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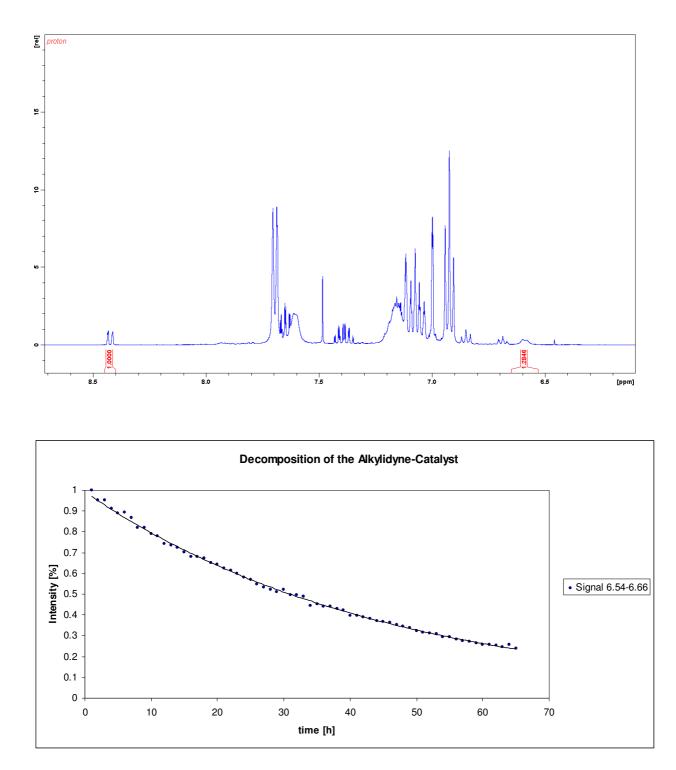
Practical New Silyloxy-Based Alkyne Metathesis Catalysts with Optimized Activity- and Selectivity Profiles

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Determination of the Half-Lifetime of [Mo(=CPh)(OSiPh₃)₃(Et₂O)] (24·Et₂O)

Figure S-1. Decomposition of complex **24**·Et₂O in $[D_8]$ -toluene solution at ambient temperature as monitored by ¹H NMR, revealing a half-lifetime of ca. 30 h. The data were recorded by integrating the signal of the *ortho* protons of the benzylidyne phenyl ring ($\delta_H = 6.54-6.66$ ppm) against a well separated signal of phenanthrene ($\delta_H = 8.41-8.43$ ppm) used as the internal standard (top: spectrum of the mixture at time = zero).

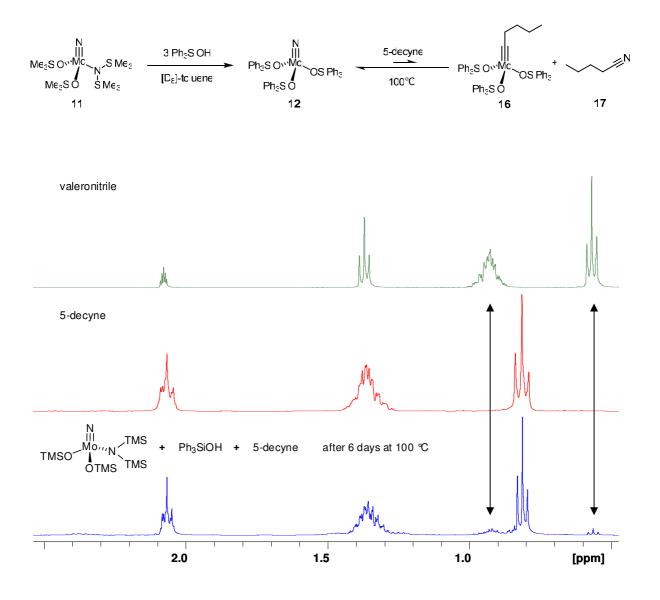


Figure S-2. Aliphatic region of the ¹H NMR spectra of authentic valeronitrile (**17**, top) and 5-decyne (middle) in $[D_8]$ -toluene in comparision with the spectrum of a mixture of **11**, Ph₃SiOH (3 equiv.) and 5-decyne (2 equiv.) after heating for 6 d to 100°C in the same solvent (bottom). The formation of small amounts of **17** was independently confirmed by GC/MS analysis of the reaction mixture.

Screening

Metal Salt	Yield (%, GC)			
	1 h	3 h	19 h	
MgCl ₂	0	0	65	
MnCl ₂	39	56	64	
FeCl ₂	46	56	68	
FeCl ₃	61	75	80	
CoCl ₂	6	52	61	
NiCl ₂	0	0	66	
CuCl ₂	57	58	66	
ZnCl ₂	53	60	73	

Table S-1. Metathesis of 1-phenyl-1-propyne to tolane in toluene at 80°C catalyzed by complex **15** (10 mol%) activated by different metal salts (12 mol%)

Table S-2. Metathesis of 1-phenyl-1-propyne to tolane catalyzed by complex $24 \cdot \text{Et}_2O$ (1 mol%) in toluene (0.2 M) at ambient temperature in the presence of molecular sieves of different specifications (2 mg per μ mol of released 2-butyne).

Additive	Yield	1 (GC)
	1 h	3 h
	48%	49%
MS 3 Å, pellets	50%	53%
MS 4 Å, pellets	73%	89%
MS 5 Å, pellets	76%	95%
MS 5 Å, powder	> 99%	> 99%

General. Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out under Ar in flame-dried glassware. The solvents used were purified by distillation over the drying agents indicated and were transferred under Ar: THF, Et₂O, 1,4-dioxane (Mg/anthracene), CH₂Cl₂, DME, MeCN (CaH₂), hexane, toluene (Na/K), MeOH (Mg). Flash chromatography (FC): Merck silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh). NMR: Spectra were recorded on Bruker DPX 300, AMX 300, AV 400, and AVIII 600 spectrometer in the solvents indicated; chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to TMS, coupling constants (J) in Hz. The solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale (CDCl₃: $\delta_{c} \equiv 77.0$ ppm; residual CHCl₃ in CDCl₃: $\delta_{H} \equiv 7.26$ ppm; CD₂Cl₂: $\delta_{c} \equiv 53.8$ ppm; residual ¹H: $\delta_{H} \equiv 5.32$ ppm; [D₈]-toluene: $\delta_{c} \equiv 20.7$ ppm; residual D₅C₆CD₂H: $\delta_{H} \equiv 2.09$ ppm). IR: Spectrum One (Perkin-Elmer) spectrometer, wavenumbers (\tilde{V}) in cm⁻¹. MS (EI): Finnigan MAT 8200 (70 eV), ESI-MS: ESQ3000 (Bruker), accurate mass determinations: Bruker APEX III FT-MS (7 T magnet) or Mat 95 (Finnigan). Melting points: Büchi melting point apparatus B-540 (corrected). Elemental analyses: H. Kolbe, Mülheim/Ruhr. All commercially available compounds (Fluka, Lancaster, Aldrich) were used as received, unless stated otherwise.

1,10-Phenanthroline was purified and dried by two subsequent sublimations of the commercial sample (Aldrich, \ge 99%) under vacuum (10⁻³ mbar).

The molecular sieves used in this investigation were dried for 24 h at 280°C (sand bath) under vacuum prior to use and were stored and transferred under Ar.

Abbreviations: phen = 1,10-phenanthroline; dme = 1,2-dimethoxyethane;

Preparation of the Catalysts

[(Me₃SiO)₂((Me₃Si)₂N)Mo=N] (11). Me₃SiCl (51 mL, 400 mmol) was added to a suspension of Na₂MoO₄ (20.59 g, 100 mmol) in DME (700 mL) under Ar and the mixture was vigorously stirred under reflux for 16 h. After evaporation of the solvents, the light blue residue was suspended in hexane (600 mL). Commercial LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (33.47 g, 200 mmol) was added in portions to the suspension and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. For work-up, the suspension was filtered through a pad of Celite under Ar, the filtrate was evaporated and the residue purified by distillation in high vacuum to give complex **11** as a pale yellow liquid (29.9 g, 67%). B. p. = 57-58 °C ($1.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$ mbar); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, [D₈]-toluene, -20 °C): δ = 0.54 (s, 9H), 0.34 (s, 18H), 0.25 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, [D₈]-toluene, -20 °C): δ = 4.4, 2.5, 1.2; IR (film): \tilde{V} = 1056 (Mo=N) cm⁻¹. The spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.¹

 $[Mo(\equiv N)(OSiPh_3)_3 \cdot phen]$ (15). Ph₃SiOH (16.58 g, 60.0 mmol) was added to a solution of $[Mo(\equiv N)(OTMS)_2(N(TMS)_2)]$ (11) (8.97 g, 20.0 mmol) in toluene (200 mL) under Ar and the resulting solution stirred for 30 min at ambient temperature before it was transferred via canula into a flask containing 1,10phenanthroline (doubly sublimed, 3.60 g, 20.0 mmol). A pale-yellow precipitate started to form after a few minutes from the resulting yellow solution. After 30 min, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was dried in vacuo (10⁻³ mbar) for 1 h at ambient temperature to remove residual silanol impurities and then at 60°C. The resulting solid was suspended in hot (105°C) toluene (500 mL), insoluble residues were removed by filtration of the hot suspension, and the filtrate was allowed to reach ambient temperature. After 2 d, the greenish solution was decanted from the yellow crystals (14.44 g), which were dried in vacuo. The greenish mother liquor was evaporated; recrystallization of the remaining material from toluene (200 mL) as described above gave another crop of product (2.95 g). A third round of recrystallization gave yet another crop of product (1.59 g). Overall, 18.98 g (82 %) of complex 15 were obtained in form of yellow crystals, which contained ½ equivalent of toluene per Mo according to the X-ray structure analysis. Depending on the degree of drying, however, the amount of toluene in the crystals can vary slightly. The crystals can be stored in air for extended periods of time (> 1 year) without any signs of decomposition. Their catalytic activity after activation with MnCl₂ (see below) is also unchanged after this period of time. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 9.20 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.98 (dd, J = 4.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.85 (m, 6H), 7.83 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 6H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 18H), 6.98 (dd, J = 8.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.85 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD_2Cl_2): δ = 156.2, 147.7, 142.2, 141.5, 139.0, 138.0, 137.7, 137,2, 136.1, 135.2, 134.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 127.1, 124.3, 124.2; IR (ATR): 3044, 3021, 1588, 1518, 1495, 1483, 1426, 1341, 1298, 1262, 1222, 1188, 1113, 1104, 1056, 1028, 1011, 998, 942, 893, 865, 840, 768, 740, 727, 708, 697 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI⁺): *m/z* (%): 1118 (100)

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 $[M+H^{\dagger}]$, 1043 (10); HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z: calcd for C₆₆H₅₄MoN₃O₃Si₃ $[M+H^{\dagger}]$: 1118.2513, found: 1118.2523; elemental analysis (%) calcd for $[2(C_{66}H_{53}MoN_3O_3Si_3)\cdot(C_7H_8)]$: C 71.81, H 4.94, N 3.61; found: C 72.28, H 4.98, N 3.83.



Figure S-3. Crystals of the air-stable complex 15.

[NMe₄][Mo(CO)₅(COPh] (20).² PhLi (1.8 M in Bu₂O, 11.2 mL, 20.0 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of Mo(CO)₆ (5.28 g, 20.0 mmol) in boiling Et₂O (300 mL) and reflux was continued for 30 min once the additon was complete. The mixture was allowed to reach ambient temperature before all volatile materials were distilled off. The residue was dissolved in water and a solution of Me₄NBr (4.60 g, 30.0 mmol) in water (10 mL) was added. After stirring for 15 min, the resulting orange-red precipitate was filtered off, washed with Et₂O (20 mL) and dried in vacuo. For further purification, the material was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and the product was precipitated by slow additon of Et₂O (100 mL). This procedure was repeated one more time to give complex **20** as an orange solid (4.28 g, 52%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.23 (tt, *J* = 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 211.6, 156.2, 128.3, 127.9, 125.0, 56.5.

[Mo(=CPh)Br₃(dme)] (22).³ A cold (-78°C) solution of oxalyl bromide (0.19 mL, 2.02 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added to a solution of complex 20 (830 mg, 2.00 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) at -78°C. After stirring for 15 min at this temperature, the mixture was allowed to warm until a sudden color change from orange-brown to yellow was observed (at about -15°C). At this point, the mixture was immediately cooled to -78°C and quickly filtered under Ar at this temperature. The resulting pale yellow filtrate (a brown color indicates partial decomposition, leading to impurities that are difficult to remove at a later stage) was treated with dme (1.04 mL, 10.0 mmol) at -78°C before a pre-cooled (-78°C) solution of Br₂ (0.11 mL, 2.02 mmol) in

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CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was slowly introduced at this temperature. After stirring for 15 min, the mixture was allowed to reach ambient temperature over the course of 30 min, causing a color change from green to orangebrown. After an additional 15 min, the solvent was distilled off and the residue washed with pentanes (30 mL). The remaining material was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and the product precipitated with pentanes (100 mL). The solid was collected under Ar and dried in vacuo to give complex **22** as a red-brown solid (904 mg, 88%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.55-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.21 (tt, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (br s, 2H), 4.04 (br s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 330.7, 140.4, 131.9, 131.7, 77.6, 71.1, 69.4, 58.0.

[Mo(=CPh)(OSiPh₃)₃(Et₂O)] (24·Et₂O). A solution of Ph₃SiOK (3.47 g, 11.0 mmol) in toluene (30 mL) was added to a solution of Mo(=CPh)Br₃(dme) (22) (1.42 g, 2.76 mmol) in toluene (45 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h at ambient temperature. After filtration under Ar, the filtrate was evaporated and the residue triturated with Et₂O (50 mL), causing the formation of 24·Et₂O as a lilac solid, which was washed with Et₂O (50 mL) and dried in vacuo (2.74 g, 92 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, [D₈]-toluene): δ = 7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 18 H); 7.08 (tt, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 9H); 6.93 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 18H); 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H); 6.68 (tt, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H); 6.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); 3.29 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H); 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, [D₈]-toluene): δ = 282.6, 145.7, 140.4, 138.2, 137.4, 131.2, 130.8, 129.7, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.5, 126.3, 66.6, 16.2; elemental analysis (%) calcd for C₆₅H₆₀MoO₄Si₃: C 71.93, H 5.57; found: C 71.11, H 5.26.

[Mo(=CtBu)(OSiPh₃)₃(MeCN)] (19·MeCN). Mo(=CMe₃)Cl₃(dme) (18) (50 mg, 0.14 mmol)⁴ was added in portions to a solution of Ph₃SiOLi (118 mg, 0.42 mmol) in Et₂O (1 mL) at -40 °C. After stirring for 1 h, the reaction was allowed to reach ambient temperature and stirring was continued for one more hour. The resulting red mixture was filtered and acetonitrile (1 mL) was added. Precipitated materials were filtered off, the filtrate was concentrated to ca. ½ of its volume and then cooled to -40 °C, causing precipitation of complex 19·MeCN in form of red crystals (123 mg, 85%). Characteristic data: ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, [D₈]-toluene): δ = 7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 18 H); 7.21-7.10 (m, 27H), 0.56 (s, 3H), 0.38 (s, 9H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, [D₈]-toluene): δ = 323.5, 136.9, 135.9, 130.1, 128.2, 127.9, 54.9, 29.4, 1.4; elemental analysis (%) calcd for C₆₁H₅₇MONO₃Si₃: C 70.97, H 5.57, N 1.36; found: C 71.24, H 5.20, N 1.50.

[Mo(=CPh)(OSiPh₃)₃(phen)] (25). A solution of Ph₃SiOK (2.49 g, 7.92 mmol) in toluene (25 mL) was added to a solution of Mo(=CPh)Br₃(dme) (22) (1.02 g, 1.98 mmol) in toluene (25 mL). After stirring for 1 h, the mixture was filtered and the filtrate added to a solution of 1,10-phenanthroline (doubly sublimed, 357 mg, 1.98 mmol) in Et₂O (50 mL), causing an immediate color change to violet and finally almost black. After stirring for 1 h, the solvents were evaporated and the residue washed with Et₂O (3 x 100 mL) before being dried in vacuo to give complex 24 as a violet solid (1.90 g, 81%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 9.26 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 9.14 (dd, J = 4.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.90 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 4H), 7.82 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.28 (tt, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 6H), 7.19 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 14J, 7.06 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 14J, 6.80 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 8H), 6.31 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 292.3, 155.5, 150.5, 147.5, 143.7, 143.2, 142.7, 139.4, 138.9, 138.2, 137.2, 136.3, 136.1, 135.8, 135.5, 135.3, 131.2, 130.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.7, 125.6, 124.3, 124.0, 123.4; IR (film): v = 3065, 3047, 3022, 1958, 1895, 1823, 1649, 1625, 1587, 1566, 1516, 1483, 1427, 1381, 1342, 1302, 1260, 1221, 1186, 1141, 1110, 1031, 1017, 998, 927, 867, 1587, 1566, 1516, 1483, 1427, 1381, 1342, 1302, 1260, 1221, 1186, 1141, 1110, 1031, 1017, 998, 927, 867, 1587, 1566, 1516, 1483, 1427, 1381, 1342, 1302, 1260, 1221, 1186, 1141, 1110, 1031, 1017, 998, 927, 867, 1587, 1566, 1516, 1483, 1427, 1381, 1342, 1302, 1260, 1221, 1186, 1141, 110, 1031, 1017, 998, 927, 867, 1587, 1566, 1516, 1483, 1427, 1381, 1342, 1302, 1260, 1221, 1186, 1141, 1110, 103$

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836, 754, 739, 725, 696 cm⁻¹; analysis (%) calcd for C₇₃H₅₈MoN₂O₃Si₃: C 73.59, H 4.91, N 2.35; found: C 73.21, H 5.09, N 2.54.

[NMe₄][W(CO)₅(COPh] (26).² PhLi (1.8 m in Bu₂O, 5.6 mL, 10.0 mmol) was rapidly added to a solution of W(CO)₆ (3.52 g, 10.0 mmol) in boiling Et₂O (150 mL) and reflux was continued for 30 min once the additon was complete. The mixture was then allowed to reach ambient temperature before all volatile materials were distilled off. The residue was dissolved in water and a solution of Me₄NBr (2.30 g, 15.0 mmol) in water (5 mL) was added. After stirring for 15 min, the resulting orange-red precipitate was filtered off, washed with Et₂O (20 mL) and dried in vacuo. For further purification, the material was suspended in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), insoluble materials were filtered off, and the product was precipitated upon slow addition of Et₂O (100 mL). The resulting solid was filtered off and dried in vacuo to give complex **26** as an orange solid (2.74 g, 55%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25 (tt, *J* = 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ (ppm) = 203.7, 158.0, 128.6, 127.9, 125.5, 56.6.

[W(=CPh)Br₃(dme)] (27).³ A solution of oxalyl bromide (0.18 mL, 2.00 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added at -78° C to a solution of complex **26** (1.01 g, 2.00 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL). After stirring for 15 min at this temperature, the mixture was allowed to warm until a sudden color change from orange-brown to yellow was observed (at about -15° C). At this point, the mixture was immediately cooled to -78° C and quickly filtered under Ar at this temperature. The resulting pale yellow filtrate (a brown color indicates partial decomposition, leading to impurities that are difficult to remove at a later stage) was treated with dme (1.04 mL, 10.0 mmol) at -78° C before a solution of Br₂ (0.10 mL, 2.00 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was slowly introduced at this temperature. After stirring for 15 min, the mixture was allowed to reach ambient temperature over the course of 30 min. After an additional 15 min, the solvent was distilled off and the orange-brown residue washed with pentanes (30 mL) leaving a green solid behind. This material was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and the product precipitated with pentanes (100 mL), which was collected under Ar and dried in vacuo to give complex **26** as a green solid (1.02 g, 85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (s, 3H), 4.17-4.15 (m, 2H), 4.07-4.05 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 331.9, 138.1, 133.6, 132.8, 130.8, 128.7, 126.3, 79.8, 76.8, 70.6, 60.9.

[K(phen)][W(≡CPh)(OSiPh₃)₄] (29). A solution of Ph₃SiOK (289 mg, 0.92 mmol) in toluene (2.5 mL) was added to a solution of W(≡CPh)Br₃(dme) (27) (138 mg, 0.23 mmol) in toluene (2.5 mL). After stirring for 1 h, the mixture was filtered and the filtrate added to a solution of 1,10-phenanthroline (doubly sublimed, 41 mg, 0.23 mmol) in Et₂O (5 mL). After stirring for 1 h, the solvents were evaporated, and the residue was washed with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL) and dried in vacuo to give complex **29** as an orange solid (232 mg, 79%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (s, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 24H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (tt, *J* = 7.5 1.3 Hz, 12H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 25H), 6.66 (tt, *J* = 7.4 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 262.9, 150.4, 147.0, 146.0, 139.2, 137.1, 136.4, 135.7, 135.4, 135.2, 133.5, 130.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 125.6, 125.1, 123.7.

Alkyne Metathesis Reactions

Representative Alkyne Metathesis Reaction using $[Mo(\equiv N)(OSiPh_3)_3(phen)]$ Activated by MnCl₂ (Table 1, entry 1): 1,2-Diphenylethyne. A suspension of $[Mo(\equiv N)(OSiPh_3)_3(phen)]$ ·½(toluene) (116.2 mg, 0.10 mmol), MnCl₂ (12.6 mg, 0.10 mmol) and powdered MS 5Å (1 g) in toluene (5 mL) was stirred at 80°C under Ar for 30 min before 1-propynyl benzene (1.00 mmol, 116.2 mg) was introduced and stirring was continued for 3h. The mixture was then allowed to reach ambient temperature before it was filtered through a short pad of silica. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue purified by flash chromatography (hexanes) to give 1,2-diphenylethyne as a white solid (88.2 mg, 99%). M. p. = 59-61°C; the spectroscopic properties were identical to those of a commercial sample.

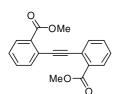
Representative Alkyne Metathesis Reaction using Complex [Mo(=CPh)(OSiPh₃)₃(Et₂O)] (24·Et₂O) (Table 1, entry 2): 1,2-Bis(2-methoxyphenyl)ethyne. A suspension containing 1-methoxy-2-(prop-1-yl)benzene (146 mg, 1 mmol), complex 24·Et₂O (22 mg, 0.02 mmol, 2 mol%) and powdered MS 5Å (1 g) in toluene (5 mL) was stirred for 2 h at ambient temperature before the mixture was filtered through a short plug of silica. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 20:1) to give 1,2-bis(2-methoxyphenyl)ethyne as a colorless solid (115 mg, 97%). M. p. = 126–127°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 7.3, 1.6, 0.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (td *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 4H), 3.92 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 160.3 (2xC), 133.7 (2xCH), 130.1 (2xCH), 120.8 (2xCH), 113.0 (2xC), 111.3 (2xCH), 90.1 (2xC), 56.2 (2xCH₃); IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3105, 3033, 2998, 2963, 2937, 2833, 1945, 1903, 1863, 1598, 1574, 1498, 1464, 1456, 1432, 1274, 1241, 1184, 1162, 1115, 1047, 1020, 937, 750 cm⁻¹; MS (El) *m/z* (%): 238 [M⁺] (100), 237 (32), 223 (23), 221 (15), 207 (10), 195 (5), 178 (8), 165 (14), 152 (9), 131 (19), 111 (6), 97 (3), 89 (3); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O₂ + Na: 261.0886; found: 261.0884.

Representative Alkyne Metathesis Reaction using [Mo(≡CPh)(OSiPh₃)₃(phen)] (25) Activated with MnCl₂ (Table 1, entry 13). A solution containing $[Mo(\equiv CPh)(OSiPh_3)_3(phen)]$ (25) (60 mg, 0.05 mmol, 5 mol%) and MnCl₂ (6.3 mg, 0.05 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) was stirred at 80°C for 30 min. After this activation phase, the mixture was allowed to reach ambient temperature before it was added to a suspension of pentadec-13ynyl 3-cyanobenzoate (325 mg, 1.0 mmol) and powdered MS 5Å (1 g) in toluene (4 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 2 h before it was filtered through a short plug of silica. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 20:1) to give the desired product as a colorless solid (265 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.35 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 2 H); 7.22 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 4H), 3.95 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 2.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.78 (quint., J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 1.50-1.41 (m, 8H), 1.36-1.28 (m, 28H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 159.2$, 134.9, 130.2, 130.1, 127.9, 124.2, 119.8, 118.8, 117.3, 113.1, 80.2, 68.4, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 29.0, 28.8, 25.9, 18.7; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3087, 2918, 2851, 2230, 1957, 1739, 1606, 1576, 1523, 1473, 1444, 1428, 1405, 1319, 1291, 1256, 1185, 1163, 1144, 1118, 1048, 1026, 999, 988, 904, 870, 834, 799, 782, 761, 738, 718, 698, 681 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 596 [M⁺] (100), 553 (6), 478 (7), 394 (6), 380 (11), 366 (17), 352 (15), 339 (47), 325 (73), 310 (15), 296 (13), 283 (8), 151 (6), 137 (11), 132 (9), 123 (18), 109 (34), 95 (66), 81 (67), 67 (49), 55 (68), 41 (21); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₄₀H₅₆N₂O₂ + Na : 619.4239; found: 619.4234.

Gram-Scale Synthesis of 1,2-Bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyne with $[Mo(\equiv CPh)(OSiPh_3)_3(phen)]$ (25) Activated with MnCl₂ (Table 1, entry 5). A solution containing $[Mo(\equiv CPh)(OSiPh_3)_3(phen)]$ (25) (387 mg, 0.33 mmol, 5 mol%) and MnCl₂ (41 mg, 0.33 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) was stirred at 80°C for 30 min. After this activation phase, the mixture was allowed to reach ambient temperature before it was added to a suspension of 1-(prop1-ynyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (1.20 g, 6.52 mmol) and powdered MS 5Å (6.5 g) in toluene (28 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 3 h before it was filtered through a short plug of silica. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue purified by flash chromatography (hexanes) to give the desired product as a colorless solid (973 mg, 95%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, [D₈]-toluene): δ = 7.26-7.18 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, [D₈]-toluene): δ = 132.9, 131.6, 131.1, 127.3, 127.3, 126.3, 126.2, 123.4, 91.2; ¹⁹F NMR (300 MHz, [D₈]-toluene): δ = -62.8; IR (film): \tilde{v} = 2929, 2635, 1934, 1808, 1689, 1636, 1613, 1569, 1523, 1406, 1312, 1171, 1133, 1104, 1062, 1016, 968, 838, 754, 738, 712, 701, 692 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 314 [M⁺] (100), 295 (18), 264 (9), 245 (5), 225 (7), 194 (2), 176 (3), 132 (2), 107 (2); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₆H₈F₆ : 314.0530; found: 314.0530.

The following compounds were prepared analogously:

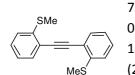
Dimethyl 2,2'-(ethin-1,2-diyl)dibenzoate. Yellow solid. M. p. = 83–84°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =



7.97–8.00 (m, 2H), 7.73 (ddd, J = 7.7, 1.2, 0.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dt, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 166.6, 134.3, 131.8, 131.7, 130.4, 128.1, 123.8, 93.1, 52.2; IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2950, 1725, 1714, 1595, 1567, 1491, 1448, 1431, 1292, 1250, 1189, 1128, 1077, 1041, 963, 755, 699 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z (%): 294 (11) [M^+], 280 (18), 279 (100), 265 (5), 264 (24), 248 (20), 220 (16), 176 (5), 163 (8), 220 (16), 120 (16),

132 (10), 102 (7), 88 (9); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₄ + Na: 317.0784; found: 317.0785. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.⁵

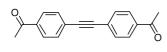
1,2-Bis(2-(methylthio)phenyl)ethyne. Pale yellow solid. M. p. = $123-124^{\circ}$ C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ =



7.52 (ddd, J = 7.9, 1.5, 0.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, J = 8.1, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2, Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 142.2$ (2xC), 132.8 (2xCH), 129.4 (2xCH), 124.6 (2xCH), 124.5 (2xCH), 121.4 (2xC), 93.4 (2xC), 15.3 (2xCH₃); IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 3086$, 3053, 3011, 2915, 2854, 2830, 1954, 1909,

1868, 1827, 1781, 1584, 1555, 1470, 1432, 1279, 1245, 1125, 1074, 1036, 972, 954 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z (%): 270 [M⁺] (16), 255 (53), 241 (17), 240 (100), 221 (19), 208 (6), 195 (5), 163 (5), 120 (15); HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₁₆H₁₄S₂: 270.0537; found: 270.0535. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.⁵

1,1'-(4,4'-(Ethyn-1,2-diyl)bis(4,1-phenylen))diethanone. Pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ



(ppm) = 7.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 2.61 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 197.2, 136.6, 131.8, 128.3, 127.4, 91.6, 26.6; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3338, 1673, 1601, 1555, 1423, 1402, 1354, 1288, 1264, 1179, 1112,

1078, 1028, 1013, 978, 959, 852, 833, 688 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z (%): 262 [M⁺] (54), 247 (100), 219 (6), 204 (15), 189 (5), 176 (23), 150 (8), 116 (12), 102 (9), 88 (6), 75 (4), 43 (16); HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₂ : 262.0994; found: 262.0994.

1,2-Di(pyridin-3-yl)ethyne. Pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =8.79 (br s, 2H); 8.58 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 152.4, 149.2, 138.7, 123.3, 119.9, 89.3; IR (film): 3029, 2924, 1987, 1952, 1916 1881, 1771, 1727, 1558, 1480, 1410, 1328, 1295, 1254, 1187, 1127, 1097, 1040,

1018, 959, 926, 882, 850, 809, 701 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z (%): 180 (100) [M⁺], 153 (7), 152 (6), 127 (11), 126 (5), 100 (6), 99(5), 76 (5), 74 (12), 63 (5); HRMS (EI): m/z: calcd for $C_{12}H_8N_2$ [M⁺]: 180.0687, found: 180.0686. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.⁵

⁵ Bindl, M.; Stade, R.; Heilmann, E. K.; Picot, A.; Goddard, R.; Fürstner, A. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2009**, 131, 9468.

1,2-Di(thiophene-2-yl)ethyne. Pale yellow solid. M. p. = 98–99°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.35 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 132.5 (2xCH), 128.2 (2xCH), 127.6 (2xCH), 123.1 (2xC), 86.4 (2xC); IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3100, 3082, 1791, 1723, 1651, 1596, 1432, 1406, 1195, 1098, 1040, 1028, 849, 824, 692 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 192 (9), 191 (13), 190 (100), 158 (8), 145 (13), 114 (9), 95 (8), 69 (6), 45 (5); HRMS (EI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₀H₆S₂: 189.9911; found: 189.9912. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.⁵

Hex-3-yn-1,6-diyl bis(4-methylbenzolsulfonate). Colorless solid. M. p. = 83-84°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): T_{SO} T_{SO} T_{SO} T_{SO} T_{SO} δ = 7.77–7.80 (m, 4H), 7.34–7.36 (m, 4H), 4.01 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 2.44–2.47 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 145.0, 132.9, 129.9, 127.9, 76.8, 67.7, 21.6, 19.6; IR (film): \tilde{v} = 2955, 2920, 1597, 1453, 1352, 1293, 1190, 1170, 1096, 969, 898, 841, 813, 761, 662 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 423 (5), 422 (21) [*M*⁺], 251 (11), 250 (10), 186 (6), 156 (8), 155 (86), 139 (21), 92 (9), 91 (100), 90 (7), 79 (10), 78 (62), 77 (9), 66 (7), 65 (47); HRMS (ESI): calcd (*m/z*) for [C₂₀H₂₂O₆S₂ + Na⁺]: 445.0750; found: 445.0750. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.⁵

Representative Example of a Ring Closing Alkyne Metathesis using [Mo(≡N)(OSiPh₃)₃(phen)] (15) (Table 2,



entry 3). A suspension of $[Mo(\equiv N)(OSiPh_3)_3(phen)]$ ·0.5 toluene (**15**) (116.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) and MnCl₂ (12.6 mg, 0.10 mmol) in toluene (15 mL) was stirred at 80°C for 30 min before a solution of bis(pent-3-ynyl) butandioate (250 mg, 1.00 mmol) in toluene (35 mL) was introduced and stirring continued at 80°C for 24 h. After reaching ambient temperature, the mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica and the filtrate was evaported. Purification of the residue

by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 4:1) furnished 1,6-dioxacyclododec-9-yn-2,5-dione as a colorless oil (179 mg, 91%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 4.21–4.14 (m, 4H), 2.61 (s, 4H), 2.44–2.37 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 171.9 (2xC), 79.0 (2xC), 61.6 (2xCH₂), 30.2 (2xCH₂), 19.7 (2xCH₂); IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2965, 2915, 2840, 1729, 1458, 1421, 1383, 1353, 1336, 1267, 1251, 1158, 1053, 1030, 1000, 952, 837 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 166 (1), 101 (14), 78 (100), 66 (59), 65 (16), 55 (7), 40 (12), 28 (7); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₀H₁₂O₄ + Na: 219.0628; found: 219.0627. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.⁶

1,8-Dioxycyclotetradec-11-yn-2,7-dione (Table 2, entry 4). Method A using Complex 24·Et₂O: A mixture



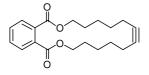
containing bis(pent-3-ynyl) hexandioate (135 mg, 485 μ mol), complex **24**·OEt₂ (10.5 mg, 9.67 μ mol, 2 mol%) and powdered MS 5Å (970 mg) in toluene (24 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 h. For work up, the suspension was filtered through a short pad of silica, the filtrate was evaporated, and the residue purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 20:1) to give 1,8-dioxacyclotetradec-11-yn-2,7-dione as a colorless solid

(100 mg, 92%). **Method B using Complex 15:** A suspension of $[Mo(\equiv N)(OSiPh_3)_3(phen)] \cdot 0.5$ toluene (**15**) (1.16 g, 1.0 mmol) and MnCl₂ (126 mg, 1.0 mmol) in toluene (150 mL) was stirred at 80°C for 30 min before a solution of bis(pent-3-ynyl) hexanedioate (2.78 g, 10.0 mmol) in toluene (350 mL) was introduced and stirring continued at 80°C for 24 h. After reaching ambient temperature, the mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica and the filtrate was evaported. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 5:1) furnished the title compound as a colorless solid (1.90 g, 85%). M. p. = 109–110°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 4.13–4.06 (m, 4H), 2.53–2.47 (m, 4H), 2.39–2.30 (m, 4H), 1.76–1.67 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 173.2 (2xC), 78.2 (2xC), 62.8 (2xCH₂), 35.2 (2xCH₂), 25.4 (2xCH₂), 19.4 (2xCH₂); IR (film) $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2995, 2954, 2937, 2918, 2901, 2872, 1721, 1458, 1425, 1384, 1341, 1272, 1236, 1167, 1140,

⁶ Fürstner, A.; Guth, O.; Rumbo, A.; Seidel, G. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1999**, *121*, 11108.

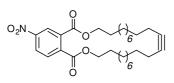
1080, 1065, 1021, 981, 931, 843, 824, 699 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z (%): 129 (3), 111 (8), 78 (100), 66 (20), 55 (15), 41 (8); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₄ + Na: 247.0941; found: 247.0938. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.⁶

The following compounds were prepared analogously:



Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2): δ = 7.72 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 2.21–2.14 (m, 4H), 1.82–1.73 (m, 4H), 1.60–1.47 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD_2Cl_2): δ = 168.0 (2xC), 132.8 (2xC), 131.3 (2xCH), 129.1 (2xCH), 80.9 (2xC), 66.7 (2xCH₂), 28.7 (2xCH₂), 28.5 (2xCH₂), 26.3

(2xCH₂), 18.9 (2xCH₂); IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2928, 2859, 1720, 1600, 1579, 1488, 1460, 1447, 1433, 1385, 1269, 1122, 1070, 1039, 957, 734, 703 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 328 [M⁺] (8), 180 (9), 162 (30), 149 (100), 133 (17), 122 (18), 121 (26), 119 (14), 108 (43), 107 (18), 105 (15), 95 (11), 94 (24), 93 (44), 91 (29), 81 (19), 80 (28), 79 (34), 77 (13), 67 (19), 55 (13); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₂₀H₂₄O₄ + Na: 351.1567; found: 351.1567; elemental analysis (%) calcd for C₂₀H₂₄O₄: C 73.15, H 7.37; found: C 73.26, H 7.28. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.⁵



White solid. M. p. = 81–82°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.60 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.35–4.30 (m, 4H), 2.15 (br s, 4H), 1.74 (sext, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.45–1.29 (m, 28H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 166.3 (C), 165.2 (C), 148.8 (C), 138.2 (C), 133.2 (C), 130.1 (CH),

125.8 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 80.6 (2xC), 66.7 (2xCH₂), 29.6 (2xCH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 29.3 (2xCH₂), 29.1 (CH₂), 29.1 (CH₂), 28.6 (CH₂), 28.5 (CH₂), 28.4 (CH₂), 28.4 (CH₂), 28.4 (CH₂), 25.8 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 18.5 (2xCH₂); IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3108, 3077, 3046, 2918, 2851, 1741, 1720, 1613, 1548, 1532, 1468, 1354, 1298, 1272, 1241, 1136, 1061, 997, 962, 932, 861, 835, 733, 725 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 496 (19), 195 (37), 194 (32), 192 (33), 191 (11), 180 (13), 179 (19), 178 (69), 177 (15), 164 (22), 149 (22), 148 (11), 136 (12), 135 (30), 123 (12), 122 (14), 121 (43), 111 (23), 110 (16), 109 (29), 108 (14), 107 (29), 105 (11), 97 (15), 96 (28), 95 (64), 94 (26), 93 (46), 91 (19), 83 (38), 82 (30), 81 (84), 80 (42), 79 (54), 69 (92), 68 (25), 67 (84), 57 (20), 56 (11), 55 (100), 54 (24), 43 (30), 41 (61); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₃₀H₄₃NO₆ + Na: 536.2982; found: 536.2989. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.⁵

Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, rotamers): δ = 3.43 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (*J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 1H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 2.32–2.36 (m, 2H), 2.15–2.23 (m, 4H), 1.56–1.77 (m, 4H), 1.28–1.52 (m, 14H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, rotamers): δ = 173.0, 172.7, 80.9, 79.6, 49.8, 46.6, 35.3, 33.4, 33.0, 31.1, 29.4, 28.6, 28.5, 28.0, 28.0, 27.9, 27.9, 27.7, 27.5, 27.4, 27.1, 26.8, 26.8, 26.6, 26.2, 25.0, 23.9, 18.9, 18.7, 18.5, 18.4; IR (film) \tilde{V} = 2926, 2855, 1643, 1459, 1437, 1401, 1333, 1273, 1170, 1091 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 263 (20) [*M*⁺], 262 (15), 248 (20), 124 (17), 111 (23), 110 (14), 93 (10), 91 (10), 86 (16), 81 (10), 79 (19), 73 (13), 70 (86), 67 (16), 58 (18), 57 (17), 55 (27), 44 (100), 41 (29), 40 (16); HRMS (ESI): calcd for [C₁₇H₂₉NO + Na⁺]: 286.2141; found: 286.2139. The analytical and spectral data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.⁷

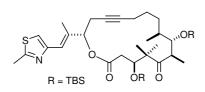
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Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (rotamers, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.28 (m, 4H), 4.72–4.49 (m, 2H), 4.34–4.24 (m, 2H), 3.88–3.79 (m, 1.5H), 3.41 (br s, 0.5H), 3.02–2.91 (m, 1H), 2.65–2.40 (m, 2H), 2.28–2.15 (m, 3H), 2.13–2.01 (m, 1H), 1.83–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.64–0.77 (m, 14.5H), 0.70 (br s, 1.5H); ¹³C NMR (rotamers, 4.10 m) (m, 2H), 1.64–0.77 (m, 14.5H), 0.70 (br s, 1.5H); ¹³C NMR (rotamers, 4.10 m) (m, 2H), 1.64–0.77 (m, 14.5H), 0.70 (br s, 1.5H); ¹³C NMR (rotamers, 4.10 m) (m, 2H), 1.64–0.77 (m, 14.5H), 0.70 (br s, 1.5H); ¹³C NMR (rotamers, 4.10 m) (m, 2H), 1.64–0.77 (m, 14.5H), 0.70 (br s, 1.5H); ¹³C NMR (rotamers, 4.10 m) (m, 2H), 1.64–0.77 (m, 14.5H), 0.70 (br s, 1.5H); ¹³C NMR (rotamers, 4.10 m) (m, 2H), 1.64–0.77 (m, 14.5H), 0.70 (br s, 1.5H); ¹³C NMR (rotamers, 4.10 m) (m, 2H), 1.64–0.77 (m, 14.5H), 0.70 (br s, 1.5H); ¹³C NMR (rotamers, 4.10 m) (m, 2H), 1.64–0.77 (m, 14.5H), 0.70 (br s, 1.5H); ¹³C NMR (rotamers, 4.10 m) (m, 2H), 1.64–0.77 (m, 2H), 1.64–0.77

150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 173.3 (C), 173.2 (C), 156.8 (C), 156.4 (C), 144.1 (C), 144.0 (C), 143.9 (C), 141.4 (C),

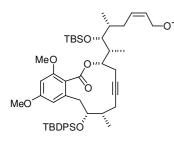
⁷ Fürstner, A.; Mathes, C.; Lehmann, C. W. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2001**, *7*, 5299.

141.3 (C), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 82.7 (C), 79.6 (C), 79.4 (C), 66.5 (CH₂), 66.2 (CH₂), 63.4 (CH₂), 47.5 (CH), 47.3 (CH), 34.9 (CH₂), 34.6 (CH₂), 34.5 (CH₂), 32.4 (CH₂), 32.3 (CH₂), 28.4 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 26.6 (CH₂), 23.5 (CH₂), 23.4 (CH₂), 19.5 (CH₂), 18.2 (CH₂), 17.7 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃), 13.8 (CH₃); IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3065, 3043, 3020, 2931, 2859, 1734, 1688, 1450, 1410, 1386, 1328, 1312, 1292, 1268, 1241, 1222, 1155, 1135, 1054, 1010, 758, 737 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 236 (3), 180 (4), 179 (36), 178 (100), 165 (2); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₃₂H₃₉NO₄ + Na: 524.2771; found: 524.2776. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.⁶



Amorphous solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.55 (br s, 1H), 5.33 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (quin, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dq, *J* = 17.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.69–2.63 (m, 2H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.27–2.21 (m, 1H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 2.13–2.07 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.71 (m, 1H),

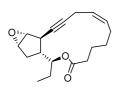
1.59–1.53 (m, 1H), 1.30–1.20 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.34 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 216.7 (C), 170.1 (C), 164.9 (C), 152.3 (C), 136.9 (C), 120.4 (CH), 116.8 (CH), 82.2 (C), 78.0 (CH), 76.7 (CH), 76.3 (C), 72.6 (CH), 54.5 (C), 44.4 (CH), 41.6 (CH₂), 38.9 (CH), 29.5 (CH₂), 26.2 (3xCH₃), 26.1 (3xCH₃), 25.9 (CH₂), 24.1 (CH₂), 20.9 (CH₃), 20.5 (CH₃), 19.3 (C), 18.6 (CH₃), 18.5 (CH₂), 18.3 (C), 17.0 (2xCH₃), 15.0 (CH₃), -3.7 (CH₃), -4.0 (CH₃), -4.1 (CH₃); IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2952, 2929, 2894, 2856, 1739, 1702, 1505, 1472, 1463, 1385, 1361, 1254, 1182, 1152, 1097, 1085, 1039, 1018, 1007, 988, 836, 775 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 703 [M⁺] (5), 648 (23), 647 (47), 646 (97), 604 (11), 446 (14), 445 (33), 444 (100), 402 (22), 344 (15), 270 (38), 195 (12), 185 (18), 178 (12), 151 (21), 143 (13), 115 (13), 101 (12), 75 (45), 73 (51); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₃₈H₆₅NO₅SSi₂ + Na: 726.4014; found: 726.4015. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.⁷



Amorphous solid. ¹H NMR (two diastereomers at the THP acetal, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.75–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.27 (m, 6H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.67–5.52 (m, 2H), 5.52–5.41 (m, 1H), 4.66–4.59 (m, 1H), 4.28–4.18 (m, 1H), 4.09–3.94 (m, 2H), 3.93–3.81 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.54–3.45 (m, 2H), 2.55–2.41 (m, 3H), 2.25–2.14 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.65 (m, 8H), 1.65–1.44 (m, 5H), 1.00–0.84 (m, 26H), 0.05 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (two diastereomers at the THP acetal, 75 MHz,

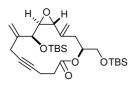
CDCl₃): δ = 167.1 (C), 160.5 (C), 157.5 (C), 139.0 (C), 136.0 (2xCH), 135.8 (2xCH), 134.5 (C), 134.0 (C), 132.4 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 127.5 (2xCH), 127.4 (2xCH), 127.0 and 126.9 (CH), 118.1 (C), 107.5 (CH), 97.9 and 97.8 (CH), 97.0 (CH), 79.0 (C), 77.2 (CH), 76.4 (CH), 76.3 (CH), 74.5 (C), 62.8 (CH₂), 62.2 and 62.1 (CH₂), 55.7 (CH₃), 55.3 (CH₃), 40.7 and 40.7 (CH), 38.9 (CH₂), 37.9 (CH), 36.0 (CH), 30.7 and 30.6 (CH₂), 30.1 and 30.1 (CH₂), 26.8 (3xCH₃), 26.2 (3xCH₃), 25.5 and 25.5 (CH₂), 23.7 (CH₂), 22.2 (CH₂), 19.5 (CH₂), 19.4 (C), 18.4 (C), 16.9 (CH₃), 16.9 (CH₃), 11.3 (CH₃), -3.8 (CH₃), -3.7 (CH₃); IR (film): \tilde{V} = 3052, 2961, 2928, 2857, 1729, 1604, 1588, 1463, 1427, 1342, 1264, 1202, 1158, 1104, 1079, 1050, 1025, 908, 835 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 855 (14), 854 (30), 853 (46), 769 (11), 642 (14), 641 (28), 528 (11), 527 (26), 243 (11), 225 (19), 199 (13), 135 (13), 85 (100), 73 (24); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₅₄H₇₈O₈Si₂ + Na: 933.5132; found: 933.5127; elemental analysis (%) calcd for C₅₄H₇₈O₈Si₂: C 71.17, H 8.63; found: C 71.06, H 8.62. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.⁸

⁸ Bindl. M.; Jean, L.; Herrmann, J.; Müller, R.; Fürstner, A. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2009**, *15*, 12310.



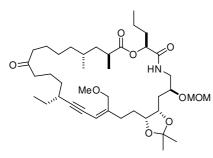
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.56 (dt, *J* = 10.6, 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.51 (ddd, *J* = 10.6, 8.3, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.75 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 8.4, 2.9, 1 H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.92 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (dt, *J* = 5.4, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.75 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 7.1, 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 10.6, 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.41 (dt, *J* = 15.2, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.27 (dt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.21 (ddt, *J* = 12.9, 8.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.07 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 10.6, 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 10.6, 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 12.9, 8.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 12.9, 8.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 12.9, 8.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 12.9, 8.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 12.9, 8.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.9, 8.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 12.9, 8.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 12.9, 8.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 12.9, 8.3, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.57 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (tt, *J* = 15.2, 7.4 Hz, 1 Hz,

10.6, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.99 (dq, J = 13.0, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.71 (m, 2 H), 1.66 (dd, J = 14.8, 6.0, 1 H), 1.61 (ddq, J = 14.4, 7.4, 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.48 (qi, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.37 (ddq, J = 14.4, 8.4, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 0.82 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 173.2$, 133.0, 123.8, 81.4, 79.6, 78.9, 62.8, 59.8, 53.1, 36.7, 34.3, 30.2, 27.5, 27.4, 25.7, 24.9, 16.4, 9.0 ; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 3021$, 2962, 2930, 2855, 1726, 1459, 1441, 1380, 1350, 1330, 1266, 1251, 1228, 1211, 1185, 1165, 1153, 1091, 1059, 1032, 1011, 942, 842, 799 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z (%): 288 (2) [M⁺], 270 (2), 259 (10), 241 (10), 213 (11), 201 (20), 187 (32), 157 (31), 143 (100), 129 (73), 115 (40), 103 (18), 91 (76), 79 (35), 65 (22), 55 (30), 41 (36); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₁₈H₂₄O₃Na 311.1617 [M+Na]⁺, found: 311.1618.



Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.04 (3 H, s), 0.04 (3 H, s), 0.07 (3 H, s), 0.14 (3 H, s), 0.88 (9 H, s), 0.92 (9 H, s), 2.41–2.58 (6 H, m), 2.83 (1 H, dd, *J* = 2.1, 7.0 Hz), 2.97 (1 H, d, *J* = 17.6), 3.12 (1 H, d, *J* = 17.6 Hz), 3.64 (1 H, d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 3.65 (2 H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.97 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 4.98 (1 H, s), 5.01 (1 H, s), 5.12 (1 H, dq, *J* = 3.7, 6.1 Hz), 5.19 (1 H, s), 5.21 (1 H, s) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -5.3 (CH₃), -

5.1 (CH₃), -4.6 (CH₃), 15.6 (CH₂), 18.1 (C), 18.3 (C), 23.5 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₃), 25.8 (CH₃), 34.4 (CH₂), 34.6 (CH₂), 57.6 (CH), 63.0 (CH₂), 64.0 (CH), 73.1 (CH), 75.9 (CH), 78.8 (C), 79.8 (C), 113.7 (CH₂), 114.6 (CH₂), 140.4 (C), 143.2 (C), 171.5 (C) ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{V} = 2955$, 2929, 2857, 1740, 1649, 1472, 1463, 1432, 1389, 1361, 1251, 1152, 1102, 1055, 1005, 971, 906, 833, 775, 669 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 463 (12), 331 (22), 169 (11), 147 (10), 117 (11), 89 (11), 75 (53), 73 (100); HRMS (ESI+): *m/z*: calcd for C₂₈H₄₈O₅Si₂Na 543.2929; found: 543.2932 ([M+Na]⁺). The analytical and spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.⁹

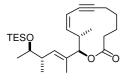


Pale yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C_6D_6): $\delta = 6.17$ (br dd, J = 6.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (m, 1H), 5.24 (dd, J = 7.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (m, 1H), 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.55 (ddd, J = 14.0, 7.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dt, J = 13.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.44-1.21 (m, 10H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.13 (d,

J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (m, 1H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, C₆D₆): $\delta = 209.0$, 175.7, 169.8, 149.9, 109.0, 107.7, 97.4, 96.5, 79.7, 77.2, 74.8, 74.5, 74.3, 71.9, 57.9, 55.4, 42.8, 42.6, 41.9, 41.2, 37.7, 36.9, 34.6, 34.3, 33.3, 30.7, 30.5, 28.8, 28.4, 26.7, 26.1, 24.2, 23.0, 19.9, 18.7, 17.2, 13.8, 12.1; IR (film): $\tilde{V} = 3445$, 3342, 2960, 2930, 2874, 2822, 2209, 1739, 1710, 1691, 1525, 1459, 1406, 1378, 1218, 1153, 1099, 1034, 918, 863; MS (ESI+): 728 [M⁺+Na]; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₄₀H₆₈NO₉: 706.4889 (M+H); found: 706.4891 (M+H). The analytical and spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

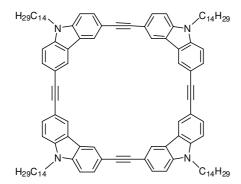
⁹ Fürstner, A.; Flügge, S.; Larionov, O.; Takahashi, Y.; Kubota, T.; Kobayashi, J. Chem. Eur. J. **2009**, 15, 4011.

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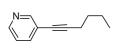
Yellow oil (1.18 g). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.52 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 20.0 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dq, *J* = 3.6, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dqd, *J* = 4.1, 6.9, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (ddd, *J* = 2.5, 12.0, 17.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40–2.49 (m, 1H, overlap), 2.33–2.42 (m, 1H, overlap), 2.22 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 17.3 Hz, 1H),

1H), 2.00–2.13 (m, 1H), 1.79–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.62 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, overlap), 1.58–1.69 (m, 2H, overlap), 1.05 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 0.91–1.00 (m, 15H), 0.57 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 172.7$ (C), 143.9 (CH), 133.6 (CH), 129.9 (C), 110.8 (CH), 94.9 (C), 82.1 (CH), 79.3 (C), 71.4 (CH), 39.5 (CH), 37.1 (CH), 32.3 (CH₂), 26.5 (CH₂), 23.9 (CH₂), 20.9 (CH₃), 18.7 (CH₂), 17.2 (CH₃), 16.1 (CH₃), 14.5 (CH₃), 6.9 (3xCH₃), 5.0 (3xCH₂); IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2958$, 2932, 2875, 1730, 1455, 1416, 1376, 1344, 1260, 1241, 1194, 1152, 1130, 1100, 1088, 1028, 1006, 973, 909, 803, 767, 726, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₂₅H₄₂O₃Si + Na: 441.2795; found 441.2789.



Colorless solid. M. p. = 220-224°C (ref.¹¹ 222-224°C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ (ppm) = 8.43 (s, 2H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (quint., *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.44-1.25 (m, 22H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ (ppm) = 140.2, 129.3, 124.0, 122.7, 114.5, 108.9, 89.0, 31.9, 29.7, 29.67, 29.64, 29.60, 29.55, 29.50, 29.4, 29.0, 27.3, 22.7, 14.1. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.¹¹

Representative Alkyne Cross Metathesis Reaction using [Mo(=CPh)(OSiPh₃)₃(Et₂O)] (24·Et₂O) (Table 3, entry 1). A mixture containing 3-(propyn-1-yl)-pyridine (117 mg, 1.00 mmol), 5-decyne (346 mg, 2.50 mmol), complex 24·Et₂O (10.5 mg, 9.67 μ mol, 2 mol%) and powdered MS 5 Å (1.0 g) in toluene (5 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 4 h. For work up, the suspension was filtered through a short pad of



silica, the filtrate was evaporated, and the residue purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 20:1) to give 3-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-pyridine as a pale yellow oil (103 mg, 65%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 8.61 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (dd, J = 4.9,

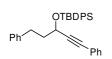
1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, J = 7.9, 4.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.63-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.43 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 152.3, 147.8, 138.4, 127.8, 122.8, 121.2, 94.0, 30.6, 22.0, 19.1, 13.6; IR (film): \tilde{v} = 3030, 2957, 2932, 2872, 2229, 1584, 1558, 1475, 1429, 1406, 1379, 1363, 1328, 1301, 1263, 1185, 1118, 1101, 1023, 1007, 949, 923, 889, 802, 747, 704 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 159 [M+] (52), 144 (100), 130 (46), 116 (45), 103 (25), 89 (32), 77 (13), 63 (39), 51 (14), 41 (15), 39 (15), 27 (17); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N: 159.1048; found: 159.1048.

(*E*)-Ethyl-5-phenylpent-2-en-4-ynoate. Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 165.9, 131.9, 130.0, 129.3, 128.4, 125.0, 122.2, 98.2, 86.3, 60.7, 14.2; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3064, 2982, 2938,

2905, 2199, 1709, 1617, 1594, 1490, 1465, 1443, 1392, 1367, 1311, 1293, 1250, 1164, 1113, 1095, 1069, 1036, 996, 956, 916, 859, 812, 754, 717, 687 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z (%): 200 [M⁺] (100), 185 (2), 172 (78), 155 (74), 144 (27), 127 (77), 115 (49), 101 (15), 87 (7), 77 (52), 63 (19), 51 (19), 39 (5), 29 (18); HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₁₃H₁₂O₂ + Na: 223.0735; found: 223.0729.

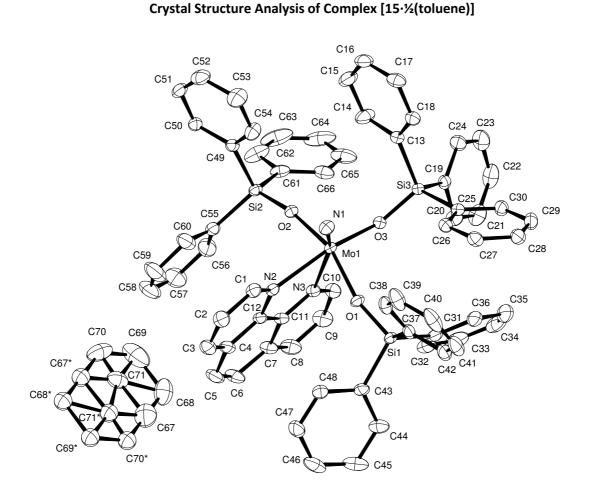
¹¹ Zhang, W.; Cho, H. M.; Moore, J. S. Org. Synth. **2007**, *84*, 177.

1,5-Diphenyl-3-(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-1-pentyne. Colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm)



= 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.29-7.15 (m, 10H), 4.63 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.87-2.82 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.07 (m, 2H), 1.13 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) = 141.8, 136.1, 135.9, 133.8, 133.7, 131.5, 129.7, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 125.8, 123.0, 90.4, 85.3, 63.8, 40.1, 31.3, 27.0, 19.4; IR (film):

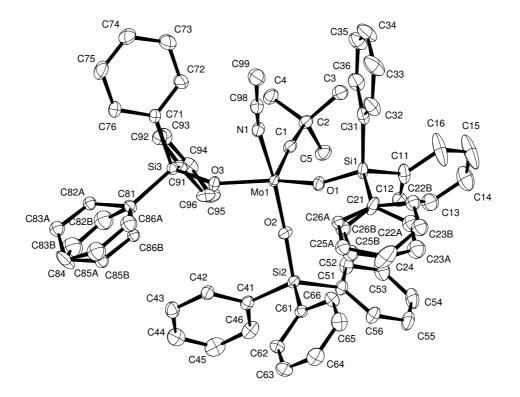
 \tilde{v} = 3070, 3026, 2931, 2892, 2857, 1599, 1589, 1489, 1472, 1454, 1443, 1390, 1361, 1341, 1258, 1170, 1156, 1105, 1084, 1050, 1029, 1007, 998, 979, 938, 908, 843, 821, 798, 755, 734, 698, 689 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 474 [M⁺] (3), 417 (23), 369 (2), 339 (100), 313 (4), 283 (62), 223 (4), 199 (20), 181 (5), 135 (3), 91 (12), 77 (3); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₃₃H₃₄OSi: 474.2379; found: 474.2379.



Supplementary Crystallographic Information

Figure S1. The crystal structure of $15 \cdot (1/2)$ toluene). The toluene molecule is disordered about a center of symmetry. The structure is shown with 50% probability ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

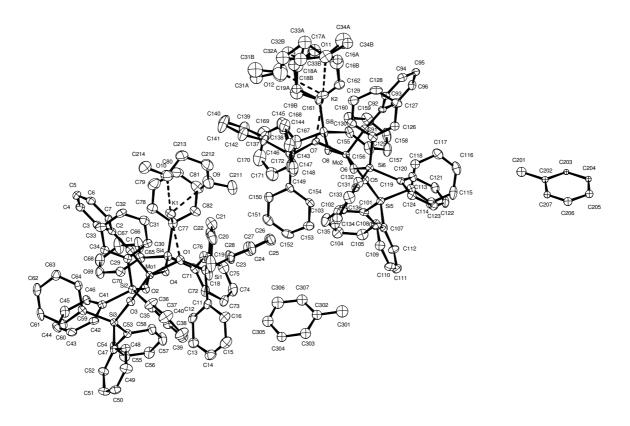
Crystal Data for 15·½(toluene): $2[C_{66}H_{53}MoN_3O_3Si_3] \cdot [C_7H_8]$, $C_{139}H_{118}Mo_2N_6O_6Si_6$, $M_r = 2328.81 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$, colorless block from toluene at 80°C, crystal size 0.094 x 0.043 x 0.026 mm, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/n$, a = 9.8913(13) Å, b = 42.226(6) Å, c = 14.1812(18) Å, $\beta = 101.691(2)^\circ$, V = 5800.2(13) Å³, T = 100(1) K, Z = 2, $D_{calc} = 1.333 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^3$, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å, $\mu(Mo-K_{\alpha}) = 0.339 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, Gaussian absorption correction ($T_{min} = 0.98$, $T_{max} = 0.99$), Bruker-AXS Smart APEX-II diffractometer, $2.80^\circ < \theta < 30.10^\circ$, 139390 measured reflections, 17002 independent reflections, 14274 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$. Structure solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares against F^2 to $R_1 = 0.038$ [$I > 2\sigma(I)$], $wR_2 = 0.091$, 730 parameters, H atoms were not calculated for the disordered solute toluene, otherwise H atoms calculated and refined using a riding model, S = 1.114, residual electron density +0.8 / -0.8 e Å⁻³. CCDC 775727.



Crystal Structure Analysis of Complex [19·(MeCN)]

Figure S1. The crystal structure of **19**·(MeCN). One phenyl group attached to Si1 and one phenyl group attached to Si3 are disordered over two positions. The structure is shown with 50% probability ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

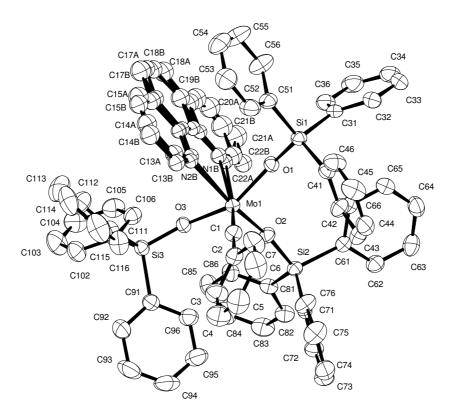
Crystal Data for 19·(MeCN): $[C_{61}H_{57}MoNO_3Si_3]$, $M_r = 1032.29 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$, red-orange block, crystal size 0.08 x 0.07 x 0.03 mm, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$, a = 9.386(3) Å, b = 39.315(3) Å, c = 14.803(2) Å, $\beta = 106.1450(10)^\circ$, V = 5247(2) Å³, T = 100(1) K, Z = 4, $D_{calc} = 1.307 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^3$, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å, $\mu(Mo-K_{cl}) = 0.365 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, Semi-empirical absorption correction ($T_{min} = 0.70$, $T_{max} = 0.74$), Bruker-AXS Smart APEX-II diffractometer, $3.90^\circ < \theta < 31.56^\circ$, 151498 measured reflections, 16762 independent reflections, 15765 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$. Structure solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares against F^2 to $R_1 = 0.038 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$, $wR_2 = 0.127$, 618 parameters. Two of the phenyl groups on two of the triphenylsilanolate ligands are rotationally disordered in two positions about the C-Si bond. All four half-rings were restrained to be planar with a standard uncertainty of 0.1. The disorder, together with the small size of the crystal (thickness ca. 30 microns), contributed to difficulty in integrating reflections at high diffraction angles. At low angles several reflections were hidden by the beamstop due to the relatively long b axis length. Both these factors resulted in a coverage of only 96% to the maximum theta value of 31.56°. H atoms were refined using a riding model, S = 1.161, residual electron density +1.2 / -1.2 e Å⁻³. CCDC 775728.



Crystal Structure Analysis of Complex [23-(toluene)]

Figure S3. The crystal structure of **23**·(toluene). The structure is shown with 50% probability ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

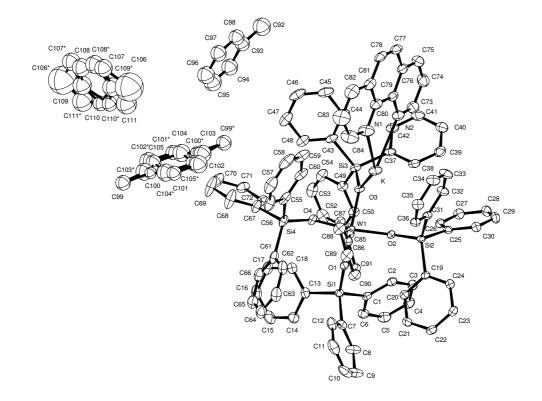
Crystal Data for 23·(toluene): $[C_{83}H_{75}KMOO_6Si_4] \cdot [C_7H_8]$, $C_{173}H_{147,50}K_2MO_2O_{12}Si_8$, $M_r = 2913.21 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$, orange prism, crystal size 0.04 x 0.02 x 0.02 mm, orthorhombic, space group *Pca2*, a = 27.432(3) Å, b = 13.8339(16) Å, c = 40.197(5) Å, V = 15254(3) Å³, T = 100(1) K, Z = 4, $D_{calc} = 1.268 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^3$, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å, $\mu(Mo-K_{\alpha}) = 0.342 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, Gaussian absorption correction ($T_{min} = 0.99$, $T_{max} = 1.00$), Bruker-AXS Smart APEX-II diffractometer, $1.79^\circ < \theta < 27.48^\circ$, 180484 measured reflections, 34531 independent reflections, 24753 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$. Structure solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares against F^2 to $R_1 = 0.054 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$, $wR_2 = 0.195$, 1763 parameters, absolute structure parameter = 0.04(3), H atoms riding. One of the two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit is disordered in the region around the potassium atom. In particular, the 1,2-dimethoxyethane and the phenyl group associated with the potassium cation were poorly resolved. Hydrogen atoms were not calculated for the disordered 1,2-dimethoxyethane ligand. The crystal contains one toluene molecule per molybdenum complex. S = 1.064, residual electron density +1.5 / - 1.1 Å⁻³. CCDC 775730.



Crystal Structure Analysis of Complex 25

Figure S4. The crystal structure of **25**. The 1,10-phenanthroline ligand is disordered over two positions that are displaced by 7(1)° at the Mo atom in the equatorial plane defined by the 1,10-phenanthroline molecule, C1 of the benzylidne and O2 of one of the triphenylsilyloxy ligands. The structure is shown with 50% probability ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

Crystal Data for 25: $[C_{73}H_{58}MON_2Si_3O_3]$, $M_r = 1191.42 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$, violet plate, crystal size 0.14 x 0.12 x 0.01 mm, monoclinic, space group $P2_3/c$, a = 18.6264(3) Å, b = 19.7080(2) Å, c = 16.8011(3) Å, $\beta = 102.7010(10)^\circ$, V = 6016.59(16) Å³, T = 200(1) K, Z = 4, $D_{calc} = 1.315 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^3$, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å, $\mu(Mo-K_{cl}) = 0.329 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, Gaussian absorption correction ($T_{min} = 0.96$, $T_{max} = 1.00$), Bruker AXS Enraf-Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer, $2.94^\circ < \theta < 32.09^\circ$, 86289 measured reflections, 20954 independent reflections, 12198 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$. Structure solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares against F^2 to $R_I = 0.058 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$, $wR_2 = 0.132$, 725 parameters. It was examined whether the observed exact half occupancy of the disordered 1,10-phenanthroline ligand was the result of superposition of two independent molecules in a unit cell with a volume that is twice as large, but there is no indication in the diffraction frames that this occurs. H atoms riding, S = 1.012, residual electron density +0.6 / -0.8 Å⁻³. CCDC 775729.



Crystal Structure Analysis of Complex [28-2(toluene)]

Figure S5. The crystal structure of $28 \cdot (2 \text{ toluene})$. One of the toluene molecules is disordered about a center of symmetry in the crystal, the other about a 2-fold axis of symmetry. The structure is shown with 50% probability ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.

Crystal Data for 28·2(toluene): $[C_{91}H_{68}KN_2O_4Si_4W] \cdot 2[C_7H_8]$, $C_{210}H_{168}K_2N_4O_8Si_8W_2$, $M_r = 3546.10 \text{ g·mol}^{-1}$, red prism, crystal size 0.034 x 0.034 x 0.010 mm, monoclinic, space group *C2/c*, *a* = 52.109(5) Å, *b* = 14.7343(13) Å, *c* = 25.228(2) Å, β = 118.315(2)°, *V* = 17052(3) Å³, *T* = 100(1) K, *Z* = 4, D_{calc} = 1.381 g · cm³, λ = 0.71073 Å, $\mu(Mo-K_{\alpha})$ = 1.516 mm⁻¹, Gaussian absorption correction (T_{min} = 0.95, T_{max} = 0.99), Bruker-AXS Smart APEX-II diffractometer, 5.12 ° < θ < 28.58°, 266743 measured reflections, 21016 independent reflections, 17798 reflections with *I* > 2 σ (*I*). Structure solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares against *F*² to *R*₁ = 0.029 [*I* > 2 σ (*I*)], *wR*₂ = 0.072, 1010 parameters, H atoms riding. Only 96% of the data were collected as a consequence of the shadow of the beamstop cutting off reflections at small theta values due to the long *a* axis. Reflections were measured with a high redundancy in order to increase the signal-to-noise ratio of the diffracted intensities because of the very small size of the crystal (thickness 10 microns).

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0.76 - 0.74	88	611	14.4	0.15	4.5	2.53 0.3619 0.3681
0.84 - 0.74	6246	6882	90.8	8.78	11.3	14.69 0.1300 0.0572
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The crystal contains disordered and non-disordered toluene. H atoms on the methyl group of one toluene molecule disordered about a crystallographic 2-fold axis of symmetry were not calculated. The C atoms of disordered toluene molecules were refined with isotropic atomic displacement parameters. S = 1.063, residual electron density +1.3 / -1.0 e Å⁻³. CCDC 775731.