

## Supporting Information

# Lanthanum Tribenzyl Complexes as Convenient Starting Materials for Organolanthanum Chemistry

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Fits used for determination of rate constants:

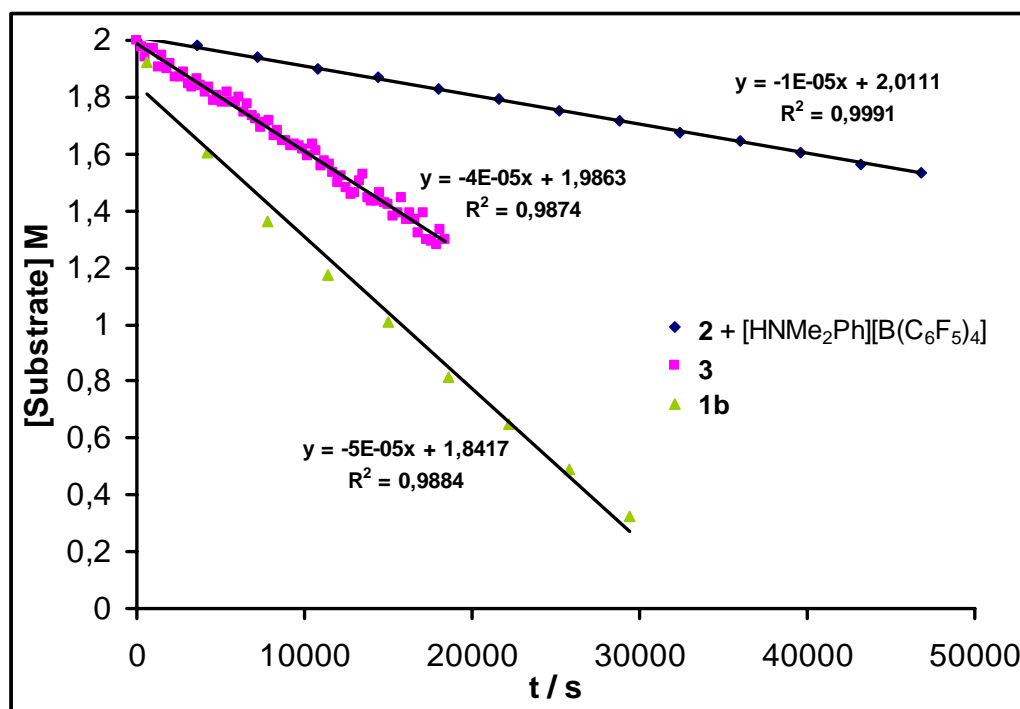


Figure 1. Hydroamination/cyclisation of 2,2-dimethyl-4-pentenylamine with **1b** ( $C_6D_5Br$ ), **2**/[HNMe<sub>2</sub>Ph][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] ( $C_6D_5Br$ ) and **3** ( $C_6D_6$ ) at 50 °C.

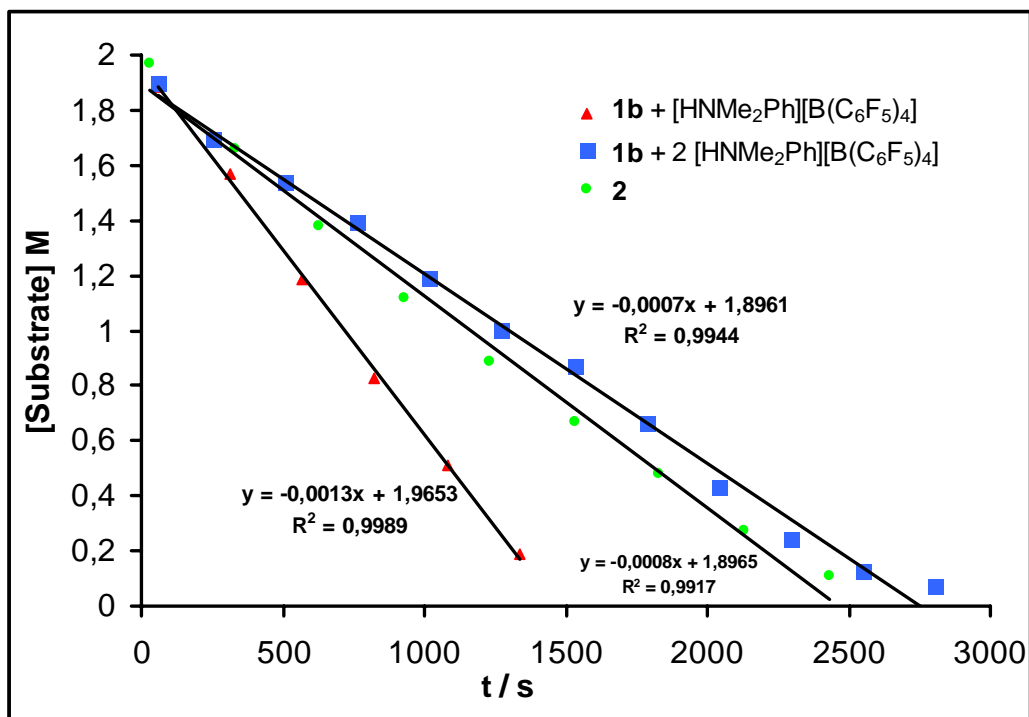


Figure 2. Hydroamination/cyclisation of 2,2-dimethyl-4-pentenylamine with **1b**/[HNMe<sub>2</sub>Ph][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>], **1b**/2[HNMe<sub>2</sub>Ph][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] in (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>Br) and **2** (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) at 50 °C.

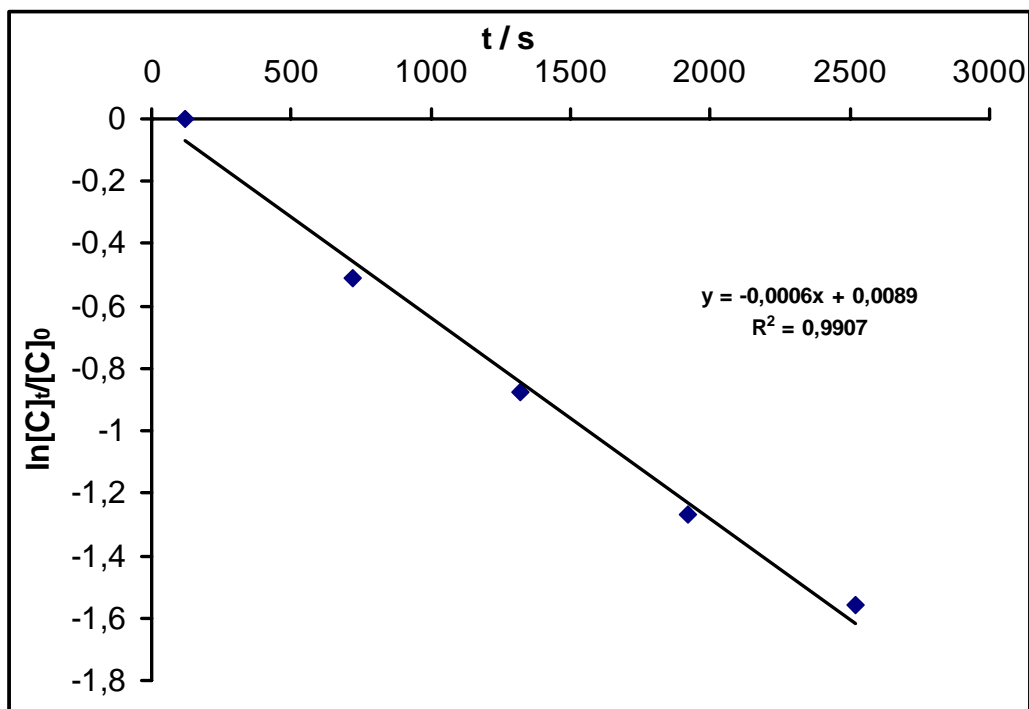


Figure 3. Double bond isomerization of 2,2-dimethyl-4-pentenylamine to *E*-2,2-dimethyl-3-pentenylamine with **1b/3**[HNMe<sub>2</sub>Ph][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>Br at 50 °C.

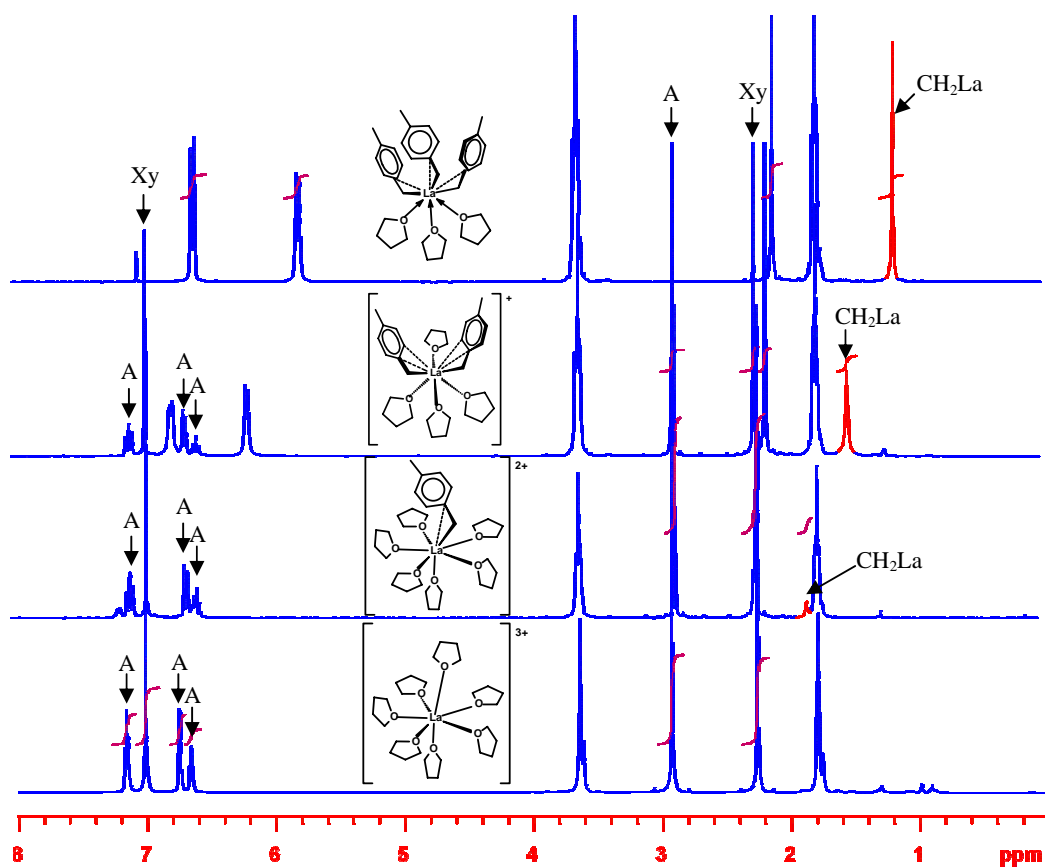


Figure 4.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{THF-}d_8$ ) of **1b** and sequential reaction of **1b** with  $[\text{HNMe}_2\text{Ph}][\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_4]$  to generate cationic lanthanum species (A =  $\text{NMe}_2\text{Ph}$ ; Xy = p-1,4- $\text{Me}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4$ ).