

Support Information

1. ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra of product 3

6,6'-(1*E*,1'*E*)-((1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-Diphenylethane-1,2-diyl)bis(azan-1-yl-1-ylidene)bis(methan-1-yl-1-ylidene)bis(2-*tert*-butyl-4-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)phenol) (3)

Chemical Formula: $\text{C}_{46}\text{H}_{56}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2$

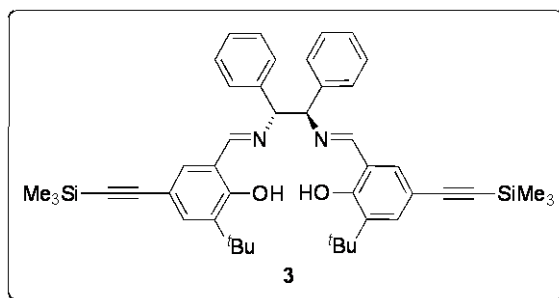


Figure S1. ^1H -NMR spectrum of **3** (300 MHz, CDCl_3).

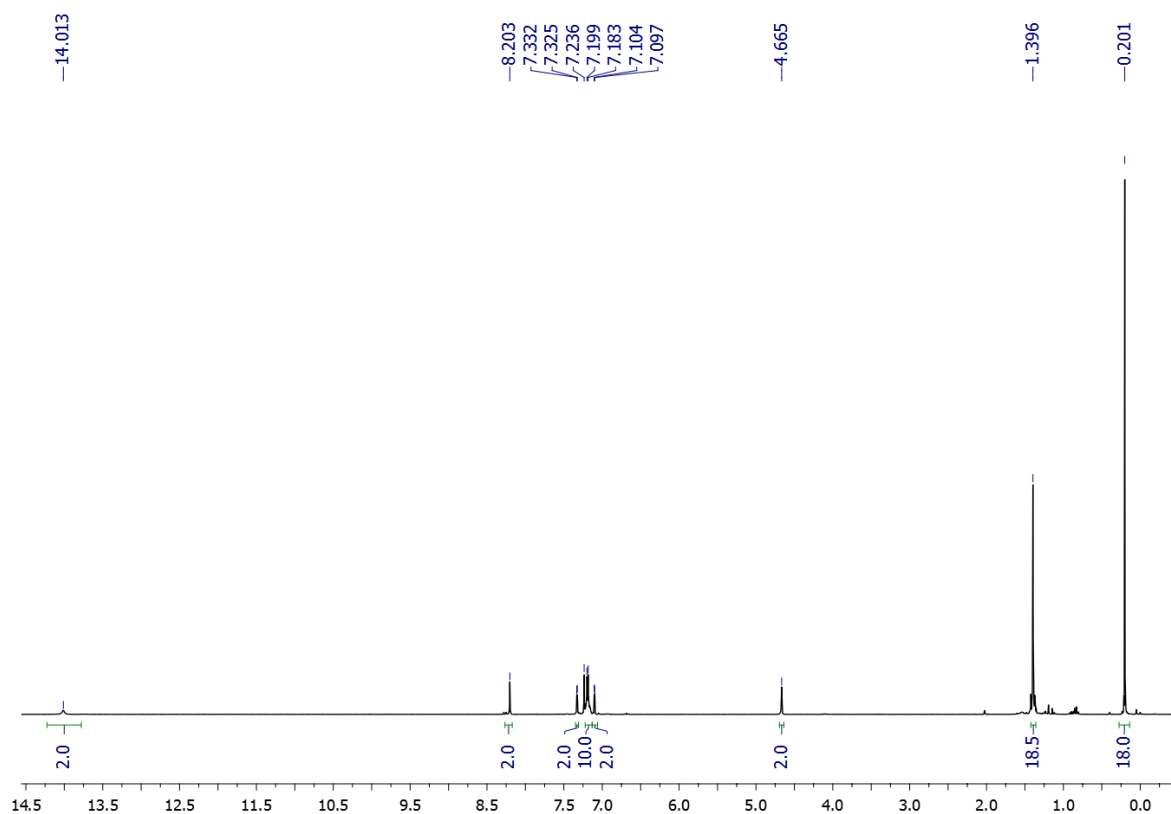
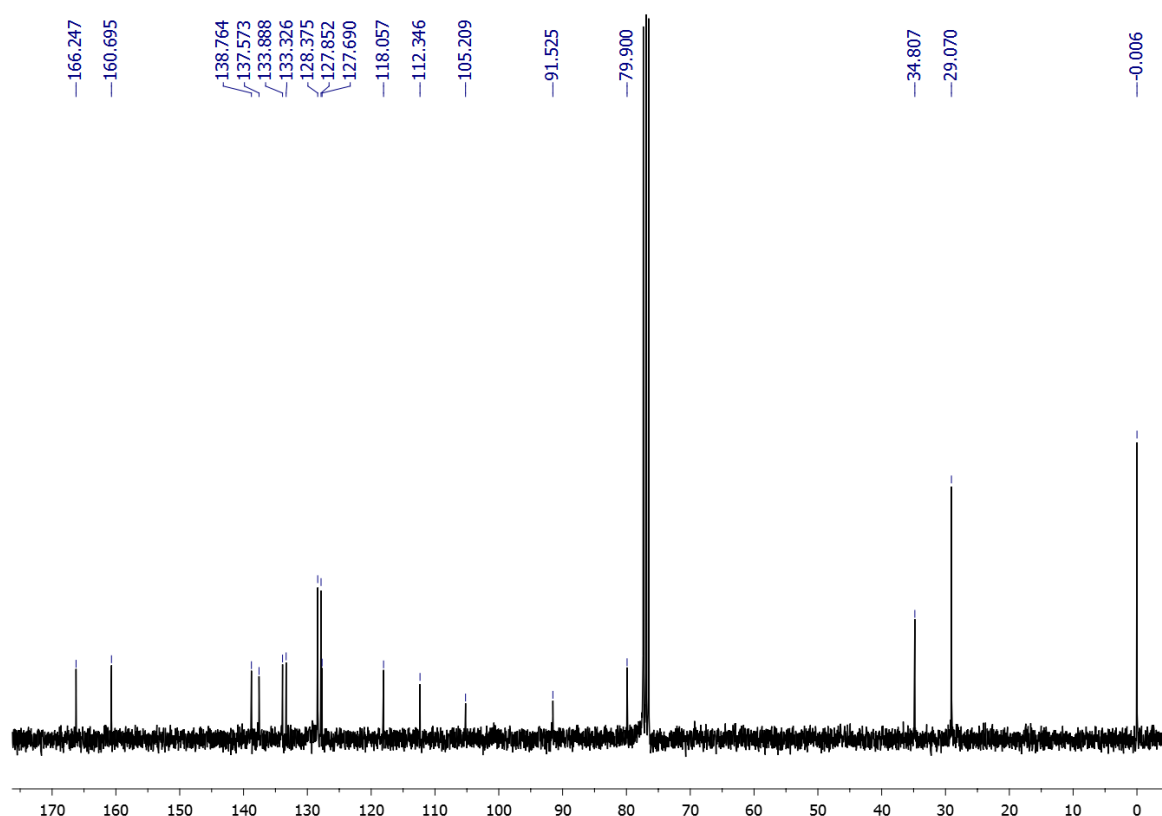


Figure S2. ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of **3** (75 MHz, CDCl_3).

2. General procedure for grafting onto 3-mercaptopropyl silica gel

Hydrophilic 3-mercaptopropyl silica gel ($c(\text{SH}) = 0.43 \text{ mmol g}^{-1}$) was prepared as described in the literature [1]. Reaction of **3** with 3-mercaptopropyl silica gel was performed, upon deprotection of TMS groups, by radical grafting following the general procedure previously described [2].

Procedure:

(i) To a solution of **3** (624 mg, 0.86 mmol) in THF (10 mL), was added TBAF (1.1 mL, from 1 M solution in THF) and HCl (0.9 mL, from a 1 M aqueous solution). The mixture was vigorously stirred at RT for 48 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 ($3 \times 20 \text{ mL}$), the combined organic phases were dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and the solvent evaporated to dryness. The obtained residue was used in the next step without further purification.

(ii) 3-Mercaptopropyl silica gel (1 g) and AIBN (149 mg, 0.9 mmol) were subsequently added to a suspension of the above crude in degassed $\text{MeOH}:\text{CHCl}_3$ (15 mL; 1:1 v/v). The reaction was heated at 70°C for 72 h. After this time, the silica was filtered, washed thoroughly with CHCl_3 and the resulting yellow material dried under vacuum. Under these conditions, ca. 73% of SH groups were reacted based on the Ellman's SH test [3]. The loading determined by weight difference was estimated in 0.23 mmol g^{-1} .

References and Notes

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