpensive, commercially available materials. Combinations of both alkyl- and aryl-substituted silanes and alkynes are amenable to this reaction, though instability in some of the products has been observed during purification, resulting in decreased yields despite high conversions. Nevertheless, this strategy appears to be the first catalytic one-pot synthesis of *gem*-silaboryl olefins directly from terminal alkynes and constitutes a convenient and practical method toward these useful structures.<sup>15</sup>

**Scheme A6.5** One-Pot Catalytic Geminal Di-Functionalization of Terminal Alkynes

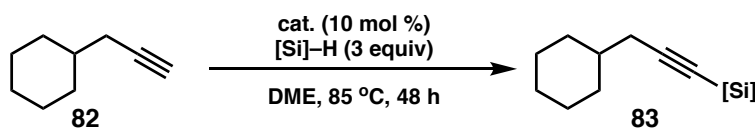
Sila-drug analogues in some cases demonstrate improved pharmacokinetic properties relative to the corresponding all-carbon compounds and are garnering increased attention from medicinal chemists.<sup>16</sup> To evaluate our method for such late-stage C–H functionalization applications, we subjected the monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitor pargyline, the estrogen prodrug mestranol, and third-generation oral contraceptive desogestrel to the catalytic silylation conditions, successfully providing novel sila-drug analogues **261a–c** (Figure A6.1).

**Figure A6.1** One-Pot Catalytic Geminal Di-Functionalization of Terminal Alkynes

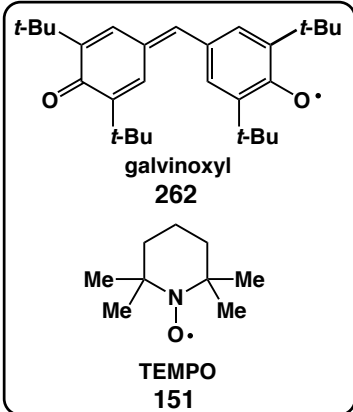
[a] Reaction conditions:  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (3 equiv), DME, NaOH or KOH (10 mol %) at 45–65 °C for 24–72 h.

#### A6.2.4 Mechanistic Details of Alkyne C–H Silylation

A number of mechanisms for the  $\text{C}(sp)\text{--H}$  silylation reaction occurring under various conditions with different catalyst systems have been proposed; however, the underlying mechanistic details of the alkali metal hydroxide catalyzed silylation are not well understood at this point.<sup>8</sup> Radical trapping and counter cation chelation studies were inconclusive, with no obvious trends observed based on catalyst or hydrosilane (Table A6.2). Furthermore, reactivity was highly variable between hydroxide catalysts and experimentation remains the best method to determine the optimal catalyst-substrate combination.

**Table A6.2** Select Mechanistic Investigation Studies of Terminal Alkyne Silylation


entry	cat.	[Si]-H	additive	mol %	yield 83 (%)
1	NaOH	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	–	–	99
2	NaOH	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	galvinoxyl	10	5
3	NaOH	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	TEMPO	10	99
4	NaOH	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	TEMPO	300	24
5	NaOH	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	15-crown-5	10	99
6	KOH	Et <sub>3</sub> Si-H	18-crown-6	10	99
7	NaOH	(EtO) <sub>3</sub> Si-H	–	–	99
8	KOH	(EtO) <sub>3</sub> Si-H	–	–	0
9	NaOH	(EtO) <sub>3</sub> Si-H	15-crown-5	10	0
10	KOH	(EtO) <sub>3</sub> Si-H	18-crown-6	10	0



**galvinoxyl**  
**262**

**TEMPO**  
**151**

### A6.3 CONCLUSION

An alkali metal-hydroxide-catalyzed cross-dehydrogenative C–H silylation of terminal alkynes has been developed by our group in collaboration with the Grubbs group. This chemistry proceeds under mild conditions and enables the direct synthesis of a wide array of useful alkynylsilanes, with high tunability in both the alkyne and hydrosilane, many of which are challenging to prepare by alternate means.

### A6.4 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

#### A6.4.1 MATERIALS AND METHODS

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in oven-dried brand-new Fisherbrand scintillation vials in a nitrogen-filled glove box or in flame-dried Schlenk flasks under argon connected on a Schlenk line using dry, degassed solvents and brand-new stirring bars. Solvents were dried by passage through an activated alumina column



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under argon. Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) or GC-FID analyses. TLC was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated glass plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching, phosphomolybdic acid, or KMnO<sub>4</sub> staining. Silicycle SiliaFlash P60 Academic Silica gel (particle size 40–63 nm) was used for flash chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or THF-*d*<sub>8</sub> and are reported relative to residual solvent peak at δ 7.26 ppm or δ 3.58 ppm, respectively. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz spectrometer (126 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or THF-*d*<sub>8</sub> and are reported relative to residual solvent peak at δ 77.16 ppm or δ 67.21 ppm, respectively. Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, sept = septet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet, br d = broad doublet, app = apparent. Data for <sup>13</sup>C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shifts (δ ppm). GC-FID analyses were obtained on an Agilent 6890N gas chromatograph equipped with a HP-5 (5%-phenyl)-methylpolysiloxane capillary column (Agilent). GC-MS analyses were obtained on an Agilent 6850 gas chromatograph equipped with a HP-5 (5%-phenyl)-methylpolysiloxane capillary column (Agilent). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were acquired from the California Institute of Technology Mass Spectrometry Facility. Note that the calculated mass of the quasi-molecular ion does not take into account the loss of the electron mass. ICP-MS analysis was conducted at the California Institute of Technology Mass Spectrometry Facility. Silanes were purchased from Aldrich and distilled before use. KO*t*-Bu was purchased from Aldrich (sublimed grade, 99.99% trace metals basis) and used directly. KOH was purchased from Aldrich (semiconductor grade,

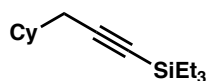
pellets, 99.99% trace metals basis) and pulverized (mortar and pestle) then heated (150 °C) under vacuum for 24 h prior to use. NaOH was purchased from Aldrich (semiconductor grade, pellets, 99.99% trace metals basis) and pulverized (mortar and pestle) then heated (150 °C) under vacuum prior to use. Alkyne substrates were purchased from Aldrich, TCI, or Acros and used as received (unless noted).

#### **A6.4.2 General Procedure for Reaction Optimization**

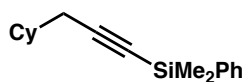
Procedure for reaction condition optimization: In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, catalyst and alkyne **82** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) were added to a 2 dram scintillation vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. Next, hydrosilane and solvent (0.1mL) were added. The vial was sealed and the mixture was stirred at the indicated temperature for the indicated time. The vial was then removed from the glovebox, diluted with diethyl ether (1mL), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The yield was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR or GC analysis of the crude mixture using an internal standard.

#### **A6.4.3 General Procedure for Alkyne C–H Silylation Reactions.**

In a nitrogen-filled glove box, catalyst (0.05 mmol, 10 mol %) and alkyne (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv) were added to a 2 dram scintillation vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by solvent (0.5 mL) and silane (1.5 mmol, 3 equiv). The vial was then sealed and the mixture was stirred at the indicated temperature for the indicated time. The vial was then removed from the glovebox; the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether (2 mL), filtered through a short pad of silica gel, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Volatiles were removed under high vacuum with heating as indicated and the resultant material was purified by silica gel flash chromatography if necessary to give the desired product.

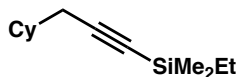
**A6.4.4 Spectroscopic Data for Alkyne C–H Silylation Reactions.**

**(3-Cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)triethylsilane 83a:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol %), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (174 mg, 240 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 85 °C for 48 h. The desired product **83a** (111.9 mg, 95% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil in analytical purity after removal of volatiles under high vacuum (45 mtorr, 2 hours). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.13 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.65 (dt, *J* = 12.9, 3.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (dddd, *J* = 14.8, 6.8, 4.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (tdd, *J* = 15.9, 9.4, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 1.19 – 1.07 (m, 2H), 1.07 – 1.01 (m, 1H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 9H), 0.57 (q, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 107.73, 82.39, 37.54, 32.72, 27.86, 26.47, 26.32, 7.65, 4.75. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3422, 2925, 2172, 1645, 1449, 1018, 802, 724 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>Si [(M+H)–H<sub>2</sub>]: 235.1882, found 235.1881.

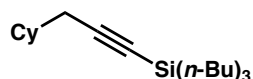


**(3-Cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 83b:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol %), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 25 °C for 48 h. The desired product **83b** (113.6 mg, 89% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles by heating to 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by

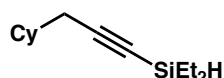
silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.67$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 2.19 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.87 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.74 (dt,  $J = 12.8, 3.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.67 (dddd,  $J = 11.3, 5.2, 3.3, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.52 (ddtd,  $J = 14.9, 11.5, 6.7, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.27 (dddd,  $J = 15.9, 12.6, 9.5, 3.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.15 (qt,  $J = 12.7, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.08 – 0.98 (m, 2H), 0.41 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.93, 133.81, 129.33, 127.91, 108.67, 83.19, 37.42, 32.81, 27.94, 26.42, 26.29, –0.38. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3420, 2924, 2852, 2173, 1646, 1448, 1427, 1322, 1248, 1115, 1071, 1027, 815, 730  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{Si}$  [M+H]: 257.1726, found 257.1720.



**(3-Cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)(ethyl)dimethylsilane 83c:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with KOH (2.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{EtMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (132 mg, 198  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 24 h. The desired product **83c** (95.1 mg, 91% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil in analytical purity after removal of volatiles under high vacuum (45 mtorr, 2 hours).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.12 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.86 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.66 (dtd,  $J = 12.6, 3.3, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.53 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.19 (m, 2H), 1.20 – 1.07 (m, 2H), 1.06 – 0.94 (m, 4H), 0.57 (q,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 0.12 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  107.01, 84.30, 37.46, 32.76, 27.84, 26.45, 26.30, 8.47, 7.50, –1.85. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3422, 2922, 2103, 1646, 1558, 1260, 1027, 720  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{23}\text{Si}$  [(M+H)– $\text{H}_2$ ]: 207.1569, found 207.1562.

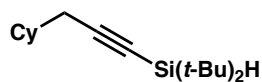


**Tributyl(3-cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)silane 83d:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with KOH (2.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *n*-Bu<sub>3</sub>SiH (301 mg, 386  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 48 h. The desired product **83d** (117.2 mg, 73% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.78$  (100% hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.18 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.85 (dddd,  $J = 12.3, 6.2, 3.1, 1.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.77 (ddd,  $J = 14.0, 4.5, 2.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.70 (dddt,  $J = 12.8, 5.1, 3.3, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.52 (dddt,  $J = 14.5, 7.9, 6.6, 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.43 – 1.36 (m, 12H), 1.29 (qt,  $J = 12.6, 3.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.18 (qt,  $J = 12.7, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.11 – 1.02 (m, 2H), 0.97 – 0.91 (m, 9H), 0.67 – 0.59 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  107.65, 83.25, 37.57, 32.72, 27.88, 26.64, 26.46, 26.39, 26.32, 13.98, 13.45. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2955, 2922, 2854, 2172, 1449, 1376, 1191, 1080, 1029, 886, 758, 708  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>40</sub>Si [M<sup>+</sup>]: 320.2899, found 320.2905.



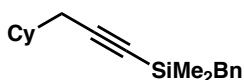
**(3-Cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)diethylsilane 83e:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with KOH (2.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Et<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub> (132 mg, 194  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of tetrahydrofuran (THF) at 25 °C for 24 h. The desired product

**83e** (73.6 mg, 71% yield) was obtained in as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles under high vacuum at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.77$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.92 (pt,  $J = 3.2, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.15 (dd,  $J = 6.7, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.85 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.72 (ddd,  $J = 13.9, 4.5, 2.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.66 (dddt,  $J = 12.7, 5.1, 3.3, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.49 (ddtd,  $J = 14.9, 11.5, 6.8, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.31 – 1.20 (m, 2H), 1.15 (tt,  $J = 12.6, 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.07 – 0.95 (m, 8H), 0.70 – 0.64 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  109.00, 80.24, 37.39, 32.76, 27.91, 26.41, 26.28, 8.09, 4.23. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3422, 2957, 2174, 2120, 1646, 1558, 1457, 1260, 1055, 804  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{23}\text{Si}$  [(M+H)- $\text{H}_2$ ]: 207.1569, found 207.1562.

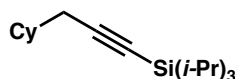


**Di-tert-butyl(3-cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)silane 83f:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $t\text{-Bu}_2\text{SiH}_2$  (216 mg, 297  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. The desired product **83f** (120.3 mg, 91% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles under high vacuum at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.88$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.57 (t,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.17 (dd,  $J = 6.5, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.66 (dddt,  $J = 12.8, 5.1, 3.3, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.50 (dddt,  $J = 14.5, 7.8, 6.5, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 1.26 (qt,  $J = 12.7, 3.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.19 – 1.09 (m, 2H), 1.06 (s, 18H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  108.94, 79.54, 37.51, 32.75, 28.28, 27.88, 26.44,

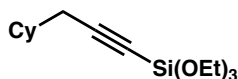
26.29, 18.63. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2958, 2927, 2855, 2173, 2111, 1469, 1449, 1363, 1028, 1012, 810, 793, 617  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{31}\text{Si}$  [(M+H)- $\text{H}_2$ ]: 263.2195, found 263.2206.



**Benzyl(3-cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)dimethylsilane 83g:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{BnMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (150 mg, 238  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. The desired product **83g** (101.9 mg, 75% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.51$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 2.20 (s, 2H), 2.14 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.81 (ddd,  $J = 13.3, 3.5, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.75 (dt,  $J = 12.7, 3.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.69 (dddd,  $J = 11.3, 5.3, 3.4, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.49 (tdt,  $J = 11.4, 6.7, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.28 (qt,  $J = 12.6, 3.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.16 (qt,  $J = 12.7, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.06 – 0.94 (m, 2H), 0.13 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.44, 128.51, 128.19, 124.32, 108.08, 83.69, 37.38, 32.77, 27.86, 26.71, 26.41, 26.29, –1.69. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3081, 3060, 3024, 2999, 2922, 2851, 2664, 2173, 1936, 1600, 1493, 1449, 1422, 1408, 1368, 1322, 1249, 1207, 1155, 1056, 1029, 947, 839, 761, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{Si}$  [ $\text{M}+\bullet$ ]: 270.1804, found 270.1810.



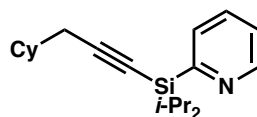
**(3-Cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)triisopropylsilane 83h:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with KOH (2.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *i*-Pr<sub>3</sub>SiH (238 mg, 307  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 85 °C for 48 h. The desired product **83h** (95.6 mg, 69% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f$  = 0.79 (100% hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.16 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.73 (dt,  $J$  = 12.8, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (dtd,  $J$  = 12.7, 3.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (ddtd,  $J$  = 14.6, 11.2, 6.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (qt,  $J$  = 12.6, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (tt,  $J$  = 12.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.10 – 0.99 (m, 23H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  108.17, 80.94, 37.64, 32.71, 27.87, 26.49, 26.33, 18.80, 11.48. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2924, 2864, 2170, 2463, 1449, 1264, 1025, 995, 883, 743, 676, 633  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>33</sub>Si [(M+H)-H<sub>2</sub>]: 277.2352, found 277.2349.



**(3-Cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)triethoxysilane 83i:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (EtO)<sub>3</sub>SiH (246 mg, 277  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 48 h. The desired product **83i** (97.1 mg, 68% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil by silica gel flash chromatography (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in hexanes).  $R_f$  = 0.41 (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.87 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 2.16 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.78 (m, 2H),

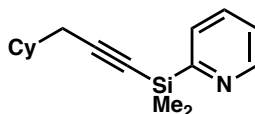


1.72 (dp,  $J = 12.6, 3.7$  Hz, 2H), 1.66 (dddt,  $J = 12.8, 5.1, 3.3, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.52 (ddtd,  $J = 14.9, 11.5, 6.8, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 9H), 1.24 – 1.19 (m, 2H), 1.13 (qt,  $J = 12.7, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.02 (qd,  $J = 12.7, 3.5$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  106.50, 76.85, 59.02, 37.10, 32.74, 27.55, 26.33, 26.20, 18.18. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2974, 2925, 2852, 2182, 1449, 1390, 1168, 1101, 1079, 1036, 964, 790, 721  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$  [M+H]: 285.1886, found 285.1889.

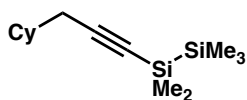


**2-((3-Cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)diisopropylsilyl)pyridine 83j:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with KOH (2.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $i\text{-Pr}_2(\text{Pyr})\text{SiH}$  (290 mg, 322  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. The desired product **83j** (122.5 mg, 78% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil by silica gel flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes).  $R_f = 0.47$  (10% EtOAc in hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{THF-}d_8$ )  $\delta$  8.65 (ddd,  $J = 4.8, 1.7, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dt,  $J = 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd,  $J = 7.7, 4.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.95 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.67 (dtt,  $J = 13.0, 3.4, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.55 (ddtd,  $J = 14.9, 11.4, 6.6, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.37 – 1.26 (m, 4H), 1.21 – 1.16 (m, 1H), 1.16 – 1.11 (m, 2H), 1.09 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 6H), 0.99 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{THF-}d_8$ )  $\delta$  164.80, 150.76, 134.42, 132.12, 123.73, 110.50, 80.33, 38.63, 33.66, 28.41, 27.38, 27.23, 18.46, 18.40, 12.71. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2924, 2862, 2170, 1573,

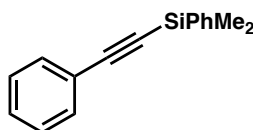
1462, 1449, 1417, 1136, 1081, 1028, 995, 882, 747, 723  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{32}\text{NSi}$  [M+H]: 314.2304, found 314.2311.



**2-((3-Cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)dimethylsilyl)pyridine 83k:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{Me}_2(\text{Py})\text{SiH}$  (206 mg, 225  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. The desired product **83k** (99.9 mg, 78% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil by silica gel flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes).  $R_f = 0.42$  (10% EtOAc in hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{THF-}d_8$ )  $\delta$  8.65 (ddd,  $J = 4.8, 1.8, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dt,  $J = 7.5, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd,  $J = 7.7, 4.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.19 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.88 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.66 (dddd,  $J = 12.7, 5.1, 3.2, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.50 (dddt,  $J = 14.7, 7.9, 6.7, 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.28 (tdd,  $J = 16.0, 9.4, 3.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.17 (qt,  $J = 12.7, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.05 (qd,  $J = 12.8, 3.4$  Hz, 2H), 0.36 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{THF-}d_8$ )  $\delta$  166.55, 150.96, 134.69, 130.13, 123.84, 109.23, 83.58, 38.47, 33.68, 28.42, 27.34, 27.22, –1.00. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3423, 2924, 2852, 2175, 1646, 1449, 1255, 1044, 832, 797, 676  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{NSi}$  [M+H]: 258.1678, found 258.1672.

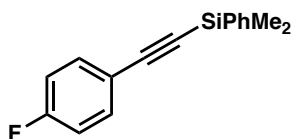


**1-(3-Cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)-1,1,2,2,2-pentamethyldisilane 831:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Me<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>H (246 mg, 277 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 25 °C for 48 h. The desired product **831** (120.0 mg, 95% yield) was obtained in analytical purity as a cloudy, colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>) δ 2.11 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (dddd, *J* = 13.1, 6.1, 3.1, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 1.73 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.65 (dddt, *J* = 12.7, 5.1, 3.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (dddt, *J* = 14.6, 8.0, 6.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.33 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.15 (qt, *J* = 12.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (qd, *J* = 12.8, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 0.15 (s, 6H), 0.11 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>) δ 109.11, 84.06, 38.62, 33.61, 28.52, 27.37, 27.22, –2.25, –2.35. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2923, 2852, 2168, 1449, 1259, 1244, 1077, 1027, 871, 833, 799, 765, 725, 691, 667 cm<sup>–1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> [M+•]: 252.1730, found 252.1737.

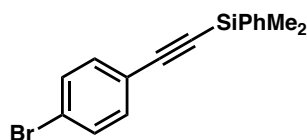


**Dimethyl(phenyl)(phenylethynyl)silane 85a:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), ethynylbenzene (52 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85a** (105.7 mg, 89% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles by heating to 85°C at

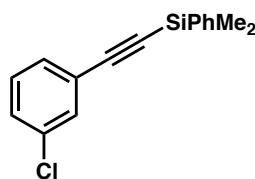
45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.38$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, THF- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  7.71 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 0.46 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, THF- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  137.86, 134.66, 132.88, 130.35, 129.75, 129.28, 128.79, 124.15, 107.86, 92.55, –0.50. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3068, 3051, 2959, 2899, 2158, 1592, 1488, 1442, 1428, 1278, 1250, 1219, 1118, 1068, 1026, 846, 807, 780, 731, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{Si}$  [M+H]: 237.1100, found 237.1101.



**((4-Fluorophenyl)ethynyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85b:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 1-ethynyl-4-fluorobenzene (60 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. The desired product **85b** (111.9 mg, 88% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after solvent removal at 85 $^\circ\text{C}$  at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.49$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, THF- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  7.68 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 1.9$  Hz, 3H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 0.46 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, THF- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  163.94 (d,  $J = 249.1$  Hz), 137.74, 135.10 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 134.65, 130.38, 128.80, 120.42 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 116.50 (d,  $J = 21.7$  Hz), 106.67, 92.42, –0.57. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3420, 3069, 2961, 2160, 1653, 1600, 1505, 1428, 1251, 1233, 1155, 1117, 1092, 857, 835, 816, 781, 731, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{FSi}$  [M+H]: 255.1005, found 255.1000.

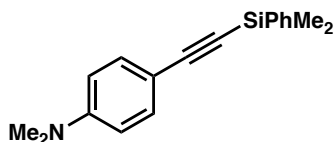


**((4-Bromophenyl)ethynyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85c:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 1-bromo-4-ethynylbenzene (90 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85c** (81.3 mg, 52% yield) was obtained as colorless crystals after solvent removal at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f$  = 0.54 (100% hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 0.46 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>)  $\delta$  137.55, 134.65, 134.53, 132.66, 130.44, 128.83, 123.94, 123.19, 106.51, 94.19, –0.66. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3068, 2958, 2159, 1653, 1540, 1484, 1473, 1457, 1427, 1249, 1214, 1114, 1071, 1010, 846, 830, 780, 730, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Si<sup>18</sup>Br [M+H]: 317.0184, found 317.0180.



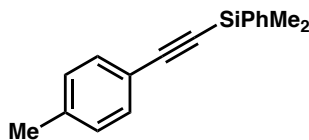
**((3-Chlorophenyl)ethynyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85d:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 1-chloro-3-ethynylbenzene (68 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 24 h. The

desired product **85d** (121.6 mg, 90% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after solvent removal at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.42$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.49 (ddd,  $J = 2.1, 1.5, 0.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd,  $J = 5.0, 1.9$  Hz, 3H), 7.38 (dt,  $J = 7.6, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd,  $J = 8.1, 2.1, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 7.6, 0.5$  Hz, 1H), 0.51 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  136.75, 134.21, 133.86, 132.05, 130.29, 129.70, 129.61, 129.12, 128.10, 124.77, 105.13, 93.82, –0.79. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3420, 2163, 1684, 1647, 1559, 1521, 1507, 1457, 1249, 1117, 1091, 884, 781, 681  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClSi}$  [M+H]: 271.0710, found 271.0710.

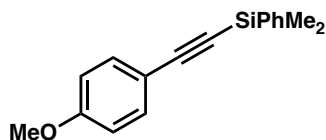


**4-((Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)ethynyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline 85e:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 4-ethynyl-N,N-dimethylaniline (73 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85e** (139.4 mg, 100% yield) was obtained in analytical purity as colourless crystals after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 6.61 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.98 (s, 6H), 0.48 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.46, 137.88, 133.93, 133.38, 129.36, 127.94, 111.69, 109.78, 108.49, 89.19, 40.32, –0.39. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3067, 2957, 2147, 1682, 1607, 1519, 1487, 1427, 1360, 1248, 1186, 1115, 945, 850, 817,

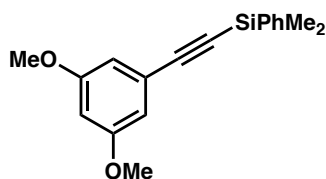
Appendix 6 Hydroxide-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative C–H Silylation of Terminal Alkynes 310  
779, 730, 699, 653  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NSi}$  [ $\text{M}+\bullet$ ]: 279.1443, found 279.1445.



**Dimethyl(phenyl)(*p*-tolylethynyl)silane 85f:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol %), 1-ethynyl-4-methylbenzene (58 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. The desired product **85f** (115.5 mg, 92% yield) was obtained in analytical purity as a pale yellow oil after removal of volatiles at 85 $^\circ\text{C}$  at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.46$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71 (ddt,  $J = 6.0, 2.4, 1.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.41 (ddq,  $J = 5.8, 3.0, 0.9$  Hz, 5H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 0.51 (d,  $J = 1.1$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.02, 137.33, 133.90, 132.10, 129.52, 129.12, 128.02, 120.00, 107.18, 91.28, 21.69,  $-0.59$ . IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3420, 3068, 3049, 2959, 2920, 2156, 1507, 1428, 1408, 1249, 1223, 1117, 1020, 851, 816, 780, 731, 700, 656  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{Si}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ]: 251.1256, found 251.1257.



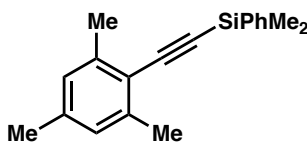
**((4-Methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85g:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (66 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85g** (121.6 mg, 91% yield) was obtained as a yellow oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes  $\rightarrow$  5% EtOAc in hexanes).  $R_f$  = 0.27 (100% hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (dd,  $J$  = 6.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 0.51 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.02, 137.42, 133.89, 133.73, 129.50, 128.01, 115.20, 113.96, 107.03, 90.47, 55.42, -0.56. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3068, 2959, 2154, 1605, 1507, 1441, 1293, 1249, 1171, 1116, 1032, 853, 832, 812, 779, 755, 731, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>OSi [M+•]: 266.1127, found 266.1135.



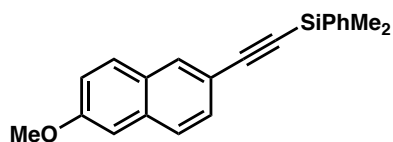
**((3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)ethynyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85h:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 1-ethynyl-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (81 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 48 h.



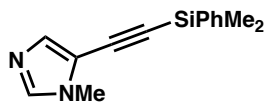
The desired product **85h** (140.6 mg, 95% yield) was obtained in analytical purity as a light yellow oil after removal of volatiles at 85 °C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70 (ddd, *J* = 5.5, 2.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 0.52 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.56, 137.05, 133.90, 129.61, 128.05, 124.29, 109.87, 106.78, 102.53, 91.75, 55.57, –0.68. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3421, 3069, 3001, 2959, 2837, 2160, 1596, 1456, 1419, 1348, 1298, 1250, 1205, 1155, 1116, 1064, 979, 964, 817, 753, 732, 681 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]: 297.1311, found 297.1309.



**(Mesitylethynyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85i:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 2-ethynyl-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (72 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 25 °C for 24 h. The desired product **85i** (119.1 mg, 86% yield) was obtained in analytical purity as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85 °C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.73 (ddt, *J* = 4.5, 3.2, 0.8 Hz, 3H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 6.88 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 6H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 0.52 (t, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.86, 138.23, 137.66, 133.89, 129.45, 127.99, 127.67, 119.94, 104.95, 99.66, 21.51, 21.15, –0.34. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3440, 3068, 2959, 2146, 1646, 1610, 1474, 1428, 1224, 1117, 841, 825, 779, 753, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Si [M+H]: 279.1569, found 279.1561.

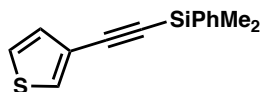


**((6-Methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)ethynyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85j:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 2-ethynyl-6-methoxynaphthalene (91 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85j** (134.8 mg, 85% yield) was obtained in as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by alumina flash chromatography (gradient 2.5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in hexanes  $\rightarrow$  10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in hexanes).  $R_f$  = 0.36 (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 (dd,  $J$  = 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.17 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 0.56 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.57, 137.30, 134.48, 133.93, 132.17, 129.56, 129.34, 128.44, 128.05, 126.85, 122.76, 119.59, 117.93, 107.50, 105.91, 91.68, 55.50, –0.57. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3422, 2959, 2152, 1631, 1601, 1499, 1481, 1461, 1390, 1267, 1232, 1161, 1117, 1031, 937, 890, 814, 780, 731, 703, 656 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSi [M+•]: 316.1284, found 316.1296.



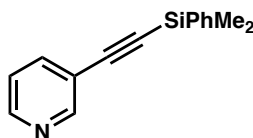
**5-((Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)ethynyl)-1-methyl-1H-imidazole 85k:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10

mol%), 5-ethynyl-1-methyl-1*H*-imidazole (53 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85k** (98.7 mg, 82% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% EtOAc). *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.45 (100% EtOAc); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 – 3.65 (m, 3H), 0.52 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.37, 136.49, 135.29, 133.74, 129.73, 128.09, 116.28, 100.60, 94.11, 32.11, –0.85. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3417, 2960, 2157, 1646, 1533, 1489, 1428, 1274, 1250, 1227, 1116, 924, 823, 782, 732, 702, 661 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]: 241.1161, found 241.1169.

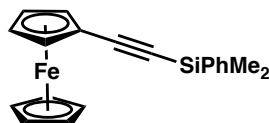


**Dimethyl(phenyl)(thiophen-3-ylethynyl)silane 85l:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 3-ethynylthiophene (54 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 60 h. The desired product **85l** (113.2 mg, 93% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes). *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.39 (100% hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 0.51 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.08, 133.88, 130.26, 130.11, 129.59, 128.04, 125.36, 122.32, 101.67, 91.93, –0.68. IR

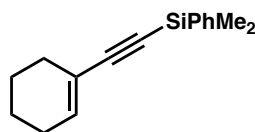
Appendix 6 Hydroxide-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative C–H Silylation of Terminal Alkynes 315  
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753, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{SSi}$  [ $\text{M}+\bullet$ ]: 242.0586, found 242.0576.



**3-((Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)ethynyl)pyridine 85m:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 3-ethynylpyridine (52 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. The desired product **85m** (91.8 mg, 77% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85 $^\circ\text{C}$  at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.31$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.74 (dd,  $J = 2.1, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.54 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (ddd,  $J = 7.9, 2.1, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 1.9$  Hz, 3H), 7.24 (ddd,  $J = 7.9, 4.9, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 0.54 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.82, 149.02, 139.01, 136.49, 133.81, 129.74, 128.11, 123.00, 120.21, 103.14, 96.34,  $-0.88$ . IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3420, 3069, 3048, 3025, 2960, 2161, 1559, 1474, 1406, 1250, 1184, 1119, 1022, 847, 781, 754, 703, 670  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{NSi}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ]: 238.1052, found 238.1049.

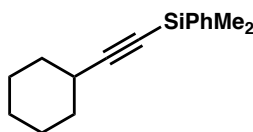


**((Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)ethynyl)ferrocene 85n:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol %), ethynylferrocene (105 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85n** (170.1 mg, 99% yield) was obtained in analytical purity as an orange crystalline solid after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (gradient 100% hexanes  $\rightarrow$  5% EtOAc in hexanes).  $R_f = 0.45$  (5% EtOAc in hexanes);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 (dd,  $J = 6.1, 3.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 4.49 (t,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.22 (s, 5H), 4.22 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 0.47 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.71, 133.89, 129.44, 127.98, 106.30, 88.52, 72.02, 70.26, 69.00, 64.64, –0.40. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2958, 2147, 1428, 1248, 1106, 1024, 1001, 925, 819, 779, 753, 730, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FeSi [M+•]: 344.0684, found 344.0696.



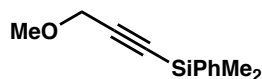
**(Cyclohex-1-en-1-ylethynyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85o:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol %), 1-ethynylcyclohex-1-ene (53 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85o** (102.7 mg, 85% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal

of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 15 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.50$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 6.24 (tt,  $J = 3.9, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.17 (tdd,  $J = 6.0, 2.7, 1.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.11 (tdd,  $J = 6.4, 4.6, 2.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.68 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 0.43 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.59, 136.90, 133.84, 129.40, 127.94, 120.82, 109.17, 88.79, 29.14, 25.81, 22.33, 21.54, –0.51. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3422, 2937, 2145, 1647, 1428, 1249, 1116, 863, 819, 779, 730, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{Si}$  [M+H]: 241.1413, found 241.1402.

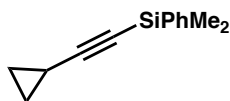


**(Cyclohexylethynyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85p:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), ethynylcyclohexane (54 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 25 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85p** (97.4 mg, 80% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 15 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.53$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (ddd,  $J = 5.4, 2.4, 1.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (ddq,  $J = 4.0, 1.9, 0.8$  Hz, 3H), 2.47 (tt,  $J = 9.0, 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.73 (ddd,  $J = 9.8, 6.2, 3.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.52 (td,  $J = 9.7, 9.2, 3.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.38 – 1.26 (m, 3H), 0.40 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  133.82, 133.13, 129.29, 127.89, 113.93, 81.74, 32.70, 30.23, 26.00, 24.93, –0.30. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2931, 2854, 2173, 1448, 1427, 1248, 1116, 1076, 843,

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834, 816, 779, 729, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{Si}$  [(M+H)- $\text{H}_2$ ]: 241.1413, found 241.1419.

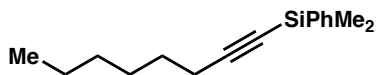


**(3-Methoxyprop-1-yn-1-yl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85q:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 3-methoxyprop-1-yne (35 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. The desired product **85q** (61.0 mg, 60% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85 $^\circ\text{C}$  at 45 mtorr for 15 minutes (careful heating is necessary, as the product is volatile under these conditions) and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (1:1 DCM:hexanes).  $R_f = 0.38$  (1:1 DCM:hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 0.45 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  136.63, 133.66, 129.49, 127.90, 103.05, 89.53, 60.48, 57.67, –0.97. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3423, 2925, 2173, 1640, 1428, 1353, 1250, 1186, 1103, 1007, 990, 903, 838, 817, 781, 731, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{OSi}$  [ $\text{M}+\bullet$ ]: 204.0971, found 204.0977.



**(Cyclopropylethynyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85r:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), ethynylcyclopropane (33 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5

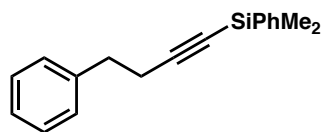
mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85r** (70.1 mg, 70% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes (careful heating is necessary, as this product is volatile under these conditions) and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.38$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 1H), 0.87 – 0.75 (m, 4H), 0.40 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.77, 133.79, 129.36, 127.92, 112.40, 77.65, 8.97, 0.70, –0.45. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3423, 3068, 2960, 2172, 2158, 1646, 1428, 1348, 1249, 1114, 1028, 839, 779, 730, 659  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{Si}$  [ $\text{M}^+\bullet$ ]: 200.1021, found 200.1031.



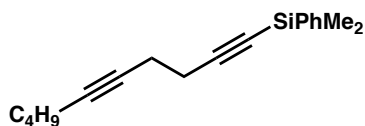
**Dimethyl(oct-1-yn-1-yl)(phenyl)silane 85s:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), oct-1-yne (55 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 25 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85s** (101.0 mg, 83% yield) was as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 15 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes).  $R_f = 0.53$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 2.28 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.59 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.27 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.40 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.86, 133.80, 129.35, 127.92, 109.85, 82.31, 31.43, 28.68, 28.64, 22.69, 20.12, 14.19, –0.44. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3422, 3069, 2957, 2931, 2858, 2174, 1647, 1428, 1248, 1115, 836,



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815, 779, 729, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{Si}$  [M+H]: 245.1726, found 245.1727.

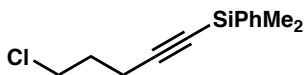


**Dimethyl(phenyl)(4-phenylbut-1-yn-1-yl)silane 85t:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), but-3-yn-1-ylbenzene (65 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. The desired product **85t** (130.0 mg, 98% yield) was obtained in analytical purity as a pale yellow oil after removal of volatiles at 85 $^\circ\text{C}$  at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.31 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 2.90 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 0.42 (d,  $J = 0.6$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.63, 137.56, 133.80, 129.39, 128.68, 128.47, 127.93, 126.43, 108.62, 83.39, 35.10, 22.38, –0.56. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3423, 3086, 3067, 3027, 2959, 2174, 1647, 1602, 1495, 1453, 1427, 1248, 1114, 1077, 1042, 869, 811, 779, 729, 696, 661  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{Si}$  [(M+H)- $\text{H}_2$ ]: 263.1256, found 263.1258.



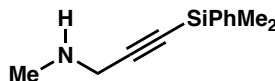
**Deca-1,5-diyn-1-yl dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85u:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), deca-1,5-diyne (67 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5

mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 48 h. The desired product **4u** (131.3 mg, 98% yield) was obtained in analytical purity as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 2.49 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 6.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.46 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.18 (tt, *J* = 7.0, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 1.52 – 1.39 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.42 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.56, 133.81, 129.40, 127.92, 107.79, 83.33, 81.59, 78.33, 31.20, 22.05, 20.79, 19.16, 18.54, 13.77, –0.54. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2958, 2932, 2872, 2177, 1465, 1428, 1336, 1249, 1115, 1042, 870, 837, 816, 780, 754, 731, 700, 662 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Si [(M+H)-H<sub>2</sub>]: 267.1569, found 267.1565.

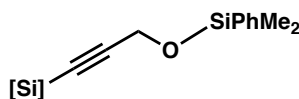


**(5-Chloropent-1-yn-1-yl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85v:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 5-chloropent-1-yne (51 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85v** (93.3 mg, 79% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 15 minutes (careful heating is necessary, as this product is volatile under these conditions) and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes). *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.31 (100% hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (p, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 0.41 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.46, 133.75, 129.48, 127.99, 107.20, 83.81, 43.77, 31.40, 17.57, –0.56. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3420, 3069, 2960, 2928, 2174, 1646, 1428, 1249, 1114, 1041, 837,

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816, 780, 731, 701, 665  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClSi}$  [(M+H)- $\text{H}_2$ ]: 235.0710, found 235.0713.

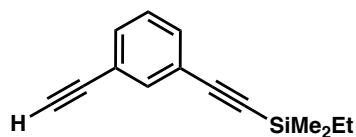


**3-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-N-methylprop-2-yn-1-amine 85w:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), N-methylprop-2-yn-1-amine (69 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 48 h. The desired product **85w** (81.8 mg, 80% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 15 minutes (careful heating is necessary, as the product is volatile under these conditions) and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% EtOAc).  $R_f = 0.32$  (100% EtOAc);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{THF-}d_8$ )  $\delta$  7.63 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 0.36 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{THF-}d_8$ )  $\delta$  138.26, 134.58, 130.18, 128.67, 108.45, 85.45, 41.75, 35.64, –0.33. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3416, 3068, 2957, 2165, 1725, 1651, 1427, 1250, 1116, 1044, 836, 817, 730, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{NSi}$  [M+H]: 204.1208, found 204.1214.



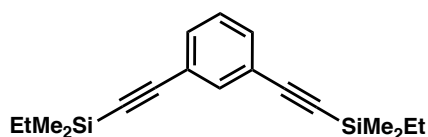
**3-((Dimethyl(phenyl)silyloxy)prop-1-yn-1-yl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 85x:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), prop-2-yn-1-ol (28 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230

$\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 24 h. The desired product **85x** (142.9 mg, 88% yield) was obtained in analytical purity as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85°C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes (careful heating is necessary, as the product is volatile under these conditions).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 (ddt,  $J = 6.4, 1.8, 0.9$  Hz, 4H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 0.48 (s, 6H), 0.43 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.08, 136.80, 133.82, 133.73, 129.93, 129.57, 128.01, 127.98, 105.77, 88.23, 52.27, –0.93, –1.36. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3069, 3049, 2959, 2177, 1428, 1363, 1250, 1117, 1085, 1043, 1004, 817, 782, 731, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{OSi}_2$  [(M+H)– $\text{H}_2$ ]: 323.1288, found 323.1297.

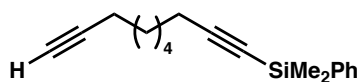


**Ethyl((3-ethynylphenyl)ethynyl)dimethylsilane 257a:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (4.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol%), 1,3-diethynylbenzene **256** (189 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv),  $\text{EtMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (44 mg, 66  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 48 h. The desired product **257a** (68.9 mg, 65% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes). The bis-silylated product **257b** was also obtained in 4% yield.  $R_f = 0.33$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60 (t,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd,  $J = 7.8, 6.2, 1.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.07 (s, 1H), 1.04 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.67 (q,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 0.21 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  135.66, 132.32, 132.11, 128.43, 123.66, 122.44, 104.41, 94.44, 82.85, 77.87, 8.16, 7.49, –2.15. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3300, 3063, 2956, 2914,

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2874, 2152, 2111, 1593, 1569, 1474, 1407, 1249, 1152, 1014, 960, 943, 925, 839, 821,  
794, 780, 701, 685  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{Si}$  [M+H]: 213.1100, found  
213.1089.

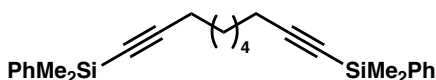


**1,3-bis((dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)ethynyl)benzene 257b:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (4.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol%), 1,3-diethynylbenzene **256** (63 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. The desired product **257b** (173.5 mg, 88% yield) was obtained as a light yellow oil after removal of volatiles at 85  $^\circ\text{C}$  at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (100% hexanes  $\rightarrow$  3% EtOAc in hexanes).  $R_f = 0.26$  (100% hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.69 (t,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 6H), 7.28 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 7.4, 0.5$  Hz, 1H), 0.53 (s, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  136.88, 135.69, 133.86, 132.23, 129.64, 128.40, 128.08, 123.33, 105.73, 93.08,  $-0.74$ . IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3068, 2959, 2153, 1589, 1474, 1428, 1405, 1249, 1164, 1118, 944, 838, 816, 780, 753, 730, 702, 685  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{Si}_2$  [M+H]: 395.1651, found 395.1659.



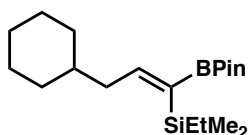
**Deca-1,9-diyn-1-yl(dimethyl(phenyl)silane 259a:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with either KOH or NaOH (10–20 mol%), deca-1,9-diyne

**258** (201 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (68 mg, 77  $\mu$ L, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at either 45 °C or 65 °C for the specified amount of time. The desired product **259a** (see yield in Table 4) was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by silica gel flash chromatography (gradient 1:30 dichloromethane : hexanes  $\rightarrow$  1:10 dichloromethane : hexanes).  $R_f$  = 0.31 (10% dichloromethane in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 2.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (td,  $J$  = 7.1, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (t,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (dtd,  $J$  = 9.6, 7.1, 4.5 Hz, 4H), 1.47 – 1.42 (m, 4H), 0.40 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.79, 133.78, 129.37, 127.93, 109.55, 84.74, 82.51, 68.34, 28.51, 28.45, 28.39, 28.31, 20.04, 18.48, –0.46. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3420, 3306, 3068, 2936, 2859, 2173, 2117, 1646, 1457, 1428, 1325, 1248, 1114, 1026, 836, 816, 754, 731, 700, 661 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Si [(M+H)-H<sub>2</sub>]: 267.1569, found 267.1556.



**1,10-Bis(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)deca-1,9-diyne 259b:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with KOH (5.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol%), deca-1,9-diyne **258** (67 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 48 h. The desired product **259b** (189.3 mg, 93% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil after removal of volatiles at 85 °C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes and subsequent purification by silica gel flash chromatography (gradient 1:30 dichloromethane : hexanes  $\rightarrow$  1:10 dichloromethane : hexanes).  $R_f$  = 0.28 (10% dichloromethane in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (ddt,  $J$  = 5.4, 3.0, 1.4 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (ddt,  $J$  = 4.4, 2.2, 1.1 Hz, 6H), 2.30 (td,  $J$  = 7.2,

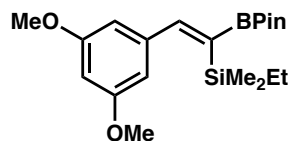
1.1 Hz, 4H), 1.59 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 4H), 1.49 – 1.42 (m, 4H), 0.43 – 0.40 (s, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  137.79, 133.78, 129.37, 127.93, 109.58, 82.49, 28.53, 28.38, 20.04, –0.45. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3423, 3068, 2937, 2858, 2173, 1647, 1428, 1248, 1114, 836, 815, 753, 730, 699, 661  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{33}\text{Si}_2$  [(M+H)- $\text{H}_2$ ]: 401.2121, found 401.2120.



**(Z)-(3-cyclohexyl-1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)prop-1-en-1-yl)**

**(ethyl)dimethylsilane 260a:** The general procedure was followed for the silylation portion of the reaction. The reaction was performed with KOH (2.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclohexylpropyne (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{EtMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (132 mg, 198  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h then HBPIn (192 mg, 218  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was then added and the reaction mixture was stirred for a further 48 h at 65  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The desired product **260a** (107.6 mg, 64% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil by silica gel flash chromatography (2.5% EtOAc in hexanes). Note: product is somewhat unstable on silica gel, possibly contributing to the lower isolated yield.  $R_f = 0.24$  (2.5% EtOAc in hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Benzene- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.57 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.23 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.72 (ddd,  $J = 14.7, 5.0, 2.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.34 (dddq,  $J = 14.6, 11.0, 7.0, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.14 (td,  $J = 7.9, 0.7$  Hz, 3H), 1.09 (d,  $J = 0.6$  Hz, 12H), 1.08 – 1.04 (m, 2H), 0.93 (q,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 0.89 – 0.84 (m, 2H), 0.42 (d,  $J = 0.6$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Benzene- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  163.13, 82.76, 43.20, 38.62, 33.68, 26.94, 26.79, 26.72, 24.93, 9.42, 8.15, –0.51. IR (Neat Film

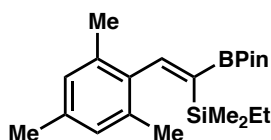
NaCl) 2976, 2923, 2852, 1581, 1448, 1370, 1326, 1292, 1270, 1245, 1213, 1146, 1109, 1006, 981, 962, 856, 835, 817, 777, 696  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{36}\text{BSiO}_2$  [(M+H)- $\text{H}_2$ ]: 335.2578, found 335.2577. Olefin geometry was confirmed by 2D-NOESY.



**(Z)-2-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl**

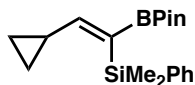
**(ethyl)dimethylsilane 260b:** The general procedure was followed for the silylation portion of the reaction. The reaction was performed with KOH (2.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 1-ethynyl-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (81 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{EtMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (132 mg, 198  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 72 h to yield the silylated alkyne intermediate. HBPIn (192 mg, 218  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was then added and the reaction mixture was stirred for a further 72 h at 85  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The desired product **260b** (56.5 mg, 30% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil by silica gel flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes). Note: product is somewhat unstable on silica gel, possibly contributing to the lower isolated yield.  $R_f = 0.49$  (10% EtOAc in hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Benzene- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.59 (s, 1H), 6.60 (dt,  $J = 2.3, 0.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.52 (t,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 6H), 1.12 (s, 12H), 1.06 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 0.89 (q,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 0.30 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Benzene- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  161.03, 159.67, 144.06, 106.46, 100.75, 83.21, 54.86, 24.94, 9.40, 8.11, -0.93. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2976, 2953, 2873, 1592, 1569, 1458, 1422, 1370, 1316, 1270, 1246, 1204, 1154, 1066, 1009, 960, 855, 832, 780, 691, 673  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{34}\text{BSiO}_4$  [M+H]: 377.2320, found 377.2318. Olefin geometry was confirmed by 2D-NOESY.



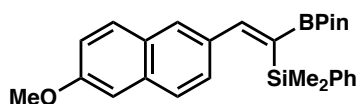


**(Z)-ethyl(2-mesityl-1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl)dimethyl**

**silane 260c:** The general procedure was followed for the silylation portion of the reaction. The reaction was performed with KOH (2.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 2-ethynyl-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (72 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), EtMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (132 mg, 198  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 48 h then HBPIn (192 mg, 218  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was then added and the reaction mixture was stirred for a further 72 h at 85 °C. The desired product **260c** (57.3 mg, 32% yield) was obtained as a yellow gel by silica gel flash chromatography (2.5% EtOAc in hexanes). Note: product is somewhat unstable on silica gel, possibly contributing to the lower isolated yield.  $R_f$  = 0.25 (2.5% EtOAc in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.36 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 12H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 0.77 (q, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 0.07 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  159.59, 138.85, 136.10, 134.38, 128.16, 83.07, 24.91, 21.16, 20.71, 8.44, 8.10, -2.33. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2976, 2950, 2872, 1612, 1579, 1478, 1461, 1370, 1317, 1270, 1244, 1145, 1008, 960, 860, 849, 837, 822, 811, 777, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>35</sub>BSiO<sub>2</sub> [M+•]: 358.2499, found 358.2495. Olefin geometry was confirmed by 2D-NOESY.

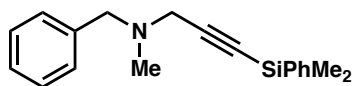


**(Z)-2-cyclopropyl-1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl dimethyl(phenyl)silane 260d:** The general procedure was followed for the silylation portion of the reaction. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), cyclopropylacetylene (33 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 48 h then HBPin (192 mg, 218  $\mu$ L, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was then added and the reaction mixture was stirred for a further 72 h at 65 °C. The desired product **260d** (94.6 mg, 58% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil by silica gel flash chromatography (2.5% EtOAc in hexanes). Note: product is somewhat unstable on silica gel, possibly contributing to the lower isolated yield.  $R_f$  = 0.38 (2.5% EtOAc in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 1.58 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.07 (s, 12H), 0.69 (s, 6H), 0.41 – 0.36 (m, 2H), 0.27 (dt,  $J$  = 6.9, 4.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  169.81, 141.35, 134.42, 128.81, 128.02, 82.75, 24.91, 17.52, 8.87, 0.56, -1.52. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3068, 2977, 1580, 1443, 1427, 1370, 1333, 1309, 1293, 1270, 1246, 1145, 1110, 1048, 944, 849, 836, 816, 775, 730, 700, 671  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BSiO<sub>2</sub> [M+•]: 328.2030, found 328.2037. Olefin geometry was confirmed by 2D-NOESY.



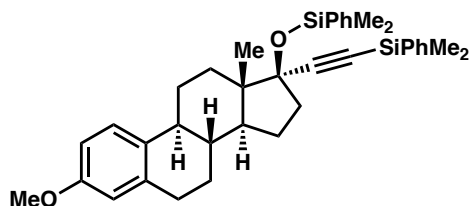
**(Z)-2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-1-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)vinyl dimethyl(phenyl)silane 260e:** The general procedure was followed for the

silylation portion of the reaction. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), 2-ethynyl-6-methoxynaphthalene (91 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 65 °C for 48 h then HBPIn (192 mg, 218 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was then added and the reaction mixture was stirred for a further 72 h at 65 °C. The desired product **260e** (73.4 mg, 33% yield) was obtained as a colorless gel by silica gel flash chromatography (gradient 2.5% EtOAc in hexanes → 10% EtOAc in hexanes). Note: product is somewhat unstable on silica gel, possibly contributing to the lower isolated yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.26 (tt, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (tt, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 12H), 0.47 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 160.46, 158.55, 141.64, 136.58, 134.79, 134.45, 130.16, 128.84, 128.82, 128.54, 127.44, 126.53, 119.45, 106.01, 83.31, 54.76, 24.93, 0.18. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3049, 2976, 1630, 1604, 1563, 1499, 1481, 1462, 1427, 1410, 1370, 1392, 1315, 1265, 1220, 1166, 1110, 1032, 987, 851, 816, 733, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>33</sub>BSiO<sub>3</sub> [M+•]: 444.2292, found 444.2304. Olefin geometry was confirmed by 2D-NOESY.



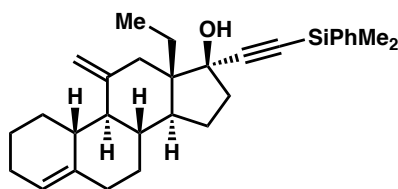
***N*-benzyl-3-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-*N*-methylprop-2-yn-1-amine 261a:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with NaOH (2.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol %), Pargyline (*N*-benzyl-*N*-methylprop-2-yn-1-amine) (80 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH (204 mg, 230 μL, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane

(DME) at 45 °C for 24 h. The desired product **261a** (140.4 mg, 96% yield) was obtained in analytical purity as a pale yellow oil after removal of volatiles at 85 °C at 45 mtorr for 30 minutes.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (dq,  $J = 6.8, 3.4, 2.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (dt,  $J = 4.3, 2.1$  Hz, 3H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 3.60 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.38 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.38 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 3H), 0.47 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.47, 137.34, 133.82, 129.54, 129.39, 128.45, 128.01, 127.35, 102.95, 88.41, 60.17, 46.08, 42.09, –0.49. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3067, 3026, 2958, 2793, 2162, 1494, 1453, 1428, 1366, 1249, 1115, 1026, 980, 837, 817, 780, 732, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{NSi}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ]: 294.1678, found 294.1689.



**(((8R,9S,13S,14S,17S)-17-((dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)ethynyl)-3-methoxy-13-methyl-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)oxy)dimethyl(phenyl)silane 261b:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with KOH (2.8 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10 mol%), mestranol ((8R,9S,13S,14S,17R)-17-ethynyl-3-methoxy-13-methyl-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-ol) (155 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (204 mg, 230  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45 °C for 24 h then 65 °C for 48 h. The product **261b** (185.5 mg, 64% yield) was obtained as a colorless oil by silica gel flash chromatography (1%  $\rightarrow$  5% EtOAc in hexanes).  $R_f = 0.50$  (5% EtOAc in hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{THF}-d_8$ )  $\delta$  7.59 (ddd,  $J = 7.6, 3.6, 2.1$  Hz, 4H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 6H),

7.16 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.87 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.36 (dq,  $J = 13.4, 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.30 (ddd,  $J = 13.3, 9.2, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.16 (ddd,  $J = 14.6, 7.7, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.02 (dtd,  $J = 26.4, 12.8, 4.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.88 (ddt,  $J = 12.7, 5.6, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.83 – 1.74 (m, 3H), 1.51 – 1.37 (m, 3H), 1.35 – 1.26 (m, 1H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.44 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 6H), 0.34 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, THF- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  158.89, 140.79, 138.43, 137.86, 134.65, 134.38, 133.10, 130.31, 129.97, 128.73, 128.44, 127.12, 114.47, 112.89, 112.38, 90.45, 82.69, 68.10, 55.34, 49.87, 49.47, 45.17, 41.66, 40.97, 34.18, 30.86, 28.64, 27.69, 24.00, 1.41, 1.36, -0.63, -0.65. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3417, 3068, 3048, 2946, 2869, 2234, 2160, 2081, 1610, 1575, 1500, 1465, 1427, 1279, 1252, 1136, 1117, 1088, 1045, 929, 886, 818, 783, 730, 699, 642  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{47}\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2$  [M+H]: 579.3115, found 579.3109.



**(8S,9S,10R,13S,14S,17S)-17-((dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)ethynyl)-13-ethyl-11-methylene-2,3,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-ol 261c:** The general procedure was followed. The reaction was performed with KOH (1.1 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), desogestrel ((8S,9S,10R,13S,14S,17R)-13-ethyl-17-ethynyl-11-methylene-2,3,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phen-anthren-17-ol) (62 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (82 mg, 92  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and 0.2 mL of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) at 45  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48 h. The product **261c** (53.4 mg, 60% yield) was obtained as a colorless solid by silica gel

flash chromatography (2.5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in hexanes). Also observed were what appear to be <5% of the *bis*-silylated product and <5% of the *mono*-O-silylated desogestrel.  $R_f = 0.28$  (2.5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>) δ 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 5.44 (dt, J = 4.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 2.67 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (q, J = 7.7, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (ddt, J = 13.8, 7.0, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 2.13 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.90 (m, 3H), 1.88 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.37 (m, 4H), 1.35 – 1.28 (m, 4H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.93–0.86 (m, 1H), 0.38 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>) δ 149.06, 140.69, 134.18, 130.11, 128.67, 122.17, 109.00, 91.27, 83.94, 56.19, 52.97, 52.25, 43.92, 41.63, 41.58, 37.63, 36.62, 32.98, 30.34, 26.70, 25.99, 23.13, 22.98, 21.40, 9.99, 1.60, 1.16. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3543, 3164, 3000, 2926, 2854, 2293, 2253, 1636, 1506, 1455, 1374, 1249, 1118, 1038, 917, 829, 784, 741, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>41</sub>OSi [M+H]: 445.2927, found 445.2931.

### A6.5 Relevant Spectra.

All relevant spectra (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, etc.) are available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org> (DOI: 10.1021/jacs.6b12114).

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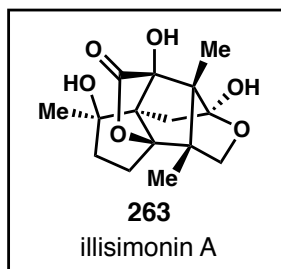
## APPENDIX 7

### Progress Toward the Synthesis of Illisimonin A

#### A7.1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

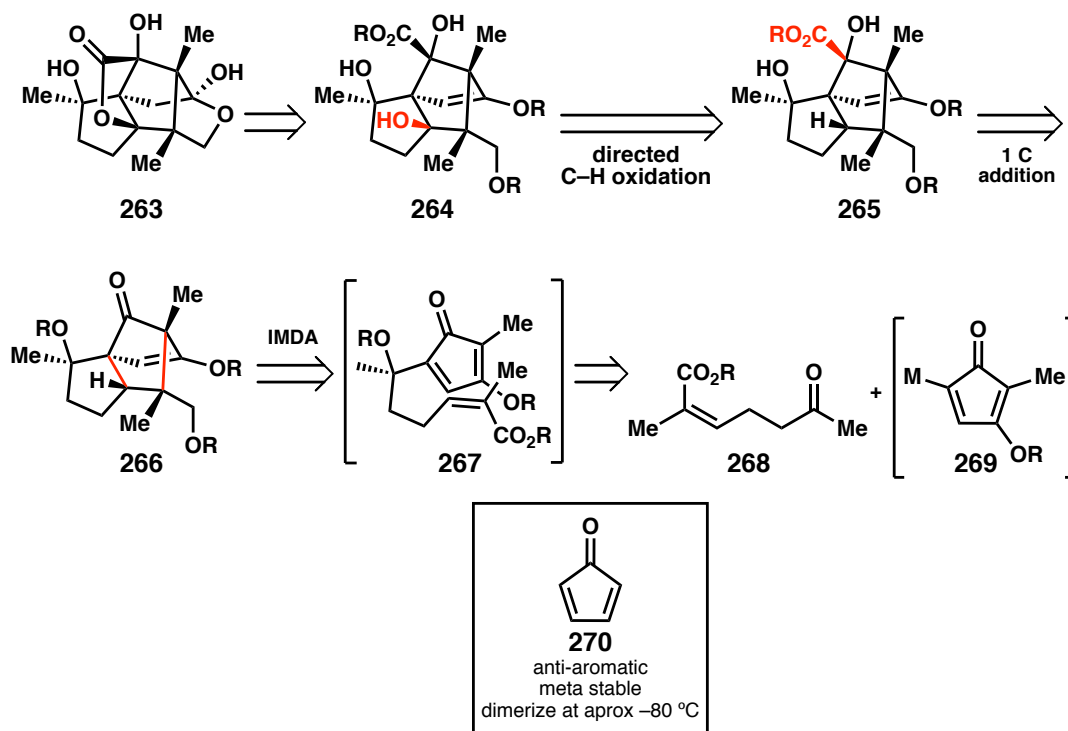
Illisimonin A (**263**) was isolated from the fruits of *Illicium simonsii* by Yu and coworkers in 2017 (Figure A7.1).<sup>1</sup> Portions of the *Illicium simonsii* plant have been used for a number of ailments in traditional Chinese medicine including cystic hernia, scabies, and digestive diseases. The isolation of **263** was especially low, only 4 mg of **263** was isolated from 96 kg of fruit.

**263** was found to possess an unprecedented tricyclo[5.2.1.0<sup>1,6</sup>]decane skeleton, unique from the other eight reported sesquiterpenoid carbon skeletons. Further structural features to note include a fully substituted 5-membered ring and 7 stereogenic centers, 3 of which are all-carbon quaternary centers. **263** was investigated for biological activity and found to provide neuroprotective effects against oxygen-glucose deprivation (OGD)-induced cell injury in SH-SY5Y cells with EC<sub>50</sub>=27.7 μM.

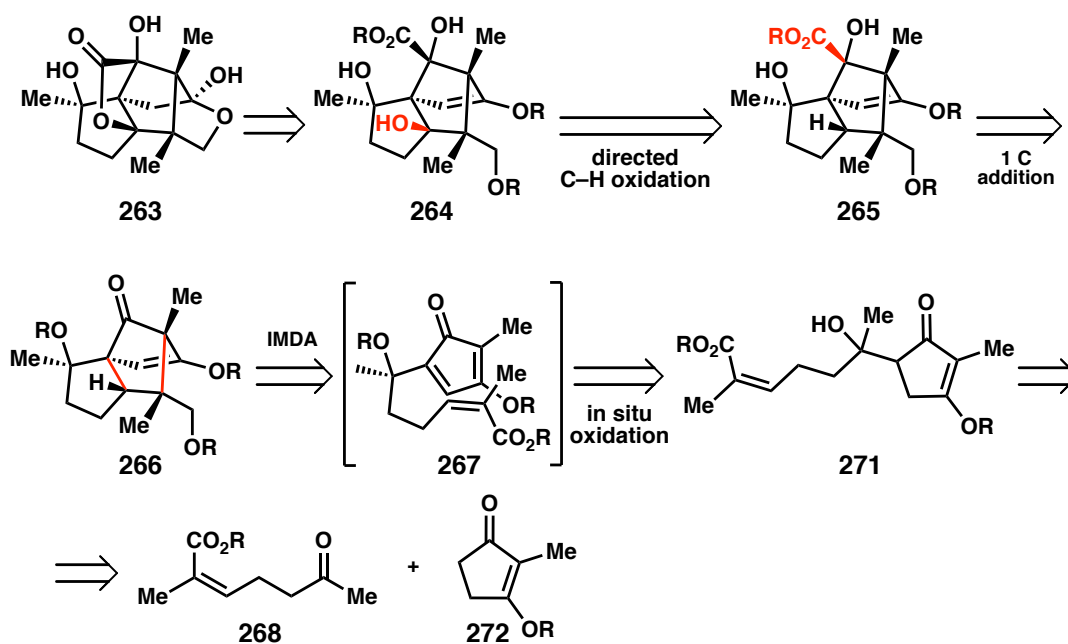
**Figure A7.1** Illisimonin A and *Illicium simonsii*.

## A7.2 RETROSYNTHETIC ANALYSIS OF ILLISIMONIN A

Our initial analysis of the challenging natural product illisimonin A focused on a number of key disconnects to forge the unprecedented carbon scaffold. As shown in Scheme A7.1, we believe a series of late-stage functional group manipulations would trace back to tertiary alcohol **264**. This alcohol could be installed by a directed C–H oxidation reaction utilizing the pendant carbonyl group, leading back to compound **265**. **265** could arise from a single carbon addition into the bridging ketone, leading to compound **266**. Here, we recognized **266** could be generated by a Diels–Alder reaction to forge all 3 of the all-carbon quaternary stereogenic centers in a single step (**267** to **266**). Unfortunately, it would be unlikely to synthesize such an intermediate by direct nucleophilic addition due to the unstable nature of cyclopentadienones (i.e., **268** and **269**).<sup>2</sup>

**Scheme A7.1** Retrosynthetic Analysis of Illisimonin A.

Instead, we believed it may be possible to generate the cyclopentadienone by in situ oxidation of a suitable precursor **271**, which could be generated by a crossed Aldol reaction (Scheme A7.2).

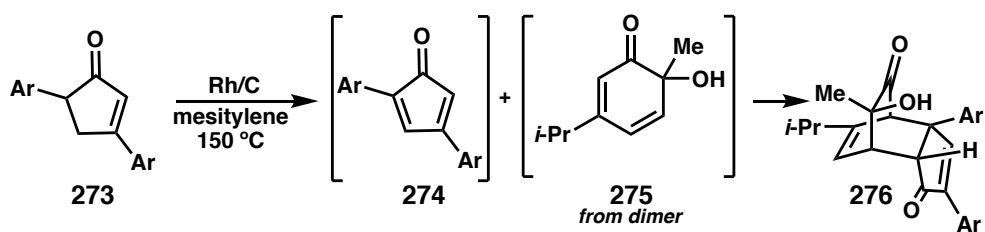
**Scheme A7.2** Revised Retrosynthetic Analysis of Illisimonin A.

### A7.2.1 Literature Examples of Cyclopentadienone Reactivity.

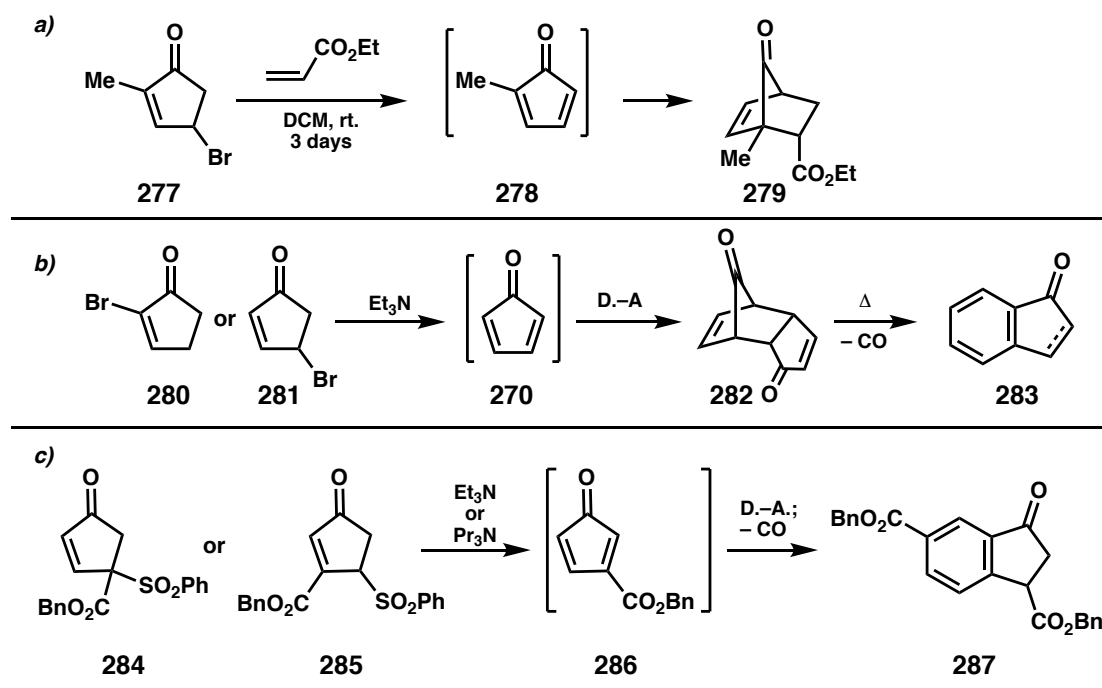
Given the highly reactive nature of cyclopentadienones, only a limited number of reports have detailed their use in synthetic reactions.

Porco and coworkers have reported the direct dehydrogenation of a cyclopentenone to generate a cyclopentadienone (**274**) which goes on to react with a diene in solution (Scheme A7.3).<sup>3</sup>

**Scheme A7.3** Dehydrogenative Generation of Cyclopentadienone.



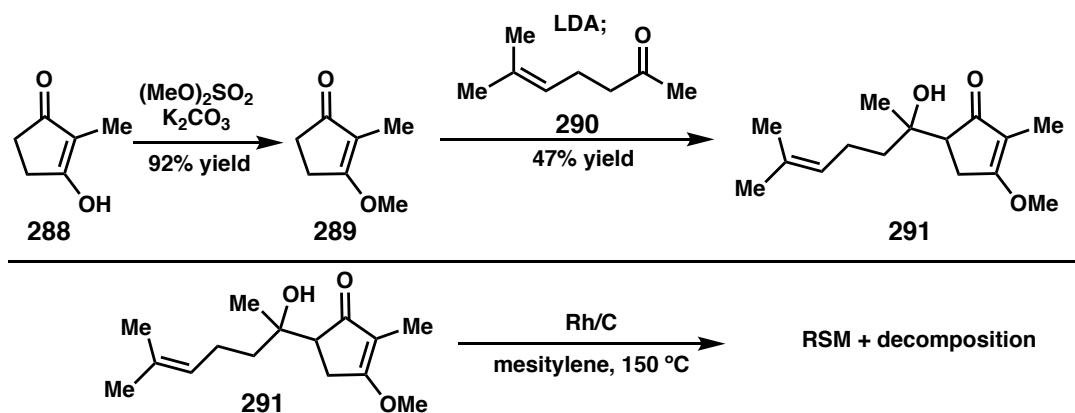
Cyclopentadienones have also been generated by elimination from a suitable cyclopentenone as shown in Scheme A7.4.<sup>4,5,67</sup> The leaving group must be located at the 2- or 4-position of the cyclopentenone (i.e., **280** or **281**) or decomposition of the starting material is observed. Cyclopentadienones can react as either a dienophile or a diene in a Diels–Alder reaction (Scheme A7.3 versus A7.4a) or dimerize (Scheme A7.4 b&c).

**Scheme A7.4** Generation of Cyclopentadienone via Elimination.

## A7.3 FORWARD SYNTHESIS

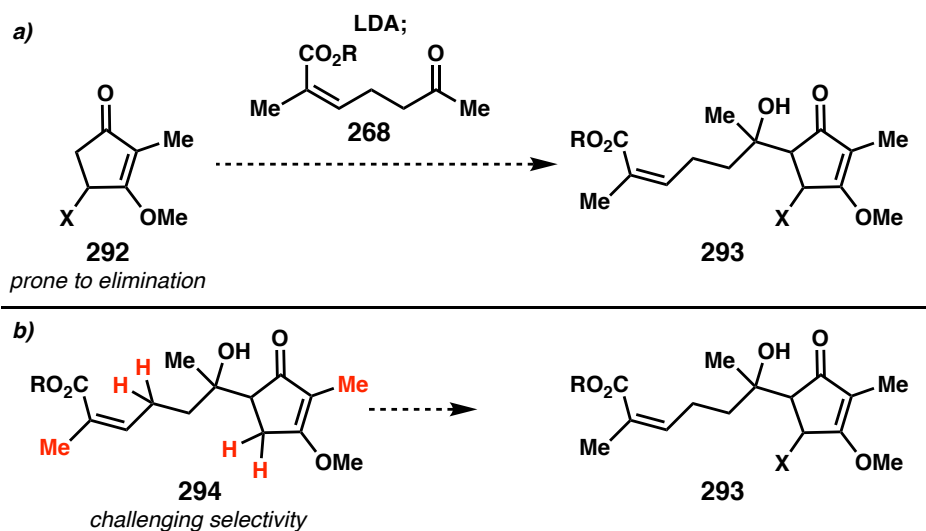
### A7.3.1 Cyclopentadienone Route.

We were able to synthesize the known cyclopentenone **289** and the cross Aldol reaction with **290** resulted in the model compound **291** (Scheme A7.5). Unfortunately, the conditions previously reported to generate cyclopentadienone via direct hydrogenation did not result in the desired product.<sup>3</sup>

**Scheme A7.5** Forward Synthesis of a Model System via Cyclopentadienone Route.

A considerable amount of time was spent investigating reactions conditions to generate cyclopentadienone via elimination, but this approach has two serious flaws (Scheme A7.6). The leaving group must be at the 2- or 4-position but substitution is required at the 2-position in the natural product so the leaving group must be at the 4-position (i.e., **292**). This is problematic as **292** would be prone to elimination under the cross Aldol conditions (Scheme 7.6a). Installation of the leaving groups after the Aldol reaction by allylic functionalization is similarly problematic as **294** possess a number of allylic positions (Scheme 7.6b).

**Scheme A7.6** Challenges in the Cyclopentadienone Route.



Given these challenges with the cyclopentadienone route, we chose to reevaluate our retrosynthetic analysis.

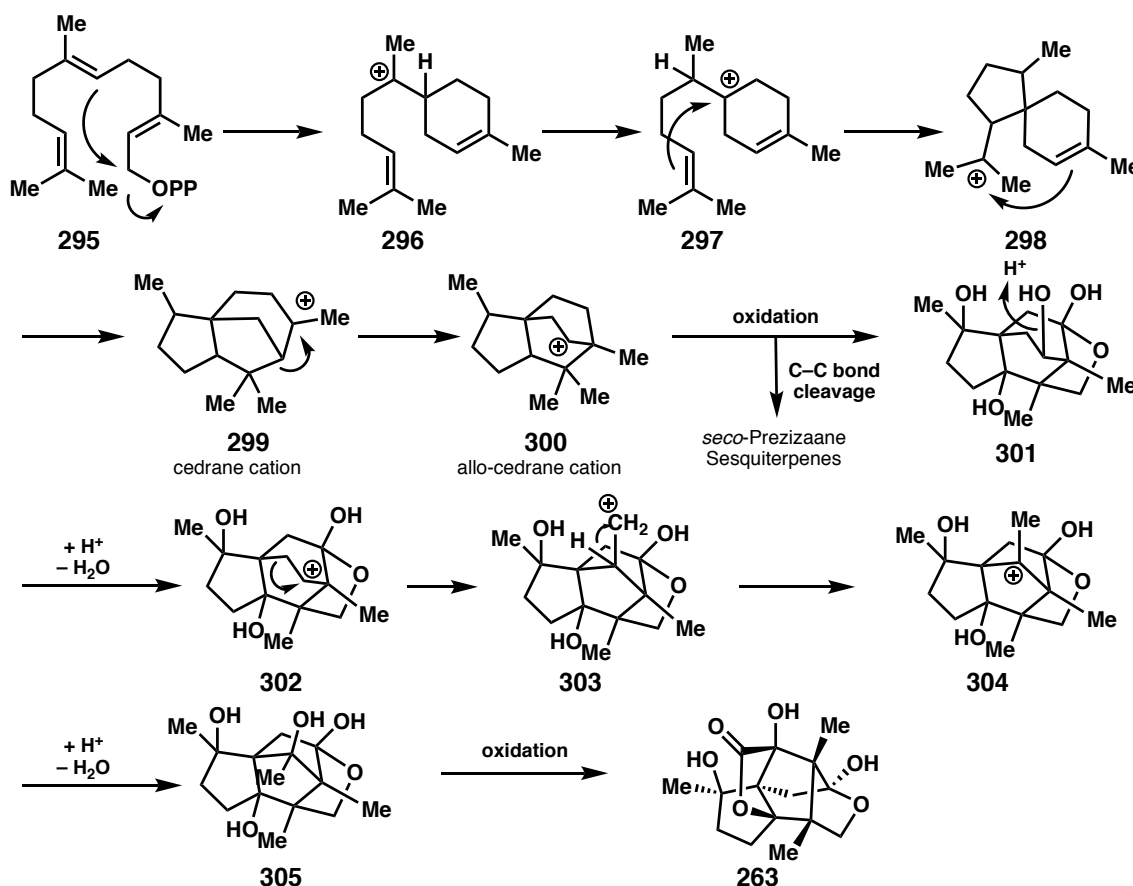
## A7.4 REVISED RETROSYNTHESIS

### A7.4.1 Biosynthetic Inspiration.

The isolation chemists proposed the biosynthesis of illisimonin A (**263**) shown in Scheme A7.7.<sup>1</sup> The biosynthetic route is based on the previously proposed biosynthesis of *seco*-prezizaane-type sesquiterpenoids from *allo*-cedrane cation (**300**). In the

biosynthesis of illisimonin A (**263**), it is proposed *allo*-cedrane cation (**300**) undergoes oxidation followed by a Wagner-Meerwein rearrangement to set the [2.2.1] bicyclic core present in the natural product (**300** to **301** to **303**).

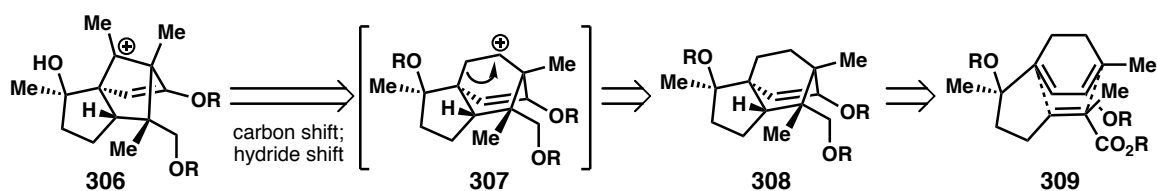
**Scheme A7.7** Proposed Biosynthesis of Illisimonin A.



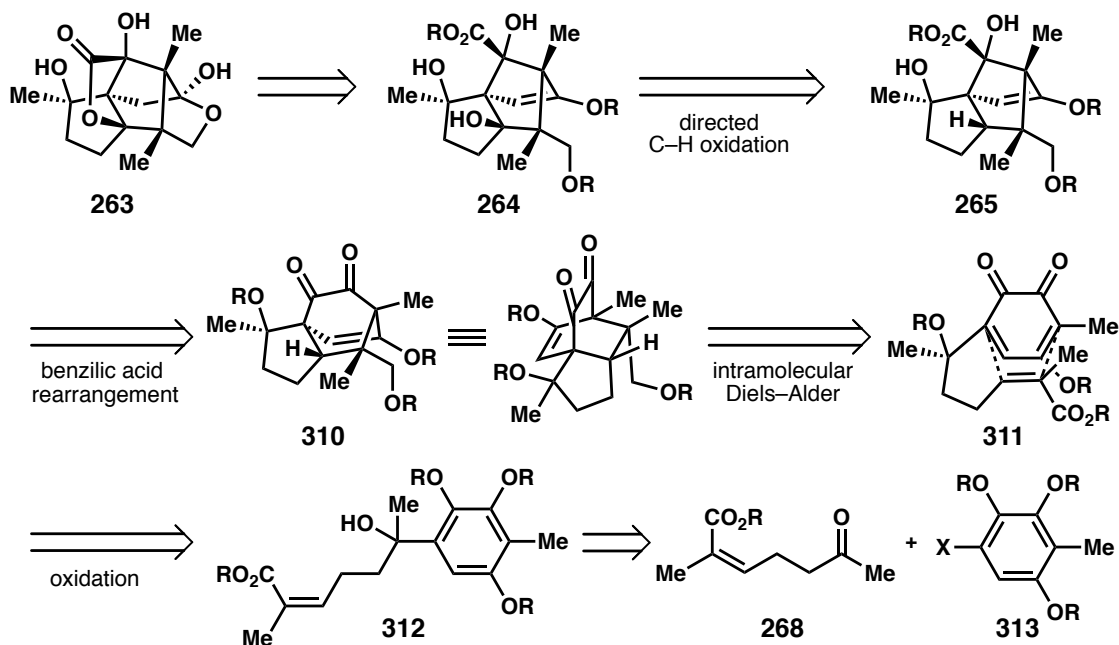
OPP = pyrophosphate

#### A7.4.2 Benzilic Acid Disconnection.

Taking inspiration from the proposed biosynthesis, we envisioned the challenging [2.2.1] bicyclic core of **263** could arise from rearrangement of a suitable [2.2.2] bicyclic system (**306** to **308**) (Scheme A7.8). This route may avoid the difficulties encountered with the challenging cyclopentadienone intermediate as a [2.2.2] bicyclic scaffold could arise from a more precedented Diels–Alder reaction (**308** to **309**).

**Scheme A7.8** Wagner-Meerwein Retrosynthetic Disconnect.

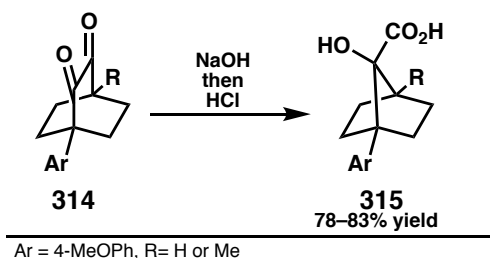
We recognized the approach shown in Scheme A7.8 would require a series of challenging oxidations at the bridging position of the [2.2.1] bicyclic core (i.e., **306** to **265**). A more reasonable approach could involve incorporation of the desired oxygenation prior to the carbon skeleton rearrangement using a benzylic acid rearrangement (Scheme A7.9).

**Scheme A7.9** Retrosynthesis via Benzylic Acid Rearrangement Disconnect.

We were pleased to find a benzylic acid rearrangement has been reported to occur in a similar [2.2.2] bicyclic scaffold (**314**) as shown in Scheme A7.10.<sup>8</sup>



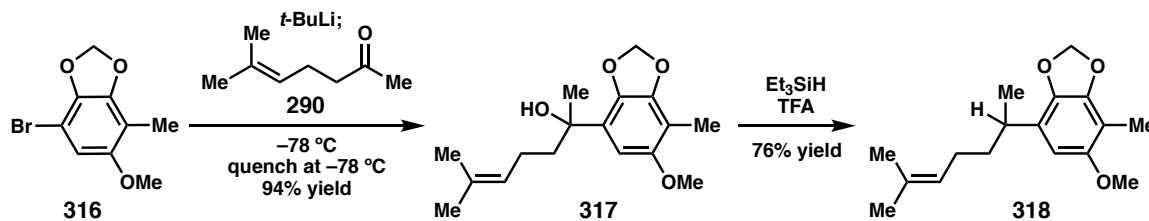
**Scheme A7.10** Reported Benzilic Acid Rearrangement in a [2.2.2.] Bicyclic Scaffold.



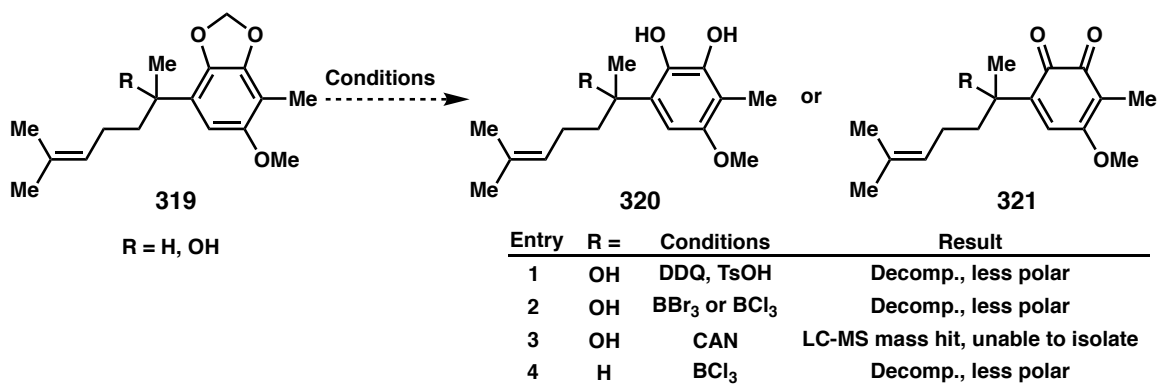
## A7.5 REVISED FORWARD SYNTHESIS

Working with a model system, we were able to synthesize the known aryl bromide **316** which undergoes lithium-halogen exchange and addition into ketone **290** to yield the tertiary alcohol **317** (Scheme A7.11).<sup>9</sup> The benzylic tertiary alcohol is present in the natural product **263** but we anticipated it could be problematic under the subsequent oxidation conditions. We found **317** can be deoxygenated with Et<sub>3</sub>SiH/TFA to **318**.

**Scheme A7.11** Synthesis of Diels–Alder and Benzilic Acid Model System.

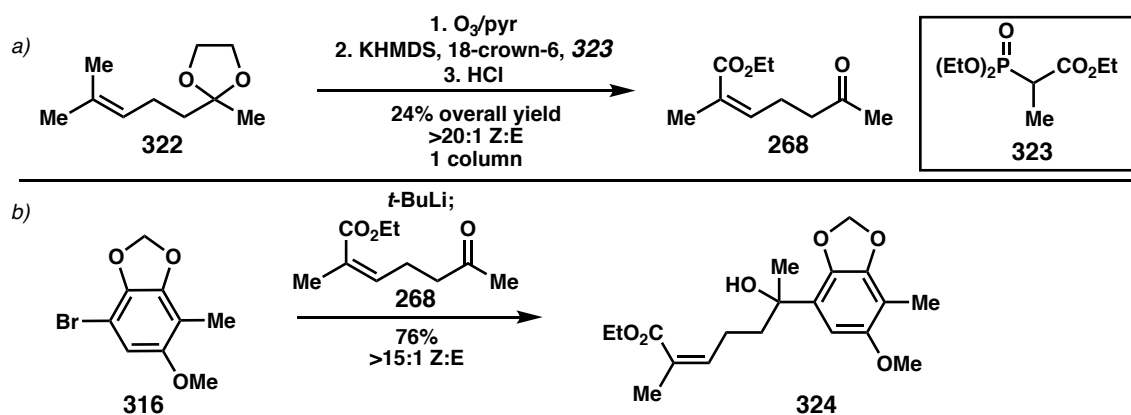


Unfortunately, the reported conditions we investigated to deprotect and/or oxidize the catechol acetal (**319**) to the diol **320** or *o*-quinone **321** resulted in decomposition of the starting material (Scheme A7.12).<sup>10</sup>

**Scheme A7.12** Deprotection/Oxidation of Diels–Alder and Benzilic Acid Model System.

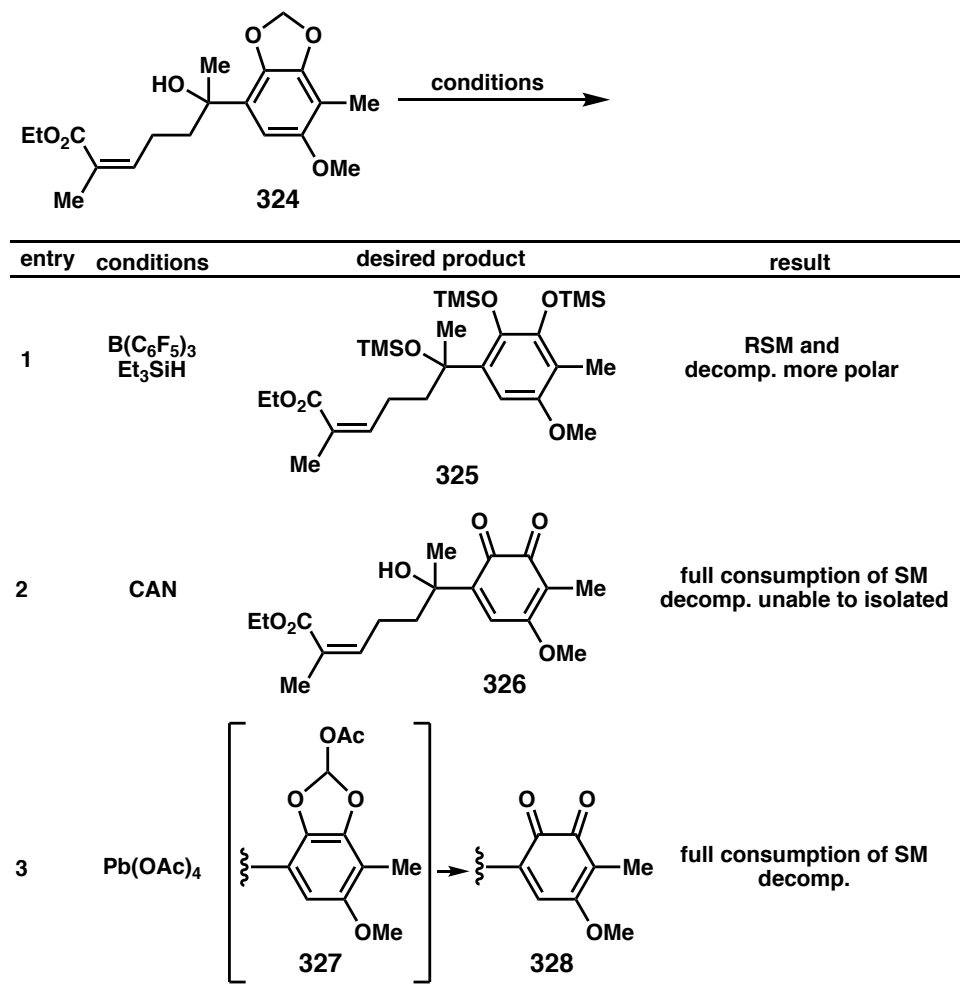
We recognized that deprotected catechol **320** and *o*-quinone **321** would likely be challenging to isolate and may provide only limited insight into the Diels–Alder step due to the electronics of the dienophile olefin in the model system (**319** vs **311**). Therefore, we focused on moving forward in the fully elaborated system.

The required *Z*-enone **268** could be synthesized in moderate yield over 3 steps which can be conducted on large scale (Scheme A7.13a).<sup>11</sup> As in the model system, lithium-halogen exchange of **316** and addition into ketone **268** generated **324** in good yield (Scheme A7.13b).

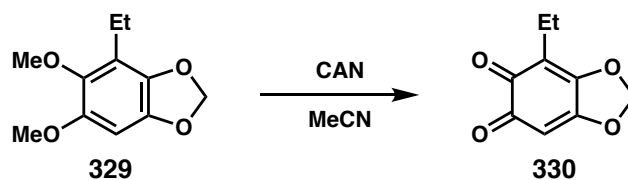
**Scheme A7.13** Forward Synthesis of Diels–Alder and Benzilic Acid Route.

With the protected catechol **324** in hand, we investigated a number of reported conditions to deprotect or deprotect and oxidize the catechol acetal (Scheme A7.14).<sup>12</sup> We were unable to isolate the desired product using these reported reaction conditions, observing starting material decomposition or limited overall conversion.

**Scheme A7.14** Deprotection and/or Oxidation of Catechol Acetal.

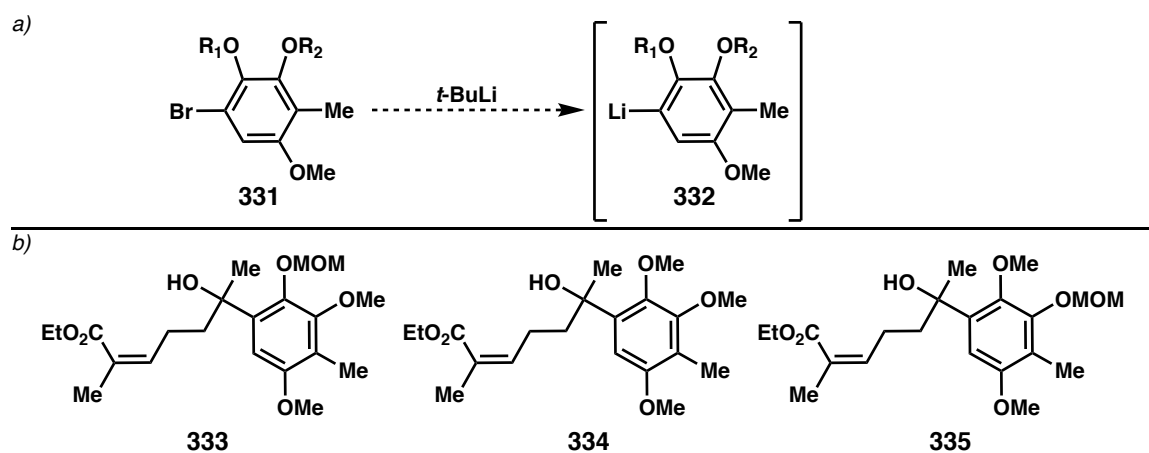


Prior literature reports have documented similar challenges in the selective deprotection of a catechol acetal system, such as the system shown in Scheme A7.15.<sup>13</sup>

**Scheme A7.15** Competitive Deprotection of Catechol Acetal and Methyl Ether.

Given these results, we chose to reevaluate our protecting group strategy on the aryl fragment. We were aware the ortho lithium-halogen exchange relative to  $R_1$  in **331** would limit possible protecting group strategies (Scheme A7.16a). We envisioned the protecting group strategies shown in Scheme A7.16b may be amenable to more facile deprotection and/or oxidation as compared to acetal **316**.

A methoxymethyl protecting group would be expected to stabilize ortho lithiation (i.e., **332** in A7.16a,  $R_1 = \text{MOM}$ ) but deprotection of 1,3-diones (i.e., **333**) can be challenging.<sup>14</sup> Trimethoxy protected **334** would simplify synthesis but there is limited direction for the subsequent oxidation. **335** would be expected to facilitate oxidation to the *p*-quinone and avoids the deprotection challenges foreseen in **333** but significantly complicates synthesis of the aryl fragment.

**Scheme A7.16** Protecting Group Strategy for Arene Fragment.

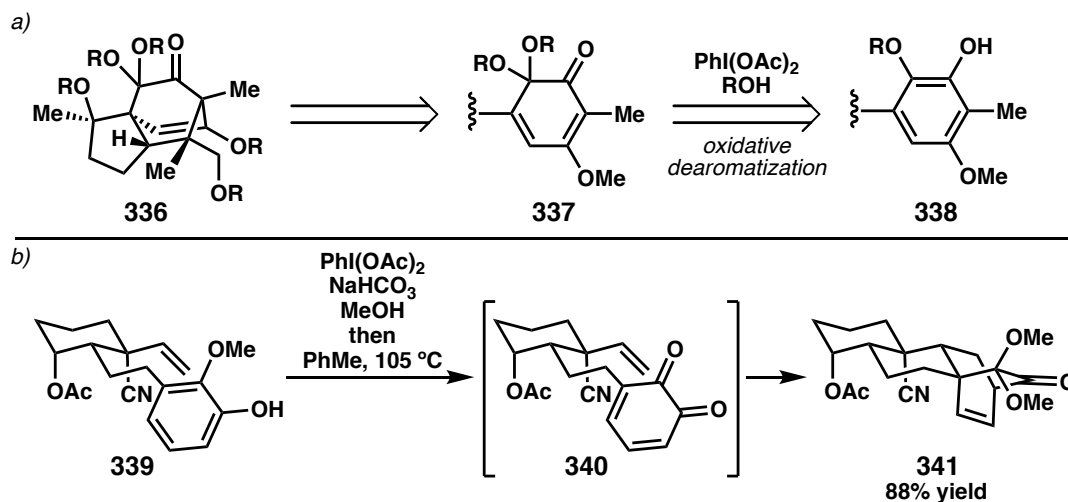
Currently, we are investigating the combination of various aryl protecting groups and oxidation conditions in order to probe the desired *o*-quinone Diels–Alder reaction.

## A7.6 FUTURE DIRECTIONS

### A7.6.1 Oxidative Dearomatization.

In addition to the oxidation conditions reported to generate *o*-quinones described above, we plan to investigate an oxidative dearomatization approach (Scheme A7.17a). This approach has been demonstrated in a similar bicyclic scaffold (**339**, Scheme A7.17b).<sup>15</sup> Furthermore, differentiation of the two bridging carbons at the ketone oxidation state (i.e., monoketal **336** versus dicarbonyl **301**) could be beneficial for the benzylic acid rearrangement

*Scheme A7.17 Diels–Alder via Oxidative Dearomatization Disconnect*

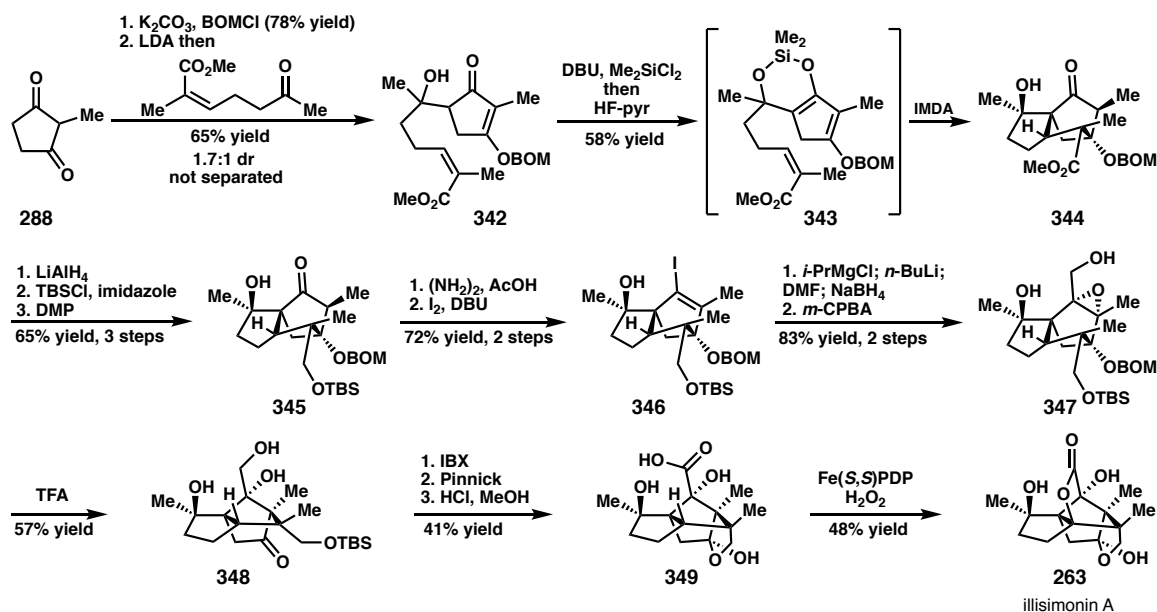


## A7.7 Rychnovsky Synthesis of Illisimonin A

In the midst of the research described above, the first reported total synthesis of illisimonin A was disclosed by Rychnovsky and coworker, with the final synthetic sequence is shown in Scheme A7.18.<sup>16</sup> The authors utilized a similar Diels–Alder

disconnect (**342** to **344**) but chose to use a sila template Diels–Alder reaction (**343**). This approach avoided the challenges we experienced with a cyclopentadienone intermediate but provides the wrong C–C bond connectivity, which later undergoes a semipinacol rearrangement to provide the desired bicyclic core (**347** to **348**). The authors note the single carbon addition to the bridging ketone (**345** to **347**) was challenging but Bouveault aldehyde synthesis with in situ reduction provided the alcohol **347** which was later reoxidized back up to the acid **349**. We were pleased to see **349** undergoes acid directed C–H oxidation using White’s FePDP catalyst.

**Scheme A7.18** Rychnovsky Synthesis of Illisimonin A



## A7.8 Conclusion

We continue to investigate our proposed route toward the synthesis of illisimonin A. In comparison to the Rychnovsky route, our proposed route may avoid some of the challenges by utilizing a Diels–Alder substrate with all the requisite carbons and limiting

redox manipulations. Furthermore, we are interested to demonstrate the Diels–Alder, benzoic acid rearrangement sequence in the context of a complex synthetic target.

## **A7.9 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

### **A7.9.1 MATERIALS AND METHODS**

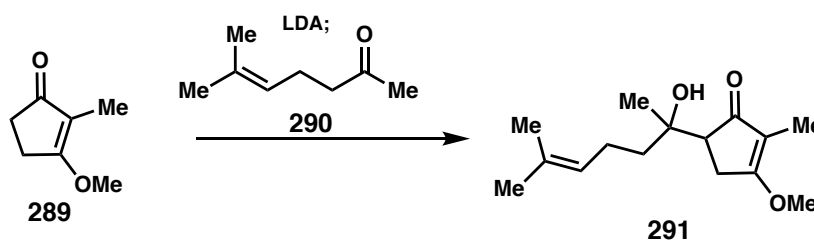
Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in oven-dried brand-new Fisherbrand scintillation vials in a nitrogen-filled glove box or in flame-dried Schlenk flasks under inert gas (nitrogen or argon) connected on a Schlenk line using dry, degassed solvents and stirring bars. Solvents were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under argon. Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) or GC-FID analyses. TLC was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated glass plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching, phosphomolybdic acid, or  $\text{KMnO}_4$  staining. Silicycle SiliaFlash P60 Academic Silica gel (particle size 40–63 nm) was used for flash chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz or Bruker 400 MHz spectrometers in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  and are reported relative to residual solvent peak.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 600MHz (150 MHz), 500 MHz spectrometer (125 MHz), or Bruker 400 MHz spectrometers (100 MHz) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  and are reported relative to residual solvent peak. Data for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta\text{ppm}$ ) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, sept = septet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet, br d = broad doublet, app = apparent. Data for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR are reported in terms of chemical shifts ( $\delta\text{ppm}$ ). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained

from Agilent 6200 Series TOF with an Agilent G1978A Multimode source in mixed ionization mode (MM: ESI-APCI+) or obtained from Caltech mass spectrometry laboratory. All reagents were purchased from Aldrich, TCI, or Acros and used as received (unless noted). **289**,<sup>17</sup> **316**,<sup>9</sup> and **322**<sup>18</sup> were synthesized according to previously reported methods.

## A7.9.2 EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES AND SPECTROSCOPIC DATA

### A7.9.2.1 Synthesis of Model Cyclopentenone Diels–Alder Precursor.

*Scheme A7.19* Synthesis of Cyclopentenone Diels–Alder Precursor



#### 5-(2-Hydroxy-6-methylhept-5-en-2-yl)-3-methoxy-2-methylcyclopent-2-en-1-one

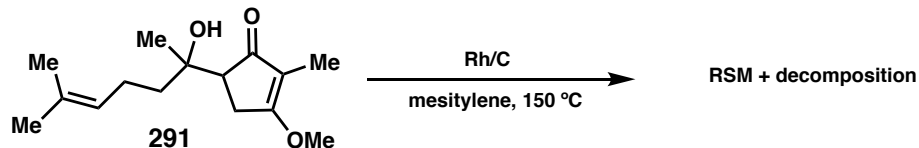
**(291)**. A flame-dried 2-neck flask with stir bar was placed under argon and charged with  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{NH}$  (1 equiv, dist. from  $\text{CaH}_2$ ) and THF (1M in amine) and cooled to  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .  $n\text{-BuLi}$  (1 equiv, 1 M in hexanes) was added dropwise and the solution was stirred for 30 minutes. To this solution of LDA was added **289** (1 equiv) in THF (1.8 M) via cannula dropwise and allowed to stir for 30 minutes. A solution of **290** (3.2 mmol, 2 equiv) in THF (3 mL) was added dropwise to the enolate. The reaction was allowed to slowly warm and monitored by TLC (2:1 hexanes to EtOAc). When judged complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) then quenched with HCl (5 mL, 1 M) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL), followed by aqueous extraction (3x10mL EtOAc), brine wash, dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (4:1 to 3:1 hexanes to EtOAc) to yield **291**



(mixture of diastereomers) as a colorless oil (127.6 mg, 47% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  5.11 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.79 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.68 (dd,  $J = 7.2, 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.11 (dq,  $J = 13.5, 7.2, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.67 – 1.60 (m, 6H), 1.54 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.03 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  208.77, 184.86, 131.88, 124.46, 116.74, 73.70, 56.97, 51.58, 41.32, 28.74, 25.86, 22.52, 21.91, 17.83, 5.93. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3396, 2969, 2922, 2871, 1738, 1621, 1614, 1462, 1455, 1383, 1344, 1254, 1166, 1122, 1068, 1023, 990, 951, 786, 763  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MM:+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 275.1618, found: 275.1612.

#### A7.9.2.2 Attempted Oxidation of Model Cyclopentenone Diels–Alder Precursor.

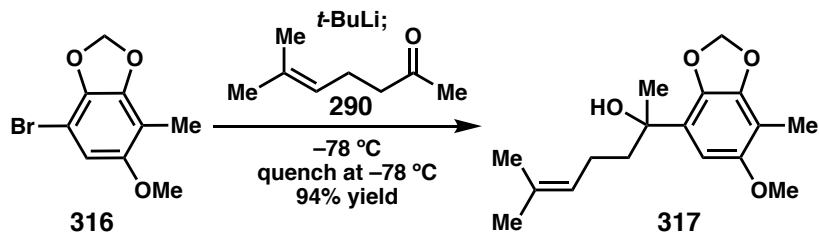
**Scheme A7.20** Attempted Oxidation of Model Cyclopentenone Diels–Alder Precursor



Conducting using an adapted literature procedure.<sup>3</sup> **291** (7.5 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 equiv), Rh/C (5% Rh, 6.2 mg, 10 mol % Rh), and mesitylene (0.5 mL, 0.06 M in **291**) were added to a 2 dram vial with a stir bar, sealed with a PTFE-lined cap and heated to 150 °C for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was then diluted with DCM, quenched with MeOH, eluted through a short pad of silica gel, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was analyzed by TLC, UHPLC-MS, and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR.

### A7.9.2.3 Synthesis of Model *o*-Quinone Precursor.

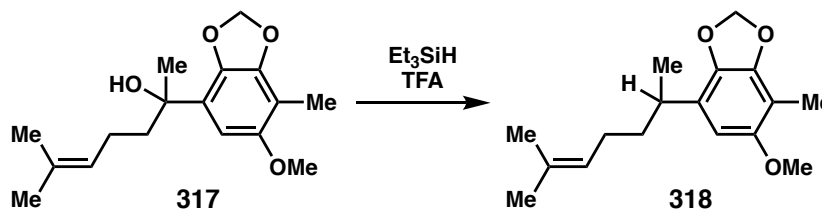
*Scheme A7.21* Synthesis of Model *o*-Quinone Precursor



**2-(6-Methoxy-7-methylbenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)-6-methylhept-5-en-2-ol (317).** A flame-dried 2-neck flask with stir bar was placed under argon, charged with **316** (20 mg, 0.082 mmol, 1 equiv), and evacuated/refilled with argon (3x). Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) was added and the stirring solution is cooled to  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 10 minutes. *t*-BuLi (0.09 mL, 2 equiv, 1.7 M in hexanes) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 45 minutes. A solution of **290** (14.5  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.098 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL) was added via cannula dropwise. While stirring at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the reaction progress was monitored by TLC (9:1 hexanes to EtOAc). After 3 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (ca. 2 mL) at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and allowed to slowly warm. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3x5 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (15:1 to 5:1 hexanes to EtOAc) to yield **317** as a colorless oil (22.5 mg, 94% yield, >20:1 *Z*:*E*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.41 (s, 1H), 5.88 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (ddt, *J* = 8.5, 5.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.69 – 1.63 (m, 3H), 1.55 – 1.51 (m, 6H).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.41, 146.65, 136.56, 132.28, 126.35, 124.52, 107.84, 100.62, 100.12, 74.50, 56.40, 41.87, 28.71, 25.87, 23.20, 17.84, 8.77.; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3471, 2965, 2925, 2772,

1897, 1652, 1606, 1487, 1463, 1416, 1379, 1273, 1200, 1166, 1121, 1062, 1035, 964, 941, 886, 841, 817, 778, 748  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (MM:+) calc'd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 315.1567, found: 315.1564.

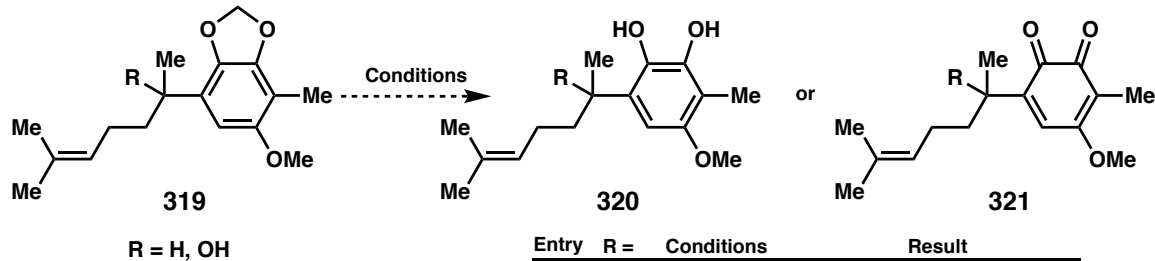
**Scheme A7.22** Deoxygenation of Model *o*-Quinone Precursor



**5-Methoxy-4-methyl-7-(6-methylhept-5-en-2-yl)benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxole (318)** Adapted from a literature procedure.<sup>19</sup> A solution of **317** (19 mg, 0.065 mmol, 1 equiv) in DCM (0.7 mL) was cooled to 0 °C.  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$  (29  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.18 mmol, 2.8 equiv) was added followed by TFA (2.3  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.3 mmol, 4.7 equiv). The reaction progress was monitored by TLC (9:1 hexanes to EtOAc). After 3 hours the reaction was quenched with dilute  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (3x5 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The crude product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (20:1 hexanes to EtOAc) to yield **318** as a colorless oil (17.1 mg, 95% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.12 (s, 1H), 5.87 (s, 2H), 5.21 – 4.93 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.80 (h,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.93 (hept,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.68 (s, 5H), 1.62 – 1.50 (m, 5H), 1.24 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.39, 146.18, 138.49, 131.42, 125.00, 124.52, 106.60, 101.32, 100.45, 56.28, 36.69, 34.45, 26.28, 25.74, 20.79, 17.68, 8.58. IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2963, 2926, 1654, 1611, 1496, 1425, 1401, 1376, 1226, 1199, 1121, 1038, 963, 941, 819, 746.

A7.9.2.4 Attempted Oxidation of Model *o*-Quinone Precursor.

Scheme A7.23 Attempted Deprotection/Oxidation of Catechol Acetal



Entry	R =	Conditions	Result
1	OH	DDQ, TsOH	Decomp., less polar
2	OH	BBr <sub>3</sub> or BCl <sub>3</sub>	Decomp., less polar
3	OH	CAN	LC-MS mass hit, unable to isolate
4	H	BCl <sub>3</sub>	Decomp., less polar

**Entry 1.** Conducting using **317 (319, R=OH)** (4 mg, 0.014 mmol, 1 equiv), DDQ (6 mg, 0.027 mmol, 2 equiv), TsOH (2.7 mg, 0.014 mmol, 1 equiv), and 1,4-dioxane (0.5 mL, 0.03 M) in a sealed 1 dram vial with a stir bar. After 3 hours the reaction was quenched with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3x5 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was analyzed by TLC, UHPLC-MS, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

**Entry 2.** Adapted from a literature procedure.<sup>20</sup> Conducting using **317 (319, R=OH)** (5.6 mg, 0.019 mmol, 1 equiv), BBr<sub>3</sub> (29 μL, 0.029 mmol, 1 M in DCM) and DCM (1.7 mL). After 5 hours, the crude reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, eluting DCM/MeOH and concentrated in vacuo. The reaction mixture was analyzed by TLC, UHPLC-MS, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

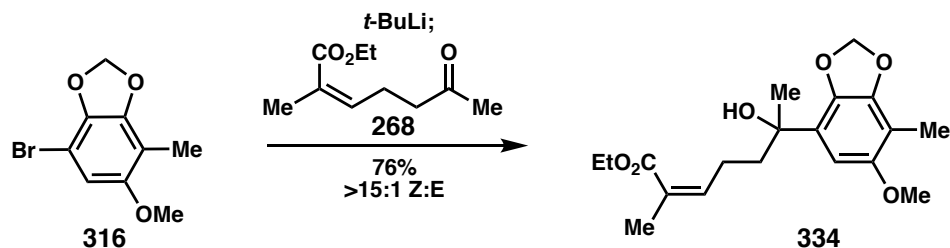
**Entry 3.** Adapted from a literature procedure.<sup>10b</sup> Conducting using **317 (319, R=OH)** (5.5 mg, 0.019 mmol, 1 equiv), CAN (28 mg, 0.0513 mmol, 2.7 equiv) and MeCN (1.7 mL). Immediate color change (colorless to black to orange). After 5 hours the reaction

was quenched with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3x5 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was analyzed by TLC, UHPLC-MS, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

**Entry 4.** Adapted from a literature procedure.<sup>20</sup> Conducting using **318** (**319**, R=H) (4 mg, 0.014 mmol, 1 equiv), BCl<sub>3</sub> (0.0579 mmol, 4 equiv) and DCM (0.5 mL). Reaction was run as described for Entry 2.

#### A7.9.2.5 Synthesis of Fully Elaborated o-Quinone Precursor.

*Scheme A7.24* Synthesis of Fully Elaborated o-Quinone Precursor.

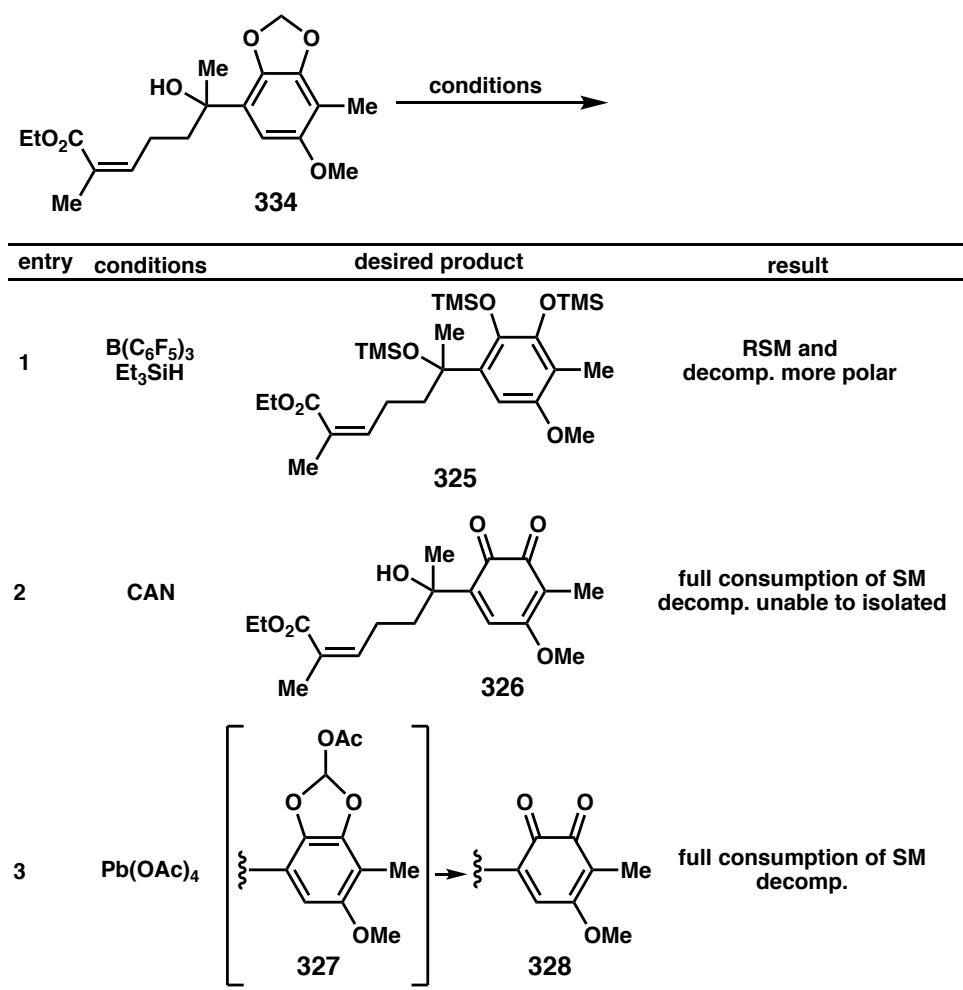


**Ethyl (Z)-6-hydroxy-6-(6-methoxy-7-methylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)-2-methylhept-2-enoate (334)** Reaction was conducted in a similar manner to that described for the synthesis of **317**. The reaction was conducted using **316** (107.8 mg, 0.44 mmol, 1 equiv), *t*-BuLi (0.88 mmol, 2 equiv), Et<sub>2</sub>O (4.4 mL), and **268** (97 mg, 0.528 mmol, 1.2 equiv, in 5.3 mL Et<sub>2</sub>O). When the reaction was judged complete by TLC, the reaction was quenched by addition of 10% citric acid at -78 °C and allowed to slowly warm. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3x), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (5:1 hexanes to EtOAc, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.15) to yield **334** as a colorless oil (117.4 mg, 76% yield, >15:1 Z:E). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 6.80 (s, 1H), 5.74 (tq, *J* =

8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dd,  $J = 20.3, 1.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.91 (dq,  $J = 8.7, 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 2.77 (s, 1H), 2.75 – 2.57 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.21 (m, 5H), 1.96 (ddd,  $J = 13.7, 9.2, 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.78 (q,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 1H), 0.92 (td,  $J = 7.1, 1.6$  Hz, 4H).;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  167.93, 153.89, 147.05, 143.63, 136.70, 127.37, 127.24, 107.69, 100.47, 100.37, 73.48, 60.12, 55.65, 41.44, 29.34, 25.16, 20.78, 14.15, 9.03.; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3470, 2929, 1704, 1456, 1416, 1371, 1196, 1216, 1168, 1120, 1060, 1034, 966, 940, 901  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .; HRMS (MM+) for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calc'd: 373.1622 found: 373.1602.

## A7.9.2.6 Attempted Oxidation of Fully Elaborated o-Quinone Precursor.

Scheme A7.25 Attempted Oxidation of Fully Elaborated o-Quinone Precursor.



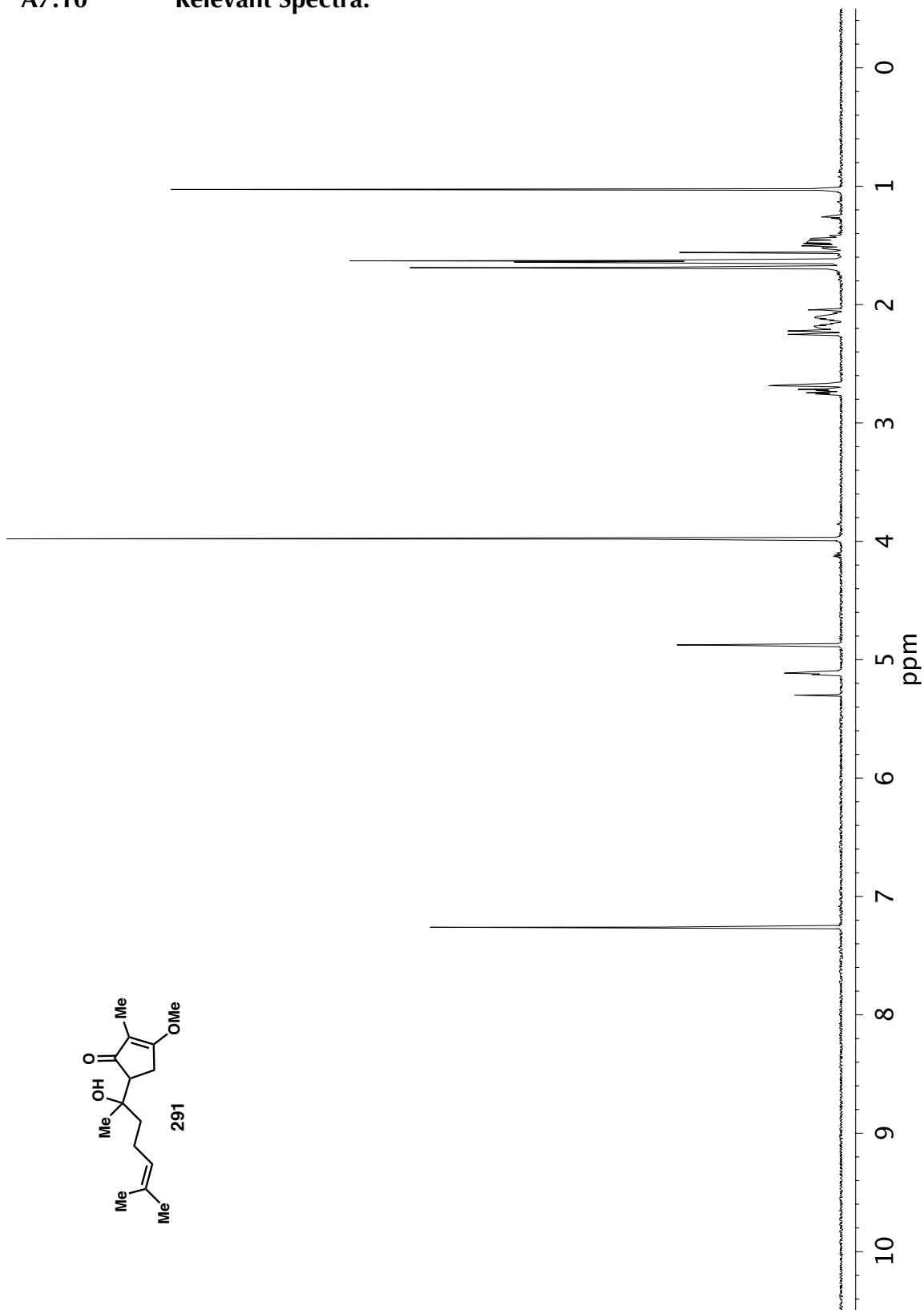
**Entry 1.** Conducting using an adapted literature procedure.<sup>12a</sup> **334** (10 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 equiv),  $B(C_6F_5)_3$  (1.5 mg, 10 mol %),  $Et_3SiH$  (13  $\mu$  L, 0.08 mmol, 3 equiv) and hexanes (2.8 mL) were added to a 2 dram vial with a stir bar, sealed with a PTFE-lined cap and stirred at room temperature for 72 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with DCM, eluted through a short pad of silica gel, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was analyzed by TLC and UHPLC-MS.

**Entry 2.** Adapted from a literature procedure.<sup>10b</sup> Conducting using **334** (10 mg, 0.028 mmol, 1 equiv), CAN (154 mg, 0.28 mmol, 10 equiv) and MeCN:H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, 1.5 mL total volume). The reaction was quenched with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3x5 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was analyzed by TLC, UHPLC-MS, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

**Entry 3.** Conducting using an adapted literature procedure.<sup>12c</sup> Conducting using **334** (5 mg, 0.014 mmol, 1 equiv), Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub> (18.6 mg, 0.042 mmol, 3 equiv) and benzene (0.2 mL) in a 2 dram vial with a stir bar sealed with a PTFE-lined cap heated to 80 °C. After 24 h, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc and water and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3x5 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude material was then diluted with THF:H<sub>2</sub>O (5:1, 0.6 M) and AcOH (0.35 M) and stirred for 6 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3x5 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The reaction mixture was analyzed by TLC, UHPLC-MS, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



## A7.10 Relevant Spectra.

Figure A7.2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 291.

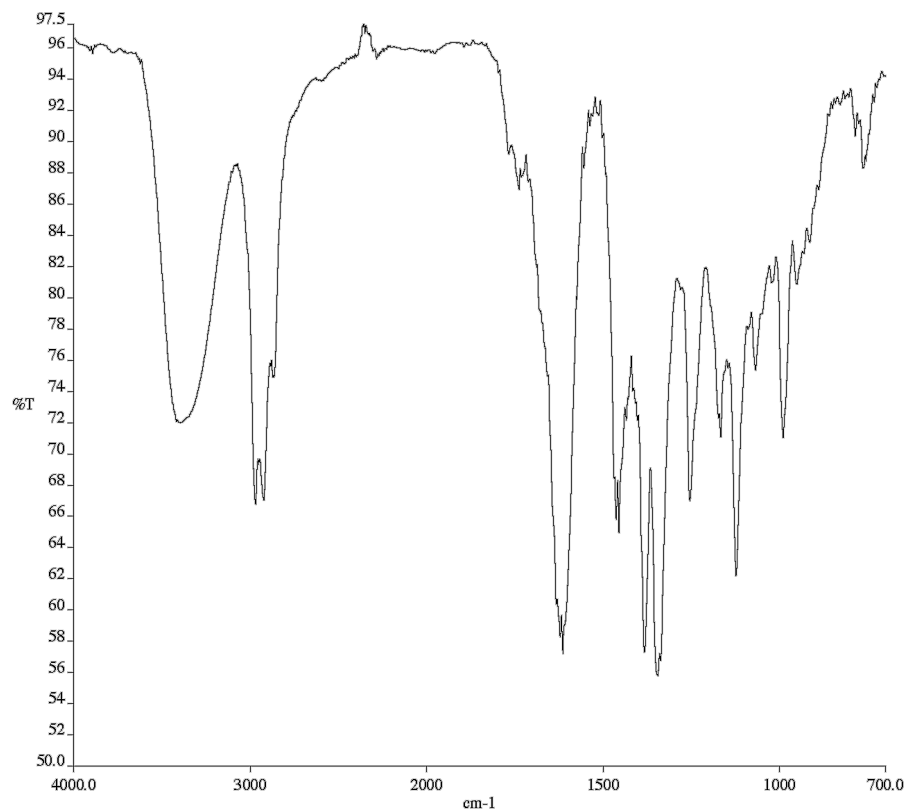


Figure A7.3. Infrared spectrum (Thin Film, NaCl) of compound **291**.

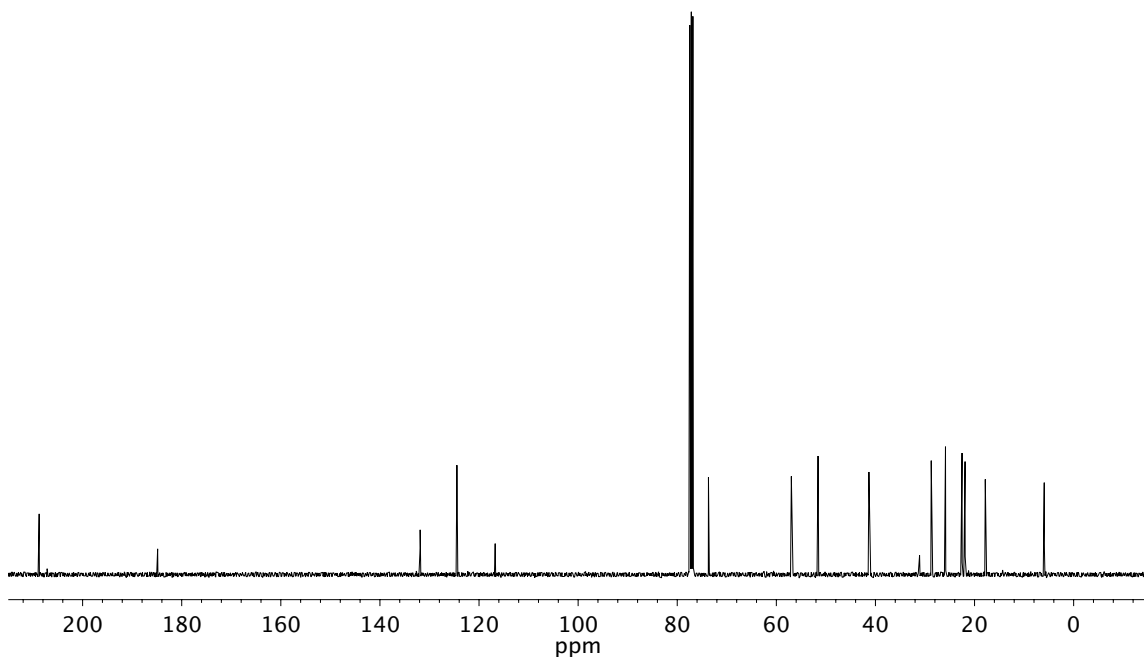
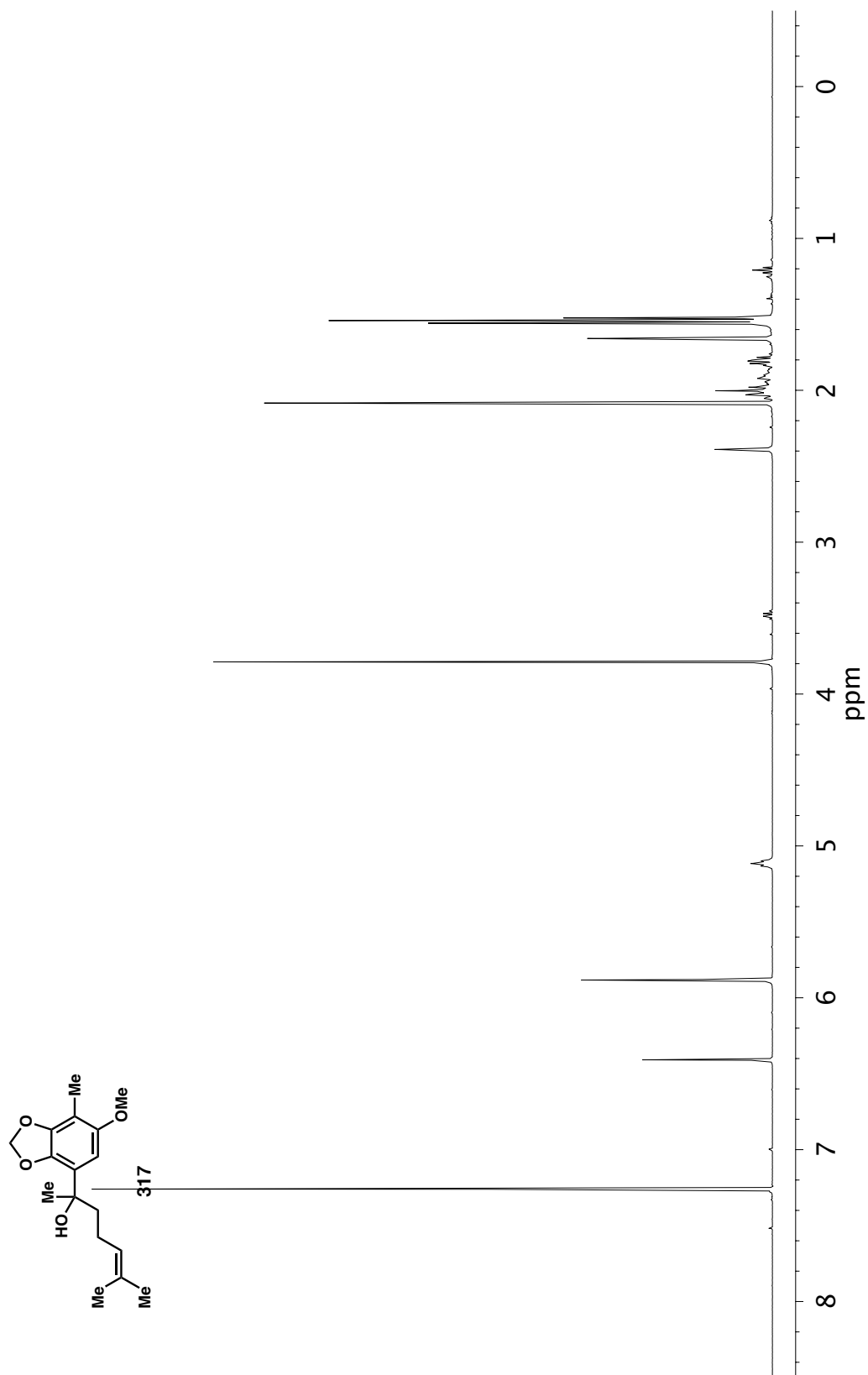


Figure A7.4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **291**.

Figure A7.5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **317**.

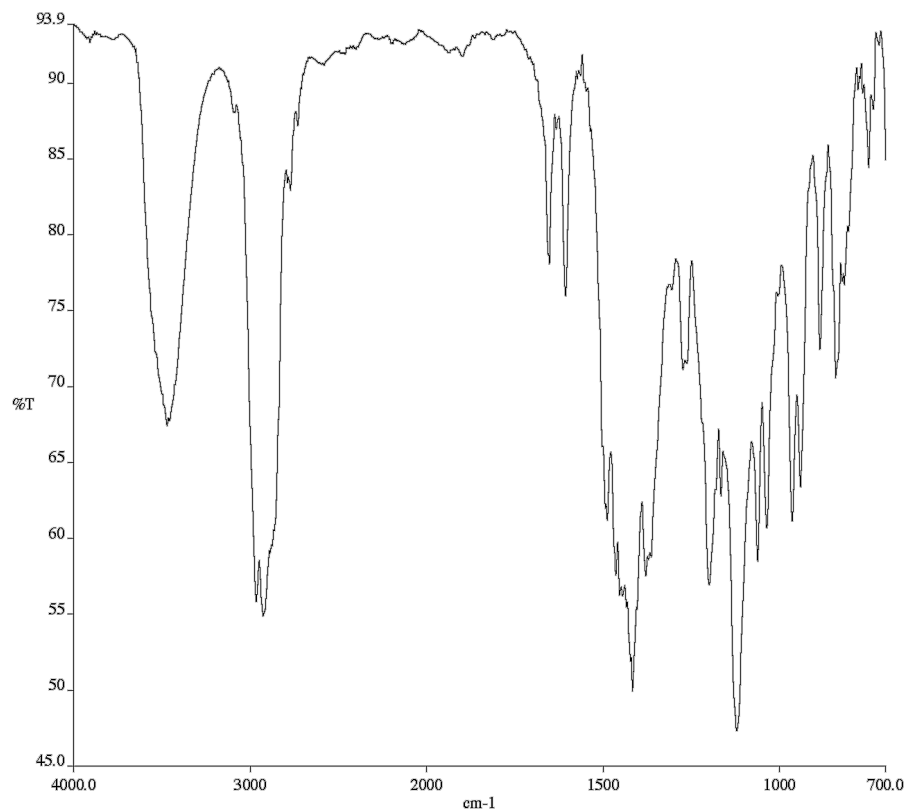


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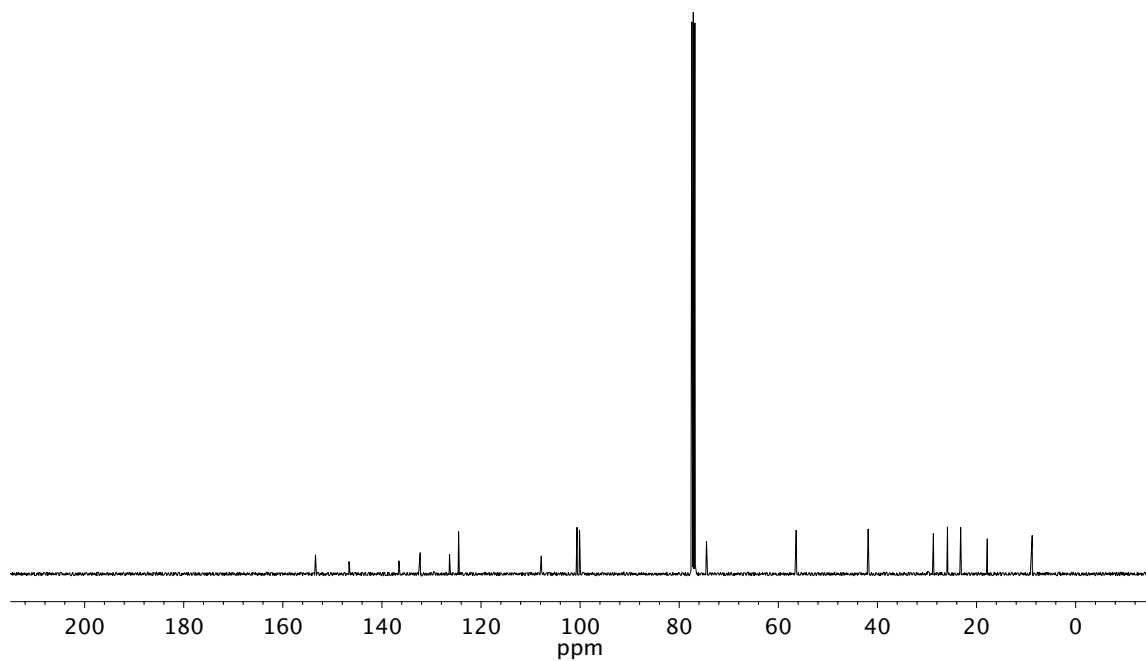
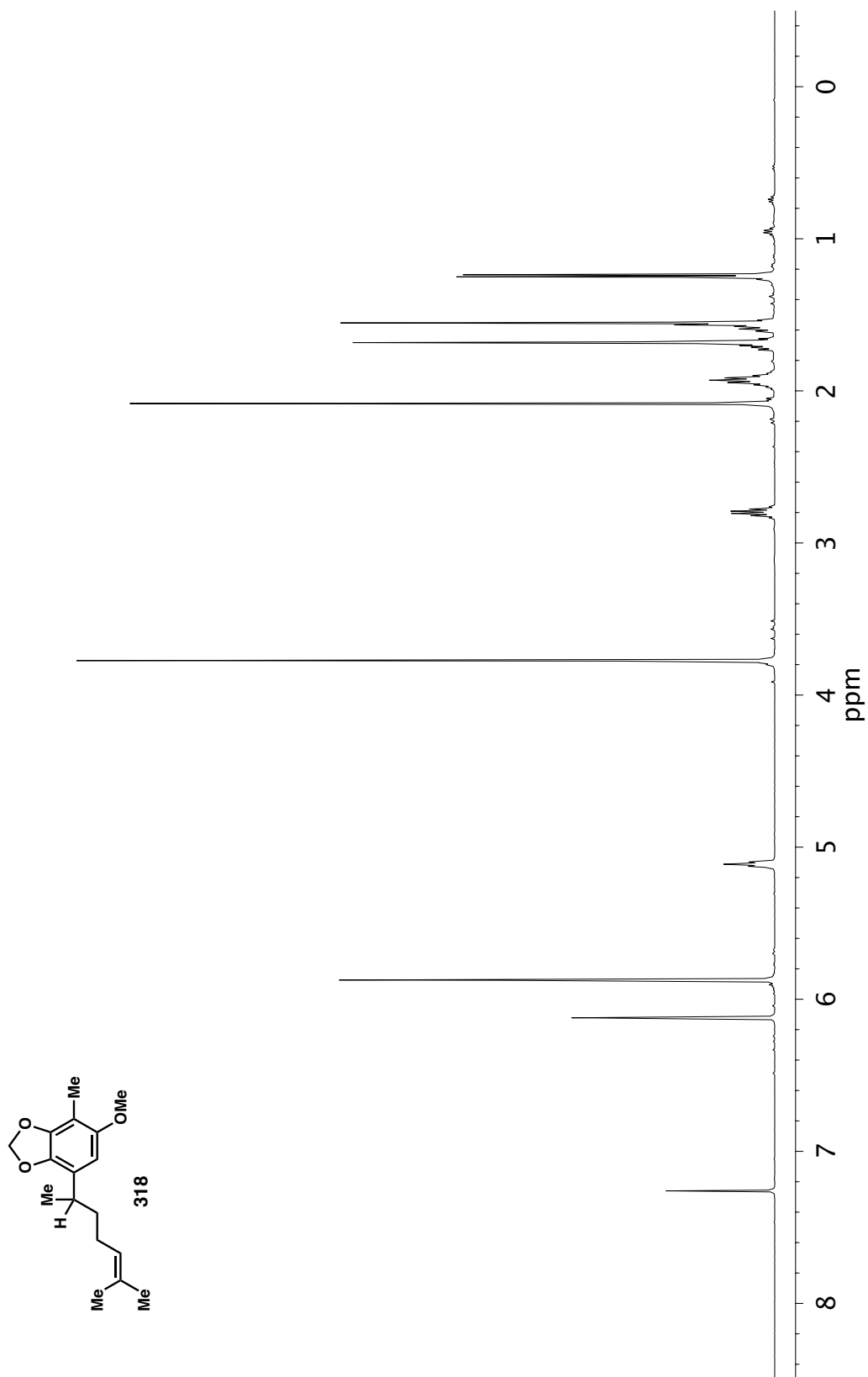


Figure A7.7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **317**.

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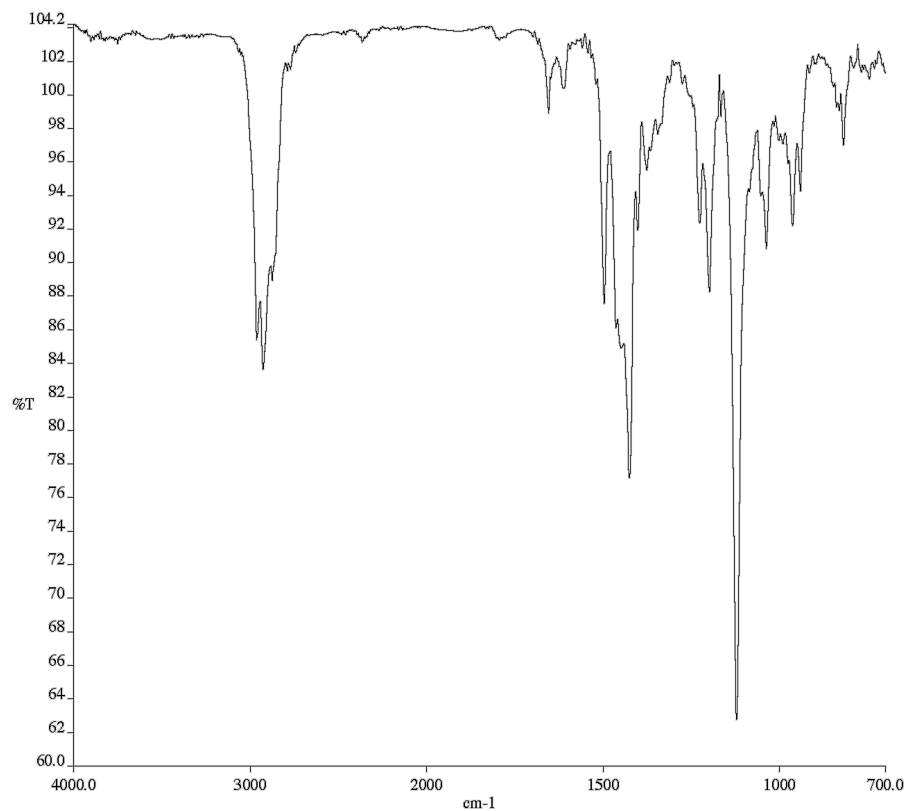


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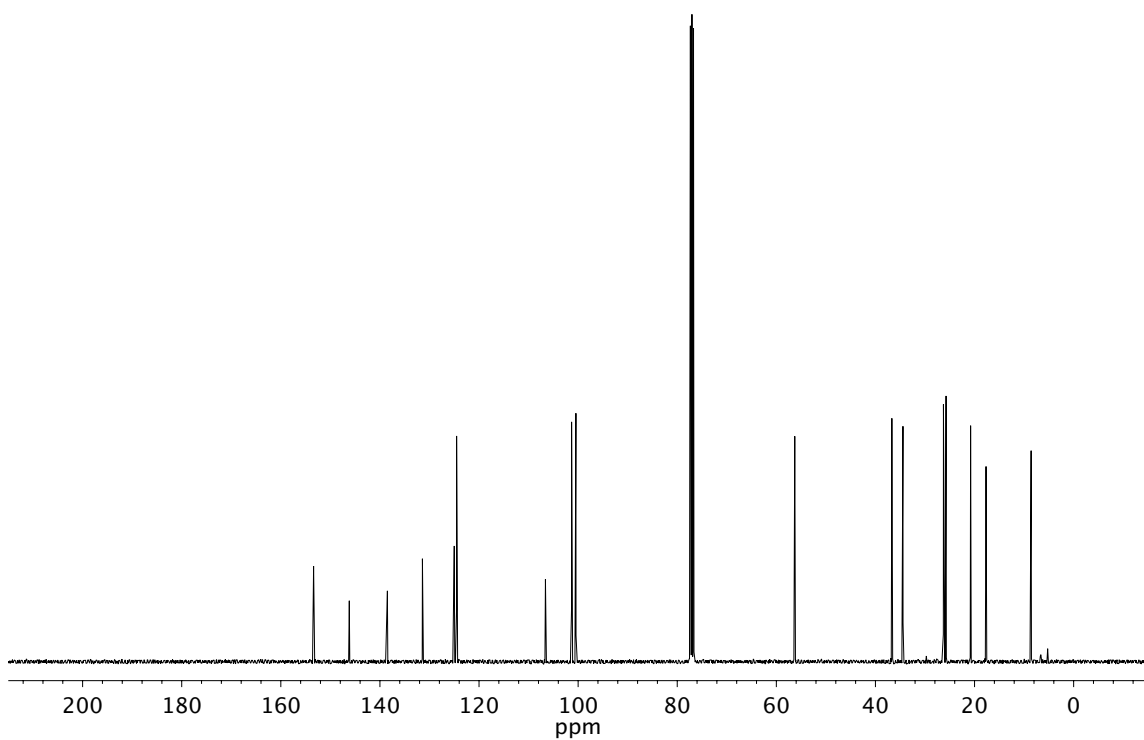
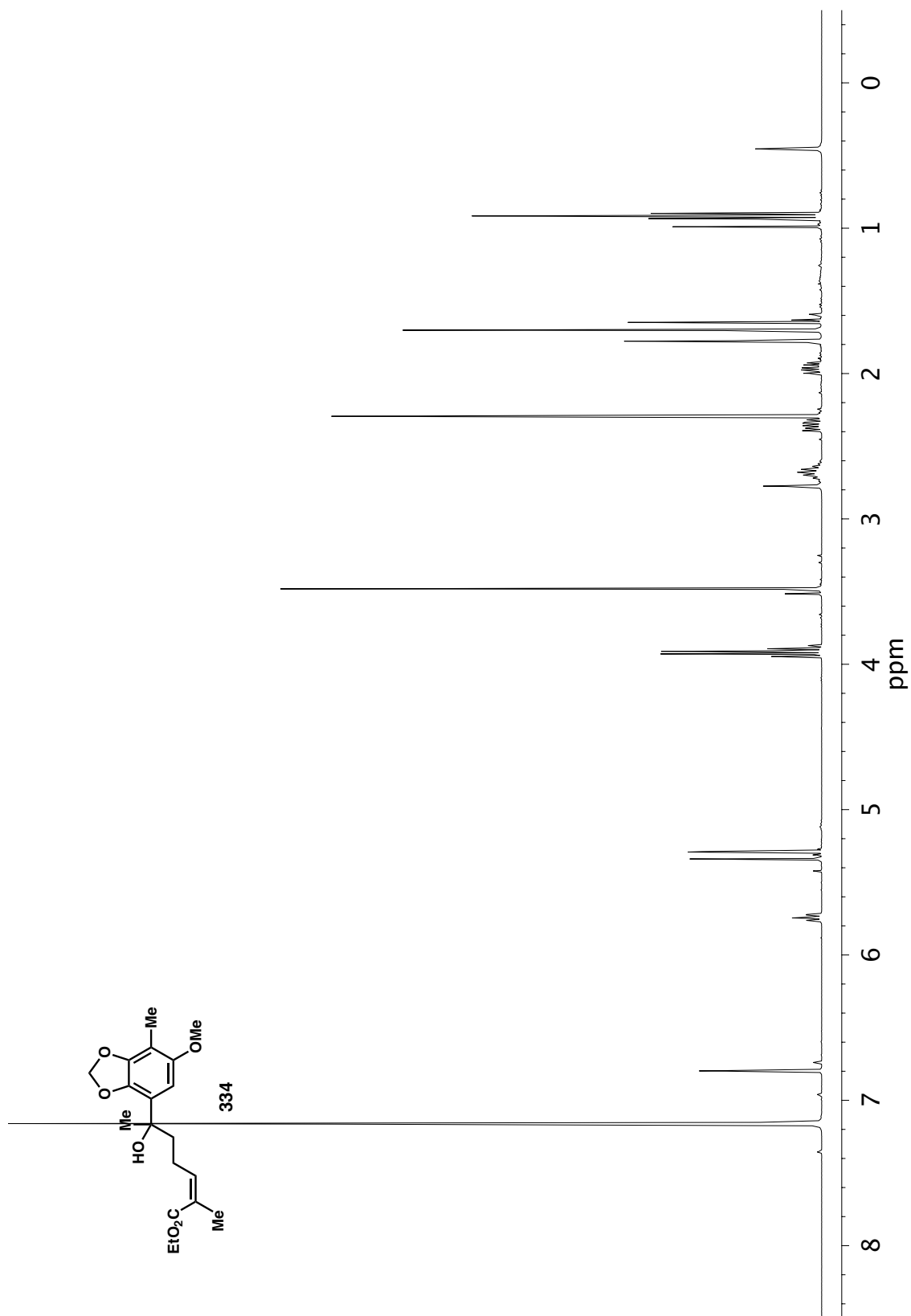


Figure A7.10. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **318**.

Figure A7.11.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of compound 334.

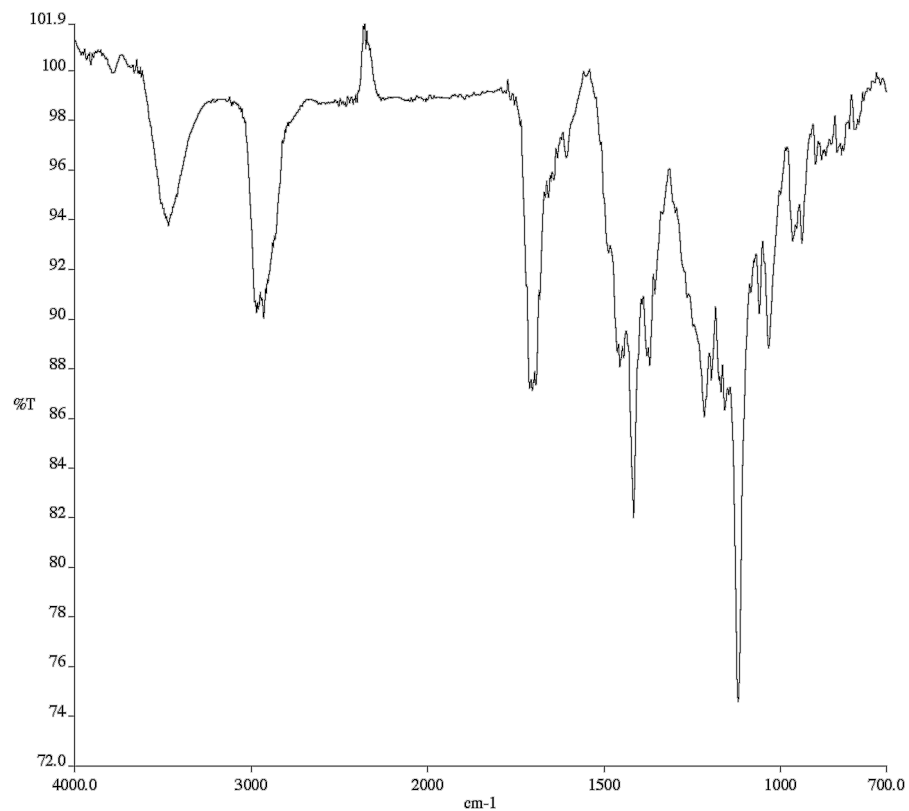


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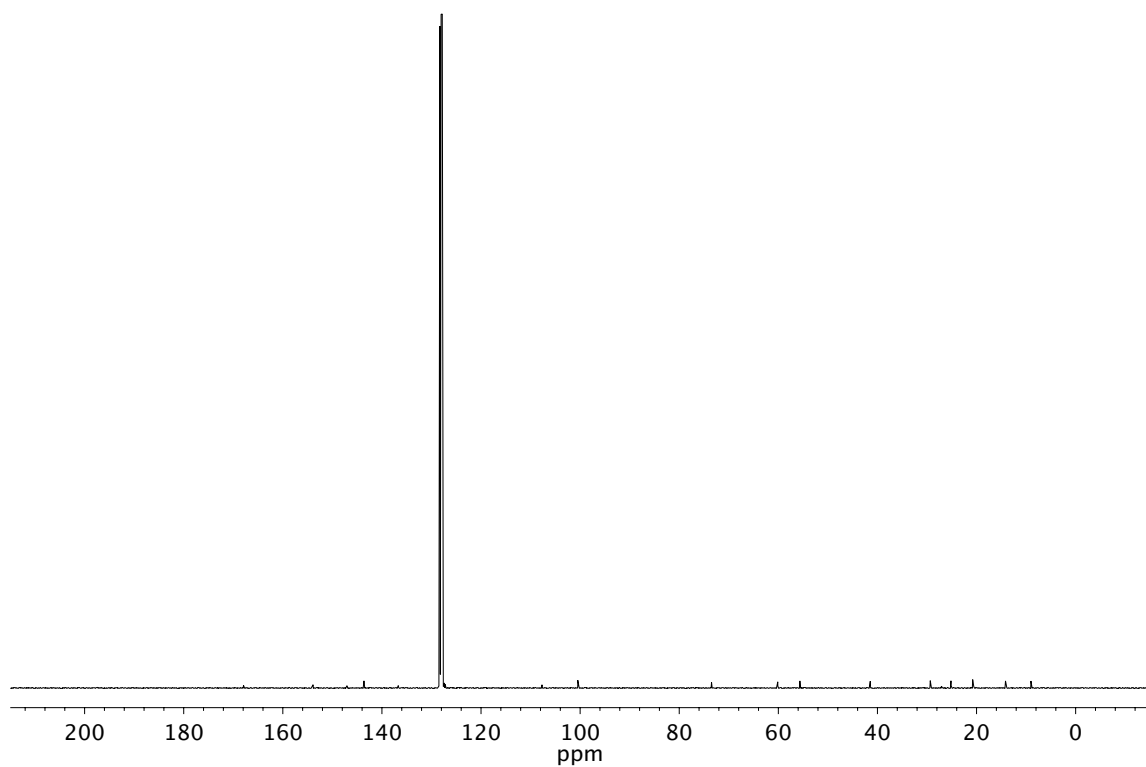


Figure A7.13. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of compound **334**.



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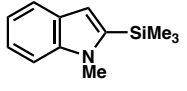
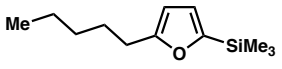
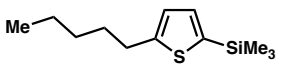
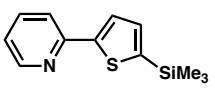
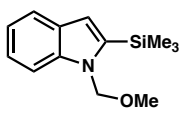
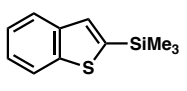
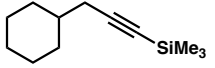
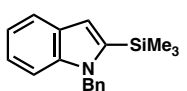
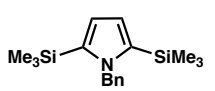
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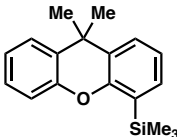
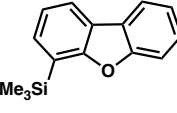
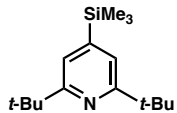
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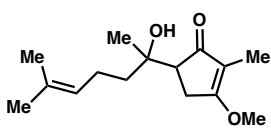
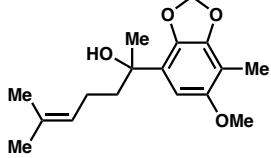
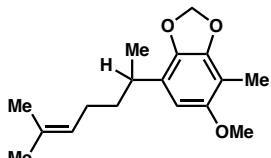
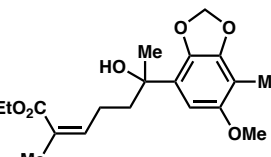
Compound	Chemical Structure	<sup>1</sup> H NMR	<sup>13</sup> C NMR	IR
120		WLB-X-159-1 -7-prepHPLC	WLB-X-159-1 -7-prepHPLC	WLB-X-159-1 -7-prepHPLC
121 R = H		WBL-X-159-1 -5-prepHPLC	WBL-X-159-1 -5-prepHPLC	WBL-X-159-1 -5-prepHPLC
121 R = SiHEt2		WBL-X-159-1- 6-prepHPLC	WBL-X-159-1- 6-prepHPLC	WBL-X-159-1- 6-prepHPLC
122		WBL-X-271-C=H	WBL-X-271-C=H	WBL-X-271
123		WBL-IX-241-1-C+H	WBL-IX-241-1-C+H	WBL-IX-241-1
124		WBL-IX-245-C_H	WBL-IX-245-C_H	WBL-IX-245
201		NN-103p2	NN-103p2	NN-103-N-Me- 3cyclopropylindo le
205		WBL-IX-239-H	WBL-IX-239-C	DPS-WBL-ix-239
208		WBL-X-261- C+H+HSQC	WBL-X-261- C+H+HSQC	WBL-X-261

**Table A8.2** Notebook cross-reference for compounds in Chapter 3

Compound	Chemical Structure	<sup>1</sup> H NMR	<sup>13</sup> C NMR	IR
184		DPS-II-131d	DPS-II-191d	DPS-IV-203_v1
235		DPS-III-23b	DPS-III-23b	DPS-VI-241
236		DPS-III-27c	DPS-III-27c	DPS-VI-233
237		DPS-III-19_b_H	DPS-III-19_b_H	DPS-VI-235
238		DPS-III-29b	DPS-III-29b_13c	DPS-VI-213_4
71		DPS-VI-197	DPS-VI-197	DPS-VI-197
239		DPS-VI-199_f8_char	DPS-VI-199_f8_char_13c	DPS-VI-199_2
240		DPS-III-283_v60	DPS-III-283_v60	DPS-IV-207
241		DPS-IV-209_4-8_c6d6_2	DPS-IV-209_4-8_c6d6_2	DPS-IV-201_4

Compound	Chemical Structure	<sup>1</sup> H NMR	<sup>13</sup> C NMR	IR
242		DPS-II-81	DPS-VI-231	DPS-VI-231
243		DPS-I-95D	DPS-VI-239_11	DPS-VI-239_11
244		WBL-IX-55-C+H	WBL-IX-55-C+H	DPS-VI-203

**Table A8.3** Notebook cross-reference for compounds in Appendix 7.

Compound	Chemical Structure	<sup>1</sup> H NMR	<sup>13</sup> C NMR	IR
291		DPS-IV-269	DPS-IV-269	DPS-VI-121_20-22
317		DPS-V-123	DPS-V-123	DPS-VI-33
318		DPS-VI-39	DPS-VI-39	DPS-VI-39
334		DPS-VI-71	DPS-VI-71	DPS-VI-71

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