Supplementary Information

# Tactics for Probing Aryne Reactivity: Mechanistic Studies of Silicon-oxygen Bond Cleavage During the Trapping of (HDDAgenerated) Benzynes by Silyl Ethers

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#### **General Experimental Protocols**

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Inova 500 (500 MHz) and Bruker Avance 500 (500 MHz) spectrometers. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts in CDCl<sub>3</sub> are referenced to TMS ( $\delta$  0.00 ppm). Non-first order multiplets are identified as "nfom". <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts in CDCl<sub>3</sub> are referenced to chloroform ( $\delta$  77.16 ppm). TMS is present in some <sup>13</sup>C NMR samples ( $\delta$  ca. 0.0 ppm). The following format is used to report resonances: chemical shift in ppm [multiplicity, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integral, and assignment]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR assignments are indicated by structure environment (e.g., CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Midac Corporation Prospect 4000 FT-IR spectrometer. The most intense and/or diagnostic peaks are reported, and all spectra were collected in attenuated total reflectance (ATR) mode as thin films on a 45° germanium window. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) measurements were made on via electrospray ionization (ESI) on a Bruker BioTOF II (ESI-TOF) instrument using PEG or PPG as an internal standard/calibrant. Samples were introduced as solutions in methanol or acetonitrile. MPLC refers to medium pressure liquid chromatography (25-200 psi) using handpacked columns of Silasorb silica gel (18-32 µm, 60 Å pore size), a Waters HPLC pump, a Waters R401 differential refractive index detector, and a Gilson 116 UV detector. Flash chromatography was performed using E. Merck silica gel (230-400 mesh). Thin layer chromatography was performed on plastic-backed plates of silica gel and visualized by UV detection and/or a solution of phosphomolybdic acid. Piperidine for cross-coupling reactions was degassed by purging with N<sub>2</sub> gas immediately prior to use. Anhydrous methylene chloride was taken immediately prior to use after being passed through a column of activated alumina. Chloroform was stored over 4Å molecular sieves prior to use as a reaction solvent. Reported (external) reaction temperatures are the temperature of the heating bath. HDDA reactions, including those that were carried out at temperatures above the boiling point of the solvent, were typically performed in a screw-capped vial or culture tube fitted with an inert, teflon-lined cap. Those carried out in deuterated solvents were often performed directly in a capped 5 mm NMR sample tube.

N,N-bis(7-Hydroxyhepta-2,4-diyn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (5, prepared by the method reported in ref[<sup>1</sup>])



CuCl (20 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added to a solution of 4-methyl-*N*,*N*-di(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide<sup>2</sup> (247 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 4-bromo-3-butyn-1-ol<sup>3</sup> (326 mg, 2.2 mmol) in freshly deaerated piperidine (2 mL, 0.5 M) at 0 °C. After 1.5 h the reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted twice with EtOAc (2 x 15 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Purification by flash column chromatography (1:2, hexanes-EtOAc) gave the tetrayne diol **5** (302 mg, 0.79 mmol, 79%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.69 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.33 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 4.18 (4H, s, N-C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 3.73 (4H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, C*H*<sub>2</sub>OH), 2.52 (4H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 2.43 (3H, s, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), and 2.04 (1H, br s, OH).

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 144.4, 134.7, 129.8, 128.0, 77.3, 70.8, 68.8, 66.0, 60.7, 37.4, 23.7, and 21.7 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 3349 (OH), 2943, 2888, 1597, 1420, 1348, 1160, 1045, 815, and 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{21}H_{21}NNaO_4S]^+$  requires 406.1083; found 406.1072.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.4$  (1:2, Hex/EtOAc).

### *N,N*-bis-{7-[(Triethylsilyl)oxy]hepta-2,4-diyn-1-yl}-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6a)



TESCI (69 mg, 0.46 mmol) was added to a solution of imidazole (31 mg, 0.46 mmol), DMAP (5 mg, 0.037 mmol), and diol **5** (70 mg, 0.183 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) at 0 °C with stirring. After 2 h the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1, hexanes:EtOAc) gave the bis-TES-ether **6a** (103 mg, 0.17 mmol, 93%) as a pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.68 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 4.17 (4H, s, N-C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 3.71 (4H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, C*H*<sub>2</sub>OTES), 2.46 (4H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTES), 2.43 (3H, s, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 0.96 [18H, s, SiCH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>3</sub>], and 0.60 [12H, s, SiC*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 144.3, 134.8, 129.8, 127.9, 77.8, 71.0, 68.3, 65.5, 61.1, 37.3, 23.7, 21.7, 6.8 and 4.5 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2954, 2910, 2856, 2260, 1598, 1459, 1414, 1356, 1327, 1237, 1165, 1094, 1056, 1015, 1007, 903, and 813 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{33}H_{49}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 634.2813; found 634.2845.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.4$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

*N,N*-bis{7-[(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]hepta-2,4-diyn-1-yl}-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6b)



TBSCl (60 mg, 0.40 mmol) was added to a solution of imidazole (28 mg, 0.40 mmol), DMAP (4 mg, 0.031 mmol), and diol **5** (60 mg, 0.157 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) at 0 °C with stirring. After 2 h the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1, hexanes:EtOAc) gave the bis-TBS-ether **6b** (87 mg, 0.143 mmol, 91%) as a pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.68 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 4.17 (4H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.71 (4H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.45 (4H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.43 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 [18H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], and 0.07 [12H, s, Si<sup>t</sup>Bu(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 144.2, 134.9, 129.8, 127.9, 78.0, 71.0, 68.3, 65.5, 61.4, 37.3, 26.0, 23.8, 21.7, 18.4, and -5.2 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2954, 2930, 2857, 2261, 1598, 1469, 1357, 1275, 1259, 1165, 1105, 1007, 905, 839, 814, 766, 754, and 677 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{33}H_{49}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 634.2813; found 634.2829.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.4$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

## *N,N*-bis{7-[(Triisopropylsilyl)oxy]hepta-2,4-diyn-1-yl}-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6c)



TIPSCl (90 mg, 0.471 mmol) was added to a solution of imidazole (32 mg, 0.471 mmol), DMAP (6 mg, 0.05 mmol), and diol **5** (60 mg, 0.157 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) at 0 °C with stirring. After 2 h the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1, hexanes:EtOAc) gave the bis-TIPS-ether **6c** (97 mg, 0.14 mmol, 90%) as a pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.68 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 4.17 (4H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.79 (4H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 2.48 (4H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 2.42 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.13-1.04 [6H, nfom, SiC*H*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] and 1.05 [36H, d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, SiCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 144.2, 134.8, 129.8, 127.9, 77.9, 71.0, 68.2, 65.5, 61.7, 37.3, 23.8, 21.7, 18.0 and 12.0 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2942, 2866, 2260, 1598, 1463, 1356, 1165, 1111, 1070, 1013, 996, 904, 882, 812, 745, and 685 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{39}H_{61}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 718.3752; found 718.3745.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.5$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

6-Tosyl-8-(triethylsilyl)-4-{4-[(triethylsilyl)oxy]but-1-yn-1-yl}-3,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2*H*-furo[2,3-f]isoindole (7a)



A solution of tetrayne **6a** (30 mg, 0.049 mmol) in chloroform (2 mL, 0.025 M) was placed in a screw-capped vial and heated in a 65 °C oil bath. After 28 h the reaction mixture was concentrated. Purification of the residue by MPLC (19:1, hexanes-EtOAc) yielded the tricyclic isoindole **7a** (27 mg, 0.0442 mmol, 91%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.76 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.31 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 4.55 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.52 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.47 (2H, br t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 3.79 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTES), 3.11 (2H, br t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 2.67 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTES), 2.40 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.99 [9H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OSi(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.87 [9H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, ArSi(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.78 [6H, q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArSi(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], and 0.64 [6H, q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OSi(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.9, 143.6, 141.2, 134.0, 129.9, 129.5, 128.0, 127.7, 116.3, 111.9, 95.0, 76.9, 70.9, 61.7, 55.7, 53.1, 29.2, 24.2, 21.6, 7.6, 6.9, 4.6, and 4.0 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2954, 2876, 2260, 1597, 1459, 1388, 1346, 1237, 1163, 1097, 1056, 1004, 958, 816, 745, 671, 642, and 611cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{33}H_{49}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 634.2813; found 634.2829.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.35$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

tetrahydro-2*H*-furo[2,3-f]isoindole (7b)



A solution of tetrayne **6b** (30 mg, 0.049 mmol) in chloroform (2 mL, 0.025 M) was kept at 65 °C. After 30 h the reaction mixture was concentrated. Purification of the residue by MPLC (19:1, hexanes-EtOAc) yielded the tricyclic isoindole **7b** (28 mg, 0.046 mmol, 93%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 4.58 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.55 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.47 (2H, br t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 3.82 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 3.13 (2H, br t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 2.68 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.42 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.94 [9H, s, OSiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.85 [9H, s, Ar-SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.29 [6H, s, ArSi'Bu(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], and 0.13 [6H, s, OSi'Bu(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.9, 143.6, 141.2, 133.9, 129.9, 129.4, 128.2, 127.7, 116.5, 112.2, 95.3, 76.8, 70.7, 60.0, 56.2, 53.2, 29.3, 26.7, 26.0, 24.2, 21.6, 18.6, 18.4, -3.3, and -5.1 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2955, 2929, 2889, 2856, 2260, 1596, 1468, 1388, 1347, 1310, 1250, 1163, 1097, 1054, 960, 875, 837, 816, 783, 709, 670, 640, and 612 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{33}H_{49}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 634.2813; found 634.2837.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.35$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

6-Tosyl-8-(triisopropylsilyl)-4-{4-[(triisopropylsilyl)oxy]but-1-yn-1-yl}-3,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2*H*-furo[2,3-f]isoindole (7c) and 5-{2-[(Diisopropyl(prop-1-en-2-yl)silyl)oxy]ethyl}-2-tosyl-4-{4-[(triisopropylsilyl)oxy]but-1-yn-1-yl}isoindoline (9)



A solution of tetrayne **6c** (30 mg, 0.043 mmol) in chloroform (2 mL, 0.022 M) was kept at 65 °C. After 32 h the reaction mixture was concentrated. Purification of the residue by MPLC (19:1, hexanes-EtOAc) yielded the tricyclic isoindole **7c** (23 mg, 0.033 mmol, 78%). Further elution gave the bicyclic isoindole **9** (4 mg, 0.006 mmol, 14%).

## Data for 7c:

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.78 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.31 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 4.67 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.57 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.46 (2H, br t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 3.91 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 3.14 (2H, br t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 2.73 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 2.43 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.48 [3H, septet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, ArSiCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 1.22–1.10 [3H, m, OSiCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 1.13 [18H, d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, OSiCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] and 1.05 [18H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, ArSiCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.2, 143.6, 141.3, 133.8, 129.9, 129.8, 128.2, 127.7, 116.4, 111.1, 95.4, 76.8, 70.5, 62.3, 56.3, 53.1, 29.3, 24.3, 21.6, 18.9, 18.2, 12.5, and 12.1 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2943, 2865, 2260, 1595, 1463, 1385, 1350, 1302, 1166, 1100, 1058, 997, 916, 882, 816, and 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{39}H_{61}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 718.3752; found 718.3782.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.4$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

# Data for 9:

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.81 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, O<sub>2</sub>SArH), 7.35 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, O<sub>2</sub>SArH), 7.16 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.01 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 5.70 (1H, dq, J = 1.5, 3.0 Hz, =CH<sub>a</sub>H<sub>b</sub>), 5.33 (1H, dq, J = 1.0, 3.0 Hz, =CH<sub>a</sub>H<sub>b</sub>), 4.66 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.63 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.92 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 3.86 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS'), 3.02 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 2.73 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS'), 2.44 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.81 (3H, dd, J = 1.5, 1.5 Hz, olefinic-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.22–1.10 [3H, m, OSiCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 1.12 [18H, d, J = 5.5 Hz, O'SiCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 1.10–1.02 [2H, m, SiCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 1.02 [6H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, OSiCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], and 1.01 [6H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, O'SiCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.7, 142.7, 140.4, 139.1, 134.1, 133.8, 130.0, 129.6, 128.0, 127.7, 121.4, 118.7, 95.6, 77.0, 63.8, 62.3, 54.4, 54.3, 37.8, 24.3, 23.6, 21.6, 18.2, 17.6, 17.5, 12.1, and 11.9 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2942, 2866, 2260, 1598, 1463, 1383, 1352, 1166, 1101, 1068, 995, 920, 882, 815, and 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{39}H_{61}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 718.3752; found 718.3751.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.35$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

#### Intramolecular Cross-over Experiment: Substrate Synthesis and Their Cyclization

*N*-{7-[(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]hepta-2,4-diyn-1-yl}-*N*-(7-hydroxyhepta-2,4-diyn-1-yl)-4methylbenzenesulfonamide (S1)



TBSCl (77 mg, 0.512 mmol) was added to a solution of imidazole (50 mg, 0.732 mmol), DMAP (5 mg, 0.037 mmol), and diol **5** (140 mg, 0.366 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) at 0 °C with stirring. After 1 h the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1, hexanes:EtOAc) gave the bis-TBS-ether **6b** (94 mg, 0.154 mmol, 42%) as a pale yellow oil. Further elution with (1:1, hexanes:EtOAc) afforded the mono-hydroxy, mono-TBS-ether **S1** (93 mg, 0.187 mmol, 51%).

#### Data for S1

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.68 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 4.18 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.17 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.73 (2H, t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.71 (2H, t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.52 (2H, t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 2.45 (2H, t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.43 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.84 (1H, br s, OH), 0.89 [9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], and 0.06 [6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 144.3, 134.8, 129.8, 127.9, 78.0, 77.4, 71.1, 70.7, 68.8, 68.3, 66.1, 65.4, 61.4, 60.7, 37.4, 37.3, 26.0, 23.73, 23.70, 21.7, 18.4 and -5.2 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2956, 2928, 2856, 2259, 1598, 1469, 1353, 1254, 1163, 1095, 1055, 902, 839, 815, 780, 747, and 677 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{27}H_{35}NNaO_4SSi]^+$  requires 520.1948; found 520.1958.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.5$  (1:1 Hex/EtOAc).

*N*-{7-[(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]hepta-2,4-diyn-1-yl}-4-methyl-*N*-{7-[(*triisopropylsilyl*)oxy]hepta-2,4-diyn-1-yl}benzenesulfonamide (6d)



TIPSCl (27 mg, 0.14 mmol) was added to a solution of imidazole (14 mg, 0.2 mmol), DMAP (1 mg, 0.01 mmol), and mono-alcohol **S1** (50 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) at 0 °C with stirring. After 2 h the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1, hexanes:EtOAc) gave the mono-TBS, mono-TIPS-ether **6d** (61 mg, 0.093 mmol, 92%) as a pale yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.69 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 7.32 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 4.17 (4H, s, two N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.79 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 3.71 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.49 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 2.45 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.43 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.14-1.00 [3H, m, SiCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 1.06 [18H, d, J = 5.0 Hz, Si(CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)], 0.90 [9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], and 0.07 [6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 144.3, 134.9, 129.8, 128.0, 78.0, 77.4, 71.01, 70.98, 68.34, 68.3, 65.4 (2C), 61.6, 61.2, 37.3 (2C), 26.0, 23.83, 23.76, 21.7, 18.4, 18.1, 12.1, and -5.2 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2955, 2915, 2878, 2258, 1459, 1415, 1356, 1258, 1165, 1104, 1016, 905, 837, 763, 751, and 668 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{36}H_{55}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 676.3283; found 676.3315.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.4$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

8-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-6-tosyl-4-{4-[(triisopropylsilyl)oxy]but-1-yn-1-yl}-3,5,6,7tetrahydro-2*H*-furo[2,3-f]isoindole (7d) and

4-{4-[(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]but-1-yn-1-yl}-6-tosyl-8-(triisopropylsilyl)-3,5,6,7tetrahydro-2*H*-furo[2,3-f]isoindole (7d')



A solution of tetrayne **6d** (40 mg, 0.061 mmol) in chloroform (3 mL, 0.02 M) was kept at 65 °C. After 32 h the reaction mixture was concentrated. Purification of the residue by MPLC (25:1, hexanes:EtOAc) first gave the tricyclic isoindole **7d** (18 mg, 0.027 mmol, 45%) followed closely by the isomeric **7d'** (16 mg, 0.024 mmol, 40%). A trace of what was judged to be **S2**, the disproportionation dihydrogen-transfer product analogous to **9** (see above), was detected in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude product mixture, but it was not isolated.

#### Data for 7d

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.74 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.30 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 4.56 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.53 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.45 (2H, br t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 3.87 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 3.10 (2H, br t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 2.69 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 2.40 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.18-1.08 [3H, m, Si(CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.08 [18H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, Si(CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.82 [9H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], and 0.27 [6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.9, 143.6, 141.2, 133.9, 129.9, 129.4, 128.2, 127.7, 116.5, 112.2, 95.4, 76.8, 70.7, 62.3, 56.2, 53.2, 29.2, 26.7, 24.3, 21.6, 18.6, 18.2, 12.1, and -3.3 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2954, 2865, 1596, 1463, 1388, 1349, 1308, 1249, 1166, 1098, 1056, 997, 881, 836, 813, and 782 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{36}H_{55}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 676.3283; found 676.3291.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.37$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

# Data for 7d'

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.75 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.29 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 4.65 (2H, s, N-C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 4.53 (2H, s, N-C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 4.43 (2H, br t, J = 9.0 Hz, C*H*<sub>2</sub>OAr), 3.80 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, C*H*<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 3.11 (2H, br t, J = 9.0 Hz, C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 2.52 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, C*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.40 (3H, s, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.45 [3H, septet, J = 8.0 Hz, Si(C*H*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)], 1.01 [18H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, Si(CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)], 0.92 [9H, s, SiC(C*H*<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], and 0.11 [6H, s, Si(C*H*<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 166.2, 143.7, 141.4, 133.8, 129.9, 129.8, 128.2, 127.7, 116.3, 111.2, 95.3, 77.4, 70.5, 62.0, 56.3, 53.2, 29.3, 26.0, 24.2, 21.6, 18.9, 18.5, 12.5 and -5.1 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2954, 2931, 2863, 1595, 1463, 1385, 1349, 1304, 1252, 1166, 1098, 1055, 997, 882, 836, and 778 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{36}H_{55}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 676.3283; found 676.3304.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.35$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

## **Intermolecular Cross-over Experiment:**



A nearly equimolar solution of tetraynes **6b** (12 mg, 0.02 mmol) and **6c** (14 mg, 0.02 mmol) in chloroform-*d* (1 mL) was kept at 65 °C. Reaction progress was followed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and LCMS. After 32 h only products **7b** and **7c** were observed; there was no evidence for the presence of cross-over products **7d** and **7d'**, whose presence would have been detected by both <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and LCMS analysis.

# External Clock Reactions: Cyclization vs. Reduction by Cyclooctane 4-{4-[(Triethylsilyl)oxy]but-1-yn-1-yl}-5-{2-[(triethylsilyl)oxy]ethyl}-2-tosylisoindoline (10a)



A solution of tetrayne **6a** (50 mg, 0.082 mmol) in cyclooctane (4 mL, 0.02 M) was kept at 65 °C. After 30 h the cyclooctane solvent was removed by eluting the reaction mixture with hexanes through a small silica gel column. The column was then eluted with ethyl acetate to collect the products. Concentration of that polar eluent and purification of the resulting residue by MPLC (25:1, hexanes:EtOAc) gave the tricyclic isoindole **7a** (31 mg, 0.051 mmol, 62%) followed by the bicyclic isoindole **10a** (13 mg, 0.021 mmol, 26%).

# Data for 10a

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.31 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.09 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar-H), 6.97 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar-H), 4.63 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.60 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.81 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTES), 3.74 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTES'), 2.95 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTES), 2.69 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTES'), 2.40 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.99 [9H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OSi(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.91 [9H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, arCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OSi(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], and 0.55 [9H, q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OSi(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], and 0.55 [9H, q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OSi(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], and 0.55 [9H, q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OSi(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.7, 140.3, 139.1, 134.0, 133.9, 129.9, 129.5, 127.7, 121.5, 118.6, 95.4, 77.0, 63.1, 61.6, 54.31, 54.26, 37.8, 24.2, 21.6, 6.9, 6.8, 4.52, and 4.49 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2954, 2913, 2876, 1598, 1457, 1414, 1352, 1239, 1166, 1098, 1006, 913, 812, and 778 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{33}H_{51}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 636.2970; found 636.2986.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.30$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

# 4-{4-[(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]but-1-yn-1-yl}-5-{2-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]ethyl}-2-



**[BB-4-119]** A solution of tetrayne **6b** (50 mg, 0.082 mmol) in cyclooctane (4 mL, 0.02 M) was kept at 65 °C. After 30 h solvent was removed by eluting the reaction mixture with hexanes through a small silica gel column. The column was then eluted with ethyl acetate to collect the products. Concentration of that polar eluent and purification of the resulting residue by MPLC using (25:1, hexanes:EtOAc) first gave the tricyclic isoindole **7b** (13 mg, 0.021 mmol, 26%) followed by the bicyclic, reduced isoindole **10b** (28 mg, 0.046 mmol, 56%).

# Data for 10b

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.31 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.09 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar-H), 6.97 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar-H), 4.62 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.60 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.81 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 3.74 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.93 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.67 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.40 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.92 [9H, s, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OSiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.85 [9H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OSiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.10 [6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], and -0.03 [6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.7, 140.4, 139.1, 134.0, 133.9, 130.0, 129.6, 127.7, 121.4, 118.7, 95.6, 77.0, 63.4, 62.0, 54.3, 54.2, 37.8, 26.0 (2C), 24.2, 21.6, 18.46, 18.44, -5.1, and -5.3 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2953, 2928, 2857, 1598, 1471, 1351, 1254, 1166, 1098, 1068, 915, 837, 814, and 778 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{33}H_{51}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 636.2970; found 636.2979.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.30$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

# 2-Tosyl-4-{4-[(triisopropylsilyl)oxy]but-1-yn-1-yl}-5-{-[(triisopropylsilyl)oxy]ethyl}isoindoline (10c)



A solution of tetrayne **6c** (57 mg, 0.082 mmol) in cyclooctane (4 mL, 0.02 M) was kept at 65 °C. After 30 h the cyclooctane solvent was removed by eluting the reaction mixture with hexanes through a small silica gel column. The column was then eluted with ethyl acetate to collect the products. Concentration of that polar eluent and purification of the resulting residue by MPLC (25:1, hexanes:EtOAc) first gave the tricyclic isoindole **7c** (6 mg, 0.009 mmol, 10%) followed by the bicyclic isoindole **10c** (41 mg, 0.06 mmol, 72%).

# Data for 10c

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.31 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.12 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar-H), 6.97 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar-H), 4.62 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.60 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.88 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 3.81 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 2.96 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 2.69 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 2.40 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.18-0.94 [6H, m, Si(CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.08 [18H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, Si(CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], and 1.00 [18H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, Si(CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.7, 140.5, 139.0, 134.0, 133.8, 129.9, 129.6, 127.7, 121.4, 118.7, 95.6, 77.0, 63.7, 62.3, 54.35, 54.28, 37.9, 24.3, 21.6, 18.14, 18.10, 12.12, and 12.10 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2942, 2913, 2866, 1598, 1464, 1383, 1352, 1247, 1166, 1100, 1069, 1015, 996, 919, and 814 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{39}H_{63}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 720.3909; found 720.3876.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.35$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

*N*-{7-[(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]hepta-2,4-diyn-1-yl}-N-{8-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy] octa-2,4-diyn-1-yl}-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (12)



CuCl (10 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added to a solution of 4-methyl-*N*,*N*-di(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide<sup>2</sup> (125 mg, 0.51 mmol) and 1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5-bromo-4-pentyne<sup>4</sup> (307 mg, 1.1 mmol) in freshly deaerated piperidine (1 mL, 0.5 M) at 0 °C. After 3 h the reaction mixture was partitioned between EtOAc (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted twice with EtOAc (2 x 15 mL), and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Purification by flash column chromatography (9:1, hexanes:EtOAc) gave the tetrayne **12** (197 mg, 0.31 mmol, 61%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.69 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 7.32 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, Ar-H), 4.18 (4H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.66 (4H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.42 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.34 (4H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.70 (4H, tt, *J* = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 0.89 [18H, s, SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], and 0.05 [12H, s, Si'Bu(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 144.1, 134.8, 129.7, 127.8, 80.5, 71.0, 67.9, 64.4, 61.3, 37.2, 31.2, 25.9, 21.6, 18.3, 15.3 and -5.3 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2954, 2930, 2857, 2257, 1598, 1471, 1358, 1252, 1165, 1103, 1007, 905, 893, 836, 814, and 778 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{35}H_{53}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 662.3126; found 662.3157.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.4$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

9-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-5-{5-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]pent-1-yn-1-yl}-7-tosyl-2,3,4,6,7,8-hexahydropyrano[2,3-f]isoindole (13)



A solution of tetrayne **12** (7 mg, 0.011 mmol) in chloroform-d(0.6 mL, 0.018 M) was kept at 65 °C for 28 h. Reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral analysis. Once the approximate reaction rate was known, the following experiment was performed on a scale suitable for isolation and characterization of product **13**.

9-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-5-{5-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]pent-1-yn-1-yl}-7-tosyl-2,3,4,6,7,8-hexahydropyrano[2,3-f]isoindole (13) and 4-{4-[(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy}but-1-yn-1-yl}-5-{2-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]ethyl}-2-tosylisoindoline (14)



A solution of tetrayne **12** (52 mg, 0.082 mmol) in cyclooctane (4 mL, 0.02 M) was kept at 65 °C. After 30 h the cyclooctane solvent was removed by eluting the reaction mixture with hexanes through a small silica gel column. The column was then eluted with ethyl acetate to collect the products. Concentration of that polar eluent and purification of the resulting residue by MPLC (25:1, hexanes:EtOAc) gave the tricyclic isoindole **13** (14 mg, 0.022 mmol, 27%) followed by the reduced bicyclic compound **14** (30 mg, 0.047 mmol, 58%).

# Data for 13

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.74 (2H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, Ar-H), 7.29 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 4.58 (2H, br s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.53 (2H, br s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.00 (2H, br t, J = 5.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 3.74 (2H, 7, J = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.77 (2H, br t, J = 6.6 Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 2.55 (2H, t, J = 7.0Hz, =CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.40 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.91 (2H, br tt,  $\Sigma J s = 23.7$  Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OAr), 1.80 (2H, tt, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 0.92 [9H, s, OSiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.83 [9H, s, Ar-SiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.24 [6H, s, Ar-Si<sup>t</sup>Bu(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], and 0.08 [6H, s, OSi<sup>t</sup>Bu(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.0, 143.6, 140.4, 133.9, 130.1, 129.9, 127.7, 122.4, 120.4, 119.6, 100.2, 76.1, 65.5, 61.7, 56.4, 53.4, 32.2, 27.1, 26.1, 24.2, 22.0, 21.6, 18.7, 18.5, 16.3, -2.1, and -5.1 ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2952, 2928, 2856, 2260, 1587, 1561, 1471, 1400, 1348, 1290, 1256, 1166, 1099, 1069, 975, 838, 814 and 778 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{35}H_{53}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 662.3126; found 662.3137.

**TLC**:  $R_f = 0.35$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

# Data for 14

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.78 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.32 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.06 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 6.97 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 4.63 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.60 (2H, s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.74 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 3.61 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.76 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.54 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.41 (3H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.76 (2H, tt, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.54 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.54 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.64 (2H, tt, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.54 (2H, tt, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.54 (2H, tt, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 2.54 (2H, tt, J = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBS), 0.92 [9H, s, OSiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.89 [9H, s, OSiC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.09 [6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], and 0.04 [6H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.71, 143.70, 139.0, 134.0, 133.4, 130.0, 128.5, 127.7, 121.4, 118.6, 98.7, 76.1, 62.7, 61.8, 54.34, 54.32, 33.7, 32.2, 30.6, 26.12, 26.10, 21.7, 18.5, 18.4, 16.3, and -5.1 (2C) ppm.

**IR** (neat): 2952, 2928, 2857, 1598, 1471, 1350, 1254, 1164, 1100, 1067, 965, 836, 814, and 777 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HR ESI-MS**:  $[C_{35}H_{55}NNaO_4SSi_2]^+$  requires 664.3283; found 664.3284.

TLC:  $R_f = 0.30$  (9:1 Hex/EtOAc).

#### **Computational Methodology**

DFT calculations were performed with the Gaussian 09<sup>5</sup> software package. All geometries were optimized using the M06-2X functional.<sup>6</sup> The following basis sets were used: double-ζ splitvalence 6-31G(d), triple- $\zeta$  split-valence 6-311G(d,p), and Dunning's correlation consistent, triple- $\zeta$  cc-pVTZ. Acetonitrile solvation was approximated by the continuum solvation model SMD <sup>7</sup> for both the geometry optimizations and the frequency calculations ["scrf=(SMD, solvent=acetonitrile)" keyword]. All calculations used the grid=ultrafine option to specify the integration grid used during the numerical integrations ["integral(grid=ultrafine)" keyword]. Harmonic vibrational frequency calculations were performed at 298 K to provide thermal corrections to the enthalpies. The optimized geometry for each reactant, intermediate, and product was found to have no imaginary frequencies; the optimized geometry for each transition structure (TS) was found to have one (and only one) imaginary frequency. Analysis of the imaginary frequency (by following the normal modes associated with each) for each TS identified it with each associated starting material and product.

# Computed energy and geometry of 8-TS



# M06-2X/6-31G(d)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies =  $-1028.473631 \text{ A.U.}^{a}$ Imaginary frequency:  $-521.7727 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ 

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6	6	0	-4.014156	-1.244358	-0.109947
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9	1	0	-4.638942	-2.128773	-0.202899
10	6	0	-0.191508	-2.230342	1.392697
11	1	0	-1.333631	-2.237724	1.079421
12	1	0	-0.158501	-2.704948	2.377515
13	1	0	0.298451	-2.860457	0.648096
14	6	0	0.217274	-0.819599	1.407404
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16	14	0	1.237056	-0.065410	-0.022485
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24	6	0	0.330941	-0.190321	2.789845
25	1	0	-0.491783	-0.521178	3.433671
26	1	0	1.270400	-0.489631	3.270930
27	1	0	0.313781	0.904275	2.756417
28	6	0	2.737031	0.800725	0.736243
29	1	0	2.358380	1.373991	1.596400
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<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

# Computed energy and geometry of I



# M06-2X/6-311G(d,p)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -793.117704 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

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6	6	0	1.736895	-0.678469	0.154165
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8	1	0	5.158689	-0.367942	-0.032971
9	1	0	4.645359	2.076792	-0.223836
10	6	0	0.631015	-1.676567	0.300000
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14	1	0	0.010349	-1.716095	-1.765070
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16	8	0	-0.955633	-0.201267	-0.813938
17	14	0	-2.310463	0.298363	0.036710
18	6	0	-2.129952	-0.085990	1.859243
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24	1	0	-1.496268	2.631766	0.125358
25	1	0	-2.489473	2.366249	-1.315343
26	6	0	-3.824473	-0.571806	-0.633678

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27	1	0	-4.722186	-0.225717	-0.111652
28	1	0	-3.958588	-0.370323	-1.700254
29	1	0	-3.763069	-1.655535	-0.497228

<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

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21 1 0 -0.710709 0.716481	2.014244
22 6 0 -2.362289 2.072689 -	0.575775
23 1 0 -3.144949 2.611393 -	0.029848
24 1 0 -1.422765 2.621778 -	0.445201
25 1 0 -2.618599 2.095284 -	1.640577
26 6 0 -3.785443 -0.648767 -	0.181297
27 1 0 -4.592800 -0.191027	0.402636
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<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

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28	1	0	-3.771117	-0.138713	-1.983936
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<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

# Computed energy and geometry of II



#### M06-2X/6-311G(d,p)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies =  $-793.112966 \text{ A.U.}^{a}$ 

Imaginary frequency: -163.4714 cm<sup>-1</sup>

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5	6	0	1.220420	0.341792	-0.344513
6	6	0	1.651876	-0.897110	0.049004
7	1	0	3.532960	-1.713558	0.700953
8	1	0	4.752069	0.434741	0.496128
9	1	0	3.626418	2.486254	-0.250175
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16	8	0	-0.670642	-0.275777	-0.758478
17	14	0	-1.994338	0.343781	0.136873
18	6	0	-1.889794	-0.335964	1.870452
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20	1	0	-1.974273	-1.426334	1.887255
21	1	0	-0.947130	-0.052125	2.347641
22	6	0	-1.811005	2.192495	0.092555
23	1	0	-2.721378	2.656979	0.484344
24	1	0	-0.968968	2.534235	0.698099
25	1	0	-1.665546	2.551158	-0.929914
26	6	0	-3.546438	-0.214084	-0.730383
27	1	0	-4.425933	0.181983	-0.213335

28	1	0	-3.569178	0.152778	-1.760234
29	1	0	-3.637329	-1.303453	-0.751322

<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

# M06-2X/6-31G(d)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -792.942197 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Imaginary frequency: -169.7033 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Z
1	 6	0	-2.968182	0.812981	0.382676
2	6	0	-3.630697	-0.421564	0.268993
3	6	0	-2.972238	-1.573616	-0.177832
4	6	0	-1.599599	-1.513885	-0.547312
5	6	0	-1.170673	-0.312950	-0.385374
6	6	0	-1.613387	0.914873	0.036276
7	1	0	-3.496313	1.692860	0.740506
8	1	0	-4.682179	-0.477038	0.539260
9	1	0	-3.533498	-2.505798	-0.238626
10	6	0	-0.675967	2.079853	0.089707
11	1	0	-1.160279	3.017273	-0.195960
12	1	0	-0.288158	2.199822	1.108310
13	6	0	0.457503	1.736666	-0.883809
14	1	0	0.159572	1.963354	-1.910858
15	1	0	1.371810	2.290766	-0.651888
16	8	0	0.698817	0.324436	-0.831937
17	14	0	1.936104	-0.355437	0.147748
18	6	0	1.465882	-0.150005	1.945027
19	1	0	2.214945	-0.631167	2.585238
20	1	0	1.420397	0.907449	2.228712
21	1	0	0.494985	-0.607851	2.163174
22	6	0	2.024729	-2.141104	-0.375249
23	1	0	2.814896	-2.660349	0.179145
24	1	0	1.080100	-2.662604	-0.194013
25	1	0	2.255469	-2.221147	-1.443174
26	6	0	3.524472	0.550338	-0.244843
27	1	0	4.368198	0.027548	0.221205
28	1	0	3.705562	0.579424	-1.325012
29	1	0	3.527439	1.578573	0.131440

<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

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Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -793.175463 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Imaginary frequency: -164.1869  $cm^{-1}$ 

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coor	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Ү	Z	
1	6	0	3.014060	-0.823674	0.362346	
2	6	0	3.698570	0.392997	0.246301	
3	6	0	3.060459	1.559514	-0.173998	
4	6	0	1.679248	1.528250	-0.504816	
5	6	0	1.227631	0.344674	-0.337549	
6	6	0	1.653509	-0.893816	0.049958	
7	1	0	3.530284	-1.716922	0.691323	
8	1	0	4.753838	0.422350	0.489017	
9	1	0	3.635976	2.475852	-0.248032	
10	6	0	0.705292	-2.044998	0.094628	
11	1	0	1.175468	-2.977801	-0.210860	
12	1	0	0.328226	-2.173250	1.111735	
13	6	0	-0.433187	-1.671788	-0.854379	
14	1	0	-0.149075	-1.871887	-1.887020	
15	1	0	-1.341728	-2.230667	-0.626704	
16	8	0	-0.666619	-0.263371	-0.747473	
17	14	0	-1.995341	0.341982	0.133410	
18	6	0	-1.918957	-0.357027	1.859272	
19	1	0	-2.747365	0.034290	2.454332	
20	1	0	-1.997094	-1.445964	1.857797	
21	1	0	-0.988384	-0.075031	2.356090	
22	6	0	-1.814204	2.190232	0.115379	
23	1	0	-2.725615	2.646601	0.508643	
24	1	0	-0.977440	2.521601	0.730554	
25	1	0	-1.663273	2.562044	-0.899460	
26	6	0	-3.535673	-0.208202	-0.756973	
27	1	0	-4.419743	0.187141	-0.251768	
28	1	0	-3.541942	0.159520	-1.784590	
29	1	0	-3.624892	-1.295620	-0.780022	

<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

# Computed energy and geometry of III



# M06-2X/6-311G(d,p)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -793.124734 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Туре	Х	У	Z
1	6	0	3.198375	0.482288	0.036669
2	6	0	3.458829	-0.891791	0.078975
3	6	0	2.418036	-1.823990	0.011205
4	6	0	1.040094	-1.489997	-0.094204
5	6	0	0.927787	-0.130134	-0.120055
6	6	0	1.873671	0.880866	-0.067105
7	1	0	3.998951	1.212040	0.084402
8	1	0	4.485701	-1.233732	0.166397
9	1	0	2.705447	-2.874525	0.048108
10	6	0	1.245626	2.243601	-0.174148
11	1	0	1.656946	2.967400	0.529358
12	1	0	1.353949	2.641442	-1.186084
13	6	0	-0.219447	1.957346	0.144779
14	1	0	-0.430251	2.033321	1.212354
15	1	0	-0.929225	2.535983	-0.438258
16	8	0	-0.398446	0.536323	-0.226654
17	14	0	-1.946415	-0.346380	0.017966
18	6	0	-2.159798	-1.498537	-1.416851
19	1	0	-3.226611	-1.707607	-1.546585
20	1	0	-1.800460	-1.026523	-2.335728
21	1	0	-1.627103	-2.438536	-1.279574
22	6	0	-1.889452	-1.080516	1.719580
23	1	0	-2.907591	-1.329023	2.035744
24	1	0	-1.277700	-1.981187	1.763366
25	1	0	-1.490273	-0.352628	2.432981
26	6	0	-3.177582	1.044302	-0.065391
27	1	0	-4.178257	0.610437	0.032294
28	1	0	-3.053540	1.768296	0.743675
29	1	0	-3.139439	1.572951	-1.021469

# <sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

# M06-2X/6-31G(d)

#### Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -792.953718 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Туре	х	Y	Z
1	6	0	3.187445	-0.468167	-0.066262
2	6	0	3.429029	0.911302	-0.101432
3	6	0	2.378535	1.831911	0.008518
4	6	0	1.006703	1.484811	0.155068
5	6	0	0.919460	0.121855	0.168494
6	6	0	1.869226	-0.883939	0.074109
7	1	0	3.996665	-1.188275	-0.148971
8	1	0	4.450807	1.266260	-0.218525
9	1	0	2.658431	2.887820	-0.029012
10	6	0	1.250151	-2.252344	0.177621
11	1	0	1.641236	-2.966249	-0.550922
12	1	0	1.388909	-2.673096	1.179022
13	6	0	-0.227241	-1.965246	-0.093410
14	1	0	-0.467768	-2.026660	-1.157828
15	1	0	-0.921692	-2.557132	0.498793
16	8	0	-0.401053	-0.555104	0.310655
17	14	0	-1.922306	0.347107	-0.035427
18	6	0	-2.200564	1.559491	1.343950
19	1	0	-3.272851	1.777498	1.416407
20	1	0	-1.884271	1.126532	2.299435
21	1	0	-1.654277	2.491322	1.191705
22	6	0	-1.785298	1.010120	-1.766853
23	1	0	-2.786636	1.253243	-2.141537
24	1	0	-1.161411	1.904380	-1.817614
25	1	0	-1.358497	0.251893	-2.434006
26	6	0	-3.179763	-1.027847	0.052340
27	1	0	-4.175850	-0.585714	-0.072640
28	1	0	-3.051566	-1.774401	-0.738053
29	1	0	-3.166619	-1.537764	1.021625

<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

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Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -793.186682 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

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Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Туре	Х	У	Z
1	 6	0	3.182143	0.487908	0.056617
2	6	0	3.447542	-0.881739	0.092841
3	6	0	2.415466	-1.816371	-0.002014
4	6	0	1.042231	-1.486293	-0.130587
5	6	0	0.920589	-0.129480	-0.145183
6	6	0	1.861015	0.881161	-0.068058
7	1	0	3.977402	1.218966	0.124255
8	1	0	4.472312	-1.219387	0.196257
9	1	0	2.706338	-2.863649	0.030652
10	6	0	1.232995	2.240299	-0.176238
11	1	0	1.623781	2.957233	0.542473
12	1	0	1.365413	2.649843	-1.178371
13	6	0	-0.235642	1.946743	0.103192
14	1	0	-0.472751	2.021784	1.163308
15	1	0	-0.931981	2.524517	-0.492898
16	8	0	-0.404388	0.528491	-0.275831
17	14	0	-1.934246	-0.345885	0.029905
18	6	0	-2.171786	-1.559219	-1.349149
19	1	0	-3.241887	-1.679469	-1.534158
20	1	0	-1.713942	-1.185261	-2.266673
21	1	0	-1.740170	-2.531081	-1.121050
22	6	0	-1.834674	-1.011395	1.755950
23	1	0	-2.845147	-1.216831	2.117072
24	1	0	-1.248811	-1.926258	1.813832
25	1	0	-1.390396	-0.268685	2.422757
26	6	0	-3.174109	1.032904	-0.086883
27	1	0	-4.169290	0.594231	0.021237
28	1	0	-3.053706	1.776739	0.701521
29	1	0	-3.137231	1.534663	-1.055166

<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees
# Computed energy and geometry of IV



#### M06-2X/6-311G(d,p)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -793.115579 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Imaginary frequency: -163.8221 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coord	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Ŷ	Ź
1	6	0	3.137571	-0.030714	0.056369
2	6	0	2.969904	-1.424588	0.082634
3	6	0	1.707561	-2.036191	-0.010065
4	6	0	0.518390	-1.284945	-0.156597
5	6	0	0.832104	0.036159	-0.220523
6	6	0	1.996704	0.751813	-0.092794
7	1	0	4.121752	0.410160	0.167022
8	1	0	3.849401	-2.048493	0.206652
9	1	0	1.675656	-3.121525	0.059851
10	6	0	1.653813	2.226756	-0.128655
11	1	0	2.166951	2.813813	0.632871
12	1	0	1.877290	2.657445	-1.107623
13	6	0	0.129742	2.218314	0.131032
14	1	0	-0.101467	2.278168	1.195450
15	1	0	-0.431634	2.956195	-0.434253
16	8	0	-0.292308	0.884074	-0.331632
17	14	0	-1.729449	-0.339012	0.021119
18	6	0	-2.304660	-1.351527	-1.440158
19	1	0	-3.380864	-1.232114	-1.599156
20	1	0	-1.792635	-1.005702	-2.343487
21	1	0	-2.065612	-2.408068	-1.308336
22	6	0	-1.786381	-0.995737	1.771109
23	1	0	-2.770036	-0.815719	2.216307
24	1	0	-1.554638	-2.061191	1.811334
25	1	0	-1.043558	-0.470870	2.381148
26	6	0	-2.925787	1.130698	0.054885

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28	1	0	-2.696968	1.837509	0.226980
29	1	0	-2.934376	1.683181	-0.890271

<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

## M06-2X/6-31G(d)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -792.948388 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Imaginary frequency: -135.0053  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ 

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coor	dinates (Ang	(stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	х	Y	Z
1	6	0	3.143331	0.045112	0.063824
2	6	0	3.027622	-1.354911	0.091781
3	6	0	1.787726	-2.011082	-0.013052
4	6	0	0.566721	-1.312316	-0.175073
5	6	0	0.836505	0.020670	-0.238374
6	6	0	1.973524	0.782856	-0.099386
7	1	0	4.109818	0.525880	0.184401
8	1	0	3.930078	-1.946543	0.227226
9	1	0	1.798847	-3.099499	0.060036
10	6	0	1.582436	2.245453	-0.134343
11	1	0	2.073039	2.851017	0.631013
12	1	0	1.792924	2.691637	-1.111867
13	6	0	0.059666	2.184237	0.121966
14	1	0	-0.176216	2.220931	1.188310
15	1	0	-0.528521	2.911253	-0.433946
16	8	0	-0.316939	0.845044	-0.363894
17	14	0	-1.732839	-0.347162	0.025033
18	6	0	-2.304403	-1.384588	-1.424507
19	1	0	-3.383988	-1.272854	-1.579332
20	1	0	-1.799920	-1.050500	-2.338430
21	1	0	-2.062249	-2.440521	-1.279965
22	6	0	-1.732232	-1.001237	1.780517
23	1	0	-2.704009	-0.819268	2.254712
24	1	0	-1.502097	-2.068900	1.818268
25	1	0	-0.970765	-0.477264	2.371049
26	6	0	-2.956126	1.101069	0.075921
27	1	0	-3.965877	0.711498	0.258000
28	1	0	-2.735650	1.811136	0.882622
29	1	0	-2.988772	1.660330	-0.867048

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Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -793.176756 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Imaginary frequency: -165.4977 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Center Atomic Atomic			Coord	Coordinates (Angstroms)			
Number	Number	Туре	х	Y	Z		
1	6	0	3.123004	-0.035403	0.060352		
2	6	0	2.951600	-1.425893	0.085402		
3	6	0	1.691335	-2.033021	-0.013703		
4	6	0	0.508672	-1.278758	-0.169100		
5	6	0	0.824677	0.038515	-0.231366		
6	6	0	1.988395	0.749096	-0.095388		
7	1	0	4.106425	0.400710	0.177757		
8	1	0	3.827114	-2.050955	0.214683		
9	1	0	1.656181	-3.116144	0.057713		
10	6	0	1.650005	2.222201	-0.126126		
11	1	0	2.159209	2.804008	0.638967		
12	1	0	1.879379	2.657945	-1.099243		
13	6	0	0.127437	2.214828	0.124798		
14	1	0	-0.108052	2.269419	1.186426		
15	1	0	-0.428646	2.957850	-0.435323		
16	8	0	-0.297070	0.887052	-0.348419		
17	14	0	-1.708011	-0.337574	0.021596		
18	6	0	-2.309403	-1.350851	-1.428318		
19	1	0	-3.382636	-1.218153	-1.581444		
20	1	0	-1.797929	-1.020742	-2.335417		
21	1	0	-2.085142	-2.407691	-1.288576		
22	6	0	-1.758078	-0.987675	1.773680		
23	1	0	-2.734257	-0.797826	2.225747		
24	1	0	-1.537038	-2.053402	1.814991		
25	1	0	-1.006050	-0.468868	2.374014		
26	6	0	-2.916165	1.124083	0.067964		
27	1	0	-3.924827	0.744558	0.252092		
28	1	0	-2.683547	1.830862	0.868821		
29	1	0	-2.940326	1.675320	-0.875378		

# Computed energy and geometry of V



# M06-2X/6-311G(d,p)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -793.206783 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coord	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Ŷ	Z
1	 6	0	2.418791	1.688131	-0.005979
2	6	0	1.302196	2.529640	-0.047917
3	6	0	0.015965	1.994439	-0.042624
4	6	0	-0.221993	0.608657	-0.005282
5	6	0	0.920772	-0.185719	0.026644
6	6	0	2.220168	0.318692	0.027953
7	1	0	3.421544	2.101649	0.000053
8	1	0	1.438501	3.604190	-0.081871
9	1	0	-0.830858	2.673645	-0.073104
10	6	0	3.170885	-0.847850	0.139803
11	1	0	4.012415	-0.793207	-0.550573
12	1	0	3.562581	-0.924774	1.157924
13	6	0	2.232758	-2.018036	-0.194508
14	1	0	2.289270	-2.275635	-1.255373
15	1	0	2.398527	-2.908258	0.408108
16	8	0	0.888145	-1.548446	0.072325
17	14	0	-1.945459	-0.159212	0.006667
18	6	0	-3.207499	1.226735	-0.038864
19	1	0	-4.219795	0.813192	0.003516
20	1	0	-3.091736	1.908294	0.808742
21	1	0	-3.126967	1.812077	-0.959476
22	6	0	-2.140626	-1.265475	-1.496406
23	1	0	-3.124346	-1.744451	-1.503984
24	1	0	-2.035671	-0.694563	-2.423441
25	1	0	-1.379447	-2.050127	-1.492492
26	6	0	-2.147718	-1.173865	1.571303
27	1	0	-3.135194	-1.643809	1.608220

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28	1	0	-1.392866	-1.963548	1.614096
29	1	0	-2.036885	-0.550253	2.462974

<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

## M06-2X/6-31G(d)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -793.041642 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coord	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Z
1	6	0	2.421984	-1.691189	0.005097
2	6	0	1.303557	-2.532635	0.045658
3	6	0	0.016530	-1.994894	0.041413
4	6	0	-0.221910	-0.607917	0.006617
5	6	0	0.924114	0.185127	-0.023706
6	6	0	2.224930	-0.319557	-0.027009
7	1	0	3.426193	-2.106535	-0.001293
8	1	0	1.439377	-3.609296	0.077790
9	1	0	-0.832508	-2.674801	0.070511
10	6	0	3.177053	0.847283	-0.130916
11	1	0	4.009138	0.797791	0.575192
12	1	0	3.592843	0.920280	-1.142059
13	6	0	2.234537	2.023283	0.180720
14	1	0	2.298227	2.313175	1.234969
15	1	0	2.396503	2.900708	-0.445927
16	8	0	0.890051	1.549356	-0.065697
17	14	0	-1.944722	0.158541	-0.006221
18	6	0	-3.211250	-1.229547	0.040727
19	1	0	-4.225704	-0.816357	-0.004920
20	1	0	-3.096346	-1.916136	-0.805504
21	1	0	-3.135059	-1.815008	0.963981
22	6	0	-2.148179	1.269087	1.498097
23	1	0	-3.129521	1.757441	1.495488
24	1	0	-2.059355	0.698652	2.429436
25	1	0	-1.380467	2.049997	1.504998
26	6	0	-2.155081	1.172458	-1.575643
27	1	0	-3.142664	1.647231	-1.607094
28	1	0	-1.397863	1.961903	-1.629188
29	1	0	-2.054792	0.547534	-2.470037

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Sum	of	electronic	and	thermal	Enthalpies	=	-793.266761	A.U. <sup>a</sup>
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Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coord	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Z
1	6	0	2.410186	1.689837	-0.006165
2	6	0	1.291849	2.524025	-0.046229
3	6	0	0.011740	1.982915	-0.041398
4	6	0	-0.220133	0.599152	-0.005710
5	6	0	0.924634	-0.186845	0.024455
6	6	0	2.219145	0.322644	0.028367
7	1	0	3.408888	2.108306	-0.000120
8	1	0	1.422169	3.597432	-0.079257
9	1	0	-0.836705	2.656946	-0.070388
10	6	0	3.176680	-0.835228	0.133398
11	1	0	4.010013	-0.775970	-0.563230
12	1	0	3.580744	-0.906545	1.144872
13	6	0	2.247138	-2.012796	-0.186386
14	1	0	2.308168	-2.286826	-1.240947
15	1	0	2.418970	-2.892050	0.427479
16	8	0	0.900705	-1.549459	0.070593
17	14	0	-1.945110	-0.162531	0.006263
18	6	0	-3.197718	1.229799	-0.037703
19	1	0	-4.210230	0.821955	0.000728
20	1	0	-3.078606	1.905574	0.811318
21	1	0	-3.109990	1.815975	-0.954586
22	6	0	-2.153069	-1.263798	-1.496887
23	1	0	-3.141074	-1.729226	-1.500517
24	1	0	-2.046264	-0.691638	-2.420488
25	1	0	-1.403077	-2.056205	-1.498734
26	6	0	-2.158441	-1.173886	1.569806
27	1	0	-3.150880	-1.628649	1.603920
28	1	0	-1.416194	-1.972317	1.615810
29	1	0	-2.042099	-0.550580	2.458435

# Computed energy and geometry of VI



## M06-2X/6-311G(d,p)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -832.391922 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coord	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Z
1	 6	0	-3.118714	0.509202	0.617470
2	6	0	-3.841835	-0.663371	0.341866
3	6	0	-3.304097	-1.724101	-0.403053
4	6	0	-1.994770	-1.461835	-0.810152
5	6	0	-1.422667	-0.396427	-0.524005
6	6	0	-1.791535	0.727315	0.182781
7	1	0	-3.596211	1.300184	1.188890
8	1	0	-4.857238	-0.746767	0.715806
9	1	0	-3.869886	-2.622720	-0.614748
10	6	0	-1.012148	1.977118	0.475859
11	1	0	-1.728264	2.752826	0.754565
12	1	0	-0.383948	1.801370	1.358044
13	6	0	-0.126172	2.462755	-0.681037
14	1	0	-0.614874	2.262021	-1.639257
15	1	0	0.001355	3.546073	-0.603341
16	6	0	1.259085	1.841226	-0.674521
17	1	0	1.858429	2.249187	-1.495128
18	1	0	1.760598	2.107994	0.266040
19	8	0	1.177593	0.428361	-0.821180
20	14	0	2.072620	-0.609592	0.145373
21	6	0	1.440474	-0.522824	1.904529
22	1	0	1.993397	-1.220786	2.541489
23	1	0	1.562192	0.477978	2.329812
24	1	0	0.380539	-0.789945	1.955782
25	6	0	1.850381	-2.316008	-0.569671
26	1	0	2.466231	-3.036267	-0.022212
27	1	0	0.811288	-2.648664	-0.510018
28	1	0	2.157444	-2.342564	-1.618947

29	6	0	3.872319	-0.098662	0.088594
30	1	0	4.481695	-0.768782	0.703058
31	1	0	4.259757	-0.137779	-0.933824
32	1	0	4.018149	0.917705	0.466246

# M06-2X/6-31G(d)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -832.210755 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Center	 Atomic	Atomic	Coor	 dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	X	Y	Z
1	6	0	-3.256917	0.521997	0.408351
2	6	0	-3.921372	-0.692971	0.160962
3	6	0	-3.25/023	-1.831890	-0.324015
4	6	0	-1.893584	-1.600950	-0.523566
5	6	0	-1.382743	-0.489087	-0.274158
6	6	0	-1.870560	0.710547	0.198656
7	1	0	-3.830423	1.369420	0.778868
8	1	0	-4.990765	-0.746445	0.349089
9	1	0	-3.779643	-2.764159	-0.513308
10	6	0	-1.153325	2.002570	0.473467
11	1	0	-1.913511	2.767250	0.660017
12	1	0	-0.578171	1.902155	1.404917
13	6	0	-0.207714	2.468401	-0.645183
14	1	0	-0.648196	2.256602	-1.626330
15	1	0	-0.084804	3.554959	-0.573642
16	6	0	1.177350	1.850030	-0.563828
17	1	0	1.829354	2.280107	-1.335433
18	1	0	1.617195	2.099800	0.414105
19	8	0	1.107593	0.442132	-0.745138
20	14	0	2.137001	-0.571415	0.112807
21	6	0	1.636752	-0.579534	1.920295
22	1	0	2.284400	-1.249527	2.498495
23	1	0	1.716721	0.418069	2.367754
2.4	1	0	0,603729	-0.924906	2,042654
2.5	- 6	0	1,961601	-2.266786	-0.652389
26	1	0	2.643317	-2.976981	-0.170079
23	1	0	0.943076	-2.654876	-0.550557
28	1	ů O	2 207432	-2 240800	_1 719803
20		0	3 808002	0 0/9078	-0 066036
20	1	0	1 506500		0 150075
21	⊥ 1	0	4.100202	-0.011370	1 120720
3 I	T	U	4.198293	0.0/8644	-1.120/20

32	1	0	4.023289	1.056601	0.345858

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Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -832.458474 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coor	dinates (Ang	jstroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Z
1	6	 0	-3.236930	0.548248	0.492097
2	6	0	-3.964928	-0.620679	0.229321
3	6	0	-3.385833	-1.755314	-0.351986
4	6	0	-2.032982	-1.560505	-0.619575
5	6	0	-1.457835	-0.495331	-0.353984
6	6	0	-1.863476	0.694044	0.204665
7	1	0	-3.746961	1.395297	0.937527
8	1	0	-5.018123	-0.642219	0.482476
9	1	0	-3.954460	-2.651497	-0.555346
10	6	0	-1.081333	1.939849	0.487996
11	1	0	-1.793951	2.718458	0.757581
12	1	0	-0.454554	1.769922	1.369704
13	6	0	-0.191561	2.415613	-0.668518
14	1	0	-0.666274	2.191149	-1.625979
15	1	0	-0.081674	3.499828	-0.609471
16	6	0	1.201099	1.819464	-0.636903
17	1	0	1.804022	2.229933	-1.451624
18	1	0	1.683981	2.107005	0.305219
19	8	0	1.149331	0.406504	-0.762928
20	14	0	2.166729	-0.576808	0.123340
21	6	0	1.670986	-0.515440	1.925420
22	1	0	2.322671	-1.154583	2.526053
23	1	0	1.744906	0.497976	2.326118
24	1	0	0.644466	-0.863459	2.060951
25	6	0	1.967901	-2.291757	-0.575495
26	1	0	2.650437	-2.985728	-0.080140
27	1	0	0.951241	-2.663217	-0.438259
28	1	0	2.193133	-2.303525	-1.643684
29	6	0	3.925572	0.026836	-0.073803
30	1	0	4.617320	-0.623607	0.466090
31	1	0	4.221778	0.033106	-1.124912
32	1	0	4.049114	1.038270	0.318946

# Computed energy and geometry of VII



## M06-2X/6-311G(d,p)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -832.388976 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Imaginary frequency:  $-154.6740 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ 

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coord	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	х	Y	Z
1	 6	0	-3.287091	0.116342	0.224369
2	6	0	-3.514331	-1.257049	0.073288
3	6	0	-2.466463	-2.140184	-0.203536
4	6	0	-1.160276	-1.614142	-0.331691
5	6	0	-1.124694	-0.348295	-0.160513
6	6	0	-1.999404	0.672530	0.112034
7	1	0	-4.115008	0.787722	0.431496
8	1	0	-4.526842	-1.635525	0.169618
9	1	0	-2.676586	-3.200064	-0.317065
10	6	0	-1.706848	2.137756	0.280585
11	1	0	-2.599754	2.701699	0.002673
12	1	0	-1.519404	2.342131	1.340959
13	6	0	-0.503748	2.600060	-0.535560
14	1	0	-0.662509	2.392429	-1.597972
15	1	0	-0.383720	3.680367	-0.422928
16	6	0	0.786786	1.946406	-0.086199
17	1	0	1.633920	2.367059	-0.633564
18	1	0	0.943589	2.119078	0.985321
19	8	0	0.729713	0.531930	-0.340965
20	14	0	2.055428	-0.477675	0.066208
21	6	0	1.744723	-1.207424	1.754462
22	1	0	2.646295	-1.710529	2.117714
23	1	0	1.490290	-0.421102	2.471998
24	1	0	0.930753	-1.935004	1.740571
25	6	0	2.251909	-1.757986	-1.271937
26	1	0	3.206838	-2.277407	-1.140595
27	1	0	1.453247	-2.500658	-1.258906

28	1	0	2.265253	-1.282482	-2.256857
29	6	0	3.575764	0.609428	0.111582
30	1	0	4.443509	-0.015415	0.347029
31	1	0	3.764843	1.085385	-0.854721
32	1	0	3.513628	1.389672	0.874749

#### M06-2X/6-31G(d)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -832.207909 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Imaginary frequency: -160.9336 cm<sup>-1</sup>

 Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coor	 dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y Y	Z
1	6	0	-3.280752	0.103723	0.213072
2	6	0	-3.494158	-1.274635	0.079042
3	6	0	-2.434106	-2.150556	-0.186231
4	6	0	-1.132643	-1.617253	-0.323711
5	6	0	-1.110785	-0.343204	-0.166964
6	6	0	-1.997516	0.673006	0.093757
7	1	0	-4.117299	0.769697	0.413528
8	1	0	-4.504645	-1.662737	0.179918
9	1	0	-2.636664	-3.216323	-0.284779
10	6	0	-1.725143	2.144713	0.252555
11	1	0	-2.613633	2.699429	-0.065388
12	1	0	-1.580987	2.367969	1.318196
13	6	0	-0.496949	2.613692	-0.521756
14	1	0	-0.626409	2.428906	-1.594388
15	1	0	-0.373548	3.692863	-0.384604
16	6	0	0.777540	1.937618	-0.054073
17	1	0	1.646796	2.383636	-0.548159
18	1	0	0.895279	2.059231	1.031685
19	8	0	0.729760	0.540234	-0.382957
20	14	0	2.044437	-0.474512	0.062200
21	6	0	1.702424	-1.194474	1.753779
22	1	0	2.601767	-1.683552	2.146161
23	1	0	1.420593	-0.403722	2.459223
24	1	0	0.894687	-1.931148	1.728936
25	6	0	2.260232	-1.759022	-1.274520
26	1	0	3.154534	-2.360002	-1.070263
27	1	0	1.400446	-2.430316	-1.340211
28	1	0	2.396973	-1.279122	-2.250162
29	6	0	3.574297	0.606123	0.134997
30	1	0	4.440337	-0.027242	0.363127

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32	1	0	3.514736	1.374798	0.912879
31	1	0	3.772204	1.100539	-0.822520

<sup>*a*</sup> Atomic Units = Hartrees

## M06-2X/ccpVTZ

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -832.453974 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Imaginary frequency: -167.2388 cm<sup>-1</sup>

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coor	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Ζ
1	 6	0	-3.272975	0.113668	0.231595
2	6	0	-3.499737	-1.255594	0.078605
3	6	0	-2.455309	-2.134272	-0.208515
4	6	0	-1.151849	-1.610463	-0.344274
5	6	0	-1.116161	-0.345752	-0.168991
6	6	0	-1.989467	0.669955	0.111563
7	1	0	-4.098113	0.783338	0.445034
8	1	0	-4.509484	-1.634615	0.180594
9	1	0	-2.665584	-3.191740	-0.324938
10	6	0	-1.702696	2.133195	0.276618
11	1	0	-2.595743	2.692781	-0.001078
12	1	0	-1.516293	2.340994	1.334425
13	6	0	-0.502816	2.594311	-0.537602
14	1	0	-0.665194	2.396818	-1.599327
15	1	0	-0.374636	3.670556	-0.417513
16	6	0	0.781189	1.929388	-0.096832
17	1	0	1.628980	2.350204	-0.638321
18	1	0	0.939726	2.091832	0.974095
19	8	0	0.722015	0.518666	-0.363226
20	14	0	2.044755	-0.473645	0.069216
21	6	0	1.737265	-1.153954	1.776839
22	1	0	2.638252	-1.643104	2.153918
23	1	0	1.480230	-0.348669	2.468911
24	1	0	0.926608	-1.882425	1.781584
25	6	0	2.246499	-1.793502	-1.227893
26	1	0	3.225073	-2.265920	-1.111283
27	1	0	1.482588	-2.565881	-1.158058
28	1	0	2.203640	-1.357694	-2.228061
29	6	0	3.562955	0.614901	0.079907
30	1	0	4.431271	-0.005672	0.314690
31	1	0	3.737995	1.074878	-0.894454
32	1	0	3.506611	1.404729	0.830442

# Computed energy and geometry of VIII



## M06-2X/6-311G(d,p)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -832.488052 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Center Atomic Atomic			Coord	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Z	
1	6	0	1.923479	2.128566	0.039610	
2	6	0	0.718544	2.817778	0.024949	
3	6	0	-0.477693	2.101184	0.000102	
4	6	0	-0.489160	0.704618	0.001631	
5	6	0	0.749460	0.041054	0.029747	
6	6	0	1.966877	0.732995	0.040302	
7	1	0	2.862506	2.674303	0.042600	
8	1	0	0.708997	3.901553	0.024561	
9	1	0	-1.418040	2.643618	-0.019386	
10	6	0	3.284671	-0.009791	0.027677	
11	1	0	3.984664	0.505225	-0.634174	
12	1	0	3.722997	0.007594	1.031255	
13	6	0	3.077008	-1.457162	-0.409174	
14	1	0	2.869836	-1.508072	-1.482186	
15	1	0	3.963712	-2.060501	-0.206421	
16	6	0	1.892211	-2.027091	0.345894	
17	1	0	1.697315	-3.066351	0.085298	
18	1	0	2.059085	-1.958742	1.427498	
19	8	0	0.688693	-1.323834	0.021946	
20	14	0	-2.098090	-0.287974	-0.020195	
21	6	0	-2.237768	-1.323604	1.538912	
22	1	0	-3.190546	-1.861854	1.559553	
23	1	0	-1.430380	-2.058212	1.587801	
24	1	0	-2.185314	-0.698782	2.435214	
25	6	0	-3.528827	0.926907	-0.085368	
26	1	0	-4.473505	0.374021	-0.105378	
27	1	0	-3.549963	1.584214	0.788665	
28	1	0	-3.493762	1.552345	-0.982026	

29	6	0	-2.165015	-1.392792	-1.536617
30	1	0	-3.115850	-1.933437	-1.575833
31	1	0	-2.075964	-0.805351	-2.455213
32	1	0	-1.354801	-2.125226	-1.520662

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Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -832.312045 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

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Center	Atomic	Atomic	C001	uinates (Ang	JSCIOMS)
Number		туре	х	¥ 	z 
1	6	0	-1.927298	-2.129796	0.039409
2	6	0	-0.720668	-2.819736	0.024371
3	6	0	0.475940	-2.101057	-0.000436
4	6	0	0.488262	-0.702764	0.002422
5	6	0	-0.752558	-0.040350	0.031824
6	6	0	-1.971473	-0.732804	0.041314
7	1	0	-2.867943	-2.676812	0.041680
8	1	0	-0.710754	-3.905491	0.023065
9	1	0	1.418576	-2.643710	-0.021009
10	6	0	-3.289131	0.011085	0.028037
11	1	0	-3.993456	-0.503567	-0.633732
12	1	0	-3.731882	-0.003581	1.032285
13	6	0	-3.080059	1.458386	-0.410732
14	1	0	-2.872039	1.508664	-1.485660
15	1	0	-3.968748	2.063670	-0.210290
16	6	0	-1.894166	2.028421	0.345108
17	1	0	-1.697586	3.069613	0.082960
18	1	0	-2.064710	1.965213	1.428677
19	8	0	-0.691518	1.326104	0.025402
20	14	0	2.097539	0.286993	-0.020504
21	6	0	2.254058	1.313382	1.548357
22	1	0	3.198346	1.870709	1.552881
23	1	0	1.434071	2.034054	1.628216
24	1	0	2.236888	0.679419	2.442084
25	6	0	3.531482	-0.930588	-0.098582
26	1	0	4.479106	-0.378902	-0.119586
27	1	0	3.557950	-1.594687	0.772703
28	1	0	3.494725	-1.553843	-0.999118
29	6	0	2.167892	1.402517	-1.534660
30	1	0	3.118081	1.948760	-1.566743
31	1	0	2.088218	0.819681	-2.459412

32	1	0	1.354079	2.133894	-1.523739

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Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -832.550958 A.U.<sup>a</sup>

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coord	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	Х	Y	Z
1	6	 0	 1.916361	2.125432	0.039306
2	6	0	0.711822	2.808868	0.021628
3	6	0	-0.478484	2.088731	-0.003861
4	6	0	-0.486074	0.695371	-0.001117
5	6	0	0.752648	0.038317	0.028825
6	6	0	1.964953	0.733351	0.041640
7	1	0	2.851791	2.673597	0.043209
8	1	0	0.698043	3.890700	0.020012
9	1	0	-1.418936	2.626853	-0.025248
10	6	0	3.283066	-0.002000	0.033140
11	1	0	3.984076	0.519072	-0.619332
12	1	0	3.715212	0.012831	1.037240
13	6	0	3.086043	-1.445531	-0.409265
14	1	0	2.883552	-1.493588	-1.481291
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16	6	0	1.905389	-2.023779	0.339045
17	1	0	1.717302	-3.061396	0.073406
18	1	0	2.072462	-1.963013	1.419293
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20	14	0	-2.098624	-0.289372	-0.019659
21	6	0	-2.253119	-1.306468	1.548500
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23	1	0	-1.444852	-2.034900	1.622333
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25	6	0	-3.520345	0.932511	-0.098983
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29	6	0	-2.175553	-1.406738	-1.524745
30	1	0	-3.133063	-1.931617	-1.558118
31	1	0	-2.079137	-0.828546	-2.446003
32	1	0	-1.378669	-2.150373	-1.503802

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